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**Prof. Dr. Rainer Horn,
The Chairman,
IUSS Presidential Election Committee,**

Dear Prof. Horn,

As the President and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (NISS), I am delighted to support and on selection, approve Prof. V. O. Chude's candidacy for President-Elect of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) for 2023/2024.

I consider his nomination for this position a landmark achievement for Soil Science in Nigeria and the entire African region as this implies that his laudable efforts are quite visible for the world to see. Having known Prof. Chude for about 20 years as a professional colleague, I can testify to his dedication and commitment to inventions and progress in the Soil Science field.

Prof. Chude is a renowned Soil Scientist in Nigeria with up-to-date knowledge and professional experience from home and abroad owing to his interactions with players at the top of the chain to those at the bottom of the pyramid including policy makers, researchers, and heads of institutions, farmers, civil society organizations and students to say the least. He has mentored young Nigerians who are contributing immensely to the success of agriculture within and outside the country.

On behalf of the Governing Council of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science, I wish to therefore by this letter emphasize the institute's support if and when Prof. Victor Okechukwu Chude is elected as the President-Elect of the International Union of Soil Sciences for 2023/2024, President 2025/26 and Past President 2027/28. The Institute will approve the use of its address for all IUSS related activities during this period.

It is our hope therefore that his nomination be given a kind and favourable consideration as he has an abundance of technical support and leadership skill to manage the activities of the Union.

**Prof. A. O. Ogunkunle,
President, Nigeria Institute of Soil Science and Chairman of Council.**