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Dear Madam,

**Accreditation review of the WHO National Polio Laboratory,
Tbilisi, Georgia, 15–16 April 2020**

I have the pleasure to inform you of the forthcoming visit of Dr Eugene Saxentoff, Coordinator of the WHO European Regional Polio Laboratory Network, and Dr Ousmane Diop, Global Laboratory Coordinator at WHO headquarters, who will carry out on-site accreditation of the WHO National Polio Laboratory at the Richard Lugar Centre for Public Health Research of the National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 15–16 April 2020.

The accreditation process includes a review of the activities and performance of the laboratory in 2019 and early 2020. Moreover, it will provide an opportunity to exchange information and discuss issues related to polio surveillance and collaboration with WHO.

I would be grateful for any assistance that you are able to extend to them during their visit to the laboratory and wish to thank you for your continued support to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Yours very truly,

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