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Subject: International Day of Education/Participation by Minister Zappone

Dear Lisa,

Happy Nollaig na mBan to you and best wishes for 2020! It's good to be back in touch. Minister Zappone may have mentioned to you that she had been in contact with Ambassador Byrne Nason regarding travel to New York to participate in the International Day of Education on Friday 24 January, in addition to other potential programme elements such as bilaterals. I just wanted to get the ball rolling on contact between us to take forward the practicalities and arrangements for her programme. I gather the Minister may be travelling from engagements in Davos on the 23rd?

I attach the latest version of the programme for the event on the 24th prepared by the office of the President of the General Assembly – you will see that Minister Zappone is suggested as a participant in the first panel. (We have already reached out to correct the spelling of her name in the document.) The Minister might be interested to recall that she met Audrey Azoulay, the UNESCO DG, briefly at a UNESCO event on education during UNGA High-Level week.

When you have a moment, please let me know your thinking on travel times, and on that basis we will start putting together a programme.

All the best,

Caoimhe

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