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Date: 6 August 2020

CIRCULAR LETTER TO NON-STATE ACTORS
IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH WHO AND
REGIONAL NON-STATE ACTORS
ACCREDITED BY THE REGIONAL
COMMITTEE

Dear Sir/Madam,

**70th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe
Virtual, de minimis session, 14–15 September 2020**

I have the honour to convene the 70th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC70), in accordance with Rule 4 of the Regional Committee's Rules of Procedure.


Following the Decision EUR/Inter-session (1) of 29 May 2020, which was adopted under a written silence procedure and based on the assessment made by the Twenty-seventh Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in its special session on 29 June 2020, it has been decided that RC70 will be organized as a virtual, de minimis session. Under this format, the agenda will only include items of strategic orientation and governance continuity. The meeting will be broadcast on the WHO Regional Office for Europe website (<https://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe>).

Given the current pandemic crisis, both the WHO Director-General and I will report on the lessons learned from the epidemiological situation and the evaluation of the COVID-19 response. I will also seek the Regional Committee's endorsement of the European Programme of Work (2020–2025) – “United Action for Better Health in Europe”, which sets out the priorities for the Regional Office for the next five years.

Given the virtual and shortened nature of the Regional Committee this year, unlike in previous years, for representatives non-State actors will **not** have the opportunity to deliver oral statements during the main technical items on the agenda. However, written or video statements received prior to the session will be posted on the RC70 web page. This will allow Member States and other stakeholders to consider the opinions and perspectives of your constituency before the session. Written statements should be submitted to the Strategic Partnerships team (europar@who.int) no later than Friday, **4 September 2020**. Each statement should bear the logo and name of your organization and should be clearly linked to one of the agenda items. Please also find enclosed a full guidance note regarding the new procedure for video clips should you choose this method.

I would like to highlight that although non-State actors will not be able to take the floor, I have a strong commitment to holding regular meetings in the future months and years to ensure your vital inputs are heard as we move forward with the European Programme of Work.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Kluge', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
Regional Director

Encl.:

Annotated programme

Practical information regarding the conduct of the 70th session of the Regional Committee for Europe

Guidance note – video recordings