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To the attention of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chair Programme,

It is an honor and privilege to write this letter in support of renewal of the UNESCO Chair on Migration, Development, and Human Rights of the Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas coordinated by Dr. Raúl Delgado Wise. The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS), which I currently direct, has a long history of collaboration with Dr. Delgado Wise and the Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, especially in his participation in our *Cumbre* conferences, seminars, and academic visits.

Dr. Delgado Wise's work as coordinator of this UNESCO Chair has been instrumental in developing a transnational network of academic and civil society organizations that collaborate in community and policy relevant research. A critical and distinctive aspect of this network is the equal participation of institutions, organizations, and academics of both the Global North and the Global South. This has positioned the Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas and its Academic Unit on Development Studies as a key academic center in the Americas.

The renewal of the UNESCO Chair on Migration, Development, and Human Rights will boost and enlarge its impact in dealing with themes that are of continuous and growing relevance for the Western Hemisphere. We look forward to continuing our cooperation and to fostering new collaborations and partnerships with Dr. Raúl Delgado Wise and the UNESCO Chair in the future.

Sincerely,

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