



Closing remarks by

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Dear colleagues,

Tomorrow I will send the letter inviting UNESCO Member States to submit candidatures for the post of Director-General of UNESCO. The letters should be accompanied by full biographical information in accordance with Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure. The vision statements can follow later, but within the deadline of 15 March 2025. I will fulfil my role and make sure these elections are transparent, fair and equitable. I repeat that these elections are the business of Member States only, and I will be very vigilant and will react to any interference in this process.

Dear colleagues, I would also like to inform you that the Bureau for Digital Business Solutions, in consultation with GBS, is working on the establishment of a new digital platform which will offer multilingual transcription, access to relevant documents, and a centralized portal for live and Video on Demand retransmissions.

The solution is expected to be implemented during the first quarter of 2025.

