Item 4.8 of the provisional agenda

PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 1998-1999

OUTLINE

Source: 151 EX/Decision 9.5; 152 EX/Decision 9.9.

Background: Pursuant to 132 EX/Decision 9.1, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated during the biennium.

Purpose: The Director-General submits to the General Conference for its approval recommendations made by the Executive Board in decisions 9.5 and 9.9 adopted at its 151st and 152nd sessions respectively, concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 1998-1999.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. Pursuant to 132 EX/Decision 9.1 the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 151st and 152nd sessions documents 151 EX/34 and 151 EX/34 Add., and 152 EX/47 and 152 EX/47 Add., which contained proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 1998-1999.

2. Documents 151 EX/34, 151 EX/34 Add., 152 EX/47 and 152 EX/47 Add., available in the working languages of the Organization, may be consulted on request in the Secretariat.
3. After considering these documents, the Executive Board recommended to the General Conference (151 EX/Decision 9.5 and 152 EX/Decision 9.9) that it adopt the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Having taken note of the Executive Board’s decisions (151 EX/Decision 9.5 and 152 EX/Decision 9.9),

Decides:

(a) that UNESCO shall associate itself in 1998-1999 with the following celebrations:

(i) hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Ukrainian poet Volodymyr Sosiura (6 January 1998);

(ii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Russian film director Sergei Mikhailovich Eisenstein (22 January 1998);

(iii) hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Russian Museum - Saint Petersburg Museum (17 March 1998);

(iv) six-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Charles University in the Czech Republic (7 April 1998);

(v) hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Spanish poet Vicente Aleixandre (26 April 1998);

(vi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Spanish poet and dramatist Federico García Lorca (5 June 1998);

(vii) two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Czech philosopher and historian František Palacký (14 June 1998);

(viii) hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Polytechnical Institute of Kiev - Ukraine Technical University (31 August 1998);

(ix) hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Bulgarian writer Dimitar Talev (1 September 1998);

(x) hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Cuban writer Juan Marinello Vidaurreta (2 November 1998);

(xi) fiftieth anniversary of the abolition of the army in Costa Rica (1 December 1998);

(xii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Slovak poet Jan Smrek (16 December 1998);

(xiii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Russian physicist Vladimir A. Fock (22 December 1998);
two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Polish poet Adam Mickiewicz (24 December 1998);

hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Bulgarian writer Christo Botev (25 December 1998);

ninetieth anniversary of the birth of the scientist from Tajikistan Bobojon Gafurov (December 1998);

hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Belgian painter René Magritte (21 November 1998);

hundredth anniversary of the Belgian dramatist Michel de Ghelderode (3 April 1998);

six-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Ferapontov Monastery in Russia (1998);

two-hundredth anniversary of the death of the Greek poet Constantin Rhigas - known as Pheraios - (1998);

one-thousand-two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Uzbek scholar and astronomer Ahmad al-Ferghani (1998);

one-thousand-two-hundred-and-twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of the scholar Ismail al-Bukhari (1998);

hundredth anniversary of the discovery of radium and polonium by Pierre Curie and Marie Sklodowska (1998);

three-hundredth anniversary of the invention of the pianoforte in Florence by Bartolomeo Cristofori (1998);

eight-hundredth anniversary of the death of the philosopher Muhammad ibn Rushd - known as Averroës (1998);

seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of the Armenian artist Sergei Paradjanov (9 January 1999);

hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Bulgarian painter Detchko Ouzounov (22 February 1999);

hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Kazak scholar K.I. Satpaev (12 April 1999);

two-hundredth anniversary of the first research voyage to Latin America of the German naturalist Alexander von Humboldt (5 June 1999);

four-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Spanish painter Diego Velázquez (6 June 1999);

two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Russian poet Alexander S. Pushkin (6 June 1999);
hundredth anniversary of the death of the Mauritian writer and administrator Sir Auguste Célicourt Antelme (6 June 1999);

hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Russian physiologist Ivan Petrovich Pavlov (27 June 1999);

hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Mauritian writer Michel Arthur Martial (28 September 1999);

hundred-and-thirtieth anniversary of the introduction of free, compulsory primary education in Costa Rica (10 November 1999);

thousandth anniversary of the popular Turkish epic Alpamysh (1999);

five-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Swiss writer Thomas Platter (1999);

two-hundredth anniversary of the death of the Turkish poet Ėeyh (Sheikh) Galib (1999);

seven-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Ottoman Empire (1999);

hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (23 January 1999);

centenary of the independence of the Philippines (1998);

one-thousand-three-hundredth anniversary of the epic Azerbaijani legend Kitab-i Dede Qorqud (1998);

centenary of the birth of the Spanish writer Rosa Chacel (3 June 1998);

centenary of the birth of the Spanish writer Dámaso Alonso (22 October 1998);

four hundredth anniversary of the Edict of Nantes (1998);

one thousandth anniversary of the death of the Iranian mathematician and astronomer Abul-Vafa Mohammad-Ebne-Yahya Bouzjani (1998);

one-thousand-five-hundredth anniversary of the creation of the Kazak city of Turkestan (1998);

centenary anniversary of the Moscow Arts Theatre (1998);

centenary anniversary of the Russian Union of ‘The World of Arts’ (1998);

one-thousand-one-hundredth anniversary of the Ukrainian city of Halich (1998);

four hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Flemish painter Antoon Van Dyck (1999);
(lii) centenary of the birth of the Russian writer, novelist and poet Vladimir Nabokov (10 April 1999);

(liii) centenary of the birth of the Russian novelist and journalist Andrei Platonov (1 September 1999);

(liv) one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Armenian painter and sculptor Ervand Kotchar (1998);

(lv) one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the commemoration of the death of the Polish composer and pianist Fryderyk Chopin (1999);

(lvi) six-hundredth anniversary of the commemoration of the death of the Iranian scholar Molla Mohammad Bagher Majlesi (1998);

(lvii) hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Swedish dramatist and novelist August Strindberg (22 January 1999);

(lviii) five hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Kazak scholar Mirza Muhammad Haidar Dughlat (1998);

(lix) centenary anniversary of the birth of the Ukrainian artist Oleksandr Sayenko (1998);

(b) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme;

(c) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 1998-1999 be hereby closed.