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RE: Support for the Declaration of World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability

Dear Ms. Azoulay:


On behalf of the more than 150,000 members of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) located in 177 countries, I am writing to indicate the strong support of our organization for the declaration of March 4th as the annual World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

ASCE is at the forefront of a profession that plans, designs, constructs, and operates society's economic and social engine - the built environment - while protecting and restoring the natural environment. Through the expertise of its active membership, ASCE is a leading provider of technical and professional conferences and continuing education, the world's largest publisher of civil engineering content, and an authoritative source for codes and standards that protect the public.

If declared, our organization commits to celebrating World Engineering Day with a range of activities that promote the role of engineering for climate change action and sustainability, as urgent action is needed in these areas. Such celebrations will improve community recognition of the importance of engineering to society and the economy.

The activities to celebrate World Engineering Day through ASCE's membership across the globe are expected to encourage young people to consider studying science and mathematics, and hopefully increase the intake of engineers into universities. This is critical for the sustainable development of countries around the world.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dr. Cris B. Liban, D.Env., P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE; Chair, ASCE Committee on Sustainability
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