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Our reference:  
Notre référence: FIN-32  
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Dear Ms Parkkunen,

I take great pleasure in confirming the redesignation of Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association, as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Healthy Cities and Urban Health in the Baltic Region.

The application for redesignation of the Centre was considered by the Regional Screening Committee and based on the performance of the Centre, review of reports and the future plan of work; the Committee has recommended a redesignation for a further period of four years as from the 28 February 2011. It is understood that you will continue as Head of the Centre.

A copy of the agreed Terms of Reference is enclosed. As you are aware a report of activities undertaken as a part of the agreed plan of work must be submitted annually. You will receive an e-mail with a web link to an electronic reporting form which is used for this purpose.

The designation of the Institute as a WHO Collaborating Centre will automatically expire at the end of the designation period unless a subsequent Redesignation process is initiated. It is important to note that the redesignation process should commence at least six months prior to the end of the designation period. Either party may revoke the designation at any time by giving notice three months before the end of the year.

The HQ website (<http://www.who.int/collaboratingcentres/en/>) provides you with general information on WHO Collaborating Centres, as well as information on other collaborating centres working in your specific area or related areas which could be of interest to your work.

**Copy for information to:**

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It should be noted that the Regional Office for Europe is administratively responsible for the WHO Collaborating Centres geographically located in the European Region whether initiated by Headquarters or a Region. Questions regarding the technical content of the agreement (e.g. terms of reference, work plan) should be directed to the Responsible Officer as per the attached.

Should there be any changes in the future that might affect this arrangement, I should be grateful if you would inform the Regional Office.

I would like to express my appreciation of the centre's work up to now and of our continuing successful collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Jakab*, DPM, Acting Regional Director

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Regional Director

**Enclosures: as mentioned**

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### TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Assist cities in the Baltic Sea Region in implementing WHO's Healthy Cities' goals and motivate new cities into joining the Network
2. Build capacity for health and well-being by bringing appropriate expertise to the local level with relevant institutions and organisations
3. Enhance the visibility of the Healthy Cities operations in the Baltic Sea Region
4. Build an information system of best practises and the state of well-being in cities belonging to the Healthy Cities networks
5. Network with local, national and international health and well-being experts (including other WHO CCs)
6. Establish research and development cooperation with the Urban Research Unit of the City of Turku and member organisations of the Association

