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CIRCULAR LETTER TO MEMBER STATES¹
IN THE WHO EUROPEAN REGION

Our reference:	RC69	Your reference:
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Dear Sir or Madam,

**69th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe
Copenhagen, Denmark, 16–19 September 2019**

I have the honour to convene the 69th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC69), in accordance with Rule 4 of the Regional Committee's Rules of Procedure.

The meeting will be held on 16–19 September 2019 at UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark. The session will open at 09:00 on Monday, 16 September, and close in the afternoon on Thursday, 19 September. On-site registration will be open on Sunday, 15 September, and will continue on Monday, 16 September, from 07:30. For further details about RC69, please refer to the guide for participants, which will be posted on the website of the WHO Regional Office for Europe in the near future.

With regard to the provisional agenda of RC69, which will also be posted on the website of the Regional Office, I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following technical items:

- lessons learned from Health 2020 implementation in the WHO European Region since 2012;
- leadership in public health in the WHO European Region;
- promoting health equity in the WHO European Region;
- implementation of the Programme budget 2018–2019;
- Programme budget 2020–2021: the regional perspective;
- WHO transformation and its regional implications;
- WHO's work at country level;
- report on the WHO European Region's geographically dispersed offices;
- accelerating primary health care in the WHO European Region;
- health literacy in the WHO European Region;
- accreditation of regional non-State actors to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

¹ And regional economic integration organizations.

In addition to the agenda items mentioned above, progress reports will provide updates on the implementation of a number of resolutions approved by the Regional Committee at previous sessions. As is customary, ministerial lunches and technical briefings will offer additional opportunities to discuss technical items.

When composing your national delegation, please consider including your WHO national counterpart.

Under the agenda item on elections and nominations, in accordance with Rules 14.2.2 and 14.3 of the Rules of Procedure, the Regional Committee will be called on to nominate two members of the Executive Board and four members of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee. Document EUR/RC69/7 contains the curricula vitae and, where appropriate, the letters of intent of the candidates who have been put forward for membership of those WHO bodies and committees.

With regard to draft resolutions, under Rules 22 bis, 22 ter and 22 quarter of the Rules of Procedure, delegations are encouraged to submit any amendments or proposals prior to the session, if possible, or at least 24 hours before the draft resolution is taken up for discussion by the Regional Committee, in order to allow the Secretariat to translate them into the official languages and to distribute them for consideration among all other delegations.

Working documents in all official languages will be posted on the Regional Office website (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/events/2019/09/69th-session-of-the-who-regional-committee-for-europe-event>) six weeks prior to the session. Advance copies of some documents may be available earlier.

Online registration will close on Monday, 9 September 2019. With respect to other administrative matters and practical details, including hotel booking, please see the enclosed information note and the guide for participants. Please remember that a signed original of Member State credentials using the enclosed credentials form must be delivered to the Secretariat before the start of the session.

I look forward to welcoming you and your delegation to RC69 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Yours very truly,



Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab
Regional Director

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Credentials form
Information note