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The Chairperson

To Ministers responsible for
relations with UNESCO

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16 March 2017

Madam /Sir,

In my letter CL/GBS/SCX/2016/101 dated 19 October 2016, I invited Member States, in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Executive Board (196 EX/Decision 16), 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 nine (9) candidates received as at 15 March 2017, the deadline set by the Executive Board, in chronological order of receipt.

As provided for in 196 EX/Decision 16 and 200 EX/Decision 14, 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.

In accordance with the Executive Board's aforementioned decisions, it is proposed that these candidates be interviewed during the 201st Board session on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April 2017, 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 24 April.

Information pertaining to the candidates, together with the procedure for the nomination of the Director-General of UNESCO is available on the Executive Board website at <http://en.unesco.org/executive-board/dg-candidates-2017>.

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

Michael Worbs

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 2017, DEADLINE SET BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Name of candidate	Date complete file received	Proposed by
Mr Polad BÜLBÜLOGLU	09.03.2017	Azerbaijan
Mr PHAM Sanh Chau	13.03.2017	Viet Nam
Ms Moushira KHATTAB	13.03.2017	Egypt
Mr Hamad bin Abdulaziz AL-KAWARI	14.03.2017	Qatar
Mr Qian TANG	14.03.2017	China
Mr Juan Alfonso FUENTES SORIA	15.03.2017	Guatemala
Mr Saleh AL-HASNAWI	15.03.2017	Iraq
Ms Vera EL-KHOURY LACOEUILHE	15.03.2017	Lebanon
Ms Audrey AZOULAY	15.03.2017	France