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**DRAFT DECISIONS RECOMMENDED BY
THE PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX) AND
THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION (FA)
AT THEIR JOINT MEETING**

1. The Joint Meeting of the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) held five (5) meetings on Friday, 15 October 2010 (afternoon), on Monday, 18 October (afternoon) and on Tuesday, 19 October, under the joint chairmanship of Ms Alissandra Cummins (Barbados), Chairperson of the FA Commission and Ms Shahnaz Wazir Ali (Pakistan), Chairperson of the PX Commission, and one meeting on Wednesday, 20 October (evening) under the joint chairmanship of Mr Luvsan Erdenechuluun (Mongolia), temporary Chairperson of the PX Commission, in order to examine the items listed below which had been referred to it by the Executive Board at its plenary meeting on 11 October 2010.

Item Title and documents

- 16 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility of establishing category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (185 EX/16 Part II and Corr.; 185 EX/16 Part III)
- 18 Report on the independent external evaluation of UNESCO (185 EX/18 and Add.)
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- 24 Report by the Director-General on the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) (185 EX/24)
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- 32 External Auditor's new audits (185 EX/32 Part I, 185 EX/32 Part II, 185 EX/32 Part III)
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**Proposal for the establishment in Beijing, China, of an
international research and training centre for
science and technology strategy
(185 EX/16 Part II and Corr.)**

2. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) at their joint meeting, recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

- 1. Recalling the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO approved by the General Conference by 35 C/Resolution 103,
- 2. Welcoming the proposal of the Government of the People's Republic of China, to establish in its territory an International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
- 3. Having examined document 185 EX/16 Part II,

4. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the present feasibility study;
5. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be such as to meet the requirements needed for UNESCO to grant its auspices to the International Centre,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment in Beijing, People's Republic of China, of the International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy under the auspices of UNESCO as a category 2 centre and authorizes the Director-General to sign the Agreement, presented in the Annex to document 185 EX/16 Part II Corr.

**Proposal for the establishment in Lisbon, Portugal,
of a centre for the advanced training of scientists from
Portuguese-speaking countries in areas of the basic sciences
(185 EX/16 Part III)**

3. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) at their joint meeting, recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 185 EX/16 Part III, which provides an analytical outline of the proposal to establish an International Centre for Advanced Training of Scientists from Portuguese-Speaking Countries in Areas of Basic Sciences as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
2. Emphasizing the importance of international and regional cooperation for human and institutional capacity-building in the basic sciences,
3. Welcoming the proposal of the Portuguese Republic,
4. Noting the support for the Portuguese proposal by the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries,
5. Highlighting important opportunities for action the establishment of the Centre offers in the framework of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP),
6. Recognizing that the proposed Centre meets the guidelines and criteria for the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), as approved by UNESCO's General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103 and contained in document 35 C/22.
7. Recommends that the General Conference at its 36th session approve the establishment of the International Centre for Advanced Training of Scientists from Portuguese-Speaking Countries in Areas of Basic Sciences in Lisbon (Portugal) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding Agreement between UNESCO and the Portuguese Republic contained in the Annex to document 185 EX/16 Part III.

18 Report on the independent external evaluation of UNESCO (185 EX/18 and Add.)

4. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) at their joint meeting, recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 24 and 35 C/Resolution 102,
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/18 and Add. presenting the conclusions and recommendations of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) of UNESCO,

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3. Taking note of the analysis in the IEE and of the recommendations building on five strategic directions: “Increasing UNESCO’s focus; Positioning UNESCO closer to the field; Strengthening UNESCO’s participation in the United Nations; Strengthening governance and developing a partnership strategy”,
4. Recognizing the comprehensive and general character of all of the recommendations and the need for their in-depth examination by Member States in order to identify possible action,
5. Underlining the common responsibility of the General Conference, the Executive Board and the Secretariat in the follow-up to the IEE, according to the prerogatives of each body,
6. Decides that the report shall be further examined in-depth, taking into account the debate of the report on the IEE during the 185th session of the Executive Board, so that the relevant recommendations of the report can be expressed, where appropriate, in concrete proposals.

