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meeting on 8 December 2016
Election of the WHO Director-General
– *Information from the Hungarian delegation*
(Any Other Business item)

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Hungarian delegation on the above mentioned subject.

Election of the WHO Director-General

Hungary takes the opportunity to inform the Members of the EU Member States' delegations that the Government of Hungary has presented the candidature of Dr Miklós Szócska to the post of Director General of the World Health Organisation.

Better health, stronger WHO are the corner-stones of his vision and to achieve them Dr Szócska as the Director General of WHO will work towards:

- helping people on this planet to be healthier and more respectful and involved in their own health;
- promoting universal health coverage to protect the healthy and those who are sick and fostering health systems which are resilient, equitable and ever increasing in quality;
- properly trained, committed, motivated, innovative health workforce to provide health promotion, prevention, cure and care;
- a strong WHO as the indisputable, impartial and independent leader in global health.

The Government of Hungary believes that Dr Szócska's deep personal commitment to improve the population's health, his long-time professional experience, strong managerial skills and knowledge of global health tendencies make him an appropriate candidate for this position of particularly high esteem.

With these in mind, with the view of obtaining the support of the delegations during the forthcoming election procedures, the Government of Hungary takes the opportunity to attract the delegations' kind attention to the flyer compiling Dr Szócska's vision and priorities as future Director General and to the full version of his application available at:

<http://www.who.int/dg/election/szocska/en/>.