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Dear Mrs Guidote-Alvarez,

At the outset, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your warm congratulations following my election as Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. As I take up my duties, I can assure you that I will work tirelessly to serve UNESCO's mandate, which now is more important than ever in the face of the major challenges of our time.

I know that many of the issues UNESCO addresses are at the very heart of the projects and activities that you continue to implement in the Philippines and beyond in your various capacities as the Director of the Earthsavers DREAMS Ensemble, UNESCO Artist for Peace and President of the Philippine Center of the International Theatre Institute (ITI). I appreciate greatly your unerring support for our Organization's work, and seize this opportunity to congratulate you on the occasion of the major concert entitled "Art Speak for Peace" that you are organizing to take place in Manila from 20 to 23 April next.

This event, the aim of which is to promote mutual respect and dialogue, will highlight the importance of the role that art continues to play in peace processes the world over, including in your region. It is in consideration of this that I have decided to grant UNESCO's patronage to the concert, in accordance with the terms and conditions attached herewith.

Regarding your kind invitation for me to attend the concert, unfortunately, my prior commitments for those dates prevent me from accepting it. However, I would be pleased to send you a written message to be read and/or distributed on that occasion.

In ending, allow me to wish you every success for the concert and for all your future endeavours, and to thank you once more for your unerring support.

With my best personal wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Audrey Azoulay