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## ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### 1 **Agenda and timetable of work, and election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)** (200 EX/1)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in document 200 EX/1.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items **4.I, 5.I (A, B, D, E, G and H), 6, 7, 8, 9, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 32,**
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items **4.II, 5.III and IV, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22,**

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meeting:** items **5.I (C and F) and II, 10, 13 and 28.**

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Mr Darko Tanasković (Serbia) Chairperson of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) to replace Ms Besiana Kadaré for the remainder of her term of office.

(200 EX/SR.1)

### 2 **Approval of the summary records of the 199th session** (199 EX/SR.1- 7)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 199th session.

(200 EX/SR.1)

### 3 **Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (200 EX/PRIV.1; 200 EX/3 Part II; 200 EX/3.INF; 200 EX/3.INF.2)

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

(200 EX/SR.6)

## REPORTING ITEMS

### 4 **Execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (200 EX/4.INF.3 (*Online only*); 200 EX/4.INF.2; 200 EX/4.INF.4; 200 EX/4 Part II and Corr.; 200 EX/4.INF and Corr. (*English only*) and Corr.2; 200 EX/35; 200 EX/36)

#### 4.I **Programme execution**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/4.INF.3,
2. Takes note of its content.

(200 EX/SR.7)

## 4.II Budgetary situation of the Organization

### Budget adjustments arising from donations and special contributions received and management chart for programme execution

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report in document 200 EX/4 Part II on donations and special contributions received during the period January-June 2016 and appropriated to the regular budget and the transfers made between appropriation lines, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 38th session (38 C/Resolution 103, paras. (b), (d) and (e)),
2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$6,358,437 for the period 1 January to 30 June 2016 as detailed in Annex II of 200 EX/4.INF. and summarized as follows:

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Part II.A – Education (ED)	3,339,236
Part II.A – Natural Sciences (SC)	845,132
Part II.A – Social and Human Sciences (SHS)	423,207
Part II.A – Culture (CLT)	658,147
Part II.A – Communication and Information (CI)	251,257
Part II.A – Management of field offices	686,592
Part II.B – Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa (AFR)	40,802
Part II.B – Coordination and monitoring of action to implement gender equality (Gender)	4,174
Part II.B External Relations and Public Information (ERI)	109,890
<b>Total</b>	<b><u><u>\$6,358,437</u></u></b>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in Annex II of document 200 EX/4.INF for their support to the Organization, especially in this period of financial limitation;
4. Takes note of the revised 38 C/5 Appropriation Table in Annex I of 200 EX/4.INF;
5. Also notes that the Director-General has made transfers between appropriation lines for the reallocation of regular programme resources and for staff movements effected during the period January-June 2016 (net impact \$0), as detailed in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of document 200 EX/4 Part II(A);
6. Approves the exceptional transfer of \$1,520,891 from Part V to Parts I-IV of the budget to cover increases in staff costs and in the costs of goods and services both foreseen and unforeseeable due to statutory and other factors as detailed in paragraphs 9, and 10 of document 200 EX/4 Part II(A).

(200 EX/SR.8)



**5 Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions** (200 EX/5 Part I and Add.; 200 EX/5.INF; 200 EX/5 Part II and Corr.; 200 EX/5 Part III; 200 EX/5.INF.2; 200 EX/5.INF.3; 200 EX/5 Part IV and Add. and Corr.; 200 EX/5.INF.4; 200 EX/35; 200 EX/36; 200 EX/37)

**5.1 Programme issues**

**5.1.A Report on preliminary progress by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics on a disaggregated level of data for development indicators related to small island developing States (SIDS)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 5.1.D,
2. Having examined documents 200 EX/5 Part I (A) and 200 EX/5.INF,
3. Also recalling the special status conferred by the Organization upon small island developing States (SIDS) as a priority target group in its Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4),
4. Expresses appreciation for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics' report on the current situation of small island developing States (SIDS) and their vulnerabilities, problems and needs in relation to the rest of the world in the fields of education and literacy, science and innovation, and culture, and takes note of its content;
5. Invites the Director-General to request the assistance of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in defining and agreeing on a comprehensive and multidimensional measure of vulnerability in small island developing States (SIDS);
6. Requests the Director-General to assign the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) responsibility for cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) on the work referred to in paragraph 5 above;
7. Requests the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to continue and reinforce its current capacity-building efforts, including, where possible, work at the field level;
8. Also requests the Director-General to redouble fund-raising efforts for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) as part of the comprehensive resource mobilization strategy;
9. Encourages Member States to provide voluntary contributions to the work of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), and to further enhance coordination of bilateral technical cooperation;
10. Further requests the Director-General to submit a full progress report to it at its 202nd session.

