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Letter of Commitment FutureICT Project

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As one of the largest multidisciplinary applied universities of Switzerland, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) is distinguished through its application-oriented character. This characteristic is reflected not only in its degree programs but first and foremost in Research & Development.

The good connection to the private and public sector (including SMEs) and profound acquaintance with their problems makes ZHAW ideally suited for a contribution to the applied side of FuturICT. We are convinced that ZHAW can be an important player, among others for the formulation of the concept of a Knowledge Supply Chain by making the (bidirectional) connection between fundamental research and application. The close cooperation between universities geared towards basic research and applied universities strengthens the international position of Switzerland.

The objectives of FuturICT largely overlap with the strategy of ZHAW. Therefore, we highly appreciate and warmly welcome the participation of Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Breymann at the FuturICT project, where he is supposed to act as interface on behave of ZHAW. He will work in close collaboration with ETH Zurich, in particular with Prof. Dr. Dirk Helbing.

We will support his activities as far as possible and wish that his efforts will contribute to a success of the CA as well as the Flagship.

Sincerely

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