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In accordance with rules 14.2.2 and 14.3 of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe's rules of procedure, the Regional Director, by circular letter of 11 January 2019, invited all Member States of the European Region to submit, by 15 March 2019, nominations for membership of the:

- Executive Board; and
- Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe.

This document contains, for each of the above bodies, the terms of reference, an overview of the membership of the body in question, and the curricula vitae of the candidates and letters of intent (where applicable) received by the Secretariat in accordance with the aforementioned deadline.

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I. Executive Board of the World Health Organization

Functions

1. Article 28 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization (WHO) stipulates that the functions of the Executive Board shall be:

- (a) to give effect to the decisions and policies of the Health Assembly;
- (b) to act as the executive organ of the Health Assembly;
- (c) to perform any other functions entrusted to it by the Health Assembly;
- (d) to advise the Health Assembly on questions referred to it by that body and on matters assigned to the Organization by conventions, agreements and regulations;
- (e) to submit advice or proposals to the Health Assembly on its own initiative;
- (f) to prepare the agenda of meetings of the Health Assembly;
- (g) to submit to the Health Assembly for consideration and approval a general programme of work covering a specific period;
- (h) to study all questions within its competence;
- (i) to take emergency measures within the functions and financial resources of the Organization to deal with events requiring immediate action. In particular it may authorize the Director-General to take the necessary steps to combat epidemics, to participate in the organization of health relief to victims of a calamity and to undertake studies and research the urgency of which has been drawn to the attention of the Board by any Member or by the Director-General.

2. The Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board can be found in *Basic documents*,¹ together with the WHO Constitution and other official documentation, and can be accessed on the Governance pages of the WHO website at <http://www.who.int/gb/bd/>.

Present membership from the European Region

3. The European Region has eight seats on the Executive Board of WHO, which from May 2019 will be filled by persons designated by Austria, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Israel, Italy, Romania and Tajikistan. Two seats will become vacant in May 2020, when the terms of office of the members designated by Georgia and Italy will expire.

4. In a letter dated 11 January 2019, Member States were requested to inform the Regional Director whether they wished to submit candidatures for election at the Seventy-third World Health Assembly in May 2020.

5. It will be recalled that the Regional Committee at its 63rd session in 2013 adopted resolution EUR/RC63/R7, which prescribes the criteria for and selection of candidatures for membership of the Executive Board.

¹ Basic documents – 48th edition. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2014.

6. The following nominations were received at the Regional Office by 15 March 2019 and curricula vitae in standard format and the letters of intent are contained in pages 7 to 22.²

Belarus (Dr Valeriy Anatolievich Malashko)

Russian Federation (Professor Veronika Igorevna Skvortsova)

Slovakia (Dr Mario Miklosi)

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Professor Christopher John MacRae Whitty)

Overview of membership

7. Table 1 shows those countries of the European Region that designated members of the Executive Board during the period 1994–2020.

² The curricula vitae and letters of intent are presented as submitted by the candidates without any amendment nor editing of the content by the Secretariat.

Country	WHA 47 1994	WHA 48 1995	WHA 49 1996	WHA 50 1997	WHA 51 1998	WHA 52 1999	WHA 53 2000	WHA 54 2001	WHA 55 2002	WHA 56 2003	WHA 57 2004	WHA 58 2005	WHA 59 2006	WHA 60 2007	WHA 61 2008	WHA 62 2009	WHA 63 2010	WHA 64 2011	WHA 65 2012	WHA 66 2013	WHA 67 2014	WHA 68 2015	WHA 69 2016	WHA 70 2017	WHA 71 2018	WHA 72 2019	WHA 73 2020
Republic of Moldova														X	XXX	XXX	X										
Romania											X	XXX	XXX	X											X	XXX	XXX
Russian Federation ^c	X	XXX	XXX	X	X	XXX	XXX	X	X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX	X			
San Marino																											
Serbia ^d																	X	XXX	XXX	X							
Slovakia																											
Slovenia													X	XXX	XXX	X											
Spain									X	XXX	XXX	X															
Sweden							X	XXX	XXX	X											X	XXX	XXX	X			
Switzerland						X	XXX	XXX	X									X	XXX	XXX	X						
Tajikistan																										X	XXX
Turkey	XXX	XXX	X										X	XXX	XXX	X								X	XXX	XXX	X
Turkmenistan																											
Ukraine																											
United Kingdom	XXX	X	X	XXX	XXX	X		X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX	X				X	XXX	XXX	X			
Uzbekistan																		X	XXX	XXX	X						

Shading indicates years prior to becoming a Member State.

^a In accordance with Rule 105 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, "The term of office of each Member entitled to designate a person to serve on the Board shall begin immediately after the closing of the session of the Health Assembly at which the Member concerned is elected and shall end immediately after the closing of the session of the Health Assembly during which the Member is replaced".

^b Reassigned from the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region to the WHO European Region as per resolution WHA56.16 in May 2003.

^c Membership of the former USSR has been continued by the Russian Federation.

^d Formerly Serbia and Montenegro.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: BELARUS
Family name: MALASHKO **First/Other names:** Valeriy Anatolievich
Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 3 June 1966

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

	Speak	Read	Write
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first **Year**

Presidential Academy of Governance, Belarus	2007
Minsk Medical Institute	1989

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level) **Year (start-end)**

Minister of Health of Belarus	2017 to date
Minister of Labour and Social Security of Belarus	2016–2017
Deputy Chair of the Mogilev Regional Executive Committee	2009–2016
Head of the Department of Health at the Mogilev Regional Executive Committee	2005–2009
Chief physician of the Mogilev Regional Children's Hospital	1997–2004

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first **Year (start-end)**

Head of the delegation of Belarus to the World Health Assembly	2018
Head of the delegation of Belarus to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe	2018
Head of the delegation of Belarus to the World Health Assembly	2017
Delegate to the International Conferences of the Red Cross	2011–2017

2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session) **Year (start-end)**

Deputy Chair of the Interagency Committee on Healthy Lifestyles, Control of NCDs and Prevention of Harmful Use of Alcohol, Alcohol Dependency, Use of Illicit Drugs and Use of Tobacco, Council of Ministers of Belarus	2017 to date
Chair of the Interagency Coordination Council on Psychological Support	2017 to date
Deputy Chair of the National Committee on Population, Council of Ministers of Belarus	2017 to date
Deputy Chair of the National Interagency Council on Disability	2017 to date

3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)

Year (start-end)

Delegate to the sessions of the Council for Health Cooperation of the Commonwealth of Independent States	2018
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Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)

Year (start-end)

Coordinating implementation of the National Programme on Population Health and Demographic Security of Belarus for 2016–2020	2017 to date
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Coordinating cooperation with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria to implement the grants to fight HIV/AIDS and TB	2017 to date
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Coordinating cooperation with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	2017 to date
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Title, name and position of person making the nomination

D.L. Pinevich, First Deputy Minister of Health of Belarus
WHO National Focal Point

Letter of intent

The Ministry of Health of Belarus hereby nominates Dr Valeriy Malashko as a candidate for the WHO Executive Board.

WHO fully supports the Government of Belarus in fulfilling its national priorities. Belarus, in turn, not only fully supports WHO's initiatives, but also contributes, as much as possible, to their practical implementation.

Belarus consistently implements WHO guidelines in the following areas: planning and forecasting of human resources for health, strengthening the capacity of health workers, raising the efficiency of funding allocation, and provision of integrated health services.

Belarus places great importance on cooperation with WHO in the areas of prevention of noncommunicable diseases, protection and promotion of reproductive, mother and child and perinatal health, elimination of communicable diseases, such as HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and hepatitis C, and improving access to affordable, effective and high-quality antiretroviral and TB medicines.

Belarus is implementing the National Programme for Population Health and Demographic Security of Belarus for 2016–2020, which proposes comprehensive measures to promote public health and reduce health inequities, by applying intersectoral and whole-of-society approaches to create a health-conducive environment.

Belarus is fully committed to implementing the 2030 Agenda and has taken major steps to further it at the national level, including the adoption of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development, identification of major targets to be achieved by 2030, and establishing platforms to facilitate the national implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Today we are reporting on most indicators for the SDGs and their targets.

Being a socially-oriented state, Belarus places great importance on the issues of health and healthy lifestyles. Major steps have been taken to support the implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in Belarus.

Belarus is willing to further support WHO policies, strategies and reforms aimed at reducing health inequities, promoting public health, and developing equitable and high-quality health systems acting throughout the life course, from birth through old age.

