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## CELEBRATION OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

### OUTLINE

**Source:** 177 EX/Decision 73 of the Executive Board.

**Background:** By 177 EX/Decision 73, the Executive Board invited the Director-General to present to the General Conference at its 34th session a draft UNESCO plan of action for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, together with a timetable and a budgetary estimate. The draft plan of action was prepared in the light of the proposals made by Member States.

**Decision required:** paragraph 15.

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## I. Background

1. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations on 10 December 1948. UNESCO contributed to its elaboration and adoption, in particular by presenting a report which confirmed that the human rights standards included in the draft of the Declaration had their foundation in all cultures and all civilizations.<sup>1</sup> UNESCO's General Conference already on 11 December 1948 affirmed that the Declaration "has clear implications in every field of UNESCO's activity" and instructed the Director-General "to stimulate the dissemination of information about this Declaration" and "to direct his programme sections to employ the Declaration wherever possible in their programme activities".<sup>2</sup> The UDHR became the cornerstone for the development of international human rights law and laid down the basis for the universal and regional systems of human rights protection. It inspired the inclusion of human rights provisions in the constitutions and legislation of a great number of States.

2. The adoption of the Declaration is commemorated on 10 December every year, proclaimed by the United Nations as Human Rights Day. Important events and celebrations are organized worldwide on and around this Day. The Declaration's most important anniversaries (as for example its 40th and 50th anniversaries in 1988 and 1998) offered a special opportunity to assess the progress achieved and to mobilize not only actors working specifically in the field of human rights, but the society as a whole. On these occasions, the United Nations General Assembly usually adopted especially dedicated resolutions, *inter alia*, inviting the relevant United Nations organs and agencies, in coordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to mark the anniversary by intensifying their own contributions to United Nations system-wide efforts to promote and protect human rights.<sup>3</sup> UNESCO was always a major actor in these events.

3. The 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration will be an opportunity for a United Nations-wide mobilization, especially taking into account the commitments of the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals, as well as the 2005 World Summit, at which all Member States acknowledged the importance of human rights. All United Nations entities will be invited to contribute to the anniversary within the context of their respective mandates. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in accordance with its mandate, acts as coordinator of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of human rights. The overarching message of OHCHR for the occasion will be to reaffirm the Universal Declaration **as a commitment to dignity and justice for all of us**. Another underlying idea of OHCHR's efforts will be that the UDHR applies to **everyone, everywhere and always**.<sup>4</sup> A special logo is being prepared. The launching of the commemoration is planned for 10 December 2007.

## II. Dialogue with UNESCO Member States

4. At the information session for the Members of the Executive Board on 10 July 2007, numerous Member States requested that UNESCO pay particular attention to the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as it did in 1988 for the 40th and 1998 for the 50th anniversaries respectively. The Director-General assured Member States that the Organization would bring an adequate contribution to the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Declaration. He appointed the Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences (ADG/SHS) as the focal point for the commemoration, and invited him to consult Permanent Delegations in order to establish a plan of activities to be implemented by UNESCO.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution concerning the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Records of the General Conference, 3rd session, resolution 8.1 of 11 December 1948.

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution 51/88 adopted on 12 December 1996.

<sup>4</sup> *Info60*, Newsletter – 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Issue No. 2.

5. Two brainstorming meetings with Permanent Delegations were held on 6 and 19 September 2007, attended by 52 and 22 Delegations respectively, with the participation of representatives of all UNESCO programme sectors and relevant bureaux.

6. The first meeting discussed elements for a possible UNESCO plan of action to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the UDHR.<sup>5</sup> The main lines were developed and validated at the second meeting. It was affirmed that UNESCO should contribute in a substantive manner, going beyond the celebrations, to the commemoration of the UDHR's 60th anniversary. The aim would be to reach out to as many people as possible, thus creating a new momentum for the promotion and protection of human rights. The Organization's activities, as for the 50th anniversary in 1998, should be carried out throughout 2008, involving a large mobilization of UNESCO field offices and traditional UNESCO partners, such as UNESCO Chairs, Clubs, Associate Schools, etc. It was noted that UNESCO's action could be composed of activities, which are foreseen within draft document 34 C/5 and could be placed under the banner of the 60th anniversary, and activities especially proposed for this occasion. For the latter group of activities, extrabudgetary resources should be sought.