(200 EX/SR.7)

### **5.I.B Progress report on the implementation of the MAB Strategy for 2015-2025 and the associated Lima Action Plan for UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves 2016-2025**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 19,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part I (B),
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the report on progress made in the implementation of the MAB Strategy for 2015-2025;
4. Expresses its appreciation to Peru for hosting the Fourth World Congress of Biosphere Reserves and the 28th session of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (ICC-MAB);
5. Notes with satisfaction the adoption at the Fourth World Congress of Biosphere Reserves and the 28th session of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (ICC-MAB) of the Lima Declaration on the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves;
6. Also notes with satisfaction the adoption of the Lima Action Plan by the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (ICC-MAB) at its 28th session, as previously endorsed by the Fourth World Congress of Biosphere Reserves (Lima Congress);
7. Affirms the importance of the Lima Action Plan and the MAB Strategy for 2015-2025 in contributing to sustainable development;
8. Takes note of the project to establish a transboundary biosphere reserve between Haiti and the Dominican Republic following the usual MAB Programme nomination procedures;
9. Endorses the Lima Action Plan;
10. Encourages Member States, in close cooperation with the MAB Secretariat, to undertake and promote actions contained in the Lima Action Plan for the effective implementation of the MAB Strategy for 2015-2025, through their MAB National Committees, biosphere reserves, regional and thematic MAB networks and relevant public and private stakeholders;
11. Requests the Director-General to present a progress report on the implementation of the MAB Strategy for 2015-2025 and the Lima Action Plan to the General Conference at its 39th session.

(200 EX/SR.7)

### **5.I.C Proposal for an updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 45 and 38 C/Resolution 21,
2. Underlining the importance of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and, where appropriate, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for guiding UNESCO's actions on climate change,

3. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part I (C) and taking into consideration document 200 EX/29,
4. Reiterates that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time and its adverse impacts undermine the ability of all countries to achieve sustainable development;
5. Acknowledges that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change;
6. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the proposal for an updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, taking into due consideration the outcomes of the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and subsequent decisions adopted by the Conference of Parties, as appropriate,
7. Invites the Director-General to integrate the results of the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in the updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change as appropriate;
8. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 201st session a final draft of an updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, taking into due consideration the discussion at its 200th session.

(200 EX/SR.8)

#### **5.I.D Progress report on the promotion of the Revised International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport, and on the monitoring of its implementation**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part I (D),
2. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 43,
3. Takes note of the efforts undertaken by the Secretariat to promote the Revised International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport;
4. Also takes note that the implementation of the Charter will be monitored within a framework to be submitted for approval to the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI);
5. Requests Member States, civil society organizations and educational institutions to promote the Charter as widely as possible so that its principles may become a reality for all human beings;
6. Requests the Director-General to raise awareness of UNESCO Member States regarding the objectives of the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI);
7. Invites the Director-General to take into consideration UNESCO's contribution to the follow-up to the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) in preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5);

8. Also invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 39th session a progress report on progress made in the promotion of the Revised International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport and on the outcomes of the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI).

(200 EX/SR.7)

#### **5.I.E Cultural and educational institutions in Iraq**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 5.I.B,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part I (E),
3. Acknowledges with appreciation the results achieved in the implementation of programmes in UNESCO's fields of competence, in particular through capacity-building activities and by addressing the most urgent humanitarian needs of the affected population;
4. Expresses its gratitude to all donors and multilateral and private sector partners for their substantial contribution to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in its efforts, in particular to foster reconstruction, dialogue and the safeguarding of cultural heritage in Iraq;
5. Invites the Director-General to present a progress report to it at its 202nd session.

(200 EX/SR.7)

#### **5.I.F Report on the implementation of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict**

##### **5.I.F.1**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 48 and 199 EX/Decision 5.I.D,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part I (F),
3. Welcomes the progress made in implementing the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict;
4. Reiterates its call to all Member States to share information on the artefacts seized within their territories originating from countries in conflict, in order to enable UNESCO to ensure their safe return to their countries of origin as indicated in United Nations Security Council resolution 2199 (2015);
5. Calls on all Member States to make additional voluntary contributions to the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund for the implementation of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict, including funds to develop the Secretariat's capacity to manage and filter expressions of interest from experts and the setting up of a roster.

(200 EX/SR.8)

**5.I.F.2**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 48 and 199 EX/Decision 5.I.D,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part I Add. and its Annexes,
3. Welcoming the opportunities provided for coordination and consultation between the Secretariat and the Member States and among Member States, including in the context of two intersessional meetings, two information meetings, three meetings of the friends of “#Unite4Heritage” group and an online questionnaire;
4. Recognizes that the proposed action plan for the implementation of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO’s action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict (38 C/Resolution 48), as described in Annex I to document 200 EX/5 Part I Add., should be understood as a living document, in that it will be adjusted and enriched over time, in coordination and consultation with Member States, according to changing needs and conditions;
5. Takes note of the proposed action plan, as well as of the proposal concerning practical ways for implementing a mechanism for the rapid intervention and mobilization of national experts, as described in Annex II to document 200 EX/5 Part I Add.;
6. Recalls that activities foreseen in the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO’s action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict and its proposed action plan should be conducted in accordance with relevant United Nations rules and decisions and in full respect of the prerogatives of the competent United Nations bodies;
7. Requests the Director-General to ensure that activities for the implementation of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO’s action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict and its proposed action plan are carried out with the express consent of the territorial States concerned, within the strict mandate of the Organization and in accordance with relevant international law, particularly in relation to the deployment of experts on the ground; the inventorying and documentation of cultural heritage and the establishment of safe havens for its protection; the promotion of international humanitarian law related to cultural property protection in the event of armed conflict, and cooperation with the International Criminal Court;
8. Also requests the Director-General to ensure that activities for the implementation of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO’s action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict and its proposed action plan contribute directly to the strengthening of the UNESCO cultural conventions, and are carried out and monitored in close consultation with their respective governing bodies and States Parties;
9. Further requests the Director-General to continue exploring and clarifying all legal and administrative aspects related to the setting up of the proposed mechanism for the rapid deployment of national experts and to consider, in this regard, the possible establishment of specific agreements with Member States to define ways in which the latter may contribute;
10. Welcomes the contributions provided so far by Member States to the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund, as well as through other financial modalities, in support of

