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Dear Minister,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that, in accordance with Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC), the WHO Regional Committee for Europe at its 76th session, on 28 October 2026, elected Estonia to serve on the SCRC for a three-year term, starting immediately and lasting until the 79th session of the Regional Committee in October 2029.

By a letter dated 14 April 2026, Ms Anniki Lai, the Deputy Secretary General for Health Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs, was nominated as the representative of Estonia on the SCRC. May I kindly request that you confirm in writing, at your earliest convenience and, and in any event, within the next 10 days, Ms Lai's appointment to attend the SCRC. Please note that the representative on the SCRC may be accompanied by one alternate or adviser (Rule 2.4).

I would also like to inform you of the provisional dates of the upcoming sessions of the Thirty-fourth SCRC:

- Second session 2: 10–11 February 2027 (in-person, Copenhagen)
- Third session 3: 14 April 2027 (virtual)
- Futth session 4: 23–24 June 2027 (in-person, location TBC)
- Fifth session 5: 6 October 2027 (virtual)

Ad hoc or special sessions of the Thirty-fourth SCRC may also be convened if deemed necessary. Invitation letters and practical information for all sessions will be sent directly to SCRC members.

The Governance team of the WHO Regional Office for Europe will support newly elected members in their role, including organizing an induction briefing in the coming weeks to provide a comprehensive overview of the SCRC's operations and address any questions or concerns.

Please accept my congratulations on assuming this important regional governance function, as defined in Rule 14.2.10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe. I look forward to a constructive and fruitful collaboration and dialogue.

Yours very truly,

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