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## Dear Sir,

On behalf of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Georgia, and the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs in particular, for supporting and hosting the 2017 Autumn School of Health Information and Evidence for Policy-Making in Tbilisi on 23–27 October 2017.

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The Autumn School is the Regional Office's flagship course on health information and an important date in our annual calendar. The course in Tbilisi was attended by experts from 10 countries, working at the interface of health information and policy-making. The strong focus on Health 2020 indicators and targets makes this course a key instrument for monitoring our common health policy framework.

Dr Claudia Stein, Director of the Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation, and her team have informed me about the successful implementation of the 2017 Autumn School and the tremendous hospitality, support and organization of the event in Georgia. Dr Stein emphasized the countless achievements of Georgia in the area of health information and the inspiring speeches delivered on your behalf by Deputy Minister Dr Nino Berdzuli at the opening of the course. Dr Stein also informed me of the very successful public launch event of the Profile of Health and Well-being with Dr Nino Berzuli and Dr Amiran Gamkrelidze, which was well-attended and covered by the media. Dr Stein also praised Georgia's very active role in the European Health Information Initiative, under which all health information activities of the Regional Office are conducted.

I know that Dr Stein has already expressed her appreciation and thanks to Dr Nino Berdzuli and your team. However, I wish to take this opportunity to personally express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your excellent leadership and personal involvement, which were key to the very successful execution of the course. I should be grateful if you would convey my sincere appreciation to Dr Nino Berdzuli and to Dr Amiran Gamkrelidze, Georgia representative on the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee, for their superb support.

I look forward to continuing the excellent collaboration between Georgia and the Regional Office for Europe.

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Yours very truly

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