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Dear Secretary-General,

I am pleased to inform you that UNESCO launched on 5 June 2023 the fifth edition of the international photo contest 'Youth Eyes on the Silk Roads' under the theme 'Architecture, Monuments and Urbanism'.

Since its first edition, launched in 2018 within the framework of the Silk Roads Programme, which is part of the Social and Human Sciences Sector, the photo contest continues to offer an exciting opportunity for young people to express their vision of a more inclusive world where tolerance and intercultural dialogue help people understand each other and live together in peace.

For this fifth edition, the architectural and cultural legacy of the Silk Roads, which remains a testament to the rich history of the region and its potential for future growth and sustainable development, will be in the spotlight. Within this theme, young photographers are invited to submit images which reflect their understanding of the Silk Roads' shared heritage of dialogue and exchange.

I am pleased to share with you the link to the photo contest website (<https://unescosilkroadphotocontest.org>), where you can find useful guidelines.

I kindly invite you to share information on the contest as widely as possible across your youth, education and artistic communities to engage as many young people as possible.

My colleagues, Mr Mehrdad Shabahang (m.shabahang@unesco.org) Programme Specialist for the UNESCO Silk Roads Programme, and Ms Tara Golkar (t.golkar@unesco.org), Associate Project Officer, remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

With my best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: Permanent Delegations to UNESCO