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PREMIÈRE SÉANCE

Lundi 20 novembre 2015 à 10 h 10

Président temporaire: M. Simataa (Président de la
Conférence Générale)
puis: M. Worbs

OPENING OF THE 198TH SESSION

Item 1: Opening of the 198th session by the President of the General Conference (Temporary Chairperson)

1. The **Temporary Chairperson** (Mr Simataa – President of the General Conference) declared the 198th session of the Executive Board open. He thanked the outgoing Board Members for their dedication and contribution to the pursuit of UNESCO's goals and their hard work during their tenure. He extended his warm congratulations to the new Members and wished them good luck in their new assignment.

1.2 Owing to the recent refurbishment of Room X and the arrival of new Board Members, he invited the Chief of the Infrastructure and Operations Section in the Division of Knowledge Management and Information Systems to give a brief presentation on the new audiovisual consoles.

A brief presentation on the new audiovisual equipment was given.

Item 2: Adoption of the provisional agenda (198 EX/1 Prov. Rev.)

2. The **Temporary Chairperson**, seeing no objections, took it that the Board wished to adopt the revised provisional agenda contained in document 198 EX/1 Prov. Rev.

3. *It was so **decided**.*

Item 3: Election of the Chairperson of the Executive Board

4. The **Temporary Chairperson** informed the Members of the Executive Board that by a letter dated 19 November, the Chairperson of Group I had presented, on behalf of the Group, the nomination of Mr Michael Worbs, Permanent Delegate of Germany to UNESCO, for the office of Chairperson of the Executive Board. He then read out paragraph 1 of Rule 10 and paragraph 1 of Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board relating to the election procedure.

5. *It was so **decided**.*

6. The **Secretary** informed the Executive Board how the voting would proceed.

7.1 *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

7.2 *At the request of the Chairperson, Ms Zhang Xiuqin (China) and Ms Leticia Casati (Paraguay) acted as tellers, with the assistance of the Legal Adviser.*

7.3 *The result of the vote was as follows:*

Number of Members:	58
Number of Members absent:	2
Number of blank or invalid ballot papers:	0
Number of votes recorded:	56
In favour:	51
Against:	4
Abstentions:	1

7.4 Having obtained the required majority, Mr Worbs was **elected** Chairperson of the Executive Board.

8. The **Temporary Chairperson** congratulated Mr Worbs on his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. With more than 30 years in the diplomatic service of his country, in many different nations ranging from Sudan to Lebanon, Italy, Ukraine, Brazil and Kuwait, Mr Worbs' experience and wisdom would allow him to chair the Executive Board harmoniously, based on the United Nations principle of equality of all Member States. He wished him a successful tenure during an important biennium for the Organization, which would cover the launch of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the preparation of the forthcoming quadrennial programme of UNESCO. In his own capacity as President of the General Conference, he would be sitting *ex officio* in an advisory capacity on the Executive Board and he looked forward to their cooperation during the following two years.

9.1 The **Director-General** congratulated Mr Worbs on his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. She said that the election reflected Germany's deep commitment to UNESO and the leadership that Mr Worbs had shown in taking forward the Organization's objectives on such occasions as the fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V), held in Berlin in May 2013, the first meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board to the United Nations Secretary-General, held in Berlin in 2014, and during the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee, held in Bonn in June 2015, where UNESCO had launched a global coalition for the protection of cultural heritage. Such events provided platforms to counter racism and discrimination, to advance gender equality, to engage all young women and men, to strengthen the science-policy interface, to raise visibility and to strengthen coordination in response to cultural cleansing at a time when cultural heritage and diversity were facing rising attacks.

9.2 Poursuivant en français, la Directrice générale salue la longue carrière du Président au service de la diplomatie et de la coopération internationale, dans les domaines des affaires économiques et culturelles, de la communication et des médias. Lui qui, dans cette enceinte, a souvent fait part de sa vision, n'a jamais ménagé ses efforts pour affermir l'Organisation et approfondir sa réforme. Son élection, aujourd'hui, en porte le témoignage.

9.3 La Directrice générale dit qu'il lui est impossible de dresser le portrait du nouveau Président car, comme le disait Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, « on n'est jamais satisfait du portrait d'une personne que l'on connaît bien ». Ayant travaillé avec M. Worbs sur de nombreux dossiers, elle se réjouit de l'occasion qui leur est offerte de renforcer leur collaboration, pour atteindre les objectifs de cette Organisation, mettre en œuvre le Programme à l'horizon 2030 et contribuer à élever ensemble les défenses de la paix.

١٠ أعرب ممثل مصر عن شكره لرئيس المؤتمر العام، ورحب بالمديرة العامة السيدة إيرينا بوكوفا. وأعرب ممثل مصر عن سعادته بانتخاب السيد ميخائيل ووربس رئيساً للمجلس التنفيذي للفترة ٢٠١٥ - ٢٠١٧ مذكراً بما قاله له السيد ميخائيل ووربس عندما انتُخب هو رئيساً للمجلس في ٢٢ تشرين الثاني/نوفمبر ٢٠١٣، إذ قال له آنذاك: "إنني أعرفك منذ سنوات طويلة حين كنا مندوبين مساعدين لدولتينا في اليونسكو، وإنني لعلني يقين بأن

علاقة دولتنا المتميزة وصدافتنا الشخصية سوف تستمر وتدوم". وقال ممثل مصر إنه سيستخدم اليوم العبارة ذاتها ليرد عليه، فأفاد بأخما عملاً معاً لمدة ١٥ سنة كعضوين في وفدي دولتيهما، ثم افتقرا، ثم عادا إلى العمل معاً في عام ٢٠١٢ عندما أصبح كل منهما سفيراً لدولته، ثم انتُخب هو في عام ٢٠١٣ رئيساً للمجلس فلقني من السيد ميخائيل ووريس كل الدعم اللازم. وأشاد ممثل مصر بفرص التشاور الكثيرة التي أُتيحت لهما، مما مكّنهما من التوصل إلى مواقف إيجابية وبناءة لصالح اليونسكو. وقال ممثل مصر إن السيد ميخائيل ووريس وثى بوعده له إذ قويت العلاقة بينهما، وأفاد بأنه التمس فيه خلال السنوات الطويلة من العمل المشترك جدية والتزاماً وإيماناً عميقاً برسالة هذه المنظمة العظيمة. وأعرب عن ثقته بأن السيد ميخائيل ووريس سيكون على قدر المسؤولية التي كُلف بها وسيؤديها بنجاح لتستكمل المسيرة التي سبقهما إليها رجال ونساء عظماء ساهموا في وصول المنظمة إلى المكانة التي وصلت إليها اليوم. وخاطب ممثل مصر الرئيس الجديد وأعداً إياه بأنه سيقدم له كل أشكال الدعم والمساعدة التي يحتاج إليها. وأكد له أنه يمكنه التعويل على دعم الوفد الدائم لمصر لدى اليونسكو دائماً كما عوّل هو من قبل على دعم الوفد الدائم لألمانيا لدى المنظمة. ورجا ممثل مصر للرئيس الجديد في نهاية المطاف التوفيق والسداد في مهمته خلال العامين القادمين.

(10) The representative of **Egypt** thanked the President of the General Conference and welcomed the Director-General, Irina Bokova. He expressed his delight at the election of Mr Michael Worbs as Chairperson of the Executive Board for the period 2015-2017, recalling what Mr Worbs had said to him upon his own election as Chairperson on 22 November 2013: "We know each other from previous assignments some years ago when we were Deputy Permanent Delegates to UNESCO and I am sure that the good relations between our two countries and our own personal friendship will continue to grow". In turn, he wished to say to Mr Worbs that they had worked together for 15 years as members of the delegations of their respective countries, gone their separate ways, and then returned to work together in 2012, when they had each become ambassador of their own country. When he had been elected as Chairperson of the Executive Board in 2013, Mr Worbs had provided him with all the necessary support. He acknowledged the many consultation opportunities that had been made available to them, enabling them to reach positive and constructive positions for the benefit of UNESCO. He said that Michael Worbs had kept his promise to him to strengthen the relationship between them and during the long years of joint work he had shown commitment and a deeply held belief in the mission of their great Organization. He was confident that Mr Worbs would fully assume the responsibility entrusted in him and would successfully serve in the footsteps of the great men and women who had contributed to the establishment of the Organization and the stature it had achieved. He pledged his full support and assistance to the new Chairperson and assured him that he could rely on the Permanent Delegation of Egypt to UNESCO just as he himself had always relied on the Permanent Delegation of Germany during his own mandate. Finally, he wished the new Chairperson every success during his tenure over the following two years.

11. The representative of **Pakistan** welcomed the new Chairperson of the Executive Board. He said that he had witnessed Mr Worbs' dedication to the wellbeing of the Organization and humanity at large and was confident that the excellent performance of the previous Chairperson would be continued by his successor. He assured the Chairperson of Pakistan's full cooperation.

12. The representative of **Uganda** congratulated Mr Worbs on his election, and apologized for her unavoidable absence during the voting process. She nonetheless supported his appointment and was looking forward to working closely with him as she had done with his predecessor. She wished the Chairperson every success in his new position.

13. The representative of **South Africa** said that he was new to the Executive Board so he could not claim know Mr Worbs personally, but he looked forward to working with him in the future. He congratulated and welcomed the Chairperson and pledged his country's support.

14. S'il ne connaît pas personnellement M. Worbs, le représentant du **Togo** a pu apprécier sa discrétion et son efficacité, confirmées alors qu'il assumait avec brio la présidence du Comité des candidatures. Il se réjouit d'autant plus de sa nomination que son pays entretient des relations tout à fait particulières avec l'Allemagne. Aussi assure-t-il M. Worbs de la pleine coopération de la délégation du Togo.

