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**Launch of the IARC Handbook of Cancer Prevention, Volume 20B,
14 October 2025 (10:00 to 11:30 CEST), Auditorium III, UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark**

Dear Madam,

It was a pleasure to welcome you recently to the WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe). I would like to thank you personally for your visit, as well as for Estonia's outstanding leadership and continued commitment to advancing effective alcohol policies. Your country's example is vital in promoting evidence-based action across the WHO European Region.

In this context, I am pleased to invite you to join us as a distinguished panellist for the high-level launch of the IARC Handbook of Cancer Prevention, Volume 20B. This event is being organized by WHO/Europe and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), and will take place on **Tuesday, 14 October 2025 from 10:00 to 11:30 CEST in Auditorium III, UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark**. The session will also be livestreamed, with the opportunity for online participation.

This launch marks a key milestone in the WHO/European Union (EU) Evidence into Action Alcohol (EVID-ACTION) Project which aims to advance alcohol policy for cancer prevention. The new Volume 20B of the IARC Handbook of Cancer Prevention presents comprehensive reviews and consensus evaluations of effective interventions to reduce cancer incidence and mortality, with a particular focus on the link between alcohol consumption and cancer.

Your participation in the event would be instrumental in catalysing high-level political engagement and multisectoral action on alcohol policy. It would also help to amplify the reach and impact of the Handbook's findings among policy-makers, public health leaders, cancer prevention experts and the media.

We look forward to continuing and deepening our collaboration with Estonia. WHO remains fully committed to providing technical support on alcohol taxation and other high-impact, evidence-based interventions to reduce alcohol-related harm and improve population health.

We very much hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and we look forward to your response. We would be grateful if you could inform us of your attendance copying the responsible technical focal point: Ms Maria Neufeld (neufeldm@who.int).

Please accept my assurance of our highest regard and commitment to our continued partnership.

Yours very truly,

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
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Enclosures:

Scope and purpose

Provisional programme

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