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- Mr. President of the General Conference
- Mr. President of the Executive Council
- Madam General Director of UNESCO
- Excellencies Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government and People of Honduras, I send warm greetings and wish the best results in this 41st General Conference.

Honduras congratulates the People and Government of Brazil for assuming the Presidency of the 41st General Conference of UNESCO through H.E. Ambassador Mr. Santiago Mourao. We fully trust that it will be a Presidency with all the capabilities of GRUAMA. President, we have a lot to do.

We acknowledge the high commitment of Ambassador Agapito-Mbaay, who presided over the Executive Council in these last two years and, in extremely difficult circumstances. He has led it with strength and wisdom.

We trust in the new mandate that will be initiated by General Director Audrey Azoulay. Madam Director, we recognize your leadership in the management of the current crisis where UNESCO has fulfilled its responsibilities.

Regarding the achievement of the great objective of UNESCO, "



Education is the main instrument to manage change, fight poverty, eliminate hunger, fight climate change, achieve a better health system, achieve clean energy sources, enjoy the arts and value and protect our cultural and natural heritage. Hence, we can offer more job opportunities.

Regarding Climate Change, Honduras has established that responses adopted about International Agreements must be under the principle of common but differentiated responsibility. In other words, those who have contributed the most to generate this crisis are the ones who must contribute the most to solve

Working in these efforts means hope to Honduras. The construction of paths and adopting fair measures for nations is the responsibility of UNESCO. With Justice is how we will continue to aspire for PEACE generation, the cornerstone of this organization

Thank you.