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## ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### 1 **Agenda, timetable of work, election of two Vice-Chairs and of the Chairperson of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)** (192 EX/1 Prov. Rev. and Add.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in document 192 EX/1 Prov. Rev. and Add.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items **4 Part I, 5 Part I, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14 Part I, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 41 and 42**
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items **4 Parts II and IV, 5 Parts III and IV, 15 Parts II-X, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30**

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meeting:** items **4 Part III, 5 Part II, 9, 13, 14 Part II, 15 Parts I and X, 16 Parts I-VI, 17 Part II, 35, 36, 37, 40 and 43**

The Executive Board elected Denmark, represented by Mr Uffe Andreasen, as Vice Chair for Group I and Ethiopia, represented by Mr Teshome Toga, as Vice-Chair for Group V(a), to replace respectively, Belgium and Djibouti for the remainder of their term of office.

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr (Egypt) Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) to replace Mr Mostafa Al Sayed Mossaad for the remainder of his term of office.

(192 EX/SR.1 and 7)

### 2 **Approval of the summary records of the 191st session and the 5th special session** (191 EX/SR.1-8 Prov.; 5 X/EX/SR.1-2 Prov.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 191st session and its 5th special session.

(192 EX/SR.10)

### 3 **Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (192 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(192 EX/SR.7)

## REPORTING ITEMS

- 4 Execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (192 EX/4 Part I; 192 EX/AHPG.INF; 192 EX/4 Part II; 192 EX/4.INF.2; 192 EX/4 Part III and Add.-Add.2; 192 EX/4.INF; 192 EX/4 Part IV; 192 EX/46; 192 EX/47; 192 EX/48)

### I

#### Programme execution

The Executive Board,

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. Further recalling 184 EX/Decision 4, 186 EX/Decision 4 and 191 EX/Decision 4,
4. Having examined document 192 EX/4 Part I,
5. Expresses its satisfaction with the continued efforts to improve the structure of the report, the analytical approach and the quality of information and evidence presented in it;
6. Notes the progress made towards the achievement of results, and the measures taken to ensure programme delivery despite significant budgetary cuts;
7. Recognizes that owing to the current financial constraints, there is a risk of losing leadership in some core areas of the mandate of the Organization, and that programme implementation and staffing in general are adversely affected by the current financial constraints;
8. Invites the Director-General to continue her efforts to ensure the implementation of the programme financed through the regular programme and extrabudgetary funds, paying close attention to programme delivery in the field;
9. Also invites the Director-General to:
  - (a) further improve the monitoring framework from the planning stage, including elements such as baseline and periodic assessment in the work plans, in order to improve the quality of the data collected and the reporting in both SISTER and the EX/4 documents;
  - (b) propose at the 194th session a new format adapted to the results-based budgeting (RBB) approach for EX/4 documents based on discussions at the 192nd session and its Ad Hoc Preparatory Group, as well as debates at the 37th session of the General Conference;
10. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 194th session on the achievements realized with respect to the expected results in document 36 C/5.

(192 EX/SR. 9)

## II

**Budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2012-2013 and Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2012-2013 (36 C/5 Approved)**

**Status as at 30 June 2013 (non-audited)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received during the period 1 January to 30 June 2013 and appropriated to the regular budget (documents 192 EX/4 Part II and INF.2 Annex I), and the transfers made between appropriation lines, in accordance with 36 C/Resolution 111 paragraphs (b) and (e), ,
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 **\$3,751,578** as follows:

Part I.B – Direction (IOS)	74,130
Part II.A – Major Programme I Education (ED)	1,117,706
Part II.A – Major Programme II Natural Sciences (SC)	278,646
Part II.A – Major Programme III Social and Human Sciences (SHS)	288,260
Part II.A – Major Programme IV Culture (CLT)	1,015,025
Part II.A – Major Programme V Communication and Information (CI)	309,636
Part II.A – Intersectoral Platforms (IPs)	13,870
Part II.A – Field office implementation of decentralized programmes (BFC/BFM)	587,414
Part II.B – Programme-related Services (BSP)	40,000
Part III.C – Management of support services (MSS)	26,891

<b>Total</b>	<b>3,751,578</b>
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3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in Annexes I and II of document 192 EX/4.INF.2;
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 inform Members of the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action, of the details of and reasons for these transfers,
5. Takes note of the transfers between appropriations lines arising from the organizational restructuring in light of the Roadmap Target 13, as listed in paragraphs 7 and 8 of document 192 EX/4 Part II;
6. Further takes note of the revised Appropriation Table as contained in Annex III of document 192 EX/4.INF.2;
7. Requests the Director-General to further improve the reporting on all types of contributions including contributions from Goodwill Ambassadors.

(192 EX/SR.9)



III

**Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO (IEE),  
implementation of the roadmap and financial situation**

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), 36 C/Resolution 104, 189 EX/ Decision 15 (II), 191 EX/Decision 16 (I), 190 EX/Decision 34 and 191 EX/Decision 26,
2. Having examined documents 192 EX/4 Part III and Add.-Add.2 and 192 EX/4.INF,
3. Takes note with appreciation 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; as well as of the efforts being made by the Director-General to achieve the 18 roadmap targets, and of the additional measures taken to reduce or contain costs;
4. Also takes note of the challenges identified in relation to strengthening governance, and underlines the need to pursue the initiated assessments and reform proposals, in combination with an external review to identify challenges in relation to governance;
5. Decides to consider the following 19 recommendations and planned actions as contained in document 192 EX/4.INF. as completed in terms of IEE follow-up and monitoring, given that necessary actions have been carried out or recommended change processes have been fully integrated into the regular systemic practices of the Organization: strategic directions (SD)1a, h, k, o, p; SD 2c; SD 4a, f, h, i, j, k, l, p, q, u, x; SD 5a, c;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue implementing the recommendations and planned actions of the remaining 23 action items SD 1f, g, j, l, m, n; SD 2e, g, i, j, k, o, p; SD 3b, d; SD 4g, t, v, y, z, aa; SD 5b, f, and of the 11 roadmap targets i.e. targets 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13,14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, which are considered as still ongoing and open;
7. Requests the Director-General to further integrate reporting on the various reform issues and elements (i.e. such as IEE follow-up and the implementation of the roadmap and follow-up to subsequent reform agendas) into a single comprehensive EX/4 report;
8. Also requests the Director-General to conclude the specific reporting on the IEE follow-up and to report on the remaining 23 IEE action items and the 11 roadmap targets which are considered as still ongoing and open through the Director-General's regular EX/4 reports, though still with a separate table containing exact, analytical and challenge-oriented reporting on the follow-up of ongoing IEE action items;
9. Recommends that the General Conference take into account, as a complement to the proposals transmitted to it through 191 EX/Decision 16 (IV), paragraph 6, the considerations and recommendations contained in paragraphs 42 to 46 of the document 192 EX/4 Part III;
10. Also recommends to the General Conference that it considers the desirability of an external review to identify challenges in relation to governance, and the possible format, focus, terms of reference and financing of such a review.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## IV

**State of progress of the reform of the field network**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 33, 190 EX/Decision 31 and 191 EX/Decision 24,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/4 Part IV,
3. Notes that further progress has been made in the implementation of phase 1 of the field network reform in Africa;
4. Also notes that the revised reporting system to be implemented within the approved two-tiered field network structure is to have a single entry point, as initially proposed by the Director-General and endorsed by the Executive Board in 190 EX/Decision 31;
5. Concurs that the establishment of the regional support platform be suspended until there is full clarity about the resources that are available to the Organization in the 2014-2015 biennium;
6. Recommends that the roll-out of the field reform to other regions be the subject of a detailed re-examination in order to take account of the financial constraints during the 2014-2015 biennium;
7. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 194th session on the implementation status of the first phase of the field network reform focused on Africa, and on the sustainability of the current field network under the \$507 million expenditure plan, and to provide a realistic assessment of the field network's capacity to ensure programme delivery and a critical mass of activity given available staffing capacity;
8. Also requests the Director-General, in her report to it at its 194th session, to include details, for each field office, of the number of staff, the total running cost, the share of that cost met by a contribution from the host country, and the share met by UNESCO, the level of regular programme resources managed by the office, and the level of extrabudgetary resources.

(192 EX/SR.9)

- 5 Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions** (192 EX/5 Parts I-III; 192 EX/5.INF; 192 EX/5 Part IV and Add.; 192 EX/46; 192 EX/47; 192 EX/48)

## I

**Programme issues**

## A

**Developments relating to UNESCO's role as co-sponsor and lead organization for UNAIDS**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part I (A),
2. Takes note of its content.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**B**

**Assessment of the implementation of the UNESCO Engineering Initiative**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part I (B),
2. Takes note of its content.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**C**

**Cultural and educational institutions in Iraq**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 190 EX/Decision 5,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part I (C),
3. Acknowledges with appreciation the results achieved in the implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media activities, and the continued mobilization of substantial extrabudgetary resources to this effect;
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue 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 the affected population;
5. Expresses its gratitude to all donors for their substantial contribution to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction and dialogue in Iraq;
6. Calls upon donors to sustain their funding through the UNESCO bilateral and private-sector mechanisms, and through the funds-in-trust modality established within the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF);
7. Invites the Director-General to present a progress report to it at its 195th session.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## D

**Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 and 191 EX/Decision 5 (I)  
relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem<sup>1</sup>**

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report of the Director-General (192 EX/ 5 Part (I)),
2. Recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage, including 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 Conventions for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972, the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,
3. Also recalling previous UNESCO decisions relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem, including 180 EX/Decision 5 (II), 189 EX/Decision 5 (II), 191 EX/Decision 5(I) and decision 37 COM 7A.26 of the World Heritage Committee (Phnom Penh, 2013),
4. Taking note of the 12th Reinforced Monitoring Report and of all previous reports, together with their addenda prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
5. Deplores the fact that neither the reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls nor the meeting of experts on the Mughrabi Ascent have taken place despite the relevant Executive Board and World Heritage Committee (WHC) decisions: 189 EX/Decision 5(II), 189 EX/Decision 8, 191 EX/Decision 5 (I) and 191 EX/Decision 9 and WHC decision 34 COM 7A.20 (Brasilia consensus decision), and urges Israel to honour its commitments to implement the aforementioned decisions;
6. 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 aforementioned Commission;
7. Requests that, despite the decisions mentioned in paragraph 6 of this decision, the process for the design of the Mughrabi Ascent be inclusive of and accepted by all parties, in accordance with the obligations and duties of such parties as stipulated in the content of the conventions mentioned in paragraph 2 of this decision and in previous World Heritage Committee decisions;

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The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 37 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 15 abstentions.

