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**INCLUSION OF NEW ITEMS IN THE AGENDA
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

By letter dated 2 October addressed to the Director-General, Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Jamaica and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) request the inclusion on the agenda of the General Conference of a new item entitled "Impacts on the Education system and freedom of expression as a consequence of the situation in Honduras." The text of the proposal is attached as an annex.

Annex

His Excellency
Mr Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General of UNESCO

Paris, 2 October, 2009

Mr Director-General,

Based on Article 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Jamaica and Venezuela respectfully request the inclusion of a new item, in its revised version, entitled "IMPACTS ON THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE SITUATION IN HONDURAS" in the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference.

As it is known, this is an item of an important and urgent character as established in the above-mentioned article.

We enclose and present herewith the corresponding draft resolution to be considered by the General Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Argentina (*Signed*)

Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (*Signed*)

Brazil (*Signed*)

Chile (*Signed*)

Cuba (*Signed*)

Guatemala (*Signed*)

Jamaica (*Signed*)

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (*Signed*)

**Impacts on the education system
and freedom of expression as a consequence
of the situation in Honduras**

The General Conference,

Taking into account the Constitution of UNESCO,

Welcoming the declarations of the Director-General of UNESCO expressed in his press releases about the situation in Honduras,

Expressing concern with the negative impacts on the functioning of the education system of Honduras,

1. *Requests* the Director-General to keep following the developments in Honduras strictly in the fields of competence of UNESCO according to its Constitution.