



28th April 2020

**His Excellency the Ambassador
Embassy of THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
Abu Dhabi
United Arab Emirates**

Subject: Expo 2020 Dubai – Change of Date Vote

Your Excellency,

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation presents its compliments to the esteemed Embassy of THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA in the United Arab Emirates.

Following the decision of the Expo 2020 Dubai Steering Committee on 30th March 2020, whereas the United Arab Emirates Government submitted a request to change the opening dates of the Expo 2020 Dubai based on the consultations with the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE), Participating Countries, and key stakeholders, the UAE Government proposed 1st October 2021 — 31st March 2022 as the new opening dates of Expo 2020 Dubai.

The BIE Executive Committee, in its meeting on 21st April 2020, approved the request to change Expo 2020 Dubai dates as proposed by the UAE Government and requested the BIE General Assembly approval by a two-thirds majority vote.

The BIE decided to use the BOWS online platform, which is a secure site dedicated to the publication of documents related to exhibitions or events and internal work of the BIE (Committee meetings, General Assemblies, etc.). It is through this channel that each Country Delegation will be able to cast its vote on the question of postponing the dates of the World Exhibition, Expo 2020 Dubai. Delegations will be requested to proceed by uploading an electronic copy of a Note Verbal issued by the Delegation's Country and presenting all the guarantees as to the authenticity of its source.

The Delegates of THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA registered in the BIE system:

- 1) M. Romas JANKAUSKAS, Head of Exhibition Division

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation kindly requests from your esteemed Embassy to communicate the above to your respected Government and urge



the issuance of a Note Verbal and to encourage your Delegation to the BIE to cast a vote at their earliest.

We trust that you treat this request with utmost urgency to allow the UAE and 190 plus Participating Countries to overcome the challenges caused by the CoVID19 that we are collectively facing.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Abdullah'.

For / Director of Development Cooperation Department