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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to refer to resolution WHA63.16: the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel ("the Code").

Article 7 of the Code encourages WHO Member States to designate a National Authority to exchange information on the international recruitment and migration of health personnel and on Code implementation. The WHO Director-General is in turn mandated to report to the World Health Assembly every three years. The Third Round of National Reporting is to be presented to the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in May 2019.

Member States are requested to confirm or designate a national authority to facilitate information exchange by sending an email to hrhinfo@who.int by the end of July 2018. As of 31 May 2018, 117 WHO Member States have designated a national authority. These countries are requested to update and confirm the name and contact information in the designated national authority for the Third Round of National Reporting. Member States who have not yet designated a national authority are requested to do so by providing their contact information to the WHO Secretariat.

Following the receipt of this information, the WHO Secretariat will contact the DNA with the National Reporting Instrument 2018 and orient them on the reporting process. The designated national authority (DNA) should be authorized to communicate directly or, as provided by national law or regulations, with designated national authorities of other Member States and with the WHO Secretariat.

Additional clarification, including name and contact information of previously designated national authority, can be obtained from WHO headquarters and regional focal points. Supporting information, including contact information of WHO headquarters and regional focal persons is available on the WHO website: http://www.who.int/hrh/migration/code/code_nri/en/.

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

GENEVA, 13 June 2018