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Dear Sir

I would like to make reference to my circular letter, dated 16 March 2016 and addressed to Member States of the WHO European Region, which was sent at the beginning of a new WHO planning cycle, in order to develop an agreed set of programmatic priorities for 2018–2019, in collaboration with focal points in your Government. Ten mutually agreed priorities were identified for bottom-up planning, in line with the WHO reform process. The preliminary technical and financial planning of the ten agreed priorities, in turn, informed the WHO global programme budget 2018–2019 (PB 2018–2019).

The purpose of this letter is three-fold:

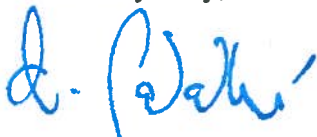
- to inform our continuing bilateral collaboration;
- to fine-tune health priority outcomes identified in 2016 so as to initiate the operationalization of PB 2018–2019, which was recently approved by the Seventieth World Health Assembly; and
- to incorporate the health outcomes of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHE) at this stage of planning in accordance with the WHE country model, which addresses a country's vulnerability and capacity to prepare for and respond to health emergencies (see the attached Annex).

The progress made towards achieving the joint targets for PB 2016–2017 will underpin the above-mentioned actions and will allow us to consider the utilization of available resources and to review the lessons learned in this process.

The Head of the WHO Country Office will soon be in contact with your office to review the priorities agreed in 2016 and, if relevant, to include new priorities from among the approved WHE outcomes, in order to provide detailed information on outputs and country-specific deliverables needed to finalize the biennial collaboration agreement (BCA) between your Government and WHO for the 2018–2019 biennium.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the staff of your Ministry for agreeing on priorities for collaboration with WHO in 2018–2019. I am very grateful for your support and cooperation in completing the development of the BCA in time for signing during the 67th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in September of this year.

Yours very truly,



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List of outcomes
WHE country model

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