15. The representative of **Sri Lanka** congratulated the Chairperson on his election and extended his full support.

١٦ هنا ممثل السودان السفير ميخائيل ووريس راجياً له النجاح. وأفاد بأنه سيتعاون معه من أجل رفعة اليونسكو وأهدافها النبيلة. وأشار إلى تعرفه عليه شخصياً من قبل، وقال إنه سمع عن اهتمامه بالحضارة النوبية وتاريخها، وإنه يرجو أن يكون هذا الأمر مجالاً آخر للتعاون بينهما. وأفاد بأنه أعلم بأن السيد ميخائيل ووريس عمل في السودان في بداية مسيرته الدبلوماسية، وأكد أنه سيتعاون معه بكل ما أوتي من قوة من أجل تحقيق أهداف اليونسكو النبيلة.

(16) The representative of **Sudan** congratulated Mr Michael Worbs, wishing him success. He pledged to cooperate with the Chairperson for the advancement of UNESCO and its noble goals. He said that he had met him in person before and had heard about his interest in the Nubian civilization and history, and he hoped that there would also be cooperation between them in that area. He knew that Mr Worbs had worked in Sudan at the beginning of his diplomatic career and he assured the Chairperson that he would make every effort to cooperate with him in order to achieve the noble goals of UNESCO.

17. La representante de la **República Dominicana** felicita al Embajador Worbs por su elección, pone de relieve su trayectoria profesional, sus cualidades personales y su compromiso con la Organización y le manifiesta el apoyo de su país.

(17) The representative of the **Dominican Republic** congratulated Ambassador Worbs for his election, drew attention to his professional background, personal qualities and commitment to the Organization and assured him of his country's support.

18. The representative of the **Republic of Korea** conveyed deep gratitude to Mr Amr, the outgoing Chairperson of the Board, for his very hard work and his successful term of office. He congratulated Mr Worbs on his election to the position. Mr Worbs' warm personality and wisdom, as well as his able leadership and diplomatic skills, would enable the Executive Board to fulfil its mandate and meet the expectations of the Board Members. He assured the Chairperson of his support and wished him all the best.

١٩ شكر ممثل قطر رئيس المؤتمر العام، وأثنى على سفير كوريا لقيامه بتهنئة السفير محمد سامح عمرو بحسن تسييره لأعمال المجلس التنفيذي خلال العامين الماضيين قائلاً إن مجموعة الدول العربية تعتر بذلك. وهنأ ممثل قطر سفير ألمانيا لدى اليونسكو السيد ميخائيل ووريس بانتخابه رئيساً جديداً للمجلس التنفيذي. وأفاد بأن رئاسة ألمانيا للجنة التراث العالمي كانت، كما وصفتها المديرية العامة لليونسكو خلال اجتماع الجمعية العامة للدول الأطراف في اتفاقية التراث العالمي، رئاسة متميزة تمخضت عن نتائج إيجابية وجيدة جداً. وقال إنه لا يساوره أي شك في أن رئاسة السيد ميخائيل ووريس للمجلس التنفيذي ستكون متميزة أيضاً راجياً له في نهاية المطاف كل التوفيق.

(19) The representative of **Qatar** thanked the President of the General Conference and joined the representative of the Republic of Korea in congratulating Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr for his excellent leadership of the Executive Board during the past two years, saying that the group of Arab States had taken pride in it. He congratulated Mr Michael Worbs, Permanent Delegate of Germany to UNESCO, for his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. He said that the German Chairmanship of the World Heritage Committee during the General Assembly of States Parties to the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, as described by the Director-General, had given rise to very positive and good results. He did not doubt that Mr Worbs' Chairmanship of the Executive Board would be equally as distinctive and he wished him all the best.

20. La representante del **Paraguay** se suma a las felicitaciones al Embajador Worbs, subraya la importancia de su trayectoria, su experiencia y su conocimiento de la Organización y expresa el compromiso de su país, recién elegido, de trabajar con todos los miembros del Consejo Ejecutivo y de apoyar a su Presidente.

(20) The representative of **Paraguay** added her voice to the congratulations for Ambassador Worbs, emphasized the importance of his background, experience and knowledge of the Organization and expressed her newly-elected delegation's commitment to working with all members of the Executive Board and supporting its Chair.

21. The representative of **Nigeria** warmly congratulated Mr Worbs on his election. She said that she had personally known him as a friend and colleague for several years and was sure that his calm and focused disposition, dexterity and diplomatic skills were qualities that would help to steer the affairs of the Executive Board during the following biennium. Nigeria and Germany had always enjoyed excellent bilateral cooperation and she assured him of her country's continued support as he undertook his new responsibilities.

22. El representante de **México** felicita al Embajador Worbs, destaca sus cualidades personales y señala los retos que tendrá como Presidente durante el próximo bienio: fortalecer la buena relación entre los tres órganos principales de la UNESCO, mejorar los métodos de trabajo y racionalizar el orden del día del Consejo Ejecutivo y respetar y velar por el respeto del Reglamento del Consejo en beneficio de la Organización.

(22) The representative of **Mexico** congratulated Ambassador Worbs, underlined his personal qualities and drew attention to the challenges he would have as the Chair over the coming biennium: strengthening good relations among UNESCO's three main bodies, improving working methods and streamlining the Board's agenda and respecting and ensuring respect

for the rules of procedure of the Board in the interest of the Organization.

23. The representative of **Lithuania** extended heartfelt congratulations to Mr Michael Worbs on his appointment. He said that Michael Worbs was on first-name terms with many of his colleagues, as he had established long-lasting and deep friendships within the Organization. Mr Worbs was a very experienced diplomat and there was a legend in UNESCO that he knew the rules of procedure and regulations of each convention by heart; his passion for the World Heritage Convention was also well known, as was his reputation as an experienced mediator in resolving conflictual issues. He said that he looked forward to working with the Chairperson for the benefit of the Organization and wished him good luck.

24. The representative of **Kenya** congratulated Mr Worbs on his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. She wished him every success and assured him of Kenya's support.

25. The representative of **India** congratulated Mr Worbs on his election to the post of Chairperson of the Executive Board. He said that Mr Worbs' vast experience would undoubtedly enable him to fulfil the enormous responsibilities attached to the post. He assured the Chairperson of India's full support and cooperation and wished him all the best.

٢٦,١ نوه ممثل لبنان بالإجازات المهمة التي حققها الرئيس السابق للمجلس التنفيذي محمد سامح عمرو. وهنأ السفير ميخائيل ووريس، الذي عمل في لبنان في أحلك ظروف الحرب، على انتخابه رئيساً للمجلس التنفيذي راجياً له التوفيق في المهام التي تنتظره. وقال إن لبنان سيقف إلى جانبه ويمد له يد العون من أجل التصدي للتحديات التي تواجهها هذه المنظمة العريقة من إرهاب متقل يفتك بالبشر ويهدم الحجر ويقضي على الحضارات وثقافة العيش المشترك، إلى حروب عبثية بربرية تهجر الشعوب من أراضيها وتقضيها عن ماضيها وتقضي على مستقبلها.

٢٦,٢ وقال أيضاً إن لبنان القائم على ثقافة العيش المشترك والاندماج الثقافي في بعديه الشرقي والغربي يسعى دائماً إلى نشر ثقافة السلام البنية على حوار الحضارات وقبول الآخر واحترام حقوق الأفراد في التمتع بحرية التعبير والتفكير والمعتقد. وشدد على أهمية التربية في بناء مجتمعات مسالمة ومنفتحة على بعضها في زمن وعالم يعانيان من تمدد منظمات وأيديولوجيات متطرفة تسعى إلى بث التفرقة والتفوق. واعتبر اليونسكو المنظمة الرائدة وخير مكان لتزويد الأجيال الصاعدة بسلاح العلم والمعرفة لكي يشهروه في وجه التعصب والتطرف.

٢٦,٣ وقال فضلاً عن ذلك إن التحولات الاجتماعية التي يشهدها الشرق والغرب تحتم على الدول الأعضاء في اليونسكو التمسك بالقيم العالمية للسلام والمساواة ونبذ العنف. وأفاد بأن لبنان الذي يعاني من عبء مليوني نازح على أرضيه، أي ما يعادل نصف عدد سكانه، يبذل قصارى جهده لتوفير العلم للأطفال الذين أجبروا على هجر بيوتهم ومدارسهم، لكي يكونوا رسل المعرفة والبناء في بلدانهم بعد عودتهم إليها إن شاء الله. وأفاد في نهاية المطاف بأنه يرجو للمجلس التنفيذي التوفيق في عمله المستقبلي، وهنأ جميع الدول التي انضمت إليه مؤخراً قائلاً إن لبنان مؤمن بأن الإرهاب لا يمكن أن يطغى على إرادة الحياة وداعياً الجميع إلى مشاركة لبنان في الاحتفال بعيد استقلاله الثاني والسبعين، الذي سيقام ظهراً في الطابق السابع، لتناول نخب النجاح والتأخي والتلاقي.

(26.1) The representative of **Lebanon** acknowledged the important achievements of the outgoing Chairperson of the Executive Board, Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr. He congratulated Mr Michael Worbs, who had worked in Lebanon during the darkest circumstances of the war, on his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board,

wishing him success in the tasks that lay ahead. He said that Lebanon would stand by him and offer a helping hand in order to address the challenges faced by the Organization, from itinerant terrorism that killed human beings, reduced buildings to rubble and wiped out civilizations and a culture of co-existence, and from absurd barbaric wars that forced people to flee from their lands, forsake their past and ruin their future.

(26.2) He said that Lebanon was founded on a culture of co-existence and cultural integration with eastern and western dimensions, constantly seeking to spread the culture of peace based on the dialogue of civilizations, acceptance of others and respect for the rights of individuals to freedom of expression, thought and religion.

(26.3) Moreover, he said that the social changes taking place in the East and West made it imperative for UNESCO Member States to cling to the universal values of peace, equality and non-violence. Lebanon, which bore the burden of two million displaced persons on its territory, which was the equivalent of half of its population, was doing its utmost to provide education to children who had been forced to flee their homes and their schools, so that they might become messengers of knowledge and reconstruction after their return, God willing. Finally, he wished the Executive Board every success in its future work and congratulated all the new Members. Lebanon was confident that terrorism could not prevail over the will to live. He invited everybody to join Lebanon in the celebration of the 72nd anniversary of Lebanese Independence Day, which would be held at midday on the seventh floor, to toast success, kinship and mutual exchange.

