Subject: Request for Membership on the Be-cause Health Steering Committee

Dear Members of the General Assembly,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member of the Steering Committee of Be-cause Health.

Since joining the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp last year, I have taken on the role of coordinator for the Working Group on Access to Quality Medicines. Additionally, I have had the privilege of serving as the substitute member for Thérèse Delvaux on the Steering Committee. Now that Thérèse Delvaux has retired, I would be honored to continue my participation on the Steering Committee as a full member.

With my background and extensive experience in Global Health and Access to Medicines, I am confident that I can contribute meaningfully to the work and responsibilities of the Steering Committee. Over the course of my career, I have specialized in pharmaceutical systems and access to medicines. My work has involved collaborating with various development agencies and global health organizations, including USAID, Management Sciences for Health, AEDES, Enabel, AFD, Expertise France, and the Global Fund, among others. These experiences have provided me with valuable insights into the challenges associated with equitable access and the quality of health products, particularly in resource-constrained settings.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to continue collaborating with all of you in this new capacity.

Best regards,

Belen Tarrafeta