Belarus can greatly contribute to this process by sharing its experience of introducing the socially-oriented health-care model and universal health coverage, of creating a favourable environment for mothers and children, as well as eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis and strengthening the epidemiological surveillance system. The experience of Belarus can help strengthen the implementation of the sustainable development agenda and support other countries.

Belarus is willing to promote, facilitate and support action in the following areas:

1. Consolidating actions to finalize the implementation of Health 2020, the European policy for health, and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the WHO European Region.

2. Promoting efficient, affordable and cost-effective technologies, best practices and initiatives for prevention of NCDs as a key component of efforts to reduce health inequity and close the life expectancy gap between men and women.
3. Developing and strengthening national efforts to promote mother and child health and creating favourable conditions for healthy birth and early development, as well as for managing pregnancy and childbirth by qualified health workers.
4. In these times of globalization and intensive population movements Belarus is willing to contribute to strengthening countries' commitment to ending HIV/AIDS and TB by 2030, as well as to implementing the 90-90-90 strategy of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS and the global End TB Strategy.
5. Promoting action on the environment and strengthening countries' capacity to respond to health emergencies.
6. Developing and implementing national policies on e-health and supporting the European Health Information Initiative.
7. Promoting measures to control the tobacco epidemic and reduce tobacco-related harm.

By becoming a member of the WHO Executive Board, Belarus would contribute to implementing global priorities and the decisions of the World Health Assembly, to improve health and well-being for all people in the WHO European Region.

V.A. Malashko,
Minister of Health, Belarus

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Family name: SKVORTSOVA **First/Other names:** Veronika Igorevna
Gender: Female **Date of birth:** 1 November 1960

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

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English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first **Year**

Professor	1999
Doctor of Medical Sciences	1993
Postgraduate training in diseases of the nervous system, Doctoral Candidate	1988
Clinical residency in diseases of the nervous system	1985
Second Moscow Order of Lenin, N.I. Pirogov State Medical Institute	1983

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Minister of Health of the Russian Federation	2012 to date
Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation	2008–2012
Director, Institute for Research on Cerebrovascular Pathology and Strokes, Russian State Medical University	2005–2008
Corresponding Member, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences	2004 to date
Deputy Editor-in-Chief, S.S. Korsakov Journal of Neurology and Psychiatry, and of the regular annex (Stroke)	2004 to date

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe	2011–2014 and 2018 to date
Executive Board of the World Health Organization	2014–2017
World Health Assembly	2008 to date
International Agency for Research on Cancer	2008 to date
Northern Dimension Partnership	2008 to date
UNAIDS	2008 to date

European Stroke Organization	2007 to date
World Stroke Organization	2006 to date
2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)	
	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Co-Chair of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs	2018 to date
Chair of the World Health Assembly	2017–2018
Chair of the Steering committee for the preparation of the first WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: a Multisectoral Response	2016–2017
Co-Chair of the International committee for the preparation of the first Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and NCD Control	2010–2011
Chair of the State commission for biological and chemical safety of the Russian Federation	2012–2016
Executive Secretary of the State commission for public health	2012–2018
Executive Director, World Stroke Federation	2004–2006
Secretary-General, European Stroke Council	2004–2008
3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)	
	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Member of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board on outbreaks, pandemics and other emergencies	2018 to date
Co-Chair of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs	2018 to date
Chair of the World Health Assembly	2017–2018
Chair of the Steering committee for the preparation of the first WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: a Multisectoral Response	2016–2017
Co-Chair of the International committee for the preparation of the first Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and NCD Control	2010–2011
Member of the Board of the European Stroke Organization	2007 to date
Member of the Board of the World Stroke Organization	2006 to date
Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)	
	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Was responsible for preparation and organization of the first WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: a Multisectoral Response (Moscow, 2017), with over 100 high-level representatives of countries and international organizations	2017
Was responsible for health services' preparedness for the FIFA World Cup	2018

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

Mr D.V. Kostennikov
State Secretary, Deputy Minister of Health of the Russian Federation

Letter of intent

Dear Dr Jakab,

The Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation assures you of its highest consideration and thanks you for your support to our activities aimed at promoting health at the regional and global levels.

The Russian Federation has consistently supported WHO programme activities at all levels.

For the Russian Federation, prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) is a major priority.

Since 2014, the Russian Federation has been continuously funding the activities of the WHO European Office on NCDs in Moscow, as well as the work of the UN Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, thus contributing to the implementation of national initiatives, in accordance with WHO guidelines, in 24 countries globally and in all Member States in the WHO European Region.

Since 2017, the Minister of Health of the Russian Federation has been Co-Chair of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs, facilitating the active involvement of Russian experts in the Commission's work on identifying priorities for NCD control.

Moreover, the Russian Federation is actively cooperating with WHO in the design and implementation of programmes to counter the spread of communicable diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), hepatitis, malaria, Ebola and others.

Since 2017, the Russian Federation has been funding the project on accelerating a multisectoral TB response, aimed at scaling up TB control in 25 countries with high rates of TB morbidity, incidence and mortality in 2018–2020.

The Russian Federation has been involved in intersectoral and interdisciplinary actions to control antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through WHO and related intergovernmental forums and offering its vast experience in preventing communicable diseases, promoting rational use of antimicrobials, and implementing measures to prevent and control AMR in the human and veterinary health sectors.

In view of the increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters, as well as the spread of hazardous pathogens, close multilateral cooperation at the global level has been gaining relevance.

The Russian Federation has extensive experience in public health emergency preparedness and response. Russian experience and research have been used in responding to the Ebola epidemic in the Republic of Guinea. Also, regular support in implementing the International Health Regulations (2005) is provided to partner countries in eastern Europe and central Asia.

Therefore, the Russian Federation's capacities and contribution to global health would facilitate our efforts, as a member of the Executive Board, to sustainably achieve WHO's strategic priorities as per the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, as well as the SDGs.

Our participation in the work of the WHO Executive Board will allow for effective subregional cooperation, and exchange of best practices and tools with the member countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and other Russian-speaking countries in the Region. Within such cooperation the Russian Federation makes voluntary contributions to support the use of the Russian language.

We note that our active engagement in various bodies, committees, working groups and meetings, organized by the World Health Organization and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, as well as our contribution to the work of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe and to the work of the Executive Board, will allow our candidate to quickly and competently engage in the work of the Executive Board and to deal with various tasks at both the global and European levels.

Therefore, the Russian Federation nominates its Minister of Health, Veronika Igorevna Skvortsova – Professor, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Honoured Scientist of the Russian Federation – for membership of the WHO Executive Board. Dr Skvortsova is a highly qualified professional with expertise in health system priority areas and good knowledge of national legislation and matters relating to international law. She has extensive experience in acting as the head of the Russian delegation to the WHO Executive Board and World Health Assembly (since 2008), Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (from 2011 to 2014 and from 2018 to date), WHO Regional Committee for Europe (from 2008), and to high-level meetings of the UN General Assembly and sessions of the UNAIDS governing board.

Please, Dr Jakab, accept the assurances of our highest consideration. We look forward to our continued collaboration.

D.V. Kostennikov

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: SLOVAKIA
Family name: MIKLOSI **First/Other names:** Mario
Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 13 May 1967

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

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English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first **Year**

PhD study at the Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Bratislava, specialisation Surgery Genetic factors in prostate cancer	2003
Attestation (license examination) in the specialization Urology - advanced degree	1997
Attestation (license examination) in the specialisation Urology - basic degree	1994
General Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Bratislava, M. D.	1991

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
WHO National Technical Focal Point for Health Systems, Ministry of Health	2016 till now
State Secretary, Ministry of Health	2014–2016
General Director of the Section of Health, Ministry of Health	2011–2014
Secretary Director, Health Care Surveillance Authority	2005–2006
Director of County Hospital Malacky, Slovakia	2003–2004

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
WHO Executive Board, World Health Assembly, Regional Committee team leader	2011–2019
Eight session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC	2018
UN CRC - Committee on the Rights of the Child Seventy-second session	2016
Head, Slovak delegation, WHO 68th World Health Assembly	2015
Head, Slovak delegation, WHO 65th Regional Committee for Europe	2015
Head, Slovak delegation, WHO Europe High-level meeting on refugee and migrant health, Roma	2015

2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Vice Chair of the Committee B, World Health Assembly	2017
Rapporteur of the Regional Committee, WHO Regional Committee for Europe, 68th session, Vilnius	2015
Chairperson of Session "Public health aspects of migration in the WHO European Region - setting the scene", WHO Europe High-level meeting on refugee and migrant health, Roma	2015
Slovak - Bosnia-Herzegovina negotiations on recognition of qualifications in health professions, Bratislava	2015
Negotiations of Ministers of Health of the Visegrad Group and Austria, Prague	2012

