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

Dear Ms. Azoulay,

On behalf of the members of the *Ordem dos Engenheiros de Portugal* (OEP|Portuguese Engineers Association), I am writing to indicate the strong support of our organisation for the *Declaration of*4th March of each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

Created in 1936, the Ordem do Engenheiros (OEP), according the Law and its By-laws:

- The Portuguese Engineers Association, hereinafter referred, in short, as OE, is the
 professional public association which represents the professionals who, according to the
 provisions of its By-laws and other applicable provisions, exercises the profession of
 engineer.
- The OE is independent from the State bodies and enjoys administrative, financial, scientific and disciplinary autonomy.
- The OE is a legal person of public Law and, in the exercise of its public powers it performs the necessary administrative actions to carry out its duties and approves the regulations foreseen in the Law and in its By-laws.
- Under the terms of its By-laws it is the OE mission to execute, to control the access to the professional activity of engineering and its exercise, to contribute for the defence, promotion and progress of engineering, encourage the efforts of its members in scientific, professional and social fields, and to defend ethics, deontology, valorisation and the professional qualifications of engineers.

We directly or indirectly represent 50.000 engineers.

If declared, our organisation commits to celebrating World Engineering Day with a wide 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 is expected to encourage young people, girls and boys, to raise the number of people studying science and mathematics, increasing the intake of engineers into universities. This is critical for the sustainable development of our country.

Yours sincerely,

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