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To the kind attention of
President IAEE – International
Association of Earthquake Engineering
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Subject: Declaration of endorsement to the candidacy of Milan to host the 18th WCEE Conference in 2024

On behalf of the Italian Civil Protection Department, I am pleased to endorse the candidacy of Milan to host the 18th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering in 2024.

The Department, which is part of the Prime Minister's Office, is strongly interested in the topics addressed by the Conference, because seismic risk is among the risks that civil protection deals with by law (Legislative Decree n. 1/2018) and for which the Country suffers great and recurrent fragility.

Moreover, according to the same law, civil protection includes the activities put in place to protect life, integrity and the property of people, the environment and the territory from all risks deriving from disastrous events through actions of forecasting, prevention, emergency management and emergency overcoming.

In this respect, the Department is interested in applied research and technology aimed at the reduction of seismic risk disasters concerning both prevention activities, in ordinary times and by "building back better" after an earthquake, and preparedness activities aimed at a rapid response, for instance innovations in provisional interventions on cultural heritage.

Civil Protection Department is also strongly involved in increasing seismic risk awareness in Italy and, from this viewpoint, the opportunity to have the Conference in Milan would be very valuable. On the one hand, Milan offers very high-level services and connections, and is a metropolis that can perfectly host a world conference such as WCEE. On the other hand, having the Conference in Milan would allow Earthquake Engineering to be on all the Italian media, including the social ones, for many days, thus providing support to increase the awareness that prevention is the way to reduce seismic risk and that scientists from the entire World are in Italy to work on this theme.

Renewing the support of the Italian Civil Protection Department to the candidacy of Milan, I thank you for your consideration.

THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT
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