3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Member of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee	2016–2019
Member of the Regional Evaluation Group	2018–2019
UN CRC - Committee on the Rights of the Child; Consideration of reports of States parties: Slovakia	2016
WHA - official contribution in Plenary regarding public health, TB and resilient health systems	2015

Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
SCRC/RC - Slovak comments on the Strategy of the health and well-being of men in the WHO European Region	2018
Visegrad comments on the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Health 2020, the European policy framework for health and well-being, and review of the Joint monitoring framework	2018
Tuberculosis and vulnerable health literacy agenda - EB/WHA, RC, EU, Visegrad group - team leadership	2015–2019
Vice Chair of the Committee B, World Health Assembly	2017
Rapporteur of the Regional Committee, WHO Regional Committee for Europe, 68 session, Vilnius	2015
Chairperson of Session "Public health aspects of migration in the WHO European Region - setting the scene", WHO Europe High-level meeting on refugee and migrant health, Roma	2015

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

Ms Andrea Kalavská, Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic

Letter of intent

Candidature of the Slovak Republic to the Executive Board

Overview of the relations between Slovakia and the WHO

Since its membership in WHO, the Slovak Republic has been consistently committed to the achievement of the WHO goals, mandate and mission. The first candidature of the Slovak Republic to the Executive Board brings along the opportunity and challenge to move ahead health issues on national and global scale.

The Slovak participation in the Regional and Global Health Agenda has a growing tendency with a few examples to mention:

1. In 2016, the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union developed and upgraded cooperation with WHO, particularly in the field of Access to Medicines, Tuberculosis, AMR, Immunization and Non-Communicable Diseases. Slovakia successfully led WHO FCTC COP7 and COP8 negotiations on FCTC budgetary issues and vice - chaired the FCTC COP8 Committee B.
2. In the course of the years 2016-2019, Slovakia has been holding an active membership in the SCRC for Europe and, alongside, vice - chaired the Committee B during the 70th World Health Assembly. As of 2018, Slovakia has been active as a member of the SCRC Regional Evaluation Committee.
3. Since July 2018, Slovakia has been holding its fifth Presidency of the Visegrad Group and the process of regular V4&WHO sharing and interlinking has been launched.
4. In September 2018, Slovakia in close cooperation with WHO EURO and IOM organized Side event on Ending HIV, Tuberculosis and Viral Hepatitis at the 73rd Session of the UNGA HLM on TB in New York. In February 2019, multi-stakeholder event V4&WHO for Health: Fighting TB took place in Slovakia in order to contribute to global TB elimination efforts.
5. After Slovakia signed a Biennial Collaborative Agreement with WHO on the margins of RC67 2017, the negotiations brought impetus for the Slovak Government to start considering the intention to host a meeting of the WHO EURO Regional Committee in Slovakia with a preliminary date set to the year 2022.
6. Slovakia is a member of the European Advisory Committee for Health Research. In 2018, Slovakia joined the European Health Information Initiative (EHII).

The WHO priorities of particular relevance and the role of Slovakia

I believe that Slovakia can bring its experience and new ideas and proposals to EB agenda. I submit a short list of the WHO priorities of particular relevance:

1. *Tackling major health challenges: Non-communicable and communicable diseases*
 - Focus on health promotion and prevention. At the initiative of the Minister of Health, Slovakia declared the year 2019 as the year of prevention, putting the major emphasis on the medical examinations and the citizen's responsibility for own health and awareness.

- Since 2019, Slovakia has been participating in health literacy initiative and WHO National Health Literacy Demonstration Projects Program (NHLDP) for the Control and Management of NCDs.

2. *Resilient Health systems and Universal Health Coverage*

As a country where health services have been traditionally accessible and affordable, Slovakia has recently expanded the range of preventive medical insurance coverage and perceives further progress towards the UHC in implementing such measures that would respond to the ever-growing health needs, namely:

- Availability of quality health care by making use of standardized preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures;
- Availability of prevention, health promotion, early diagnosis and treatment for all;
- Patient safety and the introduction of quality indicators of preventive and health care.

3. *Tuberculosis and vulnerable communities*

The long history of intensive collaboration in the TB field has been reflected in the joint meeting of V4 countries and the WHO on 21 February 2019, during which the recognition of the National Institute for TB, Lung Diseases and Thoracic Surgery in Vysne Hagy as the WHO Collaborative Center was marked. The institute offers model solutions for working with vulnerable marginalized communities in the Central Europe.

Regarding the personal representation of the Slovak Republic in the WHO Executive Board, the Slovak government considers former State Secretary, Mr Mario Mikloši, to be suitable candidate for the execution of this membership. Mr Mikloši poses an extensive public health management experience at both national and international level, what makes his profile a full-scale fit to act in a constructive manner, which the binding role in the WHO Executive Board requires.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Kalavská
Minister
Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Family name: WHITTY **First/Other names:** Christopher John MacRae

Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 21 April 1966

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

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German	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first *Year*

Doctor of Science (DSc), Oxford University.	2011
Fellow, UK Academy of Medical Sciences (FMedSci).	2011
Master of Business Administration (MBA). Edinburgh Business School.	2010
Master of Science (MSc), Epidemiology. London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.	1996
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery. (BM BCh). Oxford University.	1991

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Chief Scientific Adviser, Director General and first Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Care.	2016–present
Professor of Public and International Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.	2009–present
Interim UK Government Chief Scientific Adviser.	2017–18
Chief Scientific Adviser, UK Department for International Development (DFID).	2009–15
Consultant Physician, University College London Hospitals and Hospital for Tropical Diseases.	2001–present

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Close work with WHO as a technical specialist (eg informal advisory groups on malaria eradication) and when working for DFID. Delegation leader for UK.	2006–present
Close work with international NGOs including MSF, Merlin (trustee), Sightsavers (trustee).	1999–present
Worked in clinical medicine and/or academic work in Malawi, Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Thailand, Brazil. 1992–2009. Involved work with many international development organisations.	1999–present

Worked on several international emergencies including Ebola in West Africa, Nepal earthquake. Involved work with multiple humanitarian bodies, and international bodies including WHO.	
Have worked with World Bank, UNHCR, CGIAR.	
2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Chair, UK Vaccines Network	2015–present
Chair, UK Clinical Research Collaboration	2016–present
Chair, UK Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens.	2015–16
Chair, National Expert Panel on New and Emerging Infections.	2006–09
3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Close work with WHO as a technical specialist (eg informal advisory groups on malaria eradication) and when working for DFID.	2006–present
Trustee and Board Member, Sightsavers International (NGO)	2018–present
Commissioner and Board Member, International Initiative on Impact Evaluation (3ie)	2012–15
Trustee and Board Member, Merlin (Medical Research International NGO)	2005–9
Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Close work with international NGOs including MSF.	1999–present
Director, ACT Consortium (African, Asian, American and European groups)	2005–9
Co-chair, Joint Malaria Programme, Tanzania	2002–5

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

Mr Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Letter of intent

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - nomination to the World Health Organization Executive Board in 2020

Dear Madam Regional Director,

I am pleased to present the United Kingdom candidature to the WHO Executive Board from 2020 – 2023. In so doing I would like to emphasise our unerring commitment to WHO and its role as the lead international agency for global health.

The UK – WHO relationship

UK support to WHO has not just been financial but a broader partnership of expertise and exchange, which includes a network of collaborating centres, secondment of experts, and technical provision not least through the emergency response teams.

The UK values its collaborative relationship with WHO and are proud to be a champion and critical friend for the organisation. We view these as two halves of the same aim; to help WHO to achieve its extensive programme of work and ambitious transformational agenda. This is an aim we have consistently pursued through our role in governing body meetings, including in previous terms on the Executive Board, and we commit to maintaining this approach during our next tenure.

What we will do

In returning to the Executive Board we would continue to engage actively through the WHO governing bodies on both governance and technical issues. We will champion the specific role of the Executive Board; to advise the WHA, facilitate its work, and hold WHO to account on delivering its decisions. As a member state led organization, we value and support the primacy of WHO's governing body functions.

The UK recognises that this will be an era of significant organisational and cultural change for WHO, we will support the mission to make WHO the modern, more joined up, establishment required to maximise its impact on health outcomes. We will back WHO's prioritisation of work against need and comparative advantage; its effective leadership in response to global health emergencies; and further embedding value for money across the Organization. We will contribute to the development of the tools needed to underpin these aspects, as we have done recently for the impact framework.

Overall, we will continue to support WHO in its vital role of delivering the health aspects of the SDGs, through the GPW; but also, its responsibility to work with other partners within and outside the UN system.

