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Date: 11 January 2018

Dr Amiran Gamkrelidze
Director General of the National Center
For Disease Control and Public Health
Tbilisi, Georgia

Dear Dr Gamkrelidze,

**WHO European health systems foresight group - second meeting,
7 February 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark**

I am pleased to invite you to participate in *the WHO European health systems foresight group - second meeting* which will take place on 7 February 2018 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The overall aim of the Health Systems Foresight Group is to develop perspectives on the long-term future of health systems in Europe. This work will be an important input into the 10th Anniversary Conference of the Tallinn Charter, which will take place on 13-14 June 2018 in Tallinn, Estonia, but also towards potentially developing a longer-term foresight function for the Regional Office.

The main objectives of this second meeting are:

- to recall the main elements of the initial brainstorming held during the first meeting – on the issues and challenges facing health systems in Europe – and to see whether additional elements need to be considered;
- based on the deliberations at the first meeting, two reports on the (a) uptake / adoption of innovations (hard and soft) by health systems, and (b) current and future health and healthcare trends (spending, life expectancy etc.) have been commissioned, and the group will be apprised of progress on both and asked to provide feedback;
- to consider what outcome the group should produce for the June 2018 Tallinn Charter meeting, including what sources of input are needed and how the group can most effectively work together over the coming months; and
- as a recommendation from the first meeting, the group will be invited to reflect on the possibility of developing a platform on the future of health systems in Europe to support Member States after the 2018 Tallinn Charter meeting.

The scope and purpose and the provisional programme of the meeting are attached for your information. The meeting will take place between 08h30 (registration) and 17h00.

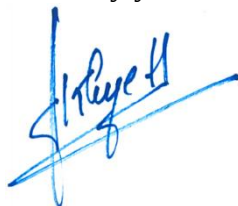
Your participation at the meeting will be covered by this office. Kindly complete the attached registration form and return it to Ms Varduhi Boyakhchyan (boyakhchyanv@who.int) in order that arrangements may be made for your round trip travel via the most economical direct route. You will

also receive a daily subsistence allowance to cover the cost of meals and accommodation for the duration of the meeting, in accordance with our travel regulations. The World Health Organization will not be held liable for any claim resulting from death, injury, sickness or disability and you will be responsible for payment of charges for excess baggage, baggage insurance and ground transport to and from airports, airport taxes and incidental expenses.

Administrative and practical arrangements for the meeting are provided in the attached information circulars.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to welcoming you to the meeting in Copenhagen.

Sincerely yours,



Dr Hans Kluge
Director, Division of Health Systems and Public Health

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Scope and purpose
Provisional programme
Registration form
Information circular
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