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Dear Mr Shavishvili,

Mortality and population data collection

This letter is to inform you that the World Health Organization (WHO) has now begun the annual data collection from Member States on cause-of-death statistics (in accordance with the WHO Nomenclature Regulations 1967, adopted under World Health Assembly resolution WHA20.18).

As you may know, these data are published on the WHO Mortality Database website (http://www.who.int/healthinfo/mortality_data/). They also serve as a major input to other databases, such as the European Health for All family of databases (<https://gateway.euro.who.int>), as well as those maintained by other international organizations.

As in previous years, the technical counterparts for health statistics and statistical authorities of each Member State are being contacted directly.

The following data are requested:

- annual cause-of-death data (with breakdowns by age and sex) for the most recent year available, categorized by cause using the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10); and
- mid-year population data (with breakdowns by age and sex) and live births (with breakdown by sex) for the most recent year available.

Member States are invited to submit their most recent annual cause-of-death statistics in accordance with the enclosed specifications. The format and the specification remain unchanged for the past several years. Please note the following.

- Even if only data for total deaths (without a breakdown by cause) are available, receiving the most recent statistics (reported by age and sex) would be appreciated so that the demographic analyses can be updated.
- Your submission of population and mortality data should refer to the same calendar year and be consistent with the most recent population census or other national sources.

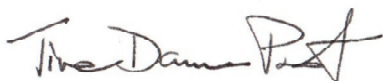
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- WHO is aware that some Member States have recently adjusted their population estimates retrospectively, using the most recent population census data. If this is the case in your country, it would be appreciated if you could provide the adjusted population estimates by age and sex in accordance with the specifications for as many past years since 1985 as possible, if this has not already been done. This is crucial to ensure the consistency of age-specific mortality rates over time.

In addition to the above, we would like to also inform you that the data collection has been revised to also include the statistics on stillbirths. For this first request, we would request that you provide us with data on stillbirths for the years 2011 to 2017. Please follow the definition of stillbirth as well as the data format as provided in the specification file.

The requested data should reach WHO by **31 May 2018** at the latest. Please provide your submission via e-mail by **sending the data to both** WHO headquarters and the WHO Regional Office for Europe at mafard@who.int and EUHIUdata@who.int, respectively.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued collaboration.

Sincerely yours,



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WHO EURO specifications for mortality reporting2018.doc
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