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**Item 4.2 of the provisional agenda****Amendment to the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5 2nd version)**

Submitted by **IRAN (Islamic Republic of)**

**Part II.A – Programmes:**

Major Programme: II – NATURAL SCIENCES

Resolution No.: 02000

Biennial Sectoral Priority: 1 Promoting research and capacity-building for the sound management of natural resources

Paragraph: (a) (ii)

Budgetary implications indicated by the sponsor: \$110,000

Source of financing proposed by the sponsor: 34 C/5 2nd version; MLA 2: Policy, research and learning networks for ecological and earth sciences

**Proposed modification:**

- (ii) strengthen the work of the MAB Programme, the World Network of Biosphere Reserves and their management; reinforce UNESCO's unique role in developing research and capacity-building in geosciences through the IGCP Programme; and support the Organization's role for earth observation systems and partnerships with space agencies for monitoring changes in land, water and oceans;

**Explanatory note:**

In accordance with document 34 C/4 which emphasizes:

- Responding to the need of indigenous populations (para. 5);

\* This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 27 August 2007.

- Support for natural resources, protection of the environment and building of knowledge societies (para. 8); and
- UNESCO's assistance of Member States for achieving poverty reduction and sustainable development and drawing on its extensive list of sites of biosphere reserves for global monitoring of biodiversity loss and sustainable development (paras. 45 and 51).

It is recommended to enhance the worldwide sustainable and appropriate management of biosphere reserves.

To date, despite the Organization's extensive efforts, the management of biosphere reserves, especially in developing countries, is not satisfactory and has not met standard expectations, which is mainly due to insufficient knowledge of site managers and lack of cooperation of local communities.

Therefore, capacity-building for proper site management with emphasis on community participation for efficient conservation of biosphere reserves is required.

In this regard, it is recommended to develop a relevant pilot project for implementation in a few developing countries in addition to sharing the lessons learned with other sites.