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Dear Professor Benedikt Loewe,

It is with great pleasure that the CIPSH Chair for Global Studies, hosted by the Aberta University, in Portugal, having learned of UNESCO's decision to proclaim January 14 as World Logic Day (WLD), has decided to support and associate itself to this initiative.

Logical thinking is crucial for building united human communities, because they dare to know and relate to each other on a solid and universal grounding. But this is only possible if there is a capacity for mutual understanding, which implies a permanent effort for dialogue, towards understanding and overcoming possible reasons for division, and participation in common initiatives of different types and scopes (for example, in the preparation of a universal declaration of rights or in a scientific and technological project for the development of a medicine).

The CIPSH Chair for Global Studies is committed to promoting knowledge of historical, political, scientific and cultural relations between societies and peoples around the world from an open, inclusive and humanistic perspective, through the development of a critical capacity to understand the lights and shadows of these relations over time, identifying common problems and preparing for the future together.

Not only Exact Sciences and Philosophy share a concern for the production of rational thought, the whole Human Sciences are also dedicated to it, at the service of Humanity.

Regarding this subject, there is still a long way to go.

It is important to strengthen the collaboration of the scientific community worldwide. We mean the establishment of interdisciplinary research



groups, with people from all over the world, covering all kinds of problems and issues. At a time when producing science means having power, it is convenient that this power is placed at the service of all peoples, as even now can be seen with the much needed production of vaccines to combat the global pandemic of COVID-19. But there are other problems plaguing Humanity, such as, for example, poverty or child labor, which call for the strengthening of combined efforts.

The truth is that there is no lack of reasons for hope. In fact, hope is a rational idea. The rationality of hope goes beyond the merely logical, given that it includes the improbable, and it is precisely on this basis that it has been present for centuries in the History of Philosophy and Political Thought as a rational element.

Hope is a human desire rooted in a possibility that brings together what is most profoundly human. The very motivation for writing this letter is a sign of hope in CIPSH's remarkable work to promote knowledge on a global scale.

Therefore, it is with great clarity and enthusiasm that the CIPSH Chair for Global Studies at the Aberta University joins the UNESCO initiative of creating the World Logic Day, making itself available to take part in any initiatives in which its participation can be useful.

Best regards,



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