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Subject: Validity of the Agreement of the UNESCO Chair on Engineering Education, at the University of Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran (ID 1057)

Dear Professor Moghimi,

I wish to refer to your request to renew the Agreement between UNESCO and the University of Tehran, concerning the UNESCO Chair on Engineering Education, established in April 2014. I am pleased to inform you that the above-mentioned Agreement shall remain valid until 31 December 2026.

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 reproduced. Guidance on the use of the new logo is outlined in the revised UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme guidelines and procedures (March 2022).

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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 2026, 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.

Finally, I invite the Chairholder and the Chair's team to contact the designated focal point, Ms. Amal Kasry, Chief of Section, Basic Sciences, Research, Innovation and Engineering Section, UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector (<u>a.kasry@unesco.org</u>) to explore further possible collaborations. For all other issues, please contact the UNITWIN Programme team at <u>unitwin@unesco.org</u>.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Director

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