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In an email dated 14 July 2015, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova informed the Regional Office of the decision to withdraw the candidacy of the country for membership to the Executive Board.

Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC)

In an email dated 15 May 2015, the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic informed the Regional Office of the decision to withdraw the candidacy of the country for membership to the SCRC.

In a letter dated 20 May 2015, the Minister of Health of Uzbekistan informed the Regional Office of the decision to withdraw the candidacy of his country for membership to the SCRC.

These withdrawals resulted in one vacancy on the SCRC in country Group C.

The Regional Director, in a letter dated 15 June 2015, informed Member States that the deadline for submitting nominations for membership to the SCRC would be re-opened, only for Member States in Group C, until 10 July 2015.

This document contains the curricula vitae of and letters of intent for the candidates in Group C nominated by the Governments of Tajikistan and Turkey, which were submitted to the Regional Office within the deadline.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

Member state making nomination: **TAJIKISTAN**

Family name YUSUFI **First/Other names** Salomudin

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 26 June 1968

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X		
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Fellow (academician), Academy of Medical Sciences, Republic of Tajikistan	2014
Associate, Academy of Medical Sciences, Republic of Tajikistan	2010
Master's degree in public health management, Tajik Institute of Post-Graduate Training for Medical Staff, Ministry of Health, Dushanbe, Tajikistan	2007–2009
Professor of pharmaceutical sciences, Assessment and Certification Committee in Research and Education, Astana, Kazakhstan	2005
Bachelor of technical sciences, Higher Certification Committee, Moscow, Russian Federation	1998

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Head, Department of Medical and Pharmaceutical Education, Human Resources and Science, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Tajikistan	2008–2015
Dean, Pharmaceutical Faculty, Ambuali Ibn Sino State Medical University, Tajikistan	2005–2008
Head, Department of Pharmacy and Medical Products, Ministry of Health, Tajikistan	2002–2005
Chairperson, Committee for the Development of the Pharmaceutical Industry, Ministry of Health, Tajikistan	1996–2002
Department Head, Quality Control of Medicines and Medical Products, Ministry of Health, Tajikistan	1995–1996

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Local expert, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Project for strengthening the pharmaceutical sector in Tajikistan	1999–2005
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Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

Chairperson, Technical Working Group, Implementation of the National Health Strategy, 2010–2020	2010 to date
Chairperson, Editorial and Publication Committee, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Tajikistan	2009 to date
Chairperson, Pharmacopoeial Committee, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Tajikistan	2005 to date

Name and position of person making nomination

Nusratullah Salimzoda, Minister of Health and Social Protection, Tajikistan

Letter of intent

Statement of intent for the Republic of Tajikistan's candidature for membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee

For the attention of:
WHO Regional Director for Europe
Ms Zsuzsanna Jakab

Dear Ms Jakab,

The Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan wishes to convey to you an expression of our deepest respect and gratitude for your unfaltering support in the field of health care in the Republic of Tajikistan.

We have the honour to inform you that, in response to your circular letter to all WHO Member States in the European Region with regard to the request for candidatures for membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (SCRC) from Group C (letter dated 15 June 2015), a decision has been taken to submit the candidature of Salomudin Yusufi, Head of the Department for Medical and Pharmaceutical Education, Human Resources and Science of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan. In this regard, we wish to draw your attention to the following statement of intent.

The World Health Organization is the United Nations' lead technical agency for health care in Tajikistan, and has had a country presence here since 1992. Since that time, fruitful cooperation has been established between the Ministry of Health and Social Protection and WHO, and significant technical and financial assistance has been received to help address fundamental health-care problems and conduct health-care reform. WHO and the Ministry of Health are working closely together to elaborate key strategic documents for launching fundamental reforms of the health care system.

Among other activities, Tajikistan contributes to the work of the Organization through its annual participation in the World Health Assembly in Geneva, to elaborate the Organization's policies and approve its budget. During the recent 68th session of the Health Assembly, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland, Tajikistan's ministerial delegation addressed the following issues: coordination of the health-care sector through the implementation of the national health care strategy 2010–2020; annual health care discussions and summits in Tajikistan; ratification of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control by the Parliament of Tajikistan.

WHO and the Government of Tajikistan meet their obligations with regard to improving public health through the biennial Country Cooperation Agreement, concluded between the Ministry of Health and the WHO Regional Office for Europe every two years.

In order to plan and set priorities for WHO and Ministry of Health cooperation for 2016–2017, a meeting was held in April 2014, which was attended by high-level officials from the Ministry of Health and representatives of WHO in Tajikistan. During the meeting, participants discussed the situation and timeframe for planning WHO activities for 2016–2017, as well as the strategic directions for health sector reform, set out during the last annual Joint Assessment of the National Health Protection Strategy 2010–2020. During the discussions, the participants talked about a variety of priority areas for cooperation between Tajikistan and WHO in the context of WHO's five categories of work: communicable diseases; noncommunicable diseases; promoting health through the life-course; health systems; and preparedness, surveillance and response.

