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Dear Madam,

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 2020. 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 newly released WHO Manual for the laboratory-based surveillance of measles, rubella, and congenital rubella syndrome (https://www.who.int/immunization/monitoring_surveillance/burden/laboratory/manual/en/), which provides updated information on WHO Measles and Rubella Laboratory Network standards, requirements and testing algorithms to adequately support case-based surveillance for measles, rubella and congenital rubella syndrome. The Manual also provides useful guidance for laboratory contribution to the verification of disease elimination, in line with the recent recommendations of the European Regional Verification Commission for Measles and Rubella Elimination.

Since WHO-accredited national laboratories play an increasing role in securing high-quality laboratory investigations through oversight, coordination of national laboratory networks and measles and rubella external quality assessment programmes, I would like to thank you personally for your ongoing support for the National Measles/Rubella Laboratory and to congratulate the staff of the Laboratory on the successful accreditation.

Yours very truly,

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