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**DRAFT DECISIONS RECOMMENDED BY
THE PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION**

PART I

1. The Programme and External Relations (PX) Commission held nine meetings between 21 and 26 April 2005, with Mr Moustapha Sourang (Senegal) in the Chair, to examine the items listed below which had been referred to it by the Board at its plenary meeting on 18 April 2005 and, pursuant to Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, elected Mr Ambrosius Mwetwadha Agapitus (Namibia) temporary Chairperson. The document containing the draft decisions is divided into two parts. The first reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held from 21 to 23 April 2005. The second part reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held on 25 and 26 April 2005.

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- 8 Report by the Director-General on cooperation between UNESCO and OECD in drafting guidelines on "Quality Provision in Cross-Border Higher Education" (171 EX/43 Rev.)
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- 18 Jerusalem and the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 39 and 170 EX/Decision 3.6.1 (171 EX/15)

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- 53 Implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (171 EX/41 Rev.)
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- 3 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (171 EX/4 Part I and Add., 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6, 171 EX/INF.9 and 171 EX/INF.21)

2. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/4 Part I and Add., 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6 and 171 EX/INF.9,
2. Takes note of their contents.

4 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (Programme aspects) (171 EX/5 and Corr., 171 EX/INF. 5, 171 EX/INF.6, 171 EX/INF.7 and 171 EX/INF.21)

3. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/5 and Corr., 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6 and 171 EX/INF.7,
2. Takes note of their contents.

5 Report of the Director-General on the reform process (Programme aspects) (171 EX/6 Part III (Decentralization), 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6 and 171 EX/INF.21)

4. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 30 C/Resolution 83,
2. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 9.2 and 169 EX/Decision 3.3, Part III,
3. Having examined document 171 EX/6 Part III,
4. Takes note with appreciation of the work done so far in implementing the decentralization process, as one of the main priorities in the overall reform of the Organization;
5. Welcomes the comprehensive scope and transparent character of the overall review of the Organization's decentralization strategy;
6. Takes note of the review's findings including the lessons learned and the remedial action already taken or proposed;
7. Emphasizes that UNESCO's global mandate and its country-based activities are complementary aspects of its commitment to achieve its principal priorities and should be subject to the same results-based framework set out in the C/5 document;
8. Requests the Director-General to ensure that all recommendations on the management of the field offices, including IOS's, are fully implemented within an agreed time-frame;
9. Further requests the Director-General to consider how the concentration and focus of field offices may be improved within existing resources in order to avoid overstressing their capacity and to improve their impact and the quality and relevance of services provided;

10. Welcomes the proposals for more clearly defined roles for the regional bureaux, the cluster offices, the national offices, the institutes and Headquarters;
11. Requests the Director-General to further refine their roles with a view to achieving better complementarity, and to present in the context of the preparation of the next Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4), a vision on the optimum division and balance of their functions;
12. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts, in cooperation with Member States, to strengthen relations of UNESCO Headquarters and its field offices with National Commissions taking into account their national characteristics;
13. Further invites the Director-General to review the implementation and to evaluate the impact of the decentralization Strategy in 2008-2009, and to report to it thereon at its 179th session.

14 Report by the Director-General on an intersectoral strategy on philosophy (171 EX/12 and Corr.)

5. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 3.6.3,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/12,
3. Considering the need to respond collectively to existing and emerging world challenges,
4. Reconfirming UNESCO's commitment to encouraging international intellectual cooperation in the promotion of dialogue between civilizations and of peace,
5. Thanks UNESCO for the efforts made in its activities to promote philosophical reflection and to underscore the role of different philosophical systems;
6. Invites the Director-General to implement the Intersectoral Strategy on Philosophy contained in document 171 EX/12 through close intersectoral cooperation, especially with the Education Sector, and in partnership with relevant partners, in particular National Commissions for UNESCO.

15 Establishment of a world philosophy day (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/48 Rev. and 171 EX/INF.12)

6. After examining this item, and the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which stipulates in Article 26 that "everyone has the right to education" (para. 1) and that "education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality (...). It shall promote understanding,

tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups (...) for the maintenance of peace” (para. 2),

2. Recalling also the Constitution of UNESCO, which declares that “the States Parties to this Constitution, believing in full and equal opportunities for education for all, in the unrestricted pursuit of objective truth, and in the free exchange of ideas and knowledge, are agreed and determined to develop and to increase the means of communication between their peoples and to employ these means for the purposes of mutual understanding and a truer and more perfect knowledge of each other’s lives”,
3. Mindful of the eminent role played by philosophy in the development of humanity,
4. Convinced of its importance and concerned about the need to protect it from the dual threat represented by obscurantism and extremism,
5. Recalling the fundamental role of philosophy in the promotion of tolerance and peace,
6. Underlining UNESCO’s aim of imbuing public opinion with moral and philosophical ideas that would strengthen respect for the human person, the love of peace, solidarity and the attachment to a cultural ideal,
7. Recalling UNESCO’s aim of encouraging progress in philosophical studies, supporting the activities of associations, universities and all other institutions with a similar goal, and fostering international exchanges and publications in the field, in particular through the holding of Philosophy Day at UNESCO, which has been celebrated since 2002 at the Organization’s Headquarters and in more than 70 Member States,
8. Having examined document 171 EX/48 Rev.,
9. Urges Member States to:
 - (a) pursue their efforts to promote philosophy within their countries;
 - (b) support the proclamation of a world philosophy day to confirm the traditional place of that discipline in civic life so that philosophy may pursue its universal mission in the service of cultural diversity and peace in the world;
 - (c) strengthen the teaching of that discipline in their countries and encourage initiatives involving philosophical activities by different partners in the discipline;
 - (d) use the guidelines established by UNESCO, such as the strategy on philosophy that is being drawn up, and promote them within the framework of the international cooperation on questions relating to philosophy education and within the scientific community;
10. Takes note of the results of the feasibility study produced by the Director-General (171 EX/INF.12) – including an indication of the expected results as well as an assurance that there would be no additional financial implications for the regular budget of UNESCO – on the celebration of a world philosophy day;
11. Recommends to the General Conference that it proclaim, at its 33rd session, the third Thursday of November every year “World Philosophy Day”;

12. Recommends to the General Conference that it request the General Assembly of the United Nations and all Member States to associate themselves with this celebration.

16 Report by the Director-General on the drawing up of a declaration on universal norms for bioethics (171 EX/13, para. 41, and 171 EX/13)

7. After examining this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 3.5.1,
2. Bearing in mind the timetable for the drawing up of the declaration on universal norms on bioethics that it approved at its 169th session (169 EX/Decision 3.6.2),
3. Having examined document 171 EX/13,
4. Recognizes the complexity of the subject dealt with and the value of the exchanges held during the first intergovernmental meeting of experts (Paris, 4-6 April 2005) and notes that it is necessary for further discussions to be held among Member States on fundamental issues such as the scope of the future declaration, its recipients and the definition of bioethics;
5. Aware of the crucial role that the government experts play in the process of elaborating the declaration, welcomes their willingness to engage in a constructive process of negotiation on the different positions expressed;
6. Takes note of the recommendations of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) with regard to the drawing up of the declaration;
7. Thanks and congratulates the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and its Drafting Group for the work accomplished;
8. Recognizes the preliminary draft drawn up by IBC, which is contained in the annex to document 171 EX/13, and considers that it constitutes a basis for the governmental negotiations aimed at finalizing the draft declaration;
9. Considers that the government experts, during the meeting in June 2005, should prepare and present a draft to the Director-General with a view to its transmission to the 33rd session of the General Conference of UNESCO in October 2005.

17 Report by the Director-General on a strategy to facilitate the restitution of stolen or illicitly exported cultural property (171 EX/14 and Add.)

8. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 38,
2. Having examined documents 171 EX/14 and Add.

3. Noting in particular Recommendations Nos. 3 and 4 adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation at its thirteenth session as annexed to documents 171 EX/14 and Add.,
4. Invites the Director-General to inscribe on the provisional agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference an agenda item on a strategy to facilitate the restitution of stolen or illicitly exported cultural property;
5. Further invites the Director-General to inscribe on the provisional agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference an agenda item concerning the question regarding cultural objects displaced in relation to the Second World War.

19 Report by the Director-General on the progress towards the Draft Convention on the Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Contents and Artistic Expressions (171 EX/44, para. 7, and 171 EX/INF.18)

9. After examining this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 34 and 169 EX/Decision 3.7.2,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/44,
3. Having been informed of the results of the two sessions of the category II intergovernmental meeting of experts on the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions, held in Paris from 20 to 25 September 2004 and from 31 January to 11 February 2005,
4. Recognizing the progress made during these sessions and noting the recommendation adopted by the intergovernmental experts at their second session,
5. Requests the Director-General to continue his efforts to move forward the preparation of a preliminary draft international convention;
6. Authorizes the Director-General to convene a third session of the category II intergovernmental meeting of experts to further develop the preliminary draft convention;
7. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 172nd session on the progress accomplished on the preliminary draft convention at the third session of the intergovernmental meeting.

20 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board (Programme aspects) (33 C/5 Draft, 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6, 171 EX/INF.19 and 171 EX/INF.21)

10. Following consideration of this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission transmitted the summary of the debate to the Drafting Group, so that its contents be taken into consideration during the Drafting Group's work.

21 Report by the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO (171 EX/16 and Corr. (in English only))

11. Following consideration of this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission transmitted its observations to the Special Committee, which examined this item later.

