Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled “The Challenges of Digital Diplomacy in the Era of Globalization: The Case of the United Arab Emirates,” which we request you to consider for publication as *Original Article* in *International Journal of Communication.*

This study examines the recent transformation of diplomatic practices which have resulted from globalization and the spread of new digital tools, such as social media and the internet. We observe that with the rise of digital diplomacy, diplomatic practices have been made to adapt to the new hyper-connected world. In addition, state actors are adopting new communication tools in order to reach new and larger audiences. In this study, we conducted in-depth interviews with Emirati diplomats and UAE-based foreign policy academics and practitioners in order to investigate the challenges associated with digital diplomacy in the UAE. After identifying several advantages to the use of digital tools for diplomacy, we identified several structural and institutional challenges facing digital diplomacy. These challenges are diverse and relate to such issues as security, the digital divide, fake news, and state regulation and censorship. This study is significant for the field because it offers an in-depth case study of the UAE’s digital diplomacy, which holds important implications for diplomacy in the region and across the world.

This manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. We have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to *International Journal of Communication*. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

We believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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