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Dear Mr. Ivanovskis,

Your nominated expert Mr. Jevgenijs Golovcuks has successfully attended the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) training course held in Novara, Italy, in November 2016. We are pleased to have a representative of Latvia trained in the UNDAC methodology and we would like to invite the Government of Latvia to join the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) system.

The UNDAC system is one of the key disaster response coordination support mechanisms. It provides fast, efficient and valuable expertise to disaster-affected countries. Over the past 20 years, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has been able to create, support and develop this response mechanism thanks to unconditional support and commitment of Members States. To date, some 270 UNDAC missions have been conducted.

We continuously strengthen the UNDAC system and would like to seek your support to bring Latvia within the UNDAC system as a self-financing member. This would allow Latvia to contribute directly to international response to crisis through the deployment of emergency managers such as your trained expert.

You will find attached the requirements and responsibilities of UNDAC member Governments which will provide you with more details on the UNDAC system. For any additional questions, please contact Mr. Lucien Jaggi, UNDAC Europe focal point in the Field Coordination Support Section, OCHA. He could be reached at jaggi@un.org or by telephone at tel. +41 22 917 18 93.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesper Lund', written over a white background.

Jesper Lund
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