22 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2004-2005 biennium (171 EX/17)

12. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 5.2,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/17 and taking into consideration the evaluation reports that have been presented,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as the report of the Director-General on the implementation of these recommendations,
4. Invites the Director-General to implement in an appropriate manner recommendations which improve the programmes to which they relate, and to continue to improve the quality of evaluations by implementing the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to the Executive Board on evaluations that are carried out on the Organization's programme activities, on the progress made in reform of programme management in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations for each programme evaluated and in strengthening the quality of the evaluations undertaken and their impact on the management culture of the Organization.

41 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/33)

13. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 50, 166 EX/Decision 8.7, 169 EX/Decision 6.7 and 169 EX/29,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/33,
3. Notes the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor;
4. Requests the Director-General to take prompt action to implement those recommendations where further action is needed;
5. Further requests the Director-General to provide at its 172nd session an updated report on progress made and a timetable for action to implement recommendations in a

number of areas where further action is needed, and with special attention to the following areas where progress has been especially slow:

- (a) the implementation by all Programme Sectors of a skills database for consultants;
- (b) improved reporting on expenditure including from extrabudgetary funds;
- (c) addressing the numerous possible causes of the unsatisfactory implementation, including the slow rate of implementation and the needed improvement in the presentation of results of extrabudgetary resources;

6. Welcomes the study being prepared by the Secretariat on support costs associated with extrabudgetary resources and requests information to be provided to it at its 174th session on the criteria to be used in establishing these support costs to be applied to various types of extrabudgetary projects.

46 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2006-2007 with which UNESCO could be associated (171 EX/36 and Corr.)

14. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/36,
2. Noting that the proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General comply with the criteria approved by 159 EX/Decision 7.5,
3. Encourages the Member States of all regions to make proposals with a view to ensuring an improved geographical distribution and gender balance, by selecting also eminent women, as far as possible, according to the criteria approved by the governing bodies;
4. Recommends to the General Conference:
 - (a) that UNESCO should be associated in 2006-2007 with the following celebrations:
 1. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jean Carzou (Garnik Zoulumian) (Armenia);
 2. 100th anniversary of the birth of Norair Sisakyan (Armenia);
 3. 100th anniversary of the birth of Sigmund Freud (Austria);
 4. 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Austria);
 5. 100th anniversary of the birth of Letif Kerimov (Azerbaijan);
 6. 200th anniversary of the birth of Napoleon Orda (Belarus);
 7. 500th anniversary of the birth of Lambert Lombard (Belgium);
 8. 100th anniversary of the death of King Gbehazin of Abomey (Benin);
 9. 100th anniversary of the death of Marin Drinov (Bulgaria);
 10. 100th anniversary of the birth of Emilian Stanev (Bulgaria);
 11. 150th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla (Croatia);
 12. 150th anniversary of the birth of Dragutin Gorjanovic Kramberger (Croatia);
 13. 100th anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Prelog (Croatia);
 14. 100th anniversary of the birth of Alejandro Garcia Caturla (Cuba);

15. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jaroslav Ježek (Czech Republic);
16. 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Secondary School of Glassmaking in Kamenický Šenov (Czech Republic);
17. 300th anniversary of the death of Jiří Josef Kamel (Czech Republic);
18. 100th anniversary of the establishment of the city of Mbandaka and the Zoo and Botanical Garden of Eala (Democratic Republic of the Congo);
19. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jorge Icaza (Ecuador);
20. 100th anniversary of the death of Paul Cézanne (France);
21. 300th anniversary of the birth of Georges-Louis Leclerc, known as (comte de) Buffon (France);
22. 50th anniversary of the death of Irène Joliot-Curie (France);
23. 1500th anniversary of the construction of the Jvari Church in Mtskheta (Georgia);
24. 900th anniversary of the construction of the Gelati Monastery architectural complex and cultural centre (Georgia);
25. 100th anniversary of the birth of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Germany);
26. 150th anniversary of the death of Heinrich Heine (Germany);
27. 50th anniversary of the death of Bertolt Brecht (Germany);
28. 100th anniversary of the beginning of Bartók's and Kodály's systematic field research to collect traditional folk music (Hungary);
29. 100th anniversary of the birth of Luchino Visconti (Italy);
30. 300th anniversary of the birth of Carlo Goldoni (Italy);
31. 100th anniversary of the birth of Hideki Yukawa (Japan);
32. 500th anniversary of the death of Aisha Al-Baounieh (Jordan);
33. 100th anniversary of the birth of Akhmet Zhubanov (Kazakhstan);
34. 100th anniversary of the birth of Akzhan Zhaksybekuly Mashani (Kazakhstan);
35. 800th anniversary of the foundation of Cesis city (Latvia);
36. 50th anniversary of the First International Congress of Negro Writers and Artists (Mali);
37. 150th anniversary of the death of Danzanravjaa Dulduitiin (Mongolia);
38. 100th anniversary of University Evening Classes in West Africa (Nigeria);
39. 1300th anniversary of the birth of Al-Khalil Bin Ahmed Al Farahidi (Oman);
40. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jerzy Giedroyć (Poland);
41. 150th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Conrad Korzeniowski (Poland);
42. 100th anniversary of the birth of Grigore Moisil (Romania);
43. 100th anniversary of the first flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft entirely propelled by an on-board engine, produced and earlier used by the Wright Brothers in their 1903 flight, performed by Traian Vuia (Romania);
44. 50th anniversary of the death of Constantin Brancusi (Brâncusi) (Romania);
45. 150th anniversary of the State Tretyakov Gallery (Russian Federation);
46. 200th anniversary of the foundation of "The Moscow Kremlin" State Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve (Russian Federation);
47. 250th anniversary of the foundation of the Russian Academy of Fine Arts (Russian Federation);
48. 100th anniversary of the birth of Léopold Sédar Senghor (Senegal);
49. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ladislav Hanus (Slovakia);
50. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ludovit Rajter (Slovakia);
51. 100th anniversary of the creation of the "Committee for Extension of Studies and Scientific Research" (Spain);

52. 100th anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Buddhadasa Bhikkhu (Thailand);
53. 600th anniversary of the death of Abderrahmen Ibn Khaldun (Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt);
54. 800th anniversary of the birth of Mevlana Celaleddin-i Belhi-Rumi (Mawlana Jalal-u-Ddin Balkhi-Rumi), poet and philosopher (1207-1273) (Turkey, Egypt and Afghanistan);
55. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Bahriany (Ukraine);
56. 150th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Franko (Ukraine);
57. 50th anniversary of the establishment of St. Joseph's Kaengesa Seminary (United Republic of Tanzania);
58. 2000th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Margilon (Uzbekistan);
59. 2750th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Samarkand (Uzbekistan);

- (b) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will 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 2006-2007 be hereby closed.

47 Report by the Director-General concerning the protection of the name and logo of UNESCO in the Member States (171 EX/37)

15. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 7.4,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/37,
3. Takes note of the proposals for the updating of the regulatory framework of UNESCO by means of new directives concerning the use of the name, acronym and logo of UNESCO;
4. Invites the Director-General to consult Member States and National Commissions further on the draft directives and to submit to it, at its 172nd session, a report on the results of the consultation, including a study on the rights of use and authorization of the Internet domain names of the Organization.

48 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and the status of implementation of recommendations of previous reports and on results obtained (Programme aspects) (171 EX/38)

16. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 7.3,

2. Having examined document 171 EX/38, containing the comments by the Director-General and the status of implementation of recommendations of previous JIU reports,
3. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its reports entitled Review of the Headquarters Agreements concluded by the organizations of the United Nations system: Human resources issues affecting staff (JIU/REP/2004/2) and the series of reports on Managing for Results in the United Nations system comprising the Overview of the series of reports on Managing for Results in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2004/5), Part I: Implementation of Results-Based Management in the United Nations Organizations (JIU/REP/2004/6), Part II: Delegation of Authority and Accountability (JIU/REP/2004/7) and Part III: Managing Performance and Contracts (JIU/REP/2004/8);
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure the follow-up of implementation of approved/accepted recommendations of JIU reports, and to report to it at its 174th session on the status of implementation of those recommendations.

50 UNESCO's Co-Action Programme (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/45)

17. The Programme and External Relations Commission was informed by the Finance and Administrative Commission that it had decided not to take a decision on the draft decision submitted in document 171 EX/45.

18. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/45,
2. Takes note of the report on the current status of the Co-Action Programme;
3. Decides to retain the Co-Action Programme as created by 23 EX/Decision 7.2;
4. Invites the Director-General to examine new ways of reinvigorating and managing the Co-Action Programme, using all UNESCO's partners in ways which would reduce the management responsibility of the Secretariat;
5. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 174th session.

52 Report by the Director-General on the promotion of the dialogue among peoples (171 EX/40 and 171 EX/INF.15)

19. After having examined 171 EX/PX/DR.1, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to 31 C/Resolution 39, 32 C/Resolution 30 and 32 C/Resolution 47 and also to 170 EX/Decision 4.1 section II "The promotion of dialogue among peoples",
2. Thanking the Director-General for the report contained in document 171 EX/40,

3. Requests the Director-General to improve, by drawing up a plan of action, the coordination between the activities of the various sectors of UNESCO aimed at promoting the dialogue among peoples through a better reciprocal knowledge of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity, to promote peace and understanding among peoples;
4. Invites the Director-General to consult, to that end, with other partners and organizations, as appropriate;
5. Further invites the Director-General to report to it on this subject at its 174th session.

