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**Speech by the National President of the Italian Federation**

***Teresa Gualtieri***

Good day to everyone, I am truly happy to speak at this assembly and convey greetings from the Italian Federation of Clubs and Centers for UNESCO.

We held our national assembly about a month ago, also remotely of course; we reviewed the ongoing activities and planned the future ones.

I am pleased to begin my speech with some excerpts, beginning and end, from the greeting to the assembly by the Secretary General of the Italian Commission for UNESCO, Enrico Vicenti (All. 1.1).

At the beginning of the works we reaffirmed our commitment to improve more and more the coordination role assigned to the Federations.

The coronavirus has exposed the frailties of the world.

In the world of culture, a sudden and intense change of context has taken place: closed cultural places, remote activities, very high consumption of digital content to occupy time and thoughts.

And the emergency continues! We must act, and now!

We do not want and must not allow mistrust and isolation to damage our association.

Our "FICLU in action" program includes three main components:

1. Identity, world heritage 2. Quality education 3. Sustainable development and innovation.

Here is a slide with the summary of the program (All. 1.2).

Each theme includes various sub-projects, I will mention just a few:

Cultural landscapes and emotions, looking at and understanding the environment with Unesco eyes and heart - Mediterranean diet - Gender equality - Intercultural dialogue and global citizenship - Climate change - Resilience and innovation.

All of our one hundred and six Clubs and Centers are involved in the program, gathered in working groups, which constitute real laboratories of participatory planning. Our program is a work in progress, with a strategic task: to help plan the development of our communities, to carry out a great social project.

Dear President Daniela, dear Members of the European Federation, my little reflection:

the seventy-five years since the founding of Unesco coincide with the seventy-five

years since the Hiroshima tragedy but, also, since the invention of the transistor on which the internet and the whole modern world that we know are based.

The celebration of the seventy-five years of Unesco gives greater strength to the commitment of our Clubs and Centers in the world, for the affirmation of the ideals of Peace, of Human Rights for all, and also to enhance the magnificence of human ingenuity, capable of achieve unimaginable progress even in the face of epochal catastrophes.

Thanks for your attention.