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Il Direttore

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the ICT - Information and Communication Technology Department of the National Research Council, Italy (CNR), I am writing to express my high consideration and strong support for the scientific initiative FutureICT, led by professor Dirk Helbing, ETH Zurich. The ICT Department finds the themes of FutureICT central to its own mission and expresses its best hopes for this flagship candidate.

The Department of Information and Communication Technology inspires his action, on one hand, to the indication issued by the World Summit on the Information Society and by OCSE, actively supporting the connection between ICT and society, and on the other hand, on the implementation of studies the impact of ICT and innovation on society. The Department consists of 5 departmental projects and of 2 interdepartmental projects , employing about 350 researchers.

The Department will keep supporting the FutureICT initiative, that has already benefited from the contribution, between the others, of Dr. Rosaria Conte and Dr. Mario Paolucci, researchers from the workgroup on "Artificial Societies and Social Simulation" in the departmental project "Modeling and Simulation of Complex Systems".

We think that the team that Dr. Helbing has gathered together is in the position to obtain determinant advances in the relationship between ICT and society, supporting and creating innovative ways and means that could contribute to the solution of important societal problems that we will face in the next years.

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