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Dear Professor Calvera,

I thank you for your letter of 28 December 2001 addressed to Mrs Lazarus, forwarding a copy of the conclusions of the 1st Meeting of Design Historians and Scholars which was held in 1999.

As pointed out in the Barcelona Declaration contained in the report, the Standard International Nomenclature for the fields of Science and Technology was produced by the Division of Science and Technology Policy of UNESCO. Unfortunately the programme was abandoned in 1992 and the Organization discontinued its role of standards setting in this field. The Barcelona Declaration is indeed an example of demand for the science and technology policy programme.

You certainly will pleased to learn that the current Director-General of UNESCO, Mr Matsuura, has, as part of the reform of the organization, re-established the programme with the creation of the Division of Science Analysis and Policies.

I have requested the Division to revisit the UNESCO nomenclature for the fields of science and technology and I am sure that you will be consulted in the process.

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