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The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

To:
National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

Cc:
UNESCO Field Offices

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Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that, within the framework of the For Women in Science partnership between the L'Oréal Foundation and UNESCO, we have launched the 2018 call for nominations for outstanding women scientists from all over the world. Five Prizes of €100,000 will be awarded in March 2018 in Paris to five women scientists for the contributions of their research to Life Sciences and Environment, the strength of their commitments and their impact on society.

Since the beginning of the programme in 1998, L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science has honored 94 Laureates, including two who went on to win the Nobel Prize. Scientists around the world are invited to submit candidates, and an international jury of eminent scientists makes the final selection.

Given your Government's interest in the promotion and the enhancement of the Programme For Women in Science, we would be grateful if you could transmit this call for nominations to renowned scientists in your countries who could present and nominate the most qualified candidates. For this purpose, the Platform "For Women in Science" launched in 2013 will still be accessible on www.fwis.fr. The platform is very user-friendly and is the only tool available for the submission of the candidates' applications and later for the selection process. The nominators will have to sign into the platform and upload all the necessary documents in order to submit the candidates' application.

The deadline for submitting nominations is **Friday, 16 June 2017**. Please note that only nominations received through the platform and prior to this deadline will be considered by the Members of the Jury. No paper applications will be considered. In the annex you will find the Rules and Regulations guiding the programme.

I thank you for your active participation in ensuring that the best women in research from each region are recognized and rewarded for their scientific excellence.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Flavia Schlegel'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'F' and a long, sweeping tail.

Flavia Schlegel