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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**Workshop to Update Joint Appraisal and Regional Working Group Meeting
6-9 June 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark**

I have the honour to inform you that World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe will be hosting the above-mentioned workshop and meeting.

Countries receiving support from Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization (Gavi) are required to undertake an annual joint appraisal, intended to provide information on their immunization programmes' performance and identify potential challenges to successful programme implementation. The outcomes of the annual joint appraisal define the technical assistance support to the country for the following year addressing identified challenges. The WHO Regional Office for Europe, together with other regional partners, is pleased to provide technical support to update your country's joint appraisal. Submission of an updated joint appraisal will enable continuation of Gavi support to your country.

The provisional agenda will follow shortly.

The participants to this workshop and meeting will include Ministry of Health officials from seven Member States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) designated by their governments, technical staff from the Regional Office and Country Offices and representatives of other partner agencies.

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

I would be pleased to invite four representatives from the Ministry of Health (national immunization programme manager; programme staff in charge of vaccine-preventable disease surveillance and monitoring vaccination coverage; staff in charge of vaccine management and logistics; staff in charge of implementing health system strengthening plan). At the workshop, participants will be invited to present the progress attained in reaching immunization programme targets and discuss priorities in terms of strategic direction and technical assistance required for the coming year.

The WHO Regional Office will cover the participation cost (including travel, boarding and accommodation) for the participants.

We look forward to receiving your nominations, giving the names, functional titles and addresses of the proposed participants by e-mail to Ms Natalia Nemirova (tel.: +45 4533 6790, nemirovan@who.int) at your early convenience and preferably before **Friday, 5 May 2017**. We shall then communicate with them directly and provide them with the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the technical focal point for the workshop and meeting Dr Niyazi Cakmak, Team Lead, Vaccine-preventable Diseases & Immunization, Division of Health Emergencies and Communicable Diseases (tel. +45 4533 6636, e-mail: cakmako@who.int).

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

Yours sincerely,



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