



**MESSAGE**

from

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on the occasion of

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Art and culture are both our past and our future - the deepest expression of our feelings, our identities and our personalities.

Art helps us to understand different cultures, culture helps us to understand different arts.

Together art and culture allow the different generations to communicate and create.

It is in this spirit that the ancient Greeks organised the original Delphic Games, and it is also in this spirit that the International Delphic Council decided to relaunch the Games. I would like to salute this initiative very warmly.

The Second Delphic World Congress and the First Junior Delphics, which are being held in Tbilisi this year, are an impressive achievement. I am convinced that, thanks to the enthusiasm of all participants - old and young, artists and spectators - they will be crowned with success.

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