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## ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 1 Agenda and timetable of work, elections of the Chairs of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) and the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP), and report of the Bureau** (190 EX/1 and Add and Corr.; 190 EX/2; 190 EX/INF.1)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 190 EX/1 and Add. and Corr. and 190 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 **4 I, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 38** and **39**,
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):**  
items **4 II, 18 I, 19 II, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33** and **46**.

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meetings:** items **5, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19 I, 21, 22, 30, 31, 34, 35, 37, 43, 44, 45, 47** and **48**.

(190 EX/SR.1)

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Ms Assel Utegenova (Kazakhstan) Chair of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) to replace Mr Imangali Tasmagambetov for the remainder of his term of office, and also elected Mr Mostafa Al Sayed Mossaad (Egypt) Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) to replace Mr Motaz Khorshid for the remainder of his term of office.

- 2 Approval of the summary records of the 189th session** (189 EX/SR.1-7)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 189th session.

(190 EX/SR.1)

- 3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (190 EX/PRIV.4)

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

(190 EX/SR.5)

## REPORTING ITEMS

**4 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** ((190 EX/4 Part I (A) and Add., Part I (B) and Add. online; 190 EX/4 Part II; 190 EX/INF.19; 190 EX/INF.21; 190 EX/INF.23; 190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/INF.28; 190 EX/INF.29; 190 EX/53; 190 EX/54 Part I)

The Executive Board,

### I

#### A. Content of the report

1. Recalling recommendation 13 of 33 C/Resolution 92, and 33 C/Resolution 78, in which the General Conference requested the Executive Board to report to it at each session on the implementation of the current Programme and Budget (C/5), together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (C/3),
2. Also recalling 34 C/Resolution 89 inviting the Executive Board to have a wider and more strategic assessment of the performance of the programmes, including the EX/4 document, by expressing its views progressively during the biennium through explicit decisions on the performance of individual programmes at the main-line-of-action (MLA) level;
3. Having examined document 190 EX/4 and document 190 EX/INF.24 (report of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group), as well as the information provided in SISTER on the allocations made from the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund,
4. Further recalling that the purpose of the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund is to meet the shortfall in programme funding for the 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 biennia, and to deliver the Organization's priority programmes and reform initiatives as determined by Member States in documents 35 C/5 and 36 C/5,
5. Thanks the Director-General for her presentation of the key achievements, challenges and lessons learned, and the response under each of the five major programmes to the financial situation;
6. Notes that the scope of UNESCO's activities under each expected result in document 36 C/5 has been significantly reduced as compared with the range of activities originally foreseen, and that much of the progress towards the expected results described in the 190 EX/4 report was made possible through extrabudgetary funding and some allocations made from the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund, as well as some contributions in kind;
7. Also notes that the low expenditure rate in the first six months of the biennium calls for an acceleration in programme implementation;
8. Invites the Director-General to continue her efforts to ensure the efficient implementation of the programme, and to strengthen activities at the regional and country levels, in line with the priorities of the Member States, while striking a balance between statutory and operational activities, and Headquarters and field implementation, taking into account the discussions at the 190th session of the Executive Board;
9. Also invites the Director-General to direct funding from the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund to the implementation of the activities foreseen under document 36 C/5 Approved which could not be funded because of the budget shortfall, in accordance



with Article 1 of the Financial Regulations of the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund, and to that end, to be guided by the following criteria:

- to advance the two global priorities;
- to respond to the needs of the priority groups;
- to push forward overall reform, including progress in field reform;
- to ensure the implementation of statutory activities;
- to support operational activities at the country level.

## B. Format of the report

10. Recalling 176 EX/Decision 29, 34 C/Resolution 89, 184 EX/Decision 4, 186 EX/Decision 4, 189 EX/Decision 4, 190 EX/Decision 4, and document 179 EX/4 Part II – 35 C/3 Draft,
11. Expresses its satisfaction with the improved format and structure of the EX/4 report, including clearer linkages between the results achieved, the main lines of action (MLAs) and expected results, as well as the presentation and content of the executive summary;
12. Invites the Director-General to present in future EX/4 reports a summary assessment on progress achieved in the implementation of the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, as well and to continue her efforts towards a more consistent and harmonized approach in reporting across all programme sectors;
13. Welcomes the time-bound action plan for implementing the recommendations of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) in order to enhance monitoring and reporting presented in document 190 EX/INF.21;
14. Reiterates its earlier requests to include a draft decision in future EX/4 reports.

(190 EX/SR.8)

## II

The Executive Board,

1. Noting with deep concern the occupation of the northern regions of Mali, which constitute practically two-thirds of the national territory, by armed groups,
2. Considering the damage inflicted on heritage sites in northern Mali, particularly properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, and therefore of importance for all humanity,
3. Taking into account the inscription of the Timbuktu and Tomb of Askia sites on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the establishment of the Special Fund for the Safeguarding of Mali's World Heritage Sites,
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue her action for the safeguarding of cultural heritage in northern Mali, including libraries and collections of ancient manuscripts, and to extend such action to the preservation of socio-educational institutions in northern Mali that fall within UNESCO's fields of competence;

5. Requests the Director-General:

- (a) to take all appropriate steps to strengthen cooperation with Mali under the Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5) approved by the General Conference at its 36th session, and by mobilizing extrabudgetary resources;
- (b) to urge the Member States of UNESCO, governmental and non-governmental organizations, international and private institutions to provide emergency assistance in UNESCO's fields of competence;
- (c) to ensure follow-up to this decision through the implementation of post-conflict programmes under UNESCO's action for countries in crisis;
- (d) to report on the progress made in her statutory EX/4 reports during the present biennium.

(190 EX/SR.8)

## III

## 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, and on the transfers made between appropriation lines, in accordance with 36 C/Resolution 111, paragraphs (b) and (e), and documents 190 EX/4 Part II, 190 EX/INF.19 Annex I, 190 EX/INF.23 and 190 EX/INF.24,

## A

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 \$3,404,863 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A – Major Programme I	611,809
Part II.A – Major Programme II	1,012,725
Part II.A – Major Programme III	167,217
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	940,670
Part II.A – Major Programme V	96,550
Part II.A – Field Office implementation of decentralized programmes (BFC)	309,520
Part II.B – Programme Related Services (Gender)	16,673
Part II.B – Programme Related Services (BSP)	40,000
Part II.B – Programme Related Services (ERI)	209,699

**Total****3,404,863**

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in Annexes I and II to document 190 EX/INF.19;

**B**

4. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which the Director-General may make transfers between appropriation lines up to an amount of 1% of the initial appropriation, and may inform Members of the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action of the details of and reasons for these transfers,
5. 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 indicated in paragraph 6 of document 190 EX/4 Part II;
6. Also recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines (greater than 1%) may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,
7. Approves the transfers between appropriations lines arising from the organizational restructuring (staff movements) as listed in paragraph 7 of 190 EX/4 Part II;
8. Also notes the allocation of funds from the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund, and recalls the provisions relating to the use of these funds contained in document 189 EX/15;
9. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table as contained in Annex III to document 190 EX/INF.19.

(190 EX/SR.7)

- 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** (190 EX/5 Part I and Add., Part II, Part III and Add.-Add.2, Part IV and Add.; 190 EX/INF.4; 190 EX/INF.13 and Add.; 190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/54 Part II Rev.; 190 EX/55)

**Programme issues**

**I**

**Cooperation between UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 31 on cooperation between UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network (GGN),
2. Taking into account the relevance for UNESCO of geoparks and of cooperation with the Global Geoparks Network,
3. Having examined document 190 EX/5 Part I Add., the report of the Director-General on the consultations undertaken during the first half of 2012 on how to improve cooperation between UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network and the related budgetary and administrative elements,
4. Encouraged by the progress made on defining a potential structure and mechanism for a UNESCO global geoparks initiative;

5. Requests the Director-General to submit a more comprehensive proposal concerning such an initiative and formalization of its relationship with the Global Geoparks Network;
6. Decides that the proposal should cover:
  - (a) an analysis which incurs no additional budgetary implications for UNESCO and which outlines efforts to secure external funding partners for further capacity-building and for additional Global Geoparks Network activities, including the outcome of consultations held with the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN);
  - (b) a mapping of UNESCO's work relevant to geoparks in order to identify areas of potential duplication, synergies and added value, and how a UNESCO global geoparks initiative would improve on current practice;
  - (c) mechanisms for strengthening UNESCO's oversight role, in coordination with the Member States concerned, and for maintaining the current strong quality control, and for preserving, protecting and promoting geoparks;
  - (d) mechanisms for reinforcing the capacity-building and knowledge-transfer dimensions;
  - (e) presentation of possible operational guidelines for the Global Geoparks Network, to be decided upon by the Executive Board, ensuring the highest selection standards and allowing for equitable geographical distribution;
  - (f) management of long-term development of the Global Geoparks Network;
  - (g) identification of the implications of accepting sites already designated under existing Global Geoparks Network criteria, and the proposal of any adjustments that may be considered necessary;
7. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 191st session on the progress made in this regard.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## II

**Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 and 187 EX/Decision 5  
relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem**

The Executive Board decided, upon the recommendation<sup>1</sup> of the Programme and External Relations Commission, that the debate on this item be adjourned to its 191st session, and that the draft decision contained in document 190 EX/PX/DR.10 be annexed to the present decision.

(190 EX/SR.8)

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**ANNEX**



United Nations  
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**PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)**

**Item 5**      **Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 and 187 EX/Decision 5 relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem** (follow-up to 189 EX/Decision 5 (II))

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by:    Algeria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

The Executive Board,

1.    Having examined document 190 EX/5 Part I.C,
2.    Recalling previous UNESCO decisions related to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem; particularly decision 189 EX/5. II and decision 36 COM 7A.23.II of the World Heritage Committee (St. Petersburg 2012),
3.    Also recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage including in the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the relevant provisions of 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

<sup>1</sup> After a roll-call vote of 28 votes in favour, 23 votes against and 4 abstentions,  
**the following States having voted for the adjournment of the debate:** Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Grenada, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).  
**the following States having voted against:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ecuador, France, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe.  
**Abstentions:** Angola, Gabon, Thailand and Viet Nam.  
**Absent:** Barbados, Ethiopia and Papua New Guinea.

