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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1 **Agenda, timetable of work and report of the Bureau** (185 EX/1 and Add.; 185 EX/2 and Add.; 185 EX/INF.1; 185 EX/INF.3)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 185 EX/1 and Add. and 185 EX/INF.1.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items of its agenda to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 6 (I, IV), 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 47; and for programme-related aspects, items 4, 5, 6 (III, V), 17 and 45;
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 6 (II, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X), 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 4, 5, 6 (III, V), 17 and 45;

and to refer the following items to the **joint meeting of the PX and FA Commissions:** items 16, 18, 19, 24, 29, 32 and 38.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in documents 185 EX/2 and Add. concerning the following agenda items:

- 10 Invitations to the International Conference of States for the Revision of the 1983 Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific (185 EX/10);
- 46 Invitations to the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts (category II) related to a draft recommendation on the conservation of the historic urban landscape (185 EX/46).

(185 EX/SR.1)

2 **Approval of the summary records of the 184th session** (184 EX/SR.1-9)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 184th session.

(185 EX/SR.1)

3 **Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (185 EX/PRIV.1; 185 EX/INF.22)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(185 EX/SR.8)

REPORTING ITEMS

4 **Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (185 EX/4 Parts I and II; 185 EX/INF.10; 185 EX/INF.12; 185 EX/INF.13; 185 EX/INF.14; 185 EX/INF.16; 185 EX/INF.17; 185 EX/INF.18; 185 EX/INF.19; 185 EX/INF. 21; 185 EX/51; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium and appropriated to the regular budget,

the transfers made between appropriation lines, as well as proposed transfers to reflect organizational restructuring, in accordance with 35 C/Resolution 106, paragraphs 2 (b), (d) and (e), and document 185 EX/4 Part II,

I

2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total of **\$2,173,084** as follows:

	\$
Part II.A – Major Programme I	86,628
Part II.A – Major Programme II	685,402
Part II.A – Major Programme III	112,368
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	548,070
Part II.A – Major Programme V	324,309
Part II.B – Programme-related services (BSP)	25,620
Part III.A – External Relations and Cooperation	24,950
Part III.B – Field Management and Coordination (indirect costs for field offices)	365,737
Total	<u>2,173,084</u>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 9 of document 185 EX/4 Part II;

II

4. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 80 and 35 C/Resolution 92 whereby the Director-General is authorized to continue to apply to the staff of UNESCO the measures affecting the salaries, allowances and other benefits that may be adopted either by the United Nations General Assembly or, by virtue of the authority conferred upon it, by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), and the provision of paragraph 2 (d) of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011 by virtue of which the Director-General is authorized, with the prior approval of the Executive Board, to make transfers from Part IV of the budget (Anticipated Cost Increases) to the relevant appropriation lines in Parts I to III for the purpose of meeting increases in staff costs,
5. Notes that certain staff cost statutory requirements have been identified which have a budgetary impact of **\$6,472,600** and which would normally be financed under Part IV of the budget;

III

6. Recalling the provision of paragraph 2 (e) of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011 by virtue of which the Director-General can make transfers between appropriation lines up to an amount of 1% of the initial appropriation and inform Members of the Executive Board, in writing at the session following such action, of the details of and reasons for these transfers,
7. Also recalling the provision of paragraph 2 (e) of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011 by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines which exceed the 1% limit may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,

8. Notes that the Director-General has made transfers between appropriation lines in support of UNESCO's participation in the United Nations common country programming exercises as follows:

	\$
Major Programme I – Education	(368,050)
Major Programme II – Natural sciences	(139,150)
Major Programme III – Social and human sciences	(90,400)
Major Programme IV – Culture	(120,845)
Major Programme V – Communication and information	(123,200)
Total, Part II.A	(841,645)
Part II.B – Bureau of Strategic Planning (BSP)	841,645
Total, Part II.B	841,645

9. Approves transfers between appropriation lines:
- \$976,800 concerning the transfer of the Division of Cooperation with Extrabudgetary Funding Sources (CFS) from Part III.A – External Relations and Cooperation (ERC) to Part II.B – Bureau of Strategic Planning (BSP);
 - \$1,016,700 relating to the transfer of the Division of Gender Equality from Part II.B – Bureau of Strategic Planning (BSP) to Part I.B – Office of the Director-General (ODG);
10. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table annexed to document 185 EX/4 Part II;
11. Further takes note of the debates on the savings and the use of savings, and invites the Director-General to report on the actual activity with regard to any cost savings to it at its 186th session.

(185 EX/SR.9)

- 5 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions** (185 EX/5 and Corr. and Add. and Add.2; 185 EX/51; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

**Implementation of 35 C/Resolution 49 and 184 EX/Decision 5 (IV)
relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem**

N.B. After considering this item and following a vote taken by roll-call, with 31 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 17 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

- Having examined document 185 EX/5 Add.,
- Recalling document 182 EX/5 (V),
- Recalling 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision, 177 EX/Decision 20, 179 EX/Decisions 9 and 52 and 184 EX/Decision 5 (IV),
- Further recalling Decisions 31 COM 7A.18, 32 COM 7A.18 and 33 COM 7A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007), 32nd (Quebec City, 2008), 33rd (Seville, 2009) and 34th (Brasilia, 2010) sessions respectively,

5. Also recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage, including the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the relevant provisions of the 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972, the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,
6. Recalling the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice in the case concerning “the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory” regarding the applicability of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the related duties of the United Nations and its specialized agencies thereon,
7. Reaffirming the purpose and spirit of the professional encounter at the technical level of 13 January 2008, as well as of the follow-up meeting of 24 February 2008,
8. Noting the Sixth Reinforced Monitoring Reports (February 2009) prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
9. Deeply regretting in this regard, the postponement of the follow-up meeting of experts which was scheduled for 12 November 2008, as called for in Decision 33 COM 7A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee in Seville and reiterated in 182 EX/Decision 5 (II), as well as of the planned visit of Jordanian technical experts to the Mughrabi Ascent site on 27 July 2009, and requested visits of 17 December 2009 and 9 March 2010 due to the repeated denial of access by Israeli authorities, to Jordanian technical experts to the Mughrabi Ascent site, to enable them to conduct the required measurements to finalize the Jordanian design in accordance with the World Heritage Committee decision (33 COM 7A.18) adopted in Seville and reiterated in 182 EX/Decision 5 (II),
10. Recognizing the deep concerns regarding the decision taken by the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Commission on the town planning scheme for the Mughrabi Ascent,
11. Requests that, despite the decision mentioned in paragraph 10, the process for the design of the Mughrabi Ascent be inclusive of all parties concerned, in accordance with obligations and duties of such parties as stipulated in the content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions;
12. Reaffirms in this regard that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, should be taken which will affect the authenticity and integrity of the site, in accordance with the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972 and the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954;
13. Notes the request made by the World Heritage Committee at its 33rd session in Decision 33 COM 7A.18 and asks, in this regard, that the Israeli authorities resume cooperation with all concerned parties, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts;
14. Deeply regrets that Israel continues to act unilaterally in disregard of the relevant provisions of the instruments mentioned in paragraph 5 and Decision 33 COM 7A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 33rd session (Seville, 2009), and 182 EX/Decision 15, and contrary to the purpose and spirit of the technical professional encounter of 13 January 2008, as well as the follow-up meeting of 24 February 2008,

which aimed at finding an accepted coordinated and monitored solution concerning the Mughrabi Ascent among all parties concerned;

15. Reaffirms the necessity of Israel's cooperation in order to arrange for access to the Mughrabi Ascent site for Jordanian and Waqf experts, and reiterates its call on the Director-General to organize a follow-up meeting of experts as soon as possible, once the parties concerned have reached an understanding;
16. Reaffirms that the UNESCO mandated process for designing of the Mughrabi Ascent, which allows for taking into consideration the designs submitted during the aforementioned professional encounter, is still under way and that the World Heritage Centre is following closely the developments associated with this process through its reinforced monitoring mechanism;
17. Calls upon Israel to enable the necessary access to the site to Jordanian and Waqf experts, most notably, in order to take the necessary measurements for the concept design proposed by Jordan, as evaluated by ICOMOS and ICCROM, and to enable Jordan as a concerned party to present its final design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent;
18. Expresses its thanks to the Director-General for the actions she is taking to facilitate dialogue and professional exchanges between all parties concerned;
19. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon at its 186th session.

(185 EX/SR.9)

- 6 Reports by the Director-General on specific matters** (185 EX/6 Part I; 185 EX/6 Part II and Add.; 185 EX/6 Part III; 185 EX/6 Part IV; 185 EX/6 Part V; 185 EX/6 Part VI and 185 EX/INF.6; 185 EX/6 Part VII and Add. and 185 EX/INF.7 and Add.; 185 EX/6 Part VIII and 185 EX/INF.8; 185 EX/6 Part IX and Add.; 185 EX/6 Part X and Add; 185 EX/51; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

I

Implementation of UNESCO's Strategy on Human Rights and the Integrated Strategy to Combat Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 35,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/6 Part I,
3. Takes note of the Director-General's efforts to reinforce the implementation of the programme concerning the UNESCO Strategy on Human Rights (2003) and of the Integrated Strategy to Combat Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (2003), as well as to mainstream human rights further into all UNESCO's programmes;
4. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 187th session, a summary of the outcome of the Organization's programme in this regard, where implemented.

II

Revised Publication and Distribution Plan 2010-2011 and progress report on the implementation of 184 EX/Decision 6 (II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 31 (I), 180 EX/Decision 40 (I), 181 EX/Decision 39 and 184 EX/Decision 6 (II),
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/6 Part II and Add.,
3. Takes note of the progress achieved to date by the Director-General in implementing both the External Auditor's recommendations and the Executive Board's decision at its 184th session;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to reinforce the publications policy, to improve the quality of the editorial production, to continue to promote multilingualism, to ensure the visibility of the Organization and to continue to streamline and better target the number of UNESCO publications;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to it regularly, within her general reporting, on progress in implementation of the UNESCO publications policy.

III

Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's post-earthquake response in Haiti: medium- and long-term cooperation strategy in coordination with other United Nations agencies

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 184 EX/Decision 33,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/6 Part III,
3. Emphasizing the need to strengthen UNESCO's cooperation with Haiti in support of the efforts of the Government to promote reconstruction, peace and development through education, the natural sciences, the social and human sciences, culture, and communication and information, following the devastating earthquake that struck the country on 12 January 2010,
4. Stressing UNESCO's role and that of its Member States in restoring education services and opportunities in a holistic manner and in strengthening the institutional capacities of the Haitian education system,
5. Recognizing the importance of culture, including cultural heritage in all its forms, to the rebuilding of Haiti and to the national identity of the Haitian people,
6. Welcoming the outcome of the first meeting of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Haitian Cultural Heritage, held at UNESCO Headquarters on 7 and 8 July 2010,
7. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for her prompt initiatives and the action taken by UNESCO to respond to the urgent needs of Haiti and to develop the medium- and long-term cooperation strategy for Haiti in order to ensure consistent and sustainable support for the reconstruction in the Organization's fields of competence;

8. Approves the medium- and long-term cooperation strategy for Haiti submitted by the Director-General;
9. Calls on all Member States to consider supporting UNESCO's role and activities with regard to Haiti in all relevant international forums;
10. Further calls on Member States, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental agencies and foundations to provide extrabudgetary resources to reinforce UNESCO's efforts in support of the reconstruction and capacity-building of Haiti in its fields of competence;
11. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report on the implementation of this decision at its 186th session, emphasizing the results achieved as well as the volume of resources disbursed.

