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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with Rules 14.2.2 and 14.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, nominations for membership of the following WHO bodies and committees must be received by the WHO Regional Office for Europe no later than Friday, 16 March 2018. Each candidature must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae in standard format. Copies of the curriculum vitae forms are attached.

At its 68th session, to be convened from 17 to 20 September 2018, the Regional Committee for Europe (RC) will select or elect members for the bodies and committees listed below.

Executive Board (EB)

Two seats on the Executive Board (EB) will become vacant at the closing of the Seventy-second session of the World Health Assembly in May 2019, when the terms of office of the members designated by the Netherlands and Turkey expire.

The following seats will be available:

- no vacant seats in Group A;
- one vacant seat in Group B;
- one vacant seat in Group C.

Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC)

Four seats on the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) will become vacant at the 68th session of the Regional Committee, when the terms of office of Georgia, Iceland, Italy and Tajikistan expire.

The following seats will be available:

- one vacant seat in Group A;
- one vacant seat in Group B;
- two vacant seats in Group C.

Regional Evaluation Group (REG)

In accordance with Rule 47.1 of the Rules of Procedure, “At its session preceding the one at which a person is due to be nominated as Regional Director, the Regional Committee shall appoint a Regional Evaluation Group (REG) composed of six members chosen from delegations of the Members attending the Regional Committee, based on equitable geographical representation, to make a preliminary evaluation of candidates for nomination in the light of the criteria specified by the Regional Committee and to perform related functions as set out in this Rule.” The selection of members of the REG shall also be carried out in accordance with Rule 47.2(a) and 14.2.2.

Joint Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (JCB)

One seat will become vacant on 31 December 2018, when the term of office of the Republic of Moldova expires.

The representatives of Member States selected by the RC under paragraph 2.2.2 of the JCB Memorandum of Understanding to serve on the Joint Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (JCB) represent both the Region and their country on the JCB. Member States are encouraged to nominate a representative who meets the qualifications outlined in the Annex to this letter, for the full duration of the Member State's term of office on the JCB in order to ensure continuity.

Nominations for membership of WHO bodies and committees

Curricula vitae in standard format, to be completed for candidates for the above-mentioned bodies and committees, are attached. The forms are also accessible via <https://euro.sharefile.com>.

The website requires a user name and password. To log on to the website, please use the following:

User name: eunominations@who.int

Password: Copenhagen2018 (*please note that the password is case sensitive*)

In addition to the curriculum vitae, a letter of intent must be submitted to support candidacies to the EB and to the SCRC. The letter of intent must be written in one of the four official languages of the WHO European Region and its content 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;
- which WHO priorities the nominating Member State plans to represent during its three-year membership term;
- 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.

Before the opening of the Seventy First World Health Assembly in May 2018, the Regional Director will notify all Member States of the WHO European Region of the nominations received by the deadline of 16 March 2018, together with the curricula vitae in standard format, and the letters of intent of the intended representatives. Only nominations so received will be presented to the Regional Committee at its 68th session in September 2018. Advance copies of nominations, curricula vitae and letters of intent should be submitted to the following email address: eugovernance@who.int.

At its third and fourth sessions in 2018, in March and May respectively, the Twenty-fifth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe will review all nominations received, 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 may expect to be contacted by the Standing Committee before the 68th session of the Regional Committee.

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

Finally, I take this opportunity to inform you that the Twenty-sixth Standing Committee will hold its first session on the final day of the 68th session of the Regional Committee – Thursday, 20 September 2018 – during the lunch break. Member States submitting nominations to the SCRC are therefore encouraged to make arrangements for their representatives, if elected, to be present at the first session of the Twenty-sixth Standing Committee.

Yours very truly,



Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab
Regional Director

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Curriculum vitae form for nomination for membership of EB
Curriculum vitae form for nomination for membership of SCRC
Curriculum vitae form for nomination for membership of REG
Curriculum vitae form for nomination for membership of JCB