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Dear Sir,

As part of the annual accreditation procedure, the National Measles/Rubella Laboratory of your country was reviewed during the second quarter of 2020 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 2021. Enclosed are the scope of the accreditation and the recommendations of the review for your information.

The COVID-19 pandemic and response has had an exceptional impact on health systems in the WHO European Region. While acknowledging the demands and challenges posed by COVID-19, I urge all countries to ensure the continuity of measles and rubella surveillance, including high-quality epidemiological and laboratory investigation of cases at the level required for measles and rubella elimination. We cannot afford to let down our guard against measles and rubella, especially in the midst of this global public health emergency.

I take this opportunity 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,

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge  
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