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### PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2016-2017 WITH WHICH UNESCO COULD BE ASSOCIATED

#### OUTLINE

**Source:** 196 EX/Decision 25 and 197 EX/Decision 30.

**Background:** In 195 EX/Decision 25, the Executive Board adopted a revised version of the criteria and procedure for the consideration of proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries in Member States with which UNESCO could be associated. Pursuant to this decision, the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 196th and 197th sessions the proposals selected in accordance with the statutory criteria and procedure.

**Purpose:** The General Conference is invited to take a decision with regard to the recommendations made by the Executive Board concerning the celebration of anniversaries in 2016-2017 with which UNESCO could be associated.

**Decision required:** paragraph 4.

1. Following the adoption by the Executive Board, at its 195th session, of the revised version of the programme concerning anniversaries (195 EX/Decision 25) and in accordance with the statutory procedure for the selection of anniversaries, the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 196th session a list of 44 proposals for inclusion in the calendar of anniversary celebrations for the period 2016-2017 (documents 196 EX/25 and Add.).

2. In accordance with the same decision, Member States from unrepresented or under-represented regions were invited to submit new proposals for the period 2016-2017 and to submit appeals, if they so wish, concerning requests that had been rejected in the first stage of the procedure. The Director-General therefore submitted to the Executive Board at its 197th session the revised proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries in 2016-2017 with which UNESCO could be associated, as well as new proposals (document 197 EX/30).

3. The Executive Board at its 196th and 197th sessions recommended that the General Conference select for celebration the anniversaries proposed by Member States (a list of which is annexed to the present document), contained in 196 EX/Decision 25 and 197 EX/Decision 30.

4. The General Conference may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The General Conference,

*Having examined* document 38 C/15,

1. *Encourages* Member States of all regions to make proposals in order to improve geographical distribution and gender balance, by also selecting eminent women, according to the criteria approved by the governing bodies;
2. *Recalls* that pursuant to 195 EX/Decision 25, the Member State(s) having made a request is responsible for the implementation of activities relating to the celebration of anniversaries and must also submit to the Director-General, on completion of the project, a detailed activity report on the results and their usefulness to the Member State(s) and UNESCO;
3. *Decides* that UNESCO will be associated in 2016-2017 with the celebration of the anniversaries listed in annex hereto;
4. *Also decides* that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations shall be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme.

## ANNEX

**The celebration of anniversaries in 2016-2017 with which UNESCO will be associated  
(as recommended to the General Conference in 196 EX/Decision 25  
and 197 EX/Decision 30 of the Executive Board; listed in English alphabetical order of  
the names of the Member States)**

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| 1.  | 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Aivazovsky, painter (1817-1900) (joint nomination by Armenia and the Russian Federation, with the support of Italy)  | Armenia and Russian Federation                         |
| 2.  | 350th anniversary of the first printed Bible in Armenian (Amsterdam, 1666) (with the support of France and Netherlands)   | Armenia  |
| 3.  | 600th anniversary of the death of Nasimi (Sayyid 'Imād-ad-Dīn), poet (1369-1417) (with the support of Kazakhstan, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Turkey)  | Azerbaijan   |
| 4.  | 300th anniversary of the birth of Molla Panah Vagif, poet (1717-1797) (with the support of Kazakhstan and Turkey)   | Azerbaijan   |
| 5.  | 200th anniversary of German settlements in the South Caucasus Region (migration of the Schwab Germans to Azerbaijan and Georgia) (with the support of Germany)                                    | Azerbaijan and Georgia                                 |
| 6.  | 150th anniversary of the birth of Lev Samoylovich Rosenberg, known as Léon Bakst, artist, theatre designer, decorator (1886-1924) (with the support of the Russian Federation)                    | Belarus  |
| 7.  | 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Belarusian Printing (1517)  | Belarus  |
| 8.  | 1100th anniversary of the death of Clement of Ohrid (830-916) (joint nomination by Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with the support of Poland and the Russian Federation) | Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| 9.  | 150th anniversary of the birth of Pencho Petkov Slaveykov, writer (1866-1912) (with the support of Italy and Germany)   | Bulgaria   |
| 10. | 400th anniversary of the death of Faust Vrančić, polymath, linguist, inventor, bishop (1551-1617) (with the support of Hungary, Montenegro and Slovakia)  | Croatia  |
| 11. | 200th anniversary of the birth of Francisco de Albear y Fernández de Lara, engineer and scientist (1816-1887) (with the support of Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of))              | Cuba   |

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| 12. | 100th anniversary of the publication of the book <i>The Black Slaves</i> by Fernando Ortiz Fernández (1916) (with the support of Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) | Cuba                       |
| 13. | 700th anniversary of the birth of Charles IV of Luxembourg, patron of education, art and economic development (1316-1378) (with the support of Luxembourg, Poland and Slovakia)    | Czech Republic             |
| 14. | 200th anniversary of the death of Madame de Staël, novelist and essayist (1766-1817) (with the support of Germany and Switzerland)   | France                     |
| 15. | 100th anniversary of the birth of Jean Rouch, filmmaker and ethnologist (1917-2004) (with the support of Mali and Niger)   | France                     |
| 16. | 350th anniversary of the establishment of the French Academy of Sciences (1666)  | France                     |
| 17. | 200th anniversary of the birth of Nikoloz Baratashvili, poet (1817-1845) (with the support of Azerbaijan)  | Georgia                    |
| 18. | 150th anniversary of the birth of Käthe Kollwitz, painter, printmaker and sculptor (1867-1945) (with the support of Belgium and Poland)  | Germany                    |
| 19. | 300th anniversary of the death of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, mathematician and philosopher (1646-1716) (with the support of Poland and Switzerland)                                | Germany                    |
| 20. | 2400th anniversary of the birth of Aristotle, philosopher and scientist (384 BCE -322 BCE) (with the support of Cyprus, Poland and Serbia)   | Greece                     |
| 21. | 1700th anniversary of the birth of Saint Martin, bishop (316-397) (with the support of Austria, Croatia, Malta, Portugal and Slovenia)   | Hungary                    |
| 22. | 50th anniversary of the death of Zoltán Kodály, composer (1882-1967) (with the support of Finland, Germany, Greece and Slovakia)   | Hungary                    |
| 23. | 50th anniversary of the International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE) for conducting experiments on ocean research for the period 1962-65   | India                      |
| 24. | 50th anniversary of the death of Dr Homi Jehangir Bhabha, scientist (1909-1966)  | India                      |
| 25. | 700th anniversary of authoring the book of <i>Golshan-e Raz</i> by Sheikh Mahmūd Shabestarī (1317) (with the support of Azerbaijan)  | Iran (Islamic Republic of) |
| 26. | 1050th anniversary of the birth of Seyyed Morteza Alamolhoda, scientist (966-1044) (with the support of Iraq and Lebanon)  | Iran (Islamic Republic of) |

27. 1150th anniversary of the birth of Muhammad Zakariyā Rāzī (also known by his Latinized name: Rhazes or Rasis), physician, chemist and philosopher (866-925) (joint nomination by Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Tajikistan)
28. 150th anniversary of the birth of Alikhan Bukeikhan, public figure, statesman, scientist (1866-1937) (with the support of Azerbaijan)
29. 1000th anniversary of the city of Almaty, former capital of Kazakhstan (until 1997) and at present cultural, educational, scientific and financial centre (with the support of Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation)
30. 150th anniversary of the birth of Janis Rozentāls, painter (1866-1916) (with the support of Finland and Lithuania)
31. 100th anniversary of the birth of Algirdas Julius Greimas, linguist (1917-1992) (with the support of Estonia, France and Mexico)
32. 150th anniversary of the foundation of the National Conservatory of Music (1866) [197 EX/30 II.3.b]
33. 50th anniversary of the death of Milo Milunović, painter (1897-1967) (with the support of Croatia, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
34. 150th anniversary of the birth of the poet Rubén Darío (1867-1916) and 100th anniversary of his death (with the support of Cuba and Ecuador) [197 EX/30 II.3.b]
35. 150th anniversary of the birth of Abdullah bin Humaid Al Salmi, social reformer and encyclopedic scientist (1867-1914) (with the support of Lebanon and Egypt)
36. 1000th anniversary of the birth of Abu Mohammed Abdullah bin Mohammed al-Azdi (Ibn al-Thahabi), scientist (with the support of Egypt and Lebanon)
37. 200th anniversary of the death of Tadeusz Kościuszko, political leader (1746-1817) (with the support of Lithuania, Switzerland and the Kosciuszko Foundation: The American Center of Polish Culture)
38. 100th anniversary of the death of Ludwik Zamenhof, physician and linguist (1859-1917) (with the support of Germany and Slovakia)
39. 100th anniversary of the death of Ștefan Luchian, painter (1868-1916)
40. 100th anniversary of the death of Titu Maiorescu, literary critic and politician (1840-1917) (with the support of Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova)

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| 41. | 250th anniversary of the birth of Nikolay Mikhailovich Karamzin, writer (1766-1826)  | Russian Federation |
| 42. | 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory (1866)  | Russian Federation |
| 43. | 150th anniversary of the birth of Wassily Wassilyevich Kandinsky, painter (1866-1944)  | Russian Federation |
| 44. | 350th anniversary of the birth of Ján Kupecký, painter (1667-1740) (with the support of the Czech Republic and Poland)   | Slovakia           |
| 45. | 200th anniversary of the birth of Jozef Miloslav Hurban, writer and philosopher (1817-1888) (with the support of the Czech Republic and Poland)                          | Slovakia           |
| 46. | 400th anniversary of the death of Miguel de Cervantes, writer (1547-1616) (with the support of Colombia, El Salvador, France, Honduras, Portugal and Uruguay)            | Spain              |
| 47. | 400th anniversary of the birth of Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, painter (1617-1682) (with the support of Colombia, El Salvador, France, Honduras, Portugal and Uruguay)     | Spain              |
| 48. | 100th anniversary of the birth of Gafar Valamat-Zade, choreographer (1916-1993) (with the support of Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation)                              | Tajikistan         |
| 49. | 1250th anniversary of the birth of Hakim at-Tirmizi, scientist (755-56? -869) (with the support of Afghanistan, India and Kazakhstan)                                    | Tajikistan         |
| 50. | 100th anniversary of the birth of Puey Ungphakorn, educator and economist (1916-1999) (with the support of the Philippines and Viet Nam)                                 | Thailand           |
| 51. | 150th anniversary of the birth of Chao Phaya Prasadej Surendrathibodi (M.R. Pia Malakul), educator (1867- 1916) (with the support of the Republic of Korea and Viet Nam) | Thailand           |
| 52. | 50th anniversary of the death of Mehmed Fuad Köprülü, scholar (1890-1966) (with the support of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan)  | Turkey             |
| 53. | 850th anniversary of the death of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, poet and Sufi (1093 or 1103-1166) (with the support of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)                      | Turkey             |