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Dear Mr Stetsenko,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 20 August 2014, and to congratulate you for setting up the exhibition *Peace through Culture* and organizing the Round Table *Nicholas Roerich's appeal "Peace through Culture"*, respectively scheduled to take place in Moscow on 21 and 22 September 2014, within the framework of the celebrations of the International Day of Peace.

The celebrations of 21 September this year are of singular importance as they will mark the 30th anniversary of the United Nations' Declaration on the "Right of Peoples to Peace". Furthermore, the 2014 International Day of Peace coincides with the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Yamoussoukro Declaration under the auspices of UNESCO, which gave birth to the concept of "a culture of peace".

Noting that your initiative is all the more remarkable by its direct contribution to UNESCO's mandate to build peace in the minds of men and women, I am pleased to welcome worldwide projects, such as yours, which reinforce the promotion of a culture of peace and its attainment through education and culture.

The purpose and international scope of the described initiative which highlights the crucial roles of education and culture in a sustainable peace through Nicholas Roerich's legacy, as well as your original approach, which combines a fundamental historical perspective, cultural expression and artistic creation, make for the fact that these events are closely aligned with the Organization's priorities. It is with pleasure, therefore, that I grant UNESCO's patronage to them, and that I authorize the use of the Organization's name and logo on the communication material for the event, in accordance with the enclosed General Conditions.

I wish you great success with this event and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Irina Bokova

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cc: H.E. Mrs Eleonora Mitrofanova, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Russian Federation to UNESCO