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Mr President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, dear friends,

How can violent extremism be stopped? How can we give the youth of our countries hope for peace? Since 2012, UNESCO has developed in its programs a conceptual tool with enormous potential: **global citizenship**.

Just as UNESCO had the audacity in 1978 to speak of the "world heritage of mankind", thus going beyond the national framework, so today UNESCO advances the notion of "global citizenship". The challenges of the planet today demand it.

Since 1996, the young people of the NGO New Humanity have embraced the idea of a united world. "Youth for a United World" as they call themselves, take all the possible paths to build **universal brotherhood**, are engaged in international peace support campaigns, act on a daily basis by multiplying the "seeds of fraternity" that they promote and that they discover in others (actions for the most needy, people who are alone, immigrants, victims of natural disasters ...). By putting them together they see that their dream is achievable.

Every year, during the United World Week, they physically meet in one location of the globe and virtually on the internet to make visible the fraternity actions that they do, that other NGOs do, so that the heads of their countries could see that a united world is moving ahead, not only in their own country, but on all continents. These experiences have been collected in the Atlas of Fraternity, which the young people have already brought to the national commissions of their own country. These testimonies were gathered in an Atlas of brotherhood, which the young have already brought to the national commissions of their own country.

They would like this United World Week to be recognized by the United Nations and become the heritage of all, as an instrument to become a citizen of the world. Other NGO's, Catholic International Education Office, BICE, support this advocacy for global citizenship education.

This is what the young people have asked me to say today and they want you to know that they are happy to join their seeds of fraternity to yours so that Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is not an empty word: *All human beings [...] should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.*

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