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Dear Dr Belkania,

**Meeting on HIV in the WHO European Region in the era of the SDGs:
Operationalizing goals and achieving targets
Berlin, Germany, 23-25 April 2018**

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) are jointly convening the above mentioned meeting for the 53 WHO European Member States. The meeting will take place in Berlin, Germany, on 23-25 April 2018.

The overall aim of the meeting is to operationalize regional HIV goals and targets and their measurements through surveillance and monitoring data, and to review national and regional progress and challenges toward achieving those goals and targets. Bringing together countries of the WHO European Region, the meeting aims to assess how data are used to inform HIV prevention and control efforts at national and regional levels and to review country responses to the HIV epidemic in light of available guidance, evidence, action plans and strategies, its focus to also address national and regional responses to the HIV epidemic.

The specific meetings objectives are described in the enclosed scope and purpose document.

I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate up to two participants to attend this event:

- A technical expert in HIV surveillance who is actively engaged in the reporting of surveillance and monitoring data to TESSy and the Global AIDS Monitoring (GAM) system.
- The national HIV programme manager or his/her delegated senior official with responsibility for the strategic planning and implementation of HIV prevention, treatment and control activities in your country.

The working language will be English and simultaneous Russian interpretation will be provided.

Travel and accommodation for participants will be arranged and paid for by WHO Regional Office for Europe in accordance with our travel regulations.

I look forward to receiving your nominations, giving the names, functional titles and addresses of the proposed participants at your earliest convenience. We shall then communicate with the nominees directly and provide the necessary documentation and administrative information.

For further queries, please contact Dr Masoud Dara, Coordinator for Communicable Diseases (eurohiv@who.int). It would be appreciated if you would kindly send your reply no later than **Friday 9 March 2018**.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures:
Scope and Purpose

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