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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to consult them on joint estimates of WHO and the International Labour Organization (ILO) of the work-related burden of disease and injury (WHO/ILO Joint Estimates).

In the spirit of the Sustainable Development Goals,<sup>1</sup> WHO and ILO have agreed to produce the WHO/ILO Joint Estimates. The organizations have systematically selected pairs of occupational risk factors and health outcomes. For each pair, the existing evidence has been systematically reviewed and synthesised. Databases have been established on exposure to the risk factors and their health effects. For pairs with the required evidence and data, estimates have been produced.

Prior to publication planned for the first quarter of 2020, WHO would like to share WHO/ILO Joint Estimates that were developed and compiled globally: (1) Proportion of the population exposed to long working hours; (2) Number of deaths due to ischemic heart disease attributable to exposure to long working hours; (3) Number of deaths due to stroke attributable to exposure to long working hours; (4) Number of disability-adjusted life years due to ischemic heart disease attributable to exposure to long working hours; and (5) Number of disability-adjusted life years due to stroke attributable to exposure to long working hours.

WHO will share with each Member State a data sheet with the WHO/ILO Joint Estimates for the country as well as a guidance note detailing the data sources and methods used in a separate email from the address JointEstimates@who.int.

Member States are invited to provide feedback to the finalization of the WHO/ILO Joint Estimates. Ministries of Health and/or Labour may want to comment and nominate focal point(s) and provide their contact details for future country consultations.

Additional country data or requests for information on these estimates can be sent to Dr Frank Pega, pegaf@who.int, Environment, Climate Change and Health Department no later than 13 April 2020.

The World Health Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> 70th UNGA. (2015). Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. New York, NY: UN.

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