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Dr. John Ludden  
President International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and Co-Chair, International Geological Congress Committee

Dr. Dhiraj Banerjee  
Co-Chair, International Geological Congress Committee

Re: Support for the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences (CFES) bid to host the 2028 International Geological Congress (IGC).

Dear Dr. Banerjee and Dr. Ludden:

As President of the National Research Council of Canada, Canada's national adhering body to the International Science Council and Canada's national adhering body to the International Union of Geological Sciences, I am writing to indicate that I am supportive of the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences' bid to host the 2028 International Geological Congress in Calgary.

Hosting the premier conference for the advancement of global Earth Science in Calgary would be a great opportunity for Canada, Canadian geoscientists and all participants. As President of the NRC, I am delighted that IUGS is considering Calgary for this prestigious event. Calgary is a world class city, and one that will allow delegates to explore Canada's geosciences work, our critical mineral strategy, and the beauty and expansiveness of our land and natural resources.

I am confident that the Canadian Committee would ensure that the delegates enjoy a successful and productive conference.

Sincerely,

Iain Stewart  
President  
National Research Council of Canada

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