**In favour:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, China, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe.

**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Monaco, Montenegro, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, United Kingdom

**Absent:** Barbados, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Grenada, Haiti.

8. Affirms, in this regard, that the UNESCO process for the follow-up of the design of the Mughrabi Ascent, which is aimed at finding an accepted and monitored solution concerning the Mughrabi Ascent, be coordinated among all parties concerned, in accordance with the spirit and content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions, recognizes the concerns raised regarding Israel's submission and the content of its plan for the Mughrabi Ascent referred to in paragraph 6 of this decision, 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 the evaluation of the Jordanian design received;
9. Reaffirms in this regard that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, shall be taken which 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 and the relevant decisions of UNESCO's Executive Board and World Heritage Committee referred to above;
10. Reiterates its thanks to Jordan for its cooperation, urges Israel to cooperate with Jordanian Awqaf Department in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO Conventions for the protection of cultural heritage referred to above, and calls on Israel to facilitate access of Jordanian Awqaf experts with their tools and material to the site;
11. Expresses its concern regarding the continuous, intrusive Israeli archaeological demolitions, excavations and works in and around the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate despite World Heritage Committee decisions 36 COM 7A.23 and 37 COM 7A.26, and requests the Israeli authorities to end such excavations and works in conformity with this decision and the relevant UNESCO conventions for the protection of cultural heritage;
12. Deplores the recent construction by Israel of a platform in the Burāq (Western Wall) Plaza, in violation of its obligations under the conventions referred to above, and requests Israel to remove the structure built, immediately restore the site to its original character, and refrain from taking any further unilateral steps which jeopardize the site, and its integrity and authenticity;
13. Expresses its concern regarding the Israeli authorities' admittance of provocative religious-extremist groups and uniformed forces into the al-Aqṣà Mosque compound (also known as the al-Ḥaram ash-Sharīf 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;
14. Affirms in this regard, the need to protect and safeguard the authenticity, integrity and cultural heritage of the al-Aqṣà Mosque compound;
15. 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 the meeting of experts as well as confidence-building measures by dispatching the necessary expertise to assess possible damage incurred through the conduct of recent Israeli works on the site;
16. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 194th session a progress report thereon.

## E

### **Comprehensive feasibility studies for:**

- (i) the possible creation of a UNESCO-IHE global campus;**
- (ii) an in-depth assessment of the implications of granting to UNESCO-IHE the right to award doctorate degrees**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part I, section E,
2. Takes note of its content.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## II

### **Evaluation issues**

#### **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), and 186 EX/Decision 6 (VI),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part II,
3. Notes the importance of improving the quality of causal analysis and of providing clear evidence of the impact brought about by UNESCO's standard-setting work;
4. Welcomes the evaluations and audit completed, and invites the Director-General to implement the recommendations, except those recommendations that require a decision by the Executive Board and/or General Conference, in which case the relevant issue shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its consideration.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## III

### **Management issues**

#### **A**

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

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part III, section A,
2. Takes note of the analysis of the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance, and the progress in the functioning recorded;

3. Invites the Secretariat and the Member States to cooperate actively to further optimize the Participation Programme by ensuring the effective implementation of the recommendations of UNESCO's External Auditor in his report on the Participation Programme.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## **B**

### **Proposal for the organization of regional consultation meetings concerning the C/4 and C/5 documents**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 17 III (A) and 36 C/Resolution104 (II),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part III, section B, and the proposal contained therein,
3. Cognizant of the financial constraints faced by the Organization,
4. Reiterating the importance and added value of the Director-General's consultations with Member States, including National Commissions, IGOs, NGOs and organizations of the United Nations system in determining the orientation and programme priorities of the C/4 and C/5 documents,
5. Invites the Director-General to consult further with National Commissions and Member States on the proposed consultation modalities and the format of the questionnaire as outlined in paragraph 7 of document 192 EX/5 Part III, section B;
6. Invites Member States to make continued use of the alternative financing modalities proposed in paragraph 10 of document 192 EX/5 Part III, section B, should they wish to continue holding in-person meetings, starting with the consultation in 2016 for the preparation of document 39 C/5;
7. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it at an appropriate session in the 2014-2015 biennium a fully-fledged roadmap and costed plan for the 2016 consultations on the preparation of document 39 C/5.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## **C**

### **Progressive implementation of results-based budgeting (RBB) at UNESCO**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part III, section C,
2. Takes note of the work being undertaken concerning the accountability framework, the preliminary estimates of investments needed to implement results-based budgeting (RBB), and the revised calendar of implementation for a phased implementation of RBB;

3. Requests the Director General to proceed with the phased implementation of results-based budgeting, and to present periodic reports to the Executive Board on its implementation.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## D

### Implementation of the action plan for improved management of extrabudgetary funds

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the action plan for improved management of extrabudgetary funds outlined in document 174 EX/INF.4 and also recalling 34 C/Resolution 72, 180 EX/Decision 37, 181 EX/Decision 38, 185 EX/Decision 6 (VI) and 187 EX/Decision 6 (XII),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part III, section D,
3. Observes that extrabudgetary resources currently exceed regular programme resources;
4. Welcomes the efforts by the Director-General to strengthen the strategic orientation, coherence and programmatic concentration of the Complementary Additional Programme;
5. 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” and the introduction of new tools to improve the quality and results-based management (RBM) focus of monitoring and evaluation;
6. Notes the relatively low expenditure rate of extrabudgetary projects, and calls for faster progress in the implementation of the systems and tools for budgeting and monitoring;
7. Takes note, with appreciation, of the Director-General’s efforts to mobilize funds to meet the shortfall of funding for UNESCO’s regular programme through 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;
8. Acknowledges the efforts made to simplify the review and validation of extrabudgetary proposals, and encourages the Director-General to carry out the full implementation thereof in UNESCO’s systems;
9. Also takes note of the Director-General’s efforts to promote a better understanding of the cost-recovery policy and proper project budgeting;
10. Invites the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 195th session on the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities at Headquarters and in the field, and to provide a revised action plan to address the challenges to the implementation, budgeting and monitoring of extrabudgetary projects;
11. Encourages the Director-General, through the action plan, to:
  - (a) increase transparency through full budgeting and by charging more identifiable direct and indirect variable costs directly to the projects, with an appropriately adjusted standard programme support cost rate so that these costs are not charged twice;



- (b) further reduce and simplify administrative processes in the management of extrabudgetary resources;
- (c) maximize resource mobilization through a further diversification of funding sources;
- (d) address challenges to the mobilization and the implementation of extrabudgetary projects, including human resources policies and capacities at Headquarters and in the field;
- (e) consider the possibility of an even closer alignment of the regular and the extrabudgetary programme by strengthening coherence at the programming level;
- (f) improve the system for the monitoring of the implementation of extrabudgetary projects so that more accurate information can be provided on the implementation rate.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## E

### **Comprehensive partnership strategy**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part III, section E,
2. Takes note of the comprehensive partnership strategy in its entirety contained in document 192 EX/5.INF, which includes the targets and expected results for each category of partner, aligned with the four-year programmatic period of document 37 C/5;
3. Invites the Director-General to adapt the comprehensive partnership strategy as appropriate in the light of the resolutions by the General Conference at its 37th session, and thereafter to ensure that the comprehensive partnership strategy is posted on UNESCO's partnership website;
4. Further invites the Director-General to ensure that each ensuing C/5 document contains an annex with the targets and expected results for each category of partner covered by the comprehensive partnership strategy.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## F

### **After-service health insurance (ASHI) liability**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part III, section F,
2. Takes note of its content.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## IV

### Human resources issues

#### A

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 97 and 190 EX/Decision 5 (IX),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part IV, section A,
3. Recalling that the highest standards of integrity, efficiency and technical competence remain the paramount criteria for recruitment,
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to make every effort to improve the geographical representation of Member States within the Secretariat;
5. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General regarding the situation of the geographical distribution and the gender balance of the staff as at 1 June 2013;
6. Further takes note of the suspension of the Young Professionals programme, and calls upon the Director-General to resume and reinforce it immediately when the budgetary situation allows with a view to addressing the geographical situation;
7. Invites the Director General to provide to it at its 195th session an information note on the situation of the geographical distribution of the staff in the Secretariat and a progress report on the achievement of gender balance at senior levels, and to submit to it a full report at its 197th session;
8. Further invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 38th session a full report on the situation of the equitable geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat.