27. The representative of the **Islamic Republic of Iran** thanked the outgoing Chairperson, Mr Amr, for his hard work during his tenure and congratulated Mr Michael Worbs on his election to the post, reciting a short poem that he had just composed: "Congratulations upon your election, I'm confident you will steer the Board in the right direction; allow me to wish you all success, dear Michael, for your Chairpersonship during the two-year cycle". He said that he was sure that Mr Worbs' professionalism, skills and intellectual background would enable him to guide the Executive Board through essential negotiation and dialogue at a crucial time in the history of the Organization.

28. The representative of the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** paid tribute to the outgoing Chairperson of the Executive Board, Mr Amr, for his excellent work and deep commitment to the Board and the Organization, as well as to other outgoing Members of the Board, to whom the Organization owed a great debt. He welcomed the new Board Members and congratulated Mr Worbs for his election as Chairperson, acknowledging that his deep integrity and longstanding commitment to and knowledge of UNESCO would stand him in good stead for the role.

29. S'associant aux orateurs précédents, le représentant de l'**Algérie** félicite le nouveau Président du Conseil, dont les qualités professionnelles et humaines sont reconnues de tous, pour son élection méritée, et l'assure de sa coopération. Il se dit convaincu que, sous sa présidence, les travaux du Conseil seront riches et animés, en particulier dans le contexte actuel où l'Organisation est de plus en plus appelée à répondre aux

besoins et priorités des États membres. Il termine en remerciant une nouvelle fois le Président sortant pour la qualité imprimée aux travaux du Conseil sous sa présidence.

30. The representative of **Brazil** warmly congratulated Mr Worbs for his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. She wished him every success in that endeavour and said that he could count on the full support of the Brazilian delegation. She welcomed the newly-elected Board Members and assured them also of Brazil's collaboration.

31. La représentante de la **Argentine** agradece los esfuerzos y la excelente labor realizados por el Embajador Amr. Asimismo, felicita al nuevo Presidente del Consejo Ejecutivo, destaca su trayectoria y su compromiso y le expresa el apoyo de su país.

(31) The representative of **Argentina** expressed gratitude for the efforts and work of Ambassador Amr. She also congratulated the new Chair of the Executive Board, underlined his background and commitment and expressed her country's support.

32. The representative of **Greece** congratulated Mr Worbs on his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board and assured him of Greece's will to cooperate.

33. Le représentant du **Sénégal** adresse à son tour à M. Worbs les sincères félicitations de sa délégation, ne doutant pas que, grâce à ses qualités professionnelles et humaines et à son expérience, il accomplira sa mission avec succès pour renforcer l'efficacité du Conseil et favoriser des débats de qualité en son sein. Au-delà des relations bilatérales privilégiées qui unissent l'Allemagne et le Sénégal, il garde de bons souvenirs de deux grandes rencontres organisées à Berlin et Bonn dans le cadre de la Conférence internationale des ministres et hauts fonctionnaires responsables de l'éducation physique et du sport (MINEPS V) et du Comité du patrimoine mondial. Aussi assure-t-il le Président du soutien et de la disponibilité du Sénégal et lui souhaite-t-il plein succès dans ses nouvelles responsabilités.

34. Le représentant du **Tchad** félicite M. Amr d'avoir laissé son empreinte sur le Conseil à travers la rénovation de la salle X, son chef-d'œuvre. Il adresse ensuite ses vives et chaleureuses félicitations à M. Worbs pour sa brillante élection, ainsi que ses souhaits de réussite à tous les nouveaux élus. Il salue la riche expérience diplomatique du nouveau Président, ainsi que sa connaissance approfondie du système des Nations Unies en général et de l'UNESCO en particulier, qui constituent des atouts majeurs pour l'exercice de cette noble et exaltante mission. Soulignant les relations exceptionnelles que le Tchad entretient avec l'Allemagne, il assure M. Worbs de l'entière disponibilité et de tout le soutien de sa délégation.

35. La représentante de la **Côte d'Ivoire**, non sans saluer M. Amr, dit que l'élection de M. Worbs est le signe et la juste récompense de son professionnalisme et de sa compétence. Lui adressant ses félicitations, elle affirme que l'UNESCO profitera de son passage à la tête du Conseil et lui souhaite bonne chance.

36. The representative of **Saint Kitts and Nevis** extended his country's commendation to Mr Worbs, a man of vast experience, humility and wisdom, for his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. He said he was confident that Mr Worbs possessed the temperament necessary to cultivate a culture of tolerance, peace and

reconciliation at UNESCO, so that complex and difficult issues could continue to be discussed humanly and rationally. He assured Mr Worbs of his delegation's support in the forthcoming sessions. He remained optimistic that UNESCO would continue to be well positioned, particularly since the recent reforms, to make an effective contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Small island developing States looked to the Chairperson for his support. He also commended the outgoing Member State of Belize for its tremendous contribution over the past two years.

37. The representative of **Malaysia** congratulated Mr Worbs for his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. He knew Mr Worbs well, having had the pleasure of working closely with him in the World Heritage Committee over the past two years. He looked forward to working with Mr Worbs in his capacity as the new Chairperson of the Executive Board.

38. The representative of **Albania** warmly congratulated Mr Worbs and said that it would be a pleasure and an honour to work under his skilful leadership of the Executive Board. She wished him every success in that important and challenging task and assured him that he would have Albania's full support and cooperation.

39. **中国代表** 代表中国代表团祝贺 Worbs 大使当选新一任的执行局主席。她表示非常荣幸担任本论主席选举的计票员，并亲眼见到了许许多多赞成票。她相信，在新一任执行局主席的领导和协调下，执行局的工作会更加高效，本组织的工作也会得到进一步推动。她表示，中国将一如既往地支持执行局主席的工作。最后，她希望中文翻译过程中出现的技术问题今后的执行局会议上能够妥善解决。

(39) The representative of **China** congratulated Mr Worbs, on behalf of the Chinese delegation, on his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. She said that it had been an honour to act as teller for the election that had produced so many votes in favour of him becoming the new Chairperson of the Board. She was sure that the newly elected Chairperson would steer the Board's work efficiently, which would consequently advance the work of the Organization. She assured him of China's support to him in his new role. Finally, she said that she hoped the technical problems affecting the Chinese interpretation would be resolved in the next sessions of the Executive Board.

40. En son nom et au nom de sa délégation, la représentante du **Maroc** félicite M. Worbs et l'assure de l'entière coopération et du soutien de son pays. Elle adresse également ses vifs remerciements à M. Amr, qui n'a pas ménagé ses efforts au cours de son mandat.

41. The representative of **Ghana** commended the President of the General Conference for a job well done during the General Conference. She expressed warm congratulations to Mr Worbs on his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. Ghana and Germany had strong bilateral ties and Mr Worbs could count on her delegation's support in his new role.

42. The representative of **Nepal** extended his deep gratitude to Mr Amr, outgoing Chairperson of the Executive Board, for an excellent job during his tenure. He congratulated Mr Worbs on his election to the office of Chairperson of the Executive Board and wished him every success in his new role.

43. The representative of **Slovenia** congratulated Mr Worbs on behalf of his delegation. Slovenia and Germany had enjoyed long-lasting and fruitful cooperation in science, education and culture and within different international organizations, and would continue to do so. He wished Mr Worbs every success, for the benefit of UNESCO and the planet as a whole.

44. The representative of **Turkey**, speaking as an observer on behalf of his delegation and in his capacity as Chairperson of electoral Group I, welcomed the new Members of the Executive Board. He thanked Mr Amr, outgoing Chairperson of the Executive Board for his contributions, patience and constructive engagement throughout his tenure. He congratulated Mr Worbs for his election as Chairperson and trusted that Mr Worbs would receive the support of Group I as well as the entire Executive Board. He believed and hoped that Mr Worbs would be inclusive and gain the full confidence, cooperation and commitment of all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO and that his tenure would be one of healing, constructive engagement, continued reform and revival for UNESCO.

45. Le représentant du **Congo** félicite M. Worbs, dont il salue les grandes qualités, reconnues par tous, et à qui il souhaite bonne chance pour mener à bien les travaux du Conseil. Il félicite aussi M. Amr pour son brillant mandat, ainsi que le Président de la 37^e session de la Conférence générale, qui font tous deux la fierté de l'Afrique.

٤٦ أعرب ممثل الكويت عن شكر وفد بلاده الجزيل للسفير محمد سامح عمرو على قيادته المجلس التنفيذي وعلى الجهد الكبير الذي بذله خلال السنتين الماضيتين. وهنأ ممثل الكويت سفير ألمانيا السيد ميخائيل ووريس على انتخابه رئيساً للمجلس التنفيذي، وشكره على التوضيحات والشروح التي قدمها له نظراً لكونه حديث عهد بفرنسا، مشيداً بمعارفه الثقافية وتوجهاته الممتازة. وقال إنه سيكون فخوراً بتوليته قيادة المجلس التنفيذي.

(46) The representative of **Kuwait**, on behalf of his delegation, thanked Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr for his leadership of the Executive Board and the considerable effort he had made of the previous two years. He congratulated Mr Michael Worbs on his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board and thanked him for his useful clarifications and explanations, because he had recently taken up duty in France, and praised his excellent knowledge of culture and guidance. He was sure that the Chairperson's able leadership of the Executive Board would make them proud.

47. The **Temporary Chairperson** invited H.E. Mr Michael Worbs to take the seat of Chairperson of the Board.

Mr Worbs (Germany) took the Chair

48. The **Chairperson** thanked the President of the General Conference for his able leadership of the 38th session of the General Conference and said that he looked forward to working together with him during the coming two years. He also extended thanks to the Director-General for her hard work and support and said that he would endeavour to represent the Board in all its facets in cooperation with her. He thanked the outgoing Board Members and congratulated the 32 newly elected Board Members with whom he hoped to work closely and constructively in the coming two years. Dialogue, consensus and cultural diversity were key words at UNESCO, the spirit of which he had upheld for many years and would continue to do so. He expressed special thanks to electoral Group I for their support for his

nomination and thanked all Members of the Board who had voted in his favour. He said that he intended to use his experience within the Organization to advance reform and increase the relevance of UNESCO's programmes in a world torn by civil war and terrorism.