IV

Evaluations completed during the 2010-2011 biennium (synthesis of the strategic programme objective evaluations)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 184 EX/Decision 27,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/6 Part IV and its annexes,
3. Requests the Director-General to implement the recommendations contained in each strategic programme objective evaluation report that do not require a decision by the Executive Board and/or the General Conference;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to report to it on evaluations completed on a biannual basis.

V

Biennial evaluation report on the activities and results of all UNESCO decentralized bodies

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 6 (II) and 35 C/Resolution 82 (II),
2. Having examined document 185 EX/6 Part V,
3. Takes note of its content, and invites the Director-General to take into account the recommendations contained in the report and to pursue the action aimed at building a culture of evaluation within the Secretariat of UNESCO.

VI

Report by the Director-General on the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities including the updated extrabudgetary resource mobilization strategic plan

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 185 EX/6 Part VI and 185 EX/INF.6,

2. Recognizes the efforts by the Director-General to strengthen the coherence and programmatic concentration of the Complementary Additional Programme and to make it more accessible and attractive to potential donors and partners;
3. Notes the updated extrabudgetary resource mobilization strategic plan;
4. Requests that self-benefiting funds be reported separately by the Director-General;
5. Further takes note of the Director-General's ongoing efforts to:
 - (a) promote a better understanding of the cost-recovery policy and proper project budgeting;
 - (b) increase the efficiency of project proposal preparation by developing and implementing simple and automated processes;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 187th session on the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities at Headquarters and in the field, as well as on the cost-recovery policy.

VII

Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 67,
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/6 Part VII and Add. and 185 EX/INF.7 and Add.,
3. Takes note of their content.

VIII

Geographical distribution and gender balance in the staff of the Secretariat

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 93,
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/6 Part VIII and 185 EX/INF.8,
3. Takes note of their content;
4. Recalls Article VI.4 of the Constitution, and encourages the Director-General to continue to make efforts in order to ensure a balanced geographical and gender representation in the Secretariat;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit a progress report on geographical representation and gender balance to it at its 186th session.

IX

**Report by the Director-General on the development
of the human resources strategy**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 82 (I),
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/6 Part IX and Add.,
3. Takes note of the work accomplished to date in preparation of the human resources strategy for 2011-2016, and invites the Director-General to pursue this work with a view to submitting the human resources strategy to it at its 186th session, taking into account UNESCO's staff policy.

X

**Report by the Director-General on the state
of the Medical Benefits Fund**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 95,
2. Bearing in mind the importance of securing the long-term financial stability and viability of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF),
3. Having examined documents 185 EX/6 Part X and Add.,
4. Notes with concern the increasing shortfall in the MBF balance;
5. Also notes that a number of critical areas have been identified in the report to enhance the sustainability of the MBF and improve the effectiveness of the plan's governance;
6. Requests the Director-General when preparing the Action Plan on the review of the MBF to:
 - (a) ensure that MBF Plan provisions do not exceed those of pertinent peer organizations in the United Nations system in order to reduce future claim costs and minimize the impact of increased funding in the future;
 - (b) review the current administrative procedures and processes of the MBF, as requested in 35 C/Resolution 95;
 - (c) revise the composition and methods of work of the governance of the Fund;
 - (d) ensure the participation of the observer Member States in the working group created to review the organization and working methods of the MBF;
7. Further requests the Director-General to submit the Action Plan to it at its 186th session, taking into account the discussions at the 185th session.

(185 EX/SR.9)

7 Reports by the governing bodies of UNESCO intergovernmental programmes and category 1 institutes

No reports were foreseen at this session.

PROGRAMME MATTERS

8 Progress and challenges in achieving the education for all (EFA) goals by 2015 (185 EX/8; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 10,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/8,
3. Expresses its deep concern that despite the remarkable progress since 2000 in implementing education for all (EFA), if current trends continue, millions of children and adults, the majority of whom are female, will still be without access to learning opportunities by 2015 with the result that the agreed goals will not be achieved;
4. Encourages the efforts of the Director-General to advocate greater funding for EFA, in particular through innovative development financing sources;
5. Further encourages the Director-General to seek additional extrabudgetary resources for UNESCO's contribution to EFA;
6. Welcomes the efforts made by UNESCO to enhance the role of the High-Level Group on Education for All to improve the EFA coordination mechanisms and to strengthen UNESCO's active presence in the "One United Nations" framework in order to achieve the EFA goals;
7. Aware that the Director-General has intensified her efforts to ensure that the crucial role of education in development processes is reaffirmed in major forthcoming events,
8. Notes with satisfaction UNESCO's continued collaboration with the EFA convening agencies and attempts to reinforce links with other relevant United Nations organizations;
9. Reiterates to the Director-General the importance of promoting South-South cooperation and the exchange of best practices with a view to the achievement of the education-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and EFA goals;
10. Requests the Director-General to include in her activity reports for the 186th session of the Executive Board information on the key outcomes of and UNESCO's participation in the Millennium Development Goals, the G-20 summits and other relevant international forums and planned follow-up activities;
11. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 186th session a report that would include:
 - (a) key findings and recommendations of the EFA coordination review paper;
 - (b) updated information on EFA coordination and joint actions at the regional and national level in collaboration with the respective stakeholders and the result of UNESCO's action in the 20 priority countries;

- (c) the progress made under the Education Sector's programmes and activities aimed at achieving the EFA goals and the main results obtained, including best practices;
- (d) a plan of action for UNESCO's work on the advocacy of quality Education for All including measures envisaged until 2015 to give a new impetus to the implementation of EFA, in particular with respect to the quality of education.

(185 EX/SR.9)

9 Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014): adoption and implementation of the UNESCO strategy for the second half of the Decade (185 EX/9 and Add.; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 6, 172 EX/Decision 10, 177 EX/Decision 9, 34 C/Resolution 19, 181 EX/Decision 5 (I), 182 EX/Decision 8, 35 C/Resolution 13 and 184 EX/Decision 11,
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/9 and Add.,
3. Adopts the UNESCO Strategy for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), and recognizes the comprehensive nature of the Bonn Declaration as an important basis for guiding work on education for sustainable development (ESD) in the second half of the Decade;
4. Recognizes that the end-of-Decade conference, to be convened in Japan in 2014, will sum up various ESD efforts and outcomes of the implementation of the Bonn Declaration and the UNESCO Strategy;
5. Endorses the schedule and draft road map to the end-of-Decade conference, as contained in document 185 EX/9;
6. Invites all Member States to participate actively in the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development;
7. Calls upon the Director-General to:
 - (a) maintain ESD as one of the focal issues of the Education Sector in the drafting process leading to document 36 C/5;
 - (b) mobilize all UNESCO programme sectors and networks to contribute actively to the implementation of the Strategy and, as appropriate, in coordination with the National Commissions;
 - (c) present the Strategy to the United Nations General Assembly at its 65th session in Autumn 2010;
 - (d) ensure funding for the implementation of the Strategy within existing resources in the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources, including those mobilized through innovative funding;
 - (e) report to it at its 186th session on the implementation of the Strategy at the global and regional levels and keep it regularly informed regarding the implementation of the Strategy.

(185 EX/SR.9)

10 Invitations to the International Conference of States for the Revision of the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific (185 EX/10; 185 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 11, by which the General Conference authorized the Executive Board to take appropriate measures for the successful convening of the International Conference of States to examine and adopt amendments to the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/10,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the International Conference of States to examine and adopt amendments to the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO in the Asia and the Pacific region, as well as to the States Parties to the Convention in accordance with paragraph 5 of document 185 EX/10;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO not invited under paragraph 5 of document 185 EX/10;
 - (c) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph 7 of document 185 EX/10;
 - (d) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraphs 8 and 9 of document 185 EX/10;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to send out any other invitations that she may deem useful for advancing the work of the Conference, notifying the Executive Board thereof.

(185 EX/SR.1)

11 Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's mandate for the basic sciences: challenges and prospects for action on the threshold of the new Medium-Term Strategy (185 EX/11; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 10 and 182 EX/Decision 14,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/11,
3. Endorsing the Director-General's views expressed in the report,
4. Reiterating that institutional and human capacity-building remains a major challenge to be addressed by UNESCO in order to overcome present divides in science, science education and technology between the North and South,

5. Appreciating the contribution of the International Basic Sciences Programme to date and the opportunities that it offers for action,
6. Reaffirming that UNESCO should not only serve as a forum for policy debates, but also foster high-impact action for harnessing international and regional cooperation in capacity-building in science and technology, science education and the use of scientific knowledge,
7. Calling for intensified international collaboration through cost-sharing partnerships in the basic sciences and their use in response to societal needs and environmental challenges,
8. Appreciating the Director-General's initial reflections on the role of the basic sciences in the context of preparing the next Medium-Term Strategy,
9. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) develop further the International Basic Sciences Programme in line with the recommendations of UNESCO's Ministerial Round Tables on "The Basic Sciences: The Science Lever for Development" (2005) and "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development and the Role of UNESCO" (2007) and in line with 181 EX/Decision 10 and 182 EX/Decision 14;
 - (b) ensure that the International Basic Sciences Programme and its specific mission are duly reflected in the next Medium-Term Strategy, on the basis of the consultation of Member States that she will hold in line with 182 EX/Decision 14;
 - (c) take into consideration the four areas of engagement by the Organization in the basic sciences, as expressed in paragraph 12 of document 185 EX/11.

(185 EX/SR.9)

12 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility of establishing an international engineering programme at UNESCO (185 EX/12 and Add.; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 66 and 35 C/Resolution 32,
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/12 and Add.,
3. Recognizing the vital importance of engineering and technology as core building-blocks of knowledge that underpin and drive sustainable development, poverty reduction and the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs), as well as increasing worldwide concern regarding capacity shortages, the declining interest and enrolment of young people in engineering and the adverse effects that these trends will have on human and institutional capacity in engineering and on sustainable development,
4. Highlighting the particular need for human, institutional and infrastructure capacity-building in engineering and technology, especially in developing countries,
5. Considering the results of the feasibility study and the views of principal partner organizations, especially national member organizations of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations and the call from World Engineers' Conventions in 2000, 2004 and 2008,

6. Emphasizing that the goals of any future proposed international engineering programme should be in keeping with the strategic objectives set out in document 34 C/4 and the Organization's unique mandate within the United Nations system,
7. Requests the Director-General to make a proposal thereon to it at its 186th session in the context of her submission of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5) and to present solutions on how to strengthen research, education and capacity-building in the field of engineering, focusing on UNESCO's comparative advantages and taking into account the discussion by the Executive Board at its 185th session.