(192 EX/SR.9)

#### B

#### **Use of consultant contracts in 2012 and the implementation of the revised policy on individual consultants and other specialists**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 35 and 190 EX/Decision 5 (IX),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/5 Part IV, section B,
3. Takes note of the policy developments since the introduction of the new policy on contracts for individual consultants and other specialists in February 2012;
4. Also takes note of the data, analyses and qualitative information presented in the report (192 EX/5 Part IV, section B), and encourages the Secretariat to continue its efforts to improve the quality of information provided on the content of contracts and services delivered;

5. Recalls the need to ensure wider geographical distribution and a better gender balance in the hiring of consultants where qualifications are equal;
6. Invites the Director-General to report at its 195th session on the use of consultants and the implementation of the modified policy on individual consultants and other specialists.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## PROGRAMME MATTERS

### 6 **Proposal for a global action programme for education for sustainable development (ESD) as follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)** (192 EX/6; 192 EX/6.INF; 192 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 16 and 190 EX/Decision 9,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/6 and its Annex,
3. Recognizing the importance of human security, as highlighted in the relevant United Nations decisions and resolutions, in the implementation of education for sustainable development (ESD),
4. Further recognizing the crucial role of various stakeholders, *inter alia* scientists, the private sector, including enterprises, and taking into account the essential role of primary and secondary education, higher and technical and vocational education institutions, and non-formal and informal education for the promotion of education for sustainable development,
5. Endorses the draft global action programme on education for sustainable development contained in 192 EX/6 Annex;
6. Encourages as many Member States and other stakeholders as possible to participate in the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in 2014 in Japan;
7. Requests the Director-General to:
  - (a) submit the draft global action programme on education for sustainable development as contained in the Annex of document 192 EX/6 to the General Conference at its 37th session for consideration and transmission to the United Nations General Assembly at its 69th session (2014) for its decision;
  - (b) mobilize all UNESCO programme sectors and networks to enhance their contribution to education for sustainable development, and engage with the preparations for the implementation of the draft global action programme;
8. Invites Member States to support the adoption of the global action programme at the United Nations General Assembly as a concrete contribution to the post-2015 development agenda.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**7 Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period (192 EX/7; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/7,
2. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 5 (I) United Nations General Assembly resolution 65/183 requesting the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director- General of UNESCO, to undertake a final evaluation of the United Nations Literacy Decade and submit to the General Assembly a final report on the implementation of the International Plan of Action with specific recommendations for the post-Decade period,
3. Taking note of document 191 EX/4.INF.2, presenting the process and initial findings of the United Nations Literacy Decade final evaluation,
4. Acknowledging with satisfaction the final evaluation of the United Nations Literacy Decade contained in 192 EX/7, and taking note of the progress and achievements made by countries and development partners, the areas identified for future action, and the recommendations of the final evaluation,
5. Clearly recognizing the need to intensify efforts to address the literacy and learning needs of young people and adults, especially women, and to enhance the quality and relevance of learning,
6. Expresses its conviction that the post-2015 global education agenda should include literacy across the life span, integrated into a holistic view of education;
7. Recognizing with appreciation UNESCO's role and its contribution to the United Nations Literacy Decade and the importance for UNESCO to continue to play a key coordinating, catalytic role in the promotion of literacy and literate environments,
8. Encourages the Director-General to continue the process of elaborating a post-Decade literacy vision and agenda, in consultation with Member States and development partners to ensure a successful global multi-stakeholder partnership;
9. Requests the Director-General to submit the document entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period" to the General Conference at its 37th session.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**8 UNESCO's participation in the preparations for a post-2015 development agenda (192 EX/8; 192 EX/8.INF; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/8,
2. Reaffirming 191 EX/Decision 6,
3. Recognizing that it is important for UNESCO to contribute to shaping the post-2015 development agenda, to reflect first of all the pivotal importance of education, as well as the contributions of the sciences, culture, and communication and information,

4. Also recognizing the particular need to intensify efforts to integrate culture as an enabler and driver of equitable and sustainable development in the post-2015 development agenda,
5. Expresses its appreciation for the initiatives already under way, highlighting UNESCO's priorities and thematic competences;
6. Recommends that the General Conference examine, as an additional item on the agenda of its 37th session, the engagement of the Organization in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, and that it provide the Director-General with guidance to ensure the integration of key areas of UNESCO's mandate in that agenda, including, in particular, the theme of "culture and development";
7. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 194th session with an update of the Organization's engagement and further developments regarding the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, including how UNESCO has affirmed its role in the process.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## **9 UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative (192 EX/9; 192 EX/48)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 31 on cooperation between UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network (GGN),
2. Recalling also 190 EX/Decision 5 (I) and 191 EX/Decision 5 (III), which further developed proposals for strengthening the relationship between UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network through a possible UNESCO global geoparks initiative,
3. Having examined 192 EX/9,
4. Further recalling that a UNESCO global geoparks initiative will have no additional budgetary implications for UNESCO,
5. Thanks the working group on a global geoparks initiative for its work to date, and welcomes the substantial progress made in elaborating a possible UNESCO global geoparks initiative;
6. Notes the recommendation of the Director-General, including the need to build upon this progress by further examining the parameters of a possible Initiative;
7. Requests the Director-General to further consult Member States and the Global Geopark Network (GGN) on the proposed initiative based on the draft operational guidelines and the draft statutes of the governing body of a UNESCO global geoparks initiative already prepared by the working group, and in doing so, to:
  - (a) convene a further meeting of the working group on a global geoparks initiative, in time for its work to be finalized before March 2014;
  - (b) provide the working group with further details of the outstanding issues noted in the recommendation by the Director General contained in document 192 EX/9;
8. Requests the working group to discuss this further and report back to the Executive Board on *inter alia*:

- (a) potential changes to the current proposal by the working group, which would address the concerns raised by the Director-General in document 192 EX/9, including possible alternatives to the creation of a category V advisory body;
  - (b) the role of existing and future Geoparks partners under an initiative, including the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) as well as other relevant partners;
  - (c) a closer relationship between the Global Geoparks Network and relevant UNESCO programmes, such as the Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme and the International Geosciences Programme (IGCP) may be fostered under a global geoparks initiative;
9. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 194th session on the conclusions of the working group.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**10 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (192 EX/10; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 189 EX/Decision 13 (III), and 190 EX/Decision 24 (IV),
2. Considering Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
3. Having examined the preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of revising the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session (document 192 EX/10),
4. Decides to inscribe the following item on the provisional agenda of the 37th session of the General Conference: "Revision of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session in 1974".

(192 EX/SR.9)

**11 Jerusalem and the implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 and 191 EX/Decision 9<sup>2</sup> (192 EX/11; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/11,

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 38 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 16 abstentions:

**In favour:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Monaco, Montenegro, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Spain, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, United Kingdom

**Absent:** Barbados, Ghana, Haiti.

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 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its 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 distinctive character 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. Regrets the absence of progress in the implementation of previous UNESCO decisions concerning Jerusalem, particularly 185 EX/Decision 14, 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 all UNESCO fields of competence in the City of East Jerusalem;
5. Reaffirms the requirement to implement promptly and fully the above-mentioned decisions, and urges the Israeli authorities to facilitate their implementation, in conformity with the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
6. Deplores the failure of Israel to cease its persistent excavations and works in East Jerusalem, and reiterates its request to the Israeli authorities to prohibit all such works, in conformity with the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
7. Also deplores the continuous Israeli unilateral measures and practices, as well as the settlers' incursions in East Jerusalem, which dangerously and irreversibly affect the city's distinctive religious, cultural, historical and demographic character, and urges the Israeli authorities to take the necessary measures to end these abuses;
8. Thanks the Director-General for her efforts to implement previous UNESCO decisions on Jerusalem, and asks her to maintain and reinvigorate such efforts;
9. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the 194th session of the Executive Board and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**12 Implementation of 191 EX/Decision 10 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”<sup>3</sup> (192 EX/12; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

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The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 43 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 12 abstentions:

**In favour:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Monaco, Montenegro, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, United Kingdom.

**Absent:** Barbados, Haiti.

1. Having examined document 192 EX/12,
2. Recalling UNESCO decisions on the two Palestinian sites in al-Khalīl/Hebron and in Bethlehem, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their Additional Protocols (1977), the 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972); also recalling the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970),
3. Reaffirming that the two concerned sites located in al-Khalīl/Hebron and in Bethlehem are an integral part of Palestine,
4. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the Palestinian cultural heritage, shall in any way affect the relevant Security Council and United Nations resolutions and decisions on the legal status of Palestine,
5. Expresses its deep concern over the ongoing Israeli construction of private roads for settlers and a separation wall inside the Old City of Hebron, which dangerously and irreversibly affect the city's distinctive religious, cultural, historical, and demographic character, and urges the Israeli authorities to end these violations, in compliance with provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
6. Regrets the denial of freedom of movement and freedom of access to places of worship due to the above-mentioned Israeli violations and restrictions;
7. Also regrets the Israeli authorities' refusal to comply with 185 EX/Decision15 concerning this item, and urges them to act in accordance with that decision;
8. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the 194th session of the Executive Board, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**13 Reports on the implementation of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (2012-2013)** (192 EX/13; 192 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/13,
2. Takes note of its content.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**INSTITUTES AND CENTRES**

**14 Category 1 institutes and centres** (192 EX/14 Parts I and II; 192 EX/47, 192 EX/48)

**I**

**Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) on the Institute's activities for 2012-2013**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/14 Part I,



2. Takes note of its content.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## II

### **Proposals for measures to improve effective management of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP)**

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 16 which establishes the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) as a UNESCO category 1 institute,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/14 Part II and its Annex,
3. Noting with appreciation the efforts and strong support of the Government of India and the Director-General of UNESCO in making important progress towards the full operationalization of the Institute,
4. Recognizing the need to align the Statutes of the Institute with those of the other education-related category 1 institutes,
5. Supports the proposed amendments to the Statutes of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) as contained in 192 EX/14 Part II Annex, and invites the Director-General to transmit them to the General Conference at its 37th session for its consideration;
6. Encourages the Director-General to continue with the process of setting up the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development.

