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Dear Mr. Kuzmin,

On behalf of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) I would like to convey my greetings at this very important event and wish you all very productive and stimulating days at the conference.

IFLA and UNESCO have a long history of collaboration. A number of significant IFLA policies have been endorsed by IFAP and UNESCO. These policies continue to have a great impact at a global level and contribute to the development of frameworks for high-quality library services.

There is a need to raise awareness among governments and other stakeholders so that the proper strategies to foster information skills and competencies are developed for all citizens. We believe that media and information literacy needs to be fully integrated in national policies to reach the Millennium Development Goals and the objectives as set out by the World Summit on the Information Society.

I would like to emphasise the value of our joint initiatives. Our partnership provides a stronger foundation on which to lobby for and implement media and information literacy activities worldwide. This conference is an excellent example.

Once again, my very best wishes for the conference. IFLA is looking forward to the outcomes of the discussions which will take place in the next days and to our further collaboration to promote Media and Information Literacy worldwide.

Yours sincerely,

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