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To the Permanent  
Delegations for UNESCO

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Sir/Madam,

Following the Director-General's letter CL/4285, inviting your State to participate in the UNESCO Conventions Ceremony, I have the honor to share with you some information regarding the logistics of this event.

The UNESCO Conventions Ceremony will be held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 15 November 2019 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference.

During this Ceremony, to which all delegations are invited, representatives of Member States will present to the Director-General, in her capacity as depositary, their instruments of ratification of the conventions of UNESCO or sign those opened for signature. As a celebration of UNESCO's standard-setting activity, this unprecedented event provides an opportunity for your State to make public its commitment to the mandate of UNESCO.

In order to ensure the participation of your State, I would be grateful that your Delegation kindly advise my Office as soon as possible by indicating the conventions that your State intends to ratify or sign and the identity of the representative that will represent your State during the Ceremony. The communication shall be accompanied by a copy of the corresponding instrument of ratification or, if appropriate, by an instrument conferring full powers for the signature. My Office will proceed to the legal review of these instruments and, when such review has been completed, will confirm the participation of your State to the Ceremony.

In this regard, I would like to remind you that, pursuant to the rules of international law, instruments of ratification must be signed, either by the Head of State or Head of Government, or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Regarding the signature, any person wishing to sign the conventions, other than the above mentioned three authorities, will have to be vested with appropriate full powers. In order to be valid, the instrument conferring full powers must be signed either by the Head of State or Head of Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and contain the name and title of the person vested with full powers, as well as the title of the relevant convention.

In addition, I have the honor to invite your Delegation to participate in an information session that will be held on **17 September 2019**, between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., in Room IV of the Organization's Headquarters, during which the conduct of the Ceremony and its modalities will be presented.

For your convenience, a complete list of the conventions of UNESCO is attached herewith. All additional information pertaining to the Ceremony, as well as the status of ratification and signature of each convention by each Member State, are available on the page dedicated to standard-setting instruments ([www.unesco.org/en/la](http://www.unesco.org/en/la)) on my Office's website. This website also provides templates of instruments of ratification and full powers.

In order to make the necessary arrangements, notably in terms of media coverage, I would be grateful if you could inform my Office, by email ([dir.la@unesco.org](mailto:dir.la@unesco.org)) before **27 September 2019**, of your State's intention to participate in the Ceremony by ratifying or signing the conventions deposited with the Director-General. My Office remains at your entire disposal for any eventual question.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.



Santiago Villalpando  
Director

Annex: List of conventions deposited with the Director-General.

**LIST OF CONVENTIONS  
DEPOSITED WITH THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**Comprehensive list of conventions deposited with the Director-General**

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Buenos Aires, 13 July 2019.

Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa, 12 December 2014.

Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education. Tokyo, 26 November 2011.

Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005.

International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005.

Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.

Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.

Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.

Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997.

Convention on Technical and Vocational Education. Paris, 10 November 1989.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, 16 December 1983.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States. Arusha, 5 December 1981.

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979.

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States. Paris, 22 December 1978.

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States Bordering on the Mediterranean. Nice, 17 December 1976.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.

Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.

Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.

Protocol 1 annexed for Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of Stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.

Protocol 2 annexed for the Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.

Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.

Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.

Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.

Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.

Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.

Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.

Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed conflict 1954. The Hague, 14 May 1954.

Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Articles XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

### **List of conventions opened for signature**

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Buenos Aires, 13 July 1979.

Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa, 12 December 2014.

Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education. Tokyo, 26 November 2011.

Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997.

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Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.