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Dear Sir,

**High-Level Regional Meeting
Health Systems Respond to Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs):
Experience of the European Region**

16-18 April 2018, Sitges, Spain

I would like to express our gratitude for your continued support for health systems reform in Georgia to improve population health and move towards universal health coverage. The WHO Regional Office for Europe is honoured to be a partner in this endeavour.

As indicated in our letter dated 20 November, the WHO Regional Office for Europe will be hosting a high-level regional meeting entitled "Health systems respond to NCDs: Experience of the European Region" on 16-18 April 2018 in Sitges, Spain.

The high-level meeting is intended as a forum on the health systems response to noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) for about 200 high-level representatives of the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region, relevant international organizations and selected nongovernmental organizations. The aim of the meeting is to provide a platform to share country experiences of strengthening health systems for better NCD outcomes, to understand and celebrate successes, and to inspire action for accelerated health system transformation to reduce premature NCD mortality and morbidity. The scope and purpose and the provisional programme of the meeting are enclosed.

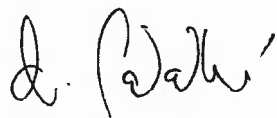
I am pleased to extend our invitation to you to participate in the opening plenary panel of the regional high-level meeting on the morning of 16 April.

The outcome document of the meeting will contribute to reporting to the United Nations high-level meeting on NCDs in 2018 and will be submitted to the Regional Committee for Europe for consideration at its 68th session in September 2018.

I hope you will be able to join us at this important meeting and share the experiences and reflections of Georgia on ways of accelerating health systems response to NCDs.

We look forward to welcoming you to Spain.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures:

Scope and purpose
Provisional programme

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