FOLLOW-UP PROCESS

7. Emphasizing the need for establishing a mechanism for follow-up to the IEE that involves all UNESCO Member States,
8. Decides to establish an ad hoc Working Group whose mandate is to examine the report of the IEE and to develop proposals concerning the recommendations of the IEE, taking into account the discussions held during the 185th session of the Executive Board, and to submit them to the Executive Board at its 186th session;
9. Also decides that the composition of the ad hoc Working Group will be made up of 18 Member States of the Executive Board (3 from each electoral group) designated after consultation with electoral groups by 19 November 2010;
10. Further decides that the ad hoc Working Group will:
 - (a) hold its first meeting no later than 19 December 2010;
 - (b) designate its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at its first meeting;
 - (c) conduct its work in a consensual, constructive, transparent and cost-efficient manner;
 - (d) convene open-ended meetings thus allowing enhanced participation of all Member States of UNESCO;
 - (e) use the two working languages of the Secretariat (English and French);
11. Requests the Director-General, within the limits of the existing 35 C/5 document, to assist the ad hoc Working Group by providing appropriate Secretariat support;

12. Invites the Director-General to appoint a representative from the Secretariat as a liaison to the ad hoc Working Group to ensure coherence in the follow-up to the IEE;
13. Further invites the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 186th session on the follow-up by the Secretariat with respect to the operational aspects of the IEE report which fall under her purview:

19 United Nations General Assembly proposal to align planning cycles with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (185 EX/19)

5. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) at their joint meeting, recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 82 (ii) and 184 EX/Decision 5 (Part I), by which the Director-General has been requested to present a thorough report on possible scenarios for alignment of UNESCO's programme cycle with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (QCPR), including the programmatic and managerial implications for UNESCO,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/19 and the scenarios proposed in it, as well as their respective implications,
3. Noting the findings of the report of the Independent External Evaluation (185 EX/18 and Add.),
4. Recognizing the importance of the comprehensive policy review, through which the United Nations General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system, as well as the desirability for UNESCO's medium-term strategy to reflect those orientations as appropriate,
5. Recognizing the importance of a long-term framework for strategic planning,
6. Also recognizing the need for taking into consideration the C/5 programming cycle in the examination of possible scenarios for alignment with QCPR,
7. Requests the Director-General to deliver a thorough analysis of the implications *inter alia* the programmatic, financial and administrative and other implications for changing;
 - (a) the C/4 cycle from 6 to 8 years with appropriate mechanism for adjusting to the most recent QCPR;
 - (b) the C/5 cycle from 2 to 4 years with appropriate mechanism for adjustments every 2 years;
8. Invites the Director-General to ensure that this analysis will feed into the follow-up process of the Independent External Evaluation;
9. Requests the Director-General to submit a report on the analysis to the 186th session of the Executive Board taking into consideration the debate of the 185th session and in the context of the follow-up of the IEE.

24 Report by the Director-General on the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) (185 EX/24)

6. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) at their joint meeting, recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 39,
2. Having examined Document 185 EX/24,
3. Takes note of the decisions taken by the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport concerning the reorientation of its action (185 EX/24 Annex).

29 Report by the Director-General on the reform of the field network (185 EX/29 and Corr. (Russian only) and Add.)

7. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) at their joint meeting, recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 185 EX/29,
2. Appreciates the efforts made by the Director-General aimed at improving the effectiveness and coherence of the field network and ensuring its harmonious integration in the United Nations system in conformity with 182 EX/Decision 6 (II);
3. Welcomes the intended enhancement of UNESCO's expertise in the field which will help respond better to the varying needs of Member States and the Organization's priorities;
4. Endorses the principles of the reform of UNESCO's field office network, set out in document 185 EX/29, while emphasizing that other value-added and cost-effective factors should be taken into consideration;
5. Invites the Director-General to conduct consultations with Member States of each region to ensure that any proposal for the strengthening of the field network responds to UNESCO's and the Member States' specific regional and subregional needs;
6. Endorses the principle of the gradual implementation, over two biennia as set out in document 185 EX/29, of the reform of the field network that would be agreed to, subject to consultations with the Member States;
7. Encourages the Director-General to use to the fullest the country resources available, such as National Commissions, clubs, UNESCO Chairs and other networks of expert communities to strengthen the field network;
8. Requests the Director-General, taking into account the results of her consultations and the results of the IEE follow-up process, to present additional information on the detailed phases of implementation of the proposed new network and their budgetary impact over the next two biennia, at its 186th session;

