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41st General Conference of UNESCO Remarks by the President of GRULAC Ambassador Elia del Carmen Guerra Jurado Permanent Delegate of Panama to UNESCO Paris, November 2021

Mr. President Heads of Delegation Madam Director General

In my capacity as President of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC), let me express how glad we are that a representative of our region has assumed the Presidency of the 41st General Conference of UNESCO.

Be assured, Mr. President, that there is a GRULAC and its professional capacities, with the desire and commitment to collaborate with you meeting these very high

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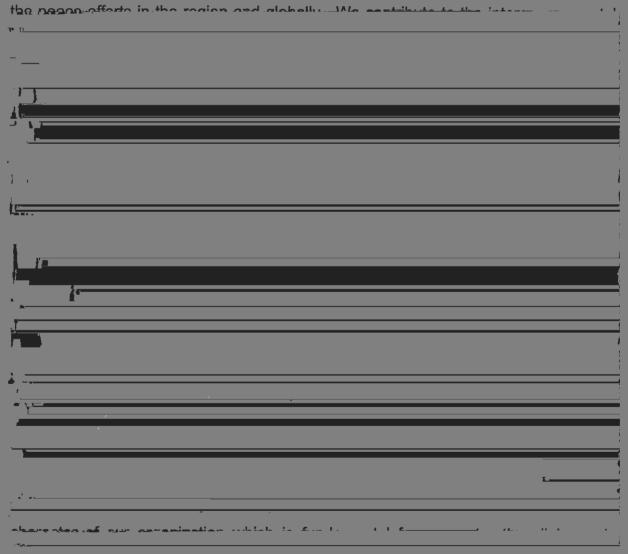
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In other cases, difficult circumstances of the past months, have deepened them at a period during which we have been able to learn and to teach to live with strict rules; notwithstanding how useful and convenient these measures have been for the health of the great majorities: giving up our particular rights and interests, in order to achieve



It is a matter of finding a balance between what is proposed by developed countries, the priorities of low-income countries and other countries that, like many in our GRULAC region, have been schematized as middle-income and for whom development and access to sources of opportunities are becoming increasingly distant.

GRULAC has been steadfast in accompanying not only with ideas but with deeds,

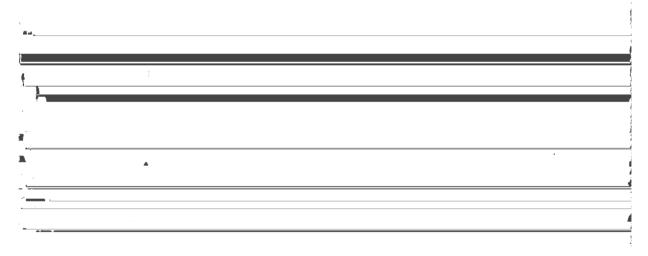


worthwhile.



Our brothers and sisters from the Island States are living very particular situations due to the impact of climate change. This is a road which is constructed every day given its complexities and real commitments that need to be meet. UNESCO's Declaration of Ethical Principals in relation to Climate Change is one of our most important tools if we want to join in these tasks for the Futures we Want.

We are part of the call of more than 41 Island Member States that demand short-term responses to their various educational, cultural and social circumstances; where a





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trafficking of cultural property, and we hope that you will join us with your voice not only as a consequence of the mandate you have already received, but also because you more than anyone else can raise with impetus the banner of protection of the value of different cultures that lies in these goods.

It is vitally important that a call from UNESCO is made to the international community,

