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To:

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Subject: Invitation to the 2nd Meeting of the NDPHS Prison Health Expert Group

Dear Yury I Kalinin

The Secretariat of the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing is pleased to invite the Federal Penal Service of Russia to the 2nd Meeting of the Prison Health Expert Group, restarting the group after two years. The meeting will be held in Oslo, Norway on 13-14 February 2007. The Meeting will kindly be hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services. To the expert groups of the Partnership, representation is typically from institutions responsible for the subject area.

The Russian Federation is a full Partner of the partnership, with the Ministry of Health and Social Development representing in the governing bodies. Contact person in the ministry is

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Enclosed to this letter you will find documents to the meeting, including, *inter alia*, the *Practical Information for participants and the Registration form*, in which you will find more detailed information about the meeting venue, etc. Further meeting documents can be downloaded at www.ndphs.org/index.php?id=422197. The persons who wish to take part in this meeting are kindly requested to confirm their participation as well as (if needed) hotel reservation **as soon as possible** to

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The meeting will be a mapping and planning meeting, sharing knowledge on related activities and challenges in the region, and defining the role and future actions of the group. The proposed Terms of Reference will be discussed, as well as the previously adopted mandate. As proposed by Norway, women in prison will be one of the issues for discussion. Norway also kindly offered an optional visit at the only female prison in Norway, Bredtveit, scheduled at 14:00-16:30 on 14 February 2007.

As advised by Norway, the preferred working language of the meeting will be English.

I am also pleased to inform you that Norway has nominated Dr. Ingrid Lycke Ellingsen as a member of the group, and Dr. Karsten Kronholm as a deputy member, and recommended Dr. Ellingsen for the PH EG Chair position. Dr. Ellingsen, who is a psychiatrist with experience from senior posts in public health administration, and was for several years involved in international cooperation on prisons, has accepted to chair the group, provided she is elected to that position by the group. As regards Mr. Kronholm, he has taken part in earlier meetings of the group, and is actively engaged in co-operation projects with Russia.

Last, but not least, as previously announced, Norway has allocated 100.000 € for the work of the PH EG. It is envisaged that the group would advise on the use of these resources, for instance that an International Technical Adviser for the group be hired, and what profile such a person should have.

Should an invitation to Norway be necessary for visa purposes, or if any other practical questions occurs, please contact adviser Jørgen Kaurin in the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services, tel +47 900 86 479, e-mail jfk@hod.dep.no.

Yours sincerely,

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