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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: III – SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Resolution No.: 03000

Biennial Sectoral Priority: 3 Contribute to the dialogue among civilizations and cultures and to a culture of peace through philosophy, the human sciences, the promotion of human rights and the fight against discrimination

Paragraphs: (vi) and (vii)

Budgetary implications
indicated by the sponsor: \$75,000

Source of financing
proposed by the sponsor: Extrabudgetary resources and regular programme, main lines of action 6 and 7

Proposed modification:

- (vi) ensure the implementation of the three pillars of the UNESCO Strategy on Philosophy, with emphasis on the promotion of philosophy teaching at all levels and the contribution of philosophy to debate on key contemporary issues relating in particular to the dialogue among civilizations and cultures and the promotion of a culture of peace, in the framework of the international and national celebrations of World Philosophy Day, the interregional philosophical dialogues and the activities of the international network; support the activities of the category 2 Byblos International Centre for Human Sciences (ICHS) in the implementation of the integrated strategy on democracy; support multidisciplinary research on key emerging issues related to the origins, local, national and international manifestations, and consequences of new forms of violence, in cooperation with national and regional research networks;

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

- (vii) promote policy-oriented research on the main obstacles and challenges to the establishment of states based on the rule of law, to the implementation of the human rights of special relevance to UNESCO; ensure the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with emphasis on UNESCO's contribution to its implementation; reinforce the human rights approach to UNESCO's programme implementation through capacity-building; reinforce the regional coalitions of cities against racism and xenophobia; and respect for the rights of the individual in the city;

Explanatory note:

1. Explanatory note for the proposed modifications to subparagraph (vi)

Violence as a concept and as a phenomenon is a controversial subject. The approach to “violence” is multidisciplinary and crosscutting. Violence is multiform in its origins, its local, national and international manifestations and its consequences. Accordingly, treating violence as a single, monolithic subject would not be particularly meaningful, and would not bring anything new to reflection on new forms of violence. For that reason, research into violence, with contributions from specialists in various disciplines, needs to be supported. Such research should not be confined to the consequences of the new forms of violence, but should also concern the origins and various manifestations thereof.

2. Explanatory note for the proposed modifications to subparagraph (vii)

1. There is a close connection between the state based on the rule of law and respect for human rights, and indeed the establishment of a law-based state is a prerequisite for respect for human rights, including in the fields concerning UNESCO's action.
2. UNESCO might contribute more generally to promoting the concept of the “right to the city” in the different regions of the world and the role of cities in protecting the rights of individuals in urban settings.

Invites the Director-General:

To undertake a research project on new forms of violence in the Middle East and Central Asia region;

To facilitate the organization of a regional conference on “the relation between the law-based state and respect for human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence”;

To ensure that UNESCO contributes to strengthening links between cities in the Middle East and Central Asia regions for respect for the rights of the individual in the city and the establishment of a regional coalition in this field.