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Invitation

8th Partnership Annual Conference side-event on Healthy lifestyle - the corner stone of public health St. Petersburg, 24th November 2011

To: Members and Partners of NDPHS Expert Groups

Dear Sir/Madame,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being (NDPHS) conference ***Healthy lifestyle – the corner stone of public health***. The conference is organized as a side-event to the 8th NDPHS Partnership Annual Conference, and it will take place in St. Petersburg, Russia, on 24th November 2011. The NDPHS is a cooperative effort of eleven governments, the European Commission and eight international organizations.

The aim of the event is to advance our understanding of healthy lifestyles related to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in our region. It will offer policy-makers and experts from different fields an opportunity to discuss improvements in policies and strategies as well as practical action. One important topic on the agenda is discussion and agreement on the NDPHS Action Statement on the implementation of the *European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012-2016*, which will subsequently be submitted to the ministerial-level Partnership Annual Conference for final discussion and adoption.

Enclosed to this invitation you will find a Provisional agenda with timetable. The registration for the conference is open on the NDPHS website at the event page (http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,ndphs_pac-8_side-event). This web page will provide you with all necessary practical information regarding visa support, hotel reservations, etc. Participants are expected to cover their travelling and local expenses through their own resources. During the conference at the meeting venue refreshments and lunch will be offered free of charge by the Ministry of Health and Social Development / Russia Federation hosting the event.

For further information concerning practical issues regarding the event please contact Ms. Marja Tuomi, the NCD Expert Group International Technical Advisor (marja.tuomi@ttl.fi).

Looking forward to see you in Saint-Petersburg!

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX: PAC-8 side-event provisional programme