55 Report by the Director-General on an overall strategy for an intersectoral programme for languages at UNESCO (171 EX/20)

20. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 9.5,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/20,
3. Taking into account the programme review submitted by the Director-General in this document,
4. Endorses the proposed overall strategy;
5. Requests the Director-General to propose a detailed plan of action including an intersectoral coordination mechanism with a separate budget line added in document 33 C/5 in order to facilitate the implementation of the strategy.

64 Greater cooperation between National Commissions and UNESCO field offices (Programme aspects) (171 EX/58)

21. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/58 and 171 EX/6 Part III,
2. Recalling 136 EX/Decision 3.3,
3. Recalling the functions of National Commissions as described in the Charter of National Commissions,
4. Recognizing the role of National Commissions in participating in the overall activities of UNESCO as a key actor in helping forge Member States' views on the Organization's strategies and programmes and in endorsing and promoting visibility of UNESCO's activities at national level as envisaged in UNESCO's Constitution,

5. Also recognizing that UNESCO field offices are an important platform for the preparation and implementation of UNESCO's activities in Member States,
6. Reaffirms the need for the UNESCO field offices and the National Commissions to work in close cooperation through mutual and regular consultations, in accordance with the UNESCO Constitution and the Charter of the National Commissions;
7. Invites the Director-General to prepare guidelines for such cooperation and consultations between National Commissions and the UNESCO field offices and to report to the General Conference at its 33rd session on the steps taken on the issue within the overall stated objectives of decentralization and reform in the structure of UNESCO;
8. Further invites the Director-General to prepare a document on the involvement of National Commissions in the decentralization process and to submit to it at its 174th session.

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Part II
PARIS, 27 April 2005
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**DRAFT DECISIONS RECOMMENDED BY
THE PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION**

PART II

1. The Programme and External Relations (PX) Commission held nine meetings between 21 and 26 April 2005, with Mr Moustapha Sourang (Senegal) in the Chair, to examine the items listed below which had been referred to it by the Board at its plenary meeting on 18 April 2005 and, pursuant to Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, elected Mr Ambrosius Mwetwadha Agapitus (Namibia) temporary Chairperson. The document containing the draft decisions is divided into two parts. The first reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held from 21 to 23 April 2005. The second part reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held on 25 and 26 April 2005.

Item Title and documents in Part I

- 3 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (171 EX/4 Part I and Add., 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6, 171 EX/INF.9 and 171 EX/INF.21)
- 4 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/5 and Corr., 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6, 171 EX/INF.7 and 171 EX/INF.21)
- 5 Report of the Director-General on the reform process (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/6 Part III (*Decentralization*), 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6 and 171 EX/INF.21)
- 14 Report by the Director-General on an intersectoral strategy on philosophy (171 EX/12 and Corr.)
- 15 Establishment of a world philosophy day (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/48 Rev. and 171 EX/INF.12)
- 16 Report by the Director-General on the drawing up of a declaration on universal norms for bioethics (171 EX/13 and 171 EX/INF. 13)
- 17 Report by the Director-General on a strategy to facilitate the restitution of stolen or illicitly exported cultural property (171 EX/14 and Add.)
- 19 Report by the Director-General on the progress towards the draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions (171 EX/44 and 171 EX/INF.18)
- 20 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board (*Programme aspects*) (33 C/5 Draft, 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6, 171 EX/INF.19 and 171 EX/INF.21)
- 21 Report by the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO (171 EX/16 and Corr. (in English only))
- 22 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2004-2005 biennium (171 EX/17)
- 41 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/33)

- 46 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2006-2007 with which UNESCO could be associated (171 EX/36 and Corr.)
- 47 Report by the Director-General concerning the protection of the name and logo of UNESCO in the Member States (171 EX/37)
- 48 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and the status of implementation of recommendations of previous reports and on results obtained (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/38)
- 50 UNESCO's Co-Action Programme (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/45)
- 52 Report by the Director-General on the promotion of the dialogue among peoples (171 EX/40 and 171 EX/INF.15)
- 55 Report by the Director-General on an overall strategy for an intersectoral programme for languages at UNESCO (171 EX/20)
- 64 Greater cooperation between National Commissions and UNESCO field offices (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/58)

Item Title and documents in Part II

- 6 Draft International Implementation Scheme for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/7)
- 7 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to the EFA Strategic Review and UNESCO's Strategy for the 2005-2015 period (171 EX/8 and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.16 and Corr.)
- 8 Report by the Director-General on cooperation between UNESCO and OECD in drafting guidelines on "Quality Provision in Cross-Border Higher Education" (171 EX/43 Rev.)
- 9 Progress report on the preparation of an International Convention against Doping in Sport (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/46)
- 10 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of a regional centre for biotechnology training and education in India, under the auspices of UNESCO (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/9)
- 11 Reactivation and strengthening of centres of excellence in the fields of biology, molecular biology and tropical ecology (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/10 and 171 EX/INF.20)
- 12 Proposed establishment of the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (UNESCO-ICHARM) in Tsukuba, Japan, under the auspices of UNESCO (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/11 and Add. and Corr.)
- 13 Information on a proposal for the granting to the Instituto de Matematica Pura e Aplicada (IMPA), in Brazil, of the status of an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/INF.3)
- 18 Jerusalem and the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 39 and 170 EX/Decision 3.6.1 (171 EX/15)

- 23 Report by the Director-General on the revised and completed principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category I) and institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category II) (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/18 and 171 EX/INF.10)
- 24 Report by the Director-General on the overall review of UNESCO prizes (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/19, 171 EX/INF.11 and Add. and Corr.)
- 53 Implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (171 EX/41 Rev.)
- 54 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq (171 EX/42)
- 57 Proclamation of 2007 as the United Nations International Year of Planet Earth (171 EX/52 and Add. and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.20)
- 58 “Universal Forum of Cultures – 2007” in Monterrey, Mexico (171 EX/53)
- 59 Cross-sectoral activities in technical capacity-building (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/54 and Add. and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.20)
- 61 Organization of a UNESCO regional ministerial conference on the strategic role of renewable energies in sustainable development in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, first half of 2006) (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/55 and 171 EX/INF.20)
- 62 Information on the first World Congress on Literacy (Havana, 31 January-4 February 2005) (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/56 and 171 EX/INF.20)
- 63 Proposal for the establishment of an IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science at the University of Dundee, UK, under the auspices of UNESCO (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/57 and 171 EX/INF.20)
- 65 Protection of the rights of broadcasting organizations (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/59 and 171 EX/INF.20)
- 66 International Programme for Environmental Development (IPED) (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/60 and 171 EX/INF.20)
- 6 Draft International Implementation Scheme for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development** (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/7)

2. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions 57/254, 58/219 and 59/237 concerning the United Nations “Decade of Education for Sustainable Development” (DESD),

2. Further recalling the presentation of a shorter version of the draft framework for the Implementation Scheme for the DESD at the 32nd session of the General Conference (32 C/INF.9),
3. Having examined document 171 EX/7,
4. Takes note of the text of the International Implementation Scheme elaborated by UNESCO through extensive consultations with United Nations agencies, national governments, civil society organizations and NGOs, experts and specialists;
5. Invites the Director-General to take all necessary measures to ensure UNESCO's response to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 57/254, 58/219 and 59/237;
6. Further invites the Director-General to pursue his consultations with other United Nations agencies, with Member States and with civil society with a view to enabling UNESCO to play a major and visible role in the effective implementation of the Decade;
7. Requests the Director-General to ensure wide dissemination of the International Implementation Scheme to Member States, to United Nations Member States, other United Nations agencies, civil society organizations and NGOs;
8. Encourages the Director-General to establish a clear and focused plan based on a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to UNESCO's involvement in the decade and requests the Director-General to specify the precise contributions of UNESCO to the implementation of the Decade and submit a preliminary report in this regard to it at its 172nd session.

7 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to the EFA Strategic Review and UNESCO's Strategy for the 2005-2015 period (171 EX/8 and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.16 and Corr.)

3. After considering this item and having examined 171 EX/PX/DR.4, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 3.4.2 (I),
2. Having examined document 171 EX/8 and Corr.,
3. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts made to follow up the EFA Strategic Review;
4. Takes note of the outcomes of the initial consultations with key stakeholders to facilitate the preparation of a comprehensive mapping of the current and future contributions of each partner to achieve the EFA goals and education-related Millennium goals;
5. Requests the Director-General to intensify consultations and high-level dialogue with key international stakeholders, particularly the World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA, to agree on the specific roles, responsibilities and contributions of each stakeholder for the period 2005-2015 to achieve the EFA goals;

6. Requests Member States to urge the key international stakeholders through their governing bodies to fully respect the framework of inter-agency coordination and cooperation for the achievement of the EFA goals with UNESCO as its lead coordinating agency;
7. Further requests the Director-General to prepare, on the basis of these consultations and of consultations with the Working Group and High-Level Group on EFA, a concise global action plan to achieve the EFA goals, including resource mobilization, to be presented to the 174th session of the Executive Board;
8. Also requests the Director-General to develop a management framework for a decentralized and results-oriented education programme reflecting UNESCO's specific contributions, especially in capacity-building for Member States, including those from its institutes and field offices, at the international, regional and country levels;
9. Encourages the Director-General to consider appropriate organizational changes that may be necessary in order to implement the above-mentioned management framework;
10. Requests the Director-General to ensure that all four strategic objectives and corresponding implementation plans presented in the EFA strategy develop in alignment with the global plan as it unfolds and in a manner consistent with the management framework;
11. Reiterates that the heart of EFA activity lies at the country level, underlines that strong national leadership and national capacity are essential for achieving the Dakar goals which should be integrated into national development and poverty reduction frameworks, and stresses the need for the international community to fulfil the commitments it made in Dakar, as amplified by the Monterrey consensus, by substantially increasing its assistance, ensuring better coherence between the donors and aligning aid with country-led national development strategies;
12. Further requests the Director-General to keep the Executive Board regularly informed regarding the additional extrabudgetary resources which would be necessary for the Organization to efficiently implement its EFA strategy and plans, including regional ones.

