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Sir.

On behalf of the Director-General, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your participation in the meeting of the UNITWIN Network of UNESCO Chairs on Interreligious Dialogue for Intercultural Understanding held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 20 to 22 September last.

This encounter gave rise to valuable exchanges. The remarkable symposium "Before Dialogue: Fear, Responsibility and the Path towards a New Humanism" brought to the fore precious leads for in-depth reflection and future action in these difficult times. We are also very grateful for the insightful-qualified contributions that the distinguished Network members made to the debate of the Working Group on Intercultural Competences.

I truly hope that the Network will pursue its efforts in supporting UNESCO's action in the field of intercultural dialogue, which remains a key priority.

Yours sincerely,

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