7. It was considered important that UNESCO focus on the rights within its competence and particularly on "underdeveloped rights" contained in the UDHR, such as the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications, cultural rights, etc.<sup>6</sup> In addition, it was agreed that UNESCO lead reflection on the status of emerging human rights linked to the mandate of the Organization, as well as on important issues in the context and as a result of the process of globalization. Human rights education and freedom of the media and the protection of journalists were also mentioned.

8. The fruitful exchange with Member States during these meetings led to the inclusion of an item in the agenda of the 177th session of the Executive Board (agenda item 73 – Celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights).<sup>7</sup> The Executive Board supported the presentation of a draft UNESCO plan of action to commemorate the UDHR's 60th anniversary at the current session of the General Conference. In particular, Member States underlined the intimate link between human rights and the work of UNESCO in all its fields of competence. It was also stressed that UNESCO's actions should be coordinated with the rest of the United Nations system and notably the OHCHR. Reference was made to the need to ensure adequate human and financial resources and to seek extrabudgetary funds (see Annex I).

9. The following section presents the draft UNESCO plan of action for the commemoration of the UDHR's 60th anniversary. The draft plan contains the proposals emanating from the two brainstorming meetings with Permanent Delegations as enriched by the debate held by the Executive Board at its 177th session. These proposals are accompanied by a provisional timetable and an estimated cost.

### **III. UNESCO plan of action**

10. The activities to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the UDHR will start on 10 December 2007 and will last until 10 December 2008. These activities are divided into two categories: (a) those specifically designed for the 60th anniversary, which will be financed by extrabudgetary resources; (b) those included in draft document 34 C/5 that could be placed under the banner of the 60th anniversary. To achieve the greatest possible outreach and impact, synergies will be built between these two categories of actions. Member States and particularly the National Commissions for UNESCO will be invited to undertake throughout the year 2008 various initiatives

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<sup>5</sup> Some delegations had submitted preliminary proposals in writing.

<sup>6</sup> The articles of the Universal Declaration principally falling within the fields of competence of UNESCO are those addressing the right to education, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, including the right to seek, receive and impart information, the right to take part in cultural life and the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications.

<sup>7</sup> Item proposed by Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

in order to transmit the message of the UDHR to the general public, focusing on the rights within the competence of the Organization. UNESCO and its field offices will be providing advice thereto. The events organized by Member States and UNESCO partners at the domestic level could be linked to the special activities to be implemented by the Organization. A provisional timetable and an estimated cost of activities especially proposed to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the UDHR are presented, in conformity with 177 EX/Decision 73, as annexes to this document (Annex II and Annex III respectively).

### **III.1 Activities especially proposed to mark the 60th anniversary**

11. The 60th anniversary is an opportunity to assess the situation with regard to the rights within UNESCO's competence (namely the right to education, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, including the right to seek, receive and impart information, the right to take part in cultural life and the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications). To highlight the advancements and analyse the shortcomings with a view to determining the action required in order to promote their implementation, **two international conferences** could be organized respectively around two major themes:

- **The rights within UNESCO's competence: achievements, obstacles, perspectives for the future;**
- **Human rights education: current situation and perspectives for the future.**

12. The conference on the rights within UNESCO's competence will culminate in consultations, conferences and experts' meetings organized with the contribution of all programme sectors throughout the whole year in the different regions and at Headquarters. The National Commissions for UNESCO will be an indispensable partner in this undertaking. The findings of the major conferences would be transmitted to the Executive Board at one of its 2009 sessions, giving the Board the possibility to elaborate recommendations on how UNESCO's human rights activities could be better attuned to the current priorities and to reflect that in the ensuing Programme and Budget documents. The conclusions of these conferences would also be communicated to the National Commissions, with the invitation to undertake appropriate action.

13. Transmitting the message of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights among youth should be an important part of UNESCO's efforts to commemorate this anniversary. These efforts should aim at better acquainting them with the letter and spirit of the Declaration. One format that UNESCO proposes in addition to posters, publications, websites and other tools, is the preparation of a Passport to Dignity. Having the size of a classic passport folder, this tool will include the text of the Universal Declaration. To ensure the distribution of this tool in as many countries and languages as possible, UNESCO will seek to establish partnerships with national governmental actors, notably the National Commissions for UNESCO, as well as with partners from the private sector, including airlines and travel agencies. For the dissemination of the message of the UDHR, cooperation with various partners will be sought.

