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Dear Professor Karminskaia,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23 May 2017, addressed to Ms Irina Bokova, the former Director-General of UNESCO, requesting to renew the Agreement between UNESCO and Yugra State University concerning the UNESCO Chair in Environmental Dynamics and Global Climate Change, established in December 2008.

In light of the very good results achieved by the above-mentioned Chair, confirmed by the positive report on the evaluation of its activities, I am pleased to inform you that UNESCO agrees to renew the above-mentioned Agreement for an additional period of four years, until December 2021. I am confident that the UNESCO Chair will continue contributing to the UN global Agenda, notably by addressing climate change issues.

Finally, I invite the Chairholder and the Chair's team to contact Ms Marie Prchalova, Programme Specialist, Section on Man and Biosphere Research and Policy: Ecology and Biodiversity, Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO (tel.:+33 1 45 68 05 27; e-mail: m.prchalova@unesco.org), who has been identified at the focal point for this Chair at UNESCO to explore further possible cooperation.

For all other matters, I kindly invite you to contact Ms Liliana Simionescu, Programme Specialist in charge of the UNITWIN Programme, Section for Higher Education of the Education Sector (tel: +33 1 45 68 11 82; e-mail: l.simionescu@unesco.org).

Looking forward to our continued cooperation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Svein Osttveit
Director a.i.