(185 EX/SR.9)

13 Report on the desirability of preparing a draft universal declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (185 EX/13; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 185 EX/13,
2. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 36,
3. Also recalling its request at its 181st session (181 EX/Decision 15) that the Director-General enhance the Plan of Action for the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, in particular by focusing on the social and ethical implications thereof,
4. Further recalling the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (180 EX/16 Rev. – October 2008) and the Enhanced Plan of Action for the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (182 EX/INF.7 Annex – September 2009),
5. Taking note of UNESCO's Climate Change Initiative (December 2009) which includes ethical and social questions in relation to climate change,
6. Also taking note of the views expressed by Member States and United Nations agencies in the course of consultation meetings and in response to the questionnaire circulated in February 2010,
7. Further taking note of the interim report by the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) entitled "Towards an Ethical Framework for Climate Change Policies" (June 2010),
8. Further taking note, too, of the recommendation made by COMEST at its extraordinary session (28-30 June 2010) that the preparation of a draft declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change would not be feasible for submission to the General Conference at its 36th session,
9. Requests the Director-General to take into account recent scientific and scholarly findings on the ethics of climate change and submit to it at its 186th session a report reviewing the issues relevant to the assessment of the desirability of preparing a declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change, with particular reference to the outcomes of the sixteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP-16) and to related international processes, with a view to informing deliberation on the follow-up to 35 C/Resolution 36 by the General Conference at its 36th session,

10. Also requests the Director-General to invite COMEST to continue to work on the desirability of an ethical framework for climate change policies.

(185 EX/SR.9)

14 Jerusalem and the implementation of 35 C/Resolution 49 and 184 EX/Decision 12
(185 EX/14; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

N.B. After considering this item and following a vote taken by roll-call, with 34 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 19 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 184 EX/Decision 12, and having examined document 185 EX/14,
2. Also recalling resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on Jerusalem, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
3. Further recalling General Conference resolutions and Executive Board decisions regarding the appointment of a permanent representative of the Director-General of UNESCO on the issue of Jerusalem,
4. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of East Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
5. Expresses its deep concern over the ongoing Israeli excavations and archaeological works on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and in the Old City of Jerusalem, which contradict UNESCO decisions and conventions and United Nations and Security Council resolutions;
6. Also expresses its concern about the ongoing Israeli practices in East Jerusalem, that dangerously affect the city's distinctive character, both religious and cultural, historical and demographical;
7. Reaffirms the religious significance of the Old City of Jerusalem for Muslims, Christians and Jews;
8. Invites the Director-General to appoint, as soon as possible, the permanent and eminent expert(s) to be stationed in East Jerusalem to report on a regular basis about all the aspects covering the architectural, educational, cultural and demographical situation in the City of East Jerusalem;
9. Invites the Israeli authorities to facilitate the work of the expert(s) in conformity with its adherence to UNESCO decisions and conventions;
10. Invites Member States to provide the necessary assistance to finance the work of the expert(s) from extrabudgetary resources;

11. Thanks the international donors for their generous contributions for the implementation of projects within the framework of the UNESCO Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
12. Expresses its sincere thanks to the Director-General for her commitment to pursue the efforts for the safeguarding of the unique heritage of the City of Jerusalem, in compliance with the relevant General Conference resolutions and Executive Board decisions;
13. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 186th session and invites the Director-General to submit a follow-up report on this matter.

(185 EX/SR.9)

15 Implementation of 184 EX/Decision 37 on “the two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrahīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl bin Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem” (185 EX/15; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

N.B. After considering this item and following a vote taken by roll-call , with 44 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 12 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 184 EX/Decision 37, and having examined document 185 EX/15,
2. Also recalling resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage in the occupied Arab territories, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
3. Further recalling the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970),
4. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage located in the occupied Arab territories, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions,
5. Sharing the concern expressed by the Director-General regarding the announcement made by the Israeli authorities that two sites, namely al-Ḥaram al-Ibrahīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in the city of al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Mosque of Bilāl bin Rabāḥ (Tomb of Rachel), in Bethlehem, both located in the occupied Palestinian territories, are to be included in the Israeli national heritage list,
6. Also sharing the conviction affirmed by the international community that the two sites are of religious significance for Judaism, Christianity and Islam,
7. Reaffirms that the two sites are an integral part of the occupied Palestinian territories and that any unilateral action by the Israeli authorities is to be considered a violation of international law, the UNESCO conventions and the United Nations and Security Council resolutions;
8. Regrets the Israeli authorities’ decision to include the two sites in the Israeli national heritage list;

9. Urges the Israeli authorities to abide by international law and the relevant international conventions and decisions;
10. Also urges the Israeli authorities to remove the two sites from the Israeli national heritage list;
11. Thanks the Director-General for her commitment to strengthening UNESCO's financial and technical assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in compliance with the UNESCO General Conference resolution at its 35th session;
12. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report at its 186th session and decides to include this item in the agenda of the 186th session of the Executive Board.

(185 EX/SR.9)

Institutes and centres

- 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; 185 EX/53)

[I]

[Proposal for the establishment of an international centre on sustainable development of mountain territories in Vladikavkaz (Russian Federation)]

This sub-item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 185 EX/1.

II

Proposal for the establishment in Beijing, China, of an international research and training centre for science and technology strategy

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 in 35 C/Resolution 103,
2. Welcoming the proposal of the Government 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 and Corr.,
4. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study;
5. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be such as to meet the requirements 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, China, of the International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy under the auspices of UNESCO as a category 2 centre and authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement annexed to document 185 EX/16 Part II Corr.

III

**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**

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 the 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 Portugal,
4. Noting the support for the Portuguese proposal by the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries,
5. Highlighting important opportunities for action that 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 establishment 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 the 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 Portugal annexed to document 185 EX/16 Part III.

(185 EX/SR.10)

DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2012-2013 (36 C/5)

- 17 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5)** (185 EX/17 Part I and Corr., and Addenda (A), (B), (C); 185 EX/17 Part II; 185 EX/INF.21; 185 EX/51; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the preliminary proposals by the Director-General for priority fields of action for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5) contained in documents 185 EX/17 Parts I and II, the regional consultations of National Commissions and the summary of responses by Member States and by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the questionnaire by the Director-General contained in documents 185 EX/17 Part I and Corr. and Addenda (A), (B), (C) and 185 EX/PX/DR.7,

2. Taking into account its discussions in Plenary and in the PX and FA Commissions at its 185th session on the preparations for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5),
3. Invites the Director-General to prepare the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5), bearing in mind the guidance given in this decision;

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

4. Restates its firm allegiance to UNESCO's mandate to construct the defences of peace in the minds of men and to build a culture of peace and non-violence, as enshrined in its Constitution;
5. Welcomes the Director-General's new vision for the work of UNESCO and her intention to enhance the relevance, impact and visibility of the Organization;
6. Concerned by the adverse impact of the multiple global crises on development gains and prospects and by their consequences for human well-being and sustainable development,
7. Emphasizes UNESCO's commitment and contribution to the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs), including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
8. Stresses that UNESCO's programme orientation until 2015 should be closely aligned with the relevant provisions of the Outcome Document adopted at the September 2010 High-Level Plenary Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the MDGs as well as the outcomes of the subsequent General Assembly's high-level review meetings on biodiversity and on small island developing States (SIDS);
9. Further stresses that UNESCO in designing its programmes must already now prepare to look beyond 2015, the year when the MDGs and the EFA Goals are to be attained;
10. Resolves to demonstrate UNESCO's leadership in building a culture of peace and non-violence;
11. Emphasizes that the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4), with its global priorities, overarching and strategic programme objectives and its intersectoral approach, must serve as the guiding framework for the preparation of the Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5);
12. Highlights the five established functions of UNESCO, as set out in document 34 C/4 – laboratory of ideas, standard-setter, clearing house, capacity-builder in Member States in UNESCO's fields of competence and catalyst for international cooperation;
13. Underscores the need to undertake prospective studies and exercise foresight in all of UNESCO's fields of competence;
14. Underlines the validity of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments and the need to foster their effective implementation;
15. Recalls UNESCO's commitment to promote in all of its programmes and with sufficient resources the two global priorities of the Organization, namely Africa and gender equality;
16. Calls for increased action in favour of the least developed countries (LDCs), small island developing States (SIDS), the poorest and disadvantaged segments of society, including indigenous peoples, and countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations;

17. Acknowledges the important role and strategic contribution of UNESCO in responding to the needs of middle-income countries (MICs);
18. Further acknowledges that South-South cooperation and North-South-South cooperation are critical modalities for the delivery of UNESCO's Programme requiring special fund mobilization;
19. Considers that youth as a priority group must be involved in and benefit from UNESCO's programmes, as appropriate, and receive particular attention throughout UNESCO's programmes to facilitate their empowerment, inclusion and contribution to a culture of peace and non-violence;
20. Underlines the importance of intersectorality and interdisciplinarity in ensuring UNESCO's ability to provide flexible and consistent responses to complex contemporary challenges, especially at the country level;
21. Recognizes UNESCO's demonstrated ability and relevance to provide upstream policy advice and capacity and skills development, in the Organization's fields of competence, and the need to strengthen its action in these areas;
22. Stresses the continuing need to promote human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence and to apply a human rights-based approach to programming;
23. Underlines the need to reflect in document 36 C/5 UNESCO's full commitment to cooperation with the United Nations system, especially through common country approaches responding to national development priorities;
24. Recalls the need for UNESCO to take into account the recommendations of the United Nations General Assembly on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development;
25. Underlines the unique role of the National Commissions as constituent elements of UNESCO and contributors to programme implementation;
26. Encourages the development of UNESCO's partnerships in order to reinforce its impact while respecting the values of the Organization;
27. Underscores that document 36 C/5 should comply with the principles of results-based management (RBM), including measurable results supported by meaningful performance indicators and benchmarks, and emphasizes the need to avoid input and output indicators;
28. Recalls that all extrabudgetary contributions must be complementary and coherent with the priorities of the regular programme;
29. Considers that the preparatory and consultative process leading to the preliminary proposals of the Director-General concerning the C/5 document should be reviewed in order to make it more targeted and cost-effective while improving its efficiency and maintaining its inclusive nature;
30. Recalls the absolute need for UNESCO to concentrate and focus its action on its programme priorities (180 EX/Decision 21, para. 6), bearing in mind also the relevant recommendations of the 2010 independent external evaluation (185 EX/18);

GLOBAL PRIORITIES

31. Reaffirms that the global priority accorded to Africa and gender equality must be translated into action in all of UNESCO's fields of competence;

Africa

32. Notes the opportunity and need for further strategic and operational contributions by UNESCO to meet the national development priorities of African Member States, taking into account the major goals set by the African Union (AU) and by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD);
33. Decides that UNESCO shall also render assistance to African Member States in the areas of peace-building, culture of peace and non-violence, reconciliation, dialogue and regional integration, and in post-conflict and post-disaster situations;
34. Invites the Director-General to include in document 36 C/5 an overview of programme elements for UNESCO's engagement with Africa to be prepared in consultation with the African Member States and the African Union, taking into account, in particular, the Outcome Document of the September 2010 High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the MDGs;
35. Requests that indications of resources earmarked for coordination purposes and for interventions by programme sectors in support of Africa be provided in document 36 C/5;
36. Recognizes the role of the office established to liaise with the African Union in Addis Ababa in facilitating cooperation between the two organizations;

Gender equality

37. Underlines that the approved Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2008-2013 must be fully implemented and its expected outcomes attained, including through document 36 C/5;
38. Recognizes that gender equality concerns must be integrated into UNESCO's assistance to Member States at the regional and country levels;
39. Requests that indications of resources earmarked for coordination purposes and for interventions by programme sectors in support of gender equality, as envisaged by 181 EX/Decision 4 (I), be provided in document 36 C/5;
40. Underlines that it is important for UNESCO to develop close cooperation in all of its fields of competence with the new United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women "UN Women", which envisages scaled-up United Nations action and a more effective and coherent inter-agency collaboration, including at the country level;

