We will be meeting in Rome at a critical time for our planet. Global temperatures lie far beyond historical records and threats to food and water supply, poverty and inequalities are leading to mass migration and conflict. International agreements, on climate change, nuclear weapons, and much else, are being torn up. Some leading politicians are rejecting the Enlightenment view that policy should be shaped by evidence. At a time when global solidarity is required, populist politicians are exploiting divisions.

The theme of the Congress, Public Health for the Future of Humanity: Analysis, Advocacy, and Action, reflects our firm commitment that we, in the global public health community, have an obligation to respond to these new circumstances. We must make visible the threats to health, some of which are already emerging. We must challenge and hold to account those with the power to make a difference. And we must act, making real our commitment to health in all policies.

We, as public health community, have much to contribute and much to learn. As always, we will have many opportunities to share ideas among ourselves, but this year we can enrich our experiences even further, bringing a global perspective to our thinking. We look forward to seeing you in Rome.

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