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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**Survey assessing the implementation barriers for some new drugs
for treatment of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB)**

This is to inform you that the World Health Organization Global TB Programme, in collaboration with the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, plans to conduct a survey assessing the implementation barriers for some new drugs for treatment of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), namely bedaquiline (bdq) and delamanid (dlm). The survey focuses on medicines regulatory issues for the registration of bdq and dlm.

The following countries in the World Health Organization European region, namely: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan are invited to participate. The results of the survey will help the World Health Organization to identify challenges and possible solutions to overcome **regulatory barriers for introduction of new TB medicines in the countries**. The survey results will also help WHO and other technical partners to better support countries in accessing these drugs, especially for the treatment of MDR-TB patients who have limited treatment options.

A summary of the project background and objectives can be found at the attached scope and purposes, for your information.

We would highly appreciate your support to our project and we kindly ask you to send the filled in questionnaire before the 15 July 2017 by e-mail to Mrs. Tiziana Masini at tizianamasini@gmail.com with a copy to Dr Olexandr Polishchuk at polishchuko@who.int

As the data of this survey may result in a publication in a peer-review journal, we kindly ask you also to send us a signed written consent form to allow publishing the data we will receive.

Thank you very much for your collaboration which will facilitate the work of the Organization,

Yours sincerely,

Dr Hans Kluge

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Encls: Scope and purpose of the survey
Survey questionnaire
Consent form template

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