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES**Major Programme I – Education**

41. Recommends that Major Programme I be structured in accordance with the following framework:

Major Programme I – Education				
36 C/5 Biennial sectoral priorities (BSPs)	BSP 1: Scaling up equity, inclusion and quality in education and lifelong learning for sustainable development and a culture of peace and non-violence			BSP 1: Strengthening global leadership in education
Main lines of action (MLAs)	MLA 1: Accelerating progress towards EFA, in particular at the country level, including through information and communication technologies (ICTs)	MLA 2: Building effective and inclusive education systems	MLA 3: Supporting education system responses to contemporary challenges for sustainable development and a culture of peace and non-violence	MLA 4: Reinforcing leadership for EFA through advocacy, partnerships and monitoring
Thematic areas of expected results	1. Capacity development for sector-wide policy formulation and planning 2. Literacy and lifelong learning 3. Teachers 4. Skills development through TVET for the world of work	5. Early childhood care and education 6. Primary and secondary education 7. Higher education and research	8. ESD, including climate change education 9. HIV/AIDS and education 10. Education for values, citizenship, human rights, tolerance and dialogue for reconciliation and peace	11. EFA coordination, advocacy and partnerships 12. Global advocacy and partnerships to promote education for girls and women 13. Monitoring EFA and the right to education 14. Knowledge-sharing and foresight in education

42. Underlines the importance of supporting countries in their efforts to accelerate progress and attain all EFA goals and the two education-related MDGs by 2015;
43. Emphasizes the paramount importance of responding to the education needs of African countries in line with Priority Africa;
44. Underlines UNESCO's strong commitment to Priority Gender Equality and, in particular, its abiding commitment to education for girls and women, requiring the full implementation of the Priority Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP) for 2008-2013;
45. Reaffirms the need for the development of education for dialogue, tolerance and reconciliation, human rights education, values education, education for democracy and citizenship education as part of the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, including from an intersectoral perspective;
46. Emphasizes the continuing need to strengthen global advocacy of EFA in all its dimensions;
47. Recognizes the importance of a comprehensive, system-wide approach to education and lifelong learning, including formal, informal and non-formal education;
48. Calls on UNESCO to exert its leadership role for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) in an effective manner;

49. Reaffirms the importance of strengthening the linkages between ESD and EFA;
50. Insists on a comprehensive and integrated follow-up to all major education conferences held from 2008 onwards;
51. Calls for increased action in the area of higher education and research, including the follow-up to the recommendations of the 2009 World Conference on Higher Education and strengthened collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU) and the University for Peace;
52. Reaffirms the need to strengthen South-South cooperation at all levels of education with a view to the achievement of the education-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the six EFA goals and to intensify fund-raising efforts as part of UNESCO's strategy in this field;
53. Considers it desirable to develop mechanisms for innovative financing for education in Member States;
54. Stresses the importance of scaling up activities for the development of capacities and competences in the area of teacher training and of pursuing vigorously the Teacher Training Initiative for Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA);
55. Underlines the need to focus in Major Programme I on secondary education, skills development and technical and vocational education and training (TVET), science education and the use of ICTs in education;
56. Emphasizes the importance of category 1 institutes in education and their crucial contribution to UNESCO's programme;
57. Underscores the importance of responding to the needs of countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations and of developing adequate approaches to disaster-risk reduction in the area of education;
58. Calls for increased cooperation with EFA partners at all levels, including United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations at the global, regional and country levels;
59. Expresses its commitment to strengthen the links and dialogue with UNESCO's networks in support of the internationally agreed education goals and UNESCO's values and to that end, to fully mobilize the Associated Schools Project Network, the UNESCO Chairs, the University Twinning Programme (UNITWIN), the UNESCO International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (UNEVOC) network, and regional and subregional education networks and programmes;
60. Points to the important role of knowledge management and of the exchange of good practices, lessons learnt and feedback on the work of UNESCO's field offices, institutes and networks in improving the Organization's policy advice and capacity development activities;
61. Underlines the need for UNESCO, as a global leader in education, to undertake foresight activities, including future-oriented analysis and a global policy dialogue on emerging trends and challenges in education beyond 2015;

Major Programme II – Natural sciences

62. Recommends that Major Programme II be structured in accordance with the following framework:

Major Programme II – Natural sciences							
36 C/5 Biennial sectoral priorities (BSPs)	BSP 1: Strengthening science, technology and innovation (STI) systems and policies for sustainable development, poverty eradication and a culture of peace and non-violence			BSP 2: Mobilizing science for the sustainable use of natural resources and renewable energies and for energy efficiency and for natural disaster reduction and mitigation			
Main lines of action (MLAs)	MLA 1: Promoting STI policies and access to knowledge	MLA 2: Building capacities in the basic sciences, including through IBSP, engineering and for the use of renewable energy	MLA 3: Mobilizing broad-based societal participation in STI	MLA 4: UNESCO IOC: strengthening IOC with a view to improving governance and fostering intergovernmental cooperation in managing and protecting oceans and coastal zones for the benefit of Member States	MLA 5: Freshwater systems under stress and societal responses, incorporating the work of the IHP and WWAP	MLA 6: Enabling the application of ecological and earth sciences for sustainability, including through the MAB Programme and the IGCP	MLA 7: Natural disaster risk reduction and mitigation

63. Underscores the critical contribution of natural sciences to sustainable development and a culture of peace and non-violence;
64. Stresses the need for UNESCO to promote international cooperation and regional initiatives in the natural sciences;
65. Endorses the strong focus on the development of science, technology and innovation policies and the support for the emergence of a culture of innovation in developing countries, in particular Africa, in conjunction with multiple partners from civil society and at the grass-roots level;
66. Underscores the need to strengthen programmes for women and girls in the natural sciences as well as in engineering;
67. Emphasizes the importance of science, technology and innovation as factors of social inclusion and human development, in particular for youth, thereby also strengthening a culture of peace and non-violence;
68. Endorses the importance attached to activities relating to sustainable development and climate change benefiting small island developing States (SIDS);
69. Underscores the need to develop further South-South and North-South-South cooperation in the natural sciences, in particular in higher education and research;
70. Considers that UNESCO should strengthen its cooperation with other organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations in science and technology;
71. Emphasizes the need to cooperate with National Commissions in the delivery of Major Programme II;
72. Further emphasizes the need to strengthen cooperation with civil society and local organizations in the implementation of Major Programme II;

73. Supports the development of public-private partnerships in the area of natural sciences;
74. Calls for the catalytic mobilization of the broad range of networks in the field of science and technology, including UNESCO Chairs and category 2 centres;
75. Welcomes the development of activities aimed at leveraging scientific knowledge for the benefit of the environment and the management of natural resources;
76. Underlines the potential of improved governance and management of shared water resources for the prevention of social conflicts;
77. Further underlines the importance of comprehensive water education and capacity-building to the rational and fair use of freshwater and the attainment of MDG 7;
78. Underscores the importance of developing action by the Natural Sciences Sector for the benefit of countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations and of scaling up efforts aimed at the prevention and mitigation of natural hazards, including the creation of early-warning systems and the strengthening of capacity development at the national level;
79. Supports the focus on the use of renewable energies and on energy efficiency in national policies and strategies;
80. Expresses its strong support for IOC and IHP activities and their continued development, with emphasis on enhanced support to the IOC, in particular in favour of Africa, the Arab States and the Caribbean;
81. Underscores that the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, with its solid and high-quality World Network of Biosphere Reserves, is a unique and strategic asset to UNESCO, which deserves more global advocacy and recognition as a living laboratory and teaching site for sustainable development;
82. Stresses the need to support Member States in the area of biodiversity, particularly with respect to ecosystem health and human well-being in a context of global environmental change, including climate change;
83. Underlines the need to pursue science education at all levels, in particular in higher education and research and through centres of excellence in research, as well as innovative media approaches, and welcomes intersectoral collaboration especially in regard to Major Programmes I and V activities;
84. Acknowledges the high value of traditional knowledge systems and of science activities in favour of indigenous populations;
85. Urges the full and effective use of new technologies, in particular ICTs and space technologies;
86. Highlights the need for Major Programme II and Major Programme III to collaborate on issues relating to the ethics of science and technology;
87. Considers it important for UNESCO to develop future-oriented analysis and policy dialogue on the broad range of emerging trends and challenges in the natural sciences, focusing in particular on climate change;

Major Programme III – Social and human sciences

88. Recommends that Major Programme III be structured in accordance with the following framework:

Major Programme III – Social and human sciences			
36 C/5 Biennial sectoral priorities (BSPs)	BSP 1: Promoting the ethics of science and technology	BSP 2: Supporting Member States in their responses to social transformations, notably to promote democracy and sustainable development for the consolidation of a culture of peace and non-violence	
Main lines of action (MLAs)	MLA 1: Supporting Member States in the development of policies and advocacy in the ethics of science and technology, especially bioethics	MLA 2: Promoting a culture of peace and non-violence through action pertaining to human rights, democracy, reconciliation, dialogue and philosophy and including all political and social partners, in particular youth	MLA 3: Supporting Member States in building and strengthening national research systems and promoting social science knowledge networks and research capacities to respond to social transformations

89. Underlines the importance of UNESCO's continued work in the field of ethics, including environmental ethics, and the ethical implications of climate change;
90. Urges more concentration and a much clearer focus of activities undertaken under Major Programme III, giving priority to concrete action in areas where UNESCO has a clear added value and focusing on work that has the greatest impact, in particular for the proposed MLA 2;
91. Underscores the relevance of the social and human sciences to the work of the Organization, and the potential of intersectoral engagement with all major programmes, in areas such as the university teaching of social and human sciences, the adaptation and dissemination of the General and Regional Histories for national education as appropriate, the inclusion of philosophy in school curricula and the integration of the issue of the ethical implications of climate change into curricula at all levels of education;
92. Encourages the strengthening of and support to social and human science networks, including through the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) programme, through which UNESCO can play a catalytic role in promoting critical thinking, the dissemination of knowledge and the promotion of peace and democracy, especially through networks of mayors, parliamentarians, UNESCO Chairs, women's associations, youth, philosophers, media professionals, athletes and artists;
93. Expresses its strong support for the MOST programme in the area of social transformations;
94. Recognizes the important role played by the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST), International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) in the areas of ethics of science and technology, and bioethics;
95. Recognizes the important role that youth plays, and emphasizes the need to pay special attention to youth empowerment and youth participation, especially young people who are victims of poverty, unemployment and discrimination, and to develop UNESCO's activities further in the area of prevention of youth violence;
96. Encourages UNESCO to increase its engagement with youth by implementing the UNESCO Strategy of African Youth and by building on findings and best practices in this area in other regions, especially Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC);
97. Underlines the importance of philosophical reflection on current global challenges;
98. Underscores the need to engage in prospective critical thinking in the field of the social and human sciences;

99. Stresses the particular challenges relating to migration in the current global context, in countries of origin, transit and destination, and urges the development of a social cohesion approach to migration;
100. Recognizes the work of UNESCO on General and Regional Histories, and underlines the importance of historical reflection when working on reconciliation and a culture of peace;
101. Encourages further capacity-building in Member States to help them to face the challenges raised by modern social transformations, especially in the light of globalization;
102. Requests that the conclusions of UNESCO's *2010 World Social Science Report* be taken into account *inter alia* in shaping UNESCO's future action;

