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WHO Secretariat of the Global Age-Friendly Cities Communities

It is with pleasure that I address this commitment letter to first endorse the Age-Friendly Cities and Communities initiative, and to express the interest of the city of Charlestown, St. Kitts and Nevis, in joining the *WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities*.

Attached is an extensive description of age-friendly initiatives that have been carried out to date in above named city. These initiatives include pension plans, free and subsidized healthcare, senior social programs, hot meals program, utility subsidies and a host of others.

The intention is to maintain programs that are well established and expand on programs that require additional investment such as enhancing accessibility to public spaces. As part of the Network, we commit to the development of holistic age-friendly policies, capacity building of our aging population and their caretakers, as well as prioritizing public engagement, sensitization and education for the protection and enhancement of quality of life for our aging population.

We wish to assure you of our intention to comply with the stages of the Age-Friendly Cities process, as well as with the mission and vision of the Network and the values promoted by the World Health Organization.

I trust this application will find favourable consideration.

Best regards,

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