



Geneva, 24TH of May, 2018

Subject: Meeting request for the 6th of June.

Dear Deputy Minister of Maia Lagvilava,

As you may already be aware, the city of Tbilisi is in the final stages of an application process to become a C/Can 2025 City Cancer 'Challenge City'. In this final stage of the application process, two representatives from the C/Can 2025 team, myself, and Dr Jose Jeronimo, will be in Tbilisi on 5-6 June to meet with key stakeholders. The objectives of this initial visit are to meet with local government, health facilities, civil society, and other key actors involved in the delivery of cancer care, to learn more about the cancer care landscape in Tbilisi – building on the information already provided in the application forms, share more information about the C/Can 2025 programme, and ensure that the core criteria for C/Can 2025 Challenge Cities are in place in Tbilisi.

As part of this visit, we would very much like to meet with you, and would like to propose a meeting on the 6th of June. Prof. Ekaterine Sanikidze will coordinate a suitable time for both of us.

Launched in January 2017, C/Can 2025: City Cancer Challenge is a multi- sectoral initiative supporting cities to take the lead in the design, planning and implementation of cancer treatment solutions. Led by the [Union for International Cancer Control \(UICC\)](#) with the support and involvement of many of its key members and partners, C/Can 2025 aims to increase the number of people with access to quality cancer treatment in cities around the world through a network of motivated partners including city leaders, governments, NGOs, UN agencies, and domestic and international businesses.

C/Can 2025 is already working with a small group of Key Learning Cities (KLCs), including Cali, Asunción, Yangon, and Kumasi. Beginning in 2018, the ambition is to scale-up support to a wide network of cities that have a population greater than 1 million, in every region. To this end, in November 2017, UICC launched a call to action to cities inviting them to take a lead in reducing inequities to cancer care for their citizens, by joining the initiative as a **C/Can 2025 Challenge City**.

The City of Tbilisi, supported by Georgia Patients Union and Roche, submitted an application for Tbilisi to join this new initiative. Based on the strength of its application, the City of Tbilisi was shortlisted from a large group of applicants and taken through to the final stage of the application process. We are very much looking forward to the visit and hope to have the opportunity to discuss further with you. Please do let me know if the proposed time is convenient?

Kind regards,

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