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Dear Sir/Madam,

## Invitation to the 74th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe 29–31 October 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark

Date: 18 July 2024

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER STATES

IN THE WHO EUROPEAN REGION.

I have the honour to convene the 74th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC74), in accordance with Rule 4 of the Regional Committee's Rules of Procedure. The Regional Committee is the highest decision-making body of the 53 Member States in the WHO European Region and shapes political commitment and action to improve public health and health outcomes across the Region.

As we approach the end point of the current European Programme of Work, 2020–2025, RC74 will provide a unique platform to celebrate the advances we have made on shared priorities and to reflect together on four years of impact in countries through united action for better health.

Importantly, RC74 will nominate the WHO Regional Director for Europe for the 2025–2030 period – a critical time for WHO and its Member States as we move forward together to implement the Fourteenth General Programme of Work, supported by the forthcoming WHO Investment Round.

In addition, RC74 will provide an opportunity to tackle priority health challenges, including next steps in improving access to novel medicines; building resilient and sustainable health systems; operationalizing One Health; and ensuring preparedness for future emergencies, where Emergency Medical Teams will play a key role. As we set course for 2030, we will also consider how to harness health innovations and emerging technologies to improve health for all.

This year, delegates are invited to attend the session in person from 29 to 31 October at UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark. I enclose, for information, the RC74 provisional programme, in addition to the guide for participants.

When considering your national delegation, please consider including the WHO national counterpart for your country. In addition, I would like to encourage you to include a youth delegate, as part of the WHO Regional Office for Europe's commitment to increase youth engagement in public health decision-making in the Region.

I look forward to welcoming you to RC74 as we continue our work together to leave no one behind.

Yours very truly,

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