UNESCO's action to prepare for and respond to emergencies affecting cultural heritage;

11. Calls on all Member States to support the implementation of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict and its proposed action plan, including by making additional voluntary contributions to the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund, as well as providing in-kind contributions as appropriate;
12. Notes that many activities foreseen in the proposed action plan are also relevant to crisis situations associated with natural disasters, and recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, consider including natural disasters within the scope of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict, as appropriate;
13. Requests the Director-General to undertake open and transparent consultations with Member States on the proposed action plan, and to submit to it at its 201st session a revised version of the action plan, incorporating the adjustments and enrichments presented;
14. Also requests the Director-General to continue the implementation of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict, within the limits of the available resources, while taking into due account the above provisions;
15. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 201st session on the implementation of the Strategy for the reinforcement of UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict, as well as on its expected financial and administrative implications for document 39 C/5.

(200 EX/SR.8)

#### **5.I.G Proposed strategy and action plan to protect and strengthen brand recognition of biosphere reserves, world heritage sites, and UNESCO Global Geoparks**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 31, 190 EX/Decision 5.I, 191 EX/Decision 5.III, 195 EX/Decision 5.I.A and 196 EX/Decision 5.II.A,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part I (G),
3. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 202nd session an information document containing a strategy and action plan to strengthen recognition of the UNESCO brand, and of brands relating to biosphere reserves, world heritage sites and UNESCO Global Geoparks.

(200 EX/SR.7)

#### **5.I.H Follow-up of the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part I (H),
2. Takes note of the information provided therein;

3. Invites the Director-General to report to it thereon at its 201st session.

(200 EX/SR.7)

## 5.II Evaluation issues

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 6.VI,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part II and Corr.,
3. Welcomes the evaluations, and invites the Director-General to implement the recommendations, except those recommendations that require a decision by the Executive Board and/or the General Conference, in which case the relevant issue shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its consideration.

(200 EX/SR.8)

## 5.III Management issues

### 5.III.A Sustainability of the field network

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 107 and 199 EX/Decision 5.II.C,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part III (A),
3. Recognizes the importance of a responsive and sustainable field network for the implementation of UNESCO's mandate;
4. Also recognizes that the national context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for UNESCO's presence close to Member States;
5. Welcomes the establishment of the Task Team for the Review of the Sustainability of the UNESCO Field Network;
6. Takes note of the proposed basic principles of sustainable decentralization;
7. Also takes note of the proposed criteria for UNESCO's field presence;
8. Endorses the measures to improve the field network in Africa, and requests the Director-General to report to it at its 201st session on their implementation;
9. Also requests the Director-General, in line with 199 EX/Decision 5.II.C, to report to it at its 201st session on the progress of the work of the Task Team, as well as to report on the outcome of the review of the relevance and performance of the field network as a whole and propose concrete, action-oriented and costed options for a more sustainable, relevant and effective field network, bearing in mind the strategic programmatic and operational field presence in support of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### **5.III.B Invest for efficient delivery**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 5.II.D,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part III (B),
3. Takes note of the information provided therein on the progress made on implementing the learning and development initiatives (Annex I) and the knowledge management and information technologies initiatives (Annex II);
4. Invites the Director-General to further implement the initiatives referred to in paragraph 3 above;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 201st session an updated report on implementation of the aforementioned initiatives;
6. Appeals to Member States to consider providing voluntary contributions to complement the available budget resources.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### **5.III.C UNESCO Security and Safety Action Plan**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part III (C),
2. Notes with satisfaction the progress made in the implementation of the UNESCO Security and Safety Action Plan;
3. Encourages the Director-General to identify the funds needed for the recruitment of supernumerary security officers in 2017 and the ten additional staff members specified in the UNESCO Security and Safety Action Plan for the next biennium;
4. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session on the execution of the UNESCO Security and Safety Action Plan, and of the present decision.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### **5.III.D Comparative report: the UNESCO ethics policies and those of the United Nations Secretariat**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part III (D),
2. Takes note of its content;
3. Requests the Ethics Office to urgently update and disseminate UNESCO's policy on gifts, honours and remunerations and to work to align UNESCO's Staff Rules and Staff Regulations with the policy;
4. Requests the Director-General to disseminate widely the updated gifts, honours and remunerations policy to UNESCO employees, Member States and to any external body which could offer gifts, honours and remunerations;