UK priorities

Over the 2020-2023 period health security will remain a UK priority for WHO activity. We will continue to support a strong WHE, and we are clear that this is an area where WHO leadership is critical. A central part of security is AMR and the UK will continue to press for WHO, and UN action more broadly. An effective polio eradication program is key for as long

as action is needed. In addition, we will support WHO in other priority areas such as NCDs, including disability and mental health; as well as communicable disease, particularly neglected tropical diseases.

We support WHO in its renewed focus on UHC, including patient safety, AMR which impacts both UHC and patient safety, digital and nutrition services. UHC is a fundamental principle for the UK and we will share experiences from our National Health Service where appropriate.

WHO is critical to addressing health issues requiring global solutions: this is why the UK has recently played a leading role in securing resolutions for topics such as patient safety and AMR, which greatly benefit from WHO leadership. The UK will continue to focus our attention and drive progress where WHO best adds value, and to prioritise our actions through this lens.

I therefore have the honour to present Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Scientific Advisor, Department of Health and Social Care, as the United Kingdom candidate to the WHO Executive Board for the period 2020-2023. I believe Professor Whitty has the necessary expertise and commitment and will bring valuable experience to the Executive Board.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Hancock
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

II. Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Functions

8. Rule 14.2.10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe stipulates that the functions of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee shall be:

- (a) to act for and represent the Regional Committee and to ensure that effect is given to the decisions and policies of the Regional Committee, especially with regard to its supervisory functions as per Article 50 (b) of the WHO Constitution;
- (b) to advise the Regional Committee on questions referred to it by that body, and to counsel the Regional Director as and when appropriate between sessions of the Regional Committee;
- (c) to submit advice or proposals to the Regional Committee and to the Regional Director on its own initiative;
- (d) to propose items for the agenda of meetings of the Regional Committee;
- (e) to submit to the Regional Committee for consideration and approval the regional component of WHO's general programme of work;
- (f) to perform any other functions entrusted to it by the Regional Committee;
- (g) to report to the Regional Committee on its work;
- (h) to examine credentials of delegates of Members, by establishing a subdivision of three members, and report thereon to the Regional Committee.

9. Further information can be found in the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe,³ which are accessible on the Governance pages of the Regional Office for Europe's website at <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/rules-of-procedure-of-the-regional-committee-for-europe-and-of-the-standing-committee-of-the-regional-committee-for-europe>.

Present membership

10. In Rule 14.2.1 of its Rules of Procedure, the Regional Committee agreed, when electing the membership of the Standing Committee, to take into account the need for equitable geographical distribution, adequate representation of the interests of the Region, the opportunity for all Member States of the Region to participate over time in the work of the Standing Committee and other considerations relevant to maximizing the effectiveness of its work.

11. The terms of office of members from Greece, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey will expire at the 69th session of the Regional Committee in September 2019. The Regional Committee will therefore be requested to elect four new members of the Standing Committee, each having a three-year term of office, from September 2019 to September 2022.

³ Rules of procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2017.

12. The terms of office of the remaining eight members will continue as follows:

Denmark (Dr Søren Brostrøm)	Member until September 2020
Hungary (Ms Hanna Páva)	Member until September 2020
Lithuania (Dr Mindaugas Štelemėkas)	Member until September 2020
Uzbekistan (Ms Nigora Azimova)	Member until September 2020
Croatia (Ms Iva Pejnović Franelić)	Member until September 2021
Poland (Ms Katarzyna Karolina Rutkowska)	Member until September 2021
Republic of Moldova (Ms Silvia Radu)	Member until September 2021
Russian Federation (Professor Veronika Igorevna Skvortsova)	Member until September 2021

13. It will be recalled that the Twenty-seventh Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe shall consist of the Deputy Executive President of the 69th session of the Regional Committee as ex-officio Chairperson from September 2019 to September 2020 and the representatives of Member States of the Region duly elected by the Regional Committee to serve on the Standing Committee.

Nominations

14. The following nominations were received at the Regional Office by 15 March 2019, and curricula vitae in standard format and the letters of intent are contained in pages 27 to 54.⁴

Armenia (Dr Arsen Torosyan)
Belarus (Dr Valeriy Anatolievich Malashko)
Belgium (Mr Tom Auwers)
Bulgaria (Professor Plamen Dimitrov)
Montenegro (Mr Nikola Antovic)
North Macedonia (Dr Venko Filipche)
Switzerland (Ms Nora Kronig Romero)

Overview of membership

15. Table 2 gives an overview of those countries of the European Region that have provided members of the Standing Committee since 2008, and Table 3 shows Committee office holders from 1994 to the present.

⁴ The curricula vitae and letters of intent are presented as submitted by the candidates without any amendment nor editing of the content by the Secretariat.

Table 2. Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe – overview of membership^a from September 2008 to September 2020

Countries	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Albania													
Andorra	X	XXX	XXX	X									
Armenia					X	XXX	XXX	X					
Austria					X	XXX	XXX	X					
Azerbaijan		X	XXX	XXX	X								
Belarus						X	XXX	XXX	X				
Belgium				X	XXX	XXX	X						
Bosnia and Herzegovina													
Bulgaria			X	XXX	XXX	XXX	X						
Croatia			X	XXX	XXX	X					X	XXX	XXX
Cyprus													
Czech Republic													
Denmark										X	XXX	XXX	X
Estonia						X	XXX	XXX	X				
Finland					X	XXX	XXX	X					
France						X	XXX	XXX	X				
Georgia	XXX	X						X	XXX	XXX	X		
Germany							X	XXX	XXX	X			
Greece									X	XXX	XXX	X	
Hungary										X	XXX	XXX	X
Iceland								X	XXX	XXX	X		
Ireland													
Israel					X	XXX	XXX	X					
Italy	X							X	XXX	XXX	X		
Kazakhstan													
Kyrgyzstan	XXX	X											
Latvia						X	XXX	XXX	X				
Lithuania	X	XXX	XXX	X						X	XXX	XXX	X
Luxembourg													
Malta				X	XXX	XXX	X						
Monaco													
Montenegro	X	XXX	XXX	X									
Netherlands	X												
North Macedonia	XXX	XXX	X										
Norway	XXX	X											
Poland			X	XXX	XXX	X					X	XXX	XXX
Portugal							X	XXX	XXX	X			
Republic of Moldova					X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX
Romania							X	XXX	XXX	X			
Russian Federation				X	XXX	XXX	X				X	XXX	XXX
San Marino													
Serbia ^b	X												
Slovakia	XXX	XXX	X						X	XXX	XXX	X	
Slovenia									X	XXX	XXX	X	
Spain			X	XXX	X								
Sweden		X	XXX	XXX	X								
Switzerland	XXX	XXX	X										
Tajikistan								X	XXX	XXX	X		
Turkey			X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX	X	
Turkmenistan							X	XXX	XXX	X			
Ukraine		X	XXX	XXX	X								
United Kingdom			X	XXX	XXX	X							
Uzbekistan										X	XXX	XXX	X

^a For the purpose of this table, each term of office of a member of the Standing Committee starts with the session of the Regional Committee in the year in which the member is elected and ends at the Regional Committee of the year indicated.

^b Formerly Serbia and Montenegro.

Table 3. Office holders of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe from 1994 to 2019

