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To whom it may concern:

With this letter, I wish to express the full support of Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel (BIU) to the FuturIcT Flagship Initiative which is coordinated by Prof. Dirk Hebling of ETH Zurich, Switzerland. BIU is the second largest University in Israel with over 30,000 students and 5000 graduate students. BIU is a Government funded institution which focuses on research in natural and human sciences and in particular in multi disciplinary areas. I am heading two research interdisciplinary Centers. One is a National Center for Complex Networks, supported by the government, which involves researchers from engineering, mathematics and computer science from BIU, Tel-Aviv University and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The second, is the Minerva Center for mesoscopics, fractals and networks, Which include scientists from Tel-Aviv University and Weizmann Institute and supported by Germany. My group has much expertise in applying and developing statistical physics tools for understanding complex systems in interdisciplinary areas. My group was between the pioneers of several very active fields including the field of complex networks. With this letter I confirm my enthusiastic support in proposed FuturIcT Flagship Initiative and I will be glad to actively participate in such an interesting project.

Yours sincerely,

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