



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

December 31, 2019

New York City Conflicts of Interest Board  
2 Lafayette Street, Suite 1010  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Conflicts of Interest Board Members:

In accordance with Conflicts of Interest Board Rule section 1-13(e), I write to inform you that I have designated Penny Abeywardena, Commissioner, Mayor's Office for International Affairs ("IA") to serve on the Women of The World ("WOW") Foundation Special Session Advisory Board ("WOW Board").

Commissioner Abeywardena will not be compensated for this activity, but will use reasonable and incidental City time and City resources. As set forth below, there is a demonstrated nexus between Commissioner Abeywardena's job, her work for the WOW Board, and the mission of IA.

Women of the World (WOW) was founded in 2010 in London with the intention of amplifying the voices of women and girls around the world as it relates to gender inequality and the multitude of issues that arise as a result. Every year in March, the United Nations hold a conference titled "The Commission on the Status of Women." The Commissioner, representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world attended the session, to discuss the following themes:

- Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;
- Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development.

WOW will be sponsoring several concurrent events during the 2020 meetings, and the foundation would like to seek IA's guidance and partnership to help increase efficiency, effectiveness, and positive outcome benefiting both the City of New York and the WOW Foundation.

Based upon information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between the mission of IA, Commissioner Abeywardena's job and the work and activities performed by the WOW Board, and that such work and activities would further IA's mission and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interests of the WOW Foundation.

Sincerely,



Dean Fuleihan  
First Deputy Mayor of the City of New York

Cc: Kapil Longani, Counsel to the Mayor, Office of the Counsel to the Mayor  
Sarah Friedman, General Counsel, Mayor's Office for International Affairs



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Commissioner Abeywardena will not be compensated for this activity, but will use reasonable and incidental City time and City resources. As set forth below, there is a demonstrated nexus between Commissioner Abeywardena's job, her work for the GFC, and the mission of IA.

The World Economic Forum's describes its GFCs as the world's foremost interdisciplinary knowledge networks dedicated to promoting innovative thinking to shape a sustainable and inclusive future for all. The network convenes more than 700 of the most relevant and knowledgeable thought leaders from academia, government, business and civil society, grouped in expertise-based, thematic councils. Members are nominated for a one-year period.

The outcomes of the GFC Mission will directly inform the Annual Meeting 2020 in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, as well as the Forum's ongoing global initiatives designed to create a more purposeful, inclusive and sustainable world. The Commissioner will give strategic advice to the Council on New York City's leadership in the Voluntary Local Review (VLR) movement, as well as the recent VLR Declaration signing – where over two dozen cities (global and local) have joined New York in committing to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Agenda.

Based upon information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between the mission of IA, Commissioner Abeywardena's job and the work and activities performed by the GFC, and that such work and activities would further IA's mission and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interests of the GFC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fuleihan', written over a horizontal line.

Dean Fuleihan  
First Deputy Mayor of the City of New York

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