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**Attention:** 

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Subject: Appointment of your facility as a member of EU-NETVAL

Dear Dr. Meloni,

I am pleased to inform you that your test facility has been judged as being eligible for inclusion within the European Union Network of Laboratories for the Validation of Alternative Methods (EU-NETVAL), established by the Commission in context of Directive 2010/63 for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. On behalf of EURL ECVAM therefore, I would like to appoint your facility as an EU-NETVAL member, effective immediately.

EU-NETVAL's mission is to provide support for EURL ECVAM validation studies that serve to assess the reliability and relevance of alternative methods that have a potential to replace, reduce or refine the use of animals for scientific purposes. You will soon receive the specific Terms of Reference and other relevant information.

In the meantime if you have any specific enquiries please contact us at JRC-ECVAM-NETVAL@ec.europa.eu. General information on EU-NETVAL is also available on our website at http://ihcp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/our\_labs/eurl-ecvam/eu-netval. Please be advised that the name of your facility will appear shortly on the EU-NETVAL webpage since we intend to publish the membership list.

We thank you for your commitment to EU-NETVAL and look forward very much to working with you on this exciting initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Whelan

Head of Unit, on behalf of EURL ECVAM.