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Ms. Audrey Azoulay  
Director General, UNESCO  
7 Fontenoy Place  
Paris, France

### **Support for Declaration of World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability**

Dear Ms. Azoulay,

On behalf of the members of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES), I am writing to convey the strong support of our organisation for the declaration of 4th March each year as the World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

IES, as the national society of engineers in Singapore, works towards the advancement of the engineering fraternity through multi-disciplines, local and international engineering initiatives and engagements. As part of our commitments to sustainable development, IES organises the biennial World Engineers Summit (WES) to engage more than 1000 leading authorities and advocates of sustainability, engineers from multi-disciplines, urban planning, energy and water specialists to exchange best practices and explore ideas on topics relating to climate change.

IES is committed to aligning our objectives, activities, initiatives and partnerships to the environmental, social and economic transformation goals of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). We believe engineers have a key role to play in SDG delivery that goes beyond just delivering the core projects but engineering a better world through innovation and technologies. With our strong presence and active involvement in international engineering federations such as ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations, Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and Pacific and World Federation of Engineering Organisations, we will continue to champion and advance sustainable development agendas in the region.

Climate change and its effects are a real threat to mankind; hence engineering solutions to mitigate impact and promote sustainability are imperative.

If declared, we will commit to celebrate World Engineering Day with a wide range of activities that promote the role of engineering for climate change and sustainability. Such celebrations will improve community recognition of the importance of engineering to society and the economy. The activities to celebrate World Engineering Day can include, but are not limited to, encouraging young people, both engineers and non-engineers to be more environmentally aware and to cultivate positive attitudes towards solving the problems caused by this global issue. We will also explore other activities critical for facilitating sustainable development in our country.

We look forward to joining hands with our fellow compatriots worldwide in creating more awareness in climate change action and sustainability.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, cursive letters that appear to be 'Y L W'.

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