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**PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE CELEBRATION  
OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2000-2001**

**OUTLINE**

**Source:** 154 EX/Decision 7.7 and 157 EX/Decision 9.6.

**Background:** At its 154th session the Executive Board, by 154 EX/Decision 7.7, endorsed the procedure to be followed for selecting celebrations with which the Organization might be associated. Pursuant to that decision, the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 157th session proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2000-2001.

**Purpose:** The Director-General submits to the General Conference for its approval the recommendations made by the Executive Board.

**Decision required:** paragraph 2.

1. At its 157th session, the Executive Board adopted the following decision (157 EX/Decision 9.6):

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report by the Director-General entitled "Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 2000-2001" contained in document 157 EX/34,
2. Noting that, according to the procedure for the selection of anniversaries with which the Organization might be associated, approved at its 154th session (154 EX/Decision 7.7), Member States' proposals should be sent to the Director-General with a deadline for nominations of 15 March of the year preceding the biennium in which the celebrations are to be held,

3. Recommends to the General Conference:

- (a) that UNESCO be associated with the following celebrations in 2000-2001:
- (i) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Roberto Arlt;
  - (ii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Leopoldo Marechal;
  - (iii) five hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Brazil;
  - (iv) two hundredth anniversary of the expedition of Alexander von Humboldt to Colombia;
  - (v) hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Agronomic Studies in Cuba;
  - (vi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Antonio J. Quevedo;
  - (vii) eight hundredth anniversary of the birth of Nasir ad-Din Toosi;
  - (viii) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of Amir Kabir Mirza Taghi Khan;
  - (ix) two thousandth anniversary of the founding of the city of Taraz;
  - (x) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sabit Mukanovich Mukanov;
  - (xi) three thousandth anniversary of the founding of the city of Osh;
  - (xii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Kazym Tynystanov;
  - (xiii) two thousand five hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Termez;
  - (xiv) five hundred and forty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Kamal al-Din Behzad;
  - (xv) two thousand seven hundredth anniversary of the creation of the Avesta;
  - (xvi) ninetieth anniversary of the birth of Mirzo Torsonzade;
  - (xvii) eightieth anniversary of the birth of Muhammad Asimov;
  - (xviii) nine hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the birth of Omar Khayyam;
  - (xix) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Somdet Phra Srinagarindra;
  - (xx) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pridi Banomyong

- (xxi) nine hundred and ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the city of Thang Long-Hanoi;
- (xxii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Mohamed Abdel Wahab;
- (xxiii) twelve hundredth anniversary of the founding of Bayt El-Hikma;
- (xxiv) two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach;
- (xxv) hundredth anniversary of the death of Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche;
- (xxvi) one thousand seven hundredth anniversary of the adoption of Christianity as the State religion in Armenia;
- (xxvii) hundredth anniversary of the discovery of blood groups by Karl Landsteiner;
- (xxviii) six hundredth anniversary of the death of Evtimi of Tarnovo;
- (xxix) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Ivan Vazov;
- (xxx) four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pedro Calderón de La Barca;
- (xxxi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Luis Buñuel;
- (xxxii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Joaquín Rodrigo;
- (xxxiii) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Sophia Kovalevskaya;
- (xxxiv) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Nikolai Vladimirovich Timofeev-Ressovsky;
- (xxxv) two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Ivanovich Dal;
- (xxxvi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry;
- (xxxvii) three hundredth anniversary of the death of André Le Nôtre;
- (xxxviii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of André Malraux;
- (xxxix) hundredth anniversary of the death of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec;
- (xl) one thousand two hundredth anniversary of the Carolingian Renaissance
- (xli) fiftieth anniversary of the death of George Bernard Shaw;
- (xlii) four hundredth anniversary of the death of Giordano Bruno;

- (xliv) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Salvatore Quasimodo;
  - (xlv) hundredth anniversary of the death of Giuseppe Verdi;
  - (xlvi) eight hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Riga;
  - (xlvii) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Mihail Eminescu;
  - (xlviii) fiftieth anniversary of the death of Dinu Lipatti;
  - (xlix) thousandth anniversary of the birth of Saint Maurus;
  - (l) three hundredth anniversary of the death of Juraj Lani;
  - (li) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth and hundredth anniversary of the death of Zdenek Fibich;
  - (lii) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Tomáš Masaryk;
  - (liii) seven hundredth anniversary of the publication of the Royal Code of Mines
  - (liv) two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Michailo Vasilievich Ostrogradsky;
  - (lv) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ivan S. Kozlovskiy
  - (lvi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Alexander Smakula
  - (lvii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Margaret Mead;
- (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 2000-2001 be hereby closed;
4. Invites the Director-General to improve in the future the information to Member States on the procedure and application of the criteria which have led to the selection of requests.
2. The General Conference may wish to adopt the following resolution:
- The General Conference,
- Having considered document 30 C/18,
1. Decides that in 2000-2001 UNESCO will be associated with the celebrations mentioned in paragraph (a) of 157 EX/Decision 9.6;

2. Further decides that:

- (a) any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations shall be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme;
- (b) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 2000-2001 is hereby closed.