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To whom it may concern

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We have the pleasure to contact you regarding the "Master of Advanced Studies ETH Mediation In Peace Processes" (MAS ETH MPP). Launched in 2017, the MAS ETH MPP is a globally unique two-year program focused specifically on mediation in peace processes. The MAS ETH MPP is built on a close partnership between ETH Zürich, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and the foreign ministries of Germany, Finland and Sweden. You will find further information on the MAS MPP on the following website: www.mas-mediation.ethz.ch and in the attached brochure.

A limited number of scholarships will be provided by the countries supporting the MAS ETH MPP (Switzerland, Germany and Sweden). These scholarships will be made available to cover the course fee, travel, and accommodation costs of participants from non-OECD countries who could not otherwise afford to participate. They will be awarded by the MAS ETH MPP management. The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the German Federal Foreign Office, and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be consulted during the selection process. For further information on the scholarships, please see: <http://www.mas-mediation.ethz.ch/application/scholarship-application.html>

We would kindly ask you to identify potential candidates for the program among your organization and networks to apply for a scholarship to take part in the second cycle of the program from November 2018 to June 2021. Candidates for MAS MPP scholarships have to fulfil the following necessary admission criteria:

- Master's degree (applications from candidates without a Master's degree can be accepted only in exceptional circumstances);
- Career prospects for professional mediation-related activities in connection with peace processes;
- Experience in mediation, peace processes or political negotiations in violent conflicts;
- English proficiency (Level: C1); language of instruction is English.

The MAS MPP is aimed at future mediators. It is therefore important to say that this course does not target conflict parties who want to learn how to negotiate. The target audience is people who already work as mediators in peace processes or have the interest and potential to become such mediators and are being offered by their respective employers to pursue such a path in future. The focus is not on training high-level, political envoys, but rather experts (technical experts or diplomats) who work in mediation support units and teams of envoys. While not a strict rule, the guiding target age range of potential candidates should be ideally between 30 and 45 years. People who are interested in such a scholarship can directly apply on the web page of the ETH: <http://www.mas-mediation.ethz.ch/application/scholarship-application.html>.

This training will imply serious investment of time and resources. The participants will follow six modules of a total of 15 weeks at the ETH in Zurich (in blocks of 2-3 weeks). In addition, they will need time to read and work on two written papers when back in their respective countries of origin. The course duration is of a total of 18 months. Although the course allows participants to continue working in their respective positions throughout the duration of the course, the employer will have to show flexibility regarding frequent absences of the MAS MPP participants.

Should you feel the participation of a certain candidate would be of particular importance, it would be helpful for us if you could write a reference letter for the candidates to attach to their application.

The deadline for the scholarship applications is 21 April 2019. We are looking forward to receiving interesting applications that find your support and meet the selection requirements.

In case you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ETH (Tel. +41 (0)44 632 40 25, email: masmediation@ethz.ch).

Yours sincerely,

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