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Dear Mr Grbovic

I am delighted to hear that the Tesla Forum are planning to lobby the United Nations with a proposal for proclamation of an International Nikola Tesla Day on July 10th, the anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birthday.

Scitech's role in the community is to promote the value of science and technology to the general community with a view of firstly motivating students to choose science careers and secondly to inform the general public of the value of science and scientific contributions.

Nikola Tesla is a wonderful role model in this pursuit. Not only was Nikola prolific in patenting discoveries, he was also prolific in finding innovative solutions to difficult problems – a skill that can be applied in many disciplines and is a key skill that needs to be developed in our students today.

Over the past two years, Scitech has built a strong relationship with the Tesla Forum on the back of our joint passion for promotion of science.

Scitech would fully endorse any public acknowledgement of a scientist by the United Nations and feel Nikola Tesla would be well-deserving of such an honour. We commend your endeavour and wish to offer our full support to your proposal.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Nicholls". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

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