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Dear Sir,

**WHO European National Healthy Cities Networks
Annual Meeting
Antalya, Turkey, 25–27 April 2018**

The WHO European Healthy Cities Network is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2018, as well as preparing for the new phase of its work, Phase VII, which will be launched in January 2019. The political vision and work of this new phase is outlined in the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors: Healthier and Happier Cities for All, which was adopted by over 40 Mayors and 85 high-level city political representatives at the Summit of Mayors held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 12–13 February 2018.

The WHO European Healthy Cities Network is currently in Phase VI of its operation, which runs until 31 December 2018. The accreditation of the WHO national networks will expire at that point and all networks will be required to reapply for WHO accreditation for Phase VII.

In order to prepare for the process of reaccreditation for Phase VII, this Annual Meeting of European National Healthy Cities Networks, kindly hosted by the Turkish Healthy Cities Association and the Metropolitan Municipality of Antalya, will bring together Member States, political leaders and network coordinators to discuss, debate, and shape the role of national networks in the strategic implementation of the vision set out in the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors.

It is my pleasure to invite you to nominate a representative to participate in the Annual Meeting of WHO European National Healthy Cities Networks and contribute to the discussions on the future of the national networks in the Region.

The meeting will explore ways to strengthen the governance of, and synergies among, national networks and national agendas, strategies, and priorities, and will enable representatives of the networks to share recent examples of good practice. It will also examine ways of increasing the

coherence between the activities of national governments and Healthy Cities national networks, in particular with regard to the role of Healthy Cities as vehicles for implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the local level. Furthermore, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the expansion of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network across the European Region, with a focus on sharing good practice in order to support the development of new national networks.

Please find enclosed the scope and purpose and an information circular with logistic information about the meeting. The working language will be English.

Nominations should be sent by 16 April 2018 to eurohealthycities@who.int, with a copy to rundstroemm@who.int.

Participation expenses for this meeting are not covered by WHO. However, lunches and refreshments will be provided during the event, as well as a social programme. I look forward to welcoming you to Antalya and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours very truly,



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Scope and Purpose
Provisional Programme
Information Circular
Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors
Briefing Note on National Networks of Healthy Cities

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