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Highlights of the joint AFRO/GOARN partners Conference Call on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Democratic Republic of Congo.

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Following its participation in the joint AFRO/GOARN Partners Conference Call on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Democratic Republic of Congo on May 22, 2018, the ECOWAS Regional Center for Surveillance and Disease Control (RCSDC) wishes to share the following update:

- The EVD outbreak has been declared on May 8, 2018 by the Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of Congo. As at May 22, 2018, a total of 50 cases (suspected, probable and confirmed) have been recorded.
- WHO considers that the risk of spread of the epidemic is high in Democratic Republic of Congo and to neighboring countries. However, this risk has been assessed as low to other parts of Africa.
- **The West African Health Organization (WAHO) recommends the systematic screening (temperature measurement) of all passengers from the Democratic Republic of Congo.**
- WAHO reaffirms its availability to support ECOWAS countries in complying with the International Health Regulations at entry points.
- Please note that WAHO again does not recommend travel and trade restrictions. These measures remain counterproductive.

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