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Preliminary programme of the SCRC introduction to the work of the WHO Country Office

Tuesday, 28 November 2017

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| 09:00–09:15 | Welcome by the Regional Director and the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (SCRC) |
| 09:15–09:30 | Address on health achievements and key messages in Georgia, including the added value of WHO in achieving positive outcomes for health at the country level, by Dr David Sergeenko, Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia |
| 09:30–09:50 | <p>Presentation on success stories in Georgia by Dr Nino Berdzuli, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social affairs of Georgia, Dr Zaza Sopromadze, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social affairs of Georgia and Professor Amiran Gamkrelidze, Director General, National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health This presentation will include an overview of health achievements in Georgia and success stories relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– achievement of universal health coverage;– improvements in combating antimicrobial resistance;– addressing noncommunicable diseases; and– hepatitis C and other communicable diseases. |

09:50–10:10 Comments on the presentation will be made by Dr Hans Kluge, Director, Division of Health Systems and Public Health (also representing the WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening); Dr Gauden Galea, Director, Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Promoting Health through the Life-Course; Dr Nedret Emiroglu, Director, Division of Communicable Diseases and Health Security, Special Representative of the Regional Director on the Sustainable Development Goals and Governance, and Acting Director of Programme Management; and Dr Pirooska Ostlin, Director, Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being. These division directors are all based at the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Copenhagen.

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09:50–10:10 The directors will be invited to comment on the presentation, with the objective of showing how WHO influences priority-setting and achievements at the country level. They will make the link to Health 2020 implementation and to decisions taken by the World Health Assembly and the Regional Committee that result in action at the country level, such as the action plan for the health sector response to viral hepatitis, which resulted in action on hepatitis C at the country level in Georgia.

The main aims are to show that the Georgian workplan is fully aligned with policies agreed at the global and regional levels and that implementation by the Country Office is supported by the Regional Office, the geographically dispersed offices and headquarters, as needed.

10:10–10:40 Question and answer session and discussion

10:40–10:45 Conclusions by the Regional Director

10:45–11:00 Coffee break (opportunity to meet Country Office staff)

11:00–11:20 Presentation on the role of the Country Office by Dr Marijan Ivanusa, WHO Representative for Georgia.

This will include an overview of the biennial collaborative agreement and its preparation through a bottom-up approach in order to ensure the close link to country needs. It will also cover how the WHO Representative coordinates with the Regional Office to ensure the technical assistance required at the country level.

The presentation, which will include slides of Country Office staff in action at the country level, will describe:

- how the country presence is of added value to the Country Office;
- the roles and responsibilities of the WHO Representative as an international head of office beyond office management and coordination of technical assistance, such as leadership, partnerships, diplomacy and negotiation with other entities at the country level; and
- a typical day at the Country Office.

- 11:20–11:35 Introduction of the technical staff of the Country Office
- Three national professional officers will briefly describe their areas of work and the liaison process with the relevant technical division at the Regional Office.
- 11:35–12:00 Question and answer session for SCRC members with the WHO Representative and Country Office staff
Closure.

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