Tribute to the victims of the terrorist attacks in France on Friday 13 November 2015

49. The **Chairperson** called for a minute of silence in commemoration of the terrorist attacks of the previous week, which had claimed victims of several nationalities.

The Board observed one minute's silence in tribute to the victims of the terrorist attacks in France on Friday 13 November 2015.

50. The **Chairperson** said that it had been a very pleasant surprise to have been chosen as the consensus candidate for electoral Group I for the position of Chairperson of the Executive Board, because his tenure as ambassador to UNESCO was due to end mid-2016. The Government of Germany nevertheless supported his tenure as Chairperson, although it had not been decided administratively in which manner he would continue working with UNESCO after mid-2016. Irrespective of the administrative decision to be taken on that matter, he assured the Board that it would not affect his chairmanship over the coming two years.

Item 4: Election of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board

٥١ طلب ممثل قطر من الرئيس التكرم بتعليق الجلسة لمدة ربع ساعة لإجراء مشاورات بين المجموعات الانتخابية بشأن رئاسة إحدى اللجان.

(51) The representative of **Qatar** kindly requested the Chairperson to suspend the meeting for fifteen minutes for consultations between the electoral groups over the nomination of Chairperson for one of the committees.

The meeting was suspended at 12:10 p.m. and resumed at 12:45 p.m.

52. The **Secretary** said that the electoral groups had achieved consensus in nominating the following candidates for election as Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board: Sweden (Group I), Lithuania (Group II), Dominican Republic (Group III), Malaysia (Group IV), South Africa (Group V(a)) and Morocco (Group V(b)).

53. Sweden, Lithuania, Dominican Republic, Malaysia, South Africa and Morocco were elected Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board by acclamation.

Item 5: Establishment of the permanent commissions and committees of the Executive Board and the election of their Chairpersons (Programme and External Relations Commission (PX); Finance and Administrative Commission (FA); Special Committee (SP); Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR); Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP))

54. The **Chairperson** asked whether the Chairpersons of Group IV and Group VI(b) had reached agreement during the meeting's suspension.

٥٥ شكر ممثل قطر الرئيس على إعطائهم الوقت للنقاش، قائلاً إن النقاش كان هادئاً. وأعرب ممثل قطر عن أسفه لعدم التوصل إلى نتيجة حتى ذلك الوقت. وأفاد بأن مجموعة الدول العربية، مع احترامها لقدرات الجميع، ترغب في رئاسة اللجنة الخاصة عملاً بمبدأ التناوب بين المجموعات الانتخابية. وأفاد بأنه لا يشك في أن ترؤس أي مجموعة وأي دولة لهذه اللجنة سيكون مكسباً للجميع ولهذه اللجنة بالتحديد.

(55) The representative of **Qatar** thanked the Chairperson for allowing them time for consultations. Notwithstanding calm discussions, he regretted that they had still failed to reach a conclusion. The group of Arab States, with all due respect for the abilities of everyone, wished for the position of Chairperson of the Special Committee to be awarded to a Member of their group in accordance with the principle of rotation amongst electoral groups. He did not dispute that the chairing by any group or any State of the committee in question would be beneficial to all.

56. **中国代表** (第 IV 组副主席) 感谢一直与她沟通的卡塔尔大使，但对未能达成满意结果表示遗憾。她指出，亚太组对执行局委员的选举非常重视，组内也进行了多次磋商。斯里兰卡大使和马来西亚大使都曾表示对执行局副主席的位置有兴趣，但斯里兰卡大使最终主动放弃参选。经过组内协商，大家一致同意推荐斯里兰卡大使担任特别委员会 (SP) 主席。她注意到卡塔尔大使给她的一个表格，其中提到特别委员会 (SP) 主席在过去十年间实行轮换制度。同时，她也留意到公约与建议委员会 (CR) 主席的位置仍然空缺，并指出亚太组最近一次担任公约与建议委员会 (CR) 主席是在两年前。她希望该职位在选举时考虑均衡地理分布的问题。

(56) The representative of **China** (Vice-Chairperson for Group IV) thanked the representative of Qatar, with whom she had held a steady dialogue about the election, although it was regrettable not to have found a satisfactory solution. She said that the Asia and the Pacific Group (ASPAC) attached great importance to the election of Members of the Executive Board, and the group had conducted several consultations thereon. The representatives of Sri Lanka and Malaysia had both expressed their interest in the post of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. In a spirit of cooperation and consensus, the representative of Sri Lanka had eventually voluntarily withdrawn his candidacy. Following consultations among members of the group, a consensus had been reached for the representative of Sri Lanka to become candidate for the post of Chairperson of the Special Committee (SP). She took note of a table, provided by the representative of Qatar, which showed the existence of a rotation system for the chair of the Special Committee (SP) over the past ten years. She also noted that the post of Chairperson of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) was still vacant. She said that it had been two years since a representative from the Asia and the Pacific Group had occupied that position. She hoped that geographical distribution would be fully taken into account in the election of the Committee.

57. La représentante du **Maroc** (Vice-Présidente pour le Groupe V(b)) précise qu'au niveau du Groupe arabe il y a bien un consensus, puisque le Maroc s'est désisté en faveur d'Oman.

٥٨ شكر ممثل قطر الرئيس مجدداً معرباً عن اعتذاره لأخذ الكلمة مرة أخرى. وأفاد ممثل قطر بأن المعاني قد لا تكون واضحة ومفهومة بسبب الاختصار. وأكد ما جاء على لسان سفيرة المغرب بشأن وجود اتفاق داخل

مجموعة الدول العربية على تسلم عُمان رئاسة اللجنة الخاصة. ويبيّن أن النقاش في هذا الصدد دار بين مجموعة الدول العربية ومجموعة آسيا والمحيط الهادي.

(58) The representative of **Qatar** thanked the Chairperson once again and apologized for taking the floor once more. Perhaps there had been a misunderstanding because of the abbreviation. As emphasized by the representative of Morocco, there was an agreement within the group of Arab States that Oman would be nominated to the Chair of the Special Committee. The debate was between the group of Arab States and the Asia and the Pacific Group (ASPAC).

59. The **Chairperson** invited Group IV and Group VI(b) to continue consultations during the lunch break, appealing to them to reach consensus in order to avoid putting the matter of the election of Chairperson of the Special Committee to the vote. The choice of a Chairperson for the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) also required a decision.

60. The **Secretary** read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by the electoral groups to serve on the Special Committee (SP): Italy, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Group I); Estonia, Russian Federation, Serbia (Group II); Japan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka (Group IV); Egypt, Lebanon, Oman (Group V(b)).

61. La representante de **El Salvador** anuncia los candidatos propuestos por el grupo electoral III para el Comité Especial: Brasil, Saint Kitts y Nevis y República Dominicana.

(61) The representative of **El Salvador** announced the candidates proposed by electoral group III for the Special Committee: the Dominican Republic and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

62. The representative of **South Africa** (Vice-Chairperson for Group V(a)) said that Group V(a) proposed the following Members of the Executive Board to serve on the Special Committee (SP): Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon.

63. The **Chairperson** said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Executive Board approved the membership of the Special Committee (SP) as proposed.

64. *It was so **decided**.*

65. The representative of the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** said that it would be useful for the Executive Board to be reminded of the purpose of the Special Committee (SP) and the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) – for which the position of Chairperson remained vacant – and whether those Chairpersons would be serving in the name of their country or in a personal capacity.

66.1 The **Secretary** explained that the members of the committees and commissions served in the name of their country but the Chairpersons were nominal; thus, if a Chairperson left, another would need to be elected. With regard to mandates, that of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) covered communications relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence and the monitoring of the normative texts of the Organization and the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments, while that of the Special Committee (SP) covered the methods of work of

the Organization, independent external evaluation issues and governance matters, as well as any other subject that the Board might wish to assign it. The mandates were stated in the terms of reference of the committees concerned and had been distributed to the Board.

66.2 The **Secretary** read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by the electoral groups to serve on the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR): France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, United States of America (Group I); Albania, Lithuania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Ukraine (Group II); Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Pakistan (Group IV); Algeria, Egypt, Qatar, Morocco, Sudan (Group V(b)).

67. La representante de **El Salvador** anuncia los candidatos propuestos por el grupo electoral III para el Comité de Convenciones y Recomendaciones: Argentina, México, Nicaragua y Paraguay.

(67) The representative of **El Salvador** announced the candidates proposed by electoral group III for the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: Argentina, Mexico, Nicaragua and Paraguay.

68. The representative of **South Africa** (Vice-Chairperson for Group V(a)) said that Group V(a) proposed the following Members of the Executive Board to serve on the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR): Mozambique, Senegal, Nigeria, Uganda and Ghana.

69. **中国代表** (第 IV 组副主席) 补充道, 越南愿意作为亚太组代表参加公约与建议委员会。

(69) The representative of **China** (Vice-Chairperson for Group IV) added that Viet Nam was a candidate for the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), as a member of the Asia and the Pacific Group (ASPAC).

70. La representante de **El Salvador** señala que falta un candidato de los cinco que corresponden al grupo electoral III y sugiere celebrar consultas durante el almuerzo para completar la lista al principio de la sesión de la tarde.

(70) The representative of **El Salvador** said that electoral group III was one candidate short of the five it should be nominating and proposed that consultations should be held during lunch to complete the list by the beginning of the afternoon session.

71. The **Chairperson** said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Executive Board approved the membership of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) as proposed.

72. *It was so **decided**.*

73. The **Secretary** read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by the electoral groups to serve on the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP): France, Greece, Spain, Sweden (Group I); Albania, Russian Federation, Lithuania, Serbia (Group II); China, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Sri Lanka (Group IV); Algeria, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar (Group V(b)).

74. La representante de **El Salvador** anuncia los candidatos propuestos por el grupo electoral III para el Comité sobre los Asociados No Gubernamentales: Saint Kitts y Nevis, Haití y El Salvador. Señala también que falta un miembro para completar la lista correspondiente a este grupo.

