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The Regional Director of the World Health Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean has the honour to inform the Non-governmental Organizations in official relations with WHO that the Sixty-fifth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean is scheduled to take place this year in **Khartoum, Sudan, from Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October 2018 inclusive.**

In accordance with the decisions of the World Health Assembly regarding the privileges conferred by relationship with the World Health Organization*, the Regional Director has the honour to invite the Non-governmental Organizations to be represented at this meeting in the capacity of observer, it being understood that this would not entail any cost to the World Health Organization.

It would be appreciated if the name, title and address of the observer(s) [*limit of two participants*] are communicated to the Regional Office at your earliest convenience, and preferably, **not later than 1 September 2018.**

Copy of the Provisional Agenda is enclosed herewith.

Also enclosed please find Information Bulletin No. 1, which gives details of the arrangements made and the facilities which will be available during the course of the meeting.

Cairo, 22 July 2018



ENCLs: - Provisional Agenda (EM/RC65/1)
- Information Bulletin No. 1

* Basic Documents, Forty-eighth Edition (2014), page 101, paragraph 6.1, attached.

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Relations with NGOs at the regional and national levels ⁽¹⁾

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6. Privileges conferred on NGOs by relationship with WHO

6.1. The privileges conferred by official relationship shall include:

(i) The right to appoint a representative to participate, without right of vote, in WHO's meetings or in those of the committees and conferences convened under its authority, on the following conditions:

whenever the Health Assembly, or a committee or conference convened under WHO's authority, discusses an item in which a related NGO is particularly interested, that NGO at the invitation of the chairman of the meeting or on his acceding to a request from the organization, shall be entitled to make a statement of an expository nature, and may, with the consent of the meeting, be invited by the chairman to make, in the course of the discussion of the item before the meeting, an additional statement for purposes of clarification;

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(1) Before working relations are established between WHO and a national NGO, and before a programme of collaboration with such an organization is agreed, appropriate measures will be taken to consult the Government concerned in accordance with Article 71 of the WHO Constitution.