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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 internationally comparable estimates for maternal mortality will be published in September 2018.

Following WHO's quality standards for data publication and prior to the official release of the above estimates, WHO is consulting with its Member States to review information gathered from primary data sources, ensure the inclusion of additional data sources that may not have been previously identified, and review the individual country estimates derived from the statistical model applied to national country data. The process and development of internationally comparable estimates benefits greatly from these interactions with Member States.

The consultation will be conducted via email with a designated focal point. To ensure accurate and timely estimates for your country, the designation of the current focal point(s), together with contact details, should be sent as soon as possible to the Department of Reproductive Health by email: maternalestimates@who.int. Preliminary estimates and accompanying documentation of methods and data sources will be emailed to the focal point(s) in June 2018.

The country consultation process **will be closed two months later (at the end of July 2018)**. Any submission after this date may not be considered in the final publication of country estimates.

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

GENEVA, 9 May 2018