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Dear Madam,

**WHO European Healthy Cities Network Summit of Mayors
12–13 February 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark**

It is my pleasure to invite you to contribute to the World Health Organization (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network Summit of Mayors, which will be held at UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 12–13 February 2018. I have convened this Summit in order to bring together selected mayors and political leaders from across the European Region to discuss and shape the future political direction of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network and how to achieve equitable and sustainable development for all.

I would like to invite you in the capacity of keynote speaker to make a presentation of WHO Healthy Cities Network International Conference, Belfast, United Kingdom, 1-4 October 2018 during a special session organised over lunch 13:30–14:30 Tuesday 13 February 2018. The scope and purpose and provisional programme of the Summit are also enclosed for your further information.

The global policy context – the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda – has placed cities at the forefront of sustainable development. For 30 years, the WHO European Healthy Cities Network has been a key political and strategic vehicle for promoting whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches for health, well-being, equity, and sustainable development at the city and municipal levels across the European Region.

City leadership is determinant on strong political leadership, and it is this inspired political leadership that is a driver for both the success and sustainability of the Network. By working together, politicians can ensure that the Network reaches its potential as a key partner for WHO in implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals and other global policy frameworks.

The Summit of Mayors will culminate in the adoption of the Copenhagen Consensus on Healthier and Happier Cities for All, a political vision for the future of the health and well-being of all people living

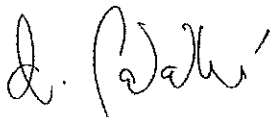
in cities and urban places across the European Region. The Consensus will provide the framework for the future work of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network, placing it at the centre of the current global drive for sustainable development. It will affirm the political commitment of cities to embrace their leadership role in creating a healthier and happier future and will act as a political mandate for the Network in the coming years.

Over the last year, I convened the Political Vision Group to provide input on and guide the future strategic direction of the Healthy Cities movement. This process has culminated in an innovative Consensus and political vision centred on the six key themes of people, place, participation, prosperity, peace and planet. The Summit of Mayors presents an opportunity for Mayors to discuss and reflect on the vision, and how it can be taken forward by cities and municipalities alongside local, national, and international partners. I am delighted to be able to share with you the draft *Copenhagen Consensus on Healthier and Happier Cities for All* here for your information.

We would appreciate it if you were able to kindly communicate your response to these email addresses at your earliest convenience, but no later than Friday, 29th of December 2017. The responsible officer for the Summit is Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point for Healthy Cities kosinskam@who.int. Maria Rundstroem (rundstroemm@who.int; eurohealthycities@who.int), administrative focal point, will be responsible for the arrangement of your travel and accommodation.

I very much hope to see you in Copenhagen, and that you and your expertise are able to help contribute to our common goal of improving the health and well-being for all.

Yours very truly,



Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab
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Enclosures:

Scope and Purpose
Draft Programme
Copenhagen Consensus on Healthier and Happier Cities for All

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