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Dear Executive Committee members of the International Mathematical Union,

I am very pleased to fully support the French mathematical community application to organize the 2022 edition of the International Congress of Mathematicians – ICM in Paris. ICM 2022 would be a most considerable event for the French and European scientific communities. It will have a strong impact on research, education and industrial developments.

The MEDEF (French Business Confederation) is a strong actor of the French industrial world. Promoting scientific and technical innovation is one its main objectives to support competitiveness.

Nowadays Mathematics play a very important role in the French education system and in the strong partnerships between academic laboratories and industry. Collaborative research with the industry and transfer to industry are priorities for major public research institutes such as Inria as well as for the universities of Bordeaux, Grenoble, Nice, Paris, Saclay, Strasbourg, Toulouse among many others. The Paris area enjoys an exceptional concentration of scientists and students who develop interactions and partnerships with high-tech companies, start-ups and financial business firms. It also enjoys an exceptional concentration of private laboratories (Thalès, EDF, Engie, banks, CEA, etc.) which commit research in applied mathematics to the highest quality.

The national agency AMIES (*Agence pour les mathématiques en interaction avec les entreprises et la société*) facilitates and amplifies the interactions between academic research in mathematics and industry. In addition, AMIES is part of the Eu-maths-in European initiative. This European dimension is conform to the spirit of the French application to organize ICM 2022 in Paris and to the MEDEF objectives.

It is clear to us that ICM 2022 will be an excellent opportunity to advertise the impacts of mathematics in innovation, technology and industry and to impulse new partnerships. I am convinced that ICM 2022 in Paris, France, will be a most successful event.

Yours sincerely,

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