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Dear Ms. Azoulay,

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

I am writing as President of the Royal Academy of Engineering to confirm the strong support of the Academy for the ***Declaration of 4th March of each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.***

The Royal Academy of Engineering is the UK's national academy for engineering and technology. We bring together over 1600 of the most talented and successful engineers- our Fellows- to advance and promote excellence in engineering for the benefit of society. We harness their experience and expertise to deliver programmes, provide policy advice, promote engineering leadership, and engage the public, in line with our three strategic priorities:

- Make the UK the leading nation for engineering innovation and business
- Address the engineering skills and diversity challenge
- Position engineering at the heart of society.

In addition to our UK activities, we also deliver £11m (\$14m) worth of international programmes annually, with a focus on building engineering capacity in developing countries, and working with developing and emerging countries to address the Sustainable Development Goals.

This Academy would see genuine value in an international day of engineering, and if the UN chose to create such a day, we would welcome opportunities to integrate it with our own promotion of engineering and its impacts in the UK and internationally, including through the [This is Engineering](#) campaign to encourage young people from all backgrounds to consider engineering careers, which was seen 28m times last year, and the series of Global Grand Challenges Summits we are hosting with the US and Chinese national academies of engineering to encourage collaborations to address the Sustainable Development Goals.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Dowling