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National Counterpart
Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons
from the Occupied Territories, Labour,
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Dear Ms Gabunia,

WHO expert mission on Schistosomiasis
28-30 October 2019

The World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe highly appreciates fruitful cooperation with the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.

Referring to the letter from the L. Sakvarelidze National Center for Disease Control and Public Health about possible suspected cases of Schistosomiasis in Georgia we would like to propose a WHO expert mission to Georgia on 28-30 October 2019.

The missions will consist of the following specialists:

- Dr Amadou Garba Djirmay, Scientist, Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, WHO HQ
- Professor Russell Stothard, Department of Parasitology, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

The aims of the mission are to visit the suspected areas of transmission, discuss the issue with the research team and together with the specialists from the L. Sakvarelidze National Center for Disease Control and Public Health plan further activities.

We hope that this proposal, including dates, will be accepted by your Ministry. Should you have any questions related to this letter, please direct them to Dr Elkhan Gasimov, Technical officer, Malaria, NTDs and other parasitic diseases (gasimove@who.int).

Thanking you in advance and looking forward to receiving your reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,



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