

Statement of the European Union at the 6th Special Session of the Executive Board
8 June 2020

Monsieur le Président du Conseil Exécutif,
Madame la Directrice générale,

1. L'Union européenne a adopté des mesures pour relever, à l'échelle mondiale, les défis engendrés par la pandémie de Covid-19. Celles-ci visent notamment à soutenir la recherche, la culture et l'éducation.
2. Par exemple, *CreativesUnite* est une communauté virtuelle où les artistes du monde entier peuvent apporter leurs contributions et bénéficier des réseaux créés.
3. More broadly, with its *Team Europe* package, the EU is mobilising a multi-billion support to partner countries, to address the economic and social consequences of the crisis, and to tackle immediate needs, both humanitarian and in the healthcare sector.
4. On today's complex global stage, we also need to look forward, and build back better. As underlined by the UNSG, we should turn the recovery into a real opportunity to do things right for the future. We look forward to further joining hands with UNESCO in initiatives that build stronger and more resilient societies while upholding our shared values, in particular human rights and gender equality.