5. Also requests the Ethics Office to include in its annual report any updates of the relevant policies in other international organizations.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### **5.III.E Implementation of the action plan for improved management of extrabudgetary funds**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part III (E),
2. Welcomes the efforts made by the Director-General to integrate the programming of extrabudgetary resources within an integrated budget framework including assessed contributions, voluntary contributions and the notion of a funding gap;
3. Encourages the Director-General to pursue consultations with Member States to explore how the structured dialogue on financing principles (alignment, predictability, flexible funding, donor diversification, transparency on resource flows) might be integrated in the resource mobilization strategy of each programme sector;
4. Invites the Director-General to strengthen the strategy to diversify the donor base, using the permanent delegations, National Commissions, network of Goodwill Ambassadors and UNESCO Artists for Peace, and UNESCO field offices;
5. Also invites the Director-General to establish an unearmarked voluntary contributions facility to increase the flexible funding resources that might be made available to fill the gap in the integrated budget framework;
6. Also encourages the Director-General to continue to improve the enabling environment for resource mobilization through further investment in training, intelligence, and information sharing; the review of administrative procedures, agreement templates and modalities for managing funds; the development of long-term strategic agreements; the enhancement of UNESCO's visibility, and the mobilization of complementary human resources;
7. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session on further developments and challenges encountered with regard to the management of extrabudgetary resources and to resource mobilization.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### **5.III.F Review of cost-recovery policy**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX5 Part III (F),
2. Recalling 195 EX/Decision 5.IV.C, by which it invited the Director-General to present to it at its 197th session a proposal to adjust and reduce, where appropriate, the standard programme support cost rate for future projects while charging more identifiable direct and indirect variable costs, including regular programme staff costs, with a view to taking into account the practices of other United Nations specialized agencies,
3. Welcomes the efforts made by the Director-General in the review of the cost-recovery policy conceptual framework;

4. Notes that the framework is aligned with developments in United Nations organizations, as well as with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) recommendation on funding non-programme costs based on full cost recovery, proportionally, from both regular programme and all extrabudgetary resources;
5. Emphasizes the importance of the application of full budgeting principles and full cost recovery;
6. Endorses the principle of cost classification by function and the principle of proportionality for calculating management cost;
7. Takes note of the risks associated with the revised cost-recovery policy, in particular, that fluctuations in extrabudgetary funding might lead to instability of funding to cover functions to be defined as “management functions” or to frequent changes to the management rate; and notes that these risks are partially mitigated through the level of Funds-in-Trust Overhead Costs Account (FITOCA) reserves;
8. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 201st session a revised cost-recovery policy, a comparative document on proportionality policy in other United Nations organizations, and the management rate based on the cost-recovery policy conceptual framework.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### **5.III.G Implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part III (G),
2. Stresses the importance of the Participation Programme for the visibility of the Organization and its impact at the national and regional levels;
3. Takes note of the detailed analysis of the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance, and of the results achieved;
4. Invites the Director-General and Member States to continue their efforts to make the Participation Programme more effective and relevant for the benefit of the priority groups of Member States as defined in 37 C/Resolution 72 and 38 C/Resolution 76.

(200 EX/SR.8)

## **5.IV Human resources issues**

### **5.IV.A Use of consultant contracts and other specialists contracts in 2015**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling documents 181 EX/40 and 182 EX/46 and 197 EX/Decision 5.V.B,
2. Having examined documents 200 EX/5 Part IV (A) and 200 EX/5 Part IV Add.,
3. Takes note of the data, analyses and qualitative information presented therein;
4. Decides that the Director-General shall provide, upon request, information on the one-dollar consultant contracts;

5. Urges the Director-General to continue her efforts to ensure wider geographical distribution and an improved gender balance in the hiring of consultants at all levels, including senior Professional grades;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session on the use of non-staff contracts, including for consultants, and the implementation of the revised policy on individual consultants and other specialists.

(200 EX/SR.8)

#### 5.IV.B Human resources management strategy

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/5 Part IV (B),
2. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 5.V.C, 197 EX/Decision 5.V.D and 199 EX/Decision 5.III.D,
3. Recognizing the need to continue to align UNESCO's contracts with the contractual arrangements in the organizations of the United Nations common system (Annex V of United Nations General Assembly document A/65/30) with a view to ensuring a global workforce in UNESCO and facilitating mobility,
4. Takes note of the report on the implementation of the human resources management strategy for 2011-2016 contained in document 200 EX/5 Part IV (B);
5. Also takes note of the proposals for a human resources management strategy for 2017-2022 contained in document 200 EX/5 Part IV (B);
6. Requests the Director-General to ensure that "staff well-being" as defined in *A Framework for Human Resources Management* (International Civil Service Commission – ICSC) be included in the performance appraisal of managers;
7. Also requests the Director-General to present the human resources management strategy for 2017-2022 to the General Conference at its 39th session reflecting the outcome of the discussion on the strategy at the present session, including on the UNESCO Action Plan for Gender Parity as regards gender-neutral language and an increased focus on the performance of managers, as well as further details on various parts of this strategy, especially outreach;
8. Further requests the Director-General to consider the introduction of other flexible work arrangements, including flexitime, to foster work-life balance in the Organization;
9. Requests the Director-General to continue to work within the United Nations system so as to further align staff contracts and to report to it at its 202nd session on this work.

(200 EX/SR.8)

#### PROGRAMME MATTERS

##### 6 United Nations University: Report by the Council of the University and the Director-General's comments thereon (200 EX/6, 200 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/6,

2. Recognizing the key role of the United Nations University (UNU) as a bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations,
3. Also recognizing the fruitful relationship that has been developed between the United Nations University (UNU) and UNESCO over the years,
4. Expresses its satisfaction at the development of the programme and activities of the United Nations University (UNU);
5. Expresses its appreciation for the continued participation of the United Nations University (UNU) in the programmes and activities of UNESCO, particularly the UNESCO-UNU Chairs and networks;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue to strengthen UNESCO's cooperation with the United Nations University (UNU) in fields of mutual interest and priority, including in the use of UNU's think-tank function and research to inform UNESCO's programmes, whenever relevant;
7. Also invites the Director-General to communicate to the Chair of the Council of the United Nations University (UNU) the terms of the present decision.

(200 EX/SR.7)

**7 Global coordination of and support for the implementation of SDG-4-Education 2030**  
(200 EX/7 and Corr.; 200 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/7 and Corr.,
2. Recalling 196 EX/Decision 8, 197 EX/Decision 6, 197 EX/Decision 14 and 38 C/Resolution 11, as well as the Incheon Declaration and the Education 2030 Framework for Action, adopted at the 2015 World Education Forum,
3. Thanks the Director-General for her efforts in launching the coordination of and support for the implementation of SDG 4-Education 2030, and encourages her to increase mobilization to strengthen UNESCO's coordination role in the implementation of this agenda at the national and international levels;
4. Also thanks the Director-General for her work aimed at guiding Member States to prevent and address school-related gender-based violence, and invites her to continue her work, especially by promoting the adoption of global guidance in this area;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for her work for literacy and lifelong learning for all, and requests her to continue and further enhance the work in this area;
6. Welcomes the judicious organization of cooperation designed to ensure a comprehensive approach as well as the development of close partnerships with relevant actors and stakeholders;
7. Also welcomes the cycle of regional consultations initiated by UNESCO together with other partners, and highlights the importance of the organization of a consultation meeting for Africa, building on the subregional consultation meetings;
8. Further welcomes UNESCO's support in the development of the thematic indicators to assist Member States with the implementation of the global indicators for SDG 4-

Education 2030, and notes that reporting on the thematic indicators will be on a voluntary basis;

9. Emphasizes the importance of human rights education and training, particularly target 4.7 under Sustainable Development Goal 4, for the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
10. Encourages Member States and relevant partners to support UNESCO activities on the implementation of SDG 4-Education 2030, including through extrabudgetary resources;
11. Requests the Director-General to ask the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to provide, as required, support to Member States that will develop and strengthen their statistical capabilities, including data collection, analysis and reporting, and contribute to Member States' capacity to report on the implementation of the broader range of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets;
12. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session on the work carried out with a view to adopting global guidance on combating school-related gender-based violence;
13. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session on UNESCO's contribution to global coordination of and support for the implementation of SDG 4-Education 2030.

(200 EX/SR.7)

## **8 Action plan for the implementation of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (2016-2021) (200 EX/8; 200 EX/36)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 6,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/8,
3. Approves the proposed action plan for the implementation of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (2016-2021) contained in document 200 EX/8, and invites the Director-General to implement the Strategy accordingly;
4. Also invites the Director-General to take into account the need to improve linkages between technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education, in the framework of paragraph 15 of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy for TVET (2016-2021);
5. Encourages Member States to promote South-South, North-South and North-South-South triangular cooperation, with a particular focus on least developed countries (LDCs);
6. Invites Member States and development partners to reinforce UNESCO's capacities and resources through earmarked extrabudgetary funding and the secondment of experts.

(200 EX/SR.7)

**9 UNESCO's role in promoting education as a tool to prevent violent extremism**  
(200 EX/9; 200 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined 200 EX/9,
2. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 46,
3. Also recalling the mission and the mandate of UNESCO to build peace in the minds of men and women,
4. Taking note of United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/254 (February 2016), in which it welcomed the initiative by the Secretary-General, and took note of his Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism;
5. Also taking note of United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/291 (July 2016) on the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review, which recommended that Member States consider the implementation of relevant recommendations of the Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism, as applicable to the national context, and encouraged United Nations entities, in particular UNESCO, in line with their mandates to implement relevant recommendations of the Plan of Action, including by providing technical assistance to Member States upon their request,
6. Referring to the UNESCO Education Strategy 2014-2021, whose second strategic objective is empowering learners to be creative and responsible global citizens, in particular through supporting global citizenship education,
7. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for having launched and implemented activities to guide and build the capacity of Member States to prevent violent extremism through education;
8. Stresses the benefits of human rights education, research and training in the prevention of violent extremism;
9. Thanks the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) for its contribution to the development of education to prevent violent extremism;
10. Welcomes the strong intersectoral cooperation established to ensure a comprehensive approach as well as the development of close partnerships with relevant actors and stakeholders;
11. Encourages Member States to support, through extrabudgetary resources, UNESCO activities on the prevention of violent extremism through education;
12. Encourages the Director-General to further enhance UNESCO activities to prevent violent extremism through education, in coordination with United Nations agencies and other relevant stakeholders;
13. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session on UNESCO's contribution to the prevention of violent extremism through education, reflecting the contribution of all the programme sectors and taking into account intersectoral collaboration, with particular attention to the intersectoral activities specified in paragraph 17 of 197 EX/Decision 46, keeping in view the guidelines of United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/254.

