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**NOTE TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS OF THE MEMBER STATES
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Subject: Invitation to the 82nd Pharmaceutical Committee on 1 April 2019

Please note that the 82nd meeting of the Pharmaceutical Committee (**Human**) will take place in Brussels on **Monday, 1 April 2019**, at Van Maerlant 2 (VML02), 2 Rue Van Maerlant - 1049 Brussels, **room 2**. The draft agenda will be circulated at a later stage.

Starting with this meeting, we intend to bring the Pharmaceutical Committee again closer to its routes of being a consultative committee of the Commission, where the main focus is on the discussion with Member States of certain policy matters rather than the Commission informing Member States about recent activities. In practice, this will mean that we will structure the meeting around a limited number of agenda points so to allow sufficient time for exchanges. Those agenda items may follow to the extent possible a common theme. In this regard, we will start in April with the theme of “access and innovation” covering aspects ranging from experience with the impact of the orphan legislation to ways to improve industry’s commitment to ensure the actual placing on the market and the roll-out of centrally authorised products across the EU.

To help Member States in the preparation for this meeting we will send closer to the meeting short focus papers introducing the topic on which we seek input and which we want to discuss during the meeting.

We aim to move beyond mere technical discussion into issues that require experience sharing on policy aspects and therefore welcome a broad participation from the appropriate decision makers in Member States.

However, as per normal procedure the Commission is able to reimburse travel expenses (economy flight or first class train) only for one expert per Member State (except Belgium). Taking this into account, we kindly ask you to proceed with your registration through the AGM (Advanced Gateway Meetings) system.

You can now proceed with your travel reservation.

Personal data will be handled in accordance with the rules attached.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Olga Solomon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "O".

Olga Solomon