



The Director-General

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Your Excellency,

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you, the Government and the people of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the thirtieth anniversary of your country's membership in UNESCO. On this important occasion, I am pleased to reaffirm our Organization's commitment to further deepening our fruitful bilateral relationship.

Since Kazakhstan joined UNESCO on 22 May 1992, right after its independence, the country has become an important player in building a true culture of peace through education, science, culture and communication. This year's celebration coincides with the completion of the UNESCO-led International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022), a wonderful initiative by Kazakhstan, to which I would like to pay tribute.

UNESCO also values the unfailing support that Kazakhstan, as the host country of the Cluster Office in Almaty, has accorded to our Organization. The vitality of our cooperation is clear in the promotion of heritage in all its forms, as evidenced by the numerous inscriptions on the World Heritage Lists.

For thirty years, UNESCO has stood with Kazakhstan to advance the country's commitment to multilateralism and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda. Today, as the world faces new challenges on multiple fronts, our cooperation has never been more relevant. Please rest assured that UNESCO is deeply committed to continuing our work for the benefit of Kazakhstan and the benefit of all Member States of the United Nations.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration and respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Audrey Azoulay".

Audrey Azoulay

H.E. Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Nur-Sultan