## Review and renewal of UNESCO prizes

### 10 Renewal of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize (200 EX/10; 200 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 3.4.2, by which it established the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize,
2. Taking into consideration 191 EX/Decision 12 and 196 EX/Decision 12 on the adoption and implementation of the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and its Constituent Criteria, as well as the evaluation of UNESCO prizes by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) (document IOS/EVS/PI/114) and the recommendations contained therein,
3. Having examined document 200 EX/10,
4. Decides to renew the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize for a period of six years, and approves the amended Statutes of the Prize as set out in Annex I of document 200 EX/10.

(200 EX/SR.8)

## INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

### Category 1 institutes and centres

#### 11 [UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education]

This item was withdrawn at the request of the Netherlands (see footnote in document 200 EX/1).

### Category 2 institutes and centres

#### 12 Renewals of category 2 institutes and centres (200 EX/12 and Add.; 200 EX/12.INF; 200 EX/35)

##### 12.I International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 26, 37 C/Resolution 93 and 199 EX/Decision 10.III,
2. Taking into account document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
3. Having examined document 200 EX/12,
4. Considering the Director-General's recommendation that the designation of the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC), in the Netherlands, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) be renewed,
5. Confirms that the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) has performed its activities satisfactorily, in contributing to the strategic programme objectives of the Organization;

6. Welcomes the strong commitment of the Government of the Netherlands to ensure the financial sustainability of the activities of the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC);
7. Decides to renew the designation of the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) until 31 December 2021;
8. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(200 EX/SR.8)

**12.II Establishment in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, at the K-Water Institute, of the International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103, 191 EX/Decision 14.IX, and 37 C/Resolution 29, as well as Resolution XX-6 adopted at the 20th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in June 2012,
2. Also recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and corresponding document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
3. Having examined document 200 EX/12 Add.,
4. Takes note that UNESCO is seeking to promote international cooperation through the establishment in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, at the K-Water Institute, of an international centre for water security and sustainable management (i-WSSM) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
5. Also takes note that the Republic of Korea, as well as the K-Water Institute, fully support the establishment of the International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
6. Encourages the Republic of Korea, as well as the K-Water Institute, to ensure the enhanced contribution of the International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM) to the implementation of the strategic programme objectives and priorities of UNESCO and to the pursuit of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as to the promotion of South-South, North-South and triangular North-South-South cooperation;
7. Notes the provisions of the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Republic of Korea, contained in document 200 EX/12 Add., that deviate from the model agreement for institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), attached to document 37 C/18 Part I;
8. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(200 EX/SR.8)



## PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING

**13 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5)** (200 EX/13.INF; 200 EX/13.INF.2 and Corr., 200 EX/13 Part I and Corr.; 200 EX/13 Part II and Corr.; 200 EX/13 Part III; 200 EX/13 Part IV; 200 EX/37)

**13.I Preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 104, 199 EX/Decision 5.II.E and 199 EX/Decision 5.II.F,
2. Having considered document 200 EX/13 Part I and Corr.,
3. Expresses its appreciation to Member States, including their National Commissions, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations for their valuable contributions to the consultation process in preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5);
4. Underscores the abiding relevance to the preparation of document 39 C/5 of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4), which sets out the Organization's five functions, two global priorities, namely Africa and gender equality, guiding principles, mission statement, overarching objectives of peace and equitable and sustainable development, and nine strategic objectives;
5. Also underscores the importance of a gender transformative perspective in all major programmes, including high-quality specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound (SMART) gender equality performance indicators, so as to ensure UNESCO's contribution to the cross-cutting significance as well as the stand-alone goal of gender equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
6. Welcomes the Director-General's efforts to further map the contribution of the Organization's programme in relation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and stresses the importance of the roles to be performed by UNESCO in this regard, including those mentioned in Annex to document 200 EX/13 Part I and Corr.;
7. Also welcomes the Director-General's commitment to cooperate even more closely with the United Nations development system at all levels, and to ensure that document 39 C/5 will be guided in that regard by the United Nations' quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, to be published at the end of 2016, and emphasizes the importance of the integration of UNESCO's work with that of other partners, including United Nations organizations, building on UNESCO's comparative advantage and expertise, especially at the national level;
8. Agrees with the need to further enhance UNESCO's work in favour of its two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, and its priority target groups, and in that regard takes note with appreciation of the proposals contained in document 200 EX/13 Part I and Corr.;
9. Further underscores the importance of further developing UNESCO's effectiveness in programme management and delivery, and takes note of the proposals made in this regard;

10. Emphasizes the importance for UNESCO of harnessing its multidisciplinary expertise and experience in its fields of competence towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and welcomes the initial proposals made for the development of concrete intersectoral engagement on a limited set of issues of recognized importance;
11. Emphasizes that document 39 C/5 should include a realistic and robust results framework, drawing on best practices and building on results-based management (RBM) and results-based budgeting (RBB) principles and approaches, taking into account Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets and indicators, and welcomes the initial proposals made concerning programme sustainability and exit strategies;
12. Requests the Director-General to reflect appropriately in document 39 C/5 the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and its functional autonomy within UNESCO, and to implement paragraph 9 of 38 C/Resolution 104, Recommendation No. 3 of the External Auditor (200 EX/20 Part II Rev.), and subparagraph (iv) of Resolution EC-XLIX.2 of IOC's Executive Council;
13. Decides, with a view to the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-21 (39 C/5), to continue interactive consultations until the end of 2016 in the framework of the intersessional meetings open to States Members of the Executive Board and to Member States non-Member of the Executive Board as observers with enhanced participation status, and information meetings organized by the Secretariat on the integrated budget framework and the structured financing dialogue; these programme-oriented consultations could cover, for example:
  - (a) the development of a draft results framework, including programme delivery of each sector, that will contribute to the effective implementation and the monitoring of document 39 C/5;
  - (b) the transitional integrated budget framework with special attention to the budgetary issues listed in 199 EX/Decision 5.II.F, cost classification structure and budgeting techniques (for instance, the constant dollar rate and the lapse factor);
  - (c) the format of the structured financing dialogue based on 199 EX/Decision 5.II.F;
  - (d) the development of the UNESCO Transparency Portal;
14. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 201st session the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-21 (39 C/5) taking into account *inter alia* the results of the above-mentioned consultations, as well as the deliberations at its 200th session;
15. Invites the External Auditor to participate in interactive consultations of the Executive Board Members related to the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5), subject to there being no cost to the Organization.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### 13.II Preliminary technical estimates for 2018-2019 (39 C/5)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 200 EX/13 Part II, and 200 EX/13 INF.2 and Corr.,
2. Recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as set out in United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1, as well as the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which

recalls the important role and comparative advantage of a relevant, coherent, efficient and effective United Nations system which should be provided with sufficient resources in its support to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

3. Also recalling the provisions of 199 EX/Decision 5.II.F relating to the integrated budget framework,
4. Notes with concern that the regular programme resources available for programmes of UNESCO in terms of purchasing power have declined over recent years, adversely affecting its service delivery, especially to those most in need,
5. Notes that the preliminary budgetary estimates for document 39 C/5 have been calculated using the budgeting techniques and methodology approved in 38 C/Resolution 98, and that budget provisions have been introduced for other allowances comprising maternity leave replacement, separation payment and International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) temporary transitional measures;
6. Recognizes that at its 38th session the General Conference approved a budget ceiling of \$667 million for the 2016-2017 biennium, comprising \$653 million of assessed contributions as well as \$14 million additional appropriations;
7. Also notes that document 200 EX/13 Part II provides an estimate of the requirements needed to ensure that document 39 C/5 maintains the same purchasing power as that of document 38 C/5 (Approved);
8. Further notes that the estimate of the requirement to maintain purchasing power for document 39 C/5 in relation to the budget in document 38 C/5 (Approved) (\$667 million) is \$5.8 million, on the understanding that there are several factors for which the budgetary impact is difficult to predict at this stage, in particular the result of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) cost-of-living survey for Paris;
9. Notes that the Director-General proposes two options for the regular budget ceiling for document 39 C/5, namely \$653 million (expenditure plan of \$507 million) and \$667 million (expenditure plan of \$518 million), and also notes that the Director-General presents another scenario with a \$672 million budget ceiling (expenditure plan of \$521 million);
10. Requests the Director-General to prepare document 39 C/5 based on possible expenditure of \$667 million or \$653 million, and income of \$653 million in assessed contributions together with the maximum possible additional appropriations, including but not limited to the balance of the Funds-in-Trust Overhead Costs Account (FITOCA) fund;
11. Also requests the Director-General to prepare document 39 C/5 ensuring that any additional resources over and above \$653 million are directed to the major programmes;
12. Also notes the budget situation that has continued over several biennia, and the need to ensure optimal use of resources in the Organization in order to maintain the impact of the programmes, and requests the Director-General to present to it at its 201st session, in the framework of document 39 C/5, a review of the current practices for budget transfers as well as their possible implications for the timely and appropriate deployment of personnel, and to present any proposals as well as concrete conditions for document 39 C/5, drawing on best practices in the United Nations system as well as on the ongoing deliberations on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR);

13. Further requests the Director-General to ensure that any change in the budgeting techniques required for the preparation of document 39 C/5 be explained therein, notably with regard to the constant dollar mechanism, including account reconciliation practices, and the provision for anticipated cost increases.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### 13.III Integrated budget framework