Major Programme IV – Culture

103. Recommends that Major Programme IV be structured in accordance with the following framework:

Major Programme IV – Culture				
36 C/5 Biennial sectoral priorities (BSPs)	BSP 1: Protecting and promoting heritage and cultural expressions		BSP 2: Advocating the inclusion of culture and intercultural dialogue in development policies to foster a culture of peace and non-violence	
Main lines of action (MLAs)	MLA 1: Protecting, and conserving cultural and natural heritage through the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention	MLA 2: Enhancing the protection of cultural property and fighting against its illicit traffic through the effective implementation of the 1954, 1970 and 2001 Conventions	MLA 5: Promoting the role of culture in development at the global, regional and national levels	MLA 6: Promoting intercultural dialogue, social cohesion and a culture of peace and non-violence
	MLA 3: Safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage through the effective implementation of the 2003 Convention	MLA 4: Sustaining and promoting the diversity of cultural expressions through the effective implementation of the 2005 Convention		

104. Reaffirms UNESCO's paramount comparative advantage in the field of cultural and natural heritage preservation, protection and safeguarding;
105. Underlines the importance of strengthening the fight against the illicit traffic of cultural property through the reinforcement of the implementation of the 1970 Convention;
106. Reaffirms the importance to UNESCO of supporting Member States in the development of national and local capacities in the field of culture, in the formulation of national and regional cultural policies and in the development of relevant cultural statistics, data and analysis as a basis for assessing the impact of the culture sector in and for development and with a view to informing national cultural policies;
107. Underscores that UNESCO should facilitate the development of "sustainable tourism" as a crucial contribution to the rapprochement of cultures and to the appreciation of the world's cultural diversity and as a source of income generation;
108. Supports the initiative for elaborating a programme on "cities for sustainable development, dialogue and peace";

109. Encourages UNESCO to support better integration of the cultural dimension into the work of the United Nations system at the country level, including common country programming processes such as the Common Country Assessment (CCA) and the United Nations Development Framework (UNDAF), and through the wider application and use of appropriate tools such as the Cultural Diversity Programming Lens;
110. Welcomes the strengthening of activities and the establishment of synergies in the areas of culture and development, which will also serve to strengthen social inclusion;
111. Underscores the role of museums in development and dialogue, and encourages the strengthening of capacities and development of tools in this field, particularly in developing countries;
112. Requests that the Arabia Plan be included among the activities foreseen;
113. Calls for greater focus in defining future objectives for sectoral programmes, including for the Slave Route project, the General and Regional Histories projects and the Roads to Independence: the African Liberation Heritage project;
114. Highlights the importance of developing foresight capacities aimed at the identification of trends and challenges in the culture area, and welcomes the development of the Knowledge Management Database on Culture and Development as an effective tool for consolidating UNESCO's leadership in the field of culture worldwide;
115. Recalls the Second World Conference on Arts Education (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 25-28 May 2010), and further recalls 185 EX/Decision 44 on the appropriate follow-up;
116. Underlines the need for youth to be better reflected as a target group, as regards youth participation in the field of culture, in order to promote intercultural dialogue, social cohesion and peace-building;
117. Encourages UNESCO to develop its partnership with the Alliance of Civilizations, as foreseen in the 2010 Memorandum of Understanding, and underscores the importance of the joint implementation of specific activities;
118. Takes note of the ongoing work of the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures;
119. Recalls the potential of UNESCO Chairs and networks and of UNESCO category 2 centres active in the field of culture;
120. Underscores the potential of ICTs for culture;
121. Takes note with interest of the proposal for the possible organization of a United Nations summit on culture and development in 2013, reflecting in particular the contribution of culture to development and to the attainment of the MDGs;

Major Programme V – Communication and Information

122. Recommends that Major Programme V be structured in accordance with the following framework:

Major Programme V – Communication and Information			
36 C/5 Biennial sectoral priorities (BSP)	BSP 1: Promoting freedom of expression and information		BSP 2: Fostering communication and information capacities for universal access to knowledge
Main lines of action (MLAs)	MLA 1: Promoting an enabling environment for freedom of expression to foster development, democracy, and dialogue for a culture of peace and non-violence	MLA 2: Strengthening free, independent and pluralistic media, civic participation and communication for sustainable development	MLA 3: Supporting Member States in empowering citizens through universal access to and preservation of information, including documentary heritage

123. Reaffirms freedom of expression and universal access to information and knowledge as pillars of Major Programme V;
124. Recognizes the important role of Major Programme V in the follow-up to and implementation of the relevant World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) action lines;
125. Stresses the need to continue UNESCO's efforts to bridge the existing digital and knowledge divide in the field of communication and information;
126. Encourages the Communication and Information Sector to continue its contributions to intersectoral activities;
127. Emphasizes the important role played by the two intergovernmental programmes, the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) and the Information for All Programme (IFAP) and its related Strategic Plan;
128. Further emphasizes the important role of the Memory of the World Programme for the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage;
129. Calls for increased attention to the relationship of media and youth, focusing, in particular, on building media and information literacy;
130. Emphasizes the importance of the use of ICTs, especially the Internet, to support the transfer of knowledge and to promote a culture of peace and non-violence;
131. Encourages Major Programme V to pursue its work in the area of multilingualism in cyberspace;
132. Underscores the importance of journalism education and professional standards to quality media;

UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)

133. Endorses the three priorities for UIS activities, namely improving the quality of data, reinforcing statistics and indicators on learning outcomes and strengthening statistics in science, culture and communication;
134. Requests UIS to continue to support Member States in developing national strategies and their capacity-building efforts;

135. Invites UIS to present information and analysis on the dissemination and users of the statistics prepared;
136. Requests UIS to present the results of its Literacy Assessment and Monitoring Programme (LAMP) and to prepare follow-up action;

Intersectoral platforms

137. Underlines the critical importance of UNESCO's intersectoral activities in addressing contemporary issues in a problem-oriented and innovative mode;
138. Endorses the formation of intersectoral platforms in areas of convergence of different major programmes, which allow an exchange of ideas and a more flexible programme delivery, enhancing value and impact;
139. Takes note of the proposal by the Director-General to include in document 36 C/5 a reduced number of thematic and coordinating intersectoral platforms;
140. Suggests that the themes of the six proposed intersectoral platforms could be:
 - (a) promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence (thematic platform);
 - (b) UNESCO's contribution to climate change mitigation and adaptation (thematic platform);
 - (c) UNESCO's contribution to the fight against HIV/AIDS (thematic platform);
 - (d) UNESCO's support to countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations (coordinating platform);
 - (e) UNESCO's contribution to the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (coordinating platform);
 - (f) Priority Africa and its implementation by UNESCO (coordinating platform in line with the provisions of document 34 C/4);
141. Requests the Director-General to specify in document 36 C/5 for each platform compelling objectives, programmes, expected results and performance indicators, modalities of operation and financial allocations proposed;
142. Underlines the need to avoid overlaps and duplication and to monitor regularly the execution of the platforms' activities, to ensure accountability and report on expected results, lessons learnt and obstacles encountered during implementation in the Director-General's statutory reports;
143. Emphasizes the importance of integrated action by Headquarters, field offices and category 1 institutes in the work of the platforms;
144. Stresses that intersectoral platforms should seek engagement and cooperation with National Commissions and all of UNESCO's partners and networks at the regional, subregional and national levels;
145. Highlights the need to promote a culture of intersectorality in the work of the Secretariat covering the Organization's activities as a whole, and calls on the Director-General to ensure that intersectoral work will be proactively pursued on issues other than those covered by the intersectoral platforms;

Intersectoral and interdisciplinary programme of action for a culture of peace and non-violence

146. Takes note of the proposals of the Director-General, the terms of 185 EX/PX/DR.7 and the discussions on item 17 in the PX Commission, in addition to the discussions held during the thematic debate of the Plenary and in the drafting group on document 36 C/5 at the 185th session, and requests the Director-General to prepare, based thereon, a consolidated draft action programme for a culture of peace and non-violence to be included in draft document 36 C/5, and to hold information meetings with Member States prior to the 186th session of the Executive Board;
147. Agrees to continue to consider the desirability of a new international decade.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 105,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/17 Part II,
3. Notes that the preliminary budgetary estimates for document 36 C/5 have been calculated using approved budgeting techniques and methodology adopted by the General Conference in accordance with 35 C/Resolution 105;
4. Also notes that the Director-General has proposed a single budget estimate of \$687.3 million which is presented as a zero real growth (ZRG) approach for document 36 C/5 (2012-2013);
5. Further notes that this estimate does not include the possible additional costs associated with a number of other items to be examined by the Executive Board such as the Medical Benefit Fund reform and the implementation of the full Headquarters security and conservation plans;
6. Invites the Director-General when preparing the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5) to:
 - (a) take into account the discussions held by the Executive Board at the 185th session;
 - (b) consider the introduction of a results-based budgeting approach as the methodology for achieving increased budget transparency and accountability;
 - (c) reinforce the resources allocated to programmes, taking into account the discussions held at the 185th session of the Executive Board regarding priorities and the need to focus on the core mandate of the Organization;
 - (d) continue to identify measures for an effective and rational use of financial resources;
 - (e) ensure that the regular budget includes support for programme delivery such as the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), integrated management systems, Headquarters maintenance and security in order to ensure efficient delivery of the programme;

7. Further invites the Director-General to submit draft document 36 C/5 to it at its 186th session;
8. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 187th session a report on the advantages, disadvantages and practical implications of the continuing use of the constant dollar principle.

(185 EX/SR.10)

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

18 Report on the independent external evaluation of UNESCO (185 EX/18 and Add.; 185 EX/INF.21; 185 EX/48; 185 EX/53)

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,
3. Taking note of the analysis in the report on the independent external evaluation (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 independent external evaluation (IEE), according to the prerogatives of each body,
6. Decides that the report shall be further examined in depth, taking into account the debate thereon at the 185th session of the Executive Board, so that the relevant recommendations of the report can be expressed, where appropriate, in concrete proposals;
7. Emphasizing the need to establish a mechanism for the follow-up to the independent external evaluation (IEE) that involves all UNESCO Member States,
8. Decides to establish an ad hoc working group whose mandate is to examine the report on the independent external evaluation (IEE) and to develop proposals concerning the recommendations thereof, taking into account the discussions held at the 185th session of the Executive Board, and to submit them to it at its 186th session;
9. Also decides that the ad hoc working group will be composed of 18 Member States of the Executive Board (3 from each electoral group), designated after consultation of the 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 to liaise with the ad hoc working group to ensure coherence in the follow-up to the independent external evaluation (IEE);
 13. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its 186th session on the follow-up by the Secretariat with respect to the operational aspects of the report on the independent external evaluation (IEE) that fall within her purview.

(185 EX/SR.10)

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; 185 EX/48; 185 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 82 (II) and 184 EX/Decision 5 (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, the scenarios proposed in it and their respective implications,
3. Noting the findings of the report on 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 to take into consideration the C/5 programming cycle in the examination of possible scenarios for alignment with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (QCPR),
7. Requests the Director-General to deliver a thorough analysis of the implications, *inter alia* programmatic, financial and administrative, of changing:

- (a) the C/4 cycle from six to eight years, with an appropriate mechanism for adjusting to the most recent QCPR;
 - (b) the C/5 cycle from two to four years, with an appropriate mechanism for adjustments every two years;
8. Invites the Director-General to ensure that this analysis will feed into the follow-up to the independent external evaluation process;
9. Requests the Director-General to submit a report on the analysis to it at its 186th session taking into consideration the debate at the 185th session and in the context of the follow-up to the independent external evaluation.

