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Dear **Dr. Govender**,  
*Office of Astronomy for Development*  
*International Astronomical Union*

The purpose of this letter is to express the interest of *Observatorio Astronómico / Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Nacional* in (COLOMBIA) in joining and supporting (in accordance with our capabilities) the Andean Regional Office of Astronomy for Development.

Our participation will be materialized in the involvement of the project **Andean Graduate Program** as leaders and so explore the possibility of creating a postgraduate program in Astronomy that includes other Latin-American countries.

Prof. **Giovanni Pinzón Estrada** has expressed his intention of acting as a representative of our institution in all the committees associated with the organization and communication activities inside the Andean ROAD.

Sincerely,

**José Gregorio Portilla**  
Director  
Observatorio Astronómico Nacional  
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