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Date: 19 June 2018

TO ALL NON-STATE ACTORS IN
OFFICIAL RELATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam,

**68th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe
Rome, Italy, 17–20 September 2018**

I have the honour to convene the 68th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC68), in accordance with Rule 4 of the Regional Committee's Rules of Procedure. It is my pleasure to invite non-State actors (NSAs) in official relations with WHO to appoint a representative to attend the session.

The meeting will be held in Rome, Italy, on 17–20 September 2018 at Auditorium della Tecnica conference centre. The session will open at 09:00 on Monday, 17 September, and close in the evening of Thursday, 20 September. On-site registration will be open on Sunday, 16 September, and will continue on Monday, 17 September, from 07:30. Additionally, all official NSA representatives are invited to participate in a briefing specifically dedicated to them at 18:00 on Sunday, 16 September, at Auditorium della Tecnica conference centre.

With regard to the provisional agenda of RC68, which will be posted on the website of the WHO Regional Office for Europe (<http://www.euro.who.int>), I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following technical items:

- The European health report 2018;
- Implementation of the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Health 2020, the European policy framework for health and well-being, and review of the joint monitoring framework;
- Advancing public health in the WHO European Region for sustainable development;
- Can people afford to pay for health care? New evidence on financial protection in Europe;
- Action plan to improve public health preparedness and response in the WHO European Region;
- Strategy on the health and well-being of men in the WHO European Region;

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- Implementation of the Regional Framework for Surveillance and Control of Invasive Mosquito Vectors and Re-emerging Vector-borne Diseases 2014–2020: lessons learned and the way forward;
 - Vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization: realizing the full potential of the European Vaccine Action Plan;
 - Countries at the centre: the strategic role of country offices in the WHO European Region;
 - Impact of WHO reform on the work of the WHO European Region;
 - Accreditation of regional non-State actors to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe;
 - Report on WHO high-level meetings:
 - Health Systems Respond to NCDs: Experience in the European Region (Sitges, Spain, 16–18 April 2018);
 - Health Systems for Prosperity and Solidarity: Leaving No One Behind (Tallinn, Estonia, 13–14 June 2018).

Working documents in all official languages will be posted on the Regional Office website (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe>) six weeks prior to the session. Advance copies of some documents may be available earlier.

Online registration will close on Monday, 10 September 2018. With respect to other administrative matters and practical details, including hotel booking, please see the enclosed information note and the guide for participants, which will be posted on the Regional Office website in the near future.

As in previous years, official NSA representatives will have the opportunity to deliver an oral or a written statement under main technical items on the agenda. Please note that each statement should bear the logo and name of your organization and the agenda item to which the statement refers.

Written statements received prior to the session will be posted on the RC68 webpage. This will allow Member States and other stakeholders to consider the opinions and perspectives of your constituency before the session. Paper copies of written statements will be available at the documentation desk during RC68. Written statements should be submitted to the Strategic Partnerships team (europar@who.int) no later than 5 September 2018.

NSA representatives wishing to make an oral statement are kindly requested to forward the text of their statement to the Strategic Partnerships team (europar@who.int) no later than 11 September 2018. Kindly note that, in accordance with meeting procedures, oral statements will be permitted at the discretion of the Chairperson of the session and should not exceed two minutes in duration.

The Regional Office strongly encourages joint NSA statements. For this purpose, and at the request of NSAs which attended past Regional Committees, a list with contact details (names of NSA representatives and their email addresses) will be circulated among all registered NSAs in mid-August to facilitate networking prior to RC68. Should you wish not to be included on the contact list, please inform the Strategic Partnerships team by email (europar@who.int). To facilitate coordination during RC68, a meeting room will be reserved from 08:00 to 09:00 every morning (from Monday), exclusively for use by NSA representatives.

NSA representatives will be given the opportunity to record their statement(s) on videotape. The video clips will be posted on the Regional Office website after RC68. Representatives interested in recording

their statement(s) should contact the Strategic Partnerships team (europar@who.int) to secure a time slot for recording.

Should you have any questions regarding the NSA briefing, oral or written statements, video clips or any other issues related to your participation in RC68, please contact the Strategic Partnerships team (europar@who.int).

I look forward to welcoming you and your delegation to RC68 in Rome, Italy.

Yours very truly,



Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab
Regional Director

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