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Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the forty-seventh session of the International Conference on Education (ICE) will take place on 8–11 September 2004 in Geneva on the following theme: “Quality education for all young people: challenges, trends and priorities”.

In keeping with past practice, I am writing to ask you to be kind enough to present on the occasion of the next session of the ICE a National report on the development of education in your country. In order to ensure comparability of reports coming from different countries and to guide those responsible for drafting them, the International Bureau of Education (IBE) has prepared a document “National report on the development of education. Suggestions for preparation: 2004 series”, which is herewith enclosed.

I would be most obliged if you could send your country's report to the IBE before **15 August 2004**.

In order that your country's report may be utilized as widely as possible, it is desirable that it be presented in one of UNESCO's official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish), and at least in English and/or French (UNESCO's working languages).

As in the case of the forty-sixth session of the ICE (Geneva, September 2001), the 2004 series of national reports will be made available on CD-ROM and on the IBE's website (www.ibe.unesco.org). It is therefore essential for the IBE to receive the electronic version of the report in one of the most widespread formats (*.txt, *.doc, or *.wpf), in addition to the printed document provided in a suitable number of copies.

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Would you kindly indicate to us the name of the person(s) who we may contact for all matters concerning the preparation of the ICE in general, and the national report in particular.

I thank you in advance most warmly for your contribution.

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

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