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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**Measles and rubella elimination in the WHO European Region - Strengthening countries' capacities to fulfil requirements of the verification process
Intercountry meeting, 21–22 November 2017,
Copenhagen, Denmark**

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe is organizing the above-mentioned meeting, which will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 21–22 November 2017.

The main objectives of the intercountry meeting are to inform country representatives about the current status of measles and rubella elimination in the Region, to review and discuss activities and new developments in the verification process, to provide practical training on the revised reporting form for 2017, to discuss best practices and lessons learned from countries, to conduct technical consultations between VPI, national counterparts and the Regional Verification Commission for Measles and Rubella Elimination (RVC) and to address key measles and rubella laboratory challenges. The meeting will bring together delegations from 12 Member States, and the working language will be English.

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

I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate three (3) participants from your country. In line with the scope and purpose, we would appreciate if you could ensure participation of:

- the chairperson of the national verification committee (NVC), or adequate replacement if chairperson is not available;
- the national measles and rubella elimination coordinator/responsible person, or adequate replacement who is familiar with measles and rubella elimination activities in country;
- the head of the national measles and rubella reference laboratory.

Travel and accommodation for participants will be arranged and paid for by this Office. They 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 of participants by 20 September 2017. Once we have received your confirmation, providing the names, function titles and contact details (address, e-mail address, numbers of telephone and fax) of the proposed experts, we shall then communicate with the participants directly to provide them with the necessary documentation and any administrative information. Please note that should a visa be required, additional time will be required to assist with travel arrangements.

If you have any queries regarding the technical issues of the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Dragan Jankovic (telephone: +45 4533 6722, e-mail: jankovicd@who.int), Dr Myriam Ben Mamou (telephone: +45 4533 6920, e-mail: benmamoum@who.int) with copy to Ms Malika Abdusalyamova (e-mail: abdusalyamovam@who.int).

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

Yours sincerely,



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