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Subject: Nominations for the 18th edition of the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture

Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite your government to submit nominations for the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture. This prize, which has been awarded since 2001, was created in 1998 in collaboration with the Government of the Emirate of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) and is now in its 18th edition.

The UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture rewards the work of two individuals, two groups of individuals, or two institutions, who have made significant contributions to developing, promoting and disseminating Arab culture.

In conferring this award upon deserving individuals and institutions, the Prize aims to improve understanding of various aspects of Arab culture and support the Organization's fundamental mission to promote dialogue among cultures.

UNESCO and the Government of the Emirate of Sharjah encourage you to nominate candidates whose literary, scientific or artistic works, as well as their efforts to promote Arab culture and its dissemination, deserve to be recognized.

The Prize is endowed with USD 60,000, divided equally between the two winners selected on the recommendation of an international jury. I would particularly like to draw your attention to our interest in nominating women and young people for this award to reflect our commitment to gender equality and youth.

To nominate candidates, I invite you to send an e-mail to the Secretariat of the Prize (e-mail: prix-sharjah@unesco.org; tel.: +33 1 45 68 09 66) with the name and e-mail address of the person you would like to nominate. The Secretariat of the Prize will then send all the necessary information to the person concerned, including how to apply, which can only be done online.

The deadline for the submission of candidatures is 30 July 2021. For additional information, the Secretariat of the Prize remains at your disposal.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Director-General

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