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Dear Sir,

I would like to refer to the letter of Mr. Karol Jakubowicz, Chair of the Intergovernmental Council for IFAP, dated 26 January 2009, sent to IFAP national committees and partners (copy enclosed).

In light of the comments made by the Chair of IFAP and of our previous exchanges on the situation regarding the activities of the Interregional Civil Organization in Support of UNESCO Information for All Programme (ICOS UNESCO IFAP Russia), I should once again like to draw your attention to the importance of settling this issue.

Indeed, despite all efforts to date, we note that the ICOS UNESCO IFAP Russia still manages and promotes the website "Programme UNESCO Information for All in Russia" (<http://www.ifap.ru>). The information available on this site, the domain name of which contains "ifap", clearly indicates that this organization claims to be the main and legitimate agent of UNESCO Information for All Programme in the Russian Federation.

Furthermore, the press release issued on 12 December last of this organization (also enclosed) is another example of distortion of the reality. Moreover, it creates a confusion that is detrimental to the image of UNESCO and to the work realized by the Russian IFAP Committee, our official partner. I should also like to remind you that the use of UNESCO's name, logo and/or symbols by this non-recognized structure is illicit.

UNESCO's Secretariat is working in close and effective cooperation with the Russian IFAP Committee, and its Chairman, Mr. Evgeny Kuzmin, and, as stated by the Director-General of UNESCO "*The dynamic and successful activities of the Russian Committee of the Information for All Programme to promote and develop that intergovernmental UNESCO Programme in Russia and neighbouring countries, have won international recognition and deserve every support*" (Letter to Mr. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, dated 6 June 2005).

I should therefore like to call upon you to take all necessary steps in order to prevent the ICOS UNESCO IFAP Russia from using UNESCO's name and the name of the Information for All Programme, and to restrain its unendorsed and unsanctioned activities under the IFAP Programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a series of horizontal strokes that trail off to the right.

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