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Dear representatives of the IUPAC National Adhering Organizations,

On June 4th, we had a historical Council Meeting that marked an important milestone but is only one more step in the building of a more effective, agile, and impactful organization. This journey started on July 11th, 2019, during our 50th General Assembly, when Council requested establishing a special working group to review our organizational structure. Now, and thanks to the work of many IUPAC volunteers and your support, we have a new organizational framework that is much better suited for addressing the rapidly evolving challenges in our second century of history. On behalf of the entire IUPAC, I want to thank you for your trust and for approving the proposed changes in our Statutes, Bylaws, and Standing Orders.

I also would like to thank the members of the Review Group, who proposed this new Organizational Structure after careful and comprehensive analysis and evaluation of the entire organization. Special thanks to Prof. Chris Brett, IUPAC President during the previous biennium when the proposed changes were made, analyzed, and approved both by the Executive Committee and the Bureau. This effort couldn't have been possible without our staff who has worked tirelessly to make all this happen while continuing with the daily work of the Union.

We will start immediately to work on the transition and we hope that you will be involved in this process. The Executive and Science Boards will be instrumental in setting the agenda of the organization and its direction and will help us create a more sustainable and impactful IUPAC.

Another important recommendation of the Review Group was to improve our communication with our NAOs. Because of that, it proposed the creation of the NAO FORUM, an informal online conversation between the IUPAC leadership team and NAOs. I would like to use this opportunity to invite you to the first NAO FORUM that will be held virtually on July 13th at 10:00 am CET and on July 14th at 10:00 pm CET. You will receive the instructions to connect and the agenda well in advance but, please, mark your days in your agenda so we can continue building the organization we need to better serve the Chemistry community.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Javier Garda Martínez

IUPAC, President