8 Report by the Director-General on cooperation between UNESCO and OECD in drafting guidelines on “Quality Provision in Cross-Border Higher Education” (171 EX/43 Rev.)

4. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 26) and the 1998 Declaration adopted by the UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education,
2. Recalling the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity (2001),
3. Having examined document 171 EX/43 Rev.,

4. Building on the six regional conventions and one interregional convention on the recognition of qualifications in higher education (dating from 1974, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1983 and 1997), the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education and the 1997 Recommendation on the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel,
5. Referring to 32 C/Resolution 10 on “Higher Education and Globalization”,
6. Recognizing that cross-border provision of higher education may offer students/learners new opportunities such as increased access to higher education, improvement and innovations in higher education systems and may contribute to the building of international cooperation, which are essential to academic knowledge as well as, more generally, to national, social and economic development,
7. Recognizing that cross-border provision of higher education has to be addressed appropriately in order to ensure a high-level quality provision, and that it is increasingly important for students/learners and relevant stakeholders to be better informed of the quality of higher education programmes,
8. Invites the Director-General to inscribe on the provisional agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference an agenda item proposing a final discussion and then the endorsement of the non-binding draft Guidelines, as appended in the Annex to document 171 EX/43 through a resolution.

9 Progress report on the preparation of an International Convention against Doping in Sport (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/46)

5. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 9,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/46,
3. Notes the rapid progress made in the development of the Convention;
4. Expresses its gratitude in this context to the Chair of the Intergovernmental Meeting, Mr Jean-Pierre Blais (Canada) and also to the Chair of the Drafting Group, Ms Vera Lacoeylle (Saint Lucia), for their work, as well as to the participants of the various meetings;
5. Further expresses its gratitude to the World Anti-Doping Agency and the Council of Europe for their cooperation on and contribution to the development of the Convention;
6. Considers that it is essential to provide the Secretariat of the Convention with sufficient funding so that the Convention can be appropriately applied and be effective in the fight against doping in sport;
7. Recommends that the General Conference adopt at its 33rd session the draft Convention presented by the Director-General, and that it include in the Convention the financing of

its Secretariat by the regular budget of UNESCO, it being understood that voluntary funding can also be provided to support the Convention.

10 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of a regional centre for biotechnology training and education in India, under the auspices of UNESCO (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/9)

6. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 3.4.3 requesting the Director-General to undertake a feasibility study on this proposal and examine, *inter alia*, the possibility of including the proposed Regional Centre as a Regional Centre of Excellence in an international basic sciences programme,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/9 and its Annex,
3. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation for the development of science and technology in Asia and the Pacific, in particular in the area of biotechnology training and education,
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Government of India,
5. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the present feasibility study; and
6. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be such as to meet the requirements needed for UNESCO to grant its auspices to the Regional Centre;
7. Recommends to the 33rd session of the General Conference to approve the establishment of the regional centre for biotechnology training and education in India under the auspices of UNESCO and to authorize the Director-General to negotiate and sign an appropriate agreement, it being understood that the obligations of UNESCO shall not be other than those indicated in the Annex to this decision.

ANNEX

**DRAFT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)
CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL CENTRE
FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN INDIA**

Whereas the General Conference, at its 33rd session, decided that a Regional Centre for Biotechnology Training and Education would be established in India under the auspices of UNESCO,

Whereas the Government of India has contributed and stands ready to contribute further to the establishment and operation of the Regional Centre in its territory,

Bearing in mind that the Government of India has already taken a number of effective measures and steps to ensure the necessary infrastructure and facilities for the Regional Centre,

Desirous of concluding an agreement with a view to ensuring the establishment and operation of the said Regional Centre and to defining the terms and conditions governing the support that it shall be granted, under the guidelines laid down by the General Conference (21 C/Resolution 40) for regional centres set up by a State with UNESCO's participation.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter called "UNESCO", and the Government of India, hereinafter called "the Government",

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article I
Establishment**

The Government agrees to take any measures that may be required for the setting up of the Regional Centre for Biotechnology Training and Education in India hereinafter called "the Regional Centre", as provided for under this Agreement.

**Article II
Participation**

1. The Regional Centre shall be an autonomous institution at the service of Member States of UNESCO that, by their geographical proximity to the Regional Centre and their common interest in its objectives in the field of biotechnology, desire to cooperate with the Regional Centre.
2. Member States of UNESCO wishing to participate in the Regional Centre's activities, as provided for under this Agreement, shall send the Director-General of UNESCO notification to this effect, as well as the designation of a national institution working in the field of biotechnology that shall be competent to represent the Member State. The Director-General shall inform the Regional Centre and the Member States mentioned in Article II, paragraph 1, above, of the receipt of such notifications.

**Article III
Objectives and Functions**

1. The objectives of the Regional Centre are:
 - (a) To promote capacity-building through education and training, research and development in biotechnology for sustainable development objectives through regional and international cooperation;
 - (b) To facilitate transfer of knowledge and technology on biotechnology at the regional level;
 - (c) To create a hub of biotechnology expertise in the SAARC region, South-East Asia and South Asia subregions, and to address human resources needs in those regions;
 - (d) To create a network of satellite centres in these subregions;
 - (e) To promote and strengthen South-South cooperation.
2. The functions of the Regional Centre shall be:
 - (a) To execute educational and training activities to transfer knowledge in biotechnology;
 - (b) To undertake research, development and scientific investigation in collaboration with relevant research centres in the region;
 - (c) To hold scientific symposiums and conferences (regional and international) and to conduct short-term and long-term training courses and workshops in all areas of biotechnology;
 - (d) To collect universally available information with a view to setting up a data bank;
 - (e) To collect and disseminate, through networking, the relevant local knowledge;

- (f) To publish and disseminate the outcomes of research activities in different countries through books, articles, etc.;
- (g) To promote collaborative R&D networking programmes in specific areas of biotechnology and exchange and mobility of scientists at the regional level in this context with due consideration for issues pertaining to intellectual property rights of collaborating institutions.

3. The Regional Centre shall pursue the above objectives and functions in close collaboration with other relevant regional and international networks, the centres collaborating with UNESCO, Microbial Resources Centres (MIRCENs) and Biotechnology Education and Training Centres (BETCENs) in the region.

4. The Regional Centre shall carry out the above functions dependent on the extent to which regional and international resources can be mobilized.

Article IV Governance

1. Board of Governors:

- (a) The Regional Centre shall be administered by a Board of Governors composed of:
 - (i) a representative of the Government;
 - (ii) a representative of each of the other Member States that: (1) have sent the Director-General of UNESCO notification, as provided for under Article II, paragraph 2, above; or that (2) make a substantial contribution to the operating budget or running of the Regional Centre, and are thus accorded a seat by a decision of the Board of Governors;
 - (iii) a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO.
- (b) The Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology, Minister of Science and Technology, of the Government of India shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Governors. The person he/she designates shall be the representative of the Government.
- (c) The Board of Governors shall have all the powers required for the running and administration of the Regional Centre. It shall:
 - (i) approve the annual work plan and budget of the Regional Centre;
 - (ii) examine the annual reports submitted by the Director of the Regional Centre as provided under Article VI below;
 - (iii) study and approve the Centre's internal procedures, including financial regulations and staff rules;
 - (iv) approve the Regional Centre's Chart and number of staff; and
 - (v) convene special consultative sessions to which it shall invite, in addition to its own members, the Director of the Regional Centre and representatives of other interested countries and international organizations, in order to obtain proposals for strengthening the scope of services of the Regional Centre and for carrying out projects and activities relevant to the Regional Centre, and to expand the Regional Centre's fund-raising strategy and capabilities.
- (d) The Board of Governors shall meet in ordinary session once a year; it shall meet in an extraordinary session if summoned by the Chairperson, either on his own initiative or at the request of at least half of its members.
- (e) The Board of Governors shall adopt its own rules of procedure. For the first meeting the procedure shall be established by the representative of the Government and UNESCO.

2. Executive Committee:
 - (a) To be constituted in consultation with the Board of Governors for the day-to-day management of the Centre.
 - (b) It will comprise the Director of the Regional Centre, representatives of the DBT and the Ministries of External Affairs, and Human Resources Development, representatives of three countries in the region (representation by rotation) and UNESCO.
3. Programme Advisory Committee:
 - (a) Comprising scientific, technical and legal experts nominated by Government of India, countries in the region, UNESCO and experts from outside the region.
 - (b) This body would be constituted to provide technical advice for planning, execution, review and monitoring of the programme of the Regional Centre.
4. Secretariat:

To execute the day-to-day activities of the Regional Centre under the authority of the Director of the Regional Centre.

