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Dear Sir,

As part of the annual accreditation procedure, the National Measles/Rubella Laboratory of your country was reviewed by the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Based on the results of this review, I am pleased to inform you that the National Laboratory is **fully accredited** as a WHO Measles/Rubella National Laboratory for 2019. Enclosed are the scope of the accreditation and the recommendations of the review for your information.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the report of the seventh meeting of the European Regional Verification Commission for Measles and Rubella Elimination (RVC). In its report, the RVC urges Member States to ensure that high-quality measles and rubella surveillance, laboratory investigation of at least 80% of suspected cases and genotyping of positive specimens are in place and are adequately supported.

The RVC also urges Member States to ensure that all clinical specimens tested for measles or rubella are tested in WHO-accredited laboratories of the Regional Measles and Rubella Laboratory Network or in laboratories of known, documented proficiency (either through oversight by WHO-accredited national laboratories or national accreditation by recognized bodies). WHO-accredited national laboratories should furthermore coordinate a national measles and rubella external quality assessment (EQA) programme or facilitate access for other laboratories to reputable measles and rubella EQA systems.

I would like to thank you personally for your ongoing support to the National Measles/Rubella Laboratory and to congratulate staff of the Laboratory for the successful accreditation.

Yours very truly,

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