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Subject: Validity of the Agreement of the UNESCO Chair on Bioethics, Kazan State Medical University, Russian Federation (1154)

Dear Professor Sozinov,

Dear Chairholder,

I wish to refer to your request to renew the Agreement between UNESCO and Kazan State Medical University, concerning the UNESCO Chair on Bioethics, established in 2016. I am pleased to inform you that the above-mentioned Agreement shall remain valid until 31 December 2024.

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 re-produced. 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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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 2024, 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.

The Chair is encouraged to strengthen its ties with the Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section of the UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector (SHS), expand its inter-university cooperation and forge partnerships, including with other UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks.

Finally, I invite you and the Chair's team to contact the designated focal point, Ms. Orio Ikebe, Programme Specialist, Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section, UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector (e-mail: o.ikebe@unesco.org) to explore further possible collaborations. For all other issues, please contact the UNITWIN Programme team at unitwin@unesco.org.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sobhi Tawil', with a horizontal line underneath.

Sobhi Tawil (PhD)
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