

Mr President of the General Conference,

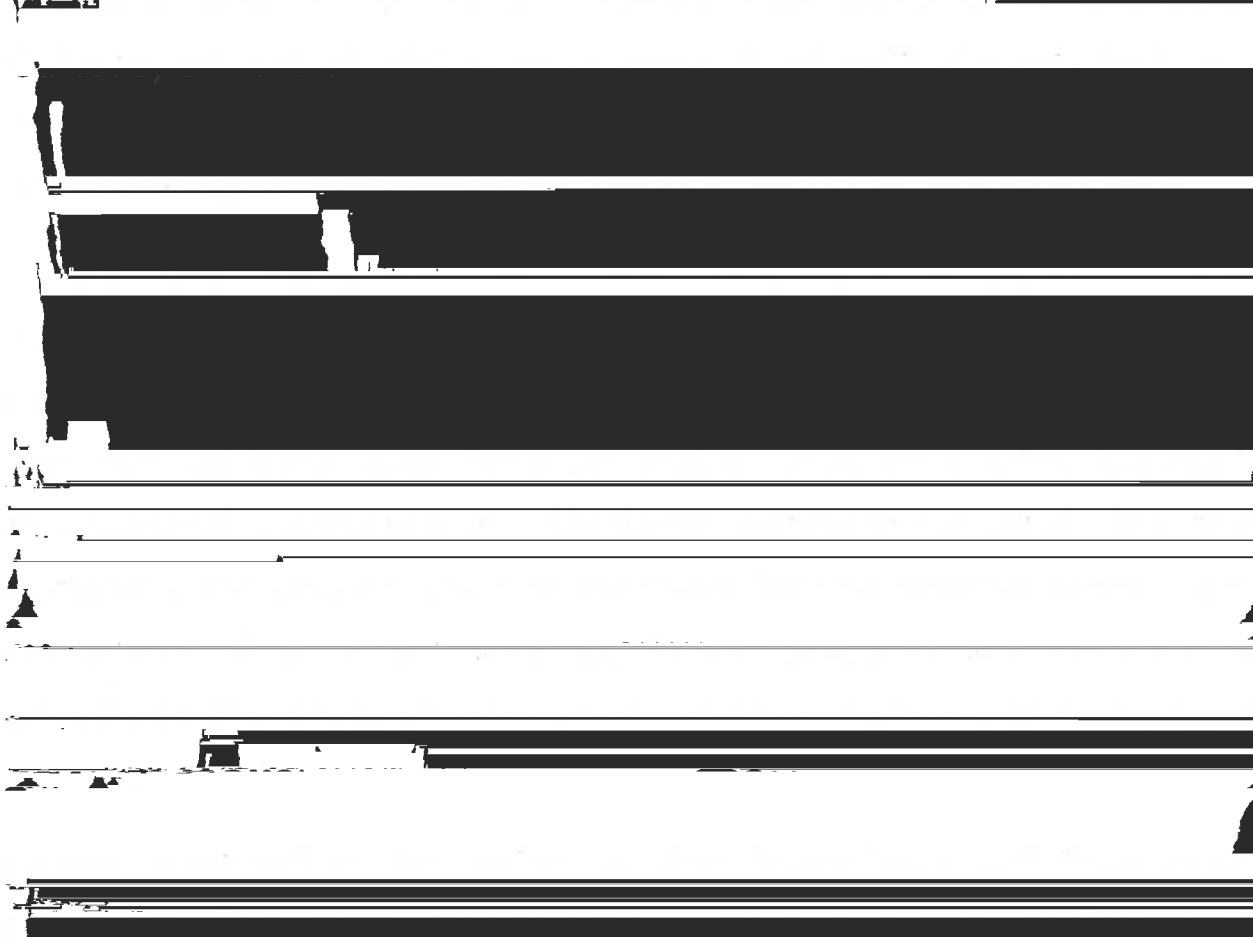
Madame Director General,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen!

It is an honour for me to address the 41st General Conference of UNESCO, when we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of

UNESCO and 20 years of Latvia's membership in UNESCO.



Language policy is of very high importance to Latvia, particularly

~~in education. We believe that language is the cornerstone~~
~~of our society and that it is essential for the development~~
~~of our country. We are committed to ensuring that our~~
~~educational system is inclusive and that all learners have~~
~~access to quality education. We are proud to be among the~~
~~countries that will~~

which the integrity and cohesion of the society is built. Education, on the other hand, is the cornerstone of our future prosperity. Therefore, our focus is on making sure that our educational programmes serve the needs of learners of diverse linguistic backgrounds and no one in our educational system is left behind.

We stand strongly behind the Paris Declaration for increased investments and global solidarity for the recovery and future of education. We are honoured to be among the countries that will

We are pleased to recognize that the review of the Memory of

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the World Programme has successfully concluded, and new nominations are now being accepted for the International Register. We strongly believe that documentary heritage is an important evidence of our roots that shouldn't be forgotten.

Madame Director General,
Distinguished delegates,

In 2022, Latvia will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the

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