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Dear,

**Ministerial policy dialogue on HIV and related comorbidities in
eastern Europe and central Asia
Amsterdam, Netherlands, 23 July 2018**

The European Region of the World Health Organization (WHO) is the only WHO region where the number of new HIV infections is increasing. In 2016, over 160 000 people were reported as newly diagnosed with HIV in our Region, nearly 80% of them from eastern Europe and central Asia. In order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals' target of ending the HIV epidemic, it is important to consolidate our efforts and accelerate national responses in line with the Action plan for the health sector response to HIV in the WHO European Region, which was endorsed by the Regional Committee for Europe at its 66th session in September 2016.

In this context, and in view of the forthcoming 22nd International AIDS Conference (Amsterdam, Netherlands, 23–27 July 2018), I should like to invite you to a ministerial policy dialogue meeting on HIV and related comorbidities, where participants will provide information on state-of-the-art innovative approaches with financial sustainability in mind and discuss good practices from your countries. To this end, my teams are currently working with your national experts on a compendium of good practices for the implementation of the Action plan, which we intend to launch during the event. This ministerial meeting will also create a platform for me to interact with you on strategic issues and their policy implications.

Please find enclosed the outline of the event. The provisional programme will be shared with you in due course.

We will cover travel and accommodation costs related to your participation and that of your senior-level expert in this event. For further information, your team can contact Dr Masoud Dara, Communicable Diseases Coordinator, at euroHIV@who.int.

Your participation in the above-mentioned meeting will be very important for the successful outcome of this significant event.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab
WHO Regional Director for Europe

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Encl.: Outline of the meeting