(192 EX/SR.9)

- 15 Category 2 institutes and centres** (192 EX/15 Parts I to V; 192 EX/15 Part VI and Corr.; 192 EX/15 Parts VII to X; 192 EX/46, 192 EX/48)

## I

### **Report on the full cost of category 2 institutes and centres**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 190 EX/Decision 18 (I) and 191 EX/Decision 14 (I),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/15 Part I,
3. Welcomes the Director-General's proposal to conduct in-depth evaluations of the 10 non-operational category 2 centres, and requests that a timetable for these evaluations be submitted to it at its 194th session;
4. Also welcomes the Director-General's proposal to align the agreements of the 12 centres which entered into force before 2005, and invites the Director-General to report thereon to it at its 195th session.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## II

**Establishment in Saudi Arabia of a regional centre for quality and excellence in education**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 190 EX/Decision 18 Part II,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/15 Part II,
3. Expresses appreciation to Saudi Arabia and to UNESCO for their continued collaboration towards the technically-sound establishment of the proposed centre, and takes note with satisfaction of the UNESCO team's report on progress achieved;
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, approve the establishment in Saudi Arabia of a regional centre for quality and excellence in education as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## III

**Establishment in Sirs El-Layyan, Egypt, of a regional centre for literacy and adult education**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103, and taking note of the important contributions of category 2 institutes and centres to UNESCO's programme priorities and their potential international or regional impact,
2. Recognizing the importance of literacy as a developmental imperative,
3. Having examined document 192 EX/15 Part III containing a proposal for the establishment in Sirs El-Layyan, Egypt, of a regional centre for literacy and adult education as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
4. Welcomes the proposal of Egypt;
5. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study contained in document 192 EX/15 Part III;
6. Deems the considerations and proposals contained in document 192 EX/15 Part III to be such as to meet the requirements needed for UNESCO to grant its auspices to the regional centre;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, approve the establishment in Sirs El-Layyan, Egypt, of the Regional Centre for Literacy and Adult Education, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding draft agreement.

(192 EX/SR.9)

#### IV

##### **Establishment in Castellet i La Gornal, Spain, of an international centre on Mediterranean biosphere reserves**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/15 Part IV,
2. Welcomes the proposal of Spain to establish, in Castellet i La Gornal, Spain, an international centre for Mediterranean biosphere reserves: Two coastlines united by their culture and nature, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
3. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, approve the establishment of the Centre for Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves, Two Coastlines United by their Culture and Nature in Castellet i la Gornal, Spain, as a category 2 centre, under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(192 EX/SR.9)

#### V

##### **Establishment in Dehradun, India, of a centre for world natural heritage management and training**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the proposal submitted by India for the establishment, in Dehradun, of a centre for world natural heritage management and training as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and welcoming the results of the consultations held thus far between the Secretariat and the Indian authorities,
2. Noting Article 5 (e) of the 1972 World Heritage Convention: “to foster the establishment of national and regional centres for training in the protection, conservation, and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage and to encourage scientific research in this field”,
3. Aware of the importance of international cooperation for strengthening the capacity of States Parties to promote and implement the World Heritage Convention in the Asia and the Pacific region,
4. Having examined the feasibility study prepared by the Secretariat in document 192 EX/15 Part V, which is in line with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,
5. Takes note of the divergences between, on the one hand, the “model agreement between UNESCO and a Member State concerned regarding an institute or centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)”, approved by the General Conference in

35 C/Resolution 103 and annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr., and, on the other hand, the proposed draft agreement,

6. Considers that these divergences would not prevent the proposed centre from contributing to UNESCO's objectives in line with the spirit of the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 centres (document 35 C/22 and Corr.) approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, approve the establishment in Dehradun, India, of the Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## VI

### **Establishment in Algiers, Algeria, of a regional centre for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in Africa**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and paragraph 88 of the Operational Directives for the implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/15 Part VI and Corr.,
3. Welcomes with satisfaction Algeria's proposal to establish, in Algiers a regional centre for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage in Africa under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, approve the establishment in Algiers, Algeria, of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Africa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## [VII]

### **[Establishment, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a regional centre for arts and culture]**

This sub-item was withdrawn: see the footnote in document 192 EX/1 Prov. Rev.

## VIII

### **Establishment, in Eugene, Oregon, United States of America, of an international institute for intercultural dialogue and conflict-sensitive reporting (IIDCSR)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/15 Part VIII,
3. Welcomes the proposal of the United States of America to establish in Eugene, Oregon, United States of America, an international institute for intercultural dialogue and conflict-sensitive reporting as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO,
4. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study contained in document 192 EX/15 Part VIII;
5. Also takes note of the proposed institute's deviations from the criteria and guidelines set out in document 35 C/22 and Corr.;
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, approve the designation of the International Institute for Intercultural Dialogue and Conflict-Sensitive Reporting at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, United States of America, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement with the Government of the United States of America and the joint statement of intent with the University of Oregon;
7. Invites all other relevant national, regional or international centres focusing on a culture of peace as well as all relevant UNESCO Chairs in Communication to collaborate with the International Institute.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## IX

### **Establishment, in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, within the Iranian National Institute of Oceanography and Atmospheric Science (INIOAS), of a regional educational and research centre on oceanography for Western Asia**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,
2. Welcoming the proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish in its territory a regional educational and research centre on oceanography for Western Asia as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
3. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained in document 192 EX/15 Part IX to be such as to meet the requirements needed for UNESCO to grant its auspices to the regional centre,
4. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study contained in document 192 EX/15 Part IX;
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 37th session, approve the establishment of the Regional Educational and Research Centre on Oceanography for

Western Asia in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**X**

**Evaluation and renewal of category 2 centres**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 20, 34 C/Resolution 29 and 35 C/Resolution 103,
2. Taking into account documents 190 EX/18 Part I and 190 EX/INF.16,
3. Having examined document 192 EX/15 Part X,
4. Confirms that the centres mentioned in document 192 EX/15 Part X and listed hereafter, have performed satisfactorily as category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO:
  - International Centre for Girls' and Women's Education in Africa (CIEFFA), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso;
  - International Centre for South-South Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation (ISTIC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
5. Welcoming the results and the work done by the two centres listed above,
6. Welcomes the Director-General's intention to renew the granting of the status of category 2 centres to CIEFFA and ISTIC, and to proceed with the signing of the corresponding agreements with the governments of their host countries.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (37 C/4) AND DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET (37 C/5)**

- 16 Implementation of 191 EX/Decision 15 on the Draft Medium-Term Strategy (37 C/4) and Draft Programme and Budget (37 C/5), and 5 X/EX/Decision 2 (192 EX/16 Part I and Add.; 192 EX/16 Parts II to VII; 192 EX/AHPG.INF; 192 EX/48, 192 EX/49)**

**I**

**Income and expenditure plan as well as the restructuring plan based on the expected cashflow of \$507 million for 2014-2015**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/16 Part I,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the preparation of the income and expenditure plan for \$507 million and the restructuring plan;
3. Welcomes measures related to operationalizing and improving the role of the Organization and the implementation of its programmes;

4. Calls upon the Member States of the Organization to fulfil their financial obligations, including those which are outstanding, as stipulated in the Organization's statutes and regulations;
5. Affirms that UNESCO staff constitute the Organization's real capital, its competence and expertise, and its institutional memory, and that a geographically diverse workforce is fundamental for the successful implementation of its programmes;
6. Invites Member States, especially those in a position to do so, to increase their contributions to UNESCO's regular budget through additional appropriations with a view to enabling it to meet its financial requirements;
7. Invites the Director-General to continue to find the most appropriate methods to achieve the necessary financial savings for the work of the Organization, including through the reduction of travel costs, focusing on meetings which address issues of importance to the Organization, respecting the mandatory age of retirement in all but the most exceptional cases, in the interests of the Organization, and continuing to encourage early retirement measures;
8. Requests the Director-General to give due priority to the criterion of equitable geographical representation when recruiting resumes;
9. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 194th session a report on staff movements (appointments, transfers, redeployments) and separations (including voluntary terminations, retirement, resignations) arising from the restructuring;
10. Also invites the Director-General, on the basis of document 192 EX/16 Part I, to consider reducing the upper tier of the Organization such as the number of Assistant Director Generals and Director-level staff;
11. Notes the plan prepared in line with the requirements stated in 5X/EX/Decision 2, and also notes that the Director-General is committed to realizing the needed additional reductions of \$5.3 million in the non-programme Parts of the budget in the course of the implementation of the biennial programme in order to attain the objective of a reduction of at least \$33 million;
12. Strongly encourages the Director-General, in the implementation of the \$507 million expenditure plan, to monitor the resources available (regular and extrabudgetary) for lower budget priority activities, with a view to ensuring critical mass and potential for impact, if necessary, through the freezing or postponing of activities;
13. Endorses the \$507 million expenditure plan subject to the considerations outlined above.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## II

### **UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/16 Part II,
2. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 15 Part C.3 on UNESCO global priority gender equality,

3. Also recalling the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) gender equality review and the International Labour Organization (ILO) participatory gender audits,
4. Takes note of the gender equality action plan for 2014-2021 (GEAP II) contained in document 192 EX/16 Part II;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 37th session a revised version of GEAP II, ensuring:
  - (a) a clear articulation of the lessons learned from the first Gender Equality Action Plan and the recommendations stemming from the findings in the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) review and in the International Labour Organization (ILO) participatory gender audits;
  - (b) that all aspects of gender equality as defined in GEAP II are clearly reflected in the proposed activities, expected results and benchmarks;
  - (c) that GEAP II indicates, to the greatest extent possible, baselines for the activities proposed;
  - (d) a clear and coherent approach to gender mainstreaming in all major programmes;
6. Also requests the Director-General to report on the implementation and results attained of GEAP II in the regular UNESCO statutory reports (EX/4 documents) once GEAP II is approved.

