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Dear Dr Sofiko Belkania,

We have the pleasure to announce the start of the 2017 data collection for TB surveillance and response monitoring. As in previous years, this is a collaborative work together with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

The data entry **starts on 2 April 2018 and ends on 31 May 2018**. There will be one month validation period, after the data submission deadline, when you will be contacted for the data and country profile clearance.

To maintain data completeness and geographical coverage, as well as to avoid duplication of country efforts, the previously developed solution with its three key elements will be in use:

- (i) Common entry point / website;
- (ii) The WHO's Global TB Monitoring and Evaluation database (TME); and
- (iii) The European Surveillance System (TESSy).

All Member States in the WHO European Region are invited to upload their data via ECDC-WHO/Europe Joint TB Information System via the common interface:
<http://www.ecdcwhosurveillance.org>. National counterparts will be automatically directed to the TME database.

For accessing the data collection system please use the previously granted secured access credentials, a username (email of TB surveillance country correspondent) and password (generated by the system and later amended by you). If you do not have these credentials, or if you intend to delegate the data entry process to your national counterparts, please contact us, with reference to [TB surveillance] in the title.

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Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Masoud Dara', is positioned above the printed name.

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