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National Commission of Angola for UNESCO

- Ø Excellency Mr. President of the UNESCO General Conference;
- Ø Excellency, Mr. President of the UNESCO Executive Board;
- Ø Excellency, Madam Director General of UNESCO;
- Ø Excellencies, Gentlemen and Heads of the Different Delegations

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola and its people, whom I have the honour of representing in this majestic Assembly, I greet you and express congratulations to the President of the UNESCO General Conference for his election, just as I express my felicitations to the General Director of UNESCO for her re-election.

Excellencies

Today, more than ever, the world faces challenges, that may harm the survival of Human kind and institutions, requiring all nations to commit and perform responsible actions in defense of the human being and sustainable development of peoples.

Education and Teaching, Science, Technology, and Innovation are appropriate resources through which a better world can be built in respect of life and the nature.

Despite the constraints of a conjuncture nature, Angola has been implementing in the most diverse areas of its social and economic life, a set of programs to achieve the **SustaiseSu005(wor)8.65279(I)6ym7295(n**

objective is to reduce the existing gender deficit, in addition to strengthening self-development skills through women's empowerment programs, combating poverty, protecting, and promoting children's rights and valuing the family.

In this perspective, digital literacy is included with the 7 million internet users and the manipulation of varied information and communication systems. Such systems are mostly used by the younger generations in the country which compose 2/3 of the country s population.

The Republic of Angola, therefore, supports initiatives, programs and projects that benefit African countries, and here we would like to highlight *UNESCO's Operational Strategy for Africa Priority 2022-2029*, as it reflects the aspirations of the African Union's 2063 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals set out in the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

On this occasion of UNESCO celebration 75th anniversary of its