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MESSAGE ON THE ISSUANCE OF 100,000 CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION
THROUGH THE 'UN CC :LEARN' ONLINE PLATFORM
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Climate education is crucial for raising the ambition we need to address the existential threat of climate change.

I have been very encouraged to see the way that educators around the world are becoming more involved in climate change, in particular because of the increasing role of youth in demanding greater attention to the crisis.

In that spirit, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the work of the One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership.

Since 2010, UN CC:Learn has been making the UN's vast knowledge and expertise more easily available to people around the world, particularly in developing countries and countries in special circumstances. The Partnership has now reached a milestone: more than 100,000 learners have successfully completed a free on-line course -- and more than 50 per cent of those learners are women.

This adds 100,000 informed voices to the cause, with increased knowledge, skills and, above all, the motivation to advance climate science, sustainable infrastructure design, responsible investment and other key dimensions of this challenge. The task is now to scale up this effort and to build a global movement that can help us fulfil the promise of the Paris Agreement. The recently launched "United in Science 2020" report from the World Meteorological Organization is a further contribution, cataloguing the crisis and ringing the alarm.

I congratulate the UN CC:Learn partnership on this achievement and thank the Government of Switzerland for its long standing support for this important work.