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Dear Magalie,

We are writing to express our strong interest in becoming members of Be-cause health (BCH). With over 30 years of experience in global health, focusing on community engagement, advocacy, communication, and project management, Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW) is well-positioned to contribute to and benefit from the knowledge exchange and collaboration that BCH facilitates.

DSW is an international non-profit NGO headquartered in Hannover, Germany, with liaison offices in Berlin and Brussels. We work towards a world where all young people, especially girls and young women, can live free from disease and make informed decisions about their health through access to sexuality education, health services, and modern contraceptives.

We are committed to promoting the right to health for all, with a focus on young people, women, and vulnerable populations. DSW's commitment focuses particularly on our extensive work in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, where we have project offices in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tanzania, and a close partner organisation in Uganda.

In Brussels, DSW focuses on eradicating poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases (PRNDs) by advancing health interventions and the research and development (R&D) of effective, safe, affordable, suitable and acceptable health tools. We also promote and protect sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for all, including access to family planning and combating gender-based violence and harmful practices such as female genital mutilation. Additionally, we address the intersection of PRNDs and SRHR, particularly by promoting women's health, tackling issues such as the lack of sex- and gender-disaggregated data, underrepresentation of women in clinical trials, and the funding gap for health issues that disproportionately affect women.

Our expertise is recognised through effective engagement with EU and other public authorities, international organisations, and a broad range of stakeholders. We excel in facilitating debates, analysing policy and funding developments, and identifying opportunities for collaboration in global health. These activities align closely with BCH's goals of enhancing Belgium's contribution to global health policies and promoting health as a fundamental right.

As an organisation that values collaboration and mutual learning, DSW would greatly benefit from closer engagement with BCH and its members. Similarly, we believe we would contribute to BCH's mission and vision, particularly via the working groups on access to medicines and SRHR.

Thank you for considering our application and we look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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