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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS OF THE MEMBER
STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Subject: Invitation to nominate Member State representatives to the Committee
on serious cross-border threats to health (in accordance with Article 29
of Regulation (EU) 2022/2371)**

Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU ⁽¹⁾ empowers the European Commission to designate EU reference laboratories in the area of public health or for specific areas of public health, *“to provide support to national reference laboratories to promote good practice and alignment by Member States on a voluntary basis on diagnostics, testing methods, use of certain tests for the uniform surveillance, notification and reporting of diseases by Member States”*.

On 22 March 2024, the European Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/892, which designated the first six EU reference laboratories for certain specific areas of public health ⁽²⁾. The adoption was based on the opinion of the Committee on serious cross-border threats to health formulated in a meeting on 7 March 2024, for which you nominated a representative from your country.

The European Commission has prepared a second Implementing Regulation, which would designate further three EU reference laboratories in certain specific areas of public health. The Committee on serious cross-border threats to health will again be tasked to provide an opinion for the Commission regarding the adoption of this Implementing Regulation.

For the purpose of the above-mentioned adoption, the Committee will be convened on **Tuesday 12 November from 11:00-12:00 (CET)**.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU (OJ L 314, 6.12.2022, p. 26).

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/892 of 22 March 2024 designating European Union reference laboratories for certain specific areas of public health (OJ L, 2024/892, 25.3.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2024/892/oj).

We would like to invite you to **nominate a representative of your country to the Committee on serious cross-border threats to health**. Please let us know if you decide to nominate the same representative who took part in the meeting of the Committee on serious cross-border threats to health in March this year, and who is already familiar with the comitology process and the topic of the EU reference laboratories.

We would be grateful to receive your nominations to the Committee on serious cross-border threats to health by Wednesday 16 October 2024. Please send your nominations to SANTE-CONSULT-B2@ec.europa.eu.

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