(74) The representative of **El Salvador** announced the candidates proposed by electoral group III for the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners: El Salvador, Haiti and Saint Kitts and Nevis. She added that one more member was needed to complete the list for that group.

75. The representative of **South Africa** (Vice-Chairperson for Group V(a)) said that Group V(a) proposed the following Members of the Executive Board to serve on the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP): Togo, Chad, Ghana. He requested that Group V(a) be given the time to propose their fourth Member to serve on the NGP Committee.

76. The **Chairperson** noted that there was need for consultation among and between the electoral groups concerning the membership of the permanent commissions and committees of the Executive Board and invited Members to use the lunch break to do so. He closed by thanking his predecessor, Mr Amr, for the comfortable new setting of the Executive Board following the renovation of the Room X, and above all for the standard of his work as Chairperson, which he would endeavour to match.

The meeting rose at 1.10 p.m.

SECOND MEETING

Monday 20 November 2015 at 3.15 p.m.

Chairperson: Mr. Worbs

OPENING OF THE 198TH SESSION (*continued*)

Item 5: Establishment of the permanent commissions and committees of the Executive Board and the election of their Chairpersons (Programme and External Relations Commission (PX); Finance and Administrative Commission (FA); Special Committee (SP); Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR); Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)) (*continued*)

1. The **Chairperson** asked whether Group III would have a completed list of candidates to propose for the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) in the following half hour, to which the answer was affirmative.

2. The representative of **South Africa** (Vice-Chairperson for Group V(a)) said that Group V(a) proposed the following Members of the Executive Board to serve on the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP): Togo, Chad, Ghana and Guinea.

3. La representante de **El Salvador** (Vicepresidenta por el Grupo III) completa la lista de candidatas del grupo electoral III para el Comité sobre los Asociados No Gubernamentales con el añadido de Nicaragua.

(3) La représentante d'**El Salvador** (Vice-Présidente pour le Groupe III) complète la liste des candidats du groupe électoral III pour le Comité sur les partenaires non gouvernementaux en y ajoutant le Nicaragua.

4. The **Chairperson** said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Executive Board approved the membership of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) as proposed.

5. *It was so decided.*

Election of the Chairpersons of the permanent commissions and committees (*continued*)

6. The **Chairperson** reminded the Board that in accordance with Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Chairpersons of the permanent commissions and committees should be elected from among the representatives of Member States on the Board, and not alternates. Moreover, the Chairpersons of the three Committees must be members of the Committee in question. He invited the five Vice-Chairpersons of the Board to indicate the name of their respective candidates.

7. The representative of **Lithuania** (Vice-Chairperson for Group II) nominated Albania to chair the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP).

8. La representante de **El Salvador** (Vicepresidenta por el Grupo III) anuncia la candidatura de la Embajadora Lorena Sol de Pool (El Salvador) para la presidencia de la Comisión Administrativa y de Hacienda (FA).

(8) La représentante d'**El Salvador** (Vice-Présidente pour le Groupe III) annonce la candidature de l'Ambassadrice Lorena Sol de Pool (El Salvador) à la présidence de la Commission financière et administrative (FA).

9. **中国代表** (第 IV 组副主席) 表示, 经组内磋商, 亚太组一致同意推荐斯里兰卡大使担任特别委员会 (SP) 主席。随后, 亚太组和 V (B) 组进行了友好、坦诚和详尽的磋商。亚太组首先提出双方轮流担任特别委员会 (SP) 主席的方案, 由斯里兰卡大使在第一年担任主席, 然后由阿曼大使代表阿拉伯组在第二年担任主席。但是这个方案没有得到 V (B) 组的同意。随后, 亚太组又建议让阿曼大使先担任主席, 斯里兰卡大使在次年担任主席。但这个方案依然没有被接受。张女士对未能找到双方都接受的方案感到遗憾。她指出, 亚太组一贯坚持合作的精神和协商一致的原则。在第三十八届大会各理事机构以及本次执行局各常设委员会成员的推选中, 亚太组基本都达成了等额选举, 这正体现了亚太组成员的合作精神。最后, 她再次重申亚太组推荐斯里兰卡大使担任特别委员会 (SP) 主席。

(9) La représentante de la **Chine** (Vice-Présidente pour le Groupe IV) explique que, à l'issue des consultations, le représentant de Sri Lanka a obtenu le soutien unanime des membres du groupe Asie-Pacifique pour la présidence du Comité spécial (SP). Ensuite, le groupe Asie-Pacifique a mené des discussions amicales, sincères et précises avec le groupe V(b). Il a d'abord proposé un système de rotation pour la présidence du Comité spécial (SP), qui consisterait à confier le poste de Président au représentant de Sri Lanka pendant la première année, puis au représentant d'Oman pendant la deuxième année. Malheureusement, cette proposition n'a pas été retenue par le groupe V(b). Ensuite, le groupe Asie-Pacifique a proposé une rotation qui place d'abord le représentant d'Oman à la tête du Comité pendant la première année, puis le représentant de Sri Lanka pendant la deuxième année, mais cette solution n'a pas été acceptée non plus. Elle regrette qu'aucune solution n'ait pu satisfaire les deux parties, et souligne que le groupe Asie-Pacifique est très attaché à l'esprit de coopération et de consensus. Ainsi, lors des élections des commissions et comités de la 38^e session de la Conférence générale et de cette session du Conseil exécutif, le groupe Asie-Pacifique a présenté un « clean slate » pour la plupart des candidatures, ce qui atteste l'esprit de coopération des membres de ce groupe. Enfin, elle réaffirme que le groupe Asie-Pacifique propose Sri Lanka en tant que candidat à la présidence du Comité spécial (SP).

10. The representative of **South Africa** (Vice-Chairperson for Group V(a)) nominated Togo to chair the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX).

11. The representative of **Morocco** (Vice-Chairperson for Group V(b)) nominated Oman to chair the Special Committee (SP).

12. La representante de **El Salvador** (Vicepresidenta por el Grupo III) completa la lista de candidatas del grupo electoral III para el Comité de Convenciones y Recomendaciones con el añadido de Saint Kitts y Nevis

(12) La représentante d'**El Salvador** (Vice-Présidente pour le Groupe III) complète la liste des candidats du groupe électoral III pour le Comité sur les conventions et recommandations en y ajoutant Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis.

13. The **Chairperson** said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Executive Board approved the membership of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) as proposed and amended by electoral Group III.

14. *It was so decided.*

15. The representative of **Sri Lanka** thanked Group IV for its confidence in him as its candidate to chair the Special Committee (SP). He said that the Group had also allowed him to take a personal decision on the matter. In the light of the inability for Group V(b) to reach a compromise with electoral Group IV, and in the spirit of UNESCO, friendship and cordial relations, he withdrew his candidacy.

16. The **Chairperson** thanked the representative of Sri Lanka for his constructive approach, which was indeed in the spirit of UNESCO, seeking consensus wherever possible.

17. La représentante du **Maroc** (Vice-Présidente pour le groupe V (a)) salue l'esprit d'ouverture dont a fait preuve le représentant du Sri Lanka et lui annonce qu'il pourra compter sur la coopération pleine et entière du Maroc dans ses futures entreprises au sein de l'UNESCO.

18. The representative of **Oman** extended her sincere thanks and appreciation to the representative of Sri Lanka. She explained that Group V(b) did not wish to compromise the continuity of the Special Committee (SP) and had thus considered it unwise to split the two-year term with the candidate of Group IV, chairing the Committee for one year each.

19. The **Chairperson** said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Executive Board approved the choice of Ms Al Moosa (Oman) to chair the Special Committee (SP).

20. *It was so decided.*

21. 中国代表（第 IV 组副主席）再次感谢斯里兰卡大使以大局为重，发扬团结协作的精神，避免大家为选举主席进行投票。她指出，这体现出亚太组对本组织和现任执行局主席的支持。她还重申，亚太组将积极竞选公约与建议委员会（CR）主席，因为亚太组应承担五个委员会中一个委员会的主席职务。经组内协商，在其它会员国的支持下，她推荐孟加拉大使担任公约与建议委员会（CR）主席。

(21) La représentante de la **Chine** (Vice-Présidente pour le Groupe IV) remercie à nouveau le représentant de Sri Lanka, qui a fait preuve de solidarité et de coopération en abandonnant sa candidature, évitant ainsi un vote de plus. Elle fait observer que ce geste témoigne le soutien du groupe Asie-Pacifique à l'Organisation et au Président du Conseil exécutif. Elle réaffirme que le groupe participera activement à l'élection du Président du Comité sur les conventions et recommandations (CR), car le groupe Asie-Pacifique devrait assumer la présidence de l'un des cinq comités et commissions du Conseil exécutif. Suite aux consultations et avec le soutien de ses membres, le groupe Asie-Pacifique propose le représentant de Bangladesh en tant que Président du Comité sur les conventions et recommandations (CR).

22. The **Chairperson** said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Executive Board approved the choice of the representative of Bangladesh to chair the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR).

23. *It was so decided.*

24. The representative of **Bangladesh** expressed thanks to Group IV for considering him a suitable

candidate to chair the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR). He said that he would endeavour to perform the role with due sincerity and with the support of all Members of the Executive Board.

25. The **Chairperson** congratulated the representative of Bangladesh on his election as Chairperson of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR).

26. The representative of the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** requested, for the record, that Chairperson of the Board mark the election of the Chairpersons of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP), the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) with a decision, in the same way as he had for the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) and the Special Committee (SP).

27. **The Chair** said that if he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board agreed to suspend Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, in accordance with Rule 67, so that it could elect the chairs of the commissions and committees by acclamation.

28. *It was so decided.*

29. The **Secretary** read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by each electoral group to serve as Chairpersons of the permanent commissions and committees of the Executive Board, on which consensus had been reached: Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) – Ms Kadare (Albania); Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) – Ms Sol de Pool (El Salvador); Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) – Mr Islam (Bangladesh); Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) – Mr Seddoh (Togo); Special Committee (SP) – Ms Al Moosa (Oman).

30. The **Chairperson** said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Board agreed to elect the nominees, as read out by the Secretary, by acclamation.

