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Permanent Delegate of the
Eastern Republic of Uruguay
to UNESCO
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Your Excellency,

I am pleased to inform you that a national of your country, Professor Gonzalo Moratorio, was recently appointed by the UNESCO Director-General to be a member of the Scientific Board of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP).of UNESCO.

The Scientific Board of this programme is composed of world experts. appointed for a term of three years. Taking into account both the need for continuity and the need for rotation of membership, members shall be eligible for reappointment for a further term of three years, but shall not serve continuously for more than six years. A copy of the composition of the new board is attached for your kind attention.

The Scientific Board is more relevant now than ever when the world is calling for evidence based scientific knowledge for policy and decision making in this unprecedented era of COVID-19. There is also unanimous support for UNESCO's role for coordination of international scientific platforms and coalitions to build new partnerships in the basic sciences, and facilitating knowledge and technology transfer.

I trust that having , Professor Gonzalo Moratorio on IBSP will further strengthen cooperation between your country and UNESCO on the mandate of IBSP and the Natural Sciences Sector .

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,



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Assistant Director-General for
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