(1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,

4. Noting the Sixth Reinforced, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Monitoring Reports and their addendums prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
5. Recognizes the concerns raised, in this regard, about the decision by “the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Commission” on the town planning scheme for the Mughrabi Ascent, and the subsequent decision by Israel’s “National Council for Planning and Construction” to adopt “an alternative plan for the Mughrabi Ascent”, approved on 31 October 2010 by the above-mentioned Commission;
6. Requests that, despite the decisions mentioned in paragraph 5, 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;
7. Reaffirms in this regard that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, shall be taken which will affect the authenticity, integrity and cultural heritage 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;
8. Acknowledges receipt of the Jordanian design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent, submitted to the World Heritage Center on 27 May 2011, and thanks Jordan for its cooperation in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO Conventions for the Protection of Cultural Heritage;
9. Affirms, in this regard, that the UNESCO process for the follow-up of the design of the Mughrabi Ascent which aims at finding an accepted and monitored solution concerning the Mughrabi Ascent among all parties concerned; be coordinated with all such parties, in accordance with the spirit and content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions and recognizes the concerns raised regarding Israel’s submission and content of its plan for the Mughrabi Ascent, referred to in Paragraph 5, and requests that the World Heritage Centre be proactive and follow closely, in the context of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism, the developments associated with this process and evaluation of the design received in accordance with paragraph (8) above;
10. Notes with satisfaction the access provided by Israel to the Mughrabi Ascent for Jordanian and Waqf experts on 23 May, 8 August and 28 November 2010, and reiterates its request that Israel resumes the cooperation commenced with concerned parties, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts to enable agreement on and implementation of a final design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent among all parties concerned;
11. Also notes in this regard, reports of preliminary discussions reached by Jordan and Israel respectively regarding the Mughrabi Ascent which stipulate, inter alia, that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, shall be taken on the site in accordance with paragraph (7) above, and the necessity of an accepted design and implementation thereof among all parties concerned; and reiterates in this regard, the need for the parties concerned to cooperate on all related aspects of this issue and further regrets Israel’s refusal to implement World Heritage Committee consensus decision 36 COM 7A.23.II;
12. Expresses its concern regarding the continuation of intrusive Israeli archaeological excavations and works in the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate since 22 May 2012 which included the demolition of Islamic walls and a room without ascertaining their historical value despite decision 36 COM 7A.23.II, and requests Israeli authorities to stop such excavations and works in conformity with the decision and the relevant UNESCO Conventions for the protection of cultural heritage;
13. Regrets continued Israeli denial of Jordanian and Waqf experts the necessary access with their basic tools and material to safeguard the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound in the Old City of Jerusalem, and calls upon Israel to cooperate and facilitate the access of Waqf experts to maintain the Ascent;
14. Expresses its concern regarding Israeli authorities’ permittance of provocative religious-extremist groups and uniformed forces into Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound through the Mughrabi Gate, and regrets the systematic violations of the sanctity of the compound and the continued interruption of the freedom of worship therein;
15. Affirms in this regard, the necessity to protect and safeguard the authenticity, integrity and cultural heritage of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound;
16. Expresses thanks to the Director-General for her attention to the sensitive situation in the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem and calls on the Director-General to facilitate confidence building measures through dispatching the necessary expertise to assess possible damages incurred through the conduct of recent Israeli works on the site since 22 May 2012;

17. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon at its 191st session.

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### III

#### **UNESCO and the ethical dimensions of the information society**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document EX/5 Part I (D),
2. Recalling UNESCO's mandate to promote the free flow of ideas by word and image, and to maintain, increase and diffuse knowledge,
3. Recognizing the essential role of ethical principles and values enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the attainment of the Organization's objectives of promoting freedom of expression and access to information and knowledge for all,
4. Also recalling the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, which conferred upon UNESCO responsibility for implementing Action Line C10 "Ethical dimensions of the Information Society",
5. Commends the Director-General for her efforts in developing the proposals contained in document 190 EX/5 Part I (D) concerning the future orientation of the work of UNESCO on the Ethical Dimensions of the Information Society, and takes note with satisfaction of the proposed approach;
6. Invites Member States to participate in, and contribute, including through extrabudgetary resources, to the realization of the objectives outlined in document 190 EX/5 Part I (D);
7. Requests the Director-General to report periodically in her statutory EX/4 reports to the Executive Board on the progress made in the implementation of the related activities.

(190 EX/SR.7)

### IV

#### **Cultural and educational institutions in Iraq**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 6,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/5 Part I (E),
3. Acknowledges with appreciation the results achieved in the implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media activities in Iraq, and the continued mobilization of substantial extrabudgetary resources to this effect;
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue to give 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 affected populations, including displaced Iraqis;

5. Expresses its gratitude to all donors for their substantial contributions to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction and dialogue in Iraq;
6. Calls upon donors to sustain their funding through the UNESCO bilateral, private mechanisms and the funds-in-trust modality established within the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF);
7. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 192nd session a progress report on this matter.

(190 EX/SR.7)

### **Evaluation issues**

#### **V**

#### **Periodic report on Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluations**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 6 (Annex, paragraph 10), 35 C/Resolution 82 (II), 186 EX/Decision 6 (VI) and 189 EX/Decision 16, paragraph 11,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/5 Part II,
3. Welcomes the evaluations completed, and invites the Director-General to implement the recommendations contained in document 190 EX/5 Part II, except those recommendations that require a decision by the relevant intergovernmental governing bodies, the Executive Board, and/or General Conference, in which case the relevant issue shall be submitted to the relevant governing bodies for their consideration.

(190 EX/SR.7)

### **Management issues**

#### **VI**

#### **Annual report (2011) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): Report by the Director-General**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 114 EX/Decision 8.5 and 22 C/Resolution 37, and 36 C/Resolution 95,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/5 Part III (A),
3. Takes note of its content;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), and to take into account its annual report.

(190 EX/SR.7)



## VII

### **Implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/5, Part III (B),
2. Takes note of the detailed analysis of the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance, and of the results recorded;
3. Invites the Secretariat and the Member States to make sustainable efforts to further optimize the Participation Programme in order to improve its efficiency and relevance for the benefit of priority groups in the Member States, as defined in 36 C/Resolution 69 on the Participation Programme.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## VIII

### **Possibility of an open access policy for all UNESCO publications**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 10, requesting the Director-General “to explore the possibility of defining and adopting an open access policy for all publications published by UNESCO or with its support”,
2. Welcomes the initial proposal contained in document 190 EX/5 Part III (C);
3. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 191st session a draft open access policy concerning UNESCO publications, providing all necessary details about the implications of such a policy, especially in legal and financial terms.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## **Human resources issues**

## IX

### **Report by the Director-General on the use of consultant contracts in 2011**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 35 and 186 EX/Decision 6 Part VIII,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/5 Part IV (A),
3. Takes note of the new policy introduced by the Director-General on contracts for individual consultants and other individual specialists (authors, photographers and film and video production specialists);
4. Also takes note of the data, analyses and qualitative information presented in the report, and encourages the Secretariat to continue its efforts to improve the quality of information provided on the content of contracts and the services delivered;

5. Recalls the need to ensure, where qualifications are equal, wider geographical distribution and a better gender balance in the hiring of consultants;
6. Requests the Director-General to accelerate implementation of recommendation 7 of the External Auditor's report (182 EX/46) relating to an analysis of which tasks are to be assigned to permanent staff and those which are to be performed by temporary assistance;
7. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 192nd session on the implementation of the modified policy on individual consultants and other specialists.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## X

### **First progress review of the human resources management strategy and Action Plan (2011-2016)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 96 and 189 EX/Decision 15 (II),
2. Having examined document 190 EX/5 Part IV (B),
3. Takes note of the progress in the implementation of the human resources strategy for 2011-2016;
4. Expresses its concern about the suspension of the budget allocation for training activities and its possible impact on the Organization's delivery capacity in the longer term;
5. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the human resources strategy, and to adjust it, in due course, to the strategic priorities outlined in the forthcoming C/4 document;
6. Requests the Director-General to ensure that recruitment of staff in the field offices complies with the rules and procedures in force in UNESCO.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## XI

### **Geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 185 EX/Decision 6 (VIII) and 36 C/Resolution 97,
2. Takes note of the information provided in document 190 EX/5 Part IV (C) and document 190 EX/INF. 4 regarding the situation of the geographical distribution and the gender balance of staff as at 1 June 2012;
3. Requests the Director-General to improve geographical representation in Secretariat positions at all levels, in particular for those countries which are non-represented or under-represented, while recalling that appointments are first and foremost made on the basis of competence and merit, and to submit to it at its 192nd session a report on the results achieved.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## Reports from the governing bodies of UNESCO intergovernmental programmes and category 1 institutes

### 6 United Nations University (UNU): report by the UNU Council and the Director-General's comments thereon (190 EX/6; 190 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/6,
2. Recognizing the key role of the United Nations University (UNU) as a bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations,
3. Also recognizing the excellent quality of the relationship that has been developed between the United Nations University and UNESCO over the years,
4. Expresses its satisfaction at the development of the programme and activities of the United Nations University;
5. Expresses its appreciation of the increased participation of the United Nations University in the programmes and activities of UNESCO, particularly the UNESCO-UNU Chairs and Networks and Priority Africa;
6. Stresses the need for continued collaboration between UNESCO and the United Nations University on areas of joint expertise and capacity through, for example, the revival of the staff exchange programme;
7. Invites UNESCO and the United Nations University to submit to it at its 194th session (spring 2014) a plan of joint activities for 2014-2017, together with the report of the UNU Council and the Director-General's comments thereon.

(190 EX/SR.1)

## PROGRAMME MATTERS

### 7 Education for all (EFA) (190 EX/7 Parts I and II; 190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/54 Part I)

#### I

#### Strategic vision and plan for UNESCO's advocacy efforts for education for all (EFA)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/7 Part I,
2. Recognizing UNESCO's role as lead coordinating agency for education for all (EFA),
3. Welcomes the EFA Steering Committee's recognition of the importance of advocacy as one of the key strategic issues for EFA;
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the strategic vision and plan for UNESCO's advocacy for EFA;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for her sustained efforts to advocate for EFA, encourages her to continue to do so on the basis of the strategic vision and plan, and in this context, invites her to urge Member States to allocate sufficient resources for education;

6. Calls upon the Member States to make extrabudgetary contributions for the implementation of advocacy activities for EFA;
7. Also welcomes the United Nations Secretary-General's Education First initiative, the September 2012 launch of which constituted the 2012 EFA High-Level Forum, and requests the Director-General to establish clear linkage with the EFA Steering Committee's work and the Global EFA Meeting to ensure consistency and effective delivery on EFA goals;
8. Encourages the Director-General to use this initiative to further strengthen UNESCO's leadership role for EFA, in partnership with other United Nations agencies, Member States, civil society and the private sector in order to mobilize their involvement and support for education and its importance in the development agenda leading up to 2015 and beyond;
9. Invites the Director-General, in consultation with Member States, to present to it at its 191st session a report on UNESCO's participation in the processes for preparation of the post-2015 development agenda, and on the overall strategy of the Organization to influence the shaping of this agenda in general, and on UNESCO's advocacy efforts for education in this specific context;
10. Requests the Director-General to report on the progress made on advocacy for EFA in her statutory EX/4 reports during the present biennium.

(190 EX/SR.8)

## II

### **Framework for the assessment of the role played by UNESCO as the global coordinator and leader for education for all (EFA) during the period 2012-2015**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 8 (I) endorsing the new global education for all (EFA) coordination mechanism,
2. Also recalling the functions of UNESCO in coordinating EFA as outlined in the Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5 Approved),
3. Having examined document 190 EX/7 Part II,
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for putting in place the new global EFA coordination mechanism;
5. Takes note of the framework for the assessment of the role played by UNESCO as the global coordinator and leader for EFA;
6. Reaffirms the functions and missions of UNESCO as the global coordinator and leader for EFA, as stated in the Dakar Framework for Action 2000-2015;
7. Invites the Director-General to strengthen the proposed assessment framework, specifically in relation to a more proactive concept of leadership and a stronger results- and impact-based orientation of the proposed indicators;
8. Welcomes the proposal to complement the assessment framework with an evaluation of UNESCO's performance as global coordinator and leader for EFA, and invites the Director-General to initiate such an evaluation, to be completed by the end of 2014;

9. Requests the Director-General to report on the revised framework and the progress made in coordinating the EFA process on the basis of the framework for assessment in her statutory EX/4 reports until 2015.

