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Dear Professor Helbing,

With this letter I would like to express the full support of the Institute for Futures Studies for the FuturICT Flagship Initiative.

The Institute for Futures Studies is a leading interdisciplinary research institute that has a research profile that closely overlaps with that of FuturICT. We expect to be able to make important contributions towards the realizations of the aims of FuturICT.

The Institute for Futures Studies intends to contribute 100k € per year in cash matching if the FuturICT initiative is retained for EU funding. The Institute for Futures Studies retains the right to withdraw if the Institute's contribution is not matched by at least an equal cash contribution by the EU to the Institute for Futures Studies.

Sincerely,



Professor Peter Hedström
Director