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Dear Ms Gabunia,

**Global Consultation on Novel and Emerging Nicotine and Tobacco Products  
Moscow, Russian Federation, 2-3 April 2020**

Novel and emerging nicotine and tobacco products which can be broadly categorized into three, namely Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery System (ENNDS) and Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs) have proliferated in various markets around the world and present unique challenges to regulators.

WHO has been approached by several countries to provide authoritative guidance and technical assistance to support countries in building capacity and in deciding a regulatory framework for these products, especially to protect young people. The Global Consultation aims to achieving the following objectives:

- To take a holistic approach to the evaluation of available information and sharing of experiences across countries on challenges, achievements and regulatory needs;
- To facilitate engagement between international scientists on the scientific evidence with policy makers in order to bridge the gap between science and policy.

In this context, the World Health Organization (WHO) across its three levels, together with the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, have the pleasure of inviting Georgia to nominate two representatives from the Ministry of Health and/or relevant regulatory agency to participate in the Global Consultation on Novel and Emerging Nicotine and Tobacco Products, which will take place in Moscow, Russian Federation, from 2 to 3 April 2020.

Travel, accommodation and reduced daily subsistence allowance for one of the participants will be arranged and paid for by the WHO Regional Office for Europe in accordance with the current travel policy. We kindly request Georgia to cover participation cost of the second nominee.

The scope and purpose of this Global consultation is enclosed to this letter. The working languages will be English and Russian, the simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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I look forward to receiving your nominations, giving the names, functional titles and address of the proposed participants at your earliest convenience. We shall then communicate with the nominated persons directly and provide the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time.

Mrs Kristina Mauer-Stender, Programme Manager of the Tobacco Control Unit (e-mail: [kadirovay@who.int](mailto:kadirovay@who.int)), is responsible for this activity and it would be appreciated if you would address your reply to her at your earliest convenience but no later than **24 February 2020**.

Sincerely yours,



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Scope and purpose

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