(190 EX/SR.8)

**8 Technical and vocational education and training (TVET)** (190 EX/8 Parts I and II;  
190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/54 Part I)

**I**

**Conclusions of the Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 189 EX/Decision 6 (II),
2. Recognizes the leading role that UNESCO has played in the global debate on technical and vocational education and training (TVET) through the Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training, hosted by China in Shanghai, 14-16 May 2012;
3. Takes note of the Shanghai Consensus: Recommendations of the Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training “Transforming TVET: Building Skills for Work and Life”;
4. Invites the Director-General to implement the recommendations contained in the Shanghai Consensus, and to undertake appropriate follow-up actions, at the regional and international levels, in cooperation with agencies and other stakeholders active in this field;
5. Calls upon Member States to make extrabudgetary contributions for the implementation of the Shanghai Consensus;
6. Confirms the priority to be assigned to the follow-up to the Congress within the framework of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), taking into account the importance of the Strategy in the promotion of education for all (EFA) and education for sustainable development (ESD).

(190 EX/SR.8)

**II**

**Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET): Preliminary report of the review of the implementation of the strategy**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/8 Part II,
2. Encourages the Director-General to strengthen the Organization’s efforts to advance the implementation of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), and to finalize its mid-term review by December 2012;

3. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 191st session on the full mid-term review of the implementation of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, including implications for programming for the period 2013-2015;
4. Also requests the Director-General to finalize the document on best practices for wider dissemination by electronic means.

(190 EX/SR.8)

**9 United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014): looking beyond 2014** (190 EX/9; 190 EX/54 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 16,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/9,
3. Takes note of the two options for follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014);
4. Encourages all Member States to continue to strengthen their efforts to implement the UNESCO strategy for the second half of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development at the international, regional, national and local levels, and to contribute to the preparation of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, to be organized jointly by UNESCO and the Government of Japan in 2014;
5. Expresses its preference for a programme framework as follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development after 2014;
6. Requests the Director-General to develop, in consultation with Member States, and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the proposal for a programme framework, led by UNESCO, which should cover at least the period of the forthcoming Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021, address education at all levels and in all forms, be based on a comprehensive sustainable development agenda, while also encouraging strategic focus and national commitment;
7. Also requests the Director-General to submit the proposal, including information on financial implications, to the Executive Board at its 192nd session and to the General Conference at its 37th session, with a view to transmitting it to the United Nations General Assembly for a decision at its 69th session in 2014 in order to ensure seamless follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and continued UNESCO leadership in education for sustainable development (ESD) beyond 2014;
8. Invites the Director-General to ensure that the proposal for follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development is reflected in draft documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5 as appropriate, and duly takes into account the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), findings from Decade monitoring and evaluation reports (2009, 2012 and 2014), the preparations of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in 2014, as well as the ongoing formulation of the post-2015 agenda;
9. Also invites the Director-General to make efforts to duly reflect the follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development in the expected

follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the education for all (EFA) goals, as well as the formulation of possible sustainable development goals.

(190 EX/SR.8)

**10 Report on issues relevant to the desirability of preparing a declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (190 EX/10; 190 EX/54 Part I)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/10,
2. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 36, 185 EX/Decision 13, 186 EX/Decision 9, and 36 C/Resolution 36,
3. Taking note of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (180 EX/16 Rev.), the Enhanced Plan of Action for the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (182 EX/INF.7 Annex), and the Director-General's Climate Change Initiative,
4. Also taking note of the Framework of Ethical Principles and Responsibilities for Climate Change Adaptation adopted by the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) in Doha, Qatar, at its seventh ordinary session,
5. Considering, on the basis of the outcomes of the 17th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 17), that the international negotiation process is moving forward,
6. Welcoming the proposal by COMEST to conduct background work towards a framework of ethical principles for climate change which would, if it proves feasible, be available for the consideration of UNESCO in 2015,
7. Invites the Director-General to promote research on the social and ethical dimensions of climate change, and to strengthen policy support for Member States in relation to the social dimensions of climate change at the national and regional levels, through the work of COMEST and the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme;
8. Requests the Director-General, in her report to the General Conference at its 37th session, to reflect the ongoing work of COMEST on ethical principles in relation to climate change, and recommends that further consideration be given to the desirability of preparing a declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change at the 38th session of the General Conference, on the basis of the technical background work of COMEST referred to in paragraph 6 of this decision, of the outcome of negotiation processes under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and of prior discussion by the Executive Board to be scheduled in 2014.

(190 EX/SR.8)

**11 Protection and promotion of museums and collections (190 EX/11 and Add.; 190 EX/55)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 46,
2. Having examined documents 190 EX/11 and Add.,

3. Taking into consideration the results of the Expert Meeting on the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 11 to 14 July 2012, and thanking the Government of Brazil for hosting and financing that meeting,
4. Recalling that, in a rapidly changing world, UNESCO, in cooperation with the International Council of Museums (ICOM), should play a leadership role in articulating principles and guidelines to support Member States in developing and strengthening their museum policies, in all forms, taking into consideration the needs and aspirations of local communities,
5. Also recalling the need for ratification of existing international legal instruments and ensuring the full implementation of the specific provisions concerning museums and collections, and the development of national legislations and policies to implement such provisions,
6. Acknowledging the evolving role of museums as tools for social inclusion, cohesion and transformation and cross-cultural dialogue,
7. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendations of the Expert Meeting on the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 11 to 14 July 2012;
8. Requests the Director-General to conduct consultations, in close cooperation with Member States and the International Council of Museums, and to undertake an independent preliminary study, with extrabudgetary resources, of the desirability, the technical and legal aspects, and the scope, rationale, added value, and administrative and financial implications of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections, for examination by the Executive Board at its 191st session, with a view to inscribing this item on the agenda of the 37th session of the General Conference;
9. Also requests the Director-General to include in the above-mentioned independent preliminary study an assessment of the relevant international instruments and programmes and an indication of how they relate to the protection and promotion of museums and collections;
10. Invites the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's action for the protection of cultural objects and the sharing of best practices among museums to strengthen capacity-building for museum professionals in conservation, inventorying, documentation, presentation and security of cultural objects, with a view to enhancing the recognition of the role of museums in favour of social inclusion and cohesion, peace, sustainable development and the fight against the trafficking of cultural property and the illegal trade in endangered species;
11. Encourages the Director General to seek extrabudgetary funds to support the implementation of this initiative, and urges Member States, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations, to provide extrabudgetary resources for this purpose.

(190 EX/SR.7)



**12 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument concerning heritage preservation and sustainable development of tourism (190 EX/12; 190 EX/55)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/12, and recalling document 186 EX/20, presenting a preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects of the advisability of regulating internationally, through a new standard-setting instrument, the question of heritage preservation and the sustainable development of tourism,
2. Noting Decision 34 COM 5F.2 adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session (Brasilia, 2010), in which the World Heritage Committee invited the Director-General of UNESCO “to consider the feasibility of a recommendation on the relationship between heritage conservation and sustainable tourism”,
3. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 23, in which the Board decided to postpone its final decision on the desirability of this proposal until its 190th session, in order that further consultations among the Member States might take place,
4. Also noting Decision 36 COM 5E adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session (Saint Petersburg, 2012) on the adoption of the new World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism programme,
5. Notes with regret the lack of financial resources for the coordination and implementation of the World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism programme;
6. Recommends that the Director-General utilize existing legal instruments and programmes to strengthen the relationship between heritage preservation and sustainable development of tourism.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**13 Jerusalem and the implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 and 189 EX/Decision 8 (190 EX/13; 190 EX/54 Part II Rev.)**

The Executive Board decided, upon the recommendation<sup>2</sup> of the Programme and External Relations Commission, that the debate on this item be adjourned to its 191st session, and that the draft decision contained in document 190 EX/PX/DR.6 be annexed to the present decision.

(190 EX/SR.8)

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After a roll-call vote of 28 votes in favour, 23 votes against and 4 abstentions, **the following States having voted for the adjournment of the debate:** Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Grenada, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

**the following States having voted against:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ecuador, France, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe.

**Abstentions:** Angola, Gabon, Thailand and Viet Nam.

**Absent:** Barbados, Ethiopia and Papua New Guinea.

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**ANNEX**



United Nations  
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**Executive Board**  
Hundred and ninetieth session

190 EX/PX/DR.6  
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**PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)**

**Item 13 Jerusalem and the implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 and 189 EX/Decision 8**

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/13,
2. Recalling resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on Jerusalem, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their additional Protocols, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its additional Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
3. 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,
4. Deplores the ongoing Israeli practices and the Israeli settlers incursions in East Jerusalem, that dangerously and irreversibly affect the city's distinctive character, both religious and cultural, historical and demographical, and urges the Israeli Authorities to take the necessary measures to prevent these abuses;
5. Affirms in this regards that the integrity and authenticity of East Jerusalem must be protected;
6. Notes with deep concern the absence of progress in the implementation of its previous 185 EX/Decision 14 concerning this item, and reiterates its request to the Director-General to appoint, as soon as possible, a 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;
7. Reaffirms the requirement to promptly and fully implement the above-referenced decision and resolution, and urges the Israeli authorities to facilitate its implementation in conformity with its adherence to UNESCO decisions and conventions;
8. Asks the Director-General to maintain her efforts to implement the above mentioned decision and resolution;
9. Decides to include this item on the agenda of the 191st session of the Executive Board and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress thereon.

**14 Implementation of 189 EX/Decision 9 on “the two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem” (190 EX/14; 190 EX/54 Part II Rev.)**

The Executive Board decided, upon the recommendation<sup>3</sup> of the Programme and External Relations Commission, that the debate on this item be adjourned to its 191st session, and that the draft decision contained in document 190 EX/PX/DR.7 be annexed to the present decision.

(190 EX/SR.8)

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**ANNEX**



**Executive Board**  
Hundred and ninetieth session

190 EX/PX/DR.7  
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**PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)**

**Item 14 Implementation of 189 EX/Decision 9 on “the two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem”**

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/14,
2. Recalling UNESCO decisions on the two Palestinian sites in Hebron/al-Khalīl and in Bethlehem, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their additional Protocols, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its additional Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and also recalling the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970),

<sup>3</sup>

After a roll-call vote of 28 votes in favour, 23 votes against and 4 abstentions,  
**the following States having voted for the adjournment of the debate:** Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Grenada, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).  
**the following States having voted against:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ecuador, France, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe.  
**Abstentions:** Angola, Gabon, Thailand and Viet Nam.  
**Absent:** Barbados, Ethiopia and Papua New Guinea.

3. Bearing in mind that the two concerned sites located in Hebron/al-Khalīl and in Bethlehem are an integral part of the occupied Palestinian territory and that no unilateral action should be undertaken by the Israeli authorities,
4. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the Palestinian cultural heritage, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions,
5. Expresses its deep concern over the ongoing Israeli works in Hebron/ al-Khalīl, such as the construction of a separation wall inside the Old City of Hebron and the creation of private roads for settlers, that dangerously and irreversibly affect the city's distinctive character, both religious and cultural, historical and demographical;
6. Regrets the denial of freedom of movement and freedom of access to places of worship due to the above mentioned Israeli practices and other Israeli restrictions;
7. Also regrets the Israeli authorities refusal to comply with 185 EX/Decision 15 concerning “the two Palestinian sites of Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs in Al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl Ibn Rabāh Mosque/Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem” and urges them to act in accordance with the mentioned decision in conformity with their adherence to UNESCO decisions and conventions;
8. Decides to include this item on the agenda of the 191st session of the Executive Board and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

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#### **[15 International Manuscripts Day]**

This item was postponed to the 191st session, at the request of Egypt: see the footnote in document 190 EX/1.