### **III.2 Activities that are already foreseen in draft document 34 C/5 and that could be linked to the 60th anniversary of the UDHR**

14. Many of UNESCO's activities that are foreseen for 2008 in the Draft Programme and Budget (Draft 34 C/5) could be placed under the banner of the 60th anniversary, especially activities relating to: *the promotion and further elucidation of the rights within UNESCO's competence (the right to education, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, including the right to seek, receive and impart information, the right to take part in cultural life and the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications), human rights education, the fight against all forms of discrimination, gender equality, the eradication of poverty, the safeguarding of cultural diversity, research and reflection on emerging ethical challenges, etc.* The 60th anniversary of the Declaration could be the occasion to further reinforce and increase the visibility of certain UNESCO

actions, linked for example to the protection of journalists and the promotion of freedom of opinion and expression. One such flagship activity is the celebration of the World Press Freedom Day to be held on 3 May 2008 in Maputo, Mozambique. A list of particularly relevant activities in various fields is annexed to this document (Annex IV). This list is not exhaustive.

### **Draft resolution**

15. After examining the draft plan of action for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the General Conference may wish to adopt the following draft resolution:

*The General Conference,*

*Recognizing* the utmost importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the promotion and exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Underlining* the significance of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for giving a new impetus to international and national efforts aimed at ensuring universal respect for and enjoyment of all human rights – civil, cultural, economic, political and social – and fundamental freedoms, recognizing that all human rights are equal and mutually reinforcing,

*Recalling* the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, and in particular the principles of universality, indivisibility, interrelatedness and interdependence of all human rights therein proclaimed,

*Recalling* the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals, as well as the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, which underscored the importance of human rights for the work of the United Nations system,

*Emphasizing* the specific responsibilities and competence of UNESCO with regard to human rights, outlined in the UNESCO Strategy on Human Rights and the Integrated Strategy to Combat Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, both adopted by the General Conference at its 32nd session, as well as its reflection on emerging human rights in the context of UNESCO's core mandates,

*Affirming* UNESCO's key role in the promotion of human rights, including, *inter alia*, human rights education,

*Recalling* UNESCO's contribution to the celebration of the 40th and 50th anniversaries of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1988 and 1998,

*Having considered* the draft UNESCO plan of action for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Endorses* the UNESCO plan of action for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

*Urges* all public and private institutions within the Member States, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and educators, National Commissions for UNESCO, as well as human rights institutions to contribute to the commemoration of the 60th anniversary by undertaking activities in order to further promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms;

*Requests* the Director-General to take the appropriate steps to implement the UNESCO plan of action in consultation with other United Nations entities, and in particular with the Office of

the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in view of its role of coordinator of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of human rights;

*Invites* the Director-General to seek extrabudgetary resources to ensure the implementation of that plan and *invites* Member States and other funding sources to consider making extrabudgetary contributions in this regard;

*Further invites* the Director-General to establish a special account for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be financed by voluntary contributions.

## ANNEX I

### 73 Celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (177 EX/Decision.73)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the utmost importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the promotion and exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms,
2. Underlining the significance of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for giving a new impetus to international and national efforts aimed at ensuring universal respect for and enjoyment of all human rights – civil, cultural, economic, political and social – and fundamental freedoms, recognizing that all human rights are equal and mutually reinforcing,
3. Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,
4. Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals, as well as the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, which underscored the importance of human rights for the work of the United Nations system,
5. Emphasizing the specific responsibilities and competence of UNESCO with regard to human rights as well as its reflection on emerging human rights in the context of UNESCO's core mandates,
6. Affirming UNESCO's key role in the promotion of human rights including inter alia human rights education,
7. Recalling UNESCO's contribution to the celebration of the 40th and 50th anniversaries of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1988 and 1998,
8. Having considered document 177 EX/73,
9. Urges all public and private institutions within the Member States, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and educators, National Commissions for UNESCO, as well as human rights institutions to contribute to the celebration of the 60th anniversary by undertaking activities in order to further promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms;
10. Requests the Director-General, in the light of the proposals of Member States and in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to submit a draft plan of action, a timetable and a cost estimate for the celebration by UNESCO of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the General Conference at its 34th session;
11. Invites the Director-General to take the appropriate steps to implement the plan of action as approved by the General Conference, further invites the Director-General to seek extrabudgetary resources to support implementation of that plan and invites Member States to consider making extrabudgetary contributions in this regard.

