





situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine), a task which stems from the core mandate of the Organization.

Special attention has to be paid to the fundamental freedom of expression, safety of journalists, and the right to information. We call upon the Belarusian authorities to immediately release all journalists and media workers imprisoned on political grounds, including Andrzej Poczobut, Kaciaryna Andrejewa and Daria Czulcowa.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Synergic international cooperation towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and adaptation to climate change is indispensable. The role of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission in leading the Ocean Decade is invaluable. Poland is an active participant in these efforts. In February 2022, in Sopot, the Institute of Oceanology, will be hosting a conference in collaboration with UNESCO.

New opportunities for awareness rising of general public and for scientific formal and non-formal education are provided by the initiatives of the International Day

The protection of cultural heritage must be carried out according to the fundamental principles of objectivity, equality and transparency.

We welcome the successful conclusion of the review of the Memory of the World Programme, resulting in its full operationality. We declare our commitment to this