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The Chairperson

Representatives of the States
Members of the Executive Board
of UNESCO

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Dear Colleague,

I have the honour to invite you to participate in the **209th session of the Executive Board**, which will take place from **23 March to 3 April 2020**. The provisional agenda and timetable of work of this session are enclosed herewith.

The Plenary meeting is scheduled to begin in the morning of **Thursday 26 March** when the Director-General will introduce the plenary debate on:

- Item 4 Execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (Parts I and II), and
- Item 5 Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (Parts I to III)

Members' contributions to the Plenary debate will begin immediately after the Director-General's introduction and will continue throughout the morning of Friday 27 March.

I hereby invite you to add your name to the **list of speakers** as soon as possible, and in any case, **before 18 March 2020** (the enclosed registration form is to be completed and returned to the Secretariat of the Executive Board at explendebate@unesco.org). Please note that the list is drawn up according to the order in which registration forms are received from Member States on the Board, and will be distributed in Room X in the morning of Thursday 26 March. This list will also be sent to Board members and Delegations prior to the Plenary debate, and will be available on the Executive Board website.

The Director-General's reply will follow in the afternoon of 27 March. This will be followed by item 3 entitled the "Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board".

I would like to invite Members to focus their contributions to the Plenary debate on the precise items of the agenda of the session.

Pursuant to 180 EX/Decision 22 (Part I), the PX and FA Commissions will continue to examine, in joint meetings, items with intertwined programme, administrative and financial aspects, as proposed in the enclosed provisional timetable of the session.

I wish to recall 194 EX/Decision 4 (Part II.C.11 (b) & (c)) (enclosed herewith for ease of reference) pertaining to the payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowance to representatives appointed by the members of the Executive Board.

Lastly and following a wide consultation with Member States, I hereby propose the observance of a cultural diversity day at the opening Plenary of the 209th session. For this, all Executive Board members are kindly invited to attend the meeting on Thursday 26 March in their respective traditional dress.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'G' followed by 'A.mba'.

Agapito Mba Mokuy