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Dear Mr Alicante,

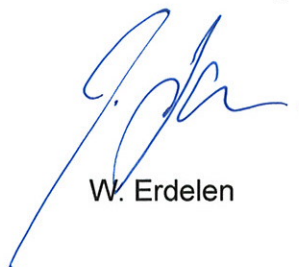
On behalf of the Director-General, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail message of 21 January 2010 and the attached letter signed by civil society organisations, by which you express concerns about the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences. Thank you also for your faxed letter, dated 4 March 2010, sent on behalf of Equatoguinean and international scholars and professionals.

The creation and adoption of prizes is the prerogative of UNESCO's governing bodies. The UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences was created by decision of UNESCO's Executive Board at its 180th session in September 2008. The Secretariat fulfils its tasks in regard to this by implementing the Board's decisions.

We have taken due note of the concerns you express in your letter and have transmitted it to the Chairperson of UNESCO's Executive Board.

Thanking you for your kind interest in UNESCO's activities, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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