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H.E. Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General
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Dear Mr. Üzümcü:

As President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, I am pleased to inform you that IUPAC endorses the Hague Ethical Guidelines. The Guidelines have been reviewed by the IUPAC Executive Committee and Bureau, and both groups have instructed the Union to endorse and promulgate them.

IUPAC has been honored to partner with the OPCW on several important initiatives, including conferences on the impact of scientific developments on the Chemical Weapons Convention, on materials for education and outreach on dual uses of chemicals, and on preparation of the Guidelines. As you know, several persons in leadership positions in IUPAC were among the chemical practitioners who contributed as individual scientists to the process of drafting the Guidelines. A recent IUPAC project on recommendations for codes of conduct for chemists follows a similar model for promulgation of codes, encouraging its members to consider the guidelines in updating and preparing codes of conduct for their organizations. The Core Element of the Hague Ethical Guidelines, which states, "Achievements in the field of chemistry should be used to benefit humankind and protect the environment," is fully consistent with the IUPAC strategic mission and vision.

IUPAC will post a statement about the Guidelines and our endorsement on our new Web site, www.iupac.org, which is currently under substantial updating, at our earliest opportunity. This will be our mechanism for sharing the Guidelines with our members – National Adhering Organizations, Associated Organizations, volunteer scientists, affiliates, and Fellows around the world – and for encouraging them to refer to and promote the guidelines within their organizations.

Congratulations on the Hague Ethical Guidelines. IUPAC looks forward to future productive collaborations with the OPCW.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Natalia Tarasova

President, International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry