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As Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, it is my pleasure to nominate Dr. Afaf I. Meleis for Thailand's Princess Srinagarindra Award which is given for significant contributions to nursing, healthcare, and public health. Throughout her career, Dr. Meleis, who is an Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Dean at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing has demonstrated great passion for pushing the boundaries of nursing science, cultivated the next generation of health care leaders, and advanced the health and wellbeing of women around the world making her an ideal candidate for this award.

Dr. Meleis has spent her life in dedication to nursing education, science, practice, and leadership. Her impact has been positive, profound, and enduring and has shaped the nursing profession and health care. This was done through her leadership roles; the mentorship of hundreds of nurses around the world; her work in global women's health, and by her contributions to important professional organizations and at critical policy tables.

Dr. Meleis has held numerous leadership roles that have had both a scholarly and professional impact on the profession including Dean of the Health Institute for Kuwait's Ministry of Education; Assistant Dean, for the Undergraduate Program and then for Academic Planning

at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF); and Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. In addition, during her time at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), she led policy-making initiatives at the University level to implement cross-disciplinary procedures and criteria for appointments and promotions within all 10 campuses. Additional examples of her contribution in these roles are included below.

As the Assistant Dean for Academic Planning at UCSF, Dr. Meleis saw the need to enhance and offer quality doctoral preparation through a nursing lens. UCSF was the first school in the U.S. to offer a doctoral degree in nursing—previously developed by social and behavioral scientists rather than by nurses. Dr. Meleis knew a nurse could do better. To this goal, she immediately began effort to reshape and redirect the program with a focus on nursing science. Playing a critical role in the progression of the DNSc program at the school. Ultimately this program became the model for doctoral nursing programs around the country and the world. She also played a part in the evolution of doctoral nursing education from the DNSc to the PhD. She was responsible for establishing a national doctoral forum for nurse leaders and nurse faculty to foster dialogue and to insure quality and consistency across schools, advocating for PhD education within the discipline of nursing and for policymakers. Throughout her career and even to today, she has continued to champion the importance of doctoral education serving as a consultant to and giving presentations at dozens of schools of nursing around the world, including schools in Australia, Sweden, Brazil, and in Thailand at Mahidol and Chiang Mai Universities

As the 5<sup>th</sup> Dean for the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing (Penn Nursing), Dr. Meleis reorganized the school's structure, enhancing faculty leadership; created a formal faculty mentorship program; and sought to create a community where every member was encouraged to have a global impact on practice, research and health.

She launched multidisciplinary and global partnerships to advance nursing science, education and practice; expanded research in critical areas, particularly on behalf of vulnerable populations. Dr. Melies directly cultivated a culture of innovation where new programs and technologies were started to address emerging healthcare challenges : and strengthened the school's commitment to serving and supporting the local community. There is no doubt that her leadership laid the groundwork for the School's #1 global ranking these last three years.

In addition to her contribution in doctoral nursing education, Dr. Meleis has also significant impact in nursing theory. She literally has written "the book" on what defines and comprises the foundation of nursing knowledge and its broader theoretical framework. Since 1985, her book, *Theoretical Nursing: Development and progress*, (soon to be in its sixth edition) has been utilized as a standard text in graduate curriculums internationally. In addition, she continues to be a keynote speaker around the world discussing her perspectives on theory and is available to any nurse scholar who contacts her for consultative advice on theory for their research. There is no doubt that her work in theoretical nursing has a significant impact on nursing care now and that it will continue to do so for years to come. This is just one of her many legacies.

With a deep love for the profession, Dr. Melies feels a strong responsibility to supporting and mentoring nurse regardless of their level of education, and once you are her mentee, that support is lifelong. Throughout her career, she has mentored hundreds of nurses around the world. Her mentorship style is compassionate but also demanding. She constantly challenges her mentees to go further and to greater lengths than even they thought possible. The result is a truly remarkable league of nurse scientists, education, clinicians, and leaders who are at the helm of health organizations, academic institutions, foundations. Scholarly journals, program of research and government agencies.

Her mentorship alone has created an extraordinary ripple effect carrying on her legacy of excellence in the profession and in health care.

A global advocate for women and a leading expert on international health, and immigrant and women's health, Dr. Melies has dedicated her career to ensuring vulnerable populations are given a voice, particularly women. To this end, she has organized international collaborations to foster the creation and dissemination of knowledge in women's work, health, and transitions, with a particular focus on women in developing countries and immigrant women. Her multi-country research has been translated into practice through the development of nurse-run models of primary health care and through her consultative work with health professionals serving immigrant women globally. In addition, her ongoing leadership and support of the International Council of Women's Health Issues has resulted in important conference across the globe that bring together nurse, practitioners, researchers, policy makers, and scholars raising the profile on the issues and challenges facing women and young girls. Her publication record, which includes hundreds of articles and numerous books and chapters, is just a small reflection of her sustained impact on the field of women's health.

Of course, Dr. Meleis knows well that the impact on health care will be achieved through the involvement of nurses at national and global policy tables. Leading by example, she has served on and been an active participant in dozens of major interdisciplinary institutes health consortiums, and boards such as the lancet advisory board on "Women and Health: the key for sustainable development;" AAHC/IOM/Lancet's consortium on "Partners in Education and Practice: Stronger Teams, Better Health;" "the NIH Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health;" the Consortium of Universities for Global Health; and the CARE USA Board. In all her service, she has been instrumental in educating other profession on the impact and value of nursing and the importance of women's health

insuring that nursing in an intellectual equal in discussions on health care and interdisciplinary education.

For her global contributions and her impact, Dr.Meleis is the recipient of numerous honors and award. Among them are distinguished and honorary international professorships and honorary doctorates including a Doctorate of Medicine from Linkoping University, Sweden; a Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Alicante; Spain; and the distinguished Honorary Citizenship of Operto, Portugal. A sampling of her national and international awards include the Nell J. Watts Lifetime Achievement in Nursing Award from STTI; Living Legend designation from the AAN; the NLN President's Award; and the CGFNS International Distinguished Leadership Award.

Dr.Afaf I. Meleis life's work has raised the visibility of the nursing profession and the social inequities facing women and families. Most importantly, her work has had an enormous impact on the health and quality of life for thousands around the globe making her an ideal candidate for the Princess Srinagarindra Award who it is worth noting she knew and greatly admired. I am honored to nominate Dr.Meleis and would be happy to provide additional information should it be needed.

As a researcher and leading expert in women's health nursing with a history of global impact and successful program initiatives, I have dedicated my life's contributions to ensuring vulnerable populations are given a voice, particularly women who are burdened by societal inequities, multiplicity of roles, differential compensation and rewards, and the gender divide. I have made significant contributions in academic leadership, scholarship, theory development and mentoring leadership. For decades research on such topics as women's health in developing countries, understanding role integration in addressing the health risks and status of women, safety and urbanization for women, the international symptoms in women with angina pain, and the development and organization of nursing knowledge as it pertains

to transitions and health. I have authored more than 175 articles in social science, nursing, and medical journals; over 40 chapters; 7 books; and numerous monographs and proceedings. My writing has remained consistently influential in the nursing profession, in particular my text *Theoretical Nursing: Development and Progress*, which has now seen five editions in publication. This groundbreaking book redefined the work and contributions of women, and is used globally and translated into policy, research, and evidence-based practice. With writings in over 200 interdisciplinary publications on these topics, as well as on the structure and organization of nursing knowledge, I have an impact on advancing global health, women's health, culturally competent practice, and on the epistemological analysis of the discipline of nursing.

I am a sought-after keynote speaker for national and international conferences and workshops that have shaped women's health policy making the world over, including, most recently: a keynote on sustainable development in women's health for a conference on empowering female health workers organized by UNICEF, the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and the Johns Hopkins University-affiliated Jhpiego; a NINR Scientific Symposium on the future of advancing nursing science; and a talk for the Harvard Chan Mumbai Center's Commission on women and Health Symposium in India. I have provided consultation and mentorship to many academic and medical program personnel, including the Task Force on Women's and Family Health at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Ghana, the Education Advisory Committee at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of public Health, and the External Advisory Committee of a PhD Program in Health Science at the University of Coimbra in Portugal. These symposia, summits, and visiting professorships have allowed me to convene thought leaders, and to bring new ideas and influence to nursing, healthcare and policy professionals, students of all levels, and future nursing leaders.

Through my exceptional mentorship, I have empowered nursing scholars, scientists, clinicians, administrators, and students around the world to have a global impact on education, practice, research programs, health policy, and models of care. Several institutions, including the University of California - San Francisco and the Western Institute of Nursing, have honored me with award for mentoring nursing students. Mentorship is dear to my heart and has resulted in publications on the power of scholarly mentorship, and I have presented on this topic in Thailand several times. Many of my mentees have gone on to be influential leaders of leading research nursing institutions in the United States and throughout the world.

To me, the Princess Srinagarindra Award is more than just my curriculum vitae, and more about the impact I believe I have had on nursing and the communities we serve. One activity with the greatest impact was the assistance I provided to the beginnings of the doctoral program at Mahidol University and Chiang Mai University, and the four-university curricular consortium program in Thailand, as I accepted many invitations for faculty development, and came to teach and accepted to have some grand mentees, in the doctoral program. This experience led me to co-found the International Network for Doctoral Education in Nursing (INDEN), an organization that is thriving to this day and making a difference in nursing excellence in teaching, research and practice.

In all my work, I have advocated for vulnerable women and the power of nursing to address their needs and those of their families and communities. I continue to work to improve not only the lives of patients in my immediate purview, but to build a better, healthier world for women by passing on what I have learned to the researchers, educators, and clinicians of the future.