Article V Secretariat

1. The Regional Centre's Secretariat shall consist of a Director and such staff as is necessary for the proper functioning of the Regional Centre.
2. The Director shall be appointed by the Board of Governors in agreement with the Director-General of UNESCO.
3. The other members of the Secretariat may comprise:
 - (a) members of UNESCO's staff who would be made available to the Centre, as provided for by the Organization's regulations;
 - (b) any person appointed by the Director, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Board of Governors;
 - (c) Government officials who would be made available to the Regional Centre, as provided by Government's regulations.

Article VI Duties of the Director

1. The Director shall discharge the following duties:
 - (a) direct the work of the Regional Centre in conformity with the programmes and directives established by the Board of Governors;
 - (b) propose the draft work plan and budget to be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval;
 - (c) prepare the provisional agenda for the sessions of the Board of Governors and submit to it any proposals that he may deem useful for the administration of the Regional Centre;
 - (d) prepare reports on the Regional Centre's activities to be submitted to the Board of Governors;
 - (e) represent the Regional Centre in law and in all civil acts.

Article VII
Financial Arrangements

1. The Regional Centre's resources shall derive from catalytic funds allotted by the Government and, for start-up activities, by UNESCO subject to the decisions of the General Conference, as well as from such contributions as it may receive from other Member States of UNESCO within the region for the establishment of a core fund following an agreed process through the administrative mechanisms of the Regional Centre, from external sources to be explored with intergovernmental organizations or international non-governmental organizations, and from payments for services rendered. The Member States may also provide voluntary contributions towards the core fund including contributions in form of deputation of scientists, researchers, teachers, officers etc.
2. The travel costs of the representatives of Member States in the administrative bodies for participation in the working sessions of the Regional Centre shall be met by the Member States participating in this initiative. The local costs will be covered by the core fund.
3. The Regional Centre may, with the approval of the Board of Governors, receive gifts and legacies.

Article VIII
Contribution of the Government

1. The Government shall provide the Regional Centre with appropriate office space, equipment and facilities.
2. The Government shall contribute special funds that shall cover:
 - (a) the salaries and compensations of the Secretariat staff, including the Director, and make available to the Regional Centre the necessary staff;
 - (b) the communication, utilities and maintenance costs of the Regional Centre, plus the expenses of holding the sessions of the Board of Governors and special consultative sessions;
 - (c) funds towards the implementation of studies, training, and publication activities, complementing the contributions from other sources.

Article IX
Contribution of UNESCO

1. UNESCO will provide technical assistance as and when required and as appropriate, for the establishment and operation of the Regional Centre, including assistance in the formulation of the short-term, medium-term and long-term programmes of the Regional Centre.
2. UNESCO will provide some catalytic support within the framework of the regular biennial Programme and Budget (C/5 document), particularly for start-up activities of the Regional Centre, it being understood that UNESCO may only contribute financially to concrete activities/projects of the Regional Centre if those are deemed in line with UNESCO's programme priorities. UNESCO will not, however, provide financial support for administrative or institutional purposes.
3. It will encourage the international governmental and non-governmental financial entities, as well as Member States of UNESCO, to provide financial and technical assistance and to propose applicable projects to the Regional Centre and will facilitate the contacts with other international organizations relevant to the functions of the Regional Centre.
4. It will provide the Regional Centre with relevant UNESCO publications and other pertinent material and will disseminate information on the activities of the Regional Centre via the UNESCO website and other newsletters and mechanisms at its disposal.
5. It will participate, when appropriate, in the scientific, technical and training meetings held by the Regional Centre.

Article X
Legal Status, Privileges and Immunities

1. The Regional Centre shall enjoy on the territory of India the personality and legal capacity necessary for the exercise of its functions.
2. The Government shall apply to UNESCO and its officials and experts and to the representatives of Member States and Associate Members attending the sessions of the governing bodies and the Programme Advisory Committee, the provisions of the 1947 United Nations Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies to which it has been party since 1949.
3. The Government shall authorize the entry, free of visa charges, the sojourn on its territory and the exit of any person invited to attend the sessions of the Board of Governors or proceeding to the Regional Centre on official business.
4. The goods, assets and income of the Regional Centre shall be exempt from all direct taxes. Further, the Regional Centre shall be exempt from the payment of any fees or taxes with respect to equipment, supplies and material imported or exported for its official use.
5. The Regional Centre may have accounts in any currency, hold funds and foreign exchange of any kind and transfer them freely.
6. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any claims which may be brought by third persons against UNESCO, against members of its staff or against other persons employed by the Regional Centre and shall hold UNESCO and the above-mentioned persons harmless from any claims or liabilities resulting from operations of the Regional Centre under this Agreement, except where it is agreed by UNESCO and the Government that such claims or liabilities arise from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such persons.

Article XI
Final clauses

1. The present agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the two parties. It shall remain in force for a period of six years following its date of entry into force and may be reviewed for a similar period as agreed upon between the parties provided that the renewal of the designation of the Regional Centre as a category II centre has been recommended by the Executive Board of UNESCO.
2. The present Agreement may be revised by consent between the Government and UNESCO.
3. Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving six months prior written notice to the other party.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement in two original copies.

For the Government of India:

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization:

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(representative of the Government)

(representative of the Organization)

11 **Reactivation and strengthening of centres of excellence in the fields of biology, molecular biology and tropical ecology (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/10 and 171 EX/INF.20)**

7. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Considering the strategies and recommendations contained in document 161 EX/41, 161 EX/Decision 3.2.4, document 162 EX/18 and 30 C/Resolution 83 concerning the formulation of natural sciences programmes for human and institutional capacity-building in science and technology,
2. Emphasizing the need to strengthen UNESCO's activities through the educational and training activities of the centres of excellence established in Venezuela,
3. Recalling the crucial responsibility entrusted to UNESCO in the fields of education, science and technology for the growth and development of the Latin America and the Caribbean region,
4. Having examined documents 171 EX/10 and 171 EX/INF.20,
5. Thanks the Member States concerned for their support for this initiative which will benefit the regional and international scientific community in each of the centres' specific fields, thereby strengthening the Latin American and Caribbean integration process;
6. Invites the Director-General to conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of these international centres under the auspices of UNESCO for consideration at its 172nd session.

12 **Proposed establishment of the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (UNESCO-ICHARM) in Tsukuba, Japan, under the auspices of UNESCO (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/11 and Add. and Add. Corr.)**

8. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 21 C/Resolution 40.1 and 165 EX/Decision 5.4,
2. Further recalling the implementation plans highlighting the needs to mitigate the effects of drought and floods which were adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002, and the ministerial declaration underlining the need for comprehensive efforts against water-related disasters from the Third World Water Forum (WWF3) in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka, Japan in 2003, and Resolution XVI-4 adopted at the 16th session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council held from 20 to 24 September 2004 in Paris,

3. Having examined document 171 EX/11 and Add. and Add. Corr.,
4. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Japan to establish the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM) under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the existing principles and guidelines (21 C/36) and the proposed strategy for this category of institutes and centres (165 EX/20 and 167 EX/16);
5. Recommends to the General Conference at its 33rd session that it approve the establishment of the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM), under the auspices of UNESCO, and authorize the Director-General to sign the agreement between the Government of Japan and UNESCO which is annexed to the present decision.

ANNEX

DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR WATER HAZARD AND RISK MANAGEMENT (ICHARM) UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”) and the Government of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”),

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 Establishment

The Government agrees to take appropriate measures, in accordance with laws and regulations of Japan, that may be required for the setting up of the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management in Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the Centre”) as provided for under this Agreement.

Article 2 Participation

1. The Government agrees to take appropriate measures, in accordance with its laws and regulations, which may be required for the Public Works Research Institute (hereinafter referred to as “the PWRI”) to operate the Centre under the Agreement between the PWRI and the Organization, as may be amended by mutual agreement.

2. The Centre shall be an integral part of the PWRI, which enjoys on the territory of Japan the personality and legal capacity necessary for the exercise of its functions, in accordance with laws and regulations of Japan, and shall serve Member States of the Organization that may, due to their problems on water-related hazards and their risk management, desire to cooperate with the Centre.

Article 3 Objective and functions

1. The objective of the Centre is to conduct research, capacity-building and information networking activities in the field of the water-related hazards and their risk management at the local, national, regional and global level in order to prevent and mitigate their impacts with a view of sustainable and integrated river basin management.

2. In order to achieve the above objective, the functions of the Centre shall be:

- (a) to promote scientific research and undertake effective capacity-building activities at institutional and professional levels;
- (b) to create and reinforce networks for the exchange of scientific, technical and policy information among institutions and individuals;

- (c) to develop and coordinate cooperative research activities, taking advantage particularly of the installed scientific and professional capacity of the relevant International Hydrological Programme (hereinafter referred to as “IHP”) networks, World Water Assessment Programme, International Flood Initiative/Programme and the relevant programmes of non-governmental organizations and involving international institutions and networks under those auspices;
- (d) to conduct international training courses especially for the practitioners and researchers of the world;
- (e) to organize knowledge and information transfer activities including international symposia or workshops, and to engage in appropriate awareness-raising activities targeted at various audiences including the general public;
- (f) to develop a strong programme of information and communication technology;
- (g) to provide technical consulting services and;
- (h) to produce technical publications and other media items related to the activities of the Centre.

