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Dear Sir,

**Implementation of the project “Establishment of national systems for a sound management of chemicals in selected countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia”
(Belarus, Georgia, and Kazakhstan)**

I am pleased to inform you that the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the German Federal Environment Agency agreed upon the above-mentioned project on 27 April 2018 and are ready to start its implementation. We highly appreciate your support, as well as the support from other national agencies involved in the development of the project proposal, which has been instrumental in the successful application.

During the next three years, a number of actions will be implemented to increase chemical safety in the countries involved, including developing and strengthening national legislation and intersectoral coordination, increasing capacities in the health and other sectors to meet challenges in sound chemicals management, and creating a platform for the establishment of a system to enable the protection of human health and the environment from negative chemical impact.

Chemicals management requires a multisectoral approach, and therefore the involvement of different sectors in the project's implementation will be critical. We strongly encourage you to establish a multisectoral project steering group under the umbrella of the Ministry or under another existing national intersectoral mechanism for chemicals management. We are convinced that this will strengthen the health sector's role in chemicals management and will have a positive impact on chemical safety in your country. We would highly appreciate your support in involving other responsible agencies in the project's implementation.

Through creation of national infrastructure for the sound management of chemicals, the project will contribute to achievement of SDG 3.9, on reducing mortality caused by chemical pollution, and SDG 12.4, on implementation of sound chemicals management. The project is aligned with Health 2020 priorities, in particular on creating supportive environments and resilient communities,

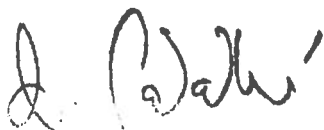
and will contribute to the implementation of the Ostrava Declaration on Environment and Health and the WHO chemicals road map.

To initiate the project and to ensure its timely implementation and sustainability, we kindly ask you to confirm the appointment by the Ministry of an institution for the implementation of this project. The nominated institution will be subcontracted by the WHO Regional Office for Europe to provide technical and financial support to the project's implementation.

You are kindly requested to send a reply to Dr Elizabet Paunovic, Head of the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health (WHO ECEH), by email to paunovice@who.int.

We would highly appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience, but not later than 15 June 2018.

Yours very truly,



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