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Dear Madam,

**WHO Leadership Dialogue on Global Health Diplomacy
7–11 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium**

I am writing to invite you to nominate a senior official from your government to participate in the WHO Leadership Dialogue on Global Health Diplomacy, scheduled to take place, in person, on 7–11 October 2024 in Brussels, Belgium. This initiative is particularly important to me, as I strongly believe that health diplomacy, if well conducted, can bring multiple benefits to the health sector, as well as to a country's image in the international arena.

The Dialogue is open to one senior official from each country, preferably dealing with international relations (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) or global health (Ministry of Health) at the level of Deputy Minister or Secretary of State. WHO representatives from invited countries will also attend. The meeting will be held in English.

A high-level reception will take place on the evening of 7 October, followed by an intensive four-day Dialogue. The concept of the Dialogue has been developed by the WHO Representation Office to the European Union, in collaboration with a distinguished group of academics and experts in the field.

I would be grateful if you could send the name and title of your nominee by 25 August 2024 to Dr Oxana Domenti, WHO Representative to the European Union, at weu@who.int. The WHO Regional Office for Europe will cover travel and accommodation costs. The country office will liaise with you to arrange travel and accommodation.

I would like to reiterate my deep appreciation for your support for our work. I hope that together we will create a high-profile flagship Leadership Dialogue on Global Health Diplomacy and build the necessary regional capacities to keep health high on the political agenda.

Yours very truly,

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
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Concept Note of the WHO Leadership Dialogue on Global Health Diplomacy

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