



The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments to the Members States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region and has the honour to refer to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (Annex 1 hereto) and to the Code of Conduct for the Nomination of the Regional Director of the Eastern Mediterranean of the World Health Organization (the “Code of Conduct”) (Annex 2 hereto) adopted by the Sixty-third session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean.

In accordance with Rule 51 a) of the Rules of Procedure not less than six months before the date fixed for the opening of a session of the Committee at which a person is due to be nominated for the post of Regional Director, the Director-General shall inform each Member State of the Region that he will receive proposals for the names of candidates for nomination by the Committee for the post of Regional Director.

Taking into consideration the above and further to the agreement reached by the Members of the Region on the proposal of H.E. Mrs Saira Afzal Tarar, Federal Minister of Health of Pakistan and Chairperson of the Regional Committee for an accelerated procedure to nominate a new Regional Director, it is understood that a Special session of the Regional Committee is to be held at Geneva, Switzerland on 20 May 2018 for the sole purpose of nominating a new Regional Director.

ENCL.: As stated.

In this regard, the Director-General has the honour to draw the attention of Member States of the Region to the following points:

- (1) Any Member State of the Region may propose for the post of Regional Director the name of one or more persons from within the Region who has indicated a willingness to serve as Regional Director.
- (2) In submitting proposals, Member States are requested to take due note of the Appendix to the Code of Conduct (Annex 2 hereto), wherein the Regional Committee identified a set of criteria for assessing candidates, and are encouraged to submit proposals only of those persons considered to meet these criteria.
- (3) Proposals must include the necessary particulars of each person's qualifications and experience and be submitted by using the standard form for the proposal of names of persons for nomination of the Regional Director of the Eastern Mediterranean Region of the World Health Organization annexed to the Code of Conduct and also available on line at the web site of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.
- (4) Proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

Director-General
c/o World Health Organization – Office of the Legal Counsel
Office 7058
20, Avenue Appia
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

No other form of address should be used.

- (5) In order to ensure receipt of all proposals, it is recommended that proposals be sent by registered mail or hand delivered to the above address, with a request for receipt of delivery and an additional copy sent electronically to the following address: rdsnominat@who.int.
- (6) Proposals should be communicated or dispatched in such a manner as to arrive at the headquarters of the Organization not later than 18:00 Central European Time on Friday 23 February 2018.

As provided by Section II of the Code of Conduct, after the Director-General has dispatched the names and particulars of candidates to Members in accordance with the fourth paragraph of Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure:

- (1) the Director-General will open on the web site of WHO a password-protected question-and-answer web forum open to all Member States and the candidates who request to participate in such a forum. When submitting proposals, Member States are therefore kindly requested to indicate whether the persons proposed for the post of Regional Director are willing to participate in the question-and-answer web forum. A password and instructions related to the use of the web forum will be provided at the time the Director-General informs Member States of the proposals received.

(2) the Regional Office will post on its web site information on all candidates who so request including their curricula vitae and other particulars of their qualifications and experience as received from Member States, as well as their contact information. The web site will also provide links to individual web sites of candidates upon request. Each candidate will be responsible for setting up and financing his/her own website. When submitting proposals Member States are kindly requested to indicate whether the persons proposed for the post of Regional Director are willing to post their curricula vitae, other particulars of their qualifications and experience, their contact information, as well as links to their individual websites if applicable, on the website of the Regional Office. Further information on the nomination process and the applicable rules and decisions, including a note by the Legal Counsel, will be made available on the Regional Office's website in due course.

The Director-General takes this opportunity to renew to the Members of the Eastern Mediterranean Region the assurance of his highest consideration.

Geneva, 17 November

