Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs

To Ministers responsible for relations with UNESCO

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Subject : Invitation to the UNESCO Conventions Ceremony

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour to invite your State to participate in the third edition of the UNESCO Conventions Ceremony, which will be held at the Organization’s Headquarters, on 10 November 2023, at 2 p.m., on the margins of the 42nd session of the General Conference.

The UNESCO Conventions Ceremony is a biennial formal event, in which representatives of States are invited to submit to the Director-General, in her capacity as depositary, the instruments of ratification of their State to the conventions adopted under the auspices of UNESCO, or to sign such conventions in the Director-General’s presence. The Ceremony is aimed at highlighting the standard-setting activity of UNESCO and the importance of implementing the normative instruments adopted by the Organization.

By taking part in this collective effort, States will have the opportunity to reaffirm their determination to cooperate in order to achieve the objectives pursued by the conventions of UNESCO. The Ceremony is open to all delegations and will receive media coverage.

Should your State wish to participate in the UNESCO Conventions Ceremony, I have the honour to invite you to inform the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs by email (dir.ie@unesco.org), by 29 September 2023, of your State’s presence and, if appropriate, of its intention to ratify or sign any of the UNESCO conventions, so that all necessary arrangements may be made.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Santiago Villalpando
Director

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO