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Dear Mr Losyukov,

Allow me to say how pleased I was to visit the International Centre of the Roerichs in Moscow during my recent stay in the Russian Federation. I was particularly pleased to meet you and your colleagues, including two Vice Presidents of the Centre - Ms Ludmila Shaposhnikova and Mr Alexander Stetsenko.

I thoroughly enjoyed the guided tour of the Centre's Museum, reflecting the diverse activities of the Centre over the past decades. Indeed, I was deeply impressed by the richness of the Museum's collection, which attests to the exceptional contribution of the Roerichs family to the promotion of "peace through culture".

I especially appreciated the opportunity to see the documents and archival materials relating to the Roerich Pact of 1935, which laid the initial legal foundations for the modern movement for the protection of culture during armed conflicts. UNESCO values deeply the legacy of the Roerichs family in mobilizing international support for the protection of cultural heritage, and we appreciate the significant efforts made by your Centre in popularizing this important work.

In concluding, allow me to underscore how touched I was to receive the symbolic flag of the Roerich Pact, known as the "Peace Flag", as a token of your appreciation of UNESCO's global role in safeguarding the world's cultural heritage in all its dimensions.

With renewed thanks for your hospitality and wishing you every success in your endeavours to protect and promote cultural heritage worldwide, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Irina Bokova