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Dear Ms Gabunia,

**WHO monitoring mission on vaccine management and vaccine safety activities in Georgia,  
11 to 13 March 2020**

The WHO Regional Office for Europe is pleased to inform you that we wish to continue providing technical support to Georgia to ensure best quality and safety of delivered vaccines by strengthening the national policy and practices on vaccine management and vaccine distribution, and the national system of surveillance of adverse events following immunization (AEFI).

Georgia has received technical assistance during the last two years to improve the performance of the national immunization supply chain and to strengthen the national system's ability to monitor and respond to AEFIs. Evidence-based recommendations to improve national policies and practices were provided following the Effective vaccine management assessment (November 2018) and the national workshop to support development of the National guideline on AEFI surveillance (September 2018). Furthermore, a GAVI post-transition plan of support, addressing vaccine safety issues, has been developed with partner's support (2019). We would like to propose that a WHO monitoring mission reviews jointly with key national stakeholders the progress and challenges to implementing the above recommendations and planned activities.

Should you agree with our proposal, we would like to suggest that Dr Oleg Benes, WHO Technical officer, visits Georgia from 11 to 13 March 2020.

The aim of the mission is to meet representatives of Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs and key structures responsible for immunization and vaccine safety policy development and implementation (including the national Center for Disease Control, the National Drugs Regulatory Authority and other relevant structures) to review jointly the following areas of work:

- current challenges related to vaccine management and vaccine safety;
- the implementation of the 2018 Effective Vaccine Management assessment recommendations;

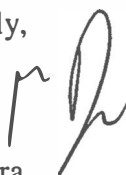
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- the adoption of the National AEFI surveillance Guideline;
  - the establishment of the national AEFI causality assessment committee;
  - required technical assistance to implement vaccine management and vaccine safety activities.

A mission report outlining key conclusions and further areas of joint action will be further prepared and submitted for your consideration.

Should you have questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Oleg Benes, Technical Officer, Vaccine-preventable Diseases and Immunization, Division of Health Emergencies and Communicable Diseases (tel. +45 45 33 70 52, fax +45 45 33 70 01, e-mail: [beneso@who.int](mailto:beneso@who.int) ).

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,



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