3. The Centre shall pursue the above objective and functions in close coordination with the IHP of the Organization.

Article 4 Advisory Board

The Government and the Organization recognize that the following provisions are included in the Agreement between the PWRI and the Organization:

1. The Advisory Board for the Centre shall be established. Six members of the Advisory Board shall be elected by the IHP Intergovernmental Council, while other members (no more than seven) shall be appointed by the Chief Executive of the PWRI. A representative of the Director-General of the Organization should be included in the Advisory Board as a full member.
2. The functions of the Advisory Board shall be:
 - (a) to advise on the draft work plan and budget submitted by the Director of the Centre and;
 - (b) to examine and advise on the reports submitted by the Director of the Centre.
3. The Chief Executive of the PWRI is responsible for making a final decision on the work plan and budget based on the advice from the Advisory Board.
4. The Advisory Board shall meet once every two years and when necessary.
5. The Centre shall function as a secretariat of the Advisory Board.

Article 5 Staff

The Government and the Organization recognize that the following provisions are included in the Agreement between the PWRI and the Organization:

1. The Centre shall consist of a Director and staff necessary for the activities of the Centre.
2. The Director shall be appointed by the Chief Executive of the PWRI in consultation with the Director-General of the Organization and direct the work of the Centre.
3. The Centre’s staff include:
 - (a) the members employed by the Chief Executive of the PWRI and;

- (b) researchers or professionals appointed and/or invited by the Chief Executive of the PWRI to contribute to the Centre's activities.

Article 6

Financial matters

1. The Government shall take appropriate measures, in accordance with its laws and regulations, which may be required for the Centre to receive adequate funds.
2. The Government and the Organization recognize that the following provision is included in the Agreement between the PWRI and the Organization:

The Centre's resources shall derive from sums allotted by the PWRI, from such contributions as it may receive from other governmental or intergovernmental organizations or any non-governmental organizations, and from payments for services rendered.

Article 7

Contribution of the Organization

1. The Organization shall provide technical and administrative assistance for the establishment and operation of the Centre, including assistance in the formulation of the short-term, mid-term and long-term programmes of the Centre.
2. In conformity with the relevant policies of the Intergovernmental Council of the IHP, the Organization may delegate to the Centre the execution of water-related hazards and their risk-management activities and may provide support within the framework of each regular biennial programme and budget, particularly to reinforce its start-up period.
3. The Organization shall introduce the Centre to the international governmental and non-governmental financial entities, as well as Member States of the Organization and encourage them to provide financial and technical assistance and to propose applicable projects to the Centre and shall facilitate the contacts with other international organizations relevant to the functions of the Centre.
4. The Organization shall provide the Centre with IHP publications and other pertinent material and shall disseminate information on the activities of the Centre via the IHP website and other mechanisms at its disposal.
5. The Organization shall participate, when appropriate, in the scientific, technical and training meetings held by the Centre.

Article 8

Final clauses

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force upon its signature by the Government and the Organization. It shall remain in force until the end of the fifth year following the signature of the present Agreement and may be renewed for a similar period as agreed upon between the Government and the Organization.
2. The present Agreement may be revised by agreement between the Government and the Organization.
3. Either party shall have the right to terminate the present Agreement by giving six months' prior written notice to the other party.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement in two copies.

13 Information on a proposal for the granting to the Instituto de Matematica Pura e Aplicada (IMPA), in Brazil, of the status of an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/INF.3)

9. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/INF.3,
2. Takes note of its contents.

18 Jerusalem and the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 39 and 170 EX/Decision 3.6.1 (171 EX/15 and 171 EX/PX/DR.2)

10. After considering this item and having examined 171 EX/PX/DR.2, at the suggestion of its Chairman, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended, without debate and by consensus, that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 39 and 170 EX/Decision 3.6.1, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols, and of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inclusion of the Old City of Jerusalem in the World Heritage List and in the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage,
2. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
3. Taking note of document 171 EX/15 concerning Jerusalem,
4. Expresses its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained efforts for the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in compliance with 32 C/Resolution 39 of the General Conference as well as 170 EX/Decision 3.6.1 of the Executive Board, and reiterates its concern as to the obstacles to the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
5. Congratulates the Director-General on the holding of the first meeting of the International Committee of Experts on the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem at UNESCO Headquarters on 26 and 27 January 2005 and invites him to pursue his efforts with a view to establish an action plan in conformity with the main lines established by this Committee and requests the Director-General to present to it a progress report on the implementation of the plan of action for the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;

6. Further invites the concerned parties to cooperate with UNESCO for the implementation of the action plan and reiterates its appeal to the Member States with a view to their financial contribution to the full implementation of this action plan;
7. Further encourages the Director-General to intensify his efforts towards the establishment of a centre for the conservation of Islamic manuscripts in Al-Ashrafiya Madrasa within the Esplanade of the Mosques (al-Haram Ash-Sharīf);
8. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 172nd session.

23 Report by the Director-General on the revised and completed principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category I) and institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category II) (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/18 and 171 EX/INF.10)

11. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 21 C/Resolution 40.1, 30 C/Resolution 2 and 30 C/Resolution 83 of the General Conference, and 161 EX/Decision 3.2.4, 161 EX/Decisions 4.1 and 4.2, 162 EX/Decision 4.2 and 165 EX/Decision 5.4 and 167 EX/Decision 4.5 of the Executive Board,
2. Further recalling the recommendations of the Legal Committee of the General Conference following the adoption by the Executive Board of 165 EX/Decision 5.4 (LEG/2002/REP, para. 11),
3. Having examined documents 171 EX/18 and 171 EX/INF.10,
4. Takes note of the updated data on UNESCO institutes and centres (category I) and the updated list of institutes and centres belonging to category II (171 EX/INF.10);
5. Approves the principles and guidelines proposed by the Director-General for UNESCO institutes and centres (category I), as contained in section II of document 171 EX/18 and decides to submit them to the General Conference;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference, through the Executive Board at its 172nd session, draft statutes for those institutes and centres previously classified as part of category I that have not yet been approved by the General Conference;
7. Underlines the importance for UNESCO to ensure a substantial, effective and sustainable contribution of category II institutes and centres to the implementation of UNESCO's programme action, thereby making use of all available resources and strengthening the Organization's global outreach and impact, and requests that flexibility be allowed in the terms of the guidelines and the model agreement governing the establishment of such centres, as contained in Annexes I and II to document 171 EX/18, thereby taking into account the specific situation of Member States proposing the designation of such centres;

8. Approves the criteria proposed by the Director-General in section III of document 171 EX/18 to serve as a permanent framework for designating and engaging with institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category II) and decides to submit them, together with Annexes I and II to document 171 EX/18, to the General Conference;
9. Further invites the General Conference to authorize it to decide, when appropriate, on its behalf, about the granting of category II status to new institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO;
10. Decides that the principles and guidelines for category I and the criteria for category II institutes and centres, together with Annexes I and II of document 171 EX/18, constitute the “Overall Strategy for UNESCO Institutes and Centres and their Governing Bodies” and submits it in its entirety for consideration and approval by the General Conference at its 33rd session.

24 Report by the Director-General on the overall review of UNESCO prizes (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/19, 171 EX/INF.11 and Add. and Corr.)

12. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report of the Director-General on the Overall review of UNESCO Prizes (171 EX/19 and 171 EX/INF.11 and Add. and Corr.),
2. Approves the overall strategy and its criteria set out by the Director-General in this document and in particular in paragraphs 15 (a) to (z);
3. Endorses the standard model texts for UNESCO prize statutes and for financial regulations, as attached hereto as Annex I and Annex II, respectively;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to proceed with the termination and abolition of the following inactive or discontinued UNESCO prizes – Noma Prize (for Meritorious Work in Literacy); Malcolm Adiseshiah International Literacy Prize; Nessim Habif Prize; UNESCO-ROSTSCA Awards for Young Scientists; UNESCO Prize for Children’s and Young People’s Literature in the Service of Tolerance; UNESCO/Françoise Gallimard Prize for Young Writers Expressing the Tensions and Hopes of Our Time; Pacha Prize; UNESCO Cities for Peace Prize; and UNESCO Web Prize –, after due consultations with the donors concerned, as well as of the UNESCO prizes for architecture and landscape architecture, which are currently funded from the regular programme and budget;
5. Further authorizes the Director-General to enter into negotiations with donors and involved parties of current UNESCO prizes with a view to adjusting and aligning current practices and provisions to the overall strategy;
6. Invites Member States and other donors to consider making proposals for new UNESCO prizes, especially with a view to filling existing gaps in the programme prize coverage;

7. **Requests** the Director-General to report, beginning in 2007, on a biannual basis on the implementation of the strategy and the development of the overall situation with regard to UNESCO prizes.

ANNEX I

Proposed Standard Model Text for the Statutes of [Prize Name]

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the ... [Prize Name] is to ... (e.g. reward the efforts of a [person/s] who has/have contributed, through ... [nature of the work], to the development and diffusion of ... [worldwide/regionally]). The objective of the Prize is in conformity with UNESCO's policies and is related to the Programme of the Organization in the field of ... [programme, strategic objective and/or programme priority].

