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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**Meeting on improving water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities
27-28 September 2017, Bonn, Germany**

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe plans to hold the above-mentioned meeting.

The meeting will support the implementation of the 2017–2019 programme of work of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and WHO Regional Office for Europe Protocol on Water and Health, in particular the programme area on institutional water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

The meeting will promote the progressive implementation of global and regional commitments on WASH in health-care facilities as a priority in the context of the SDGs and the Protocol on Water and Health, as well as to ensure the provision of quality health-care services. The meeting will review country experiences and inform future activities at the regional level. It will specifically support uptake and implementation of the Ostrava Declaration, recently adopted at the 6th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, which calls on Member States to ensure and sustain the provision of adequate WASH services in health-care facilities. An outline of the scope and purpose of the meeting is enclosed.

I have pleasure in inviting you to nominate one participant to the meeting. The participant should ideally have profound knowledge of the country situation and needs on WASH in health-care facilities, as well as experience in policy development and coordination of activities in health-service delivery, including the provision of safe WASH in health-care facilities.

The working language will be English with simultaneous Russian interpreting.

Travel for the participant will be arranged and paid for by this Office, and the participant will also receive a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting in accordance with our travel regulations.

I look forward to receiving your nomination, giving the name, functional title and address of the proposed participant at your early convenience but not later than **16 August 2017**. We shall then communicate with the nominated participant directly, providing the necessary documentation and administrative information.

Mr Oliver Schmoll, Manager of the Water and Climate Programme, is responsible for this activity and it would be appreciated if you would address your reply to him at schmollo@who.int, with copy to Ms Edith Kimotho at kimothoe@who.int.

Yours very truly,



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Scope and purpose

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