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Statement

I would not be an active experimental high energy physicist were not for the international and collaborative nature of this field. More than physics I learned that only a truly open and democratic exchange of ideas could lead us to success in our field. This is a principle that we should take from physics and bring to all aspects of life. As scientists we can not, and should not, forgo our responsibilities with our societies and should use our skills to promote development and integration of all nations and people. It should be our goal to integrate physics into society, use it to improve life, and make physics a valuable asset to all. Regardless of our cultural background, national origins, stage of development or economical differences, we are able to collaborate towards a common goal. Rather than a weakness our differences is our strength. DUNE is an international collaboration making it an ideal place for the establishment of cooperation and exchange of ideas.

As chair of the IB I will take the opportunity to help to integrate the different institutions, try to increase the collaboration between them and give voice to all assuring a very democratic and vibrant agora for DUNE institutions. I will help to define and implement common initiatives like grants and conferences that could benefit our colleagues and, specially, the students that are the base of the future of physics.

The IB is the forum where all the different DUNE institutions, big or small, wealth or modest, new or old, get together as equals, joining forces to achieve our common goal: to do physics.