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To Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia de Portugal:

Subject: Support of the Portuguese PhD National Programme in Nanomaterials, Nanotechnologies and Nanosciences: **Nano@Nova**

coordinated by: Universidade Nova de Lisboa and involving the following units: Faculty of Science and Technology, Instituto de Tecnologia Química e Biológica, ITQB and Faculty of Medicine

Dear President of FCT, Professor Miguel Seabra,

As Director of the Center MATIS within the Institute of Microelectronics and Microsystems of CNR, Catania (Italy) , (www.matis.imm.cnr.it), Professor of Semiconductor Physics at the University of Catania (www.unict.it), Past President of the European Materials Research Society, Strasbourg (www.european-mrs.com), expert in the field of Nanotechnology, hereby I am fully supporting the present programme that has proximities with our Research and Education activities. Moreover I also accept to belong to the external Advise Scientific Board, allocating so my expertise in dealing with the subject as well as with the internationalization matters associated.

The support that I am giving is based on the scientific knowledge that I and the Institution I represent have of the key members of the programme, Prof. Rodrigo Martins, running President of the European Materials Research Society (E-MRS) and the Director of the programme, Prof. Elvira Fortunato that are outstanding European researchers. To this, I would like to add the strong common interest and the complementary among our research groups.

I strongly believe that the Portuguese and the Italian Institutions will scientifically and educationally benefit from a mutual interaction.

Sincerely

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