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Madam Minister,
Dear Mrs Klöckner,

We would like to thank you for your extremely positive letter of July 2019, and also apologize for this late reply.

The second half of 2019 has been dense in activities and led the Consortium of Members at its meeting in December 2019 on the sidelines of COP 25 relocated to Madrid, launched the work on a Strategic Plan for our International Initiative. As of January 2020, the Executive Secretariat, strengthened by the arrival of two young recruits at the level of the BLE, has been working on the task under the leadership of the Bureau of the Initiative. At the heart of the CoVid 19 crisis in Europe, a complete Strategic Plan has been developed, and proposed to the validation of the Consortium of Members by electronic procedure on June 15th.

Among the 24 objectives contained in this Strategic Plan, the "Transversal Actions" include the objective to "launch a pilot project based on "Twin-Regions" for large-scale climate actions". It is this project that we would like to submit for your analysis for the implementation of funding by the ministry for which you are responsible.

This pilot project, which we are thinking of calling "Twin-Regions", would be based on pairs of communities (these could be countries, regions, towns, municipalities, or any type of community), complementary in terms of emissions and carbon sequestration potential, essentially determined by their surface area and the potential for increased biomass production. The basic idea behind the concept is to motivate citizens of a community in an industrialized nation with high per capita emissions but low carbon sequestration potential to join forces with citizens of a community in a developing nation with low emissions but high carbon sequestration potential. Projects in developing countries will focus on soil health and soil carbon sequestration. A summary of the highlights of this "Twin-Regions" pilot project is attached to this letter for your information.

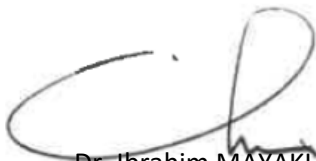
We are convinced that this "Twin-Regions" pilot project will be an important element in the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the "4 per 1000" Initiative, and particularly of the "Transversal

Actions". For the Initiative, this project will be a key instrument to bring together the different groups of stakeholders and create indispensable synergies. Different partners and members of the "4 per 1000" Initiative will work together in the framework of this project, pursuing the same objective.

The Executive Secretary's team is mobilized to give life and substance to this important project, but there are still some administrative issues to be resolved, including the fact that the Initiative cannot, for legal reasons, be the project leader and recipient of funding. However, together with the BLE, the "4 per 1000" Initiative will be able to provide assistance in the development, mediation between the project partners, as well as in the launching and operation of the project. We have already received several positive expressions of interest from partners and members of the Initiative, and possible project leaders could include the Thuenen Institute and CIRAD.

By this letter, following your response of July 2019, and in order to continue the development of the project, we seek your agreement in principle and that of the ministry for which you are responsible to support the "Twin-Regions" pilot project of the "4 per 1000" Initiative.

Yours Sincerely,



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