(192 EX/SR.9)

### III

#### **Centre for social transformation and intercultural dialogue**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/16 Part III,
2. Takes note of and expresses its thanks to the Director-General for the additional information provided concerning the proposed centre for social transformations and intercultural dialogue;
3. Acknowledges the Director-General's determination to focus on the complex and interdisciplinary issues of social inclusion and social transformations, as well as on intercultural dialogue, and the relevance of these issues for UNESCO's actions;
4. Recalling document 191 EX/15.INF, 191 EX/Decision 15 (C), and the report (document 37 C/REP/17) of the 11th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme,
5. Considers that to date, the need for a new structure is not sufficiently established, and that the activities proposed for the centre should be implemented by the Social and Human Sciences Sector, as provided for in the expected results;
6. Decides to postpone to the 38th session of the General Conference the decision concerning the establishment of a centre for social transformations and intercultural dialogue;



7. Requests that this decision be taken into account where appropriate in documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5.

(192 EX/SR.9)

#### IV

##### **Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4): revised wording of strategic objectives 4, 5, 6**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/16 Part IV,
2. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 15 A, paragraph 2 (2),
3. Endorses the revised wording of strategic objectives 4, 5 and 6, but not the accompanying text, which should be revised according to 191 EX/Decision 15, section A, paragraph 2 (2), taking into account the necessity of including the increasing importance of the integrated scientific approach to sustainable development;
4. Recommends that the Director-General take all the necessary measures, within the framework of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4), and the Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5), to ensure the pursuit of the proper functioning and the effectiveness of UNESCO's international and intergovernmental scientific programmes;
5. Decides to recommend that the General Conference adopt the revised wording of strategic objectives 4, 5 and 6 of the Draft Medium-term Strategy for 2014-2021 as proposed in document 192 EX/16 Part IV.

(192 EX/SR.9)

#### V

##### **Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5): revised expected results for the culture conventions**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/16 Part V,
2. Endorses the revised expected results for each of the culture conventions with the following amendments:
  - (a) Expected result 3: Global, strategic and forward-looking directions developed and applied through the effective implementation of the 1954 Convention and its two Protocols and multiplier effect achieved;
  - (b) Expected result 4: Global, strategic and forward-looking directions developed and applied through the effective implementation of the 2001 Convention and multiplier effect achieved;
  - (c) Expected result 6: National capacities strengthened and utilized to safeguard the intangible cultural heritage, including indigenous and endangered languages, through the effective implementation of the 2003 Convention;

- (d) Expected result 7: National capacities strengthened and utilized for the development of policies and measures to promote the diversity of cultural expressions, through the effective implementation of the 2005 Convention;
3. Decides to recommend that the General Conference adopt all the revised expected results for the culture conventions, taking into account paragraph 2 of this decision.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## VI

### Revised operational strategy for Priority Africa

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/16 Part VI,
2. Thanks the Director-General for the additional information provided;
3. Takes note of the proposal to create a joint UNESCO-Commission of the African Union (AUC) working group for the monitoring of the Luanda Action Plan for a Culture of Peace in Africa – Make Peace Happen;
4. Requests the Director-General to align the 30 expected results of the six flagship programmes to the five major programmes;
5. Also requests the Director-General to clarify the roles, responsibilities and relations of the various entities of the Secretariat, as well as of the various stakeholders at the continental level, taking into account the relevant discussions at the 192nd session of the Executive Board and the 37th session of the General Conference;
6. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 194th session on paragraphs 4 and 5 of this decision;
7. Recommends that the General Conference at its 37th session adopt the revised operational strategy for Priority Africa.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## VII

### Schedule and workload of Executive Board sessions

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 5 X/EX/Decision 2,
2. Having taken cognizance of the proposals contained in document 192 EX/16 Part VII,
3. Also recalling previous relevant decisions and resolutions, notably 184 EX/Decision 4, 184 EX/Decision 17, 185 EX/Decision 19, 186 EX/Decision 4, 186 EX/Decision 17, and 36 C/Resolution 104 (I), paragraph 4,
4. Takes note of the Director-General's proposals, which could further improve efficiency and provide a concrete response to the need the Executive Board has expressed to identify savings in its own functioning, to the benefit of the programmes;

5. Decides to adopt the following proposals, taking into consideration previous relevant decisions and resolutions, with the aim of further enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of Executive Board sessions in the light of the move to a four-year programme cycle:
- (a) a comprehensive EX/4 report to be submitted annually, as well as a shorter strategic report every six months, in accordance with 186 EX/Decision 4 (I);
  - (b) Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluations and new audits by the external auditors should be submitted in a timely manner;
  - (c) progress reports on IOS evaluations and audit recommendations should be submitted once a year;
  - (d) proposals for category 2 institutes and centres once per biennium;
  - (e) the Special Committee (SP) and the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) to meet only once a year, as appropriate;
  - (f) shorter Executive Board sessions (the first and the fourth in each biennium) and longer sessions (the second and third in each biennium);
  - (g) further rationalization of the dispersal of items in the reports on follow-up to Executive Board decisions, General Conference resolutions (EX/5 document) and other reports, by appropriate regrouping;
  - (h) more interactive plenary debates;
  - (i) discontinuation of the plenary thematic debates;
  - (j) maintenance of the mechanism for pre-session preparation of the Executive Board meetings, similar to the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group, as well as, *inter alia*, that of inter-sessional online discussions;
6. Decides to examine, at its 193rd session, proposals for the dates of the Executive Board sessions for the 2014-2015 biennium, and to continue examining, at its 194th session, its schedule and workload for 2014-2017, taking into account the debates and decisions of its 192nd session.

(192 EX/SR.7)

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

### **17 Reports by the Executive Board on its activities and programme implementation** (192 EX/17 Parts I and II; 192 EX/48)

#### **I**

#### **Activities in 2012-2013, including its methods of work**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/17 Part I,
2. Takes note of its content.

(192 EX/SR.8)

## II

**Implementation of the Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5),  
with results achieved in the previous biennium (37 C/3)**

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of Article V.6 (b) of the Constitution of UNESCO,
2. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 78, 33 C/Resolution 92, 34 C/Resolution 89, 182 EX/Decision 26 and 187 EX/Decision 16,
3. Expressing its appreciation to the Director-General for her contribution to the finalization of the report contained in document 192 EX/17 Part II,
4. Decides to transmit to the General Conference, at its 37th session, an updated version of the report incorporating suggestions made in the Executive Board's debates at its 192nd session along with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group as well as relevant Executive Board decisions, *inter alia*, 190 EX/Decision 4, 190 EX/Decision 34, 190 EX/Decision 45, and 191 EX/Decision 15 (C);
5. Invites the General Conference, at its 37th session, to endorse the report contained in document 192 EX/17 Part II.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

- 18 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** (192 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.2.; 192 EX/3. PRIV (Draft) and Add. and Corr.)

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

(192 EX/SR.7)

- 19 Methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations** (192 EX/19; 192 EX/45)

The Executive Board,

1. Reaffirming that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) has a dual mandate, both tasks being of equal importance,
2. Recalling 104 EX/Decision 3.3, adopted on 26 April 1978, entitled "Study of the procedures which should be followed in the examination of cases and questions which might be submitted to UNESCO concerning the exercise of human rights in its spheres of competence, in order to make its action more effective",
3. Also recalling 181 EX/Decision 26 and 182 EX/Decision 30, both of which concern the working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations regarding what has come to be known as the "104 procedure",
4. Further recalling 185 EX/Decision 22, on the review of the working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) within the framework of 104 EX/Decision 3.3,

5. Noting that it would also be necessary to examine the monitoring procedure of the application of conventions and recommendations,
6. Considering that it could be necessary to continue evaluating and reviewing the aforementioned working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in order to agree, through consultations, on clearer rules and procedures in order to improve the work and effectiveness of the Committee,
7. Decides, to this end, to establish a working group, operating in a spirit of consensus and comprised of all the members of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations as established by the Executive Board at its 193rd session and of any other Member States of UNESCO wishing to attend as observers;
8. Requests the working group to report to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations at the latest at the 196th session of the Executive Board.

(192 EX/SR.7)

**20 Implementation of standard-setting instruments (192 EX/20 Part I; 192 EX/20.INF; 192 EX/20 Parts II to IV; 192 EX/45)**

**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/Decision 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), 189 EX/Decision 13 (I), 190 EX/Decision 24 (I) and 191 EX/Decision 20 (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 192 EX/20 Part I, 192 EX/20.INF and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (192 EX/45),
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 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;
5. Decides to continue consideration of the matter at its 194th session.

