



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

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Subject: **Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications
concerning Higher Education**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of informing you that the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education was unanimously adopted by the UNESCO General Conference at its 40th session on 25 November 2019.

The Global Convention is designed to facilitate international academic mobility and promote inclusive access to higher education, by ensuring the right of individuals to have their higher education qualifications evaluated through fair, transparent and non-discriminatory mechanisms. It also aims to strengthen international cooperation in higher education and contribute to raising the quality of higher education worldwide.

This text, which was the result of an extensive and innovative participatory process, will create opportunities for millions of students. As such, it will be particularly useful in fostering social inclusion and dynamic economic and cultural exchanges for years to come.

Accordingly, I invite all States to ratify the Convention.

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Convention in the six working languages of UNESCO; it can also be found on the Organization's Portal: www.unesco.org/EN/LA.

I should like to draw your attention to Article IV, paragraph 4, of UNESCO's Constitution, which requires each Member State to submit conventions to its competent authorities within a period of one year from the close of the session of the General Conference at which these conventions were adopted.

Please also note that, as stipulated in its Article XVIII, paragraph 2, the Convention shall enter into force three months after the date of deposit, with the Director-General of UNESCO, of the 20th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Audrey Azoulay', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Audrey Azoulay
Director-General

Enclosed document: Certified copy of the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO