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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS/MISSIONS TO THE EU
ON THE JOINT ACTION 2018**

Your Excellency,

Subject: Health Programme – Invitation to nominate competent authorities for the actions co-financed by the Union and by countries participating in the Programme ('Joint Actions') in 2018

I am writing to you regarding the Joint Action planned for 2018 under the 2018 Annual Work Programme adopted on 13 December 2017:

Joint Action to strengthen preparedness in the EU against serious cross-border threats to health and support the implementation of International Health Regulations (€ 7 900 000 EU co-funding).

The Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Chafea) is mandated to implement this action. Joint Actions are granted only through a direct grant procedure. That means that there is no open call for this Joint Action and that competent authorities have to be formally nominated, by the countries participating in the EU Health Programme, before the official proposal preparation process starts.

Articles 6, 7(2)(a) and 8 of the Health Programme Regulation 282/2014/EU and subsequently the 2018 Annual Work Programme (pages 20-21) set up the eligibility criteria for participating in this Joint Action.

For the Joint Action planned within the 2018 Annual Work Programme, each country participating in the EU Health Programme is invited to nominate one competent authority.

Therefore, I hereby **invite you to nominate the competent authority which will participate on behalf of your country** in the joint action mentioned above.

The submission of the nominations of competent authorities will be done through the EU Survey website which you can access here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/JA2018>

The password is: **JA2018!**

The deadline for submission of competent authorities' nominations is 13th April 2018.

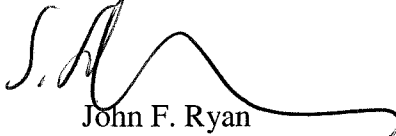
Nominations received after this deadline will not be taken into account.

After the submission deadline, nominations will be checked by Chafea to verify that they fulfil the eligibility criteria.

Supporting documents for the nominated competent authority will be requested in line with the eligibility requirements mentioned above (e.g. legal acts setting up the competent authority).

I would be grateful if you could forward this message and the enclosed Annexes to the relevant authorities in order to ensure your country's participation in the Joint Action to be launched in 2018.

Yours faithfully,

p.o. 
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Director

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Annexes:

ANNEX 1 Policy expectations for a Joint Action to strengthen preparedness in the EU against serious cross-border threats to health and support the implementation of the International Health Regulations

ANNEX 2 Submission of nominations for participation in the Joint Action 2018

ANNEX 3 Nominated competent authorities (i.e. beneficiaries) and affiliated entities in the Joint Action 2018