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Dear Professor Lüth

I am writing to express the strong support of the Institute of Physics for the SESAME project. We share the perspective of the US Liaison Committee of IUPAP and of IUPAP itself, that this is an excellent example of an initiative that should build bridges between diverse societies and contribute to the welfare of people through international scientific co-operation.

On a practical level the Institute of Physics - along with the American Physical Society, the European Physical Society and the German Physical Society – is providing travel grants to societies from the Middle East to enable them to work on the project.

We commend the US Liaison Committee for its initiative in putting forward the resolution, and wish you well with your ongoing discussions with the US Administration.

Yours sincerely



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