Term (from one session of the Regional Committee to the next session)	Chairperson (Deputy Executive President of the Regional Committee as member ex-officio)	Vice-Chairperson
1994–1995	Dr Niall Tierney, Ireland	Dr Anthony Vassallo, Malta
1995–1996	Professor Jean-François Girard, France	Dr Mikhail N. Saveliev, Russian Federation
1996–1997	Dr Marta di Gennaro, Italy	Professor Vilius J. Grabauskas, Lithuania
1997–1998	Professor Vilius J. Grabauskas, Lithuania	Dr Jeremy M. Metters, United Kingdom
1998–1999	Dr Danielle Hansen-Koenig, Luxembourg	Dr Jeremy M. Metters, United Kingdom
1999–2000	Dr Jeremy M. Metters, United Kingdom	Professor Ayşe Akin, Turkey
2000–2001	Professor Ayşe Akin, Turkey	Professor František Kůlbel, Czech Republic
2001–2002	Dr James Kiely, Ireland	Dr Jacek Antoni Piatkiewicz, Poland <i>(first and second sessions)</i> Dr Alamhon Akhmedov, Tajikistan <i>(third, fourth, fifth and sixth sessions)</i>
2002–2003	Dr Jarkko Eskola, Finland	Dr Božidar Voljč, Slovenia
2003–2004	Dr Božidar Voljč, Slovenia	Dr Godfried Thiers, Belgium
2004–2005	Dr Godfried Thiers, Belgium	Dr Jens Kristian Gøtrik, Denmark
2005–2006	Dr Jens Kristian Gøtrik, Denmark	Dr Hubert Hrabčík, Austria Dr David Harper, United Kingdom
2006–2007	Dr David Harper, United Kingdom	Ms Annemiek van Bolhuis, Netherlands
2007–2008	Ms Annemiek van Bolhuis, Netherlands	Dr Bjørn-Inge Larsen, Norway
2008–2009	Dr Bjørn-Inge Larsen, Norway	Dr Vladimir Lazarevik, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ^a
2009–2010	Dr Vladimir Lazarevik, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ^a	Dr Josep Casals Alís, Andorra
2010–2011	Dr Josep Casals Alís, Andorra	Dr Lars-Erik Holm, Sweden
2011–2012	Dr Lars-Erik Holm, Sweden	Ms Dessislava Dimitrova, Bulgaria
2012–2013	Dr Daniel Reynders, Belgium	Dr Raymond Busuttil, Malta
2013–2014	Dr Raymond Busuttil, Malta	Ms Taru Koivisto, Finland
2014–2015	Ms Taru Koivisto, Finland	Professor Benoît Vallet, France
2015–2016	Professor Benoît Vallet, France	Ms Dagmar Reitenbach, Germany
2016–2017	Ms Dagmar Reitenbach, Germany	Professor Amiran Gamkrelidze, Georgia
2017–2018	Professor Amiran Gamkrelidze, Georgia	Mr Ioannis Baskozos, Greece
2018–2019	Mr Ioannis Baskozos, Greece	Dr Søren Brostrøm, Denmark

^a North Macedonia as of 14 February 2019.

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

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: ARMENIA
Family name: TOROSYAN **First/Other names:** Arsen
Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 21 June 1982

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

	Speak	Read	Write
English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first *Year*

Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi - Doctor of Medicine	1998
National Institute of Health named after Academician S. Avdalbekyan" of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia - Social hygiene and health administration	2004
National Institute of Health named after Academician S. Avdalbekyan" of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia - Public health and health administration	2006

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Minister of Health of the Republic of Armenia	2018 May–up to day
Head of "MIBS" Medical Diagnostic Center	2011–2015, 2016–2018
Acting Director of the National Center for Tuberculosis Control of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	2010–2011
Coordinator of family medicine and medical care quality, Primary healthcare reform programs, USAID	2005–2010
Director of NGO "Real World, Real People" of social workers	2004–2005

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Member of cooperation Council of CIS in the sphere of health	12.05.2018 up to day

2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
President of the Council of Health and Work Inspection Body of the Republic of Armenia	11.06.2018 up to day
Participation in 68 session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Italy, Rome	17.09.2018– 20.09.2018

3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Participation in United Nations General Assembly high-level meetings on the fight against tuberculosis and on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, held in New York.	23.09.2018– 28.09.2018
Participation in the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in Vienna.	14.03.2019– 22.03.2019

Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Chair of the public council adjunct to the Minister.	20.08.2018 up to day
Awarded by the international organizations in Armenia (UN, US, France) as a Government Reformer in recognition of outstanding commitment in fighting corruption and implementing meaningful reforms in the healthcare sector making it more accessible to all Armenians.	20.02.2019
Coordinating healthcare policy country reforms. Collaboration with the Parliament and with other Ministries and Intergovernmental bodies.	
Collaboration with regional and other countries on different health issues, particularly NCDs' IHR, Transplantology, Sanitary-hygiene.	

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

Dr. Lena Nanushyan, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Armenia

Letter of intent

Declaration of intent

I hereby express my interest and commitment to make my input in Standing Committee of Regional Committee (SCRC) for WHO Europe. Here are some of my observations and thoughts.

As Minister of Health of Armenia I initiated reforms in many WHO priority areas, such as health financing, primary health care, access to medicines and medical devices, universal health coverage and strengthening public health capacities and services just several to mention. These areas are prioritized in WHO-Member States cooperation, thus I wish to bring my insight and experience to these processes. New forms of cooperation have to be introduced aligning to SDGs and enlarging partnership with main stakeholders. In this regard, strong WHO-MoH cooperation may roll out new platforms for non-state actors and other role players in health.

I am interested in WHO reforms and transformation process, in particular strengthening of WHO Regional office technical capacities in priority areas for the region, such as innovations and health technology assessment, development of health information system, digitalization and eHealth. Technical capacities of WHO have to be optimally distributed within three levels of the organization, with main focus on countries and country presence. Country presence modalities and missions have to serve for national capacity building.

SCRC has to activate its guiding and governing functions to support the changes in the Regional Office for Europe for coming years. It is my desire to actively participate in this process and bring new ideas and proposals for addressing current complex challenges and problems in the European region.

As a public health expert, who had many years' experience of cooperation with WHO and its professionals, I believe that I can make modest contribution to the activities of the Standing Committee of Regional Committee. I hope that our recent achievements in the health care of Armenia would be evidence of my personal commitment, sense of direction and sense of trust towards better opportunities, towards health for all.

Arsen Torosyan
Minister of Health, Republic of Armenia

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

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: BELARUS
Family name: MALASHKO **First/Other names:** Valeriy Anatolievich
Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 3 June 1966

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

	Speak	Read	Write
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first *Year*

Presidential Academy of Governance, Belarus	2007
Minsk Medical Institute	1989

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Minister of Health of Belarus	2017 to date
Minister of Labour and Social Security of Belarus	2016–2017
Deputy Chair of the Mogilev Regional Executive Committee	2009–2016
Head of the Department of Health at the Mogilev Regional Executive Committee	2005–2009
Chief physician of the Mogilev Regional Children's Hospital	1997–2004

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Head of the delegation of Belarus to the World Health Assembly	2018
Head of the delegation of Belarus to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe	2018
Head of the delegation of Belarus to the World Health Assembly	2017
Delegate to the International Conferences of the Red Cross	2011–2017

2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Deputy Chair of the Interagency Committee on Healthy Lifestyles, Control of NCDs and Prevention of Harmful Use of Alcohol, Alcohol Dependency, Use of Illicit Drugs and Use of Tobacco, Council of Ministers of Belarus	2017 to date
Chair of the Interagency Coordination Council on Psychological Support	2017 to date
Deputy Chair of the National Committee on Population, Council of Ministers of Belarus	2017 to date

Deputy Chair of the National Interagency Council on Disability	2017 to date
3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Delegate to the sessions of the Council for Health Cooperation of the Commonwealth of Independent States	2018
Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Coordinating implementation of the National Programme on Population Health and Demographic Security of Belarus for 2016–2020	2017 to date
Coordinating cooperation with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria to implement the grants to fight HIV/AIDS and TB	2017 to date
Coordinating the cooperation with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	2017 to date

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

D.L. Pinevich, First Deputy Minister of Health of Belarus
WHO National Focal Point

Letter of intent

The Ministry of Health of Belarus hereby nominates Dr Valeriy Malashko as candidate for the Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

The WHO Regional Office for Europe and Belarus have established fruitful, broad and successful cooperation.

Belarus values the cooperation in the following areas: planning of human resources for health, raising the efficiency of funding allocation, priorities for primary health care development, and provision of integrated health services.

Belarus places great importance on cooperation with WHO in the area of prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), from revision of the clinical guidelines for prevention, early detection and management of NCDs to population-wide screening for cervical and breast cancers. Another important area of cooperation is control of communicable diseases, such as HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and hepatitis C, and improving access to affordable and high-quality antiretroviral and TB medicines.

We appreciate the important role that the WHO Regional Office for Europe plays in strengthening our country's health system.

Belarus is fully committed to implementing the 2030 Agenda and has taken major steps to further it at the national level, including the adoption of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development, identification of major targets to be achieved by 2030, and establishing platforms to facilitate the national implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Belarus fully supports Health 2020, the European policy for health, through adoption of the National Programme for Population Health and Demographic Security of Belarus for 2016–2020, which proposes strategic priorities for health and innovative actions to promote health and prevent NCDs, as well as intersectoral measures to create a health-conducive environment.

In addition to fully supporting the WHO initiatives, Belarus also contributes, as much as possible, to their practical implementation.

As a member of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe, Belarus intends to focus on the following priorities:

1. Consolidating actions to finalize the implementation of Health 2020 and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the WHO European Region. This requires effective tools, sufficient resources and context-specific approaches.
2. Developing and strengthening universal health coverage. Belarus advocates reducing expenditures for inefficient interventions and focusing efforts on the provision of integrated primary health care services.
3. Consolidating national efforts to promote mother and child health and create favorable conditions for healthy birth and early development. These are the vital starting points for investments in a healthy future. Belarus believes that pregnant women and newborn children should always receive appropriate health services of the highest quality.