(192 EX/SR.7)

## II

**Implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation  
against Discrimination in Education**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 13, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II), 184 EX/Decision 20 and 186 EX/Decision 19 (II),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/20 Part II and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (192 EX/45),
3. Notes with appreciation the replies of the 58 Member States that submitted their reports within the eighth consultation on the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education, 44 of them being States Parties to the Convention;
4. Calls upon Member States that have not yet acceded to the Convention to do so, and to make the 1960 Convention and Recommendation, as well as the 1962 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission, better known, in line with Article 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution of UNESCO;
5. Commends the steps undertaken at national level on meeting the continuing challenges to fully implement the provisions of the Convention and the Recommendation;
6. Invites the Director-General to take appropriate action as follow-up to the eighth consultation and to intensify normative action for education for all without discrimination or exclusion, also invites her to continue to urge the States Parties to the 1962 Protocol to examine the malfunctioning of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission during the 50 years following the adoption of the Protocol, and requests her to make the national reports available online through the newly-established global database on the right to education;
7. Also requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference at its 37th session document 192 EX/20 Part II, together with the Executive Board's comments and any observations or comments that the Director-General may wish to make.

(192 EX/SR.7)

## III

**Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International  
Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and  
Fundamental Freedoms**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I), 34 C/Resolution 87 and 184 EX/Decision 20,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/20 Part III and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (192 EX/45),

3. Notes with appreciation the replies of the 55 Member States that submitted their reports within the fifth consultation on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;
4. Takes note of the concrete application of the 1974 Recommendation by Member States to further promote a culture of peace and human rights in and through education;
5. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the results of the fifth consultation be shared with the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as UNESCO's contribution to the monitoring of the second phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education;
6. Invites the Director-General to share the results of the fifth consultation with other specialized agencies through the International Contact Group on Citizenship and Human Rights Education;
7. Requests the Director-General to make the national reports available online through the newly established global database on the right to education, and also requests her to transmit document 192 EX/20 Part III to the General Conference at its 37th session, together with the Executive Board's comments and any observations or comments that the Director-General may wish to make.

(192 EX/SR.7)

#### IV

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 4.4, 176 EX/Decision 32, 185 EX/Decision 23 (III) and 190 EX/Decision 24 (II),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/20 Part IV and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (192 EX/45),
3. Appreciating the work of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) in stimulating action to promote greater awareness and wider application of the two Recommendations concerning the status of teaching personnel,
4. Takes note of the report of the 11th session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART/11/2012/9 – annexed to document 192 EX/20 Part IV) including Parts II A, B, and C thereof, relating to allegations on the non-observance of certain provisions of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation (1966) or of the UNESCO Recommendation (1997) in Australia, Denmark, Ethiopia, Japan and Portugal;
5. Invites the Director-General to assist the Joint Committee in carrying out its next cycle of work and to report on its work to the Executive Board in 2016;
6. Requests the Director-General to communicate the report of the Joint Committee together with the observations of the Executive Board, if any, to Member States and their National Commissions, international teachers' organizations and other relevant

international organizations having relations with UNESCO, inviting their consideration and comments on the policy recommendations of the Joint Committee that concern them and encouraging them to continue to apply all provisions of both normative instruments, as well as to take the necessary follow-up action as recommended in the report.

(192 EX/SR.7)

**21 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: nominations and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (192 EX/21; 192 EX/45)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Also recalling the provisions of Article 7 of the Protocol whereby, subject to the provisions of Article 6, members of the Commission shall remain in office until their successors take up their duties,
3. Having taken note of document 192 EX/21 and of the fact that the States Parties to the Protocol have not yet submitted nominations for the election of six members of the Commission,
4. Requests the Director-General to invite once again the States Parties to the Protocol to submit nominations, and to transmit to the General Conference any nominations that she may receive before the opening of the vote that is to take place at its 37th session.

(192 EX/SR7)

**GENERAL CONFERENCE**

**22 Nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General of UNESCO (192 EX/22)**

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

(192 EX/SR.6)

**23 Preparation of the 37th session of the General Conference (192 EX/23 Parts I to IV; 192 EX/23.INF)**

**I**

**Revised provisional agenda of the 37th session of the General Conference**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/23 Part I,
2. Having regard to Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,



3. Noting that six proposals for supplementary items were submitted within the time limit entailed by Rule 12,
4. Also noting that these items are included in the supplementary list circulated to the Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (circular letter CL/4032 dated 4 October 2013),
5. Establishes the revised provisional agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (37 C/1 Prov.) with the addition of any items stemming from the decisions taken at its 192nd session, and the following supplementary items:

Item	Title	Reference
<b>GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS</b>		
5.13	Follow-up to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V)	Item proposed by Germany
5.14	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) media and information literacy recommendations	Item proposed by the Philippines
5.15	Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons	Item proposed by Belarus
5.16	Proposal for the establishment, on the premises of the Villa Ocampo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a regional centre for arts and culture, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by Argentina
5.17	UNESCO's association with the World Performing Arts Capital	Item proposed by the United Arab Emirates
5.18	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) manifesto for libraries serving persons with a printing disability	Item proposed by Germany

6. Recommends that the General Conference consider, without prior debate, the draft resolutions relating to the following items of its provisional agenda: 1.7, 5.1, 5.4 (37 C/18 Parts II to XVII), 5.6, 5.9, 6.3, 7.2, 9.1, 10.1, 12.2, 12.3, 13.1 and 16.1.

(192 EX/SR.8)

## II

### **Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the 37th session of the General Conference**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Decision 191 EX/21,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/23 Part II,

3. Approves the proposals contained in paragraphs 2 to 4 of that document;
4. Recommends to the General Conference that the items listed below be examined by the following organs:

**APX Commission**

- 5.15 Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

**SHS Commission**

- 5.13 Follow-up to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V)

**CLT Commission**

- 5.16 Proposal for the establishment on the premises of the Villa Ocampo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a regional centre for arts and culture, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO
- 5.17 UNESCO's association with the World Performing Arts Capital

**CI Commission**

- 5.14 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) media and information literacy recommendations
- 5.18 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) manifesto for libraries serving persons with a printing disability

**Legal Committee**

- 7.2 International Labour Organization (ILO) Administrative Tribunal: extension of its period of jurisdiction

5. Also recommends that the joint meeting of commissions scheduled prior to the meetings of the programme commissions examine, in addition to item 3.1, item 4.2 "Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5)" limited to the parts of document 37 C/6 proposing shifts in programmatic or budgetary aspects affecting major programmes or Parts of document 37 C/5.

(192 EX/SR.8)

### III

#### Venue of the 38th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Considering that, by the date entailed by Rule 3, no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its 38th session in its territory,
3. Recommends that the General Conference hold its 38th session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

(192 EX/SR.8)

#### IV

##### **Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 37th session of the General Conference**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, recommends the following nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference at its 37th session:

President of the General Conference: Mr Hao Ping (China)

Vice-Presidents (36): The heads of delegations of the following Member States:

Albania	Gabon	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Argentina	Germany	Serbia
Australia	Ghana	Slovakia
Austria	Indonesia	Sri Lanka
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Switzerland
Brazil	Kenya	the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Canada	Libya	Tunisia
Czech Republic	Morocco	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Netherlands	Yemen
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Dominican Republic	Oman	
France	Pakistan	
	Russian Federation	
	Saint Lucia	

The Executive Board also decided to recommend to the General Conference the following candidates for the offices of Chairpersons of the commissions and committees<sup>4</sup>

SC Commission: Mr Phil Mjwara (South Africa)

Credentials Committee: Ms Hadidja Alim Youssouf (Cameroon)

(192 EX/SR.5)

#### V

##### **Admission to the 37th session of the General Conference of observers from international non-governmental organizations other than those with the status of official partners of UNESCO**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the requests from foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO to be represented by observers at the 37th session of the General Conference,
2. Having examined the requests from non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining official relations with UNESCO to be represented by observers at the 37th session of the General Conference,

<sup>4</sup> At its 191st session, the Executive Board decided that the names to fill these positions would be communicated at a later stage by the concerned Member States (191 EX/Decision 21 (IV))

3. Referring to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, and to the procedure that the Executive Board adopted at its 125th session for the examination of such requests,
4. Recommends that the General Conference admit as observers at its 37th session, the foundations and similar institutions listed in Annex I and the international non-governmental organizations listed in Annex II of document 192 EX/23 Part IV.

(192 EX/SR. 8)

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

### 24 **Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2012, and report by the External Auditor** (192 EX/24 Parts I and II; 192 EX/46)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined documents 192 EX/24 Parts I and II,
3. 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 2012, as well as the financial performance, the cash flow and the comparison of budget and actual amounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2012, in conformity with IPSAS;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his work;
5. 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 year ended 31 December 2012.

