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Dear Sir,

**Accelerating Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) and Strengthening
Emergency Preparedness in the WHO European Region – A High Level Meeting**

Munich, Germany 13 - 15 February 2018

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe plans to hold the above mentioned meeting in Munich, Germany. The meeting is being organized with financial support of the German Government.

The main purpose of this meeting is to accelerate the implementation of the IHR and strengthen the emergency preparedness in the WHO European Region. The meeting will address regional work on IHR core capacities and its close linkages with health systems strengthening efforts and addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR), as a growing issue of international concern. It will provide an opportunity to discuss the progress made to date and the process ahead, share experiences and address existing gaps and challenges in complying, implementing and applying the IHR.

This meeting will provide an interactive platform to discuss challenges in complying, implementing and applying the IHR and reflect on strategic aspects of acceleration of IHR implementation in the WHO European Region.

An outline of the scope and purpose of the meeting is enclosed.

I have pleasure in inviting you to nominate up to three participants to attend this meeting. Ideally, these will be:

- An expert who is part of the National IHR Focal Point team and
- Two senior experts involved in strategic activities facilitating national IHR implementation, with health systems and public health knowledge and experience

The working languages will be English and Russian, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Travel and accommodation for participants from selected countries will be arranged and paid for by this Office.

I look forward to receiving your nominations, giving the names, functional titles and e-mail addresses of the proposed participants by e-mail to (euroihradmin@who.int) at your earliest convenience and preferable before 15 December, 2017. We shall then promptly provide them with the necessary documentation and administrative information.

We thank you for your collaboration and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,



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Scope and purpose

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