(185 EX/SR.10)

20 Reducing the running costs of the General Conference (185 EX/20; 185 EX/48; 185 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 106, paragraph 1 (iii), and 184 EX/Decision 17,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/17 and 185 EX/20 on the running costs of the General Conference, bearing in mind the link between these documents and document 185 EX/19,
3. Conscious of the need to reduce running costs without adversely affecting the work of the governing bodies,
4. Welcomes the measures already taken by the Director-General to reduce the running costs of previous sessions of the General Conference;
5. Takes note of the measures suggested by the Director-General to reduce further the running costs of the General Conference and of the limits imposed by the current structure of the Conference;
6. Recommends that the General Conference continue to improve its working methods, in particular, by systematically using screens to follow the adoption of resolutions and by adhering to the same quality imperatives as those identified for the Executive Board in 184 EX/Decision 17 concerning the rational utilization of overtime, the provision of relevant working documents, the organization of work and the efficient management of time by Chairpersons of Commissions;
7. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) analyse the possible financial implications for the budget allocated to the General Conference of aligning planning cycles with the most recent quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system as reflected in 185 EX/Decision 19;
 - (b) evaluate, on the basis of experience gained at the 35th session and in consultation with the President of the General Conference, the pertinence of maintaining both the Plenary Ministerial Forum and the sectoral commission-level ministerial round tables;
 - (c) review the organization of side events in order to improve their relevance, cost-effectiveness and impact;

- (d) indicate clearly any foreseen cost-saving measures relating to the methods of work of the General Conference to be recommended by the Executive Board;
- (e) give due consideration to this decision and to the findings of the evaluation when preparing her proposals for the organization of the 36th session of the General Conference and the budgetary provisions for 2012-2013 relating to the 37th session of the General Conference to be contained in document 36 C/5.

(185 EX/SR.9)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

21 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (185 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.3; 185 EX/3 PRIV. Draft and Add. and Corr.)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(185 EX/SR.8)

22 Review of the working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) within the framework of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (185 EX/22 and Add. and Corr.; 185 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Reaffirming 104 EX/Decision 3.3 containing the 104 Procedure adopted on 26 April 1978,
2. Acknowledging the importance of improving the working methods regarding the 104 Procedure established in 104 EX/Decision 3.3,
3. Recalling Article I of the Constitution of UNESCO and the need for full implementation of the 104 Procedure ,
4. Being aware that more than 30 years have passed since it adopted 104 EX/Decision 3.3 and that in the light of developments and achievements within the United Nations system for the protection and promotion of human rights, the Executive Board has considered it appropriate to improve the effectiveness of the implementation of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 in order to achieve greater efficiency and visibility in UNESCO's action,
5. Emphasizing that:
 - (a) the 104 Procedure has succeeded in contributing to alleviating the suffering of several victims of human rights violations and that it constitutes a useful tool in this regard;
 - (b) the 104 Procedure is unique and at the same time complementary to other mechanisms of the United Nations system responsible for protecting human rights;
 - (c) the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) is working towards dialogue and good offices as a way to resolve matters that negatively affect the

practices of human rights within the fields of competence of UNESCO and that the Committee is not of a judicial nature;

- (d) the Committee applies the criteria for the admissibility of communications to each case, within the framework of the 104 Procedure;
6. Decides to adopt the following measures to improve the working methods of the Committee:
- (a) the representative of the Director-General shall present, at the beginning of each session of the Committee, an oral report summarizing the communications which have not been considered transmissible to the Committee under the terms of the conditions outlined in paragraph 14 (a) of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 and which have been removed according to paragraph 6 of the procedural practice reproduced in Annex II to document 184 EX/CR/2;
 - (b) the Committee shall examine at every session, in a private meeting, the communications transmitted to it by the Director-General, and shall also examine at every session the cases already before it, unless it decides otherwise;
 - (c) the Secretariat is invited to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that the communications relating to the member(s) of the Committee will be examined at the end of each daily meeting;
 - (d) the Committee may suspend the examination of a communication whose author has not transmitted new information during four successive sessions, but may resume its examination at any time;
 - (e) the Committee shall endeavour to avoid standard formulae when drafting its decisions;
 - (f) the Secretariat shall strive to obtain from the international organizations that have competence for the protection of human rights complementary information on the cases that are the subject of communications and shall transmit it to the members of the Committee;
7. Invites the Director-General to use her/his good offices in order to facilitate the emergence of solutions concerning the cases under examination by the Committee;
8. Also invites the Director-General to enhance the visibility of the 104 Procedure by:
- (a) making this procedure more easily accessible on the official website of UNESCO;
 - (b) ensuring the promotion of the procedure by other appropriate means.

(185 EX/SR.8)

23 Implementation of standard-setting instruments for whose monitoring the Board is responsible (185 EX/23 Parts I, II, III A and Add., and III B; 185 EX/49)

I

Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II), 34 C/Resolution 87, 180 EX/Decision 31, 181 EX/Decision 27, 182 EX/Decision 31 and 184 EX/Decision 20 relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/23 Part I and the report of the CR Committee thereon (185 EX/49),
3. Urges Member States once again to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO regarding periodic reports on the action taken on conventions and recommendations;
4. Urges the Director-General to ensure the implementation of the new legal framework by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the CR Committee;
5. Decides to continue consideration of the matter at its 186th session.

II

Consideration of the draft guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
2. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 13, 181 EX/Decision 27 and 184 EX/Decision 20,
3. Further recalling Part I and Part II of 177 EX/Decision 35, which adopt a specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided and framework guidelines, respectively,
4. Having examined document 185 EX/23 Part II and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (185 EX/49),
5. Takes note of the draft guidelines drawn up for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation, as annexed to document 185 EX/23 Part II;

6. Invites the Members of the Executive Board to submit to the Secretariat their comments on the draft guidelines by the end of 2010;
7. Requests the Secretariat to submit to it for adoption, at its 186th session, revised draft guidelines based on the comments received from the Members of the Executive Board.

III

Application of the 1966 Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers and the 1997 Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel

A

Report by the Director-General on the tenth session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) and Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 4.4, 157 EX/Decision 6.3 and 176 EX/Decision 32,
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/23 Part III A and Add.,
3. Takes note of the report on the tenth session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART/10/2009);
4. Appreciating the work of the Joint Committee in stimulating action to promote greater awareness and wider application of the two Recommendations concerning the status of teaching personnel,
5. Invites the Director-General to assist the Joint Committee in carrying out its next cycle of work, on which a report is to be submitted to the Executive Board in 2013;
6. Requests the Director-General to communicate the report of the Joint Committee, together with the observations of the Executive Board, if any, to Member States and their National Commissions, international teachers' organizations and other relevant international organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO, inviting them to consider and comment on CEART's policy recommendations that concern them and encouraging them to continue to apply all provisions of both standard-setting instruments.

B

Report by the Director-General on allegations received by the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 4.4, 157 EX/Decision 6.3 and 176 EX/Decision 32,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/23 Part III B,

3. Takes note of the relevant parts of the report on the tenth session of the CEART relating to allegations on the non-observance of certain provisions of the ILO-UNESCO 1966 Recommendation in Australia, Ethiopia and Japan and of the UNESCO 1997 Recommendation in Denmark, annexed to 185 EX/23 Part III B;
4. Invites the Director-General to communicate the report to the Governments of Australia, Denmark, Ethiopia and Japan and to the National Tertiary Education Union of Australia, the National Teachers' Association (formerly Ethiopian Teachers' Association), Education International, the All Japan Teachers' and Staff Union (ZENKYO), the Nakama Teachers' Union, the Japan Teachers' Union (NIKKYOSO) and other representative teachers' organizations in Japan, and to take the necessary follow-up action as recommended in the report.

(185 EX/SR.8)

24 Report by the Director-General on the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) (185 EX/24; 185 EX/53)

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 and annexed to document 185 EX/24.

(185 EX/SR.10)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

Financial questions

25 Financial report and audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 2009 and report by the External Auditor (185 EX/25 Part I and Part II Rev.; 185 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/25 Part I and Part II Rev.,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his work;
4. Notes the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the two-year financial period then ended and that they were prepared in accordance with the stated accounting policies, which were applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding financial period;
5. Takes note of the unobligated balances of Statement IV "Status of Appropriations of the General Fund – Regular and Participation Programmes for the financial period ended

31 December 2009” (185 EX/25 Part I) by appropriation line, and approves the expenditure as reported;

6. Invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor to the General Conference at its 36th session and to submit this report to the Executive Board at its 187th session for prior review;
7. Decides to transmit to the General Conference at its 36th session the report by the External Auditor and the audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 2009.

(185 EX/SR.9)

26 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and proposed amendments to the financial rules (185 EX/26; 185 EX/51 Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 36 requesting the Director-General to review and revise the Financial Rules for approval by the Executive Board in accordance with Article 15.2 of the Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/26 constituting the fifth progress report on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS),
3. Takes note of the work performed and the progress to date, and of the importance of the work to be performed in the remainder of the 2010-2011 biennium;
4. Having considered the amendments to the Financial Rules annexed to the Director-General’s report,
5. Recognizing the need to revise the Financial Rules to bring them up to date with IPSAS requirements and current UNESCO processes and procedures,
6. Approves the amendments to the Financial Rules annexed to document 185 EX/51 Corr. and replacing the word “executive” by “administrative” in Article 1.4.

(185 EX/SR.9)

27 Collection of Member States’ contributions (185 EX/27 Part I and Add. and Part II; 185 EX/51)

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The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 02 concerning payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions,
2. Having examined documents 185 EX/27 Part I and Add.,
3. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the year 2010 and to those which have made efforts to reduce their arrears in response to appeals;

4. Recalls that prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
5. Strongly supports the approaches that the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States in order to obtain timely payment of contributions;
6. Urges Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of assessed contributions, to inform her, as promptly as possible, of the date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution in order to facilitate her management of the Organization's treasury function;
7. Notes in particular the failure of 10 Member States to pay up to the end of June 2010 the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in annual instalments, in addition to the current year's contributions;
8. Recalls the request of the General Conference to the Director-General to report to it on the status of contributions and payment plans at its 36th session and to the Executive Board at its 187th session;
9. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their regular contributions and instalments under payment plans to pay their arrears without delay.

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The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 89 (III),
2. Having examined the report by the working group on the implications of the application of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) for the implementation of the incentive scheme for the prompt payment of contributions in document 185 EX/27 Part II;
3. Takes note of the findings of the working group;
4. Underlines that legal stability is essential if any framework is to work effectively;
5. Requests the Director-General to prepare for the working group, after the closure of the 2010 accounts, a comparison between the results achieved using the methodology of the existing incentive scheme and those using alternative methodologies identified by the working group and in compliance with the current Financial Regulations;
6. Requests the Director-General to facilitate the tasks of the working group and to submit its analysis and proposals to the Executive Board at its 187th session so that the Executive Board can make a recommendation to the General Conference at its 36th session on the continuation of an incentive scheme for prompt payment of contributions.

