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Subject: IAF Database of Accredited Certifications

Dear Mr. Riva,

Consip is a public joint stock company held by sole shareholder, the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF). The Company operates in line with the MEF's strategic goals, working exclusively to serve the Public Administration sector.

The Company carries out activities in consulting, assistance, and support in procuring goods and services for Public Administrations (PAs).

In its role as a central purchasing body, the Company runs the Programme for the Rationalisation of Public Administration Purchases. Based on specific agreements, Consip supports the individual PAs in all aspects throughout the procurement process. Through legal provisions and/or administrative acts, the Company develops initiatives through the use of its know-how in the area of procurement, as well as through its ability to manage complex and innovative projects in the sphere of Public Administration.

With this letter, I would like to express our endorsement for the proposed International Accreditation Forum (IAF) database of accredited certifications. Such an organized collection of data would greatly increase the confidence level with which our company evaluates the numerous certifications submitted by international tenderers during our public procurement activities.

Sincerely,



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