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**Seconding Statement**

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### Nominee Statement

Before 1970, Eye Care Services in Nepal was in rudimentary stage.

In the late 1970s, when good quality eye care services were available merely for affluent and blindness was untreatable in Nepal, I decided to join ophthalmic studies and did MD in Ophthalmology from AIMS, India in 1981 and MSc in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, USA in 1984.

Right now, I am a Chairman of Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) (National Society for Comprehensive Eye Care) having 28 eye hospitals, and more than 160 eye care centres all over Nepal. Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh is also one of the winners of Champalimaud Foundation VISION award.

I have designed, developed and implemented large scale Vitamin A child survival research project in three hill and four terai districts of Nepal with technical and financial support of WHO, UNICEF, DIGVI, Ministry of Health and Population and NNJS. The research findings were implemented nationwide successfully. As a result the maternal and child health improved drastically and was successful in achieving Millennium Development Goals for which Nepal received international Award by UN. I have also served Member of National Planning Commission of Nepal where many health care initiatives were launched.

Under my leadership many eye hospitals and eye care centres were established in remote areas of Nepal. I believe in hard work, dedication, commitment and transparency due to which many donors are supporting eye care program of Nepal.

I have served Nepal and the international community with distinction, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to the field of ophthalmology and public health. This has been instrumental in advancing eye care initiatives, particularly in underserved communities, and my efforts have significantly contributed to the prevention of blindness and the restoration of sight for countless individuals.

Our direct efforts and contributions have resulted in unquestionably significant and extraordinary development of eye care services in Nepal which is cited as a model of the part of the world. Due to all these efforts, NNJS is being able to provide more than 90% of eye care service in Nepal.

I humbly offer myself as one the candidate as Board of Trustees from category C and seek all your support in my endeavors. If I will again be elected as an IAPB board of trustees, it will help the board to make an effective p

### The nominee has read the role description and is willing to stand for the position

Yes

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