**ANNEX II**

**Four major activities especially proposed to mark the 60th anniversary  
of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

**Timetable**

<p>International conference on the rights within the fields of competence of UNESCO: the right to education, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, including the right to seek, receive and impart information, the right to take part in cultural life and the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications.</p>	<p>December 2008 (possibly in Paris)</p>
<p>International conference on human rights education</p>	<p>September-October 2008 (venue and dates to be determined in consultation with Member States)</p>
<p>Six regional preparatory conferences on the rights within the fields of competence of UNESCO</p>	<p>June-November 2008 (venue and dates to be determined in consultation with Member States)</p>
<p>Transmitting the message of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport to Dignity</li> </ul>	<p>Production: January-March 2008 Dissemination: February-December 2008</p>

**ANNEX III**

**Four major activities especially proposed to mark the 60th anniversary  
of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
and to be financed from extrabudgetary funds**

**Indicative cost estimate**

<p>International conference on the rights within the fields of competence of UNESCO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two-day conference</li> <li>▪ Approx. 250 participants (approx. 30 participants fully sponsored by UNESCO)</li> <li>▪ Eminent personalities</li> <li>▪ Preparation of background papers</li> <li>▪ Interpretation</li> <li>▪ Miscellaneous</li> </ul> <p>Implementation: SHS in cooperation with other programme sectors</p>	<p>US \$250,000 (possibly in Paris)</p> <p>In eventual close cooperation with the host country.</p>
<p>International conference on human rights education</p> <p>Implementation: ED in cooperation with other programme sectors</p>	<p>US \$250,000 (venue to be determined)</p>
<p>Regional preparatory conferences on the rights within the fields of competence of UNESCO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Six two-day conferences</li> <li>▪ Approx. 50-80 participants (approx. 30 participants from the region as well as international experts fully sponsored by UNESCO)</li> <li>▪ Interpretation</li> <li>▪ Preparation of background papers</li> <li>▪ Miscellaneous</li> </ul> <p>Implementation: SHS in cooperation with other programme sectors</p>	<p>US \$500,000</p> <p>In cooperation with the host countries.</p>
<p>Transmitting the message of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passport to Dignity Production of the tool (layout, drafting of explanatory notes, translation in all six United Nations official languages and printing of 5,000 copies in each of the two United Nations working languages)</li> </ul> <p>Implementation: SHS in coordination with other programme sectors</p>	<p>US \$90,000</p> <p>The wide dissemination of this tool will depend financially on partnerships established at the national level with public and private institutions.</p>
	<p><b>Total US \$1,090,000</b></p>

Temporary assistance:

<p>One P-3 level professional with the task to provide support to coordination and organization of extrabudgetary activities envisaged in the UNESCO plan of action.</p>	<p>P-3 level = 1 year x US \$102,103</p>
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## ANNEX IV

### Activities foreseen in draft document 34 C/5 that could be linked to the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights To be completed

#### 1. Education Sector

##### Education for all

- Follow-up to the recommendations made by the study on “Education under attack” launched on 27 April in Paris, France, during the Global Action Week 2007 (23-27 April 2007) and the key results of symposiums on the study.
- Production of a handbook on education for all (EFA) for parliamentarians. A joint initiative between UNESCO and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).
- HIV & AIDS prevention education, in particular among HIV/AIDS positives, orphans and vulnerable population, taking a holistic and rights-based approach.
- World AIDS Day (1 December 2008); proposed dedication to the theme “Human Rights and HIV & AIDS”.

##### The right to education

Focus on the right to education and national constitutions:

- Meeting of specialists on Article 26 UDHR in constitutions, the domestic legal order and enforcement.
- Publication on the concept of right to education and concrete implementation at national level: from the UDHR to national constitutions.
- Training workshop for National Commissions and UNESCO focal points on the right to education: translating the instruments into legislation and national policy.
- Projecting (through various events) key concepts (i.e. equal and adequate opportunities in Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania) and best practices of jurisprudence.

Activities are linked to the plan of action for the first phase of the **World Programme for Human Rights Education**:

- A global “teacher-guided” poster-making campaign and exhibit (*inter alia* to be displayed on the fence surrounding UNESCO Headquarters from June to December 2008): 10 December 2007 to 10 December 2008.
- HUMANIA: an international live concert to be produced by French-based *Productions Mag and Carson Prod* and broadcast (tentatively in January 2008) by France Télévision.

