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Dear Professor Juran,

Following your request of 14 August 2015 and further to the customary consultations, I am pleased to inform you that I have decided to establish an official partnership (consultative status) between UNESCO and the W-SMART Association, in accordance with the *Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations*, adopted by the General Conference at its 36th session (copy enclosed). I shall inform the Executive Board of my decision at its 200th session next October.

The work and the activities of W-SMART are consistent with the current programmes and priorities of UNESCO in the field of the natural sciences, and cooperation between UNESCO and W-SMART has a solid foundation, based on the close collaboration established with the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme.

I am very pleased, therefore, to formalize this valuable cooperation between our two organizations, and am convinced that this step will enhance the impact of our joint activities. I invite you to pursue your cooperation with the Natural Sciences Sector, and to explore new possibilities of synergy and future collaboration.

The Desk for Intergovernmental and Non-Governmental Organizations in the Sector for External Relations and Public Information (Ms Sabina Colombo, Senior Desk Officer; tel: +33 1 45 68 17 78; e-mail: s.colombo@unesco.org) remains at your disposal to provide you with any further information you may require concerning the different possibilities of cooperation laid out in the abovementioned Directives.

Thanking you for your continued action in the service of international cooperation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Irina Bokova