



Mr/Dr/Prof.....  
Director/President/Head/.....  
Name of organization  
Date

Dear.....

As you may be aware, with the support and encouragement of the International Commission on Glass, The American Ceramic Society, The Corning Museum of Glass, The Glass Art Society and several other glass-themed organizations, a year-long exploration has been undertaken to assess the value and feasibility of having the United Nations General Assembly declare 2022 The International Year of Glass. Similar declarations have been made over many decades, for example, 2015 was the Year of Light and Light-based Technologies; 2019 is the Year of the Periodic Table and Indigenous Languages, and so forth.

Our exploration encompassed a review of the goals and outcomes of previous UN declared Years; multiple presentations to potential stakeholders; and meetings at the UN Mission Offices of the United States and Spain in New York City. A highlight of the latter was advice from Spain's UN Ambassador, Agustín Santos, regarding protocol and other requirements for submitting a resolution to the General Assembly, which would be the body declaring 2022 The Year of Glass.

I am pleased to report that based on worldwide enthusiasm for this initiative and our knowledge of protocol necessary for passage of this resolution, a UN Year of Glass is indeed feasible.

While many activities for this year are yet to be finalized, e.g., an inaugural meeting in Geneva, CH, capstone conferences in Berlin and other sites across the globe, it is evident that a Year of Glass would be of enormous value to help meet the respective goals and expectations of glass-themed professional societies, academic institutions, museums, libraries, journals, and individual artists.

A UN endorsed Year of Glass would truly be a worthy celebration of glass as the most transformative material in the history of humankind, and would signal the Dawn of the Glass Age.

To further this noble undertaking, UN protocol requires letters of endorsement from many organizations throughout the globe. Hence, to the objective of this communication - could you write a letter of endorsement for the proposed Year of Glass? It should be addressed to:

***Prof. Alicia Durán***  
***Chair of the Steering Committee for an International Year of Glass, and***  
***President of the international Commission on Glass***  
***Date:***



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In your letter, please consider reference to:

**Re: Letter of support for an Application to the UN for an International Year of Glass**

- Your enthusiastic support for a UN declaration of a Year of Glass.
- How your organization might gain from a Year of Glass and how you might support this worldwide undertaking. Please, include the data of the organization (address and responsible, email, type of organization: association, R&D centre, education, academia, university, company, museum, etc)
- What goals would it help you achieve?
- Why would it be good for advancement of the fields of glass science and glass art? Including ideas about activities to develop in 2022 in the frame of IYoG2022 are welcome.
- Anticipation of many positive outcomes including support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. (The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 global goals endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 for the year 2030)

Please submit your letter to [manager@iyog2022.org](mailto:manager@iyog2022.org) or to the IYoG website ([www.iyog2022.org/index](http://www.iyog2022.org/index)) that will be open very soon, and copy to the address below.

**Email address of the organization/person sending the request of LoE**

With no small amount of excitement, and tremendous thanks in advance, I look forward to receiving your institution's endorsement of this great, historical, and noble undertaking.

Best regards

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