#### **16 Report by the Director-General on the experts meeting on strengthening the Memory of the World Programme (190 EX/16; 190 EX/55)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/16,
2. Noting the importance of preserving and strengthening of communication and information programmes at UNESCO, which *inter alia* is carrying out an important global initiative to preserve and ensure access to the documentary heritage of humanity,
3. Emphasizing the importance of synergy of the Memory of the World and Information for All Programmes in preserving documentary heritage, including digital heritage, of humanity,
4. Thanks the government of Poland for hosting the expert meeting in Warsaw from 8 to 10 May 2012, and noting with satisfaction that the meeting was attended by 50 experts from all regions;
5. Takes note of the recommendations of the aforementioned expert meeting;
6. Requests the Director-General to elaborate a draft action plan which includes a time-frame and financial implications for strengthening the Memory of the World Programme based on 36 C/Resolution 59 and the recommendations formulated by the expert meeting in Warsaw, and to submit this draft action plan to the Executive Board at its 191st session for its consideration;
7. Recommends that the Director-General make greater efforts to strengthen policies and capacities for archives, museums, libraries and other institutions that house such heritage;

8. Also requests the Director-General to undertake a preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects on the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage for examination by the Executive Board at its 191st session.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**17 Implementation/review of the overall strategy and overall situation with respect to UNESCO prizes (190 EX/17; 190 EX/55)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 24, 182 EX/Decision 25, 185 EX/Decision 38, and 189 EX/Decision 16,
2. Having examined the evaluation of UNESCO prizes prepared by the UNESCO Internal Oversight Service (IOS), and the recommendations made therein (document IOS/EVS/PI/114),
3. Having also examined document 190 EX/17 and, in particular, Annexes I and II thereto,
4. Also recalling the principle of equal treatment for all Member States and the importance of UNESCO prizes contributing to the achievement of the Organization's strategic objectives and programme priorities,
5. Reiterating the principle that the amount of the prizes shall be determined in consultation between the Director-General and the donor, inasmuch as moral values are more important than monetary values,
6. Takes note of the Director-General's proposed revisions to the Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes;
7. Endorses the inclusion in the Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes of a feasibility study framework for the creation of UNESCO prizes, as contained in Annex I of document 190 EX/17, taking into account the need to revise paragraph 2.1 of Annex I;
8. Further endorses the amendments made to Articles 5.1, 6.1, 6.2 and 8.1 of the Proposed Standard Model Text for Statutes, (171 EX/19, Annex I) as reproduced in Annex II of document 190 EX/17;
9. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 191st session a revised and balanced proposal, taking into account the principle that moral values are more important than monetary values;
10. Urges the Secretariat to refrain from taking any decision until the 191st session of the Executive Board to eliminate and/or merge UNESCO prizes, since that is a prerogative which falls within the mandate of the Executive Board.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

- 18 Category 2 institutes and centres** (190 EX/18 Part I; 190 EX/INF.16; 190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/18 Part II; 190 EX/18 Part III; 190 EX/18 Part IV and Corr.; 190 EX/18 Part V; 190 EX/18 Part VI; 190 EX/18 Part VII; 190 EX/18 Part VIII Rev.; 190 EX/18 Part IX; 190 EX/18 Part X; 190 EX/53; 190 EX/55)

### I

#### Category 2 institutes and centres

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103, in which the General Conference adopted the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO contained in the Annex to document 35 C/22 and Corr., and also recalling 189 EX/Decision 16,
2. Having examined documents 190 EX/18 Part I and 190 EX/INF.16,
3. Aware that the network of category 2 institutes and centres is making a significant contribution to the achievement of UNESCO's strategic programme objectives, particularly at the country level, and that the present management framework for category 2 institutes/centres (35 C/22 and Corr.) sets clear overall boundaries and principles for engagement,
4. Acknowledges that maintaining and coordinating the category 2 network has cost implications for the Organization pertaining to staff time and regular programme resources, and that measures are needed to reduce these costs, having regard to special needs of developing countries;
5. Thanks the Director-General for the work to improve the implementation of the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres (35 C/22 and Corr.), in line with the recommendations contained in the Internal Oversight Service's joint audit and evaluation of the management framework for category 2 institutes;
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, amend the current Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres so as to further strengthen category 2 status renewal procedures, improve alignment of category 2 institutes/centres' operations with UNESCO's results-based management approach and sectoral strategies, strengthen the monitoring and reporting requirements of the network, and reduce the cost to UNESCO of maintaining this network in terms of human and financial resources, taking into consideration suggestions in paragraph 23 of document 190 EX/18 Part I, as well as the special needs of developing countries;
7. Also recommends that any personal or institutional names given to category 2 institutes or centres shall be of persons or institutions whose outstanding moral, intellectual, scientific or artistic legacy is fully consonant with the ideals and objectives of UNESCO;
8. Requests the Director-General to prepare, following the amendment of the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy by the General Conference, pertinent guidelines, and to apply them accordingly;

9. Also requests the Director-General to report to it:
- (a) at its 191st session on the full cost of category 2 centres to UNESCO, including staff time, and on the results of renewal reviews undertaken;
  - (b) at its 192nd session on all non-operational category 2 centres, and also on category 2 centres with agreements which entered into force before 2005.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## II

### **Proposal for the establishment in Saudi Arabia of a regional centre for quality and excellence in K-12 education**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/18 Part II containing a proposal for the establishment in Saudi Arabia of a regional centre for quality and excellence in K-12 (kindergarten, primary and secondary) education as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
2. Considering the deep interest of Saudi Arabia in accelerating the process for the establishment of the proposed centre,
3. Welcomes the proposal of Saudi Arabia to establish a regional centre for quality and excellence in K-2 education as a UNESCO category 2 centre;
4. Requests Saudi Arabia to continue to work closely with UNESCO to ensure a technically-sound establishment of the proposed centre, as well as to elaborate on its financial commitment and the programme scope, orientation and modes of operation of the proposed centre;
5. Encourages the Director-General to continue cooperating closely with Saudi Arabia to finalize the draft agreement between Saudi Arabia and UNESCO, and invites her to submit it to the Board at its 191st session.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## III

### **Proposal for the establishment in Belgrade, Serbia, of a centre for water for sustainable development and adaptation to climate change**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 29,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/18 Part III,
3. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Serbia to establish a centre for water for sustainable development and adaptation to climate change under the auspices of UNESCO, at the Jaroslav Černi Institute for the Development of Water Resources, in Belgrade, Serbia, which is in line with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) contained in the Annex to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;

4. Takes note of the endorsement of the IHP Intergovernmental Council through IGC Resolution XX-7;
5. Approves the establishment of the Centre for Water for Sustainable Development and Adaptation to Climate Change under the auspices of UNESCO at the Jaroslav Černi Institute for the Development of Water Resources, in Belgrade, Serbia, and authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement (available on the Natural Sciences Sector website).

(190 EX/SR.7)

**[IV]**

**[Proposal for the establishment in Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of an institute of earthquake engineering and engineering seismology (IZIIS) at Sts Cyril and Methodius University]**

This sub-item was postponed to the 191st session of the Executive Board: see the footnote in document 190 EX/1.

**V**

**Proposal for the establishment in Montevideo, Uruguay, of a regional centre for groundwater management for Latin America and the Caribbean**

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. Taking note of Resolution IHP/IC-XX-6 adopted at the 20th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in June 2012,
3. Having examined document 190 EX/18 Part V, which contains a feasibility study on the proposal to establish a regional centre for groundwater management for Latin America and the Caribbean in Uruguay as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Government of Uruguay to establish on its territory a regional centre for groundwater management for Latin America and the Caribbean as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
5. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained in document 190 EX/18 Part V to be such as to meet the requirements for UNESCO to grant its auspices to the regional centre,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, approve the establishment in Uruguay of the Regional Centre for Groundwater Management for Latin America and the Caribbean, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(190 EX/SR.7)



**[VI]**

**[Proposal for the establishment in Langfang, China,  
of an international centre on global-scale geochemistry]**

This sub-item was postponed to the 191st session of the Executive Board: see the footnote in document 190 EX/1.

**[VII]**

**[Evaluation of the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management  
(ICHARM), and renewal of category 2 centre status]**

This sub-item was postponed to the 191st session of the Executive Board: see the footnote in document 190 EX/1.

**[VIII]**

**[International Centre of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement  
in Chungju, Republic of Korea]**

This sub-item was postponed to the 191st session of the Executive Board: see the footnote in document 190 EX/1.

**[IX]**

**[Contribution of the institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)  
in Africa to the implementation of the youth programme activities in the region]**

This sub-item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 190 EX/1.

**X**

**Report by the Director-General on a proposal by the  
Governing Board of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education  
to create a “global campus” and to obtain the right to grant doctoral degrees**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/18 Part X and the full proposal from the Governing Board of UNESCO-IHE and the relevant background documents,
2. Noting with appreciation the proven track record of UNESCO-IHE concerning its Master of Science and doctoral programmes administered in cooperation with universities, for the benefit of developing countries and countries in transition,
3. Taking note of the proposal of the Governing Board of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education to create a UNESCO-IHE global campus as an interconnected network of category 1 regional institutes,
4. Also taking note of the request by the Governing Board of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education to be granted the right to award doctoral degrees independently,
5. Further taking note of the observations made by the Director-General in paragraphs 5, 6, 7 of document 190 EX/18 Part X,

6. Invites the Director-General to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study for the possible creation of a UNESCO-IHE global campus, including: (a) a comprehensive assessment of the legal, financial, governance and implementation implications and dimensions of the global campus concept; and (b) a needs assessment based on a thorough regional mapping of existing advanced education programmes in the area of water;
7. Also invites the Director-General to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study for an in-depth assessment of the implications of granting to UNESCO-IHE the right to award doctoral degrees, in terms of quality assurance and accreditation, also reflecting on a possible phasing of the approach and on the added value of such an initiative compared with other possible delivery mechanisms, including modalities other than category 1 institutes, taking into account the views of the UNESCO-IHE host country;
8. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 191st session the results of these feasibility studies.

(190 EX/SR.7)

#### **DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2014-2021 (37 C/4) AND DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2014-2017 (37 C/5)**

- 19 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021(37 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5)** (190 EX/19 Part I and Corr. Part I (A), (B) and (C) online; 190 EX/Part II; 190 EX/INF.5 (Education First: United Nations Secretary-General's initiative on education); 190 EX/INF.6 (United Nations Secretary-General's initiative on science); 190 EX/INF.20; 190 EX/INF.22; 190 EX/INF.26 (United Nations Secretary-General's Oceans Compact); 190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/INF.28; 190 EX/INF.29; 190 EX/53; 190 EX/55)

#### **I**

##### **Preliminary proposals by the Director-General for priority fields of action**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 1,
2. Expressing its appreciation to Member States, National Commissions, and non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations for their contributions and constructive and rich proposals to the consultation process for the preparation of draft documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5,
3. Having considered the preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5) (190 EX/19 Part I),
4. Recommends as orientations for the preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy: (i) increasing UNESCO's focus; (ii) positioning UNESCO closer to the field; (iii) strengthening UNESCO's participation in the United Nations system; (iv) developing and strengthening UNESCO's partnerships;
5. Reaffirms that UNESCO's mission statement shall be: "As a specialized agency of the United Nations, UNESCO – pursuant to its Constitution – contributes to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, and sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information";

6. Endorses the following functions for UNESCO, to be articulated, as appropriate, at the global, regional and national levels:
  - (a) serving as a laboratory of ideas and generating innovative proposals and policy advice in its fields of competence;
  - (b) developing and reinforcing the global agenda in its fields of competence through policy analysis, monitoring and benchmarking;
  - (c) setting norms and standards in its fields of competence and supporting and monitoring their implementation;
  - (d) strengthening international and regional cooperation in its fields of competence, and fostering alliances, intellectual cooperation, knowledge-sharing and operational partnerships;
  - (e) providing advice for policy development and implementation, and developing institutional and human capacities;
7. Takes note of the proposals made by the Director-General concerning the Organization's two overarching objectives, and, taking into account the discussions at the 190th session of the Executive Board, requests the Director-General to reflect expressly in these overarching objectives social inclusion, ethical and social challenges and communication and information;
8. Stresses the important role UNESCO plays as an intergovernmental organization through its five major programmes of education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture, and communication and information;
9. Also reaffirms the relevance of UNESCO's five major programmes or fields of competence, and requests the Director-General to take this into account when developing draft documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5, including clear proposals for innovative, holistic and effective structures and programme delivery as well as enhanced interdisciplinarity;
10. Reconfirms Africa and gender equality as the two global priorities of the Organization;
11. Requests the Director-General to integrate into draft documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5 the guidance provided in 190 EX/Decision 45 on Priority Africa;
12. Awaits the results of the forthcoming evaluation of gender equality, which will determine the operational strategy for the forthcoming medium-term period;
13. Considers that UNESCO's new Medium-Term Strategy must place greater emphasis on youth and small island developing States (SIDS);
14. Requests the Director-General to make provisions in the Draft Medium-Term Strategy on how best to respond to the needs of countries in transition, including countries in or emerging from conflict or disaster situations, and those undergoing significant political, economic or social changes;
15. Also requests the Director-General, as a basis for developing programmes and activities for draft document 37 C/5, to:
  - (a) evaluate the relevance and direct contribution of all current programmes to the mission and overarching objectives of UNESCO;

- (b) assess intergovernmental programmes and expert committees with a view to reducing overlap, optimizing their contribution to UNESCO's mission and programmes, and reducing administrative costs, including for documentation;
  - (c) strengthen the results-based management (RBM) approach by including a quantitative and, to the extent feasible, qualitative impact orientation for all expected results;
16. Further requests the Director-General to include in draft document 37 C/5 the following information concerning proposed programmes:
- (a) relevance, rationale and alignment with the mission statement and overarching objectives;
  - (b) capacity to deliver and potential for expected impact;
  - (c) UNESCO's comparative advantage and complementarity with activities by other organizations of the United Nations system;
  - (d) exit strategies and sunset clauses;
  - (e) monitoring and periodic assessments of programmes through decision-oriented evaluations;
17. Recalls the importance of Rule 59 (Appointments to the Secretariat and consultations on its structure) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board;
18. Requests the Director-General, in preparing draft documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5, to take into account the discussions held at the Executive Board's 190th session and the Board's Ad Hoc Preparatory Group concerning the Director-General's preliminary proposals;
19. Invites the Director-General to consult Member States during the intersessional period between the 190th and 191st sessions of the Executive Board about the development of her proposals for draft documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5;
20. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 191st session the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5) on the basis of the guidance provided in the present decision in order to enable the Executive Board to formulate its comments and recommendations thereon to the General Conference at its 37th session (37 C/6).

## II

### **Budgeting techniques and preliminary technical estimates for 2014-2015**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/19 Part II,
2. Notes that the document presents a general description of the methods, techniques and practices that would normally be applied when preparing the budget for 2014-2015, and proposals for changing certain of these practices in an effort to move towards a results-based budgeting (RBB) approach, as requested in 36 C/Resolution 110;

3. Also notes the actions required concerning the transition to results-based budgeting, as outlined in the annex to document 190 EX/19 Part II;
4. Approves the following changes and improvements to the budgeting techniques and processes that are needed in order to apply results-based budgeting, *inter alia*:
  - (a) elimination of the presentation of zero real growth (ZRG) estimates based on inflation and statutory increase analyses in future preliminary proposal documents;
  - (b) application of a budget presentation focused on results for document 37 C/5, paying due attention to the need to better define and monitor quantitative, qualitative and impact results and their indicators;
  - (c) revision of the constant dollar budget reporting rate for document 37 C/5 to reflect the prevailing rate of exchange one month before the approval of document 37 C/5;
5. Invites the Director-General to maintain the presentation of the “Anticipated Cost Increases” under a separate part of the budget, and to prepare the budget using a lapse factor based on the rate closer to actual rates;
6. Also invites the Director-General to present to it at its 191st session a phased approach for the progressive implementation of results-based budgeting which includes:
  - (a) a calendar of implementation;
  - (b) a description of the actions that need to be taken in order to meet the conditions for the successful implementation of results-based budgeting;
  - (c) information concerning the investments needed in terms of required staff skills, training, staff time, control processes and IT developments;
  - (d) an accountability framework which clearly specifies levels of accountability for senior staff at Headquarters and in the field, and gives the appropriate authority to the directors of field offices;
  - (e) appropriate levels of resources and inputs required to attain expected results;
  - (f) a cost classification;
7. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 191st session document 37 C/5 based on a budget ceiling of \$653 million for 2014-2015 representing a zero nominal growth budget level as compared with document 36 C/5 Approved (2012-2013), on the understanding that:
  - (a) this amount will be re-evaluated in accordance with a revised constant dollar budget reporting rate;
  - (b) as a consequence of this re-evaluation, the budget ceiling appearing in document 37 C/5 will be different from \$653 million as the part of contributions in euros will be converted for reporting purposes to dollars according to the revised constant dollar budget reporting rate;
  - (c) the total amount of contributions requested in euros and dollars from all Member States will be the same as for document 36 C/5;

8. Further invites the Director-General to present an implementation plan for document 37 C/5 which sets out spending priorities for the Organization based on the expected cash flow situation for 2014-2015.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## **METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION**

### **20 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the nomination of the Director-General of the Organization (190 EX/20)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/20,
2. Approves the following procedure contained in paragraph 6 of document 190 EX/20, as amended, for the nomination of a candidate for the office of Director-General in 2013:
  - “(a) Immediately following the end of the 190th session, the Chairperson would dispatch to Member States a letter inviting them to submit to her confidentially, by 29 March 2013 at the latest, the names of candidates for the post of Director-General, together with full biographical details. This letter (190 EX/20 Appendix) would contain two annexes setting out the relevant Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and of the Executive Board (Annex A) and the draft contract established on the basis of the contract currently in force between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Director-General (Annex B), to be found in document 190 EX/PRIV.2.
  - (b) Communication to the Member States and the Members of the Executive Board (confidentially) of the list of names suggested, by 31 May 2013 at the latest.
  - (c) The Chairperson of the Executive Board would invite the candidates to submit to the Board the text setting out their vision for UNESCO by 26 July 2013 at the latest. The text should not exceed 2,000 words, and should be in one of the six working languages of the Organization.
  - (d) Consideration by the Executive Board, at its 191st session, in private meeting, of the draft contract establishing the terms of appointment, salary, allowances and status of the Director-General.
  - (e) At the 192nd session (the session immediately preceding the 37th session of the General Conference), consideration by the Executive Board, in private meeting, of the names put forward, pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board. The Board would, at a private meeting, interview the candidates through the procedure that will be established at the 191st session. After discussions at a private meeting at the end of the interview process, the Board shall choose through secret ballot the candidate whom it will recommend to the General Conference.
  - (f) The candidate to be proposed by the Executive Board to the General Conference would be chosen by secret ballot by the Board pursuant to paragraph 1 of Rule 54 and paragraph 3 of Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board.
  - (g) The Board would inform the General Conference of the name of the candidate nominated by the Board pursuant to paragraph 4 of Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, and submit to the General Conference a draft

contract establishing the terms of appointment, salary, allowances and status of the Director-General.”

(190 EX/SR.6)

- 21 Follow-up to the independent external evaluation of UNESCO** (190 EX/21 Part I; 190 EX/INF.12 and Add.; 190 EX/21 Part II; 190 EX/INF.7; 190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/55)

## I

### Report by the Director-General

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 102, 185 EX/Decision 18, 186 EX/Decisions 17 (I) and (II), 187 EX/Decisions 17 (I) and (II) and 36 C/Resolution 104,
2. Having examined documents 190 EX/21 Part I and 190 EX/INF.12,
3. Takes note of the progress made by the Secretariat in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the independent external evaluation of UNESCO, and the Director-General’s action plan with respect to the operational aspects of the independent external evaluation of UNESCO;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue implementing the recommendations and planned actions;
5. Also invites the Director-General to present to it at its 191st session an updated version of the oversight table contained in document 190 EX/INF.12, including a clear timeframe for the implementation of all open recommendations and planned actions.
6. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 191st session an analytical report on progress, including information on major challenges encountered, in the implementation of the recommendations contained in document 186 EX/17 Part I and the planned actions contained in document 186 EX/17 Part II.

## II

### Policy framework for strategic partnerships: a comprehensive partnership strategy

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 17 (IV), which requested the Director-General “to refine further the umbrella statement on partnerships, in light of the discussions at its 187th session, and to further expand and complement it through separate strategies for engagement with the private sector, media companies, civil society and NGOs, parliamentarians, Associated Schools, UNESCO Clubs, UNESCO Chairs and other partners”,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/21 Part II entitled “Policy Framework for Strategic Partnerships: A Comprehensive Partnership Strategy”, including a refined umbrella statement, and document 190 EX/INF.7,
3. Underlining the importance of establishing and actively managing partnerships in order to reinforce the relevance, impact, credibility, efficiency, effectiveness and visibility of UNESCO’s work,

4. Also recalling in this regard the relevant recommendations made in the independent external evaluation of UNESCO, which stressed in particular that “UNESCO needs to develop a comprehensive strategy for partnership that looks outwards to civil society, expert communities and the private sector to ensure its relevance, advance its values and implement its programmes” (185 EX/18, para. 56),
5. Further recalling the relevant recommendations of the Executive Board’s Ad Hoc Working Group on the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO, in particular the “need for UNESCO to develop a comprehensive policy and accountability framework for strategic partnerships that looks outwards to civil society, expert communities and the private sector” (186 EX/17 Part I (V)),
6. Reaffirming the active role of National Commissions for UNESCO in the building and development of partnerships,
7. Welcomes the comprehensive partnership strategy, including the umbrella statement as contained in document 190 EX/21 Part II, and the separate strategies for engagement with various partners;
8. Underlines the need to align the comprehensive partnership strategy with the Medium-Term Strategy and to review it every four years to ensure its continuing relevance;
9. Requests the Director-General to include the Goodwill Ambassadors, the UNEVOC network and the category 2 institutes in the comprehensive partnership strategy;
10. Also requests that the Director-General be guided by the United Nations Guidelines for the Designation of Messengers of Peace and Goodwill Ambassadors in developing the strategy for Goodwill Ambassadors;
11. Further requests the Director-General to provide specific targets and expected results in the partnership strategies, taking into account the specificities of each category of partners, and to present them to it at its 191st session;
12. Invites the Director-General to report to it once every biennium on the implementation of the comprehensive partnership strategy in a consolidated report from 2014 onwards, and to ensure that Member States are kept duly informed of the development of partnerships.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**22 Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) on the management and administration of UNESCO** (190 EX/22 and Add.; 190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 190 EX/22 and Add. and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) (JIU/REP/2011/8), containing the comments by the Director-General on the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on review of management and administration in UNESCO,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report;
3. Highlights the finding of the Joint Inspection Unit that the complexity of governance of UNESCO “creates the conditions for duplication, ineffective working methods and compartmentalized processes”;



4. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 191st session a report mapping all challenges in relation to overlapping and potentially conflicting governance arrangements of UNESCO, and proposals for addressing such challenges;
5. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 191st session with a view to recommending to the 37th session of the General Conference ways forward for reducing overlapping and potentially conflicting governance arrangements;
6. Having noted, with reference to recommendation 1 of the Joint Inspection Unit report, that the Director-General has chosen to lead and to manage the change process through bodies already established, primarily the Senior Management Team (SMT), requests her to report on the implementation by the Senior Management Team;
7. Requests the Director-General to ensure follow-up to the implementation of recommendations 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 contained in the Joint Inspection Unit report, and to report to it at its 191st session on the status of implementation of those recommendations.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

### **23 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** (190 EX/CR/HR and Add.; 190 EX/PRIV. (Draft) and Add. and Corr.)

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

(190 EX/SR.5)

### **24 Implementation of standard-setting instruments** (190 EX/24 Parts I, II, III, IV and Add.; 190 EX/50)

#### I

#### **General monitoring**

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/Decisions 35 (I) and (II), 34 C/Resolution 87, 180 EX/Decision 31, 181 EX/Decision 27, 182 EX/Decision 31, 184 EX/Decision 20, 185 EX/Decision 23 (I), 186 EX/Decision 19 (I), 187 EX/Decision 20 (I) and 189 EX/Decision 13 (I) relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/24 Part I and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (190 EX/50),
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. Requests the Director-General to evaluate the reasons preventing the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission from working;
5. Also requests the Director-General to ensure the implementation of the legal framework for the enforcement of standard-setting instruments adopted at its 177th session by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
6. Decides to continue consideration of this item at its 191st session.

(190 EX/SR.5)

## II

### **Application of the 1966 Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers and the 1997 Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel – Report by the Director-General on allegations received by the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 4.4 and 157 EX/Decision 6.3,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/24 Part II and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (190 EX/50),
3. Takes note of the interim report by the Joint International Labour Organization (ILO)/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) relating to allegations on the non-observance of certain provisions of the ILO-UNESCO 1966 Recommendation in Japan, annexed to document 190 EX/24 Part II;
4. Invites the Director-General to communicate the interim report by CEART to the Government of Japan and to the All Japan Teachers' and Staff Union (ZENKYO) and the Japan Teachers' Union (JTU), and to invite them to take the necessary follow-up action as recommended in that report.

(190 EX/SR.5)

## III

### **Application of the 1989 Convention on Technical and Vocational Education and the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 87, 177 EX/Decisions 35 (I) and (II), 184 EX/Decision 20 and 187 EX/Decision 20 (IV),
2. Also recalling 181 EX/Decision 8, in which the Board approved the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), and document 182 EX/INF.5, in which the Strategy was amended,
3. Considering the deliberations of the Executive Board at its 187th session, and the Shanghai Consensus: Recommendations of the Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training "Transforming TVET: Building Skills

for Work and Life” (Shanghai, May 2012), in which the Congress recommended that the Director-General of UNESCO “consider the relevance and currency of UNESCO’s Convention on Technical and Vocational Education (1989) and the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education (2001), with a view to the possible development of new or revised normative instruments adapted to a changing world”,

4. Having examined document 190 EX/24 Part III and the report of the Committee of the Conventions and Recommendations on this matter (190 EX/50),
5. Recommends that the Director-General consider establishing partnerships with other organizations concerned, such as the International Labour Organization (ILO), and consult the UNESCO-UNEVOC network on the scope of further revisions to the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education (2001);
6. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 191st session a preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of making further revisions to the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education, with a view to submitting the study to the General Conference at its 37th session;
7. Also requests the Director-General to delay further monitoring of the implementation of the 1989 Convention and the 2001 Revised Recommendation pending a possible revision of their texts.

(190 EX/SR.5)

#### IV

#### 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I), and 189 EX/Decision 13 (III),
2. Having examined document 190 EX/24 Part IV and Add. and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon contained in document 190 EX/50,
3. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that submitted their national reports on the application of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers and took part in the preliminary consultations that enabled the Director-General to prepare the expanded and consolidated report on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation in line with 189 EX/Decision 13 (III);
4. Welcomes the opinions expressed by Member States that the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers represents an important element of an overarching and broad ethical framework to guide scientific activity, and remains adequate and applicable for science ethics and science policy, issues which it is designed to address;
5. Takes note of the opinions and views expressed by Member States concerning the desirability of revising and updating the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers;
6. Invites the Director-General to establish an ad hoc expert group, the terms of reference of which should include the preparation of a first draft of the preliminary study of the

technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers;

7. Also invites the Director-General to organize an online consultation involving a broad range of actors and stakeholders concerning the elements of the 1974 Recommendation requiring a possible revision;
8. Requests the Director-General to submit the aforementioned preliminary study to it at its 191st session, possibly with a view to inscribing the question of a revision of the 1974 Recommendation on the agenda of the 37th session of the General Conference;
9. Further invites the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference at its 37th session the expanded and consolidated report on the measures taken by Member States to implement the 1974 Recommendation, together with the Executive Board's observations and any observations or comments that the Director-General may wish to make.

(190 EX/SR.5)

**25 Reflection on the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education (190 EX/25; 190 EX/50)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 162 EX/Decision 5.4 (II), 171 EX/Decision 27, 172 EX/Decision 26, 175 EX/Decision 29, 177 EX/Decision 37, 179 EX/Decision 24, 181 EX/Decision 28, 184 EX/Decision 23, and 187 EX/Decision 21,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/25, and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (190 EX/50),
3. Takes note of the content of the reports and suggestions they contain;
4. Decides to adopt option (A) proposed in document 190 EX/25, paragraph 11, and requests the Director-General to begin its implementation.

(190 EX/SR.5)

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS**

**26 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements of UNESCO for the year ended 31 December 2011 and report by the External Auditor (190 EX/26 Parts I and II; 190 EX/53)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined documents 190 EX/26 Parts I and II,
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 give a fair view of the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2011, as well as the financial performance, the cash flow and the comparison of budget and actual amounts for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2011, in conformity with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);

5. Invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor to the General Conference at its 37th session, and to submit this report to the Executive Board at its 192nd session for prior review;
6. Decides to transmit to the General Conference at its 37th session the report by the External Auditor and the audited consolidated financial statements of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2011.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## **27 Financial Regulations of Special Accounts (190 EX/27; 190 EX/53)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Articles 6.5 and 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/27,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations (annexed to document 190 EX/27) of the following special accounts:
  - (a) the Special Account for Public Information through New Technologies and Social Media;
  - (b) the Special Account for International Jazz Day and Related Projects.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## **28 Implementation of the action plan for improved management of extrabudgetary funds (190 EX/28; 190 EX/INF.8; 190 EX/53)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 190 EX/28 and 190 EX/INF.8,
2. Welcomes the efforts by the Director-General to strengthen the strategic orientation, coherence and programmatic concentration of the Complementary Additional Programme (CAP), and to make it more accessible and attractive to potential donors and partners;
3. Appreciates the detailed information provided on the systems and procedures in place to monitor extrabudgetary projects, including the System of Information on Strategies, Tasks and the Evaluation of Results (SISTER);
4. Recognizes that greater transparency regarding UNESCO's extrabudgetary cooperation has been ensured by providing Member States, through SISTER, with direct access to information on resource mobilization and ongoing extrabudgetary activities, including those financed from the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund for UNESCO Priority Programmes and Reform Initiatives under documents 35 C/5 and 36 C/5;
5. Also appreciates the improvement of the systems and tools linked to the preparation of extrabudgetary project proposals, including the development of the budget-building tool B4U.
6. Takes note of the Director-General's efforts to mobilize funds to meet the shortfall of funding for UNESCO's regular programme by means of the Special Emergency Multi-

Donor Fund, as well as to mobilize additional funds to strengthen the scope and impact of UNESCO's regular programme through the Complementary Additional Programme;

7. Also takes note of the Director-General's efforts to promote a better understanding of the cost-recovery policy and proper project budgeting;
8. Encourages the Director-General to:
  - (a) further improve the management of extrabudgetary resources by achieving greater programmatic focus in the Complementary Additional Programme, in line with the corresponding C/5 document, making the Complementary Additional Programme more accessible and more widely known, and by reinforcing data collection and analysis and monitoring of its implementation;
  - (b) strengthen UNESCO's delivery capacity and programmatic impact by enhancing capacities in project planning and management of field office and Headquarters staff through dedicated training;
  - (c) maximize resource mobilization through a further diversification of funding sources within the framework of the partnership strategy;
  - (d) strengthen the implementation of the cost-recovery policy, while supporting efforts to develop common guidelines on cost recovery in the United Nations system;
9. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 192nd session on further developments and challenges encountered with regard to the management and monitoring of extrabudgetary resources and activities at Headquarters and in the field, and on the implementation of the cost-recovery policy and the amount of costs recovered.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**29 Report by the Director-General on the status of Member States' contributions and payment plans (190 EX/29 and Add.; 190 EX/53)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 02 and 189 EX/Decisions 15 (I) and (II),
2. Having examined document 190 EX/29 and Add.,
3. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the year 2012, and to those which have made efforts to reduce their arrears in response to appeals;
4. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
5. Also recalls that by virtue of Article IV.C, paragraph 8 (b) of the Constitution, a Member State shall have no vote in the General Conference if the total amount of contributions due from it exceeds the total amount of contributions payable by it for the current year and the immediately preceding calendar year;
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 the failure of six Member States to pay up to the end of June 2012 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. 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;
9. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 191st session on the status of Member States' contributions and on the cash flow of the Organization.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**30 Report by the Director-General as at 31 May 2012 on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and his comments thereon (190 EX/30; 190 EX/INF.9; 190 EX/55)**

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 180 EX/Decision 40 (II), 184 EX/Decision 8 (I) and 186 EX/Decision 29,
2. Having examined documents 190 EX/30 and 190 EX/INF.9,
3. Takes note of the status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations, and requests the Director-General to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations that require the adoption of additional measures;
4. Also requests the Director-General to report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor in accordance with his suggestions on the typology and frequency of monitoring, and accordingly further requests that:
  - (a) the status of implementation of the recommendations be limited to the following three categories: "recommendation implemented", "recommendation partly implemented" and "recommendation pending";
  - (b) the progress report on the implementation of the recommendations be submitted to it once every two years in respect of recommendations that have no bearing on the consideration of financial statements; the next such report should therefore be submitted to it at its 192nd session (autumn 2013).

(190 EX/SR.7)

**31 Report by the Director-General on the state of progress of phase 1 of the reform of the field network (190 EX/31 and Add.; 190 EX/55)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 33,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/31,
3. Takes note of progress made in the implementation of phase 1 of the field network reform in Africa;

4. Also takes note of the increased devolution of authority to directors/heads of field offices, to be accompanied by a commensurate reinforcement of accountability;
5. Endorses the revised reporting lines within the approved two-tiered field network structure;
6. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 191st session on progress in implementation of phase 1 of the reform of the field network.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**32 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF)**  
(190 EX/32 and Add. and Corr.; 190 EX/INF.14; 190 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/32, and in particular, the principles recommended by the Director-General's external consultant for a new governance structure for the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF), and document 190 EX/INF.14,
2. Recommends that the Director-General consider the proposed new governance structure with a view to amending the Rules of the Medical Benefits Fund in accordance with the procedures established in those Rules;
3. Notes the Director-General's proposal to include in future C/5 documents a provision to start funding the long term liabilities relating to the after service health insurance (ASHI) equivalent to 1% of the recosted staff costs in the 37 C/5 proposal, and requests the Director-General to submit to it a proposal addressing the accrual of after service health insurance liability for staff, taking into consideration recommendation 8 contained in document 190 EX/26 and the experience of other United Nations organizations.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**33 Headquarters matters** (190 EX/33 Part I and Add.-Add.2; Part II and Add; 190 EX/INF.18; 190 EX/53 and Add.)

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**Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee,  
on managing the UNESCO complex**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 30, 36 C/Resolution 100, and 36 C/Resolution 101,
2. Having examined documents 190 EX/33 Part I and Add. and Add.2,
3. Takes note of the information provided on the Capital Master Plan priorities for the UNESCO Headquarters complex;
4. Notes that the Headquarters Committee has approved, subject to the proviso hereafter, the proposal of the Director-General to advance up to €1.2 million from the Headquarters Utilization Fund reserve for space optimization at Headquarters (moves, refurbishment and regrouping), provided that such advances are reimbursed through new revenue-generating activities, and that the advances shall only be made following written confirmation from the Legal Adviser that the Organization, by implementing the



proposal referred to in paragraph 8 in document 180 COM/SIEGE/3, will not be subject to any problematic fiscal or legal liabilities resulting from the said activities;

5. Also takes note of the information provided on funds from revenue-generating activities from sources other than Member States, and requests that similar information be provided in future reports by the Director-General on managing the UNESCO Headquarters complex;
6. Requests the Director-General to apply all measures required by the contracts on letting office space to Permanent Delegations, including the redistribution of offices from those delegations which do not meet their contractual obligations to those that regularly discharge their obligations, and to keep it informed of the progress of the works at the Miollis/Bonvin site;
7. Reiterates its invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters;
8. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 192nd session, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO Headquarters complex.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## II

### **Report by the Director-General on the Open UNESCO and other exhibitions**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 190 EX/33 Part II and Add. and 190 EX/INF.18,
2. Recalling the documents of the 180th session of the Headquarters Committee, and taking note of the Headquarters Committee's decision 180 COM/SIEGE/DR.1 on the Open UNESCO exhibition contained in document 190 EX/33 Part II Add.,
3. Regrets that the Open UNESCO exhibition was mounted without any consultation of the Headquarters Committee;
4. Also regrets that the exhibition deprives Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of already limited revenue-generating exhibition space;
5. Takes note of the detailed breakdown of all of the expenditure relating to the Open UNESCO exhibition;
6. Thanks the Headquarters Committee for having requested the Director-General to propose to the Headquarters Committee at its 182nd session, for adoption, guidelines on the use by the Secretariat of Headquarters premises for exhibitions, including exhibitions on the occasion of the General Conference;
7. Requests the Director-General to ensure that, in future, should such exhibitions be deemed necessary and appropriate, the related costs are provided for under a separate budget line in the C/5 document.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**34 Financial situation of the Organization and implications for the implementation of document 36 C/5** (190 EX/34 and Add.; 190 EX/INF.15; 190 EX/INF.24; 190 EX/INF.28; 190 EX/INF.29; 190 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Concerned by the financial situation of the Organization as a result of non-payment of assessed contributions and the implication thereof for the implementation of the Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5),
2. Recalling the roadmap by the Director-General (document 189 EX/15 Part I Add) which it endorsed at its 189th session,
3. Having considered documents 190 EX/34 and 190 EX/INF.15,
4. Takes note of the progress made by the Director-General towards achieving the 18 roadmap targets listed in Annex I of 189 EX/15 Part I Add.;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for all her efforts to deal with the difficult financial situation and to implement the 18 roadmap targets;
6. Urges the Director-General to pursue those targets still to be achieved, and in particular:
  - (a) to further improve the ratio between G and P staff by 2013;
  - (b) to continue to seek a 15% reduction in overall administrative costs by the end of 2013 (target 12);
  - (c) to conduct the necessary analyses to ensure the cost-effective and successful implementation of IT projects (target 18);
7. Also urges the Director-General to work towards attaining a longer-term and more ambitious set of targets wherever appropriate, such as improving the ratio between staff in the field and at Headquarters, and to further improve the ratio between G and P staff;
8. Underlining the importance of pursuing the implementation of the priorities and reform initiatives approved by the General Conference in document 36 C/5;
9. Expresses its concern about the cash flow situation of the Organization;
10. Notes the Director-General's intention to continue with efficiency measures, savings and cost reductions, and to mobilize further resources for the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund;
11. Requests the Director-General to provide to it at its 191st session an update of the forecast of the budget shortfall for document 36 C/5, and its impact on programme execution and cash flow;
12. Strongly underlines that efficiency and cost containment measures should not compromise UNESCO's pursuit of its programme priorities;
13. Also requests the Director-General to continue her efforts to further improve the ratio of programme to administrative costs through administrative and other reform measures;

14. Emphasizes that the reform of the field network in Africa needs to move apace as planned, that sustainable arrangements need to be put in place, and that appropriate staffing of field offices in terms of number, grade and competences needs to be ensured;
15. Further requests the Director General to present to the Executive Board at each session a progress report on the further implementation and ultimate attainment of the roadmap targets.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**35 New audits by the External Auditor** (190 EX/35 Part I Rev.; 190 EX/35 Part II; 190 EX/35 Part IV and Corr. (*English only*); 190 EX/55)

**I**

**Audit of the Regional Bureau for Sciences and Culture in Europe in Venice**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/35 Part I,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General, in her report on the follow-up to all of the recommendations made by the External Auditor, to report on progress in the implementation of the recommendations contained in document 190 EX/35 Part I.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**II**

**Audit of the UNESCO Cluster Office for Southern Africa (SACO) – Windhoek, Namibia**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/35 Part II,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General, in her report on the follow-up to all of the recommendations made by the External Auditor, to report on progress in the implementation of the recommendations contained in document 190 EX/35 Part II.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**[III]**

**[Audit of UNESCO travel expenses]**

This sub-item was postponed at the request of the External Auditor: see the footnote in document 190 EX/1.

## IV

### Audit of the UNESCO Working Capital Fund

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 190 EX/35 Part IV,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General, in her report on the follow-up to all of the recommendations made by the External Auditor, to report on progress in the implementation of the recommendations contained in document 190 EX/35 Part IV.
4. Requests the Director-General to carry out a study of the administrative and legal implications of the possible implementation of recommendation 10 of the External Auditor's report, taking into account the different categories of extrabudgetary funds, and to present the results of that study to it at its 191st session.

(190 EX/SR.7)

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

#### 36 Relations with non-governmental partners (190 EX/36; 190 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 188 EX/Decision 12 and 36 C/Resolution 108,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/36,
3. Bearing in mind the Board's examination of documents 190 EX/19, 190 EX/21 and 190 EX/INF.7,
4. Taking into account the discussions at its 190th session in the meetings of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) on UNESCO's cooperation with non-governmental partners within the framework of global priority Africa,
5. Welcomes the continued efforts made by the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners to pursue its interactive policy dialogue with NGOs and the Secretariat on specific matters relevant to UNESCO's programmes and priorities;
6. Appreciates the efforts made by the Secretariat to strengthen communication among the Secretariat, Member States and NGOs in official partnership, and encourages the Secretariat to continue pursuing this line of action to reach out to civil society partners in conformity with the future comprehensive partnership strategy;
7. Encourages Member States and the Secretariat to promote a wide range of NGOs representing African civil society to enter into official partnership with UNESCO;
8. Invites the Director-General to further involve non-governmental partners in the Organization's efforts to strengthen global priority Africa;
9. Highlights the importance of the contribution of NGOs in the programming cycle of the Organization, and also invites the Director-General to inform it at its 191st session of

the advice and suggestions on the preliminary proposals concerning the forthcoming Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) and Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5) formulated by the International Conference of NGOs to be held from 12 to 14 December 2012 at UNESCO Headquarters on “Culture and Cultures: Reconciling Universality and Diversity”.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**37 Remit and terms of reference of the open-ended tripartite working group for the review of the cooperation of UNESCO’s Secretariat with National Commissions (190 EX/37 and Add.; 190 EX/55)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 189 EX/Decision 16,
2. Also recalling that the National Commissions for UNESCO are established by Member States’ governments under Article VII of UNESCO’s Constitution,
3. Having examined documents 190 EX/37 and Add.,
4. Takes note of the discussions at the regional consultations on the preparation of documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5 on the follow-up to the review of cooperation between the UNESCO Secretariat and the National Commissions;
5. Approves the remit and the terms of reference of the open-ended tripartite working group composed of representatives of the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO, the National Commissions for UNESCO, and the Secretariat;
6. Invites the open-ended tripartite working group to organize its work according to the time-frame proposed under section V “Working modalities” of document 190 EX/37;
7. Requests the open-ended tripartite working group to develop an action plan to follow-up on the review by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), including detailed timelines and responsibilities for the implementation of the tripartite working group’s recommendations, for consideration by the Executive Board at its 191st session, and subsequently to report thereon to the General Conference at its 37th session.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**38 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 and 189 EX/Decision 19 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories** (190 EX/38; 190 EX/54 Part II Rev.)

The Executive Board decided, upon the recommendation<sup>4</sup> of the Programme and External Relations Commission, that the debate on this item be adjourned to its 191st session, and that the draft decision contained in document 190 EX/PX/DR.8 be annexed to the present decision.

(190 EX/SR.8)

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**ANNEX**



**Executive Board**  
Hundred and ninetieth session

190 EX/PX/DR.8  
PARIS, 15 October 2012  
Original: English

**PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)**

**Item 38 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 and 189 EX/Decision 19 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories**

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates

The Executive Board,

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1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 81 and 185 EX/Decision 36 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 Hague Convention (1954) and its additional Protocols and the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
2. Having examined document 190 EX/38,
3. 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;
4. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 and 185 EX/Decision 36, and requests her to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented;

<sup>4</sup> After a roll-call vote of 28 votes in favour, 23 votes against and 4 abstentions, **the following States having voted for the adjournment of the debate:** Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Grenada, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). **the following States having voted against:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ecuador, France, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe. **Abstentions:** Angola, Gabon, Thailand and Viet Nam. **Absent:** Barbados, Ethiopia and Papua New Guinea.

5. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in Palestine, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
6. 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;
7. Invites the Director-General 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,
8. 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 UNESCO resolutions and decisions particularly 36 C/Resolution 81 and 185 EX/Decision 36,
9. Notes with deep concern the Israeli authorities censorship on the Palestinian curricula of schools and universities in East Jerusalem and urges them to timely halt this censorship,
10. 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 and invites her to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO's fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students,
11. Requests the Director-General to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestine Committee;

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12. 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 191st session of the Executive Board;

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13. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 191st session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

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### **39 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 189 EX/Decision 20 (190 EX/39; 190 EX/54 Part II Rev.)**

The Executive Board decided, upon the recommendation<sup>5</sup> of the Programme and External Relations Commission, that the debate on this item be adjourned to its 191st session, and

<sup>5</sup> After a roll-call vote of 28 votes in favour, 23 votes against and 4 abstentions, **the following States having voted for the adjournment of the debate:** Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Grenada, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). **the following States having voted against:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ecuador, France, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe. **Abstentions:** Angola, Gabon, Thailand and Viet Nam.

that the draft decision contained in document 190 EX/PX/DR.9 be annexed to the present decision.

(190 EX/SR.8)

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## ANNEX



### Executive Board Hundred and ninetieth session

190 EX/PX/DR.9  
PARIS, 15 October 2012  
Original: English

#### PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

**Item 39 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: Implementation of 189 EX/Decision 20**

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their additional Protocols, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its additional Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), and the relevant recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage and on the right of children to education,
2. Also recalling 185 EX/Decision 37,
3. Having examined document 190 EX/39,
4. Noting with deep concern the slow progress in the reconstruction of schools and other cultural heritage sites in the Gaza Strip that was damaged during the 2008-2009 war on Gaza,
5. Deplores the continuous Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip which harmfully affects the free and sustained movement of personnel and humanitarian relief items for the successful implementation of UNESCO reconstruction projects; as well as the children injured, the attacks on schools and the denial of access to education that were reported by the *Protection Cluster's Working Group on grave violations against children*, of which UNESCO is a member, during the period covered by document 190 EX/39;
6. Affirms in this regard that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites should not be involved in military conflicts;
7. 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 Member States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations and relevant international and national institutions, as well as private institutions, to further assist in this regard through extrabudgetary funding;
8. Thanks the Director-General for initiatives that have already been implemented in the field of education, and for the safety of media professionals, and calls upon her to continue her participation actively in the

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**Absent:** Barbados, Ethiopia and Papua New Guinea.



integrated United Nations response to the Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan developed by Palestinian Government, by focusing on UNESCO's contribution to its educational and cultural heritage protection components;

9. Requests 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;
10. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 191st session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

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#### **40 Relations with the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ), and draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and that organization (190 EX/40; 190 EX/2)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/40,
2. Approves the draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the Ibero-American Youth Organization (Organización Iberoamericana de Juventud – OIJ) contained in Annex II to document 190 EX/40;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the memorandum of understanding on behalf of UNESCO.

(190 EX/SR.1)

### **GENERAL MATTERS**

#### **41 Dates of the 191st session and provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 191st session (190 EX/INF.10; 190 EX/INF.11)**

**Date for the 191st session**  
(Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies \*)

**(10-25 April 2013<sup>6</sup>)**

(12 working days/16 calendar days)

Bureau	Wednesday 10 and Friday 12 April
Special Committee	To be determined
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	To be determined
Committee on International Non-Governmental Partners	To be determined
<b>Plenary meetings</b> (Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 April, then Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 April) <b>Commissions</b> (Thursday 18 to Tuesday 23 April)	Monday 15 to Thursday 25 April

\* Specific dates for the meetings of the subsidiary bodies will be decided upon during the course of the consultations concerning the organization of the work of the session.

**N.B.:** Ad Hoc Preparatory Group: 18-21 March 2013.

The Executive Board took note of document 190 EX/INF.11 (Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 191st session).

<sup>6</sup> These dates are subject to change as the session may be extended to 26 April.

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

### 42 Amendments to the Statutes of the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy (190 EX/42; 190 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 172 EX/Decision 11 approving the Statutes of the UNESCO Confucius Literacy Prize,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/42,
3. Welcomes the proposal submitted by the Government of China to increase the number of prizewinners;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of China for its continued support for the promotion of literacy;
5. Approves the amendments proposed in the Annex to document 190 EX/42 to Articles 2.2, 2.4, 4 and 6.2 of the Statutes of the UNESCO Confucius Literacy Prize, and also approves the Statutes of the UNESCO Confucius Literacy Prize as thereby revised.

(190 EX/SR.1)

### 43 Convening of an extraordinary meeting of States Parties to the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (190 EX/43; 190 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 190 EX/43,
2. Recognizing the need for improved application of the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, notably through the creation of a subsidiary committee,
3. Authorizes the Director-General to convene in the first half of 2013 an Extraordinary Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention (category II intergovernmental meeting), charged notably with electing the members of the Subsidiary Committee;
4. Encourages the Director-General to convene the first meeting of the Subsidiary Committee in the first half of 2013.

(190 EX/SR.7)

### 44 What future and what challenges for UNESCO? (190 EX/44)

No decision adopted.

(190 EX/SR.7)

### 45 Priority Africa (190 EX/45; 190 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of document 190 EX/5 Part II on the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluation report concerning Priority Africa,

2. Recalling the recommendations of the independent external evaluation of UNESCO (185 EX/18),
3. Also recalling successive debates held concerning Priority Africa and the reform of UNESCO field network stressing the need for a new orientation to Priority Africa,
4. Having examined document 190 EX/45,
5. Requests the Director General, in consultation with the Member States, in particular African Member States, to:
  - (a) present in draft document 37 C/4 (Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021) a number of flagship programmes for Africa to be submitted to the Executive Board at its 191st session;
  - (b) present in draft document 37 C/5 (Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017) the Priority Africa Action Plan for the implementation of flagship programmes with strategic objectives, expected outcomes, time-frames and performance indicators to be submitted to the Executive Board at its 191st session;
  - (c) allocate in draft document 37 C/5 (Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017) adequate human and financial resources from regular and extrabudgetary resources for the effective implementation of the Priority Africa Action Plan, in particular in the field offices;
  - (d) act in coordination with Member States, relevant partners and African institutions in the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the Priority Africa Action Plan;
6. Also requests the Director General to elaborate the role, structural linkages and operational modalities of the Africa Department in relation to the programme sectors, the UNESCO Liaison Office in Addis Ababa and the field offices in Africa, and to report to it thereon at its 191st session.

(190 EX/SR.7)

#### **46 Further enhancing the transparency of UNESCO programmes (190 EX/46; 190 EX/53)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing that programme transparency is fundamental to its success,
2. Noting that UNESCO, through the early implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), has shown itself capable of being a leading institution in the adoption of new transparency standards,
3. Also noting that UNESCO continues to improve its own transparency through improved websites, greater use of SISTER and other measures,
4. Notes that UNESCO is working within the United Nations system on a harmonized reporting standard.
5. Reiterates the commitment of UNESCO to publish programme information in line with an internationally agreed United Nations transparency reporting standard.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**47 Proposal for the proclamation by the United Nations of 2015 as international year of light** (190 EX/47; 190 EX/INF.17; 190 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the importance of light and optical technologies in the lives of the citizens of the world, and for the future development of global society on many levels,
2. Stressing that enhanced global awareness of, and increased education in, the science and technologies of light is vital for addressing challenges such as sustainable development, energy, and community health, and for improving the quality of life in both the developed and the developing worlds,
3. Considering that the applications of light science and technology are vital for existing and future advances in medicine, communications, entertainment and culture, and that light-based technologies respond directly to the needs of humankind by providing access to information and increasing societal health and well-being,
4. Being aware that the year 2015 coincides with the anniversaries of a series of important milestones in the history of the science of light, specifically the contributions of Ibn al-Haitham in 1040, the notion of light as a wave proposed by Fresnel in 1815, the electromagnetic theory of light propagation by Maxwell in 1865, the embedding of light in cosmology through general relativity in 1915, and the discovery of the cosmic microwave background in 1965,
5. Being also aware that the celebration of the anniversaries of these discoveries in 2015 will provide an unparalleled opportunity to highlight the continuous nature of scientific discovery in different contexts, with particular emphasis on promoting science education among young people and women, especially in developing countries and emerging economies,
6. Having examined document 190 EX/47,
7. Welcomes and endorses the unanimous resolution of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) at its 2011 General Assembly, the unanimous decision of the Council of Synchrotron Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) at its 19th session in December 2011, and the leadership and initiative of the international scientific community through the large number of partner scientific learned societies, unions and institutions, to have 2015 proclaimed international year of light;
8. Invites the Director-General to support all efforts leading the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 2015 international year of light;
9. Recommends that the General Conference adopts a resolution in this regard at its 37th session.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**48 World Arabic Language Day** (190 EX/48; 190 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Aware of the Arabic language's role in and contribution to the preservation and dissemination of human civilization and culture,

2. Also aware that Arabic is the language of 22 of the Member States of UNESCO, that it is one of the Organization's working languages, that it is spoken by more than 422 million Arabs, and is used by more than 1.5 billion Muslims,
3. Understanding the need to implement more wide-ranging cooperation between peoples through linguistic pluralism, cultural rapprochement and dialogue among civilizations, in line with what is set out in the Constitution of UNESCO,
4. Recalling resolution 3190 (XXVIII) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly of 18 December 1973 at its 28th session, by which it included Arabic as one of the official and working languages of the General Assembly and its main committees,
5. Welcoming the decision announced on 19 February 2010 in document OBV/853-PI/1926 issued by the United Nations Department of Public Information, which concerns the celebration of international days for the six official languages of the United Nations, and designates 18 December as World Arabic Language Day,
6. Appreciating the assurances provided by the Arab States and those with Arabic as an official language concerning the preservation, protection and celebration of the language,
7. Invites the Director-General to promote the celebration of World Arabic Language Day on 18 December of every year as one of the international days marked by UNESCO, it being understood that this should have no financial impact on the regular budget of the Organization.

(190 EX/SR.7)

**49 Relations with the International Centre for Research and Documentation on African Traditions and Languages (CERDOTOLA) and draft agreement between UNESCO and that organization (190 EX/49; 190 EX/2)**

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of the Constitution of UNESCO,
2. Having examined document 190 EX/49,
3. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the International Centre for Research and Documentation on African Traditions and Languages (CERDOTOLA),
4. Approves the draft cooperation agreement contained in Annex II of document 190 EX/49;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO, and to establish official relations with the International Centre for Research and Documentation on African Traditions and Languages.

(190 EX/SR.7)

## PRIVATE MEETINGS

### Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Wednesday, 17 October 2012

At the private meeting held on 17 October 2012, the Executive Board considered items 3 and 23 of its agenda.

**Item 3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (190 EX/PRIV.4)**

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board on the general situation regarding staff and the decisions 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.

**Item 23 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.

(190 EX/SR.5)