(185 EX/SR.9)

28 Financial regulations of special accounts (185 EX/28; 185 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Articles 6.5 and 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/28,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the following Special Accounts presented in document 185 EX/28:
 - (a) the Special Account for the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict;
 - (b) the Special Account for the Underwater Cultural Heritage;
 - (c) the Special Account for Post-Crisis Situations;
 - (d) the Special Account in support of "Teachers for Education for All";
 - (e) the Special Account for the independent external evaluation of UNESCO;
 - (f) the Special Account for the Latin American Laboratory for Assessment of Quality in Education.

(185 EX/SR.9)

Management issues

29 Report by the Director-General on the reform of the field network (185 EX/29 and Corr. (Russian only) and Add.; 185 EX/INF. 21; 185 EX/48; 185 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 185 EX/29 and Add.,
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 into 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 it to respond better to the varying needs of Member States and to meet 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, subject to consultations with the Member States;

7. Encourages the Director-General to use available country resources, such as National Commissions, UNESCO Clubs and Chairs and other networks of expert communities, to the fullest in order to strengthen the field network;
8. Requests the Director-General, taking into account the results of her consultations and the results of the independent external evaluation follow-up process, to submit to it at its 186th session additional information on the detailed phases of implementation of the proposed new network and their budgetary impact over the next two biennia;
9. Also requests the Director-General to include in the Draft Programme and Budget 2012-2013 (36 C/5), to be submitted to it at its 186th session, the budgetary measures resulting from the execution 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 Executive Board at its 185th and 186th sessions.

(185 EX/SR.10)

30 Report by the Director-General on the revised medium-term security plan for UNESCO Headquarters (185 EX/30 and Add.; 185 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 185 EX/30 and Add.,
2. Takes note of the revised medium-term security plan presented in document 185 EX/30;
3. Requests the Director-General to reallocate such savings as may be made on programme implementation in 2010-2011, in particular, to the Special Account for Strengthening the Security of UNESCO Premises Worldwide in accordance with the recommendations of the Headquarters Committee;
4. Further requests the Director-General to continue to examine other possible sources of funding to implement these security measures, including the use of savings that may become available from unliquidated obligations (ULOs) for the 2008-2009 financial period (34 C/5), and to make a recommendation, as appropriate, to it at its 187th session at the latest;
5. Appeals for extrabudgetary funds in order to finance the security measures set out in the revised medium-term security plan, and invites the Director-General to bring it to the notice of potential donors.

(185 EX/SR.9)

31 Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art (185 EX/31; 185 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 185 EX/31,
2. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 7.9, 161 EX/Decision 7.9 and 170 EX/Decision 7.9,
3. Takes note with appreciation of the activities carried out by the Advisory Committee for Works of Art during its term of office;

4. Takes note of the Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art concerning the donations, gifts of works of art, antiquities and artefacts constituting the UNESCO collections;
5. Approves the decision of the Director-General to renew the term of office of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art for another four years, in accordance with its Statutes.

(185 EX/SR.9)

32 External Auditor's new audits (185 EX/32 Parts I, II and III; 185 EX/53)

I

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

II

**Audit report on the Division of Water Sciences
in the Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO**

III

Audit report on the Regional Bureau for Education (Dakar)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 185 EX/32 Parts I-III,
2. Takes note of their content.

(185 EX/SR.10)

**RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

33 Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (185 EX/33; 185 EX/ONG/2; 185 EX/50)

1. Recalling 174 EX/Decision 31, 177 EX/Decision 57, 183 EX/Decision 13 and 34 C/Resolution 59,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/33,
3. Expresses appreciation for the continued efforts made by the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations to strengthen cooperation with NGOs in UNESCO's various fields of competence and at the international, regional and national levels;
4. Highlights the very important role of NGOs in the promotion of culture for sustainable development, cultural diversity and economic prosperity;
5. Recalls the need to enhance the diversity of civil society representation to UNESCO and to strengthen strategic partnership and cooperation with NGOs at the international and national levels, in particular through the National Commissions;

6. Encourages the establishment of partnerships to facilitate NGOs' contribution to the definition and dissemination of UNESCO's biennial objectives, relying in particular on the National Commissions, especially in post-crisis and post-disaster situations;
7. Requests the Director-General, with a view to facilitating the participation of civil society in developing countries in the work of the NGO Committee, to submit a report on various options to it at its 186th session;
8. Requests the NGO Committee to examine the scope of its current terms of reference with a view to including other actors in civil society;
9. Requests the Director-General to consider the theme of "the fight against violence in the contemporary world", in consultation with international youth NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO, for the next Youth Forum to be held at the General Conference at its 36th session.

(185 EX/SR.8)

GENERAL MATTERS

34 Thematic debate: Intercultural dialogue in 2010 – revisiting policies within the context of a culture of peace (185 EX/INF.11)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 185 EX/INF.11,
2. Takes note of its content.

(185 EX/SR.2)

35 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq (185 EX/35; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 53,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/35,
3. Acknowledges with appreciation the results achieved in the implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media activities and the continued mobilization of substantial extrabudgetary resources to this effect;
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue giving full support to the Iraqi Government in its implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media programmes, in particular through capacity-building activities and by addressing the most urgent humanitarian needs of population groups most affected by the crisis, including displaced Iraqis;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq (ICC);
6. Expresses its gratitude to all donors for their substantial contribution to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue to assist UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction and dialogue in Iraq;

7. Calls upon donors to sustain their funding through the new funds-in-trust modality established within the United Nations Development Framework (UNDAF);
8. Invites the Director-General to present a further report to it at its 187th session.

(185 EX/SR.9)

36 Implementation of 35 C/Resolution 75 and 184 EX/Decision 30 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (185 EX/36; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

N.B. After considering this item and following a vote taken by roll-call, with 41 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 15 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

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1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 75 and 184 EX/Decision 30, as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 4 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its Additional Protocols,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/36,
3. Further recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in order to satisfy the right to education for all and to meet the need for Palestinians to have safe access to the education system,
4. Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflict,
5. Deeply convinced that the continuous strengthening of the reconstruction and development process in the Palestinian territories should be carried out in a context of non-violence and of mutual respect and recognition, as promoted by the objectives of the Road Map,
6. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 35 C/Resolution 75 and 184 EX/Decision 30, and requests her to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented in the framework of the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5 Approved);
7. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in the Palestinian territories, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
8. Thanks the Director-General for the results that have been obtained in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities, and invites her to strengthen UNESCO's financial and technical assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address new needs and problems resulting from recent developments;

9. Expresses its continuing concern about the harmful impact of the Separation Wall and other practices on the activities of cultural and educational institutions, as well as obstacles that result which prevent Palestinian schoolchildren and students from being an integral part of their social fabric and from exercising fully their right to education, and calls for the observance of the provisions of 35 C/Resolution 75 and 184 EX/Decision 30;
10. Shares, in this regard, the call by the Quartet on 17 March 2010 upon Israel “to freeze all settlement building, including natural growth, dismantle outposts erected since March 2001 and halt demolitions and evictions in East Jerusalem”, and hopes for the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations;
11. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce her action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage;
12. Invites the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO’s fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students both from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;
13. Requests the Director-General to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee;

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14. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts she is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and adequate assistance to the educational and cultural institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
 - (c) to dispatch an expert to assess and evaluate the needs of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, who would report to the Director-General before the 186th session of the Executive Board;

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15. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 186th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(185 EX/SR.9)

37 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 184 EX/Decision 31 (185 EX/37; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

N.B. After considering this item and following a vote taken by roll-call, with 41 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 15 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage,
2. Also recalling 184 EX/Decision 31 and having examined document 185 EX/37,
3. Having also examined documents 184 EX/30 and Add.,
4. Noting with deep concern the very heavy toll suffered by Palestinian civilians, the deaths and injuries inflicted on Israeli civilians during the escalation of violence and hostilities in December 2008 and January 2009,
5. Also noting with deep concern the destruction of infrastructure, the significant deterioration of basic services, and the damage to schools, universities and cultural heritage sites in the Gaza Strip caused by the escalation of violence and hostilities in December 2008 and January 2009, and recognizing that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites should not be involved in military conflicts,
6. Recalling the strong commitment made by the international community in favour of the Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan presented at the International Conference in Support of the Palestinian Economy for the Reconstruction of Gaza (2 March 2009, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt),
7. Thanks the Director-General for strengthening the UNESCO project antenna in Gaza City and the initiatives that have already been implemented in the field of education, and for the safety of media professionals, as reflected in the six UNESCO projects retained in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Gaza;
8. Calls upon the Director-General to continue contributing to the United Nations humanitarian response in Gaza within the Organization's fields of competence;
9. Deplores in this regard the continuous blockade on the Gaza Strip which harmfully affects the free and sustained movement of personnel and humanitarian relief items for the successful implementation of the above-mentioned projects;
10. Calls upon the Director-General to continue her participation actively in the integrated United Nations response to the Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan developed by the Palestinian Authority, by focusing on UNESCO's contribution to its educational and cultural heritage protection components;
11. Invites the Director-General to organize an information meeting to provide Member States with an update on the outcome of the projects conducted in the Gaza Strip;

12. Thanks Member States and donors for their generous financial contributions to the UNESCO projects retained in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Gaza, and invites them to further assist in this regard through extrabudgetary funding;
13. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 186th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(185 EX/SR.9)

38 Report by the Director-General on the assessment of the effectiveness of the Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes (185 EX/38; 185 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 24, by which it established an overall 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 and which 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. Also 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. Further decides that all future prizes bearing the name of a person should be named after a person 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. Also decides to assess the impact of each prize four years after its creation, on the basis of 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.

(185 EX/SR.10)

39 Dates of the 186th session and provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 186th session (185 EX/INF.4; 185 EX/INF.5)

**186th session
(3-19 May 2011)**

The session will be extended to Friday, 20 May 2011, if the agenda so requires

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday, 3 and Friday, 6 May
Special Committee	To be decided
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	To be decided
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	To be decided
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	To be decided
Plenary meetings (Monday, 9 to Wednesday, 11 May and Wednesday, 18 and Thursday, 19 May) Commissions (Thursday, 12 to Tuesday, 17 May)	Monday, 9 to Thursday, 19 May

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The Executive Board took note of document 185 EX/INF.5 (Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 186th session).

