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The Director-General

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Dear Mayor,

I am pleased to inform you that, after close examination of the application for the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) submitted by Gabrovo, and taking into account the recommendation from both the independent experts and the UCCN member cities in the creative field to which your city applied, I have decided to designate Gabrovo as a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the field of crafts and folk art. Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this achievement.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm Gabrovo's membership in the Network, which will be subject to, every four years, a periodic review following the submission of a membership monitoring report. This report must demonstrate the city's steadfast commitment to the operationalization of the UCCN's Mission Statement at the local and international levels.

As a new member of the UCCN family, Gabrovo is expected to integrate itself as quickly and smoothly as possible into the Network by interacting proactively with other member cities, communicating with the UCCN Secretariat in a continuous manner, and creating opportunities for exchange and cooperation within the Network.

In the meantime, as with all members, Gabrovo needs also to place the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the *New Urban Agenda* at the heart of its future development strategies and plans, as well as join the international community in the fast-growing momentum for sustainable development. Moreover, Gabrovo must engage fully in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, notably Goal 11 concerning cities.

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I am confident that Gabrovo will fulfil the commitments it has made in applying to the Network and will take an active part in the Network's joint initiatives and activities, such as the UCCN Annual Meeting, the most important annual gathering of the Network. I am certain that I can count on your city's innovative spirit, as well as on its sense of solidarity with other cities, notably those from developing countries, whose participation should be encouraged further.

I invite you to participate at the Mayors' Forum of the Annual Meeting personally, together with the designated focal point of your city. Your contribution to the UCCN, with your knowledge, experience and innovative initiatives, as well as your financial contributions, will be very valuable. The Secretariat will be in contact with you on further details.

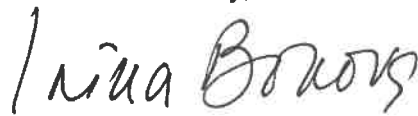
Please note that your city is entitled to use UCCN's name and logo only when referring to your city's membership of the Network, subject to the conditions specified by UNESCO. For more details in this regard, please refer to the accompanying message from the UCCN Secretariat. Should you have any further queries regarding the designation, I invite the designated focal point for Gabrovo to contact the UCCN Secretariat at creativecities@unesco.org.

I look forward to a fruitful cooperation between UNESCO and Gabrovo in our common pursuit of making Creative Cities sustainable, inclusive, safe and resilient for their inhabitants.

With my renewed congratulations, I remain,

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Yours sincerely,



Irina Bokova