

International Mother Language Day
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Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Today, 21st of February, marks International Mother Language Day, a day that resonates in all of us as our respective mother tongues constitute a key feature of our individual and collective identities. Mother tongues are not just channels of communication among its present-day