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Dear Dr Belkania,

**Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework Workshop on Pandemic Vaccine Deployment
30 April – 2 May 2019**

I have the honour to inform you that, as part of the capacity building activities in the area of pandemic influenza preparedness under the auspice of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework Partnership Contribution (PC), the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe is organizing a three-day workshop on pandemic vaccine deployment planning for Central Asian and Caucasus countries, i.e. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The main objectives of the workshop are to:

- Reinforce the importance of updated national pandemic vaccine deployment and vaccination plans as part of the wider pandemic influenza preparedness planning;
- Identify gaps and weaknesses in existing national pandemic vaccine deployment and vaccination plans;
- Develop an outline of updated national pandemic deployment and vaccination plans.

An outline of the scope and purpose is attached.

The working languages will be English and Russian and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Travel for participants will be arranged and paid for by this office, and they will also receive a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the workshop in accordance with our travel regulations.

I kindly ask you to nominate four participants from your country, i.e.:

1. National EPI manager
2. Regulatory authority representative (person responsible for vaccine market authorization)
3. Focal point for coordination of pandemic preparedness and response
4. Focal point for national immunization logistics, responsible for coordinating receipt of vaccines at the national level, their storage and distribution.

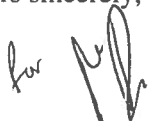
I look forward to receiving your nominations, giving the names, functional titles and addresses of the proposed participants at your earliest convenience and no later than 27 March 2019. We shall then communicate with the nominee directly and provide him/her with the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time.

Ms Michala Hegermann-Lindencrone, Project Manager for the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, of the Infectious Hazard Management Programme, is responsible for this activity. It would be appreciated if

you would address your reply to Ms Halyna Borysyuk, Programme Assistant, Infectious Hazard Management, (tel: +4545336850; e-mail: borysyukh@who.int).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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Scope and Purpose

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