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Dear Madam,

**Report of the first meeting of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for  
Europe subgroup on WHO's country work**

In discussion with Dr Hans Kluge, Regional Director Nominee, the subgroup of the 27th Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) that focuses on WHO's country work agreed that a review of the country offices in the WHO European Region would provide a good basis for future discussions on how to strengthen them. As part of this exercise, the SCRC subgroup welcomed the initiative of Dr Kluge to start an open consultation with the Member States with country offices.

To ensure the least possible burden to the Member States involved, the SCRC subgroup agreed to a set of six key questions that would allow the WHO Secretariat to gather information and feedback from Member States, which would then be used to produce a report to be shared by the subgroup chairperson at the SCRC meeting in March.

Enclosed is a template with the six questions that the Secretariat would like to share with you and to which your response would be extremely valuable. In order to meet the deadlines set by the SCRC subgroup that will enable reporting to the next SCRC meeting, I would appreciate receiving your feedback to the enclosed questions no later than **14 February 2020**.

Please forward your response to the Regional Governance Unit (email: [eugovernance@who.int](mailto:eugovernance@who.int)). I would like to thank you in advance for your contribution and support.

Yours very truly,

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Short review of the country offices in the WHO European Region

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