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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of support for USA visa to participate in XVIII World Congress of Comparative Education Societies

World Council of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES) was founded in 1970 as an international academic organization of 45 national, regional and thematic comparative education societies, each of them having hundreds and thousands of individual members from across the globe. WCCES is in official consultative partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) since 1973.

WCCES is inviting the global community of comparative education to participate in its XVIII World Congress to be hosted by, and to be held at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (USA) on **July 22-26**, **2024**. The theme of the congress is "Fostering Inclusive Ecologies of Knowledge: Education for Equitable and Sustainable Futures." More details about the congress can be found on its website: https://www.wcces2024congress.org/

I am pleased to inform you that the XVIII World Congress will be the first one of the WCCES congresses to be held the United States in the 54 years of the history of the Council. We strongly encourage and expect participants to present papers. However, a separate individual letter regarding the status of their submissions will be issued after the peer-review process is duly completed. The decision about their papers will not be conditional for their participation in the Congress.

Because the presence of the members of the comparative education community is significant for the success of the XVIII World Congress 2024, we ask that you offer all possible and appropriate assistance to facilitate travel to the United States of America in granting them a visa. Considering lengthy travel schedules, the participant's entry into the United States may need to be earlier than July 22, 2024 and their return to their country of origin may need to be later than July 26, 2024.

We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide us in expediting their application.

We thank you for your kind assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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