##### HRBA in education

- A policy and programme framework for a human rights-based approach to and within education, to be published by the end of 2007, will be launched at regional level throughout 2008.

## **2. Natural Sciences Sector**

- Experts' meeting to further elucidate the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications (September 2008) – jointly with SHS.

## **3. Social and Human Sciences Sector**

### **Promoting the ethics of science and technology:**

- Ordinary session of COMEST dedicated to the 10 years of COMEST and the 60th anniversary of the UDHR (to be organized possibly at the end of 2008 in Paris).

### **Policy-oriented research in the social sciences:**

- Celebration of International Migrants' Day (18 December) through a Radio Marathon (in partnership with an international NGO).
- Publication on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.
- Follow-up to the studies on migration issues published in the current biennium.

### **Research-policy linkages in the social sciences and strengthening of national research systems**

- One or more special issues of a free information magazine for young people in Africa on social and human science themes, dedicated to the anniversary of the UDHR.
- Virtual-space activities for young people (for example, drawing and writing competitions), linked to the anniversary of the UDHR.

### **Sports and anti-doping**

- Possible organization of an anti-doping education conference in Beijing, China (perhaps in June/July/August 2008 prior to the Olympic Games).

### **Philosophy and the human sciences**

- World Philosophy Day – activities at Headquarters (Paris) and in Italy (Syracuse), November 2008.
- Interregional philosophical dialogue (2008) will highlight human rights issues.
- UNESCO Prize for Peace Education – UNESCO, Paris, September 2008.
- Symposium "Centenary of the birth of Françoise Dolto, the contemporary relevance of her ideas", Paris, December 2008, in partnership with the French National Commission for UNESCO and the DOLTO Foundation.

### **Human rights and the fight against discrimination**

- Experts' meeting to further elucidate the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications (September 2008) jointly with SC, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Amsterdam Center of International Law.

- Round table on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications and its interrelationship and interdependence with other rights within the third World Forum on Human Rights (Nantes, 1-4 July 2008).
- Experts' meeting on cultural rights in the Arab region to be organized by the UNESCO Rabat Office and SHS (possibly in March 2008 in Rabat, Morocco).
- Award ceremony of the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education (the title may be changed in consultation with the donor) – possibly December 2008.
- Award ceremony of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence (possibly November 2008).
- Publications dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the UDHR: "Human Rights: Human Rights in Education, Science and Culture: Legal Developments and Challenges" (end of December 2007); a book on the REBSP based on the studies of the first experts' meeting on this right (Amsterdam, June 2007); revised and updated edition of "Introducing Democracy: 80 Questions and Answers"; updated edition of "Human Rights: Questions and Answers" (English and Chinese editions); "Major International Instruments: Status as at 31 May 2007"; two posters on the UDHR.
- Mainstreaming of human rights in UNESCO through organization of staff training, in cooperation and with the support of HRM.
- Presentation of the Arabic version of *Human Rights: Questions and Answers* at a workshop to be held in December 2008, possibly in cooperation with a UNESCO Chair and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO). Place: Arab region, exact venue to be determined.
- Radio spots on human rights, to be broadcast in November and December 2008, possibly in cooperation with human rights associations. Place: Morocco.
- Regional experts' meeting on human rights in Asia (second half of 2008).
- Meeting of Ministers of Women's Affairs from 11 countries in the Great Lakes Region to discuss establishment of a research and documentation centre for women in the Great Lakes, and harmonized women's rights and gender policies for the subregion – Kinshasa, April 2008.
- Thematic workshops: Restitution workshop on "Women's rights, peace and security in post-conflict democracies in Africa" – Pretoria, September 2008; Restitution workshop on "Women in the judiciary in the Middle East and North Africa" women's access to justice – Rabat, date to be determined; Restitution workshops on a "Gender analysis of the Palestinian system of basic education", "Palestinian women's empowerment" and "Women and poverty in the occupied Palestinian Territories" – Ramallah, date to be determined.
- Awareness raising and training workshops for women on the CEDAW and human rights treaties, conventions and declarations – Ramallah, date to be determined.
- Public awareness-raising activities to end violence against women and support the victims of violence – Beijing, date to be determined.
- Publication of research papers on "Women's rights, peace and security in post-conflict democracies in Africa" – Paris, date to be determined.

