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Dear Mr Ryan,

It was with deep sorrow that I learned the sad news of the passing away of Mrs Nancy Reagan, former First Lady of the United States of America, on 6 March last.

Allow me, at this difficult moment, to salute the memory of a woman of exceptional human qualities, who will be remembered for her outstanding contribution to the American society and for her exemplary dedication to her husband, Ronald Reagan, as well as to the preservation of his legacy through the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Her active stance in her "Just Say No" campaign, aimed at raising awareness on drugs among youth at risk, as well as her tireless dedication and support to those affected by Alzheimer's disease and to stem cell research, will be remembered in the years to come.

On behalf of UNESCO and in my own name, I wish to express deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences for the loss of this exceptional woman.

Yours sincerely,

Irina Bokova