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**The Assistant Director-General  
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Dear Ms Paladino,

On behalf of UNESCO, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for you and your team's invaluable participation as an exhibitor at the Opening Ceremony of the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology (IYQ), held on 4-5 February 2025 in Room I at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. Your organisation's creative and innovative showcases of QTRIS and the interactive virtual laboratory brilliantly illustrated the exciting possibilities of quantum research and the powerful synergy between science, art, and culture.

The Opening Ceremony brought together the high-level policy makers, top academic and corporate innovators in quantum science and technology, including four Nobel Prize winners, five high-level government officials and six industry leaders, and 1200 participants in the field of quantum science and technology. Your exhibit, among the other 20 sponsors and exhibitors during the immersive exhibition, provided a vivid demonstration of the creative and innovative potential of quantum science and technology, underscored the fascinating nature of quantum research while illustrating its practical applications in sustainable development and beyond. It also demonstrated the powerful intersection of science, art, and culture, reminding us that these disciplines together can inspire and unite humanity.

The Opening Ceremony is only the beginning of us marching together into a new era. As the lead agency for IYQ, UNESCO calls on Member States, specialized UN agencies, regional organizations, academia, civil society, and the private sector to shape a Global Quantum Agenda. As part of this effort, UNESCO is planning a series of awareness raising events, capacity building programmes and projects, as well as providing policy recommendations. We aim to foster a deeper understanding of the transformative potential of quantum science and technology, promote international and regional collaborations, and close the quantum divide to ensures equitable access to its benefits. We look forward to collaborating with you

on future initiatives and are confident that your continued engagement will be instrumental in ensuring the momentum started grows into lasting impact.

Once again, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for your invaluable contribution to this defining event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lidia Brito', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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