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Mr Gates,  
Mr Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

UNESCO House to mark the signing of a Cooperation Agreement between

To ensure that all can benefit from information and knowledge, many of UNESCO's activities focus on empowering communities, mainly in developing

countries, through the use of ICT. To this end, UNESCO will continue to give

strong support to the development of free and open source software for extending and disseminating human knowledge. UNESCO will also continue to

Since the huge challenge of accelerating access to ICT and knowledge