(192 EX/SR.9)

### 25 **Actual position concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions, and implementation of the incentive scheme for the prompt payment of contributions** (192 EX/25 and Add.; 192 EX/46)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 192 EX/25 and Add.,
2. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 92 and 191 EX/Decision 25,
3. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the current financial period 2012-2013 and to those that 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 Article 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
5. Strongly supports the approaches the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;

6. Concerned by the financial situation of the Organization as a result of the non-payment of assessed contributions by Member States and the severe implications thereof for the delivery of regular programme activities and for the Organization's reliance on extrabudgetary funding sources,
7. Notes the failure of five Member States to pay 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. 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 the management of the Organization's treasury function;
9. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their regular contributions, mandatory advances to the Working Capital Fund, and instalments under payment plans to pay their arrears without delay, bearing in mind (1) the risk of loss of voting rights that may otherwise ensue at the 37th session of the General Conference, (2) that prompt payment will enable the Organization to sustain its programmes and plan the budget for its 2014-2015 biennium in rational fashion.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**26 Appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (192 EX/PRIV.2)**

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

(192 EX/SR.7)

**27 Report by the Director-General as at 31 May 2013 on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and his comments thereon (192 EX/27; 192 EX/27.INF and Corr.; 192 EX/46)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 40 (II), 190 EX/Decision 30, 190 EX/Decision 35 and 191 EX/Decision 28 (I, II and III),
2. Having examined documents 192 EX/27 and 192 EX/27.INF,
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:
  - (a) to study the possibility of making an electronic version of the status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations available to Member States, and ensuring that it is updated annually;
  - (b) to submit to it, in accordance with 190 EX/Decision 30, her report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and his comments thereon at the 2015 autumn session;

5. Decides to transmit to the General Conference at its 37th session the report by the Director-General as at 31 May 2013 on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and his comments thereon.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**28 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee on managing the UNESCO complex (192 EX/28.Rev. and Add.; 192 EX/46)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 100, 36 C/Resolution 101 and 190 EX/Decision 33,
2. Having examined documents 192 EX/28 Rev. and Add.,
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt, at its 37th session, a draft resolution worded along the following lines:

“The General Conference,

*Recalling* 36 C/Resolution 100, 36 C/Resolution 101 and 190 EX/Decision 33,

*Having examined* document 37 C/39 Parts I and II Rev.,

1. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Headquarters Committee and to its Chairperson, H.E. Ms Lorena Sol de Pool, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of El Salvador for the action taken and the results achieved between the 36th and 37th sessions of the General Conference;
2. *Takes note* of the progress achieved in managing the UNESCO complex and maintenance and conservation of Headquarters buildings;
3. *Also takes note* of the risk assessment for UNESCO buildings maintenance and conservation developed in the context of the current financial situation of the Organization;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to provide, in the report on managing the UNESCO complex to be submitted to the Executive Board at its 195th session, a progress report on the development of the Capital Master Plan options;
5. *Endorses* the decision of the Headquarters Committee to allow the Director-General to rent office space available in buildings VI and VII (Bonvin site) to permanent delegations and upon availability to NGOs, IGOs, United Nations bodies and other international organizations whose status and activities entitle them to the allocation of space at Headquarters;
6. *Takes note* of the request of the Headquarters Committee to the Director-General to begin without further delay the construction of a forward security post at the main Fontenoy entrance by using the funds that have already been transferred to the Special Account for Strengthening the Security of UNESCO Premises Worldwide and allocated for this purpose by the General Conference in resolution 35 C/97;
7. *Equally takes note with concern* of the increased cost of the project in the interim and *also takes note* of the decision of the Headquarters Committee to finance the additional \$538 000 from the Headquarters Utilization Fund;

8. *Reiterates* its request to the Director-General to apply all necessary 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;
9. *Reiterates* its invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters;
10. *Requests* the Director-General to report to it at its 38th session, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex.”

(192 EX/SR.9)

**29 New audits by the External Auditor** (192 EX/29 Parts I and II; 192 EX/29.INF; 192 EX/46)

**I**

**Audit of the Montevideo Office**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/29 Part I,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations contained in document 192 EX/29 Part I in her forthcoming report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor;
4. Also invites the Director-General to prepare for each field office terms of reference and a clear description of the roles and responsibilities of the office and its Director and personnel, in regard to the implementation of UNESCO's approved programme and budget;
5. Further invites the Director-General to disseminate lessons learned and best practices through the field office network in order to make possible an improved management culture.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**II**

**Follow-up to the 2011 audit of the management  
of the UNESCO Restaurant Services and Commissary**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 192 EX/29 Part II and 192 EX/29.INF,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations in her forthcoming report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor in document 192 EX/29 Part II.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**30 Follow up on the proposals of the working group on the implications of the application of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) for the implementation of the incentive scheme for the prompt payment of contributions (192 EX/30; 192 EX/46)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 29 and 36 C/Resolution 87,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/30,
3. Noting that the first three financial statements under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) have shown a deficit, and that this is likely to continue in the future,
4. Also noting, however, that eliminating the incentive system could exacerbate the cash position of the Organization,
5. Decides not to recommend to the General Conference to set up an incentive scheme based on a fixed percentage of the IPSAS results;
6. Requests the Director-General to report, through the Executive Board, to the General Conference at its 38th session on the implementation of the experimental incentive scheme awarding discounts for the prompt payment of assessed contributions.

(192 EX/SR.9)

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

**31 Relations with non-governmental partners (192 EX/31; 192 EX/44)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 64, 36 C/Resolution 108 and 188 EX/Decision 12,
2. Having examined document 192 EX/31,
3. Appreciates the efforts of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP), under the impetus of its new terms of reference, to maintain and further develop relations with civil society, including NGOs;
4. Further appreciates UNESCO's efforts to associate and engage NGOs more actively in UNESCO's programme and activities on youth, particularly through the Operational Strategy on Youth and the UNESCO Youth Forum;
5. Takes note with interest of the projects developed under the auspices of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, and appeals to interested States and institutions to host one of the forums of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO;
6. Invites the National Commissions for UNESCO to play a more interactive role in establishing cooperation with the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, and to identify the NGOs based in their country, including youth-led NGOs, which could become official partners of UNESCO;
7. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 194th session on the results of the mapping exercise and evaluation of official partnerships with NGOs launched in 2013,



with a view to the preparation of the quadrennial report to be submitted to the General Conference at its 38th session.

(192 EX/SR.7)

**32 Proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2014-2015, and appeals by Member States concerning their proposals**  
(192 EX/32; 192 EX/32.INF; 192 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 192 EX/32 and 192 EX/32.INF,
2. Noting that the proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General listed below comply with the statutory criteria,
3. Appreciating the fact that Member States of all regions have made proposals so as to ensure an improved geographical distribution and gender balance,
4. Recommends to the General Conference:
  - (a) that UNESCO also be associated in 2014-2015 with the following celebrations:
    - (1) 200th anniversary of the birth of Adolphe Sax, inventor and creator of the “saxophone” family of instruments (1814-1894) (Belgium)
    - (2) 100th anniversary of formal education in Brunei Darussalam (Brunei Darussalam)
    - (3) 700th anniversary of the birth of Mīr Sayyid ‘Alī Hamadānī (1314-1385), mystic and poet (Islamic Republic of Iran and Tajikistan, with the support of India and Pakistan)
    - (4) 700th anniversary of the introduction of Sora-be alphabet, used by the Malagasy population (Madagascar)
    - (5) 450th anniversary of the death of Blessed Hosanna of Kotor (1493-1565) (Montenegro with the support of Croatia)
    - (6) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mihailo Lalić, writer (1914-1992) (Montenegro with the support of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia)
    - (7) 50th anniversary of the death of Tudor Vianu, literary and art critic, philosopher and writer (1898-1964) (Romania)
    - (8) Mihajlo Pupin: 100th anniversary of the beginning of a new era in the broadcasting of radio waves – Creating a world of telecommunications (1915) (Serbia with the support of the United States of America)
    - (9) 200th anniversary of the birth of Ľudovít Štúr, codifier of the Slovak language, editor and writer (1815-1856) (Slovakia)
    - (10) 100th anniversary of the birth of Farid el-Atrash, musician (1915-1974) (Syrian Arab Republic)
    - (11) 50th anniversary of the death of Sami al-Shawa, musician (1889-1965) (Syrian Arab Republic)

- (12) 3000th anniversary of the foundation of the town of Hisor (Tajikistan)
  - (13) 100th anniversary of the birth of Ziyodullo Shahidi, composer (1914-1985) (Tajikistan)
  - (14) 100th anniversary of King Prajadhipok of Siam's commencement of service in Thailand and anniversary of the 10th Asian cycle of his birth (1914) (Thailand)
  - (15) 150th anniversary of the death of Andrés Bello López, humanist (1781-1865) (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);
- (b) that the hereby completed list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO is to be associated in 2014-2015, which supplements the list contained in 191 EX/Decision 32, be definitively closed, according to the procedure approved by the Executive Board at its 159th session (159 EX/Decision 7.5);
  - (c) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme.

(192 EX/SR.9)

## GENERAL MATTERS

### 33 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 and 191 EX/Decision 34 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories<sup>5</sup> (192 EX/33; 192 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

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 Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
2. Having examined document 192 EX/33,
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>5</sup>

The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 43 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 12 abstentions:

**In favour:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Monaco, Montenegro, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, United Kingdom.

**Absent:** Barbados, Haiti.

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 assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address new needs;
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 resulting therefrom 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 relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions, particularly 36 C/Resolution 81 and 185 EX/Decision 36,
9. Notes with deep concern the Israeli authorities' censorship of the Palestinian curricula of schools and universities in East Jerusalem, and urges them to immediately halt such censorship;
10. Regrets the Israeli order to close for two weeks, in May 2013, the Hakawati Theatre in East Jerusalem, which was supposed to host, during that period, an international festival of puppets for children;
11. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce her action in favour of the protection, 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;
12. Requests the Director-General to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestine Committee;
13. 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, to report to the Director-General before the 194th session of the Executive Board;
14. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 194th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**34 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 191 EX/Decision 35<sup>6</sup> (192 EX/34; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered documents 190 EX/39, 191 EX/35 and 192 EX/34,
2. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their additional Protocols (1977), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its 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 to education,
3. Also recalling 185 EX/Decision 37,
4. Noting with deep concern the slow progress in the reconstruction of schools and other cultural heritage sites in the Gaza Strip that were damaged during the 2008-2009 war and the November 2012 war,
5. Deeply regrets the damaging impact of the November 2012 war on UNESCO fields of competence in Gaza, where 280 education facilities were damaged, affecting approximately 250,000 students, as reported in document 191 EX/35, as well as the severe damage inflicted to one cultural heritage site of the Palestinian Tentative List, the Port of Anthedon (the old port of Gaza);
6. Affirms, in this regard, that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites should not be involved and/or targeted in military conflicts;
7. Deplores the continuous Israeli blockade of 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 injury of children, the attacks on schools, and the denial of access to education, as reflected in document 190 EX/39;
8. Thanks Member States and donors for their generous financial contributions to the UNESCO projects for Gaza, and invites Member States, international organizations and relevant international, national and private institutions to provide further assistance in this regard through extrabudgetary funding;
9. 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 involvement actively in the reconstruction of its damaged educational and cultural heritage components;

<sup>6</sup>

The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 42 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 13 abstentions:

**In favour:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Monaco, Montenegro, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Saint Lucia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, United Kingdom.

