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Dear Dr Belkania,

**EMT European Regional Meeting on Strengthening the Emergency Medical Teams initiative For
All-Hazards Emergencies Preparedness, Alert and Response
Brussels, Belgium
17-18 April 2018**

I have the honour of informing you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, in agreement with the Government of Belgium in its capacity as Regional Chair for 2017/2018 of the Emergency Medical Team (EMT) initiative and the European Commission, plans to hold the above-mentioned meeting.

The aim of the workshop is to facilitate discussion and agreement between member states and EMT providers on topics such as EMT coordination, training, exercises and capacity building as well as experience sharing and lessons learnt on regional response operations. An outline of the concept note of the meeting and a copy of the provisional agenda are enclosed.

I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate two participants, one of whom should have policy and/or operational expertise within the respective Governments/Ministries of Health on matters pertaining to EMT capacity strengthening and response, and one of whom should be the team leader of an existing Emergency Medical Team.

The working languages will be English with simultaneous translation into Russian provided.

Travel for the participants will be arranged and paid for by this office, and the participants will also receive a reduced daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting in accordance with our travel regulations.

I look forward to receiving your nomination, giving the name, functional title and addresses of the proposed participants by 25 March 2018.

We shall then communicate with them directly and provide them with the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time.

Dr Kai von Harbou is responsible for this activity and it would be appreciated, if you would address your reply to him by email (vonharbouk@who.int).

Yours very truly,



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Concept Note
Provisional agenda

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