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

Dear Ms. Azoulay,

On behalf of the members of the Southern African Federation of Engineering Organisations (SAFEO) I am writing to indicate a strong support of our organisation for the *Declaration of* 4th March of each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

The Southern African Federation of Engineering Organisations is the regional body for Southern African Development Community (SADC) with responsibilities for capacity building in the region.

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. We anticipate that our activities will reach and have an impact on about 200 million people in our region.

Yours sincerely,

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SAFEO President