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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and Associate Members and has the honour to inform them that WHO is consulting with its Member States to review individual country estimates for life expectancy and causes of death. These estimates have benefited greatly from earlier interactions with Member States.

To improve harmonization among United Nations agencies on estimates of life expectancy, WHO works closely with the United Nations, and the estimates are either based on death registration data reported to WHO or derived from the World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision. WHO will release the estimates on life expectancy and causes of death on its website in early 2018, and in the World Health Statistics 2018 in May 2018.

As in previous years, the consultation will be conducted via email with a designated person as focal point. Attached is a list of Member States with a continuing focal point from last year's consultation process (ref. CL.23.2016). Member States whose names are not listed in the attached document can send the name and contact details of a focal point to the following email address: healthstat@who.int. Further information can also be obtained by sending an email to the same address.

Preliminary estimates and accompanying documentation of methods and data sources will be sent by email to the focal point in December 2017. The consultation process will be closed at the end of January 2018. Any submissions received after this date may not be considered in the final publication of country estimates.

Derived mortality estimates will be used for official global reporting of Sustainable Development Goal indicators. For this reason, the names of the national institutions that participate in the consultation may be shared with other United Nations agencies.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of its highest consideration.

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List of Member States with continuing focal point from CL.23.2016

Argentina	Luxembourg
Armenia	Malaysia
Australia	Maldives
Austria	Mauritius
Belgium	Mexico
Benin	Montenegro
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Morocco
Botswana	Nepal
Brazil	Netherlands
Brunei Darussalam	New Zealand
Burkina Faso	Nicaragua
Canada	Oman
China (People's Republic of)	Pakistan
Croatia	Papua New Guinea
Cuba	Peru
Cyprus	Poland
Egypt	Qatar
Estonia	Romania
Ethiopia	Senegal
Fiji	Seychelles
Finland	Singapore
Germany	Solomon Islands
Ghana	Spain
Greece	Suriname
Hungary	Sweden
Iceland	Switzerland
Ireland	Trinidad and Tobago
Kenya	Turkey
Kiribati	United States of America
Lebanon	Zambia
Lithuania	Zimbabwe