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Dear Madam,

In order to strengthen the capacity of countries to address priority infectious diseases (including zoonoses), and to build synergies between human and animal health systems, WHO and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) have jointly developed an approach to conduct national workshops to encourage and facilitate a 'One Health' approach to managing animal and zoonotic infectious diseases. These workshops provide an opportunity to public health and animal health services to review collaboration and coordination between the two sectors and identify possible improvements.

The Department of Country Health Emergency Preparedness & IHR (CPI) in coordination with WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) has requested the support of the WHO Country office in Georgia to jointly organize with the OIE one of these workshops in Georgia on 10-13 December 2019. The workshop aims to hear the views and learn from the results of the assessments conducted in the human health (IHR monitoring and evaluation framework, including the Joint External Evaluation mission) and animal health (PVS pathway missions) sectors respectively. The results from these assessments will be used to stimulate a discussion on the possibility of translating this into strategic governance and operational directions to improve the national capacities at the interface between the human and animal health sectors.

This national workshop would involve representatives of the national public health and veterinary services of Georgia, WHO and OIE, and possibly observers from the donor community, partners and any other interested parties. In similar workshops, about 30 representatives of each of the sectors, covering the main areas of work at the human animal interface in the context of the IHR (2005) attended the meetings.

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I would be grateful if you could confirm your interest for this workshop and nominate a contact person in your Ministry for our further communication. Upon receipt of your official confirmation, the OIE and WHO would provide all the additional details regarding the organization of this workshop to the contact person.

Please note that all the expenses related to this workshop will be covered by the OIE and the WHO.

I am looking forward to receiving your feedback on this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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