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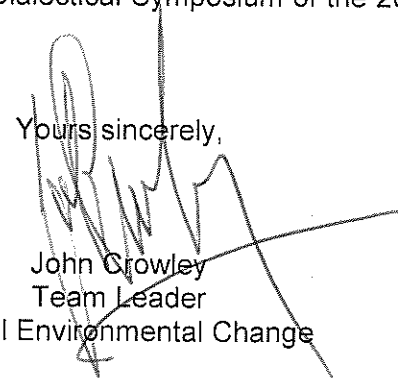
Dear Mr Demirtzoglou,

I would like to congratulate you on the successful Forum: Third Dialectical Symposium of the World Philosophical Forum devoted to the theme of "Best philosophical ideas educate, consolidate and unite Humanity" which took place in Athens, Greece from 8 to 12 October 2012.

UNESCO welcomes the efforts of the World Philosophical Forum, through philosophical reflection on the current global challenges facing the world, to support the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by the Member States of the United Nations. The emphasis on the role of women philosophers in developing humanity's philosophical search for wisdom, sustainability and continuation of life on Earth based on universal values is particularly relevant for our Organization, which has itself launched a network of women philosophers and marked in November 2012 the 15th anniversary of the Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations, which was adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in November 1997 with a view to the "necessity for establishing new, equitable and global links of partnership and intragenerational solidarity, and for promoting inter-generational solidarity for the perpetuation of humankind". As you may be aware, UNESCO's commemoration of the 2012 World Philosophy Day, which took place on 15 November, was devoted to "Future Generations".

Unfortunately, the dates of the Symposium and Forum in Athens coincided with the dates of the 190th session of the Executive Board (UNESCO Headquarters, 3-18 October 2012). Therefore, our Organization was unable to be represented at the conference. We would appreciate it very much if you could send us the final documents presenting the results of the Third Dialectical Symposium of the 2012 World Philosophical Forum.

Yours sincerely,

  
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