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The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

To all Permanent Delegates to
UNESCO

cc: National Commissions for
UNESCO

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Dear Madam/Sir,

At its 40th session in November 2019, the General Conference mandated UNESCO with elaborating a draft Recommendation on Open Science. As we enter the intergovernmental phase of this process, I am writing to you on behalf of the Director-General to update you on the organization of the Category II meeting.

In line with the roadmap for the elaboration of the Recommendation, this intergovernmental meeting was scheduled to take place from 10 to 12 May 2021 at UNESCO Headquarters in accordance with 40 C/Resolution 24. If necessary, an additional meeting could take place in July 2021 to consider the final text of the Recommendation to be submitted to the 41st session of the General Conference.

Adherence to these dates is essential to ensure the timely processing of this Recommendation and its submission to the 41st session of the General Conference within the statutory deadlines. In light of the sanitary situation, and after sharing this information with the President of the General Conference and the Chairperson of the Executive Board, I wish to inform you that this meeting will be held online, on 6 and 7 May and from 10 to 12 May between 12:00 and 15:00 (CEST). In the current circumstances, this format will allow us to ensure the inclusive and broad participation of Member States.

Additional information and the connection details for the meeting will be shared shortly. For any additional information, please contact the Secretariat at the following email address: openscience@unesco.org.

Thanking you for your commitment, please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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