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Dear Professor Werlen,

We are writing to confirm that the International Council for Science (ICSU) is pleased to join the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH) in declaring the establishment of an International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU) in 2016. The announcement of this will take place on 14 September at the 2015 World Social Science Forum (WSSF) to be held in Durban, South Africa.

ICSU's mission is to strengthen international science for the benefit of society. It therefore supports the IYGU's goal of promoting global understanding through research, education, and information in order to address global sustainability challenges.

We are looking forward to cooperating closely with the IYGU network to make 2016 a success for the benefit of future generations across the world.

Yours sincerely,

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