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Distinguished Representatives

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman

It is a great honour for me to address the 41st session of UNESCO's General Conference. On behalf of the people of India, I take this opportunity to congratulate the UNESCO family on completing 75 remarkable years of partnering development across the world.

As a founding member of UNESCO, India has always been an active participant in this multilateral platform that is defined by a common commitment for peace, solidarity and attainment of the SDG goals.

The year is also significant for India as we celebrate _____ to commemorate 75 years of our country's independence. The event is an embodiment of the progressive spirit of India, a celebration of our glorious history and an articulation of our ideas and resolve for an _____ or a self-reliant India.

Excellencies, while the Covid-19 pandemic has brought untold misery to the world, we must respectfully acknowledge the indomitable spirit of people and Governments across the globe to stand steady and fight unitedly against its onslaught. The world has rapidly devised and adjusted to _____ unitedly against its onslaught.

