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Endorsement for the Education Leaders Forum 2010 - *'Engaging Student Creativity and Innovation: A Key to Global Success'*

To whom it may concern,

As part of our latest collaborative engagement we are pleased to announce our support for the 4th Education Leaders Forum, to be held from 07 – 08 July 2010, in Warsaw, Poland.

In today's global economy information and communication technology (ICT) is regarded as one of the key enablers for learning, economic growth, employability, and social inclusion.

To maintain and develop their economic competitiveness countries across Europe and indeed the world, increasingly recognize the importance of developing their human capital. To do so, focus is growing on how the combination of policy, strategy, innovation and technology can be brought to bear on enabling new skills, creating new opportunities, fostering local innovation and transforming education. A leading example for this dynamic process leading towards improving the human capital is host country Poland, which despite the global slow-down maintained positive economic growth and undertook a project of deep modernization of universities and other levels of education.

The 2010 Education Leaders Forum, hosted by Microsoft and partners in Warsaw in July will provide a forum for active dialogue between education leaders and policy makers to reflect on how best to engage students' creativity, innovation and technological skills in economic development.

ICT of course has a broader role in improving access to education and its quality, but when ICT is put into the hands of creative and innovative students, who have the support of high quality education professionals, the results can be outstanding.

Some of these outstanding results can be viewed at the worldwide finals of the Imagine Cup, the world's premier student technology competition. The Imagine Cup Finals will be held in Warsaw alongside the Education Leaders' Forum. The two-day forum will offer participants opportunities to engage with over 500 of the most talented creative and innovative students who have been developing their own projects using technology to address and meet the Millennium Development Goals.

I encourage you to take time out of your busy schedules to join me at the 2010 Education Leaders Forum, to share your reflections regarding the challenges we face and possible solutions and to witness firsthand the potential of Imagine Cup Finals students from across the world.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aludunyelis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.