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Dear Ms Sõber,

WHO/Europe Access to Novel Medicines Platform Consensus-building meeting, 2–3 July 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark

The WHO/Europe Access to Novel Medicines Platform (NMP) is delighted to invite you to the first consensus-building meeting of the NMP to be held in person at UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark, on 2–3 July 2024.

The NMP was established in 2023 as a multistakeholder collaboration mechanism to promote dialogue and knowledge exchange between Member States, non-State actors, other partner organizations and stakeholders to identify concrete actions to improve patient access to effective, novel, high-cost medicines in the WHO European Region.

To date, and in accordance with WHO's Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors, 50 Member States and 49 non-State actors and other partners have joined the NMP. These stakeholders have provided nominations to participate in four time-limited working groups, from June 2023 to December 2025, focusing on the themes of transparency, solidarity, sustainability, and novel antimicrobials. Each working group has a Chair and two Vice-chairs who are responsible for the group's agenda, and who work independently with the group members.

The consensus-building meeting will be an opportunity for all members of the wider NMP, including the working group experts, to meet face to face. It will also provide a forum for each working group to outline its proposals and to discuss and agree with the broader NMP membership the next steps for implementation, including resource mobilization.

In addition to the national focal point already nominated to the NMP, who will be in receipt of a personal invitation, I would very much welcome your nomination of up to two high-level technical representatives to attend this important meeting. I look forward to receiving your nominations by Thursday 30 May 2024 via email to: <u>euro-nmp@who.int.</u>

The working language of the meeting will be English, with Russian interpretation. The meeting will be in person only. Kindly note that WHO will unfortunately not be in the position to cover any travel and accommodation expenses for this meeting.

The responsible technical officer for this meeting is Dr Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Director of the Division of Country Health Policies and Systems at the WHO Regional Office for Europe. Further information about the event and relevant documentation will be sent in due course. In the meantime, information about the ongoing work of the NMP can be found at the relevant WHO webpage: www.who.int/europe/groups/the-novel-medicines-platform. Please contact the NMP secretariat with any questions via email to: euro-nmp@who.int.

I very much look forward to welcoming your representatives to Copenhagen.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat Director, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems WHO Regional Office for Europe

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