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Professor D.A. Sychev
Rector of Russian Medical Academy of
Continuing Professional Education

Dear Rector,

I would like to acknowledge receipt and especially thank you for your kind invitation in my capacity as President of the Intergovernmental Committee on Bioethics to participate in the conference: *"Botkin readings on Bioethics, ethics of science and ethics of artificial intelligence in the context of COVID-19"* that will take place in a virtually next October 20th in Moscow.

Let me congratulate you on the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Russian Medical Academy of Continuing Professional Education, as well as the 110th anniversary of Botkin Hospital.

As it was the case for the "Globalistics 2020" Congress in which I had the pleasure to participate a few months ago, I feel very honored by such a prestigious invitation and by your permanent work to continue strengthening cooperation with the Intergovernmental Committee on Bioethics of UNESCO .

Unfortunately, the schedule of obligations for the next weeks, due to my capacity as Permanent Representative of Uruguay, will not allow me to accompany you in such an important event and believe me that I am very sorry for that.

I am sure that the event will be a success and that it will enrich the reflection on the aspects of bioethics that arise from the context of COVID-19.

Sincerely yours,

Alejandra De Bellis
Ambassador
Permanent Delegate of Uruguay to UNESCO
Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee on Bioethics of UNESCO