Article 2 – Designation, amount and periodicity of the Prize

2.1 The Prize shall be entitled "... "[Prize Name].

2.2 (a) *Amount covering a one-time award:* The Prize shall be funded by [donor or funding source] and shall consist of a (one time contribution) sum of US \$..., which shall cover both the monetary value of the Prize and the costs of administering the Prize. Any interest that may accrue will be added to the overall contribution. [Mention if the prize will comprise also other items, such as medals.]

or

(b) *Amount covering more than a one-time award:* The Prize shall be funded by (donor or funding source) and shall consist of a recurrent payment of US \$... (frequency to be determined in consultation with donor). The value of the Prize shall be determined by the Director-General (in consultation with the donor) on the basis of the contribution received from ... [indicate donor or funding source], the interest on the sum deposited in the special account, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, and the charges to be borne by the account for the cost of administering the Prize. [Mention if the prize will comprise also other items, such as medals.]

2.3 All funds received and the interest accrued thereon shall be kept in a special interest-bearing account for the Prize (see financial rules in Annex II).

2.4 The full staff support and operating/management costs of the Prize, including all costs related to the award ceremony and public information activities, estimated at [minimum amount to be decided] shall be fully covered by ... [donor or funding source – name and country]. To this end, the Director-General will determine a mandatory overhead cost amount to be applied and charged against the funds in the special account, which is to be established under the financial regulations for the prize.

2.5 The Prize shall be awarded [specific periodicity to be decided], on an initial basis for ... biennia (to be decided by donor and UNESCO). (If it is envisaged in consultation with the donor that the prize can be shared: A prize amount may be equally divided between up to three winners, each of which is considered to merit a prize.)

Article 3 – Conditions/Qualifications of candidates

Candidates shall have made a significant contribution to ... [prize purpose]. Prizes may be conferred upon individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations.

Article 4 – Designation/Selection of the prizewinner/s

The prize-winner/s [number of laureates] shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made to him/her by a jury.

Article 5 – Jury

5.1 The Jury shall consist of a number of three or five independent members [*to be determined for each case*], of different nationalities and gender, appointed by the Director-General for a period of six years (*unless a different term is determined in consultation with the donor in each case*), eligible for re-election [*to be decided in each case*]. Representatives and alternatives of Members of the Executive Board cannot be appointed as jurors. Jurors involved in a real or potential conflict of interest shall recuse themselves from further deliberations or be asked by the Director-General to do so. The Director-General may replace members of the jury for reason.

5.2 The Jury shall elect its own chair (if three members) and deputy chair (if five members). Members shall receive no remuneration for their work, but will receive allowances for travel and accommodation, where required. A quorum of two (in the case of three members) or three jurors (in the case of five members) present will be required for jury deliberations to proceed. The working languages for deliberations by a jury shall be English and French.

5.3 The Jury shall conduct its business and deliberations in conformity with these Statutes and shall be assisted in the performance of its task by a member of the UNESCO Secretariat designated by the Director-General. Decisions shall be taken by consensus to the extent possible, and otherwise by secret ballot until a simple majority is obtained. A member shall not take part in a vote concerning a nomination from his or her country.

5.4 The Jury shall meet ... every ... year [*frequency to be decided in light of frequency of Prize*].

5.5 The Jury shall send an assessment on nominations and accompanying recommendations to the Director-General of UNESCO no later than ... of (year) [*closing date to be decided*].

Article 6 – Nomination of candidates

6.1 When UNESCO has received the funding of the prize [*as well as other items, if any*], as indicated in Article 2 above, the Director-General of UNESCO shall officially invite the submission of nominations to the Secretariat of the Prize, by ... [*specific date and frequency to be decided*], from the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, as well as from non-governmental organizations maintaining formal consultative relations with the Organization and active in relevant fields covered by a prize.

6.2 Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO. A self-nomination cannot be considered.

6.3 Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, in English or French, *inter alia*:

- (a) a description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- (b) a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance, submitted for consideration;
- (c) a definition of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives.

Article 7 – Procedure for the awarding of the Prize

7.1 The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General at an official ceremony held for that purpose in ... [*location to be decided*] on the occasion of ... [*official event, if any, to be decided*]. UNESCO shall present to the prizewinner/s a check for the amount of the prize [*as well as diploma and a medal, to be decided*]. UNESCO shall officially announce the name/s of the prizewinner/s.

7.2 If a work being rewarded has been produced by two or three persons, the prize shall be awarded to them jointly. In no case may a prize amount be divided between more than three persons.

7.3 The prizewinner/s, if possible, shall give a lecture on a subject relevant to the work for which the prize has been awarded. Such a lecture shall be organized during or in connection with the Prize ceremony.

7.4 The work produced by a person since deceased shall not be considered for a prize. If, however, a prizewinner dies before he has received the prize, then the prize may be presented posthumously (*awarded to relatives or institution*).

7.5 Should a prizewinner decline the prize, the jury shall submit a new proposal to the Director-General.

Article 8 – Sunset clause – mandatory renewal of the Prize

8.1 After a period of six years, the Director-General of UNESCO together with the donor will undertake a review of all aspects of the Prize and decide about its continuation or termination. The Director-General will inform the Executive Board of UNESCO about the results of this review.

8.2 In case of termination of a Prize, the use of any unspent balance of funds shall be determined by the Director-General, in accordance with the financial regulations for the Prize.

Article 9 – Appeals

No appeals shall be allowed against the decision of UNESCO with regard to the award of the prize. Proposals received for the award of a prize may not be divulged.

Article 10 – Amendments to the Statutes of the Prize

Any amendment to the present Statutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

ANNEX II

Proposed Standard Model Text for Financial Regulations
of the Special Account for [Prize Name]
(Ref. 161 Ex/Decision 7.10)

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for [name of Special Account], hereafter referred to as the Special Account.

1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

[description of purpose]

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities;
- (b) such amounts provided from the regular budget of the Organization as might be determined by the General Conference;
- (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the object of the Special Account;
- (d) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative expenses specifically relating to it.

Article 6 – Accounts

- 6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.
- 6.2 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
- 6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.
- 6.4 Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

Article 7 – Investments

- 7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.
- 7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

The Director-General shall decide upon the closure of the Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary and inform the Executive Board accordingly. The Director-General shall decide about the use of any unspent balance of funds.

Article 9 – General provision

Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.

53 Implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (171 EX/41 Rev. and 171 EX/PX/DR.3)

13. After considering this item and having examined 171 EX/PX/DR.3, at the suggestion of its Chairman, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended, without debate and by consensus, that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3; as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education; Articles 4 and 94 of the Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education; as well as the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its Additional Protocols,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/41 Rev.,
3. Further recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in order to satisfy the right to education for all and to meet the need for safe access of Palestinians to the education system,

4. Recalling paragraph 32 of the Medium-Term Strategy (31 C/4 Approved), defining a “road map for a revitalized UNESCO: principles of action and programming”, and paragraph 12 of 31 C/Resolution 43,
5. Deeply committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflicts,
6. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3 and requests him to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented and its implementation be reinforced in the framework of the Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5);
7. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States, IGOs and NGOs to UNESCO’s action in the Palestinian Territories and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
8. Thanks the Director-General for the results which have been obtained, in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities;
9. Reiterates its concern as to the obstacles to the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage, to the functioning of the cultural and educational institutions, and calls for the observance of the provisions of 32 C/Resolution 54 and of 170 EX/Decision 9.3;
10. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce his action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage;
11. Invites the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO’s fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students from both regular budget and extrabudgetary resources;
12. Requests the Director-General to continue close monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the sixth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee, in particular the flagship projects identified during this meeting, and to reinforce cooperation with the Palestinian authorities with a view to organizing a donor event in compliance with 32 C/Resolution 54;
13. Encouraged by the resumption of the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, expresses the hope that the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed, and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with UNESCO’s Constitution and the United Nations resolutions, particularly the relevant Security Council resolutions, on this matter;
14. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making with a view to preserving the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts with a view to offering appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and special assistance to the educational institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;

15. Decides to inscribe this item at its 172nd session and invites the Director-General to present to it a progress report thereon.

54 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq
(171 EX/42)

14. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 9.4,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/42,
3. Emphasizing the need to reinforce UNESCO's action in favour of the rehabilitation and development of Iraq, in the context of the new transitional period created by the election of a National Assembly and the establishment of the Iraqi Transitional Government,
4. Recalling the major responsibility entrusted to UNESCO, within the United Nations response, in the fields of education, culture, science and communication, as well as its key role in contributing to democracy, particularly human rights, freedom of expression and access to scientific knowledge for the reconstruction of Iraq,
5. Thanks the Director-General for the results achieved, in particular in the implementation of the projects funded by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) Trust Fund for Iraq as well as by the International Fund for Higher Education in Iraq;
6. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by the Secretariat in implementing the recommendations of the first meeting of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq (ICC) and requests the Director-General to further monitor the implementation of the ICC recommendations, and thanks the Iraqi Government for having organized the Second Cultural Forum in Iraq;
7. Also requests the Director-General to give full support to the Iraqi Transitional Government in the formulation and implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media policies for Iraq, in particular through capacity-building, and to ensure that UNESCO becomes fully present in Iraq, as soon as circumstances permit;
8. Thanks all Member States, NGOs, IGOs and foundations for their substantial contributions to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people and appeals to them to continue to assist UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction processes in Iraq;
9. Invites the Director-General to present a progress report to it thereon at its 172nd session.

