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Ms Riina Sikkut Minister of Health Ministry of Social Affairs Suur-Ameerika 1 10129 Tallinn Estonia

Dear Madam,

I am writing to follow up on my previous correspondence dated 28 September 2023, wherein I requested confirmation or nomination of a focal point to the European Environment and Health Task Force (EHTF) in order to advance the implementation of the Declaration of the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Budapest Declaration).

Allow me to highlight the significance of the role of the focal point within the European Environment and Health Process (EHP). According to the institutional arrangements for the EHP,¹ the responsibilities of the focal point include actively participating in the EHTF's annual meetings, contributing to the development and implementation of its programme of work, and facilitating the achievement of the objectives of the Budapest Declaration at national level.

The current EHTF focal point from your country is: Ms Aive Telling, Head of Chemical Safety, Public Health Department, Ministry of Social Affairs, Suur-Ameerika 1, Tallinn 15027, Estonia, Tel: aive.telling@sm.ee; Tel: +3727153474

The forthcoming meeting of the EHTF is scheduled for 26–27 June 2024 in Utrecht, Netherlands (Kingdom of the). To ensure your ministry's effective participation in this event, we kindly request confirmation of the current focal point or the appointment of a new one. Please provide his/her functional title, name of institution/ministry, physical address, telephone number and email address to the WHO Secretariat (euceh@who.int) by 20 June 2024. An alternate focal point may also be named if desired.

We extend this invitation to both the Minister of Health and the Minister for the Environment of your country to nominate the focal points.

The WHO Regional Office for Europe, through its European Centre for Environment and Health in Bonn, Germany, continues to support Member States in implementing the commitments of the Budapest Declaration.

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¹ https://iris.who.int/handle/10665/347266.

Yours very truly,

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