- A panel on human rights and democracy in South America in June 2008 in cooperation with the University of the Republic and the Uruguayan National Commission for UNESCO.
- An event in the second half of 2008 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the UDHR in the building that belonged to the ESMA (Escuela de Mecánica de la Armada – the location of the military dictatorship's clandestine centre for detention and torture between 1976 and 1983) in cooperation with the Argentinian Government and the National Commission for UNESCO to prepare.
- Activities within the framework of the regional coalitions of cities against racism and discrimination: general assemblies of some of the coalitions (LAC, AFR, ASPAC, EUR, CDN) in 2008; various projects of regional coalitions (campaign against ghettos in LAC cities 2008, partnerships against HIV/AIDS in African cities 2008, etc.); consultations in the Arab region in order to prepare a coalition of cities in the region (January-June 2008) and launching of the coalition (June 2008); an international conference with the six regional coalitions on the occasion of the Nantes Human Rights Forum in July 2008; collecting good practices and policies in reference to the regional Ten-Point Plans of Action.
- Organizing in close cooperation with the interested National Commissions, a series of workshops at the national level for municipalities committed against discrimination (2008-2009).
- UNESCO's active involvement in preparatory work (throughout 2008) for the Durban Review Conference 2009, including through a comprehensive publication on UNESCO's overall work on fighting racism and discrimination.
- Research activities: develop a research programme on indicators on racism and discrimination, 2008; undertake comparative studies on the municipal actions against racism in different regions; organize regional workshops to discuss the results of research.
- Publishing new issues under the online "Discussion Paper Series".
- Celebration of international days against racism and for promotion of tolerance.

#### HIV/AIDS:

- HIV-related discrimination: mapping out responses, gaps and opportunities in African and Asian cities (field work, consultations with cities in Nairobi in 2008, publications).
- Proposal to organize a session on responses to HIV aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination at the Youthforce of the International AIDS Conference in Mexico.

#### Children in need:

- An international public event in Germany and in other countries to promote the activities of the programme *education of children in need* and collect funds.
- Identify new partnerships from the private sector to co-organize other prestigious national events.
- Contribute to articles in the media and/or convince journalists to participate in field missions to publish articles.
- A press campaign (for instance before Christmas) to inform the general public, raise awareness on the reality of the living conditions of children in need.

- Field missions to acquire a precise knowledge of the living conditions of children in a state of high vulnerability and/or monitor the projects implemented in the field.

#### **4. Culture Sector**

- Proposal for a new edition of the book *Birthright of man: world anthology of liberty* in December 2008. The book was first published in 1968 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and was re-issued in 1984 and 1990.

#### **5. Communication and Information Sector**

- Celebration of the World Press Freedom Day 2008.
- A special preface dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the UDHR to the new edition of the Practical Guide for Journalists working in conflict zones issued in 1998 in cooperation with Reporters sans Frontières to appear at the end of 2007.
- A donor meeting organized together with the International News Safety Institute on safety of journalists and press freedom (beginning of 2008).
- A publication in 2008 on the Medellin Declaration adopted by the participants of the conference on “Press Freedom, Safety of Journalists and Impunity” held in the context of World Press Freedom Day 2007.
- Pursue the work for the protection of journalists, including: activities linked to the Media in Danger programme of the World Association of Newspapers; support to the International Federation of Journalists in relation to risk-awareness training for journalists working in dangerous conditions; support to various national initiatives; actions relating to the Charter for the Safety of Journalists Working in War Zones or Dangerous Areas; close cooperation with regional and international media organizations and press freedom advocacy groups, notably through an Electronic Clearing House and Alert Network, IFEX.
- UNESCO will continue to express publicly and systematically its outrage when a journalist or a media assistant is killed and to call for the arrest and trial of the perpetrators of the crimes.

#### **Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs**

- Publication of a work on the procedure set out in 104 EX/Decision 3.3, adopted in 1978 by the Executive Board, and on the work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 30th anniversary of the procedure, in partnership with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Sweden).
- Updating of a brochure for the public on the procedure set out in 104 EX/Decision 3.3 of the Executive Board.

#### **Sector for Administration**

- A proposal to organize actions and events related to the topic “archives and human rights” organized by CI Information Society Division and IFAP in cooperation with the International Council on Archives.