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Dear Professor Papič,

Thank you for your letter dated 15 July 2020, addressed to Ms Stefania Giannini, the Assistant Director-General for Education, by which you request the renewal of the Agreement between UNESCO and the University of Ljubljana, concerning the UNESCO Chair on Water-Related Disaster Risk Reduction, established in May 2016.

In light of the very good results achieved by the above-mentioned Chair, confirmed by the positive evaluation of its activities, I am pleased to inform you that UNESCO agrees to renew the above-mentioned Agreement for an additional period of four years, until 20 May 2024.

I am confident that the UNESCO Chair together with its partners, will continue to work closely with UNESCO Secretariat, notably with the UNESCO's water family and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), in the fields of water resources and hydrological hazards, and to contribute to the implementation of the UNESCO's Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) IX Strategy, through Danube IHP network, integrated approach of research, training, conferences, publications and capacity building nationally and internationally.

This UNESCO Chair is renewed for a period of four years. Should the University wish to pursue the activities of the Chair beyond this renewed period, a formal request to renew the validity of the Agreement must be addressed to UNESCO six months before the expiry date of the current Agreement. The decision to renew a Chair's Agreement is based, among others, on the positive evaluation of the reports on the activities carried out by the Chair.

The progress report is due two years after the renewal of the Agreement, followed by a final report two years later. Reports should follow the UNESCO template available at <http://www.unesco.org/en/university-twinning-and-networking/application-and-forms/progress-report-form/>.


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Finally, I invite Professor Matjaz Mikos, the Chairholder and the Chair's team to contact Mr Jonathan Baker, Regional Science Advisor - Head of Science Unit UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, Venice (tel: +39041 260 15 21; e-mail: j.baker@unesco.org), who has been identified at the focal point for this Chair at UNESCO to explore further possible cooperation.

For all other matters, I kindly invite you to contact Ms Liliana Simionescu, Programme Specialist in charge of the UNITWIN Programme, Section of Higher Education of the Education Sector (tel: +33 1 45 68 11 82; e-mail: l.simionescu@unesco.org).

Looking forward to our continued cooperation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Wells', with a small dot at the end of the line.

Peter Wells
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