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Dear Dr Belkania,

Annual Update on the Poliomyelitis Eradication Activities for 2018

The European Regional Certification Commission for Poliomyelitis Eradication (RCC) will hold its next annual meeting on 30-31 May 2018 to review the current status in the Region. Therefore, each Member State is requested to submit an annual update on polio eradication activities for the year 2017.

Electronic copy of the annual progress report is to be submitted by email to the WHO Regional Office (eurcc@who.int cc: abdusalyamovam@who.int) by 15 April 2018 to ensure sufficient lead time for the analysis of data by the RCC Secretariat before presenting it to the RCC. Please refer to the attached template for more details. I would like to point out that the format of the annual update was further amended in line with recommendations of the RCC and Member States. It would be appreciated if the proposed format is strictly followed. In case you have any related questions or problems with provided document, please contact members of our Vaccine Preventable and Immunization Team at RCC Secretariat (eurcc@who.int).

We would like to use this opportunity to re-emphasize the importance of the completeness, accuracy and consistency of data contained in this and other national reports provided by the national polio eradication programme and the National Certification Committee (NCC).

Your efforts in sustaining the polio free-status in the Region is much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or require any clarifications.

Yours sincerely,

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