(185 EX/SR.8)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

40 **Composition of the Executive Board's Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters (FA/EG)** (185 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 185 EX/40,
2. Recalling its previous decisions and particularly 183 EX/Decision 10 which renewed the mandate of the Group of Experts and decided on the composition of this Group for the 2010-2011 biennium,
3. Decides to replace Belgium with Italy as the expert for Group I; for the remainder of the 2010-2011 biennium, the Group of Experts will thus comprise 12 experts as follows:

Group I Italy and United States of America

Group II Latvia and Russian Federation

Group III Argentina and Chile

Group IV India and Japan

Group V(a) Ghana and United Republic of Tanzania

Group V(b) Algeria and Morocco

(185 EX/SR.1)

41 **UNESCO's contribution to the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)** (185 EX/41; 185 EX/INF.15; 185 EX/INF. 20; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking into consideration the United Nations Secretary-General's report on the five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (A/65/115),
2. Also taking into consideration the United Nations General Assembly draft resolution A/65/L.2 and the Outcome Document of the High-level Review Meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of SIDS,
3. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 48, 33 C/Resolution 8 and 35 C/Resolution 33(II) regarding UNESCO's programme of action for the sustainable development of SIDS,

4. Also recalling the priority status assigned to SIDS in UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4),
5. Acknowledging the commitment shown and action taken by SIDS in implementing the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy,
6. Also acknowledging the range of valuable activities and programmes conducted by UNESCO and the unique contribution made to date through the intersectoral platform in efforts to implement the Mauritius Strategy,
7. Strongly reaffirming, in the face of continuing limited institutional capacity and resource limitations, the necessity to strengthen the resilience of SIDS in overcoming their unique and specific vulnerabilities,
8. Notes with concern that the five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy implementation has revealed that SIDS continue to face increasing sustainable development challenges caused by their unique vulnerabilities and that while SIDS have progressed in the area of gender, health, education and environment, their overall progress towards achieving the MDGs has been uneven;
9. Also notes with concern that the review has also revealed that SIDS have made less progress than most other groupings and, even in some cases, have regressed in economic terms, especially with regard to poverty reduction and debt sustainability, and have not achieved sustained high levels of economic growth owing in part to the ongoing negative impacts of the financial and economic crisis;
10. Convinced that proactive, innovative, timely and targeted measures need to be taken to address those challenges;
11. Urges therefore the Director-General to further consolidate UNESCO's efforts to support SIDS in implementing the Mauritius Strategy, with particular emphasis on *inter alia* the following measures:
 - (a) continuing to mainstream the Mauritius Strategy in the Organization's activities and work programmes through the establishment *inter alia* of distinct SIDS subprogrammes for the different SIDS subregions and the elaboration of measurable goals and indicators for monitoring and evaluating the progress made by UNESCO in supporting SIDS in implementing the Mauritius Strategy;
 - (b) taking appropriate measures to reinforce the intersectoral platform on UNESCO's contribution to the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;
 - (c) strengthening UNESCO's efforts in providing capacity-building and expertise with regard to safeguarding tangible and intangible cultural heritage, for the creation and development of cultural industries and for the protection of underwater cultural heritage in SIDS;
 - (d) supporting the development and implementation by SIDS of measures to promote sustainable tourism;
 - (e) further consolidating action taken by UNESCO to build the resilience of SIDS against the adverse impacts of climate change and sea-level rise with particular focus on climate change education, mitigation and adaptation;
 - (f) further enhancing action taken by UNESCO to help SIDS to deal with the damaging impacts of natural and environmental disasters by strengthening and establishing, if necessary, effective regional and national programmes aimed at developing a preventive approach to natural disasters, notably through tsunami

- early warning systems and other disaster-risk reduction, management and coordination programmes;
- (g) enhancing support to SIDS in strengthening the implementation of their integrated coastal zone management strategies and their scientific research capacity, and in building capacity in science and technology;
 - (h) facilitating the sharing of good practices, success stories, experiences and information among SIDS in the field of sustainable development;
 - (i) facilitating the mobilization of extrabudgetary funds to ensure that adequate funding is available for the effective implementation of the different programmes and activities for SIDS;
12. Invites the Member States to enhance their efforts to support SIDS in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;
13. Invites the Director-General to report on the above to it at its 187th session.

(185 EX/SR.9)

42 Reflection by UNESCO on the Internet (185 EX/42; 185 EX/INF.20; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Organization's mandate to "promote the free flow of ideas by word and image" and to "maintain, increase and diffuse knowledge",
2. Noting the important role that UNESCO plays as one of the lead agencies in the overall coordination and as facilitator of the implementation of six action lines adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (Geneva-2003 and Tunis-2005 phases),
3. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 62,
4. Reaffirming its support for the concept of building knowledge societies and for its four underlying key principles, namely freedom of expression, quality education for all, universal access to information and knowledge, and respect for cultural and linguistic diversity,
5. Reaffirming UNESCO's role in developing and implementing the concept of "knowledge societies" regionally and nationally,
6. Taking into consideration the significant changes that have come about in recent years, particularly with regard to the use of the Internet and the proliferation of virtual social networks, and bearing in mind the possible effects of these changes on the nature and daily behaviour of individuals, media professionals and policy-makers,
7. Requests the Director-General, in the light of the foregoing, to initiate reflection and analysis, in the context of UNESCO's existing programmes, on all aspects of the Internet;
8. Further requests the Director-General to inform it at its 186th session of the results of such reflection and analysis.

(185 EX/SR.9)

43 UNESCO and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (185 EX/43 and Add. and Corr.; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Noting the important developments relating to biodiversity science and policy in the context of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB, 2010), including the conclusions by representatives of governments at the third ad hoc Intergovernmental and Multistakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (Busan, Republic of Korea, 7-11 June 2010) that an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) should be established to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development,
2. Expresses its satisfaction with the implementation on the part of UNESCO's Secretariat and the various UNESCO communities, notably Member States and National Commissions, of 182 EX/Decision 13 on UNESCO's contribution to and participation in the International Year of Biodiversity, as reflected by the information contained in documents 185 EX/4 and 185 EX/5;
3. Takes note of UNESCO's intention to seek institutional association with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), if established;
4. Expresses its satisfaction at the excellent cooperation between UNESCO and the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in relation to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and its expectation that such cooperation will continue until the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is formally established and thereafter;
5. Requests the Director-General to utilize the opportunities provided by the International Year of Biodiversity and the likelihood of the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to develop a coherent UNESCO-wide initiative on biodiversity to address, in a holistic and integrated manner, all aspects relating to the conservation and sustainable and equitable use of biodiversity from the standpoint of UNESCO's mandate and relevant programmes and activities.

(185 EX/SR.9)

44 Implementation of the “Seoul Agenda: Goals for the Development of Arts Education”, outcome document of the Second World Conference on Arts Education (185 EX/44; 185 EX/INF.20; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 40, which encourages the promotion of arts education through the holding of and follow-up to the Second World Conference on Arts Education, and the development of an intersectoral partnership strategy,
2. Having examined document 185 EX/44,
3. Welcomes the positive outcome of the “Second World Conference on Arts Education – Arts for Society, Education for Creativity”, held in Seoul in May 2010, which promoted

the value of high-quality arts education for all in developing capacity for creativity in the twenty-first century and strengthened cooperation among the main actors (national authorities, local governments, teachers, artists, researchers, associations and NGOs) in order to work together to develop practices and reinforce the position of arts education in schools and in societies;

4. Invites UNESCO and its Member States to ensure the follow-up to the Second World Conference by employing the proposed strategies of the Seoul Agenda and by implementing the action items in a concerted effort to realize the full potential of high-quality arts education in order positively to renew education systems, achieve crucial social and cultural objectives and ultimately benefit children, youth and life-long learners of all ages;
5. Recommends that the General Conference take into account the follow-up to the previous two World Conferences on Arts Education and support future conferences, including the Third World Conference which Colombia has offered to host;
6. Invites the Director-General to take into consideration the outcomes of the two previous conferences, to seek the necessary extrabudgetary resources for UNESCO's follow-up thereto and to support the hosting of the Third World Conference on Arts Education;
7. Requests the Director-General to ensure adequate intersectoral cooperation between the Culture and Education Sectors of UNESCO in promoting and integrating arts education, in particular in the context of the education for all (EFA) and education for sustainable development (ESD) plans;
8. Further requests the Director-General, in the light of the outcomes of the previous two conferences, to recommend that the General Conference proclaim an international week of arts education, in order to draw attention to the critical value of arts education, and to encourage all Member States, civil society, professional organizations and communities to organize relevant activities in this regard at the national, regional and international levels.

(185 EX/SR.9)

45 Promotion of South-South cooperation: Strategic partnership for the operationalization of the Consortium on Science, Technology and Innovation for the South (COSTIS)
(185 EX/45 Rev. 2; 185 EX/INF.20; 185 EX/51 and Corr.; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the documents adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China at the First and Second South Summits held in Havana, Cuba, from 10 to 14 April 2000, and in Doha, Qatar, from 12 to 16 June 2005, respectively,
2. Recalling the Dubai Declaration adopted by the Ministers of Science and Technology of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China at their meeting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, held from 27 to 30 October 2002,
3. Recalling the decision adopted on 3 September 2006 by the Ministers of Science and Technology of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China on the occasion of the tenth General Conference of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS) and the ninth General Assembly of the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO) held at Angra dos Reis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, establishing the Consortium on Science, Technology and Innovation for the South (COSTIS), and endorsed by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77

and China at their thirtieth and thirty-third annual meetings held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22 September 2006 and 25 September 2009, respectively,

4. Welcoming the launching of COSTIS by the Ministers of Science and Technology of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China on the occasion of the World Science Forum held in Budapest, Hungary, from 4 to 6 November 2009,
5. Taking note of the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China at their thirty-fourth annual meeting held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 28 September 2010,
6. Recognizing the contribution of UNESCO in promoting South-South cooperation in the field of science and technology and the need for a long-term strategic partnership between developing countries and UNESCO,
7. Urges the Director-General to cooperate with the Group of 77 and China in mobilizing the extrabudgetary resources needed for the implementation of such a project and for the convening of the first General Conference of COSTIS before the Third South Summit of the Group of 77 and China, which is to be held in March 2011, and thus provide the necessary technical support for the operationalization of COSTIS;
8. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 187th session a preliminary report on progress in operationalizing COSTIS.

(185 EX/SR.9)

46 Invitations to the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts (category II) related to a draft recommendation on the conservation of the historic urban landscape (185 EX/46; 185 EX/2 Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 42, by which the General Conference invited the Director-General to submit a preliminary report setting forth the position with regard to the conservation of the historic urban landscape, to convene an intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) to reconsider the draft recommendation on the conservation of the historic urban landscape that was sent to Member States in the light of the comments received and to submit a final report and, if appropriate, a revised draft for consideration by the General Conference at its 36th session (2011),
2. Having examined document 185 EX/46,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the Meeting of Experts to reconsider the draft recommendation on the conservation of the historic urban landscape in the light of the comments received from Member States will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Meeting of Experts will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph (d) of the annex to document 185 EX/46;
 - (c) that an invitation to send an observer, as defined above, will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph (c) of the annex to document 185 EX/46;

- (d) that invitations to send observers to the Meeting of Experts will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) of the annex to document 185 EX/46;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to send out any other invitations that she may deem useful for advancing the work of the above-mentioned intergovernmental meeting (category II), notifying the Executive Board thereof.

(185 EX/SR.1)

47 The UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences (185 EX/47; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the report made by the Director-General at the Information Meeting of the Executive Board on 15 June 2010 on the implementation of 180 EX/Decision 57 during which she expressed her concerns and indicated that she was suspending the awarding of the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences,
2. Considering the Director-General's appeal to the Executive Board to engage in consultations in the light of the "changing circumstances and the unprecedented developments of the past months",
3. Acknowledging that the foremost responsibility of the Members of the Executive Board is to preserve the integrity, values and high standing of the Organization,
4. Decides to suspend the implementation of 180 EX/Decision 57 on the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences and to continue the consultations among all parties concerned, in a spirit of mutual respect until a consensus is reached.

(182 EX/SR.9)

PRIVATE MEETING

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Wednesday, 20 October 2010

At the private meeting held on 20 October, the Executive Board considered items **3** and **21**.

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the general situation regarding staff and the decisions that she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

21 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

(185 EX/SR.8)