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Dear Respected Members of AROI,

I obligingly declare my candidacy for the post of **President Elect-AROI for year 2024-26**. As a dedicated professional with more than 30 years experience in radiation oncology, I am passionate about advancing our field and enhancing the support we provide to our members.

1. Professional Background

Presently working as a Professor in the Department of Radiotherapy at the Tertiary Cancer Centre, PGIMER, Chandigarh, one of the premium health care institutions in the country.

Conferred with:

- **Fellow ICRO**
- **Fellow of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS).**
- **5th Entrepreneur and Achiever Awards**
- **IASLC CANCER Care Team Award (WCLC Barcelona)**
- **Secretary of the World NCD Federation**

I have contributed significantly to our field with over **280 scientific publications, 9 book chapters**, and more than 180 invited talks at national and international meetings, serving as Principal and Co-Investigator on various research projects funded by organizations such as the IAEA, ICMR, and DST.

2. Played a pivotal role in establishing various cancer centers:

- Atal Cancer Center, Civil Hospital Ambala (Haryana).
- Kalyan Singh Super Specialty cancer institute Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Sangrur & New Chandigarh, Punjab
- Educational Upgradation of Hanuman Prasad Poddar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Gorakhpur UP

3. Contributin to the Association of Radiation Oncologists of India (AROI)

- **Associate Editor** of the AROI Newsletter (2006-2009)
- **Vice President** of the Association of Radiation Oncologists North Zone (NZ-AROI) (2008-2009)
- **Secretary General** of the Association of Radiation Oncologists North Zone (NZ-AROI) (2009-2013).
- **President** of the Association of Radiation Oncologists North Zone (NZ-AROI) (2016-2022).
- **Chairman** of the Indian Collage of Radiation Oncology (ICRO) (2022-2024)

4. Contributions to the Development of Radiation Oncology and Cancer Control in India

- **Expert member and technical expert:**
 - Procurement of radiotherapy equipment across India, appointed by the Government of India under PMSSY.
 - Radiation oncology equipment for AIIMS/INIs and other central government hospitals, appointed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - Establishing and guiding chemotherapy services in district-level hospitals in Jammu & Kashmir
- **Clinical Advisor** on scientific projects involving nanotechnology and computational intelligence techniques for developing anti-cancer therapies in collaboration with the Institute of Nano Science and Technology.
- **Expert Group Member**
 - Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), contributing to the preparation of a white paper on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS).
 - Task Force on Hepatic Cell Carcinoma (HCC)
 - Nodal Officer for the Cancer Care Pilot Project under the National Health Authority, collaborating with the National Cancer Grid (NCG) for PGIMER.

5. Vision for the Association (My actions and contributions reflect my vision)

As President, I will focus on the following key initiatives:

- **Advocacy for Indigenous Technology Development in the country.**
- **Commitment for Dissemination of education with special focus on industry participation and skill development for radiation oncology.**
- **Highlighting Challenges at Government Level** by engaging with government officials and policymakers to ensure our concerns are addressed.
- **Creation of Vacancies for Radiation Oncologist**
- **Engaging with Every AROI Member:** I am committed to reaching out to every member of our esteemed AROI community, ensuring that all voices are heard and valued.
- **Fostering Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** I will encourage collaboration between radiation oncology and other specialties to create a holistic approach to patient care.
- **International Collaboration for Knowledge Sharing and global research network.**
- **Benchmarking Against International Standards:** I will advocate for the adoption of international standards in radiation oncology to ensure our practices meet global quality benchmarks, enhancing patient care and treatment efficacy.

I believe these initiatives will significantly enhance our association's impact and strengthen our community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve and collaborate with all of you to make a meaningful difference in our association and in the field of radiation oncology.

Thank you for your support in anticipation.

Sincerely,

Prof. Rakesh Kapoor