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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I continue to work with Nazir on Counter Narcotics project work, even though I no longer work for UNODC. We both continue to be involved in fieldwork, which has become increasingly dangerous particularly because we work in the Counter Narcotics field. As such, anyone involved in such activities are often targets of violence. As an example, in 2005, one of our field teams in Kunar province, Eastern Afghanistan, was killed by a targeted IED (Improvised Explosive Device). This is just one of the day-to-day realities of working in Afghanistan, let alone working in the field as Nazir does.

I currently work for the Afghan Ministry of Counter Narcotics and I am not permitted to go to the field anymore, which is a drastic change from 2003 when I was allowed to travel freely throughout the country. The reality is that fieldwork, as Nazir has been so deeply involved with, has become a threat to life and limb for all.

Sincerely,



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