Sir/Madam,

Following the Director-General’s letter CL/4285, inviting your State to participate in the UNESCO Conventions Ceremony, I have the honor to share with you some information regarding the logistics of this event.

The UNESCO Conventions Ceremony will be held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 15 November 2019 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in conjunction with the 40th session of the General Conference.

During this Ceremony, to which all delegations are invited, representatives of Member States will present to the Director-General, in her capacity as depositary, their instruments of ratification of the conventions of UNESCO or sign those opened for signature. As a celebration of UNESCO’s standard-setting activity, this unprecedented event provides an opportunity for your State to make public its commitment to the mandate of UNESCO.

In order to ensure the participation of your State, I would be grateful that your Delegation kindly advise my Office as soon as possible by indicating the conventions that your State intends to ratify or sign and the identity of the representative that will represent your State during the Ceremony. The communication shall be accompanied by a copy of the corresponding instrument of ratification or, if appropriate, by an instrument conferring full powers for the signature. My Office will proceed to the legal review of these instruments and, when such review has been completed, will confirm the participation of your State to the Ceremony.

In this regard, I would like to remind you that, pursuant to the rules of international law, instruments of ratification must be signed, either by the Head of State or Head of Government, or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Regarding the signature, any person wishing to sign the conventions, other than the above mentioned three authorities, will have to be vested with appropriate full powers. In order to be valid, the instrument conferring full powers must be signed either by the Head of State or Head of Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and contain the name and title of the person vested with full powers, as well as the title of the relevant convention.

In addition, I have the honor to invite your Delegation to participate in an information session that will be held on 17 September 2019, between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., in Room IV of the Organization’s Headquarters, during which the conduct of the Ceremony and its modalities will be presented.

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For your convenience, a complete list of the conventions of UNESCO is attached herewith. All additional information pertaining to the Ceremony, as well as the status of ratification and signature of each convention by each Member State, are available on the page dedicated to standard-setting instruments (www.unesco.org/en/la) on my Office’s website. This website also provides templates of instruments of ratification and full powers.

In order to make the necessary arrangements, notably in terms of media coverage, I would be grateful if you could inform my Office, by email (dir.la@unesco.org) before 27 September 2019, of your State’s intention to participate in the Ceremony by ratifying or signing the conventions deposited with the Director-General. My Office remains at your entire disposal for any eventual question.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Santiago Villalpando
Director

Annex: List of conventions deposited with the Director-General.
LIST OF CONVENTIONS
DEPOSITED WITH THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Comprehensive list of conventions deposited with the Director-General


Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.


Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.


Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Articles XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

**List of conventions opened for signature**


