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Dear Joshua:

The U.S. National Committee for IUPAC has reviewed the proposed strategic plan for IUPAC, its implementation steps and fully support the changes that are proposed. Further, we have instructed our delegates to the General Assembly in Berlin to cast their votes in support of steps which will be acted upon at the General Assembly, consistent with the adoption and implementation of this plan as proposed by the IUPAC Executive Committee.

The USNC has shared the proposed strategic plan and its implementation with the U.S. participants in IUPAC activities to solicit their input. Additionally, the USNC hosted a special meeting at the recent American Chemical Society National Meeting, March 1999 in Anaheim, CA which I chaired in my capacity as Chairman of the USNC, and held an open discussion of the strategic plan and its implementation with a number of active U.S. participants in IUPAC. While there were concerns raised by several members in this input, the concerns were similar to those raised in other forums in which this plan has been discussed. The USNC concluded that while the concerns are valid, they are addressable through the mechanisms proposed in the new structure of IUPAC. The Vice Chair of the USNC, Ed Przybylowicz, shared this input with the IUPAC Executive Committee at its meeting in Tokyo, Japan this year. As was noted in Ed's report to the IUPAC Executive Committee:

“All of the concerns have been fully discussed and taken into account in the planning process and resulting plan. Carrying out the implementation with the same openness that the planning has received will be the key to the success of this plan.”

The USNC wishes to compliment the current and recent past officers of IUPAC for their initiatives and persistence in pursuing change within IUPAC. These changes will result in an organization that will be better able to address the needs of the international chemistry community in the changing and challenging environment in

which it will be operating in the next years. We applaud IUPAC for recognizing the need for change and the USNC will do what it can to help make implementation of this plan successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The script is cursive and fluid.

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