4. Promoting efficient, affordable and cost-effective technologies, best practices and initiatives for prevention of NCDs as a key component of efforts to reduce the burden of NCDs in Europe. We believe that preventive measures will help reduce health inequity and close the life expectancy gap between men and women.
5. The European Region is the only region in the world which is seeing an increase in newly detected HIV cases, and also has the highest incidence of multidrug-resistant TB. Belarus will be promoting the most effective and sustainable measures for regional cooperation to provide universal access to HIV/AIDS and TB services, to make use of the existing tools for reducing prices for medicines, and to achieve the goals and targets on ending AIDS and TB by 2030.
6. Promoting the development of national policies on e-health. Belarus is willing to develop and introduce e-health as a vital tool for health system strengthening by providing full and valid health information and improving the accessibility and quality of health services.

By becoming a member of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe and working in the above-mentioned priority areas Belarus would contribute to implementing WHO's regional initiatives, aiming to reduce health inequities, to prevent impoverishment due to poor health and to provide equitable, affordable and high-quality health services to all people in the WHO European Region.

V.A. Malashko
Minister of Health, Belarus

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

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: BELGIUM
Family name: AUWERS **First/Other names:** Tom
Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 1 July 1968

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

	Speak	Read	Write
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French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
German	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first *Year*

Master of Internal Audit (Antwerp School of Management, University of Antwerp)	1999
Master of Management (PUB) (Vlerick School of Management, Ghent University)	1992
Master of Organisational Psychology (K.U. Leuven)	1991

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
President of the Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment of Belgium	since February 2017
Director-general Strategy, International Affairs & Research within the Belgian Federal Public Service 'Social Security', including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis manager of the directorate-general Disabled Persons within the Belgian Federal Public Service 'Social Security' (2004–2006) 	2003–2017
Chief of staff to the Belgian Minister of Public Service	2000–2003
Advisor to the Flemish minister of Finance and Budgeting in the area of performance management	1995–1999

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Head and member of Belgian Delegation to WHA 70 and 71, RC 67 and 68, EBSS4, EB 142 and 144	since 2017
Liaison to the Benelux (cross border employment)	2011–2016
Member of the expert group of the Lisbon Council (College d'Europe)	2011–2013
Coordinator of the Belgium EU Presidency of the Council (social affairs)	2010
Belgian Representative to the EU social protection committee	2003–2016
Member and Head of delegation to various missions (EU-27)	2003–2016

Director-general Strategy, International Affairs & Research within the Belgian Federal Public Service 'Social Security' (see above)	2003–2017
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2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
President of the board of Nubel, the Belgian nutritional database	Since 2018
President of the board of the management committee « Fedhealth » (in charge of the redesign of the eight federal healthcare administrations of Belgium)	since 2017
Member (2016) & Vice-president (2017) of the Federal Knowledge Centre for Health Care (KCE)	since 2016
Head of the Coordination Mechanism for Belgium on the UN Charter for Disabled persons in New York	2010–2016
Chief negotiator bilateral social security agreements between Belgium and among other Turkey, Moldova, Israel, Brazil, Morocco, Japan	2003–2016

3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)

Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Member of the board of the federal e-health platform of Belgium	since 2015
Member and Honorary member of the 'College of Social Security Institutions'	since 2013
President of the board of Kunstenpunt, the Flemish arts institute	since 2013
Member of the board of Sigedis (Belgium's national career database)	2013–2016
Coordinator of Optifed, a federal efficiency programme	2012–2016
Vice-president of the coordinating committee of the Crossroads Bank of Social Security (KSZ)	2011–2016
Vice-president of the Flemish Music Centre	2009–2013
Leader of the federal reform programme Copernicus	2000–2003

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

Dr. Maggie De Block, Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium

Letter of intent

Nomination for the membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Madame Regional Director,

On behalf of the Government of Belgium, I have the honor to put forward my country's candidature for the Standing Committee of the WHO European Region.

To Belgium, WHO is the leading international agency for global health and hence, Belgium strongly supports the WHO and especially the 'One WHO spirit'. Belgium demonstrates its support, amongst others, by:

- Providing core voluntary and highly flexible funding to WHO since many years;
- Hosting the WHO Representation to the European Union and the European Observatory on Health Systems & Policies;
- Belgium also has nine WHO collaborating centers;
- In November 2015, Belgium signed a Country Cooperation Strategy with WHO. In this context, Belgium invited WHO to perform a Joint External Evaluation of the implementation of the IHR in Belgium, which was successfully realized June 2017.

Belgium also actively participates in the WHO governing bodies. Moreover, Belgium has served in the Standing Committee and in the Executive Board between 2012 and 2015. Good governance, health systems strengthening, and pandemic preparedness have been Belgium's main focus areas in the past and we intend to hold this line in the future as well. Furthermore, as member of the Standing Committee, Belgium will seek to put an additional focus on the "One World - One Health" approach.

If elected, Belgium would designate Mr. Tom Auwers as member of the Standing Committee. Mr. Auwers is Secretary-General of the Belgian federal Ministry of Health. In this position, he deals with a vast number of public health issues and closely follows up on WHO matters. He is currently setting significant steps in the development of the "One World - One Health" approach in Belgium, starting with its application in the area of AMR.

Prior to his current position, as a director-general in the federal Ministry of Social Affairs, he and his team represented Belgium in diverse multilateral organizations such as the United Nations, the European Union, the OECD, and the Council of Europe. His achievements include, as Chief of Staff to Belgian Minister of Public Affairs, conducting a fundamental and government-wide reform of all federal administrations into modern and effective administrations. He's an authority on public sector reform. He lectures and publishes on performance management. You will find his curriculum vitae in attachment for more information.

To conclude, I believe that Belgium has excellent qualifications to become a member of this important governing body of the WHO European Region.

I rest at your disposal for any further information and use the opportunity to renew to the WHO European Region the assurance of my highest consideration and involvement.

Maggie De Block
Belgian federal minister of Social Affairs and Public Health

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

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: BULGARIA
Family name: DIMITROV **First/Other names:** Plamen
Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 21 October 1962

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

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Russian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first *Year*

Professor, National Center of Public Health and Analyses	2013
Master of Public Health (MPH), Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria	2011
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Social Medicine and Health Management, Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria	2004
Master of Science in Epidemiology (MS), Michigan State University, Michigan, USA	2001
Medical Doctor (MD), Kiev Medical University, Kiev, Ukraine	1998

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Deputy Director, National Center of Public Health and Analyses, Ministry of Health, Bulgaria	2009–present
Head of Department “Health Promotion and Disease Prevention”, National Center of Public Health Protection, Sofia, Bulgaria	2008–2009
Head of Department “Epidemiology and Biostatistics”, National Center of Public Health Protection, Bulgaria	2005–2008
Head of Department “Epidemiology”, National Center of Hygiene, Medical Ecology and Nutrition, Sofia, Bulgaria	2001–2005
Professor, South West University and Sofia University, Bulgaria	2016–current

International experience (please complete the following three items):

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first	
Member of Bulgarian Delegation, 67th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe	2017
Head of Delegation, South-Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) Ministerial forum	2018

Member of Delegation, South-Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) Ministerial forum	2015, 2016, 2017
National Alternate Health Coordinator to the South-Eastern Europe Health Network	2017–current
2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
National Alternate Health Coordinator to the South-Eastern Europe Health Network	2017–current
National Coordinator, Bulgarian National Program on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases	2014–current
Chair of working group of the Ministry of Health for preparation of the National Program on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases	2013
Chair, Working group of the Ministry of Health for preparation of the "Health of the Nation" Report	2013
Member, Working group of the Ministry of Health for preparation of the "Health of the Nation" Report	2007–current
Member, working groups of the Ministry of Health for preparation of the Strategic Framework for Health Development 2014–2020	2014–2015
3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Research Executive Agency (REA), European Commission, Expert	2014–current
WHO Regional Office-Europe National Focal Point on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable diseases and on Equity, social determinants, gender equality and human rights	2009–current
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and WHO, Consultant on Environmental Health	2010 and 2003–2004
WHO Regional Office-Europe Consultant on Environmental Health	2009 and 2002
WHO Regional Office-Europe Consultant on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable diseases	2008–2009
UNICEF Consultant	2005–2006
Alternate Member of European Union Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases	2014–current
International Affiliated Faculty on Environment and Public Health, Institute for Global Health, Michigan State University, USA	2002–current
Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
National Coordinator, Bulgarian National Program on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases	2014–current
Chair of working group of the Ministry of Health for preparation of the National Program on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases	2013
Project Director for Bulgaria of 15 Projects within Public Health Program of the European Union through the Joint Actions mechanism	2004–current
In-country Coordinator of the Harvard University Project, USA	2007–2008
Principal Investigator and In-country Director of 2 Research Projects of the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA R01 Project	2001–2014

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

Mr. Kiril Ananiev, Minister of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria

Letter of intent

Nomination for the membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Dear Madam Regional Director,

On behalf of the Ministry of Health of Bulgaria, I have the honor to submit the candidature of my country for the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe.

