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Dear Dr Belkania,

**WHO Regional office for Europe and Regional Green Light Committee for Europe
(rGLC/Europe) “Face-to-face meeting and
Workshop with high DR-TB burden countries – “Programmatic aspects of the implementation
of new TB drugs and regimens”,
Copenhagen, Denmark, 18 – 20 June 2018**

Regional Green Light Committee Europe (rGLC/Europe) is the advisory body for the WHO Regional Office for Europe on implementation of M/XDR-TB treatment, prevention and follow up. Regular meetings of rGLC/Europe Members are held via WebEx and Skype on an annual and ad hoc basis. The WHO Regional Office for Europe also organizes face-to-face meetings of the Members and invites major stakeholders with a view to ensuring transparency and accountability. The WHO Regional Office for Europe is hosting secretariat of rGLC/Europe.

This year rGLC/Europe meeting will start with a face-to-face meeting of the rGLC/Europe Members and consultants, followed by a workshop on the new medicines and shorter treatment regimens recommended by WHO for the treatment of drug resistant tuberculosis.

We have the pleasure to invite you to nominate two persons, your National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) manager and a national expert responsible for the introduction of new drugs' and new treatment regimens, to participate at the face-to-face meeting as well as the workshop of the rGLC/Europe with a focus on “Programmatic aspects of the implementation of new TB drugs and regimens”, both taking place at our premises in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 18 – 20 June 2018.

The main objectives of the workshop and the meeting are:

- to update and exchange latest developments with rGLC/Europe members and participants on new medicines and shorter treatment regimens;
- to provide updates on current WHO global and regional policies, guidance and plans;
- to update and align regional policies, treatment strategies, regimens and medications with global WHO recommendations.

An outline of the scope and purpose of the workshop and the meeting together with a copy of the provisional agenda are enclosed. The working language will be English and Russian.

For further information please contact directly Dr Ogtay Gozalov, Medical Officer (e-mail: gozalovo@who.int).

Travel for both the NTP manager and the national expert responsible for introduction of the new drugs will be arranged and paid for by the WHO Regional Office for Europe. Participants will also receive a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting in accordance with our travel regulations.

Please note that these events have a smoke-free policy to protect the health and comfort of the participants.

We look forward to receiving the nomination of your country representatives.

Yours very truly,



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Provisional scope and purpose
Provisional agenda

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