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Mr. F.Mayor Director-General UNESCO

Dear Sir.

Siberian Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences (SD RAS), United Institute of History, Philology and Philosophy and Novosibirsk State University closely cooperate with UNESCO in the field of educational development and science. One of examples of this cooperation is the International Congress "Education and Science at the Threshold of the Third Millennium", which was held in Novosibirsk by Siberian Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Novosibirsk State University under the auspices of UNESCO in September, 1995.

At present the Novosibirsk University, the United Institute of History.

Philology and Philosophy and other Institutes of the Siberian Division of the
Russian Academy of Sciences, have got the substantial potential for solving
environmental, social, economic and legal problems of the sustainable social
development. It makes possible to carry out high-level scientific research and
to train specialists in these fields.

I believe it would be very important to support the idea of establishing the UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development, Environmental Sciences and Social Problems within Novosibirsk State University and United Institute of History, Philology and Philosophy (SD RAS).

Yours Faithfully,

President SD RAS

Chairman of Siberian Division of the Commission of Russian

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