Bulgaria has always fervently supported WHO as a leading authority in international health. The WHO ultimate goal - the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible standard of health, unites efforts in various fields, with the overarching role of the health sector at global, regional and local level. The most cherished value of human beings is health. We believe that WHO makes a difference in global health, through collaboration with all Member-States. Bulgaria is strongly committed to be part of these endeavours as a stable, reliable and resourceful partner. A potential representation in the SCRC for us is an opportunity to contribute with national capacity and expertise for the implementation of WHO global and regional policies.

Bulgarian political engagement with WHO strategic goals and governance can be demonstrated through a number of activities:

- Director-General Dr. Tedros' high-level visit to Bulgaria in March 2018 and the political commitment of the President and Prime-Minister to WHO Global Agenda;
- Bulgarian delegations' active participation in all World Health Assemblies, and Regional Committees, with substantial contribution to the Agenda items;
- Bulgarian National Health Strategy - fully aligned with WHO Health 2020;
- Active collaboration with WHO through Biennial Collaborative Agreements;
- All National Health Programs in line with WHO strategic documents, consulted with WHO Regional Office -Europe experts, including present health reforms in Bulgaria.

The current Biennial Collaborative Agreement 2018-2019 between WHO Regional Office-Europe and the Bulgarian Ministry of Health focuses on the implementation of the Health 2020 Policy Agenda. It is aligned with WHO policies and the Twelfth GPW for 2014–2019. The BCA highlights the following Bulgarian health priorities:

- Communicable diseases;
- Noncommunicable diseases;
- Health promotion throughout the life-course;
- Health systems strengthening;
- Preparedness, surveillance, response.

These are the main priorities of Bulgaria, which our candidate, if elected, will further advocate in order to make substantial progress at Regional level.

In addition, the European Region needs rearrangement of priorities in areas with re-emerging threats, like vaccine-preventable diseases. Another important issue becoming critical is “Equity, social determinants, gender equality and human rights”. WHO as a global health leader has to boost its support for this area, which is directly related to health and well-being of communities, including the European Region.

Taking into consideration the relevance of these priorities, I kindly ask you to consider the candidature of Prof. Plamen Dimitrov for a member of the Standing Committee.

Prof. Plamen Dimitrov who currently holds the position of Deputy Director of the National Center for Public Health and Analyses has extensive long-term national and international experience in the field of health. The last 20 years he has been an authority in the public health sector in Bulgaria with major interests in Public Health, Health Policy, Health Management, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Health Technology Assessment. His broad and diverse international experience as a coordinator, consultant and researcher will additionally facilitate his tribute as a member of SCRC. He will strive to find workable solutions not only in the priority areas already mentioned, but also for every case posing a health challenge for the region.

It is my firm belief that Bulgaria nominates a highly motivated candidate who has the experience, competence and potential to contribute significantly to the work of the Standing Committee and make a difference for the Organisation and its achievements.

Madam Regional Director, we are looking forward to a more active and engaging collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,

Kiril Ananiev
Minister of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria

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

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: MONTENEGRO
Family name: ANTOVIC **First/Other names:** Nikola
Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 12 October 1982

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

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Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first *Year*

Faculty of law (Law graduate 240ECTS)	2010
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Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Montenegrin broadcasting center (Legal advisor)	2010–2011
Montenomaks Control & Logistic Ltd (Head of Department for legal affairs, Adviser to the CEO for legal affairs)	2011–2017
Acting director-General of Directorate for harmonisation of regulations and international cooperation	february–july 2017
Secretary General of the Ministry of health	july 2017–

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
National Coordinator to the South Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN)	september 2017–to date
Member of Executive committee of SEEHN	november 2017–to date

2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Chairperson, National Council for formulating List of Medicine	august 2017–to date
Member of National committee for protection and rescue	july 2017–to date
Member of Committee Center for Culture Danilovgrad	june 2012–dec. 2018

Participation in the 67th session of the Regional Committee of WHO, Budapest, Hungary	September, 2017
Participation in the Ministerial Conference on TB, Moscow, Russian Federation	November 2017
Participation and intervention in Social contracting conference-Open Society Foundation, New York	September 2017
Participation and intervention in Tobacco control conference, Washington, USA	May 2017
Participation and intervention High level meeting in WHO organisation, Tel Aviv, Israel	june 2018

3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service) *Year (start-end)*

Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences) *Year (start-end)*

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

PhD Kenan Hrapovic, Minister of Health

Letter of intent

Montenegro nomination to the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe of WHO

Dear Madam Regional Director,

Montenegro is pleased to present Mr Nikola Antovic, Secretary General of the Ministry of Health of Montenegro as a candidate for a seat in the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe of WHO.

In putting forward this candidacy, we would like to first and foremost emphasize the unique role of WHO as a key partner in promoting the development of health systems and strengthening the reform processes in our country and in the European Region as a whole. Over the years the World Health Organization has provided significant technical and financial assistance to our country to address key public health challenges as well as to support the reform of the entire health sector in Montenegro.

Montenegro strongly supports WHO work, as a lead agency, focused on improving health, keeping the world safe and serving the vulnerable. Montenegro hosted many important events and meetings where Mr Antovic contributed and was involved.

Montenegro strongly supports the work on FCTC that was ratified by MNE as well as ratified the Protocol on eliminating illicit trade in tobacco products.

MNE has been faced with an epidemiological transition. Noncommunicable diseases have become the main cause of death. Montenegro will continue its longstanding support to WHO in all aspects of the NCDs response, in particular tobacco and alcohol control, but also nutrition and physical inactivity. Effective response to common risk factors for NCDs will be promoted by Montenegro through the SEEHN Regional health development centre.

Montenegro nationalized 2030 Agenda and recognized that health is a prerequisite and outcome of sustainable development. Improving health and reducing inequalities will require continuous strengthening of PHC services and strengthening financial protection. MNE remains committed to this goal.

Through its membership on the SCRC, MNE will intensify its efforts to increase the effectiveness of WHO's work and positioning among other relevant players in a changing environment.

Montenegro will further extend its commitment to WHO and to pursuing the priorities defined under the GPW 13 including strengthening human resources for health in particular relevant in small countries and EU acceding members.

Madam Regional Director, I have the honour to nominate Mr Nikola Antovic as Montenegro candidate to the SCRC of the World Health Organization. I am convinced that, in his function as the MNE representative, Mr Nikola Antovic strong commitment would be an asset to the Organization.

As the membership of the SCRC allows for a more active involvement and participation in the work of the WHO European Region, Montenegro is highly motivated to become member of the SCRC. Moreover, it has been more than eight years since Montenegro was a member of the SCRC.

We would greatly appreciate the support of the Montenegro candidacy by the Member States in the WHO European Region.

Please, Madam Regional Director, accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

PhD Kenan Hrapovic
MINISTAR
Ministry of Health of Montenegro

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

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: NORTH MACEDONIA
Family name: FILIPCHE **First/Other names:** Venko
Gender: Male **Date of birth:** 13 June 1977

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

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German	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first *Year*

PhD in Medical Science	2016
Fellow of Endovascular Neurosurgery/Interventional Neuroradiology, Department of Neuroradiology Zurich (Prof.Valavanis)	2012
Master in Medical Sciences; University "Sts Cyril and Methodius" Medical Faculty Skopje, "Role of the endoscopy in an assisted manner to microneurosurgery"	2011
Neurosurgery, specialization,state exam,Medical Faculty Skopje	2008
Graduate Medical Faculty – Skopje, University "Sts Cyril and Methodius"	2001

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level)

	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Minister of Health	2017–current
Member of Executive Committee of SEeNS- South East European Neurosurgical Society	2012
Macedonian Association of Neurosurgeons	2010
Director of PHM Macedonia LLC	2006
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Medical Faculty Skopje	2004

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first *Year (start-end)*

Member of RNM delegation negotiating with International Finance Corporation for SEE	2019
Head of RNM delegation at the 71-st WHA	2018

2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)

Year (start-end)

3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)

Year (start-end)

Member of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Constituency (EECA Constituency) representing implementing countries at the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (TGF)	2018
Program Development Associate, Project HOPE People to People Health Foundation – Lead of Technical Services and Health System Strengthening Model (implemented in Kosovo, Serbia, Tanzania, Macedonia)	2012
Member of Executive Committee of South East European Neurosurgical Society- SEeNS	2012
World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS)	2007
American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)	2006

Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)

Year (start-end)

Organizer and chair of the South-Eastern European Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Responses to HIV and TB	2018
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Title, name and position of person making the nomination

On behalf of the Government of the Republic North Macedonia
Assoc.Prof. Venko Filipche, MD, PhD, Minister of Health

Letter of intent

Nomination for the membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Madame Regional Director,

We are pleased to present you with North Macedonian intention to put forward the candidacy of Mr. Venko FILIPCHE, Minister of Health of the Republic of North Macedonia as a candidate for a seat in the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC).

