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Dear Dr. S. Rajasekaran,

Greetings from National Certification Committee for Polio Eradication (NCCP)

On the advice of World Health Organization the Government of India constituted an Independent National Certification Committee for Polio Eradication (NCCPE) in 1998 to closely monitor and scrutinize the program activities. The country has to be polio-free for 3-years after the report of last case of poliomyelitis due to indigenous wild polio virus. A National Document to this effect is to be presented to WHO-South-East-Asia Regional Certification Committee for Polio-Eradication. The Global Certification will take place after all WHO-regions have been declared polio-free.

You are well aware of the current state of Pulse Polio Immunization Program in India. Since January 2011, the Country has not reported any wild-polio-virus associated AFP (acute flaccid paralysis). As India progresses towards the national goal of polio-eradication, our professional responsibility increases immensely to ensure that there is no possibility of on-going transmission of wild polio-virus in any part of the country.

The members of NCCPE solicit the support and cooperation of your esteemed organization and request you to share this information with individual members who are located across the country. They need to be vigilant about any such possibility.

If your members come across any suspected case of wild polio virus associated AFP case in their area and which may have been missed or inadequately worked up by the Polio Surveillance system, they may be requested to report to you as the organizational leader and to the Chief Medical Officer of the concerned District.

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Please forward such information to NCCPE Secretariat which in turn will take up the issue with national headquarters of NPSP (National Polio Surveillance Program) and Immunization Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for appropriate investigation and action. It will help NCCPE in the assessment of polio eradication efforts.

The NCCPE shall highly appreciate your contribution to the National, Regional and Global goal of a "Polio free World". Your organization shall be acknowledged in the Country's Certification Document. We shall be thankful for your valuable guidance and suggestions in this regard.


We will appreciate if you will kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication.

With Best Wishes,


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