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Dear Ms Gabunia,

**WHO Training Workshop on Air Quality and Health  
Strengthening Capacities in Assessing Health Risks of Air Pollution  
Tbilisi, Georgia, 12–15 November 2019**

I am very pleased that Georgia agreed to host the above training workshop.

The objective of this training workshop for environmental and public health experts from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia is to strengthen capacities in assessing health risks of air pollution, including through the use of a WHO user-friendly software tool (AirQ+), designed to quantify the health impacts of air pollution in a given population.

The four-day training, delivered in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the European Environment Agency, will include lectures, small group discussions and hands-on exercises. It will contribute to further increase awareness and understanding of the adverse health effects of air pollution, strengthen capacities in health risk assessment, and promote the use of AirQ+ in the WHO European Region.

An outline of the scope and purpose and the provisional agenda of the training workshop are enclosed. The working language will be English only.

I have the pleasure to invite you to facilitate the nomination of up to six participants, three from the health sector and three from the environmental sector, who could actively contribute to the workshop agenda. In particular, we would expect that the nominated persons are involved in the evaluation of the health effects of air pollution, in air pollution monitoring or assessment, and/or in formulating policies on air pollution control. Given the interactive nature of the training, they should be able to communicate easily in English, have a basic knowledge of IT tools and data analysis, and an interest in health impact assessment calculations.

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In preparation for the training, the nominated participants will be requested to collect relevant national health and population data, data from air quality monitoring in your country as well as to download the AirQ+ software from the WHO Regional Office for Europe website.

After the training, participants are expected to be able to apply the workshop content in their work. Further detailed instructions will be provided to the nominated participants in due course.

When considering a nomination, all the above-mentioned criteria for the participants ought to be taken into account. It would also be highly appreciated if you could coordinate the nominations for this training workshop with other relevant ministries and agencies.

We would be pleased to provide financial support for six nominated participants (travel and accommodation). Travel for participants will be arranged and paid for by WHO, in accordance with the WHO travel regulations.

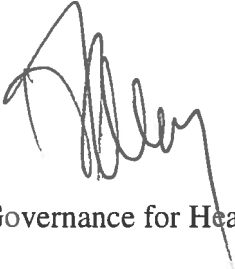
We look forward to receiving your nominations, including the names, functional titles, and postal and e-mail addresses of the proposed participants, at your earliest convenience, but not later than 18 October 2019, in order to allow sufficient time for travel arrangements to be made. We shall then communicate with the participants directly and provide the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time.

Dr Dorota Jarosinska has overall responsibility for this activity and it would be appreciated if you could address your reply to her at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

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**Enclosures:**

Scope and purpose  
Provisional agenda

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