The World Health Organization and Republic of North Macedonia have a long and successful history of cooperation. The Biennial collaborative Agreements signed are indicator on the coherence of the shared vision and strategic direction between the National strategies and WHO European policy framework for health and wellbeing (Health 2020) and SDG's 2030. National Health Strategy 2020, Action Plan on Public Health 2020, on non-communicable diseases and other strategic documents were a key elements of the joint collaboration.

Republic of North Macedonia will bring attention to the final stage of the implementation of the Health 2020 policy framework and the importance of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the WHO European Region. In the coming years, new regional priorities should be defined in line with the Region's respective policies, and as the priorities of relevance we will consider:

- Sustainable health systems and health workforce
- NCD control and intersectoral collaboration
- Communicable diseases and vaccine preventable diseases
- Health and environment
- Health emergencies preparedness and implementation of the International Health Regulations(2005)
- Health information systems

The Republic of North Macedonia stays committed to promoting the goals of Health 2020, for example, to reduce health inequalities, strengthen public health and ensure people-centred health systems that are universal, equitable, sustainable and of high quality.

The outflow of health professionals is of increasing concern for the Region. We can only be successful, if we have well-trained, motivated health professionals, pursuing their profession in our country. We will be dedicated to providing experience and adequate solutions regarding the health workforce, with special emphasis on professional mobility.

We strongly believe that national vaccination programs are of utmost importance in order for the Region to achieve the targets of global immunization. This requires the continuous attention of WHO. We will incite the work of the Regional Office to address declining vaccine coverage and will put further emphasis on ensuring good and reliable data on vaccine coverage as well as on the occurrence of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Having in mind that the European Region is the most affected by NCDs , we will support the Regional Office in developing norms and standards, guidance and public health tools to help Member States in the Region implement the new European Action Plan for NCDs.

In today's interconnected society, ability to respond to public health threats is very important. Republic of North Macedonia recognizes the challenges countries are facing, and will encourage and support WHO in laying out practical and concrete steps toward strengthening health systems, as well as ways in which countries from the region can support each other

Being a country with the remarkable advance in using Health Information System, we can provide WHO with the existing knowledge and expertise on the use of IT technology and applicative solutions for improving health.

To conclude, we believe that Mr. Filipche has excellent qualifications to become a member of this important governing body of WHO EURO and that he will be of utmost value for the Standing Committee

Dear Regional Director, please accept the assurance of my highest consideration

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

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: SWITZERLAND
Family name: KRONIG ROMERO **First/Other names:** Nora
Gender: Female **Date of birth:** 23 June 1980

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively (mark the relevant boxes below; leave other boxes blank)

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Russian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Professional education: name the most important professional degrees gained (up to 5), most recent first *Year*

Diplomatic training, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Bern	2007
Master in economics (lic. oec.), University of St. Gallen, Switzerland	2005

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to 4 of the most important positions held (please give priority to senior positions in the national health administration close to the political decision-making level) *Year (start-end)*

Ambassador for Global Health, Deputy Director, Federal Office of Public Health	since 2017
Deputy Head, Multilateral Division, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva	2016–2017
Chief of Staff of State Secretary Yves Rossier, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Bern	2012–2016
Swiss career diplomat (Staff of State Secretary Peter Maurer, bilateral relations with the Americas, Mexico)	2006–2019

International experience (please complete the following three items):

1) Participation as a member of a national delegation in the governing bodies of WHO or other international/supranational organizations, in chronological order, most recent first *Year (start-end)*

Member of delegation to the World Health Assembly	since 2018
Head of delegation to the Executive Board and the Regional Committee for Europe	since 2017
Head of delegation to various ministerial conferences on health (Moscow Conference on Tuberculosis, Tallinn Conference on Health Systems for Prosperity and Solidarity, Astana Conference on Primary Health Care, etc.)	since 2017
Negotiator of the bilateral health agreement between Switzerland and the European Union	since 2017
Head of delegation to the United Nations High-level Meeting on Tuberculosis	2018
Member of delegation to the United Nations High-level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases	2018

Head of delegation to the United Nations Sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs	2018
Head of the Office of Specialized Institutions of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations and to the other international organizations in Geneva (WHO, UNAIDS, Global Fund, ILO, WIPO, ITU, CERN, WMO, etc.)	2016–2017
2) Experience as chairperson of a governing body or international negotiating body, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of the body, meeting and year or session)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Co-chair, the Geneva Group, on buildings, in particular support to the renovation strategy for WHO headquarters in Geneva. The Geneva Group comprises the main contributors to the United Nations system budget.	2016–2017
3) Work in international organizations as an official or independent expert, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details on the organization, position taken and period of service)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Proven ability to coordinate, collaborate and communicate at national and international level, in chronological order, most recent first (please provide details of coordination of national or international high-level technical or political programmes and other relevant experiences)	<i>Year (start-end)</i>
Member, Executive Management of the Federal Office of Public Health	since 2017
Co-chair, Interdepartmental Group on intellectual property, innovation, trade and health	since 2017
Member, Strategic Committee on Switzerland's foreign health policy	since 2017
Coordinator, Foreign Policy Affairs of the State Secretary (foreign policy strategy, human and budgetary resource management)	2010–2016

Title, name and position of person making the nomination

Alain Berset, Federal Councillor, Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs

Letter of intent

Nomination for Membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee

Dear Zsuzsanna Jakab,

I acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your letter dated 11 January 2019 regarding nominations to bodies and committees of the World Health Organization (WHO). On behalf of the Swiss Government, I have the honour to submit herewith the candidacy of Switzerland to the Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe for 2019–2022. In that respect, we propose Ambassador Nora Kronig Romero to represent Switzerland on the Standing Committee.

Guided by its strategy “Santé2020” (Health2020), Switzerland’s national health policy aims to ensure quality of life, enhance equal opportunities, improve the quality of care and optimize transparency. These objectives and measures are in line with the priorities set out in the Health 2020 document of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, as well as with the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023. Regarding global health, Switzerland has been a pioneer in developing a foreign health policy. We have identified health security, access to medicines, sustainable and modern health systems, health determinants, addictions and global health governance as priority action areas.

WHO plays a central role in promoting and maintaining global health, which is why Switzerland has always particularly valued the importance of working closely with your organization. Our country currently has 24 WHO collaborating centres, and our scientific community therefore contributes to WHO’s research and development programmes. We have also provided support to programmes, notably in the area of research and development.

Switzerland has shown a strong commitment to the Regional Office by regularly providing seconded experts to its Secretariat or by promoting initiatives such as the ongoing comparative survey on health literacy. Finally, Switzerland has just renewed its partnership with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies which, through its work under the umbrella of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, provides the basic foundations for better understanding our health systems.

Switzerland has been a member in the past of the Executive Board (2011–2014) and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (2007–2010). We have been committed for many years, within or outside these mandates, to strengthening WHO’s governance to providing the Organization with the tools required to assert its leadership role among organizations working in the area of global health, as well as to better integrate within the United Nations family.

If nominated to the Standing Committee, Switzerland will particularly commit itself to advancing work on universal health coverage, health security, patient safety, health capacity building and effective global health governance, as well as on addressing the challenges of antimicrobial resistance and drug price transparency.

I am sure that Ambassador Nora Kronig Romero is very well qualified to bring a constructive and lasting contribution to the work of the Standing Committee. She currently holds the

positions of Ambassador for Global Health and Deputy Director at the Federal Office of Public Health. Through her professional career as a diplomat, Ms Kronig Romero has extensive experience in the field of multilateralism, particularly in the United Nations system. She also has strong skills in foreign policy affairs, including global health.

Sincerely yours,

Alain Berset
Federal Councillor

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