9. Also requests the Director-General to include in the draft Programme and Budget (36 C/5), to be submitted to it at its 186th session, the budgetary measures resulting from the implementation of the first phase of implementation of the proposed new field network;
10. Decides to transmit to the General Conference at its 36th session the report by the Director-General on the reform of the field network together with the relevant decisions adopted by the 185th and 186th Executive Board.

32 External Auditor's new audits (185 EX/32 Part I, 185 EX/32 Part II, 185 EX/32 Part III)

Report on the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC), including an audit and an evaluation of the period 1999-2009

Auditor's report on the Division of Water Sciences in the Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO

Auditor's report on the Regional Bureau for Education (Dakar)

8. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) at their joint meeting, took note of its content:

38 Report by the Director-General on the assessment of the effectiveness of the Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes (185 EX/38)

9. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) at their joint meeting, recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 24, by which it established a global strategy for UNESCO Prizes,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/38,
3. Considering that, five years after the establishment of the global strategy for UNESCO Prizes, the implementation of the strategy should be improved in order to correct some insufficiencies and imbalances,
4. Encourages the Director-General to pursue her efforts aimed at improving the visibility and effective management of UNESCO Prizes as a tool for furthering the strategic objectives, programme priorities and prestige of the Organization, especially in its fields of competence;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue her efforts to improve the implementation of the global strategy for UNESCO Prizes and the application of its criteria in cooperation with Member States and private donors, as appropriate;
6. Invites the Director-General to consider updating the global strategy for UNESCO Prizes;
7. Reiterates that, in conformity with 182 EX/Decision 25, in future all prize proposals should only be adopted after a thorough examination of a feasibility study by the Director-General, which is accompanied by an explicit recommendation on her part. The feasibility study should take the following key elements into account:

- (a) equal treatment for all Member States;
 - (b) the prize's contribution to the Organization's strategic objectives and programme priorities;
 - (c) potential overlaps with other prizes;
 - (d) the financial sustainability of the proposal, including the provision of administration costs and the origin of the funds relating thereto;
 - (e) the impact of the prize on UNESCO's prestige, profile and visibility;
 - (f) the alignment with the prize criteria as outlined in the global strategy for UNESCO Prizes and any deviations therefrom;
 - (g) the ethical considerations concerning the integrity of non-governmental, private or individual donors drawing on good practice, such as those set out by the United Nations Global Compact;
8. Decides that the Executive Board may recommend, on an exceptional basis, that the Director-General launch an appeal for additional voluntary contributions in order to finance the administrative costs of a prize, if it cannot be otherwise achieved;
 9. Decides that the amount paid to each winner of a UNESCO Prize shall be determined by the Director-General, in consultation with the prize donor, bearing in mind that the ethical, moral and symbolic values of the prize are more important than its monetary value;
 10. Decides that all future prizes bearing the name of a person should be named after persons whose outstanding moral, intellectual, scientific or artistic legacy corresponds to the ideals and objectives of UNESCO;
 11. Underlines the importance of securing the financial sustainability, including administrative costs, of UNESCO Prizes during the lifespan of the prize;
 12. Decides to assess the impact of each prize four years after its creation, based on a report by the Director-General;
 13. Underlines its prerogatives to re-examine any prize at any time if the fulfilment of the criteria is called into question and adopt accordingly new decisions on whether to pursue or discontinue the prize;
 14. Stresses the importance of the role of prizes and requests the Director-General to ensure, in this connection, the enhancement of the prestige of UNESCO, the promotion of its image and improvement of the visibility of its action, through, *inter alia*, the appropriate use of information and communication technologies.