



219<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board

Closing remarks by

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Madam President of the General Conference  
Mr DDG, Representative of the Director-General  
Dear Colleagues,

I would like to start by thanking you all for your strong engagement and full participation in the deliberations of the 219th session of the Executive Board.

As expected, our debates were sometimes intense and yet constructive whilst reflecting our global context. This level of engagement is a clear manifestation of your belief that your decisions would push this organization forward to achieve its goals.

And as we are reaching the end of this session, it is imperative to stop and reflect on the principles that must be highlighted to maintain what we have achieved and pave the way for our future success: the importance of freedom of speech while maintaining mutual respect, the necessity of proper agenda setting and provision of documents in a timely manner, the



