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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**The European Regional Tobacco Control Leadership Program
Kyiv, Ukraine, 3-9 September 2017**

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will be organizing the above-mentioned training.

The overall objectives of this Leadership Program are the following:

- Enhance leadership and networking skills to affect policy development and implementation;
- Delineate leadership principles and their relevance in addressing country-specific tobacco control issues and challenges;
- Strengthen skills in policy intervention development and implementation and strategic communication; and
- Engage with and enhance collaboration among a wide range of partners in the tobacco control movement.

The preliminary program of the meeting is enclosed. The working languages of the meeting will be English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Participants will be invited from the Southeast European countries and Newly Independent States. They will be comprised of government officials committed to tobacco control and participants from a range of organizations across civil society.

I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate three participants from your country for this Leadership Program.

Financial support will be provided to pay for the participants' air fare, miscellaneous costs associated with their travel and their stay in Kyiv.

We should be grateful to know the name, functional title and contact details of your nominees at your earliest convenience, but no later than 28 July 2017. We shall then communicate with them directly and provide them with the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time.

We look forward to receiving your nominations (including contact details) and should be grateful if you would address your reply to Ms Yulnara Kadirova, email: kadirovay@who.int and Ms Naseeb Kibria, email: nkibria1@jhu.edu.

Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this important regional capacity building initiative in tobacco control.

Yours sincerely,



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Provisional agenda

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