

Speech for the 41st General Conference of UNESCO

by the Minister of Finance and Culture of Aruba

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President of the General Conference, Chairperson of the Executive Board, Director - * H Q H U D O ([F H O O H Q F \ . V ' L V W L Q J X L V K H G and Gentlemen,

Mr. President, on behalf of the Government of Aruba, I congratulate you on being chosen to preside over the 41st session of the General Conference of UNESCO. Despite all the restrictions caused by the Covid -19 pandemic, communities all over the world have found remarkable ways to work together and collaborate for our common ambitions and goals.

The UNESCO is no exception, and the great UNESCO -family is grateful

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Mr. President, the National Commissions for UNESCO of the Dutch speaking islands have formed since 1987 a strong bond and the cooperation between the islands and within the Kingdom is excellent.

On behalf of the Government of Aruba, I congratulate UNESCO for its 75 years and we are grateful for giving all the member states this unique platform. We can confidently say that UNESCO has passed the test of time and will keep transforming lives by building peace in the minds and hearts of men and women all over the world!

Dear all, to conclude I would like to express my gratitude in the most spoken languages on the island of Aruba :