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Carlos Ayres, DC  
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Dr. Dr. Ayres:

Congratulations on your election as President of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC). You are coming into this important leadership role for the global chiropractic community at a time of tremendous challenges and opportunity. Chiropractors in the United States enjoys the benefit of being recognized as essential health care providers and as part of the essential critical infrastructure workforce. These designations were vital during the early days of the pandemic when state authorities were not sure whether chiropractors should be allowed to see patients. Many of our international members have not enjoyed the same benefit, being forced to shut down for extended periods, creating financial distress and leaving patients without access to care.

You bring to your leadership a unique life experience that includes training and working in the United States before returning to Peru to practice. Your service as President of the Peruvian Chiropractic Association in 2006 and subsequent two terms as President of the Latin American Chiropractic Federation (FLAQ) starting in 2007, set the stage for you to take the helm at the WFC in 2021.

The International Chiropractors Association, a founding member of the WFC looks forward to working with you on areas of aligned interest. Working in concert, we can raise awareness of the benefit of chiropractic globally, increase access, increase opportunities for chiropractic students and young graduates, and increase the research resources for basic and clinical chiropractic research.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Welsh, DC, FICA  
Interim Chairman of the Board

cc: Secretary-General Richard Brown, DC, LLM, FEAC, FRCC