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**Professor Dr. Rainer Horn,
Chair, IUSS Presidential Election Standing Committee**

Subject: Candidacy Support of Prof. Dr. Renfang Shen for the position of President-elect of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS)

Dear Prof. Horn,

On behalf of the Institute of Soil Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences (ISSCAS, the Institute), I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Prof. Renfang Shen's candidacy of International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) President-elect. His nomination is fully endorsed by ISSCAS.

Prof. Shen is the Director General of ISSCAS since 2010. As the birthplace of soil science in China, the Institute takes an important responsibility on serving agricultural development as well as ecological and environmental protection in China. The leadership skills of Prof. Shen have been consistently demonstrated in various roles, and his ability to inspire and guide colleagues and students has been instrumental in driving forward the mission of the ISSCAS. His dedication in soil science have reflected in a wide range on research achievements and international cooperation.

Furthermore, Prof. Shen has been actively promoting our relationships with national and international organizations, governmental and research agencies, which largely increases Institute's influence. His contributions to soil science and agriculture have



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a profound influence in academics, policies and outreach. I am fully convinced that Prof. Shen is a highly deserving candidate for the position of IUSS President-elect (2025/26), President (2027/28) and Past-President (2029/30).

Thank you for considering Prof. Shen's candidacy. The Institute will certainly provide all necessary financial support and take actions needed to support Prof. Shen during his presidency, if elected. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Wei HUA

Deputy Director, Institute of Soil Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences