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BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS 188th SESSION**

All the terms used in this collection of texts to designate the person discharging duties or functions are to be interpreted as implying that men and women are equally eligible to fill any post or seat associated with the discharge of these duties and functions.

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1 Opening of the session by the President of the General Conference (Temporary Chair)

The 188th session of the Executive Board was opened on 11 November 2011 by Ms Katalin Bogyay (Hungary), President of the General Conference.

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2 Adoption of the provisional agenda (188 EX/1 Prov.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda for the session set out in document 188 EX/1 Prov.

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3 Election of the Chair of the Executive Board

The Executive Board elected Ms Alissandra Cummins (Barbados) Chair.

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4 Election of the Vice-Chairs of the Executive Board

The Executive Board elected the following Members Vice-Chairs of the Board:

Belgium
Djibouti
India
Saudi Arabia
Slovakia
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND ELECTION OF THEIR CHAIRS**5 Programme and External Relations Commission (PX)¹**

The Executive Board established the Programme and External Relations Commission, and elected Mr Jean-Marie Adoua (Congo) Chair of that commission.

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6 Finance and Administrative Commission (FA)¹

The Executive Board established the Finance and Administrative Commission, and elected Mr Matthew Sudders (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) Chair of that commission.

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¹ In accordance with a decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 70th session (70 EX/Decision 3), all Members of the Board are members of this commission.

7 Special Committee (SP)

The Executive Board established the Special Committee, and elected Mr Agron Budjaku (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 18 members for the 2012-2013 biennium:

Chair: Mr Agron Budjaku (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Members: Belgium
Denmark
Ecuador
Grenada
Haiti
Indonesia
Japan
Kenya
Malawi
Monaco
Nigeria
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Tunisia
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan
Viet Nam

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8 Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)

The Executive Board established the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and elected Mr Imangali Tasmagambetov (Kazakhstan) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 30 members for the 2012-2013 biennium:

Chair: Mr Imangali Tasmagambetov (Kazakhstan)

Members: Algeria
Angola
Austria
Belarus
China
Cuba
Czech Republic
Egypt
Ethiopia
France
Gabon
Ghana
Indonesia
Italy
Kazakhstan

Mexico
Montenegro
Peru
Republic of Korea
Saint Lucia
Slovakia
Spain
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Tunisia
United Arab Emirates
United States of America
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Zimbabwe

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9 Committee on Non-Governmental Partners

The Executive Board established the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners, and elected Mr Motaz Khorshid (Egypt) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 23 members for the 2012-2013 biennium:

Chair: Mr Motaz Khorshid (Egypt)

Members: Algeria
Austria
Belarus
Belgium
Brazil
Burkina Faso
China
Egypt
France
Gambia
Ghana
Grenada
Italy
Mali
Pakistan
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Syrian Arab Republic
Uzbekistan
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEES AND OF THE AD HOC PREPARATORY GROUP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

10 Terms of reference of the Special Committee (SP) (18 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its previous decisions concerning the terms of reference of the Special Committee,
2. Decides that:
 - (a) the Special Committee shall comprise 18 members, that is to say three for each electoral group;
 - (b) in the light of recommendation R.19(i) of 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO, which was approved by the General Conference at its 33rd session and which has been appropriately implemented (179 EX/Decision 18 and 35 C/Resolution 100), the Special Committee (SP) should continue to meet only as needed and for the time necessary to fulfil the duties required of it by the Executive Board;
 - (c) in the light of 174 EX/Decision 20, the Chair of the Executive Board is authorized, in consultation with the Chair of the Special Committee, to identify future items that fall within the Special Committee's terms of reference, for examination at future sessions;
3. Also decides to refer to the Special Committee for consideration and the preparation of reports thereon:
 - (a) questions pertaining to the functioning of the Secretariat, in particular, those pertaining to evaluation, internal control, oversight and accountability systems and mechanisms;
 - (b) relations with the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), and reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit that are not referred to the commissions of the Executive Board;
 - (c) methods of work of the General Conference and the Executive Board, including those of their commissions and committees;
 - (d) any other questions that the Executive Board may refer to it.

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11 Terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) (30 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 98 EX/Decision 9.6 (II), whereby it defined, in paragraph 12, the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in Education, namely:
 - (a) to examine periodic reports by Member States on their implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education;

- (b) to examine communications addressed to UNESCO in connection with specific cases alleging a violation of human rights in education, science and culture;
 - (c) to examine the report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers,²
2. Also recalling 104 EX/Decision 3.3, whereby it decided that the Committee would thenceforth be designated the “Committee on Conventions and Recommendations” and established the conditions and procedures for consideration of communications received by the Organization concerning cases and questions of violations of human rights within UNESCO’s fields of competence,
 3. Further recalling 162 EX/Decision 5.4 (II), paragraph 5, 171 EX/Decision 27, paragraph 5 (d), and 187 EX/Decision 21 concerning the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education,
 4. Renews the terms of reference mentioned above, and decides that the Committee will also consider all questions entrusted to the Executive Board concerning the implementation of UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments, in accordance with Article 18.1 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions, ensuring in particular the monitoring of the three conventions and 11 recommendations referred to, respectively, in 177 EX/Decision 35 (II) and in 34 C/Resolution 87.³

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12 Terms of reference of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (23 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the important contribution made by non-governmental partners to the preparation and implementation of UNESCO’s programme,
2. Taking into account the Directives concerning UNESCO’s partnership with non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its 36th session, as well as the following resolutions adopted by the General Conference:
 - (a) 21 C/Resolution 7.11 concerning international non-governmental organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO and in which bodies or elements linked with the Taiwan authorities are still participating in the name of China;
 - (b) 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO;

² Now the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART).

³ These conventions and recommendations are: Convention against Discrimination in Education (Paris, 14 December 1960); Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (Paris, 14 November 1970); Convention on Technical and Vocational Education (Paris, 10 November 1989); Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (14 December 1960); Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (5 October 1966); Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (19 November 1974); Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (20 November 1974); Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education (26 November 1976); Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Educational Statistics (27 November 1978); Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist (27 October 1980); Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education (13 November 1993); Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel (11 November 1997); Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education (2 November 2001); Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (15 October 2003).

- (c) 34 C/Resolution 59 concerning the Executive Board's sexennial report on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by international non-governmental organizations;
3. Decides that the terms of reference of its Committee on Non-Governmental Partners shall be as follows:
- (a) to continue improving its methods of work by, *inter alia*, carrying out thematic debates on the involvement of non-governmental partners in UNESCO's action in order to:
 - (i) encourage presentations by Members of the Committee, non-governmental partners and invited guest speakers on good practices and lessons learned at the international, regional, national and local levels for outreach to and partnership with non-governmental actors;
 - (ii) give further impetus to the involvement of youth in the work of NGOs;
 - (iii) strengthen coordination and cooperation between non-governmental partners and the National Commissions;
 - (b) to examine once a year, at the spring session, matters within its competence relating to the establishment of relations between UNESCO and non-governmental organizations as stipulated in the above-mentioned Directives, and notably to consider any proposals that the Director-General may submit to the Executive Board for the establishment or renewal of associate partnerships with non-governmental organizations;
 - (c) to ensure that the above-mentioned Directives continue to be implemented in a spirit of openness to the relevant actors of civil society, in particular, in those parts of the world where civil society remains isolated or fragile;
 - (d) to examine all other relevant questions coming within the purview of the Executive Board in relation to UNESCO's cooperation with non-governmental partners in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the governing bodies.

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13 Establishment and terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group of the Executive Board (18 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to 186 EX/Decision 17 (I), paragraph 52, by which it decided to establish at its 188th session, on an experimental basis, an ad hoc group with enhanced participation by all UNESCO Member States, to support the preparation of the work of the two plenary commissions of the Executive Board,
2. Decides that in accordance with 186 EX/Decision 17 (I), the following 18 Members of the Executive Board will be members of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group for the 2012-2013 biennium, three members from each electoral group:

Group I	Denmark, Italy and the United States of America
Group II	Czech Republic, Russian Federation and Slovakia
Group III	Brazil, Mexico and Saint Lucia
Group IV	Japan, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea

- Group V(a) Djibouti, Gabon and Namibia
 Group V(b) Algeria, Egypt and Tunisia

3. Decides further that the terms of reference and the methods of work of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group shall be as set out below, in accordance with the Annex to 186 EX/Decision 17 (I):

I. Terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group

1. The purpose of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group is to support the preparation of the work of the two plenary commissions of the Executive Board in their consideration of agenda items attributed to them for examination. To that end, it shall examine a limited number of items determined in advance through consultations between the Chairs of the Executive Board, the Programme and External Relations (PX) and Finance and Administrative (FA) Commissions and the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group so as to assist in the preparation of Executive Board discussions.
2. The items to be considered may include, *inter alia*, following examination, where appropriate, of information and documentation supplied by the Secretariat, the following:
 - (a) examination of information provided by the Director-General on the execution of the programme and related budget issues (contained in the EX/4 documents), including intersectoral and extrabudgetary activities, as well as evaluations and related policy recommendations;
 - (b) preparations for and follow-up to major conferences and world reports, as required;
 - (c) analysis of challenges and recommendations, as required, and ways of addressing them through the ongoing programme implementation and in the planning of the future programme cycle;
 - (d) preparation of substantive input to the Executive Board's draft report to the General Conference on the execution of the programme and budget (document C/9).

II. Composition

3. The Ad Hoc Preparatory Group shall comprise 18 Board Members (3 from each electoral group) with enhanced participation by all UNESCO Member States.

III. Chairship

4. The Ad Hoc Preparatory Group shall elect, at its first meeting, a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its Members for the duration of the period for which it is established.

IV. Working methods

5. The dates of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group shall be determined so as to ensure that the results of its work are transmitted to the Members of the Executive Board at least 10 working days before the opening of the session.
6. The duration of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group's meetings shall be determined by the Board, taking into account the general organization of its work and the related budgetary allocations.

7. The Ad Hoc Preparatory Group shall work in English and French.
8. The Members of the Executive Board designated as members of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group which do not have a permanent delegation in France may request financial assistance to facilitate their participation in the work of the Group.
9. Concerning questions falling within its competence, the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group may invite to its meetings representatives of international organizations and relevant official partners, as well as qualified persons.

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GENERAL MATTERS

14 Amendment of Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board concerning the change of name of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (188 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 36,
2. Having examined document 188 EX/2,
3. Decides to amend Rule 16, paragraphs 1 and 2, of its Rules of Procedure by replacing the name of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations with the "Committee on Non-Governmental Partners".

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15 Dates of the 189th session of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies (188 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev.)

189th session

(Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

(27 February to 8* March 2012)

(10 working days/11 calendar days)

Bureau	Monday 27 and Wednesday 29 February
Special Committee	To be determined
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	To be determined
Committee on Non-Governmental Partners	To be determined
Plenary meetings (Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 March, then Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 March)	Thursday 1 March to Thursday 8 March
Commissions (Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 March)	

N.B.: School holidays in the host country are scheduled from 19 February to 4 March 2012 (Zone C – Paris and suburbs).

* The session may be closed earlier, depending on the agenda.

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16 Tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2012-2013
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The Board took note of the tentative list given in document 188 EX/INF.2.

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CORRIGENDUM

15 Dates of the 189th session of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies (188 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev.)

189th session

(Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

(27 February to 10* March 2012)

(11 working days/13 calendar days)

Bureau	Monday 27 and Wednesday 29 February
Special Committee	To be determined
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	To be determined
Committee on Non-Governmental Partners	To be determined
Plenary meetings (Thursday 1 March then to be determined) Commissions (to be determined)	Thursday 1 March to (to be determined)

N.B.: School holidays in the host country are scheduled from 19 February to 4 March 2012 (Zone C – Paris and suburbs).

* Depending on the workload of the session and of the progress of work of the Plenary and of the Commissions, it could be envisaged to close earlier the session.

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