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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**Meeting of National HIV Programme Managers
Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) and non-EU/EEA countries
Copenhagen, Denmark
25 – 26 September 2017**

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe plans to hold the above-mentioned meeting. The specific objectives of the meeting are:

- To overview the HIV epidemic in the WHO European Region;
- To present and exchange on National HIV Action Plans and/or relevant national strategies and their financing;
- To review the latest evidence, WHO guidance, tools and policies;
- To address cross-cutting issues and opportunities, particularly in regards to co-infections and vulnerable populations, health systems' strengthening;
- To present and discuss best practices from countries in the Region.

An outline of the scope and purpose is attached.

The working languages will be English and Russian. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

I have the pleasure in inviting you to nominate two people from your country: one senior official responsible for HIV surveillance and control and/or communicable diseases control at the national level, and one national coordinator of the HIV programme or national expert in HIV prevention, treatment and care.

I look forward to receiving your nominations by **31 July 2017**, giving the names, functional titles and email addresses of the designated candidates at your early convenience. We shall then communicate with them directly and provide the necessary documentation and administrative information.

Please address your reply to **Dr Masoud Dara**, Coordinator, Communicable Diseases and Programme Manager, Joint Tuberculosis, HIV and Hepatitis Programme and send the information to eurohiv@who.int.

WHO will cover travel and daily expenses related to the participation in the meeting and will provide administrative and practical information about the meeting in due course.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,



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Encl.: Outline of the Meeting

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