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TO: Whomever it might concern

SUBJECT: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR UMay SAMLI

Mr Umay Samli started his internship on 28/09/2023 at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) Operations (OPS) Division J2 X Information Assurance (IA) Section, and after receiving an extension because of his outstanding support, is currently still undertaking his project duties there. The main task is an update to the ACO CIS Security Policy checklist (applicable to inspections for all ACO sub-commands), in addition, tasks include supporting the section by conducting research and analysis on selected topics related to CIS Security Situational Awareness / open policy issues, as well as focused threat assessments based on topical threat information, technical information, and actionable intelligence. The resulting production furthers Allied Command Operations (ACO) personnel Cyber SA and overarching NATO Cyber Defence efforts.

Mr Samli demonstrates commendable work ethic, resulting in very satisfactory reporting. His genuine interest in Cyber Security is reaffirmed by his recent and ongoing involvement in the development of an online investigation tool, which is used in the context of security breaches involving NATO related email addresses or documents. Overall, Mr Samli is an engaged team player, smart, and he is always willing to tackle new challenges and to support or improve processes. He is a competent intern with a proactive mind-set and good communication skills; the coding and technical skills are superb and have led to some excellent contributions to the above mentioned activities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. Samli".