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Subject: Joint leadership of the UNESCO Chair on *Governance & Social Responsibility in Sport*

Dear Dr. Sobhi Tawil,

As the Rector of UCLan Cyprus, I am extremely proud of the fact that, since June 2022, our University has become part of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Program's global network. I also know that the Program's ultimate goal is to strengthen connections between research and development policy and practice at local, regional and global levels.

Against all this, and in order to foster the international dimension of the abovementioned Chair, which is hosted at UCLan Cyprus, I wish to put forward a formal request for a joint leadership of the UNESCO Chair on ***Governance & Social Responsibility in Sport*** between UCLan Cyprus and the College of Science & Engineering at Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) in Qatar.

The Founder of the Chair, Dr Christos Anagnostopoulos, now Assistant Professor in Sport Management at HBKU, will serve as the co-chairholder and Director of the Chair representing HBKU. Dr Efstathios Christodoulides, Lecturer in Sport and Exercise Science at UCLan Cyprus, will serve as the other co-chairholder representing UCLan Cyprus.

Subject to your approval, I am extremely confident that the proposed joint leadership will greatly increase the Chair's capacity and, as a result, the prospects for assisting and inspiring the wider 'sport movement' towards raising the quality of its governance practices as well as embracing socially responsible designs for programmes and interventions that have sport at their core.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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