Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

I extend my warm greetings to you all. My name is Carolina Haylock-Loor, as one of you, a dedicated professional, an experienced anesthesiologist, critical care, and interventional pain physician hailing from Honduras, Central America. I am fully committed to providing the highest level of care to my patients, and I understand the unique challenges and complexities that come with our specialty, notably in LMICs like mine. Currently, I am honored to serve on the Board as the Director of Programs of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA), and Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, and I am proud to be part of this exceptional community of healthcare professionals.

After dedicating 12 years of relentless commitment to the WFSA, driven by a profound respect for life, human dignity, and the principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, I aspire to be elected as the President of the WFSA for the term 2024-2028. These elections will take place at the General Assembly on March 3rd, 2024, during the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists (WCA) in Singapore.

My candidacy is motivated by the desire to contribute to the WFSA progress, ensuring it aligns with our 5 Strategic Priorities (plan 2023-2028). These priorities are not just words on paper but guiding lights that will shape my actions and the teamwork during these challenging times:

**Promoting the vital role of anesthesiologists in global and planetary health**, by highlighting the visibility of anesthesiologists, emphasizing their leadership, competence, and technical and non-technical skills. Through strategic awareness campaigns, to spotlight the importance of our specialty via meetings, publications, media, and our biennial world congresses WCA. Additionally, we will continue our support for regional congresses and leverage our significant role as a WHO non-state member to advocate for anesthesiology and anesthesiologists at the WHA and WHO regional assemblies.

**Strengthening our member societies and enhancing their professional networks**, by facilitating cross-collaboration between member societies, enhancing their professional networks, and advocating for anesthesiologists’ pivotal role among their medical specialist peers. Together, we will create national dialogues with governments and emphasize the significance of anesthesiologists in healthcare.

**Advancing the leadership of anesthesiologists in healthcare**, by developing the WFSA Leadership Program, which includes teaching, mentoring, advocating, and promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in various facets of anesthesiology with particular emphasis on our female colleagues. Central to this effort is the promotion of our mentoring program for young anesthesiologists.

**Working with member societies to ensure a well-trained and resilient workforce**, by providing accessible online educational resources as part of an online anesthesia learning community (AOLC) and fostering healthy work-life balance practices to enhance resiliency. Having a healthy, well-trained workforce is crucial for patient safety and positive outcomes.

**Improving safety and quality in anesthesiology**, by promoting and advocating among our members the use of the WHO-WFSA International Standards for Safe Anesthesia Practice and providing educational resources that empower anesthesiologists to safe and quality practice.

In essence, my journey is marked by the three key strategic words of the WFSA: **Educate, Advocate, and Collaborate**.

Now, is the **kayrós**. For the first time in history, a Latin American woman has the opportunity to shatter the glass ceiling and to serve by assuming the distinguished role of the WFSA President. I invite each one of you to join me on this transformative journey, supporting my candidacy, and working all together towards a brighter, more inclusive future for our profession.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Carolina Haylock-Loor