31. *It was so decided.*

Item 6: Terms of reference of committees of the Executive Board; proposed terms of reference of the Special Committee (SP), of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), and of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)
(198 EX/DR 6.1 – 6.3)

32. The **Chairperson** said that the proposed terms of reference of the Special Committee set out in document 198 EX/DR.6.1 were identical to those adopted by the Board at its 197th session. The proposed terms of reference of the CR Committee were set out in document 198 EX/DR 6.2 and the proposed terms of reference of the NGP Committee were set out in document 198 EX/DR 6.3. He then invited the Board to adopt, one by one, the draft decisions. If he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board wished to adopt the terms of reference of the Special Committee contained in document 198 EX/DR.6.1.

33. *It was so decided.*

34. If he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board wished to adopt the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations contained in document 198 EX/DR.6.2.

35. *It was so decided.*

36. If he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board wished to adopt the terms of reference of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners contained in document 198 EX/DR.6.3.

37. *It was so decided.*

GENERAL MATTERS

Item 7: Proposed dates for the 199th session of the Executive Board and tentative dates for the 200th, 201st, 202nd and 203rd sessions (198 EX/7.INF)

38. The **Chairperson** said that the dates for the subsequent sessions of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies in 2016-2017 contained in document 198 EX/7.INF were purely indicative and, as foreseen in Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, could be modified, if necessary, by the Chairperson.

39. The representative of the **United States of America** said that at the previous Executive Board session she had requested that the French school holidays be taken into account when determining the dates of the Executive Board sessions, so that there was not an overlap for those Members with school-aged children. It seemed that the dates of the 200th session did not conflict but that those of the 199th session did. She therefore requested that the Secretary reconsider those dates.

40. La représentante de la **France**, appuyant les propos de la représentante des États-Unis, ajoute qu'il importe d'éviter tout chevauchement entre les dates des sessions du Conseil exécutif et les dates des vacances scolaires françaises pour les membres féminins et masculins du Conseil.

41. La représentante de la **República Dominicana** appuie la proposition de los Estados Unidos de América, secundada por Francia, y desea que se tengan en cuenta los derechos de la mujer.

(41) La représentante de la **République dominicaine** appuie la proposition des États-Unis d'Amérique, appuyée par la France, et formule le souhait que les droits de la femme soient pris en compte.

42. La représentante du **Paraguay** appuie la proposition et espère que se encuentre una solución beneficiosa para todos.

(42) La représentante du **Paraguay** appuie cette proposition et souhaite qu'une solution avantageuse pour tous soit trouvée.

43. La représentante de **España** félicite al Presidente por su elección y se suma a las intervenciones anteriores.

(43) La représentante de l'**Espagne** félicite le Président pour son élection et souscrit aux interventions précédentes.

44. The representative of the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** supported the request to ensure that Board sessions did not clash with French school holidays.

45. Le **Secrétaire** déclare que le Secrétariat du Conseil exécutif avait bien pris note de la demande des membres du Conseil d'éviter tout chevauchement entre les dates. Puisque deux jours de la 199^e session

recourent les congés scolaires, il déclare qu'une proposition sera faite pour avancer la session et ajoute que le Conseil pourrait commencer le 30 mars pour se terminer le 13 avril.

46. The representative of **Uganda** said that January, when an intersessional meeting was planned, was also a problematic time for her delegation owing to national elections due to be held at that time.

47. The **Chairperson** said that the dates of the intersessional meeting scheduled for January would be discussed once the matter of the ordinary sessions had been settled.

48. La représentante de la **Côte d'Ivoire** signale que si l'on décale la 199^e session de deux jours, elle commencerait le 4 avril et non le 30 mars.

49. Le **Secrétaire** répond à la représentante de la Côte d'Ivoire que commencer la session le 4 avril est une option envisageable, le Conseil s'achèverait alors le 15 avril.

50. La représentante de la **República Dominicana** señala que, según le consta, las vacaciones escolares en París son del 9 al 24 de abril, por lo que la reunión del Consejo Ejecutivo debería empezar antes de lo previsto.

(50) La représentante de la **République dominicaine** déclare qu'à sa connaissance les vacances scolaires à Paris auront lieu du 9 au 24 avril et que, pour cette raison, la session du Conseil exécutif devrait débuter plus tôt que prévu.

51. The representative of the **United States of America** said that she had no objections to the new dates proposed but wished to be sure that they did not clash with any other meetings or events at that time.

52. El representante de **México** considera que el 30 de marzo es un plazo demasiado corto para que la Secretaría pueda preparar y distribuir los documentos a tiempo y preferiría que se retrasara esa fecha.

(52) Le représentant du **Mexique** estime que la date du 30 mars laisse un délai trop court au Secrétariat pour préparer et distribuer les documents en temps voulu et préférerait que cette date soit repoussée.

53. The **Chairperson** said that in May there would be several overlaps and if the session were to be held in March it would be a challenge for the Secretariat to prepare the documents so early.

54. Le représentant de la **Guinée** demande à la représentante de la France d'indiquer les dates exactes des vacances scolaires pour 2016.

55. La représentante de la **France** annonce que les dates de vacances indiquées sur le site du Ministère de l'éducation pour le printemps 2016 sont du 16 avril au 2 mai.

56. La représentante du **Brésil** indique qu'elle a aussi vérifié les dates officielles et que les vacances vont bien du 16 avril au 2 mai.

57. The representative of **Albania** said that the original dates of the 199th session proposed by the Secretariat only overlapped with two days of school holidays. She considered the small overlap acceptable and suggested maintaining the original proposal.

58. The **Chairperson** said that it seemed as if they were trying to square the circle. Each proposal had advantages and disadvantages. The proposal of 30 March to 13 April would not overlap with the school holidays but the Secretariat might find it difficult to finish preparing the documents by mid-February.

59. The representative of **Mexico** said that the advantage of no longer having a preparatory group was that those days were now free to hold meetings. However, the Board needed the Secretariat's assurance that it would be able to prepare all of the documents on time.

60. The **Director-General** said that an earlier session would indeed put pressure on the Secretariat, as the preparation of each session took much time and effort. There were also many events and meetings at UNESCO planned in April and May. The Secretariat would nonetheless make every effort to accommodate the Executive Board.

61. The representative of **Albania** requested that the Chairperson ask the Board once again whether there were any objections to maintaining the original dates proposed.

62. La representante de **España** agradece la comprensión de la Secretaría y recuerda que la propuesta que están planteando numerosas delegaciones consiste en adelantar las fechas de la reunión para evitar solapamientos.

(62) La représentante de l'**Espagne** remercie le Secrétariat de sa compréhension et rappelle que la proposition faite par de nombreuses délégations consiste à avancer les dates de la session pour éviter les chevauchements.

63. The **Director-General** said that she had just received information that, owing to technical delays, certain documents such the financial management chart would not be ready by February, in the event that the 199th session be scheduled for 30 March.

64. Compte tenu des indications fournies par la Directrice générale et de l'intervention de la représentante de l'Espagne, la représentante de la **France** propose de déplacer le Conseil de deux jours, comme suggéré par le Secrétariat, et de fixer les dates de la session du 4 avril au 15 avril.

65. La représentante du **Maroc** appuie les propos des représentantes de l'Espagne et de la France, car le fait d'avancer la session de deux jours permet d'éviter tout chevauchement avec les vacances et laisse le temps au Secrétariat de faire son travail.

66. Le représentant du **Sénégal** propose, comme la France et le Maroc, d'avancer le Conseil de deux jours, ou alors d'économiser deux jours en travaillant de manière efficace.

67.1 Le **Président** demande aux membres du Conseil s'ils sont d'accord avec les dates proposées par la France, à savoir du 4 au 15 avril, même si cela signifie que des documents pourraient ne pas être remis à temps.

67.2. Continuing in English, the Chairperson said that if he heard no objections, he would take it that the Board wished to take note of document 198 EX/7.INF for information purposes, with the amended dates of 4 April to 15 April for the 199th session of the Executive Board.

67.3 *It was so **decided**.*

Item 8: Tentative calendar of Executive Board meetings organised between regular formal Executive Board sessions on a trial basis (198 EX/8.INF)

68. The **Chairperson** said that by 197 EX/Decision 44, the Executive Board had decided to request the Chairperson of the Executive Board, in consultation with the Director-General, to prepare the necessary practical arrangements and organize on a trial basis, during the biennium 2016-2017, and without amending the Rules of Procedure, meetings of the Executive Board members, in principle six times per year. The meetings would be open to States Members of the Executive Board, to Member States non-Member of the Executive Board as observers with enhanced participation status, and to the Secretariat. By 197 EX/Decision 44, the Executive Board also decided to suspend the meetings of the Preparatory Group and the information meetings, and to integrate them into the intersessional meetings of the Executive Board. Such meetings would have no decision-making power, but would foster discussion in view of the regular formal Executive Board sessions during the biennium, to be followed by an evaluation to be included in the report that the open-ended working group would submit to the General Conference at its 39th session. The intersessional meetings could also be dedicated to a specific thematic debate. He invited Members to consider the tentative calendar contained in document 198 EX/8.INF.

69. The representative of **India** said that he supported the initiative to have such meetings between the regular formal Executive Board sessions and was looking forward to participating in them. He nonetheless feared that he might not be able to attend the first meeting in January owing to domestic responsibilities. He therefore seconded the request of the representative of Uganda to consider rescheduling that meeting.

70. Le représentant du **Cameroun** intervient car, n'étant pas délégué permanent, il n'a pas assisté aux débats qui ont conduit à la décision d'organiser des réunions intersessions et s'interroge sur ce qui a motivé cette décision. Il souhaite comprendre quelle difficulté ces réunions expérimentales cherchent à résoudre, quand cette expérimentation sera évaluée et par qui. En outre, il attire l'attention sur le fait que si ces réunions mensuelles exigent la présence des représentants officiels et non des suppléants, il sera difficile pour tous ceux qui ne vivent pas à Paris d'y assister.

