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Dear Dr Belkania,

Further to previous correspondence, I am writing to you to inform you of the nomination of Member State representatives for the WHO European Region to the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) for the 2nd review of the relevance and effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.

As you will be aware, Member States with a potential interest in contributing to this process as Member State representatives of the WHO European Region were requested to indicate same and we were pleased and grateful to receive expressions of interest from eight Member States across our Region.

Following a process based on considerations including ensuring geographical balance and distribution across the Region, representation from predominantly source and predominantly destination countries, and experience of engagement with the provisions of the Code, the following Member State officials have been nominated from the WHO European Region:

- Dr Erlend Tuseth Aasheim, Director, Norwegian Directorate of Health, Norway;;
- Ms Greta Kanownik, Director of the Department of Nurses and Midwives, Ministry of Health, Poland.

Recognising the interest and commitment of all the Member States who expressed interest in the EAG process, we also propose to convene a reference panel of these Member States to support the two nominated EURO Region EAG members.

The role of the reference panel will *inter alia include* contributing their views on the relevance and effectiveness of the Global Code in their national context. The HRH team in the WHO Regional Office for Europe will support the nominated EAG members and the reference panel.

They are also keen to hear from other Member States across the Region regarding any information they wish to share regarding Global Code implementation in their national context. Member States who wish to share information regarding the Global Code implementation are requested to contact Ms Gabrielle Jacob, Programme Manager, Human Resources for Health Programme, Division for Health Systems and Public Health by email (eurohrh@who.int).

Sincerely yours,



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