27 January 2015 | GENEVA - The WHO Executive Board, currently holding its 136th session in Geneva, has appointed Ms Zsuzsanna Jakab, PhD as WHO Regional Director for Europe for a second term, following her nomination by the Regional Committee for Europe in September last year. The Regional Committee comprises health ministers from the European Region's 53 Member States. Ms Jakab will start her new term in February 2015 for a 5-year period.

"In my second mandate, I will give priority to linking health to sustainable development in order to ensure greater equity in health in the European Region. It is not only about making health better, it's about ensuring more equitable and sustainable health for Europe." said Dr Jakab.

A native of Hungary, Ms Jakab has held a number of high-profile national and international public health policy positions in the last three decades. Ms Jakab holds Zsuzsanna Jakab has her PhD (with summa cum laude) in Health Sciences from the University of Debrecen, Hungary, a Master's degree from the Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest; a postgraduate degree from the University of Political Sciences, Budapest, a diploma in public health from the Nordic School of Public Health, Gothenburg, Sweden and a postgraduate diploma from the National Institute of Public Administration and Management, Hungary.

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