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**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS
TO THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 (35 C5)**

OUTLINE

This document presents a summary of the amendments proposed by Member States to Major Programme III of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), which are to be examined by the Social and Human Sciences Commission, and the observations of the Director-General with regard to these amendments.

MAJOR PROGRAMME III SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES

1. **Draft resolution 35 C/DR.2 (Cuba, co-sponsored by Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of))** proposes the addition, in subparagraph (xi) of the draft resolution for Major Programme III, of a new sentence regarding the promotion of activities under the José Martí Project for International Solidarity, the continuation of in-depth studies on universal philosophical thought and the contribution to the propagation of ethical solidarity-based principles. The draft resolution envisages a budget allocation of \$50,000.

The Director-General considers that the activities proposed are already provided for under the programme proposed for Major Programme III. For example, UNESCO has been involved for the last three biennia in cooperation activities with the José Martí Project. In addition, the activities relating to philosophy, guided by the Intersectoral Strategy on Philosophy, include the continuation of in-depth studies on philosophical thought of concern to all regions. The proposed addition does not therefore appear necessary.

An amount of \$50,000 is requested for the financing of these activities. Given the limited resources under document 35 C/5, it is planned to allocate \$25,000 to cooperation with the José Martí Project; any further strengthening would have to be financed by extrabudgetary funds.

[35 C/5 Rev., para. 03000]

2. **Draft resolution 35 C/DR.6 (Iran, Islamic Republic of)** proposes to add a reference to the regional cooperation and the support to centres in subparagraph 03000 (a)(xiii) bullet 5. Reference is made in the explanatory note to the possible establishment of a category 2 Asia and Pacific regional centre for bioethics in the Islamic Republic of Iran. This draft resolution envisages a budget allocation of \$70,000.

The Director-General has no objection to the amendments proposed to subparagraph 03000 (a)(xiii) bullet 5 containing the relevant draft resolution in document 35 C/5, given that it allows to state more explicitly the Organization's mission at the regional level in the field of bioethics. Given that such cooperation is already part of the UNESCO action in the field of bioethics as detailed in document 35 C/5, the Director-General considers nevertheless that the modification proposed should not have financial implications.

Concerning the possibility of establishing a category 2 Asia and Pacific regional centre for bioethics in the Islamic Republic of Iran, this undertaking should follow the normal procedures for the establishment of such centres.

[35 C/5 Rev., para. 03000]

3. **Draft resolution 35 C/DR.23 (Colombia)** proposes to change the title of MLA 2 by adding the following sentence: "in particular, on issues relating to youth". This draft resolution has no financial implications.

The Director-General agrees with the authors of this amendment concerning the importance of undertaking activities to address the specific needs and concerns of youth. He recalls that the Executive Board in document 35 C/5 proposed to add at the end of this title the expression "including emerging issues relating to youth", and that this concern had been reflected in the substantive preparation of draft document 35 C/5 Rev., while the wording was kept broader to ensure that all priorities of UNESCO could be reflected. The Colombian amendment however appears to be somewhat limiting by using the expression "in particular, on issues relating to youth".

The Director-General therefore believes that the wording contained in document 35 C/5 Rev. is more encompassing and does not recommend the proposed amendment. However, should the General Conference consider that youth should indeed be explicitly mentioned in the title, the Director-General would propose to return to the originally agreed formulation, i.e. “including emerging issues relating to youth”.

[35 C/5 Rev., para. 03000]

4. **Draft resolution 35 C/DR.31 (France)** aims at adding to subparagraph (iii) the words “encouraging initiatives to combat anti-Semitism”. This draft resolution has no financial implications.

The Director-General considers that the addition of the words “encouraging initiatives to combat anti-Semitism” is in keeping with UNESCO’s combat against all types of discrimination. Nevertheless, he proposes that the phrase be reformulated as follows: “... encouraging initiatives to combat anti-Semitism and all other forms of ethnic and/or religious intolerance”.

[35 C/5 Rev., para. 03000]

5. **Draft resolution 35 C/DR.49 (Dominican Republic)** aims at including in the text of item (i), explicit mention to “human economic, social, cultural and environmental rights in the domains of UNESCO ...”. This draft resolution has no financial implications.

The Director-General in principle supports the proposed modification of the text. However, noting that environmental rights are not codified in international human rights law, it is best to address these “emerging rights”, through the work of COMEST on environmental ethics which implies the support of the concept of “environmental rights”.

[35 C/5 Rev., para. 03000]

6. **Draft resolution 35 C/DR.50 (Dominican Republic)** aims at rewording item (xi) to also include, in addition to the teaching of philosophy, the “learning” at all levels as well as the “identification, preservation, appreciation and promotion of the philosophical heritage of each region”. This draft resolution has no financial implications.

The Director-General agrees with the proposal to add the word “and learning” after the teaching of philosophy. Taking into account the international scope of the initial text, he would suggest to preferably add the words “identification, preservation, appreciation and promotion of the philosophical heritage of each region” only at the end of the paragraph, after the Network of Women Philosophers.

[35 C/5 Rev., para. 03000]

7. **Draft resolution 35 C/DR.75 (Egypt)** proposes the creation of a centre for dealing with forms of organized crime and human trafficking, especially child trafficking, and the penalization of this crime in all its forms in the North Africa region. This draft resolution envisages a budget allocation of \$150,000 from extrabudgetary resources.

The Director-General fully shares the need to combat organized crime, which represents a major threat to human security and human rights and creates obstacles to the social, economic, political and cultural development worldwide. He also considers that human trafficking is among the worst violations of human rights. Nevertheless, the Director-General would like to draw the attention of the General Conference that within the United Nations system, it is the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna which is mandated to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs and arms traffic, transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons and

human smuggling, and is the only United Nations entity focusing on related criminal justice issues. UNODC has a network of field-based technical cooperation projects to enhance the capacity of Member States to fight against these crimes, has regional offices and projects, and is best placed to respond to the legitimate concerns of the author of this draft resolution . With due regard to the distribution of tasks between the Organizations, the Director-General is therefore not in favour of the amendment, and recommends that it be referred to UNODC itself.

[35 C/5 Rev., para. 03000]