



**The President of the General Conference**

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Excellency,

As the 39th session of the General Conference has just ended, I would like to express my deepest thanks for your conduct of the debates, for your involvement in the smooth running of the work and for the quality of the reports you have shared. Some items on the agenda gave rise to lively discussions where consensus was not self-evident. I commend the work of dialogue that has guided your work, your involvement in reaching consensus, and note how much the discussions have been enriched by your experience, your professionalism and, above all, by your willingness to work towards strengthening UNESCO's mandate.

I hope that the agreement and concertation that prevailed during the 39th session of the General Conference will continue through the forthcoming sessions of the Executive Board. The orientations the Board will define will be crucial for the future of UNESCO and to support the work of the new Director-General.

As I called for during the closing ceremony of the 39th session of the General Conference, let us continue to work together for the sustainable development of our countries and to reinforce our commitment to UNESCO's ideals. I am convinced that you will make this plea with me.

Yours sincerely,

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