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Dear Colleague,

The Laboratory and Scientific Services of UNODC is mandated to provide support to forensic service providers worldwide with the overall aim of ensuring that Member States have access to, and use quality forensic science services in their efforts against drugs and crime.

During the last ten years we are proud to have been able to provide support to over 450 forensic national drug testing and toxicology laboratories from 119 countries and territories worldwide. This support has taken the form of services including:

- UNODC manuals and guidelines
- The International Collaborative Exercises (ICE) proficiency test in drug testing
- The provision of reference materials of controlled substances for scientific purposes
- Training for law enforcement and forensic personnel
- The UNODC early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances
- The UN toolkit on Synthetic Drugs
- The annual forensic science symposium

We are very grateful for your collaboration and the expertise you have provided to UNODC and through this partnership over the last decade, we have adapted the tools and services we provide as best possible to meet your needs. In order to continue to strengthen this collaboration, and to recognise the partnership we have with forensic laboratories, UNODC has decided to formalise this in name as the:

“UNODC Global Network of Forensic Laboratories”

We look forward to working closely together with you within this network to understand the challenges you face and how to develop and provide appropriate tools, services and technical assistance to address these challenges in forensics, today and in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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