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Statement regarding Agenda Item 6.1 – Participation at General Meetings by Electronic Means (Article 12a of the Articles of Incorporation)

Basel, February 10, 2023

Dear Shareholders,

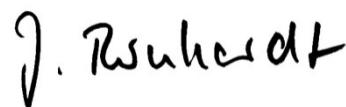
Under agenda item 6.1, it is proposed to the General Meeting to create the statutory basis for holding virtual general meetings by introducing the new Article 12a, subject to a limitation of five years.

Recently evolving views on this subject in several markets are showing that there are certain reservations about virtual general meetings, a format still unknown in Switzerland.

Taking these concerns into account, Novartis is committing to submit the corresponding authorization again to a shareholder vote at the 2025 Annual General Meeting; this is regardless of the proposed time limitation of five years in the Articles of Incorporation.

This declaration will remain available on our website at www.novartis.com/agm and will be repeated at the Annual General Meeting on March 7, 2023.

The Board Chair



Joerg Reinhardt, Ph.D.