

**EAtHC CL 02/2020**  
**10 AUGUST 2020**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**EAtHC AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM**  
**EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES DUE TO COVID -19**

Dear Colleagues,

Reference:

A. EAtHC CL 01/2020 dated 14 July 2020 – proposed postponement of the 16<sup>th</sup> EAtHC and associated activities resulting from exceptional circumstances due to COVID-19.

Dear Colleagues,

1. Reference A invited Member States to vote on the proposed postponement of the 16<sup>th</sup> EAtHC and associated activities resulting from exceptional circumstances due to COVID -19. The proposal was for Portugal to host Video Teleconference (VTC) on 29 September 2020 after which Chairmanship of the Commission will be transferred to the Portugal. It was also proposed that 16<sup>th</sup> EAtHC plenary would hold from 13 to 15 April 2021.
2. The EAtHC secretariat thanks the following 4 Member States for responding to Reference A: Nigeria, Portugal, Morocco and France. The 4 Member States approved the proposed scenario with minor adjustment to the proposal; viz, the VTC to hold from 28 to 29 September 2020, to enable the EAtHC Capacity Building Chairman hold ICCWG meeting on 28 September 2020, and for the Seminar preceding the 16 EAtHC Plenary to hold from 12 to 13 April 2021.
3. When Reference A was issued, there were 7 Member States of the

EAtHC. In accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of the EAtHC, the conditions for approval of the proposal as stipulated in Article (5.e) have been met. As a result, the 16<sup>th</sup> EAtHC and associated activities will now take place as follows:

- a. VTC – to be hosted by Portugal from 28 to 29 September 2020 (ICCWG to hold on 28 September 2020).
  - b. Chairmanship of EAtHC to be transferred to Portugal on 29 September 2020 after the VTC.
  - c. The 16<sup>th</sup> EAtHC Plenary – to be held in Portugal from 12 to 16 April 2021 (MSI & MSDI Seminar to hold from 12 to 13 April 2021).
4. Detailed Agenda for the VTC and Plenary will be communicated to Members in due course.
  5. The Chairman wishes to thank all the Member States that have contributed to this process.

Yours Sincerely



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