57 Proclamation of 2007 as the United Nations International Year of Planet Earth
(171 EX/52 and Add. and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.20)

15. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of the fact that the planet Earth offers life support systems to the human race and other living things,
2. Noting that the wealth of scientific information available on planet Earth, which could assist planning, disaster mitigation, resource exploitation and management remains untapped and hardly known to the public, policy- and decision-makers,
3. Having examined document 171 EX/52 and Add. and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.20,
4. Taking into account the crucial role UNESCO could play in raising public awareness of the importance of Earth sciences, disaster reduction and related capacity-building in building sustainable communities,
5. Invites the Director-General to support all efforts leading to the United Nations General Assembly to declare 2007 the International Year of Planet Earth;
6. Recommends that the General Conference at its 33rd session adopt a resolution on this subject.

58 “Universal Forum of Cultures – 2007” in Monterrey, Mexico (171 EX/53)

16. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report submitted by the Director-General on the Universal Forum of Cultures – Barcelona 2004 (171 EX/53 and 171 EX/INF.9),
2. Having taken cognizance of the decision of the government of the state of Nuevo León, Mexico, to hold the *Universal Forum of Cultures – Monterrey 2007*,
3. Considering with great satisfaction the great significance and the success of the Barcelona 2004 Forum of Cultures, the close links between its objectives and those of UNESCO and the importance of implementing the recommendations of the World Commission on Culture and Development,
4. Noting that the organizers of the Monterrey 2007 Forum are proposing that UNESCO should be their main partner and convinced that such cooperation would be particularly fruitful for the attainment of common goals,
5. Noting in this respect that the costs of the Forum will be fully covered by its organizers and that this cooperation would therefore have no budgetary implications for UNESCO,
6. Considering that UNESCO could play a particularly effective part, in the framework of the objectives set forth in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 and the Programme and Budget for 2004-2005, both in formulating the approaches and major themes that could guide the implementation of the Forum and in encouraging official participation by Member States in the Forum and by networks of all kinds to ensure the impact and influence of the Forum,
7. Decides to recommend that the General Conference at its 33rd session, in line with the proposal made by the organizers of the Universal Forum of Cultures – Monterrey 2007,

grant approval for UNESCO to be the main partner of the event throughout the various phases of the project;

8. Invites the Director-General to draw up, in cooperation with the Forum's organizers, a draft framework agreement on the modalities of the partnership, together with a plan of action, for submission to the Executive Board at its next session;
9. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its 172nd session on the implementation of this decision.

59 Cross-sectoral activities in technical capacity-building (*Programme aspects*)
(171 EX/54 and Add. and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.20)

17. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing that in order to most effectively leverage its programmes, UNESCO should operate in a cross-sectoral manner and foster work structures conducive to cross-sectoral collaboration,
2. Stressing that technical capacity-building in basic and applied sciences, engineering, and technology is a critical aspect of reducing poverty and establishing sustainable economic and social infrastructure, and that this capacity-building includes education, science, and communication and information elements,
3. Recalling that the Medium-Term Strategy of UNESCO for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) includes a strategic objective on "Enhancing scientific, technical, and human capabilities to participate in emerging knowledge societies",
4. Further recalling that the approved Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) includes regular budget and extrabudgetary funds for capacity-building in science and technology for development, and states that the overall strategy of UNESCO in the engineering sciences and technology is to promote human and institutional capacity-building, particularly in developing countries,
5. Noting that the 170th session of the Executive Board outlines the priorities for the Natural Sciences Sector as follows:
 - (i) the principal priority shall be water and associated ecosystems;
 - (ii) the other priorities shall be:
 - oceans;
 - capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences, the formulation of science policies, and the promotion of a culture of maintenance;
 - promoting the application of science, engineering and appropriate technologies for sustainable development, natural resource use and management, disaster-preparedness and alleviation, and renewable sources of energy;

6. Taking into consideration the above mandates,
7. Having examined documents 171 EX/54 and Add. and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.20,
8. Welcomes the establishment of a unit within the Science Sector to coordinate activities in capacity-building focused on:
 - (i) Water-related efforts – activities to include enhancement of the current hydrology effort as it relates to capacity-building efforts in engineering and water sciences to address water-related needs;
 - (ii) Basic science and mathematics education – activities to include development of training materials and programmes in science and mathematics;
 - (iii) Engineering – activities to include strengthening of the existing engineering programme, including training educators for developing countries, support of workshops for educators in curriculum development, best practices, and quality assurance, and development of appropriate collaborations with industry;
 - (iv) Technology – activities to include technology management and innovation management, including training in this area;
9. Requests the Director-General to develop cross-sectoral activities within UNESCO to emphasize building capacities in developing countries, and mainly, Least-Developed Countries (LDCs) and post-conflict countries to address elements of the goals for sustainable development outlined in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, particularly safe drinking water and poverty reduction;
10. Invites the Director-General to utilize existing budgetary resources to accomplish the development of these cross-sectoral capacity-building activities and to develop benchmarks and an evaluation process;
11. Further invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures for the development of a cross-sectoral capacity-building programme and to submit a report to the Executive Board on progress at its 174th session.

61 Organization of a UNESCO regional ministerial conference on the strategic role of renewable energies in sustainable development in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, first half of 2006) (Programme aspects) (171 EX/55 and 171 EX/INF.20)

18. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind United Nations General Assembly resolution 54/215 of 22 December 1999 which established a direct link between the importance of renewable energies and sustainable development and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002, in particular the Plan of Implementation in which renewable energies are considered to be a major instrument of sustainable development and poverty eradication,

2. Having examined documents 171 EX/55 and 171 EX/INF.20,
3. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 14,
4. Recalling also 155 EX/Decision 4.1 in which it recommended that specific action be taken to include renewable energies in the Programme and Budget (C/5),
5. Referring also to paragraph 45 of the same decision in which it considered that UNESCO should continue its action in relation to the Aral Sea basin,
6. Welcomes the initiative taken by Kazakhstan and supported by the Member States concerned with a view to the organization of the UNESCO regional ministerial conference on the theme “The strategic role of renewable energies in sustainable development in Central Asia” in Kazakhstan in the first half of 2006;
7. Thanks the Director-General for the high profile given to renewable energies;
8. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to look into and define what would be the arrangements for the Organization’s intellectual and financial involvement in the implementation of this project as well as the dissemination of the results of this conference;
 - (b) to submit to it at its 172nd session a report thereon.

62 Information on the first World Congress on Literacy (Havana, 31 January-4 February 2005) (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/56 and 171 EX/INF.20)

19. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/56 and 171 EX/INF.20,
2. Taking note of the report of the first World Congress on Literacy held in Havana from 31 January to 4 February 2005,
3. Requests the Director-General to conduct a feasibility study on the recommendations contained in the Declaration of the Ministers of Education, Deputy Ministers and Representatives of Ministries attending the First World Congress on Literacy (Annex to document 171 EX/56), and to inform the Executive Board of the conclusions of this study on the possible involvement of UNESCO in this initiative;
4. Requests the Director-General to include a report on this initiative to the General Conference at its 33rd session in the context of reporting on UNESCO’s work in the field of illiteracy.

63 Proposal for the establishment of an IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science at the University of Dundee, UK, under the auspices of UNESCO (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/57 and 171 EX/INF.20)

20. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the importance of interfacing water law, policy and science in the work of UNESCO,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/57 and 171 EX/INF.20,
3. Takes note of the important opportunities for cooperation mentioned in this document;
4. Requests the Director-General to prepare a feasibility study for submission to its 172nd session and subsequently to the General Conference at its 33rd session.

65 Protection of the rights of broadcasting organizations (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/59 and 171 EX/INF.20)

21. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/59 and 171 EX/INF.20,
2. Noting that the issue related to broadcasting comes within UNESCO's core mandate as part of the activities of the Communication and Information Sector,
3. Recalling that the principal priority identified for the Communication and Information Sector is "empowering people through access to information and knowledge", with special emphasis on freedom of expression,
4. Further recalling the Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations, the WIPO Performance and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT), the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and the TRIPS Agreement which already provide protection to the rights of broadcasters,
5. Takes note of the developments at World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) aimed at finalizing a new convention on broadcaster's rights and of UNESCO's continuing role in the WIPO process;
6. Recognizing that attempts to impose another layer of rights over and above the intellectual property rights of copyright holders impact the rights of both the copyright holder(s) and the rights of public at large and act as impediment to preservation of information and universal access to it and participation of all in the emerging global information society,

7. Stresses the importance of promoting and enhancing the public domain as a vital means of providing access to information and knowledge and ensuring that any convention on broadcasting does not curtail access to public domain materials that are accessible only through broadcast;
8. Also recognizing that such regulations have a negative impact on the free flow of information essential to building of knowledge societies and that the separation between content and content-carrying signals is crucial for maintaining the distinction between the rights of copyright-holders as creators of works and broadcasters as transmitters of signals,
9. Reaffirms that UNESCO is committed to promoting freedom of expression, creating an enabling environment, which is conducive to facilitating universal access to information and knowledge, developing effective infrastructures and stimulating the development of and access to, diverse contents;
10. Thanks the Government of India for taking an initiative on this issue of immense concern to UNESCO;
11. Invites the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO, as the specialized agency within the United Nations system dealing with the issue of communication and information, plays an active role at any deliberations that impact its mandate;
12. Further invites the Director-General to submit the proposal for a convention on broadcasting and the new technologies for examination at the next session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations (Rome Convention, 1961) and to report thereon to the Executive Board at its 172nd session.

66 International Programme for Environmental Development (IPED) (*Programme aspects*) (171 EX/60 and 171 EX/INF.20)

22. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/60 and 171 EX/INF.20,
2. Takes note of its contents.