To all permanent Delegations to UNESCO

22 October 2021

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Subject : Convention Ceremony

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 18 October 2021 by which the Director-General invited Governments to participate in the UNESCO Conventions Ceremony to be held on 19 November 2021 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Organization's Headquarters in Paris (Room X), on the margins of the 41st session of the General Conference.

This event will provide an opportunity to celebrate UNESCO's standard-setting action, allowing Member States to reiterate their commitment to the Organization's mandate.

At the Ceremony, Member States will be invited to sign and/or deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the conventions and protocols concluded under the auspices of UNESCO. It is to be noted that, while all conventions and protocols are open for ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, only regional conventions and protocols are open for signature.

A complete list of the conventions and protocols concluded under the auspices of UNESCO, together with a status of ratifications, is attached for your information.

In accordance with the rules of international law, Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are authorized to sign and/or express the consent of the State to be bound by a treaty.

These formalities may be carried out by another person, provided that he or she presents the appropriate full powers. In order to be valid, the instrument conferring full powers must contain the following:

- The signature of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs designating the person vested with full powers;
- The title of the convention or protocol upon which action is to be taken;
- The full name and title of the person vested with full powers; and
- The date and place of signature.
I would be grateful if you could inform me, by e-mail (dir.la@unesco.org) before 5 November 2021, of the presence of your Government to this event and, if applicable, of its intention to sign and/or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

A copy of the full powers and instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, together with any reservations and declarations made thereto, must be communicated by e-mail (dir.la@unesco.org) before 5 November 2021 to the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs for verification that these instruments are in due and proper form in conformity with the applicable rules of international law.

My Office remains at your disposal for any supplementary questions you may have.

I look forward to your Government's participation in the UNESCO Convention Ceremony.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Santiago Villalpando
Director

Enclosure: Status of ratification of conventions and protocols adopted under the auspices of UNESCO.