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**LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM THE UN FORUM ON SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS,
UNDER THE SECRETARIAT OF UNCTAD**

Dear Dr. Ravi SINGH,

The United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS) would like to thank and place on record its sincere appreciation for all the efforts and hospitality contributed by the Quality Council of India (QCI) on the successes of the International Convention on Sustainable Trade and Standards (ICSTS), held in New Delhi on the 17-18th of September 2018. The convention was not only a remarkable platform in driving the evolution of Voluntary/ Private Sustainability Standards to the global front, but was also a striking breakthrough in welcoming a vast multi-stakeholder network, including experts into a multilateral policy dialogue.

UNFSS is also grateful to host Dr. Manish PANDE in Geneva, Switzerland (1st to 12th October 2018) for his excellent contributions to the joint works of the India PSS Platform and UNFSS, as well as the international relations that are deemed to benefit the P/VSS National Platform initiatives. In particular, QCI's recognition includes manifold contributions and involvements notably in:

- a speaking panelist at the 'Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD)' during a session on 'The future of sustainable consumption in emerging markets' organized by International Trade Centre (ITC) on 1-3 October,
- meeting and building joint relationships with experts at the WTO Public Forum (2-4 October),
- another speaking panelist at the Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) Week, organized by UNCTAD (9-11 October),
- and participating in the Green Export Forum, organized by UNCTAD on the 8th of October.

These events will bring significant contributions in advancing the work of PSS Platform, jointly with UNFSS. The progress thus far, working collaboratively with QCI has brought positive results in the implementation of National VSS Platforms in other emerging economies and we look forward to the momentous trajectories of the P/VSS Platform outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Santiago Fernandez De Cordoba', written over a horizontal line.

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