

**Remarks by H. Exc. Mr. Muktar Djumaliev, Ambassador, Permanent
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Thank you

Mr Chairman,
Madam Director-General,
Mr. President of the General Conference,
Distinguish colleagues,
Саламатсыздарбы! (means Good morning)

The COVID-19 crisis has put at risk the development gains of many developing countries.

Pandemia has tested most of the international instruments in social, cultural and economic spheres. Migrant workers, their families and people with disabilities felt most of the worst scenarios of the pandemic and felt hardly in access to education and health infrastructure.

Interlinked economies regionally and globally deeply affected many vulnerable rural mountainous areas.

We appreciate the G20's initiative and leadership of France on debt postomnents for vulnerable countries. We believe that UNESCO may also call for debt relief programs to achieve SDGs especially in the education sector.

The Kyrgyz Republic appreciates the active role of UNESCO and personal leadership shown by the Director General Madame Audrey Azoulay during the pandemic period with the number of initiatives.

The Kyrgyz Republic supports UNESCO's initiatives, including but not limited to:

1. "No teacher or student should be left behind"
2. "Translate a story"
3. Generating extra-budgetary funds from the World Bank, IMF, regional banks, governments, public and private donors.

We support initiatives undertaken to help the cultural sector to keep adapting and responding to the challenges brought about by the pandemic. These efforts need to be continued to stimulate social and economic support measures including the development of innovative tools linked to new technologies.

We welcome UNESCO efforts to strengthen inclusive multilateralism to ensure that no country is left behind SDG Goals

It is important to take into account the needs of the countries which have the same obstacles in getting integrated to a new distance learning and digital technologies in educational processes especially in the mountainous regions which lacks access to telecommunications infrastructure. Thus we are in Kyrgyzstan very much interested to benefit from the UNESCO initiative with “Global Coalition for Education”.

Due to the growing number these days of cases of family-violence in the world the programmes for education of girls aiming to prevent the violence against women is needed to be taken into very special attention by UNESCO.

Mr Chairman and Board members,

We should not forget about the environmental problems caused by global climate change. Recently the UN Secretary General MR Guterres, emphasized the importance, in the difficult modern conditions of the global pandemic, of continued attention of countries to the problems of nature conservation and biodiversity.

We have in Kyrgyzstan the mountain peak called UNESCO which is five thousand meters high - named in 2006 after the visit of the Mr. Matsura to Kyrgyzstan. I believe that Director General may open the expedition to UNESCO mountains in the near future.

The Kyrgyz Republic expresses its concern over the present situation in the field of climate change, environmental protection, preservation of biodiversity, Earth and environmental security.

The Kyrgyz Republic introduces draft resolution to the 75th General Assembly of the UN called «**Nature knows no borders. Transboundary cooperation is a key factor in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity**»

The main goal is to preserve the world's biodiversity, which provides urgent, collaborative steps and measures to ensure future generations of our countries with clean, green and safe environment.

We encourage all the parties to support the above mentioned initiative.

We believe that by working together, we can overcome the current crisis and start shaping a new better world through culture, research, and education.

I thank you Mr. Chairman!

