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Date: 31 March 2017

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL  
MEMBER STATES IN THE  
WHO EUROPEAN REGION

Dear Madam or Sir,

As an insufficient number of candidacies were received in response to the call for nominations to the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe by the deadline of 10 March 2017, I have the honour to inform you that the Twenty-fourth Standing Committee has decided to extend the deadline for submitting nominations until Friday, 28 April 2017.

The Secretariat received one nomination from a Group A country to the SCRC by 10 March 2017, however, in accordance with Annex 2 of document EUR/RC66/4, Group A has two vacancies to fill this year when the term of office of the member from Germany expires at the 67th session of the Regional Committee in September 2017. For your information, the other two Group A Member States currently serving on the SCRC are Iceland and Slovakia.

In view of this deficit of candidates, the Twenty-fourth Standing Committee has decided to extend the deadline of the call for nominations to countries in Group A only. Eligible countries, as per resolution EUR/RC63/R7, are: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In the event that this second call for nominations from Group A countries results in an insufficient number of candidates, the Regional Committee may consider candidacies from other geographical groups.

To submit a nomination, the Member State should send a curriculum vitae of the candidate to the Secretariat. Member States nominating candidates to the Standing Committee are also required to submit a letter of intent, which must be written in one of the four official languages of the WHO European Region. The letter should include a short description of the following items:

- overview of the key elements of the relations between WHO and the nominating Member State, including events or programmes of particular relevance to the Member State concerned;

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- which WHO priorities the nominating Member State plans to represent during its three-year membership term; and
  - how the nominating Member State plans to achieve those priorities during the three-year term, and the reasons why the Member State is applying for membership of a governing body.

The letter of intent should not exceed 600 words in length.

The standard curriculum vitae forms are accessible via the Sharefile. The website requires a user name (email) and password.

**Website:** <https://euro.sharefile.com/login.aspx>

**User name:** eunominations@who.int

**Password:** Copenhagen2017 (*please note that the password is case sensitive*)

Advance copies of nominations and curricula vitae may be sent to the following email address:  
eugovernance@who.int

At its fourth session, from 20 to 21 May 2017, the Twenty-fourth Standing Committee will review all nominations, including those from Group A countries received by the extended deadline of Friday, 28 April 2017, with the aim of agreeing on a list of candidates equal to the number of seats to be filled. The countries not recommended for short-listing should expect to be contacted by the Standing Committee before the 67th session of the Regional Committee.

I would also like to draw your attention to the provision of Rule 14.2.2. (d): “Member States having submitted nominations must be represented at the Regional Committee during the relevant agenda item otherwise their nomination will not be considered”.

Yours very truly,



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Regional Director