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Subject: Validity of the UNESCO Chair on Comparative Studies in Quality of Higher Education, at the National University of Science and Technology, Russian Federation (ID 1246)

Dear Vice Rector,

I wish to refer to your request to renew the Agreement between UNESCO and the University for International Cooperation, concerning the UNESCO Chair UNESCO Chair on Comparative Studies in Quality of Higher Education, established in 2017. I am pleased to inform you that the above-mentioned Agreement shall remain valid until 31 December 2025.

To this end, a new standard UNESCO Chair logo is enclosed for the use of this Chair in all multimedia materials, social media, websites, brochures and other materials and documents, including when materials are re-printed and/or re-produced. Guidance on the use of the new logo is outlined in the revised UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme guidelines and procedures (March 2022).

Moreover, please note that all promotional and information materials published by the Chair or the Host Institution, bearing the UNESCO Chair logo (example: pamphlets and other electronic documents) should bear the disclaimer:

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As you may also be aware, UNESCO is currently undertaking a global review of the membership of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, revising the programme documents and streamlining the processes. As such, we invite you to consult the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme guidelines and procedures and the programme webpage for the latest updates.

To summarize the most salient changes in terms of administrative procedures:

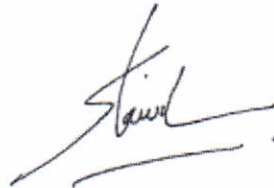
- In the future, should the university wish to continue to host the abovementioned UNESCO Chair, a formal request is to be submitted by 30 June 2025, or six months before the end of the validity of the current agreement through the dedicated online platform.
- To ensure that all UNESCO Chairs and Networks are contributing to UNESCO's programme and priorities, a revised set of criteria will be used in the evaluation of requests for renewal, as published in Annex B of the revised guidelines.

We are confident that the Chair will continue to contribute to higher education area with a focus on achieving targets of the SDG 4. in through research, training, information and documentation The Chair enhanced UNESCO's visibility in the Russian Federation via participation and contribution to national and international scientific conferences. The Chair is encouraged to further strengthen its cooperation with UNESCO.

Finally, I invite the Chairholder and the Chair's team to contact the designated focal point, Ms. Hassmik Tortian, Programme Specialist, Section for Higher Education, UNESCO Education Sector (email: H.Tortian@unesco.org) to explore further possible collaborations. For all other issues, please contact the UNITWIN Programme team at unitwin@unesco.org.

I wish this UNESCO Chair full success in achieving its objectives.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sobhi Tawil', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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