TEMPLATE

**Ms. Irina Bokova**

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Dear madam,

I am writing on behalf of NAME OF ORGANIZATION. We have been informed by the Catalan Society of Sociolinguistics of recent developments in matters of language policy in Spain, particularly in relation to the Catalan language. We fear that Spain may be on a regressive course in relation to its management of linguistic and cultural diversity. We understand that regressive policies are put in place in the areas of education, the media and even in the standardization of the language.

We would be thankful if you could do everything in your power so that UNESCO investigates whether Spain is contravening UNESCO’s fundamental principles as well as the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, which Spain has signed.

As you know, the international community has been working for decades to promote intercultural understanding through cultural and educational policies. It is also our duty to send clear messages to those who at times seek to opt out of the principles, declarations and legal provisions that we have given ourselves.

Yours sincerely,