71.1 Le **Président** répond qu'il est effectivement plus difficile de participer aux réunions supplémentaires pour les membres du Conseil qui ne résident pas à Paris, mais qu'il leur est possible de se faire représenter par un délégué adjoint.

71.2 Continuing in English, the Chairperson said that in light of the constraints of a number of Board Members in January, and since the Executive Board's agenda was generally lighter for the spring session than for the autumn session, he proposed that the first intersessional meeting take place on 19 February 2016. At the spring session, the Board could discuss when to schedule subsequent intersessional meetings. If he heard no objections he would take it that the Board wished to take note of document 198 EX/8.INF for information purposes, taking into consideration the amendment to the date of the first intersessional meeting, as proposed.

72. *It was so **decided**.*

73. The representative of the **United States of America** said that new Board Members might not be aware of the genesis of the proposal for intersessional meetings and therefore might find the idea puzzling. She therefore reiterated the importance of experimenting with intersessional meetings, which aimed to provide an inclusive and collaborative forum, with the participation of not only the Executive Board but also other representatives of the Organization's Member States, for strategic discussions concerning the direction of the Organization and the follow-up to the Board's decisions.

Item 9: Tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2016-2017 (198 EX/9.INF)

74. The **Chairperson** said that the tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2016-2017, contained in document 198 EX/9.INF, did not include questions arising from resolutions just adopted by the General Conference at its 38th session but included the decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its previous sessions. The list was submitted for information purposes; it was not exhaustive and the Board Members could propose items for inclusion in the agenda throughout the biennium. He reminded Members that the one-day intersessional meetings should be used to help to prepare the provisional agenda of the regular session and identify items that could be adopted without debate, as well as selecting items for strategic discussion.

75. La représentante de l'**Italie** félicite le Président de son élection et déclare qu'il peut compter sur le soutien et la coopération de son pays. Elle signale qu'une erreur s'est glissée à la page 5 du document 198 EX/9.INF, l'examen du point intitulé « Renforcement de l'action de l'UNESCO en matière de protection de la culture et de promotion du pluralisme culturel en cas de conflit armé » étant renvoyé à la 202^e session du Conseil, alors que, selon une résolution de la Conférence générale, il devrait avoir lieu à la 200^e session.

76. Le **Président** remercie la représentante de l'Italie de sa remarque et signale que l'erreur va être corrigée.

77. The representative of **Viet Nam**, extending his delegation's warmest congratulations to the Chairperson on his election, said that he wished to seek clarification with regard to three points on the tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2016-2017. The first concerned the Action Plan for Strengthening the Memory of the World Programme, approved by the Executive Board at its 191st session. The General Conference had just adopted the Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage including in Digital Form. Many Member States, including his own, had expressed interest in seeing the Memory of the World included in legal instruments. He wished for the Board to have the opportunity to discuss the matter over the coming biennium. The second point concerned Global Priority Africa, which Viet Nam held as a national priority: as a new Member of the Board, his delegation wished to be more deeply involved. The third point regarded category 2 centres and the way in which the lack of efficiency of some of those centres reflected badly on the image of UNESCO. The concerns raised over the matter should be discussed and action taken. He echoed Cameroon's remarks regarding the intersessional meetings, expressing the difficulty Viet Nam would have in sending representatives from the capital to attend each meeting.

78. The **Chairperson** thanked the representative of Viet Nam for his kind words and reiterated the fact that the tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2016-2017 did not yet reflect the resolutions of the 38th session of the General Conference and that Member States were invited to propose additional items for the agenda. The matters raised by the representative of Viet Nam would be addressed during the biennium. He understood the predicament of countries such as Viet Nam and Cameroon, which did not have delegates residing in the host country, and reassured them that their inability to attend all meetings would be taken into account.

79. The representative of the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** said that there were two items that he had expected to see on the tentative list: the annual report of the Ethics Office, and a discussion on the different roles that the Legal Adviser should be expected to perform, comparing the function with that of other organizations, both of which he thought should be on the agenda of the 199th session.

80. The **Chairperson** said that the Secretariat had taken note of the request to include the matters mentioned by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the agenda of the 199th session.

81. The representative of **Oman** requested that the Secretariat organize an orientation session for newcomers to the Executive Board.

82. The **Chairperson** said that such orientation sessions were standard practice and asked the Secretariat when such sessions were scheduled.

83. The **Secretary** said that such a session should be held, as usual, just before the ordinary session of the Executive Board in the spring, unless the participants wished to bring the session forward to before the intersessional meeting in February. There were also orientation tools available to new Executive Board Members and the Secretariat was preparing additional information on the methods of work, preparation of documents and rules of procedure of the Executive Board in booklet form, to be issued in the spring of 2016.

84. La représentante du **Maroc** demande au Secrétariat pourquoi le tableau indique que la question de la Palestine sera examinée à la 199^e session uniquement, alors qu'elle l'est traditionnellement à chaque session du Conseil.

85. Le **Secrétaire** répond à la représentante du Maroc que le fait de reporter le point à la session suivante est une décision du Conseil et non du Secrétariat.

86. The **Chairperson** said that if he saw no objections he would take it that the Members of the Board wished to take note of document 198 EX/9.INF for information purposes.

87. *It was so **decided**.*

Item 10: Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (Security issues)

88. The **Chairperson** said that item 10 had been included in the agenda at the request of the Director-General.

89.1 The **Director-General** explained that the devastating terrorist attacks of 13 November in France

had prompted her to consult the Executive Board under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, with a view to addressing the pressing needs that had emerged with regard to security as a result of escalating circumstances of unprecedented violence and terrorist attacks across the world. The events in Bamako that very morning were another example of such violence. While she was relieved to inform Members that there had been no United Nations staff among the casualties, the events nonetheless showed the importance of security issues at Headquarters and in the field offices. Indeed, the United Nations' Chief Executives Board (CEB) had been deliberating the issue of safety and security of United Nations staff, which was of paramount importance.

89.2 She reminded Members of the Board that, as stipulated in Articles 7 and 8 of the Host Country Agreement, the primary responsibility for the security and protection of staff members and their dependents and property rested with the host government. Furthermore, as Chief Security Officer of the United Nations for all United Nations staff on French territory, including representatives of such organizations as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), she was responsible for determining the nature and extent of security arrangements based on the analysis of any given situation. She therefore wished to inform the Board about the immediate steps she had taken following the terrorist attacks in France and her decision to engage an in-depth review of security at UNESCO.

89.3 The review of security issues would be conducted on the basis of documents and decisions that were already available, including: the Security Audit of the Headquarters Complex led by the French Police and INTERPOL during the 2008-2009 biennium; the Medium-Term Security Plan for Headquarters, submitted to the Headquarters Committee at its 174th session in June 2010 and to the Executive Board at its 185th session in August 2010; and the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) Audit conducted in 2010 and its follow-up recommendations, which would need to be reviewed in light of the evolving security context of escalating threats and from a UNESCO-wide risk management perspective.

89.4 The immediate steps taken following the terrorist attacks in France of 13 November had begun with the convening of three Senior Management Team (SMT) crisis response meetings, on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November. During those meetings, she had instructed SMT members to activate the Warden System in line with the relevant United Nations guidelines, allowing for the headcount of the personnel and dependents of all United Nations system staff on the French soil in order to confirm the information and identity of potential casualties as well as to inform about limitations of movement of staff or relocation if necessary. For information, some 12,301 United Nations staff were living on French soil (1,451 in Paris, 350 in Lyon and 10,500 at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) who lived in France and worked in Geneva). Such action was undertaken in close and constant liaison with the United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS) in New York and Geneva.

89.5 The Assistant Director-General of the Sector for External Relations and Public Information (ADG/ERI) and the Director of the Bureau for the Management of Support Services (DIR/MSS) had activated an emergency communication system and close host government liaison. Specific flash reports and messages had been addressed to all staff and Permanent Delegations during the three

days following the Paris attacks. As part of the crisis response mechanism, essential UNESCO staff had been identified in each service and all non-essential staff had been informed by the Bureau of Human Resources Management (HRM) to work from home on 14, 16 and 17 November, while essential staff had been convened to follow up on the Leaders' Forum and the General Conference. As part of the close host government liaison, additional reinforced security measures had been applied at UNESCO's premises through the provision of armed security guards from the French authorities at the Fontenoy entrance. Such reinforced security had been provided by the host government following the decision taken in consultation with the French authorities to maintain the Leaders' Forum. Additional reinforcement of security had also been provided by United Nations Security in Geneva through the secondment of two additional security officers for the duration of the Leaders' Forum and the pre-sessions of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21). Finally, two meetings of the UNESCO Security Crisis Response Group had been convened in order to review existing security mechanisms in place at UNESCO's premises, notably regarding their effectiveness in emergency situations, as well as with regard to their compliance with the United Nations minimum operating security standards (MOSS).

89.6 With regard to the medium- to long-term steps to be taken in order to review UNESCO's security arrangements, she said that she had decided to initiate an integral assessment and review of security at UNESCO Headquarters and in the field offices. The review would build on the recommendations of prior assessments and audits undertaken since 2008 and following an IOS report, prior assessments and audits by the French Police, INTERPOL and the Internal Oversight Service, which were the basis for the medium-term strategy presented to the governing bodies, as well as in the light of the evolving circumstances relating to escalating acts of terrorism and violent extremism in France and across the world. To that end, she had decided to take a number of steps. First, the responsibility for safety and security at Headquarters and away from Headquarters, and the section concerned, would be transferred from the Bureau for the Management of Support Services (MSS) to the Sector for External Relations and Public Information (ERI), with a view to ensuring enhanced efficiency and effective synergies between the host country, Protocol Services and UNESCO Member States. A detailed report about the transfer of responsibility would be submitted to the Executive Board at its 199th session. Second, she had requested to receive by 30 November a fully costed plan of action for security, which would include an assessment of shortcomings, including financial and risk management implications, as well as IT-related requirements, accompanied by relevant recommendations for upgrading the Organization's security services and improving security measures at UNESCO buildings. The action plan would be developed in close consultation with the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) in New York, as well as by building on best practices of Paris-based international organizations, such as the OECD. The action plan would be developed under the supervision of ADG/ERI, who would report to her, and with the active collaboration of DIR/MSS, the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources Management (DIR/HRM), the Director of the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs (DIR/LA), the Director of the Bureau of Financial Management (DIR/BFM), the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the Director of the Office of the Director-

General (DIR/ODG). Third, she had instructed the risk management group, chaired by the Director of the Bureau of Strategic Planning (BSP), to discuss broader risks to the Organization and how to prepare for, manage and mitigate the various types of risks. She had also asked IOS to update the 2011 review of UNESCO field office compliance with minimum operating security standards (MOSS), which would inform the longer-term investment plan for enhanced worldwide security. Lastly, she had requested that a business continuity plan be developed by the spring of 2016, benefitting from the experience of the United Nations system, detailing the roles and responsibilities of key actors, a crisis management timeline, evacuation procedures, terms of reference for the UNESCO crisis management team, crisis management response (including checklists, communication protocols, medical protocols, shelter-in-place protocols) and other essential elements, in order to see whether the system in place needed to be updated and made more relevant to the current security situation in Paris.

