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Dear Ms. Tikaradze,

Nomination of a national focal point on rehabilitation

Rehabilitation is an essential part of health care, and integral to achieving Universal Health Coverage. National efforts are required to strengthen the health system to provide rehabilitation so that it is available at all levels of healthcare to everyone whenever needed.

In this regards, Rehabilitation and Disability programme is included in the Biennial Collaborative Agreement between the Georgian Ministry of Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs and the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization for the years 2020-2021. In order to establish sustainable contacts between WHO Europe and the Ministry of Health, we request that you appoint a national focal point on rehabilitation issues for Georgia and support in strengthening of the existing an Intersectoral Coordination Mechanism (ICM) for rehabilitation related activities (e.g. taskforce, steering committee, board or council). The ICM should encompass representatives from the relevant stakeholders for rehabilitation (e.g. Ministry, Department of Health, Department of Social Affairs, Public Health Institute, UN agencies, key development partners, professional associations, academia, non-governmental organizations, and private sector).

At the national level, the function of the Rehabilitation focal point will be to facilitate the strengthening of the ICM and lead the drafting of a national rehabilitation action plan (incl. planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation). Through the ICM the national rehabilitation focal point ensures information sharing and facilitates effective communication and coordination between its members and their constituents. Please forward your nomination, giving the name, functional title, address and email of proposed national focal point by email to WHO Country Office Georgia (email: eurowhoge@who.int).

Yours sincerely,

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