The meeting culminated in consensus on the need to prioritize the following programme areas:

- Communicable diseases
 - Tuberculosis
 - Vaccine preventable diseases
- Noncommunicable diseases
 - Disability and rehabilitation
- Promoting health through the life-course
 - Reproductive health, and maternal, infant, child and adolescent health
 - Social determinants of health
 - Environment and Health
- Health systems
 - National health-care policies, strategies and plans
 - Complex social health services
- Preparedness, surveillance and response
 - Possibilities for warnings and response measures
 - Managing risks in crisis and emergency situations

As a member of the SCRC, Tajikistan, through our candidate, will actively promote the decisions of the Regional Committee for Europe, both in Tajikistan and in other Member States, by sharing experiences and providing comprehensive consultative support. Tajikistan will also participate actively in meetings of the Executive Board, contributing to taking decisions and implementing them.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration,

N. Salimzoda
Minister

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

Member state making nomination: **TURKEY**

Family name GÜRSÖZ **First/Other names** Hakki

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** September 1975

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Anadolu University, Faculty of Economics	2015
Master's education in public health, Hacettepe University	2014 to date
Master's education in health economics, University o Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain	2010 to date
Certificate of Health Services Management and Administration, Refik Saydam Hygiene Center Presidency, School of Public Health	2009
Ankara University, Faculty of Medicine	2001

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Vice-President, Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	2012 to date
Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Health	2010–2012
Deputy Director, Ministry of Health, Refik Saydam Hygiene Center Presidency, School of Public Health	2005–2010
General Practitioner, Chief Physician, Kirikkale Health Centre	2001–2005

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Delegate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Health Committee, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs	2007–2012
Project Coordinator, Health Transformation and Social Security Reform Project of Turkey, financially and technically supported by the World Bank	2005–2010
Turkish Health System Performance Assessment Study, World Health Organization	2009–2010
Turkish Health System Review Study, OECD and the World Bank	2007–2008

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

Chairperson, Pharmaceutical Registration Committee	2015
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Name and position of person making nomination

Öner Güner, Director General of EU and Foreign Affairs, Turkey

Letter of intent

Dear Ms. Jakab,

It is my pleasure to update you regarding the nomination of Turkey to the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC). As a country attributing importance to the geographical representation in WHO bodies, Turkey is honoured to submit nomination of Dr. Hakkı Gürsöz, Vice-President of Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency, upon the withdrawal of the Uzbekistan's candidacy.

It's our sincere belief that SCRC is at the heart of regional policy making and governance with a very busy and comprehensive schedule. We are aware of that the work SCRC is doing on Health 2020, governance, sun setting of the resolutions and compilation of regional needs into a realistic and feasible agenda constitutes a great benchmark for whole WHO.

In this framework, we think that the countries with vast experience and interest on global agenda, such as Turkey, should be the members of this outstanding Committee. Therefore, you can count on Turkey's active and efficient participation in SCRC meetings as we have demonstrated in our previous membership between 2010-2013 as a member of the Health 2020 and governance working groups.

Turkey is also a country that dramatically improved health status of citizens in a decade time by implementing Health Transformation Program with the motto of "from rhetoric to reality". We believe that membership of Turkey would fall in with EURO region's action in terms of "walking the talk" on Health 2020, as both aims to sustain the health gains of well-being for all ages. Beyond that, we are fully aware of the change in the global agenda with an enhanced focus on communicable disease threats, emergencies and NCDs.

In terms of communicable diseases and emergencies Turkey is only country on the border of EURO with EMRO and also serve as a geographical bridge between Europe and Asia. Like gatekeeper Turkey constitutes a wall barrier to EURO region for the public health threats such as polio outbreaks by operating extensively in its southern borders. Vaccination campaigns, public awareness raising activities, strengthened surveillance is conducted in collaboration with international agencies and NGOs with the excellent participation from Gaziantep Field Office. We believe, Turkey's membership in SCRC, would highlight the good example in terms of collaboration with international partners, provide a good opportunity to disseminate lessons learnt from health crisis and provide timely and accurate information from field to recalibrate health policies promptly in need.

Beyond these, Turkey is advancing on negotiations with EURO office to establish a GDO on Humanitarian and Health Emergencies to compliment regional efforts. Also the application is made for URLASİM to be accredited as WHO Collaboration Center in order to increase contributions to regional preparedness capacity.

In terms of NCDs Turkey is one of the most successful countries on combating tobacco and contributing to many initiatives on bilateral, multilateral and NGO levels with strong support of EURO. We hold a firm belief that transferring the country experience to EURO via SCRC would strengthen and increase the quality of constructive efforts of region.

Lastly, as a country actively participating to WHO reform process, from the start Turkey is supporting the reform with a belief of transforming WHO into transparent, efficient, and coherent organization and would continue too. We attach special importance to strategic budget space allocation mechanism and potential of this endeavour to balance WHO in terms of financing, implementation and transparency. In line with Turkey's cross-border vision in health, we also believe that WHO Reform would help Organization to achieve its role as the global champion of health and would contribute placing of health high in foreign policy agenda.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Öner Güner
Director General of
EU and Foreign Affairs

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