89.7 The tragic attacks in France on 13 November showed that, while immediate security measures had been taken, UNESCO needed to be better prepared to face the new circumstances of potentially escalating threats to security and safety. It was necessary to build an Organization-wide culture of security. To that end, notes had been sent to the Permanent Delegations of Member States and staff to inform, avert risk and request cooperation. Investment should be made in security, based on a fully costed business continuity plan that she would submit to the Headquarters Committee and thereafter to the Executive Board at its 199th session, in order to ensure the safety and security necessary to enable UNESCO to continue its critical services in times of crisis. In order for such a plan to be fully costed, she would call upon Member States for extrabudgetary funding for its implementation, either under the Invest for Efficient Delivery plan or in any other type of arrangement that Member States deemed appropriate.

89.8 During the forthcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21), the French authorities would of course be highly mobilized in order to ensure security. As a large number of United Nations staff would be in France, UNESCO would also be exchanging information with the other United Nations agencies and working closely with them on security matters. A special information meeting with all Member States would be convened in early 2016 to discuss how to update the security measures and Member States would be kept informed of any developments in the measures taken within the wider United Nations System.

90. The **Chairperson** thanked the Director-General for the detailed and relevant information on security that she had provided.

91. The representative of **Albania** thanked the Director-General for the information update and welcomed all of the measures taken to evaluate security under the present conditions. In that context, she noted that UNESCO's security guards were unarmed, unlike those at the United Nations premises. She wished to know whether there were plans to arm UNESCO's security guards.

92. The representative of the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** thanked the Director-General for the detailed information and for all her work on assessing the situation and taking action. He also thanked the French authorities for the reinforcements at the UNESCO buildings during the General Conference so that

the Leaders' Forum could go ahead. He welcomed the business continuity plan outlined by the Director-General, which he hoped would include every kind of risk, such as the vulnerability of UNESCO's information systems, which had already been mentioned in the context of the Invest for Efficient Delivery plan, and risks of infectious diseases such as Ebola. His Government wished for there to be a way of knowing at all times who was present at Headquarters and a way of contacting everyone who might have been present in the building in the event of an outbreak of such a disease. Given the volume of information read out by the Director-General, he wondered whether a document containing all of that information could be issued to the Board.

93. The **Director-General**, in response to the remarks made by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, said that other risks such as Ebola would be included in the review of security at UNESCO and the business continuity plan, which planned to rectify the lack of investment in the Organization's systems over many years. The information that she had provided in her presentation would be put online and could be issued as an INF document if the Members so wished.

94. The **Deputy Chief of Security for United Nations Coordination**, speaking at the invitation of the Chairperson, said that the United Nations had not been a target in the attacks. However, the security risk assessment for France and Paris was under way in accordance with protocol and would be submitted to the Director-General for the necessary raising of security. The circumstances were exceptional and exceptional measures had been taken by the Director-General. Updates on the level of security in France and Paris would be communicated.

95. La représentante de la **France** remercie vivement la Directrice générale, le Secrétariat et son équipe, ainsi que les équipes des délégations des efforts qu'ils ont déployés dans ce contexte difficile. Elle déclare qu'au minimum, le principe de précaution s'applique et que la France, en tant que pays hôte, soutient pleinement les mesures prises et celles envisagées, et continuera de travailler en étroite coopération avec l'UNESCO.

96. La représentante du **Maroc** remercie la Directrice générale de l'intérêt qu'elle porte à la question de la sécurité. Elle demande que le rapport qui fait état de failles sécuritaires à l'UNESCO soit transmis à titre confidentiel à tous les États membres et ne soit pas diffusé par Internet.

97. Le **Président** répond que cette requête va de soi et que le rapport ne sera pas diffusé par courriel.

98. El representante de **México** agradece a la Directora General las oportunas medidas adoptadas y sugiere que, de no ser aún el caso, la Secretaria de la UNESCO debería disponer del número de teléfono móvil de todos los delegados permanentes para poder notificarles los avisos importantes en caso de urgencia.

(98) Le représentant du **Mexique** remercie la Directrice générale des mesures opportunes qui ont été prises et suggère, si ce n'est pas déjà fait, de faire en sorte que le Secrétariat dispose du numéro de téléphone portable de tous les délégués permanents afin de pouvoir leur communiquer les informations importantes en cas d'urgence.

99. The **Chairperson** said that it was undoubtedly not the last time they would be discussing the issue, which was evolving constantly.

100. The representative of **Germany** said that he wished to join his colleagues in heartily congratulating the Chairperson of the Executive Board on his election.

101. The representative of **Bangladesh** said that he wished to formally congratulate the Chairperson of the Executive Board on his election. He expressed deep appreciation to the outgoing Chairperson of the Board for his leadership over the past two years. He also congratulated the new Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board and Chairpersons of the committees and commissions on their election. He welcomed all the new Members of the Executive Board and said that the Board would benefit from both new and more experienced Members. As the outgoing Vice-Chairperson of the ASPAC Group, he expressed his deep appreciation for the Director-General who had been working harder than anyone by running the Organization under difficult financial conditions, mobilizing extrabudgetary resources in a less-than-generous global atmosphere, asserting UNESCO's mandate in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and holding a successful Leaders' Forum under the most difficult circumstances. He thanked the Secretariat for its dedicated support, including a low-profile but high-performing Deputy Director-General and the Director of the Governing Bodies Secretariat.

102. The **Chairperson** thanked the representative of Bangladesh for his kind remarks, to which he adhered in their entirety.

103. The representative of **Malaysia** congratulated the Chairperson of the Executive Board and said that he looked forward to working with the Executive Board and Bureau. He also congratulated the outgoing Chairperson for his excellent contribution to the work of the Board. He thanked the representative of Bangladesh for his kind words and commended him on his excellent work as Vice-Chairperson of the ASPAC Group. Thanking the ASPAC Group for nominating him as Vice-Chairperson, he said that he took great pride in being able to represent the region and make their collective views known at each meeting of the Executive Board over the following two years. Following the recently concluded 38th session of the General Conference, it was vital to take stock of what needed to be done in carrying out its resolutions. Much

headway could be made in the spirit of give and take, dialogue and consensus and he pledged to endeavour to guide things in the right direction as smoothly as possible.

١٠٤ هُنَّات مُمثِّلة المَغْرِب (نائبَة الرِّيس عن مَجْموعَة الدَّول العَرَبِيَّة) باسم المَجْموعَة العَرَبِيَّة سَفِير أَلْمَانِيَا لَدَى اليُونِسْكُو، السَّيِّد مِيخَائِيل وُورِس، عَلى اِنتخَابِه رَيساً لِمَجْلِس التَّنْفِيذِي. وَأَعْرَبَت عَن شُكْرِهَا لِّلسَّيِّد مَحْمَد سَامِح عَمْرُو عَلى الجُهود القِيَمَة الَّتِي بَدَّلَهَا أَثْنَاء فِتْرَة رِئاسَتِه لِمَجْلِس التَّنْفِيذِي. وَأَعْرَبَت أَيْضاً عَن شُكْرِهَا الخَالِص لِأَعْضَاء مَجْموعَة الدَّول العَرَبِيَّة عَلى الثِّقَة الَّتِي مَنَحُوها لِمَمْلَكَة المَغْرِبِيَّة إِذ اِختَارُوها لِتَوَلِّي مَنَصِب نَائِب رَيس المَجْلِس التَّنْفِيذِي. وَتَقَدَّمت بِأَحْر التَّهَانِي إِلى أَعْضَاء المَجْلِس التَّنْفِيذِي الجَدِّد رَاجِيَة لَّهُم كَل التَّوْفِيق والنَّجَاح فِي مَهَامِهِم، وَمُؤَكِّدَة لَّهُم عَزْم المَجْموعَة العَرَبِيَّة عَلى العَمَل مَعاً يَداً يَداً لِمَا فِيهِ مَصْلَحَة اليُونِسْكُو.

(104) La représentante du **Maroc** (Vice-Présidente pour le Groupe V(b)) félicite, au nom du Groupe arabe, l'ambassadeur de l'Allemagne auprès de l'UNESCO, M. Michael Worbs, pour son élection à la présidence du Conseil exécutif. Elle remercie M. Mohamed Sameh Amr pour les efforts inestimables qu'il a déployés en tant que Président du Conseil exécutif, et remercie sincèrement les membres du Groupe des États arabes pour la confiance qu'ils ont témoignée au Royaume du Maroc en le choisissant pour la vice-présidence du Conseil exécutif. Elle félicite chaleureusement les nouveaux membres du Conseil exécutif, leur souhaite plein succès dans leur tâche, et les assure de la volonté du Groupe arabe de collaborer avec eux afin de servir les intérêts de l'UNESCO.

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105. The **Chairperson** thanked the representative of Morocco for her kind words. He extended his thanks to all the Members of the Executive Board for their active and constructive participation. With the cooperation and support of all Board Members, he would endeavour to steer the Board in a spirit of consensus and dialogue throughout his tenure to the 39th session of the Executive Board. He looked forward to the intersessional meeting in February, and *declared the 198th session of the Executive Board closed*.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.