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Ref. Declaration of World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability

Dear Director General,

On behalf of the Pan American Union of Engineering Associations - UPADI, I am writing to indicate the strong support of our organization for the Declaration of 4th March of each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

UPADI was constituted in 1949 with the objectives to encourage, promote, extend, orient, guide and standardize professional actions and practices of engineers in the Americas. Currently, 31 member organizations from 27 countries of the Americas belong to UPADI, representing some 6 million engineers and members of the engineering education academia.

Gathering all Engineering Societies of the Americas, UPADI aims at setting up continental engineering regulations and professional codes of ethics, applying engineering solutions in technical and economic matters and contributing to the enhancement of the engineering profession.

Invited by UNESCO to take part in the creation of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), UPADI was one of the founding members of this Federation.

Upon the approval of the World Engineering Day Declaration, UPADI will celebrate such date with activities emphasizing the role of engineering in climate change effects mitigation and adaptation, in conformity with the preservation of sustainability principles. This contribution will catalyze recognition of the importance of engineering to society and the economy by assuring the establishment of policies based on factual evidence, scientific knowledge and engineering feasibility criteria.

Looking forward to the Declaration approval, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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