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Ministers responsible for
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17 March 2025

Madam/Sir,

In my letter CL/GBS/SCX/2024/092 dated 24 October 2024, I invited Member States, in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Executive Board (220 EX/Decision 19), to communicate to me the names of persons who might be considered as candidates for the office of Director-General.

Pursuant to the same procedure, I have the honour to transmit to you, in annex hereto, the names of the three (3) candidates received as at 15 March 2025, the deadline set by the Executive Board, in chronological order of receipt.

As provided for in 196 EX/Decision 16 and 220 EX/Decision 19, the candidates were invited to submit to me a text of up to 2,000 words, in English or in French, setting out their vision for UNESCO. The vision statement and biographical details of each candidate will be contained in a document of the Executive Board (221 EX/21).

In accordance with the above-mentioned Executive Board decisions, it is proposed that these candidates be interviewed during the 221st Board session on Wednesday 9 April 2025, and that the order of the interviews will be determined by lots drawn at the first private meeting of that session to be held on Monday 7 April 2025.

Moreover, information pertaining to the candidates, together with the procedure for the nomination of the Director-General of UNESCO will soon be available on the Executive Board website.

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

Vera El Khoury Lacoeuilhe

cc : Members of the Executive Board
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO
National Commissions for UNESCO

ANNEX

**LIST OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO
RECEIVED AS AT 15 MARCH 2025,
DEADLINE SET BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Name of candidate	Date candidature received	Proposed by
Mr Khaled Ahmed EL-ENANY ALI EZZ	25.10.2024	Egypt
Ms Gabriela Ilian RAMOS PATIÑO	13.03.2025	Mexico
Mr Firmin Edouard MATOKO	13.03.2025	Congo