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Dear Delegates, Distinguished Guests and Members of SAFOG,

Welcome to Nepal

Let me start by wishing you all a Happy Nepali New Year.

To begin with, I thank you all very much for giving me this opportunity to serve South Asian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (SAFOG) as president. Your support means a lot to me and it is the crucial element in my role as the steward of this organization during my tenure.

I owe a lot to my predecessors in this position who have served as an inspiration to me. South Asian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology was established two decades ago and through the tireless efforts of this federation's past presidents, it has become the success that it is today. I hope to follow in their footsteps and continue the tradition of hard work and innovation.

South Asian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology performs a major function in South Asia as the regions premier organization in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. It creates a sense of unity and belonging in geographical region that is surprisingly rich in diversity for its size. As a medical federation, it serves as a vital resource that documents the developments in women's health in a region of persisting economic challenges.

We reached a milestone last year in Sri Lanka where SAFOG conducted a jointly held conference with FIGO. Extending cooperation with other regional and international bodies proves to be of great benefit to our organization and raises our visibility in the scientific community. In my view, we should similarly try to build relationships with ACOG, the European Society, JSOG and RCOG.

The introduction of SAFOG sessions in all member-countries initiated by Professor Sudha Sharma has expanded to regular sessions with AOFOG and FIGO. In the same spirit, I feel that the inclusion of people from international associations in SAFOG sessions would regularly update the scientific community of developments in SAFOG member-countries. Through invitations as guest speakers, we will gain an outside perspective on the progress of women's health in general.

On another note, I would like to stress the importance of young professionals in SAFOG member-countries. The role of the younger generation of doctors is essential to a federation like ours. We can facilitate their participation in SAFOG conferences and present an award to the best paper from each member-country and publish them in the SAFOG journal. This will encourage and promote the younger generation's involvement in the scientific arena. Cultivation of young minds and their channeling towards the field of scientific inquiry will work to expand the academic and scientific culture of SAFOG. This can be made possible with the creation of a Young Gynaecologists Association emulating the merits of its namesake in AOFOG and FIGO.

Lastly, to conclude this speech, I would like to thank you once again for your kind presence here in Nepal, and I hope you enjoy the stay here. I hope our sessions will prove to be fruitful as always.

Thank you all.

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