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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

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National Conference on Introduction of human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) in Georgia

The WHO Regional Office for Europe (the Regional Office) highly appreciates the continuing efforts of the Ministry of Health of Georgia in strengthening National Immunization Programme and including new vaccines into routine immunization schedule. Implementation of HPV vaccine demonstration project that is planned in 2017, will provide a valuable opportunity to protect adolescent girls against cervical cancer through their life course and will have a significant impact on cervical cancer morbidity and mortality in future.

The Regional Office would like to offer technical support in conducting a National Conference on Introduction of HPV Vaccine and a Crisis Communication Stakeholders Meeting will be held from 15 to 16 November 2017 in Tbilisi, Georgia. We would like to propose that a team of international experts visit the country from 13 to 16 November 2017 to participate in the National Conference. The team will consist of Dr Liudmila Mosina and Ms Siff Nielsen, the Regional Office, and Mr Paul Bloem, WHO headquarters. The participation of WHO experts provides an opportunity to present and discuss updated data on the efficacy and safety of HPV vaccines, share other countries experiences, and discuss preparedness for the introduction of HPV vaccine in Georgia.

We would be grateful to receive your positive reply to our proposal and look forward to our further collaboration.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Dr Liudmila Mosina, Technical Officer, Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization, by e-mail: mosinal@who.int or fax: +45 45337001.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude for your collaboration and we look forward to your reply.

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Yours very truly,

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