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Dear Qiuming:

I'm writing on behalf of INQUA to thank you and the IUGS Executive Committee for ratifying the ICS-approved subdivision of the Holocene into the The Greenlandian, Northgrippian and Meghalayan stages/ages, and their respective subseries/subepochs. The Quaternary community has long desired the clarification of nomenclature afforded by these subdivisions. The ratification of these terms and their definitions will therefore be of great benefit to the large community INQUA represents. In particular I would like to thank Professor Mike Walker and his colleagues who initiated the proposal, the SQS for its steadfast support, and the ICS for approving the proposal and for its understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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