

**Remarks by Indonesian Delegation**  
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Chairperson of the Executive Board  
President of the General-Conference  
Director-General  
Excellencies  
and Colleagues,

Let me start by stating that Indonesia welcomes the Director-General statement yesterday. We would like to thank the Director-General for her great commitment in leading UNESCO for the last eight years and wish her all the best in future.

Indonesia is committed to play a responsible and constructive role, as well as make valuable contributions to the promotion of UNESCO's objectives, which are to build peace and attain equitable and sustainable development.

In field of communication to promote freedom of expression, Indonesia hosted World Press Freedom Day In May 2017, in Jakarta, Indonesia. It produced Jakarta Declaration which, among others, calls UNESCO member States to "[r]ecognise, in terms of their commitments to international human rights standards, the relevance of a free, independent and pluralistic media in the advancement of the sustainable development goal of peaceful, just and inclusive societies".

In conclusion, allow me to underline the very importance of the election of the future Director-General. Responsibility of such important task lies in the hands of the fifty eight members of the Executive Board. Indonesia trusts the wisdom of the members of the Board and wishes the best come out of the election.

I thank you.