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To whom it may concern

Participation of Dr Srwa K. Bandyan in Insect Collection & Identification Project

I hereby invite Dr Srwa K. Bandyan, Salahaddin University, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Plant Protection, Karkuk street-Ronaki 235 n323, Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq, to be a formal collaborator in the following project:

Biodiversity of ecosystem service providers - pollinators and parasitoids in Iraq

The project runs from 31 March 2023 until 30 March 2025, and is supported by the UK Royal Society. Insect surveys in Iraq are to include Kurdistan Region. Any publishable results from Kurdistan Region will include Dr Bandyan as co-author, or lead author as appropriate, and full acknowledgement of her host institution, Salahaddin University. Specimens collected in Kurdistan will be shared between Salahaddin University and the Natural History Museum, London.

I look forward very much to working with Dr Bandyan on this innovative new project.

There will be no costs involved for this support, and field-collection equipment will be made available to the university permanently. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,



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