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Dear Sir or Madam,

Referring to the Secretariat's circular letter to European Member States, dated 13 January 2021, calling for nominations for membership to WHO bodies and committees, I would like to inform you that the Twenty-eighth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC), which met virtually on 10–11 March 2021, has agreed to extend the deadline for these nominations.

Since insufficient nominations were received by the indicated deadline of 10 March, an extension has been agreed until **Wednesday, 31 March 2021**. The deadline is extended in consideration of the fact that all Member States in the WHO European Region are currently under great pressure in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as implementing national vaccine roll-out plans.

For further details about the requirements for the submission of nominations and the process ahead, I refer you to the previous circular letter, which is attached.

As I mentioned in my opening statement at the SCRC meeting last week, I remain very committed to the role of our governing bodies in steering innovation and reform within WHO, and particularly in guiding the implementation of the European Programme of Work, 2020–2025 – “United Action for Better Health in Europe” (EPW) and its four flagship initiatives. SCRC members also stated that a strong and equitable representation of the entire European Region in the governing bodies and at regional and global levels is now more important than ever. Therefore, I would like to encourage Member States to submit nominations to fill the vacant seats.

Yours very truly,

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
Regional Director

Attachments:

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Curriculum vitae form for nomination for membership of the Executive Board

Curriculum vitae form for nomination for membership of the Standing Committee to the Regional Committee for Europe

Curriculum vitae form for nomination for membership of the Policy and Coordination Committee of the Special

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Dear Sir or Madam,

With this circular letter, I am initiating the annual process of nominating and electing new members for the WHO bodies and committees, which will be concluded at the 71st session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, to be convened from 13 to 15 September 2021.

In accordance with Rules 14.2.2 (a) and 14.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe, Member States are invited to notify the WHO Regional Director for Europe by no later than **10 March 2021** of any nominations they wish to make for membership of any of the following WHO bodies and committees: Executive Board (2 vacant seats), Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) (4 vacant seats) and the Policy and Coordination Committee of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP) (1 vacant seat).

In this regard, I would like to draw your attention to resolutions EUR/RC63/R7 and EUR/RC60/R3, which provide, inter alia, for equitable geographical balance and periodicity of membership of the Member States in the European Region in the Executive Board and the SCRC.

You will find more details about the requirements for the submission of nominations and further details on the process ahead in the annex to this letter.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of the active participation of Member States in the governance of WHO and my strong belief in open and constructive engagement to reflect and represent the needs and views of our entire Region.

Yours very truly,

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
Regional Director

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Annex: Specifications of the 2021 process for nominations and elections

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Vacancies for WHO bodies and committees

Executive Board

Two seats on the Executive Board will become vacant at the closing of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022, when the terms of office of the members designated by Austria and Tajikistan will expire.

According to the long-term schedule established in Annex 2. A of decision EUR/RC69(1), these vacancies will be filled as follows:

- one vacant seat in Group A;
- no vacant seat in Group B; and
- one vacant seat in Group C.

Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Four seats on the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) will become vacant at the closing of the 71st session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, when the terms of office of Croatia, Poland, the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation will expire.

Following the election at the 70th session of the Regional Committee, there was an extra nomination in Group A to compensate for the lack of any nominations in Group B, despite an extension of the deadline. The Regional Committee agreed with the proposal made by the Twenty-seventh SCRC to move the seat back to Group B in 2021 in order to restore the geographical balance as provided for by the agreed subregional country groupings (established by resolution EUR/RC60/R3). Therefore, the long-term schedule established in Annex 2. B of decision EUR/RC69(1) was changed as follows:

- no vacant seat in Group A (instead of one);
- two vacant seats in Group B (instead of one);
- two vacant seats in Group C (unchanged).

Policy and Coordination Committee of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP)

One Category 2 seat will become vacant on 1 January 2022 when the extended term of office of Czechia expires.

Requirements for submitting nominations for membership of WHO bodies and committees

Only nominations received no later than 10 March 2021 will be presented to the Regional Committee at its 71st session in September 2021. Nominations should be submitted to the following email address: eugovernance@who.int.

Each candidature must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae in standard format and a letter of intent. Curriculum vitae forms in standard format to be completed for the candidates that Member States intend to appoint if elected for any of the above-mentioned bodies and committees are attached. These forms are also accessible via <https://euro.sharefile.com>. To log on to the website, please use the following user name and password:

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- **User name:** eugovernance@who.int
 - **Password:** Documentation2021! (*please note that the password is case sensitive*)
 - **Folder:** WHO/EURO Nominations 2021

The letter of intent must be written in one of the four official languages of the WHO European Region and should not exceed 600 words in length. It should include a short description of the following items:

- an overview of the key elements of the relations between WHO and the nominating Member State, including events or programmes of particular relevance to the Member State concerned;
- which WHO priorities the nominating Member State plans to represent during its three-year membership term; and
- how the nominating Member State plans to achieve those priorities during its three-year term, and the reasons why the Member State is applying for membership of a governing body.

To facilitate a comparative consideration of the candidacies submitted by Member States, the letter of intent may include:

- a record of Member States' engagement with WHO's governance and technical activities; for example, active participation in governing bodies' meetings, or in special programmes such as the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) and HRP, active participation and involvement in intergovernmental negotiations launched under the aegis of WHO, compliance with reporting requirements to WHO at regional or global level, as well as other examples considered relevant by Member States to demonstrate a high level of engagement with WHO;
- details and evidence of their commitment to the implementation of global and regional WHO policies considered as a priority by them within the framework of their national health policies as well as their foreign policy; and
- details of how they aim to engage and cooperate with WHO if elected, and the contributions they intend to make as members of the SCRC, the Executive Board or HRP.

Further process

Before the opening of the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly in May 2021, all Member States of the WHO European Region will be notified of the nominations received, and provided with the related curricula vitae of the nominated representatives and their letters of intent.

At its fourth and fifth sessions, in May and September 2021 respectively, the Twenty-eighth SCRC will review all nominations received in a private session, with the aim of seeking consensus among Member States submitting nominations and agreeing on a list of candidates equal to the number of seats to be filled. The countries not recommended for shortlisting may expect to be contacted by the SCRC before the 71st session of the Regional Committee.

It should also be emphasized that according to Rule 14.2.2 (d) of the Rules of Procedure, Member States having submitted nominations must be represented at the Regional Committee during the relevant agenda item otherwise their nominations will not be considered.

Since the Twenty-ninth SCRC will hold its first session on the final day of the 71st session of the Regional Committee on Wednesday, 15 September 2021, Member States submitting nominations to the SCRC are encouraged to make arrangements for their representatives, if elected, to be present at the first session of the Twenty-ninth SCRC.