**Absent:** Barbados, Haiti.

10. 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-Palestine;
11. Decides to include this item in its agenda at its 194th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**35 Renewal of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence** (192 EX/35; 192 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 146 EX/Decision 5.4.3 and 164 EX/Decision 3.4.3 concerning the adoption of the Rules governing the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence, and 184 EX/Decision 35 concerning the approval of the modifications of the Statutes of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize,
2. Taking into consideration 171 EX/Decision 24, 177 EX/Decision 28, 182 EX/Decision 25, 185 EX/Decision 38, 189 EX/Decision 16, 190 EX/Decision 17 and 191 EX/Decision 12, concerning the implementation and adoption of the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and Its Constituent Criteria, as well as the evaluation of all UNESCO prizes prepared by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), and the recommendations contained therein (document IOS/EVS/PI/114),
3. Having examined document 192 EX/35 concerning the proposed renewal of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence for a period of six years for the award of the Prize in 2014, 2016 and 2018 and the proposed amendments to the Statutes of the Prize contained in Annex I to document 192 EX/35,
4. Approves the renewal of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence for a period of six years for the award of the Prize in 2014, 2016 and 2018 and the revised Statutes of the Prize as set out in Annex I to document 192 EX/35.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**36 Agreement to establish a long-term cooperation between UNESCO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in the field of hydrology and water resources (freshwater)** (192 EX/36; 192 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/36,
2. Approves the cooperation agreement proposed in the Annex to document 192 EX/36;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**37 Relations with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and draft framework agreement between UNESCO and that regional organization (192 EX/37; 192 EX/48)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/37,
2. Approves the Framework Agreement for Cooperation between UNESCO and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) contained in the Annex to document 192 EX/37;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the Framework Agreement for Cooperation with ASEAN on behalf of UNESCO.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**38 International day of sports and physical activity (192 EX/38; 192 EX/DG.INF.; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/38,
2. Recognizing the principles and recommendations of the Declaration of the United Nations Third International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development (5-6 June 2013) and of the Berlin Declaration,
3. Reaffirming that sport is a catalyst for peace and social development,
4. Convinced that UNESCO should continue to take the lead role in fostering the socio-economic benefits of sport and physical education programmes,
5. Welcomes and endorses the recommendation of the Declaration of the United Nations' Third International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development to proclaim an "international day of sports and physical activity" in order to advocate and celebrate their contribution to education, human development, healthy lifestyles, and a peaceful world;
6. Invites the Director General to support all efforts leading the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim an "international day of sports and physical activity";
7. Recommends that the General Conference adopt a resolution in this regard at its 37th session.

(192 EX/SR. 9)

**39 Proclamation of 2016 as international year of global understanding (IYGU) (192 EX/39; 192 EX/DG.INF.; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing that global sustainability is grounded in a global understanding of our everyday activities,
2. Stressing that geographical education for global understanding is critical for addressing challenges such as global climate and social change, for providing sustainable sources

of clean water, food and energy, and for maintaining an intact environment for the well-being of all people,

3. Considering that global understanding contributes to reducing the potential for regional conflicts helping to advance peace at the local, national and global scales,
4. Being aware that the year 2016 provides an opportunity to highlight the need for international and transdisciplinary scientific collaboration to attain global sustainability,
5. Having examined document 192 EX/39,
6. Welcomes the unanimous approval of the International Geographical Union (IGU), at its 2012 International Congress and General Assembly, together with the support of the executive bodies of the International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and the International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (ICPHS) to proclaim 2016 the international year of global understanding, and to play a lead role in coordinating and promoting geography-related activities at the national and regional levels worldwide;
7. Invites the Director-General to support all efforts leading the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 2016 the international year of global understanding;
8. Recommends that the General Conference at its 37th session adopt a resolution on this subject.

(192 EX/SR.9)

#### **40 Ethics and privacy in cyberspace** (192 EX/40 and Add.; 192 EX/DG.INF.; 192 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/40,
2. Recognizing the essential role in UNESCO's mandate of ethical principles and values,
3. Also recognizing the role of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, for the attainment of the Organization's objectives,
4. Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
5. Recognizing that the same norms, principles and values that are upheld offline, should also apply online,
6. Recalling United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 20/8 of 5 July 2012,
7. Taking note of the report by the United Nations Special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (A/HRC/23/40),
8. Also recalling the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, which conferred upon UNESCO responsibility for six action lines: "Access to information and knowledge" (C3), "E-learning" (C7), "E-science" (C7), "Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content" (C8), "Media" (C9) and "Ethical dimensions of the information society" (C10),
9. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 57 and 190 EX/Decision 5 (III),

10. Recommends that an agenda item entitled “Internet-related issues, including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and the ethical dimensions of the information society” be inscribed on the agenda of the 37th session of the General Conference;
11. Requests the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 37th session a discussion paper on the issues mentioned above, coming under UNESCO’s mandate.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**41 The post-2015 perspective of education for all (EFA) (192 EX/41; 192 EX/DG.INF.; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Considering document 192 EX/41,
2. Recalling 190 EX/Decision 7 (II), which invites the Director-General to initiate an evaluation of UNESCO’s performance as global coordinator and leader for education for all (EFA), to be completed by the end of 2014,
3. Taking into account the United Nations Secretary-General’s Education First initiative,
4. Requests the Director-General to report on the assessment of EFA to the General Conference at its 37th session, taking into consideration the reports on post-decade prospects for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) and the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012);
5. Also requests the Director-General to clearly indicate in her report to the General Conference at its 37th session the difficulties encountered in the achievement of the EFA goals and the perspectives for the post-2015 global education agenda.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**42 Follow-up of the UNESCO reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls and the UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent<sup>7</sup> (192 EX/42 Rev; 192 EX/47)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/42 Rev.,
2. Recalling the Executive Board decisions 191 EX/Decision 5.1 and 191 EX/Decision 9 as well as World Heritage Committee decision 34 COM/7A.20,

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The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 36 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 19 abstentions:

**In favour:** Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Monaco, Montenegro, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Saint Lucia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, United Kingdom.

**Absent:** Barbados, Haiti.



3. Recalling the agreement reached at the 191st session of the Executive Board, whereby the concerned parties declared their commitment to implement the following requirements:
  - (a) the immediate dispatch, as of 19 May 2013, of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICCROM/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, in accordance with paragraph 11 of decision 34 COM 7A.20 adopted by the World Heritage Committee in Brasilia at its 34th session,
  - (b) the adjournment of the five Middle East items on the agenda of its 191st session to its 192nd session,
  - (c) participation in the experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent, which was supposed to be held at UNESCO by 27 May 2013,
4. Notes with satisfaction the Arab side's fulfilment of its commitment by accepting, at the 191st session, the adjournment of the five Middle East items;
5. Regrets the unilateral Israeli cancelation of the joint reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls by requiring new restrictive preconditions, as well as the absence of Israeli representatives at the UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent;
6. Urges Israel to respect the terms of the above-mentioned agreement by accepting and facilitating the joint reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls and by participating in the UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent;
7. Thanks the Director-General for her efforts to implement the above-mentioned UNESCO joint mission, and encourages her to continue her efforts to implement this decision and all related UNESCO decisions and resolutions;
8. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 194th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

(192 EX/SR.9)

**43 Proposal to amend the Charter of the United Nations University (UNU)** (192 EX/43; 192 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 192 EX/43,
2. Endorses the proposal of the United Nations University (UNU) Council to amend Article IV of the UNU Charter to reduce the number of appointed members of the Council from 24 to 12, it being understood that the amendment shall enter into force when the term of office of the remaining 13 members of the Council expires;
3. Requests the Director-General to transmit this decision to the United Nations University Council and the United Nations Secretary-General, with a view to submitting the proposal for amendment to the United Nations General Assembly at its 68th session.

(192 EX/SR. 9)

## PRIVATE MEETINGS

### **Announcement concerning the private meetings held on Monday 30 September, Wednesday 2 October, Friday 4 October and Thursday 10 October 2013**

At the private meetings held on the following dates, the Executive Board considered the following items of its agenda:

Monday 30 September, Wednesday 2 October, and Friday 4 October: item **22**;  
Thursday 10 October: items **3, 18** and **26**.

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

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board 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.

(192 EX/SR.7)

#### **18 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.

(192 EX/SR.7)

#### **22 Nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General of UNESCO**

1. The Executive Board determined by lot the order of the interviews of the three candidates;
2. The Board received one by one, the three candidates, who each made a statement and answered questions put to them by the six regional groups;
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Board decided, by secret ballot, to propose to the General Conference at its 37th session the nomination of Ms Irina Gueorguieva Bokova (Bulgaria) for the post of Director-General of UNESCO.

(192 EX/SR.6)

#### **26 Appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (192 EX/PRIV.2)**

The Executive Board, on 10 October 2013, appointed a Chairperson and an alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

(192 EX/SR.7)