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To the attention of UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Program:

I write to you in support of the renewal of the UNESCO Chair on Migratory Development, and Human Rights at the University of Zacatecas, Mexico coordinated by Professor Raul Delgado Wise.

Throughout many years of sustained effort, Delgado Wise has succeeded in turning the University of Zacatecas into the major center for the study of migration and development in Mexico and indeed one of the most important in the Western Hemisphere. I have collaborated with Delgado Wise and the Center at Zacatecas in numerous projects and have found him to be an unfailingly reliable, serious, and highly qualified collaborator.

I plan to continue this collaboration in the future including publication of a major essay by him and his team on the impact of successive waves of migration on the evolution of Mexico City and its metropolitan region. This essay will be published in a Special Issue on Migration and Urbanization in Ethnic and Racial Studies that I am presently editing. For this and his many other merits, I believe that Professor Delgado-Wise amply deserves that re-appointment to the UNESCO Chair at the University of Zacatecas. He can count on my respect and continuing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alejandro Portes".

Alejandro Portes
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