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To all official NGO Official Partners of UNESCO

As you know, the International Conference of NGOs was held at UNESCO Headquarters from 12 to 14 December 2016. It was a great success with more than 130 NGOs attended by some 300 persons.

A new NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee was elected, more representative of the cultural diversity, in accordance with the Guidelines for UNESCO's Partnership with NGOs. It gives me a great pleasure to represent you as President of this new committee.

You received a few days ago the composition of this new committee which will meet on February 7 to designate the Executive Board and assign the different tasks for all its members. An important and collective work awaits us and we will have to succeed this challenge all together to promote the ideas of the Civil Society to UNESCO!

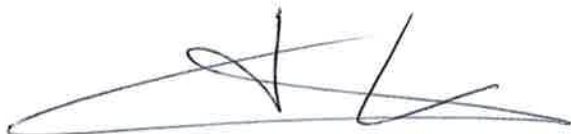
During this Conference, NGOs finalized their collective contribution to the preparation of the document 39 C / 5 which I have the honor to transmit to you. Hereby in addition to this letter, the Conclusions adopted by the Conference on 14 December demonstrating the importance of relations between UNESCO and NGOs and the main lines of our partnership policy.

Those important documents have been sent to the General Director of UNESCO.

I take this opportunity on behalf of the Liaison Committee to extend my warmest wishes for this New Year and hope to see you all again very soon!

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee



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