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Dear Prof. Sciare,

SUBJECT: Collaboration with The Cyprus Institute's CARE-C Project "AIR-COVID-NETWORK"

We have been informed in recent communications with you and your scientific team about the research project you are planning with title: "**A Bioaerosol Network to detect COVID-19 in the Air (AIR-COVID-NETWORK)**", to be carried out through your "Centre of Excellence" established by the European Commission's competitive "Teaming" Programme, and with support from our Government.

As you are aware, one of the primary missions of our Civil Defence Force is to serve and protect the Citizen by taking measures in response to natural or man-made disasters, focusing on the prevention, preparation, response, design, education and mitigation of these disasters' negative results.

Within this context, we very much welcome your key contributions in scientific support and technological assistance (atmospheric surveillance, environmental chemical analyses, weather/air pollution forecasting, instruments, etc), and especially your "AIR-COVID-NETWORK" approach of contributing to the national efforts against COVID-19. We are particularly interested in the specific objectives of: **Monitoring the presence of airborne Covid-19 within large indoor public areas** (which has great alert-potential and is strategic for combatting large-scale spreading of the virus); and of **Developing and evaluating the benefits of implementing an easy-to-operate Bioaerosol Network** (which has detect-potential in only one sample of the Covid-19 indoor atmospheric environment presence, from tens to hundreds of individuals within few hours).

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As per the above, we hereby pledge our support on your "AIR-COVID-NETWORK" and we kindly convey our preliminary interest in:

- actively contributing to the proof-of-concept establishment and operation of the Network in Nicosia, through engagement of permanent Staff and Volunteers of the Force, upon undergoing proper pertinent training from you;
- advising and consulting you in the identification of proper Monitoring sites, and assisting you in securing the relevant Authorizations/ Approvals; and
- disseminating and communicating the project's results through our channels (newsletter, website, social media).

We thank you for your commitment to contributing to the Citizen and Society, and we wish you every success for "AIR-COVID-NETWORK".

With kind regards,



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