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**Chairperson of the General Conference,
Chairperson of the Executive Board,
Madam Director-General,
Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,**

On behalf of the Delegation of the Republic of Uganda, I would like to express our sincere condolences to the respective Governments, the Peoples, and all the bereaved families of our UNESCO colleagues who have so far succumbed to Covid-19. May their souls rest in peace.

My delegation applauds the Chairperson of the Executive Board for enduring this precarious situation and providing the leadership in holding this session. The same regard goes to the Director-General and the entire team of the Secretariat for their unwavering efforts in ensuring the continued functioning of UNESCO at this point in time.

Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,

Uganda wishes to take this opportunity to recognise the frantic efforts by our Director-General and UNESCO at large in providing encouragement and hope for Africa to persist and navigate through the negative effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the education sector, in order to ensure that the African child does not lag behind the rest of the world.

Lastly, Uganda wishes to seize this moment to thank all the members of the African Group at UNESCO, especially the Delegation of the Seychelles, and all our colleagues both at the AU and UN, for the unwavering support they rendered and the trust they

put in Uganda, by electing our own, Doctor Justice Sebutinde to the ICJ, for a second term of office. We feel honoured and grateful to all of you.

Uganda welcomes the UNESCO spirit of continuing to work together as members of the Global village, in our endeavour to extend hope to the entire humanity.

I Thank you!