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/13 Part III,
2. Recognizing the contribution which the structured financing dialogue can make in ensuring sustainable and comprehensive funding of programmes, and the importance of the integrated budget framework,
3. Welcomes the efforts made by the Director-General in the transition to the integrated budget framework and in the preparations for the structured financing dialogue;
4. Underlines the importance of ensuring that the modernization of core administrative and financial systems, as well as the further development of the UNESCO Transparency Portal, truly meet the requirements of the integrated budget framework and the structured financing dialogue;
5. Takes note of the methodologies and resource definitions used in the simulation exercise of creating an integrated budget based on document 38 C/5 (Approved), and the proposed integrated budget presentation formats;
6. Also takes note of the possible need to review some budgeting techniques, notably the constant dollar mechanism and the provision for anticipated cost increases;
7. Requests the Director-General, when preparing document 39 C/5 in an integrated budget framework, to use the same methodologies and the resource definitions mentioned above by taking into consideration the discussion of the Executive Board on these matters, together with any further improvement that might contribute to a better budget construction and presentation and a successful structured financing dialogue;
8. Encourages the continuation of consultations between the Secretariat and Member States with a view to further clarifying the modalities for the structured financing dialogue;
9. Also requests the Director-General to present to it for consideration at its 201st session several options regarding transfer limitations and their policy implications.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### 13.IV Strategic review of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals – Setting the stage

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/13 Part IV,
2. Takes note of its content;

3. Recognizes the exponential increase in demand for UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) work;
4. Requests the Director-General to redouble efforts to raise funds for and broaden the donor base of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS);
5. Also requests the Director-General to ensure UNESCO's resources for programme allocation to UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) are strengthened to the extent possible in recognition of the increased demand;
6. Requests the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to consider the inclusion of the monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal 16 in the UIS Medium-Term Strategy;
7. Invites the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to include an update on the reforms undertaken by the Institute in its report on the activities of the Institute to be submitted to the Executive Board at its 201st session.

(200 EX/SR.8)

## METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

### 14 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the nomination of the Director-General of the Organization<sup>1</sup> (200 EX/14; 200 EX/14.INF)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 196 EX/Decision 16,
2. Having examined documents 200 EX/14 and 200 EX/14.INF,
3. Approves the proposed draft contract, as contained in Annex B of the Appendix of document 200 EX/14, to be submitted to the General Conference at its 39th session for approval;
4. Also approves the procedure concerning the form and duration of the interviews of the candidates for the office of the Director-General in 2017, as contained in paragraph 8 of document 200 EX/14 and subject to the following modifications:
  - (a) interviews in the plenary sessions shall take place in public, including by public web streaming;
  - (b) the length of the interview should not exceed 90 minutes and the oral presentation by the candidate shall not go beyond 10 minutes;
  - (c) after answering the prepared questions asked by each electoral group, the candidates shall answer questions from Members of the Executive Board.

(200 EX/SR.7)

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<sup>1</sup> See Annex to these decisions for the procedure concerning the form and duration of the interviews of the candidates for the office of the Director-General.

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

### **15 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (200 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 200 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft))**

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

(200 EX/SR.6)

### **16 Implementation of standard-setting instruments (200 EX/16 Parts I and II; 200 EX/33)**

#### **16.I General monitoring**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 177 EX/Decision 35.II, 34 C/Resolution 87, and 195 EX/Decision 15, 196 EX/Decision 20, 197 EX/Decision 20.I and 197 EX/Decision 20.VIII and 199 EX/Decision 14.I relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/16 Part I and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (200 EX/33),
3. Urges Member States, once again, to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO regarding periodic reports on the action taken upon the conventions and recommendations;
4. Invites the Director-General to explore with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) ways of renewing cooperation between the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) regarding the practical aspects of the right to education in the context of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) – Education 2030;
5. Requests the Director-General to ensure the implementation of the legal framework concerning standard-setting instruments, as adopted at its 177th session and amended at its 196th session, by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR);
6. Decides to continue consideration of this matter at its 201st session.

(200 EX/SR.6)

#### **16.II Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status on Scientific Researchers: revised proposal for the preparation of the next consultation**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 196 EX/Decision 20 on the specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided,

2. Also recalling 37 C/Resolutions 40 and 91, 195 EX/Decision 15, 38 C/Resolution 45 and 199 EX/Decision 14.I and 199 EX/Decision 14.IV,
3. Having examined document 200 EX/16 Part II and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (200 EX/33),
4. Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
5. Also bearing in mind the importance of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers as a means for supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
6. Approves the guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, as annexed to document 200 EX/16 Part II and amended in the light of the discussions during the meeting of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR);
7. Requests the Director-General to invite and encourage Member States to submit to UNESCO reports on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers and to ensure the monitoring thereof;
8. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 202nd session the next consolidated report on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, with a view to transmitting that report, together with the Executive Board's comments thereon, to the General Conference at its 39th session.

(200 EX/SR.6)

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

### 17 Actual position concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions (200 EX/17; 200 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/17,
2. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 23 and 38 C/Resolution 84,
3. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and Article 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
4. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions and to those that have made efforts to reduce their arrears;
5. Notes the failure of four Member States to pay the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in annual instalments, in addition to the current year's contributions;
6. Concerned by the financial situation of the Organization as a result of the non-payment of assessed contributions by Member States and the severe implications thereof for the delivery of regular programme activities,

7. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their regular contributions and instalments under payment plans to pay their arrears without delay.

(200 EX/SR.8)

**18 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the year ending 31 December 2015, and report by the External Auditor** (200 EX/18 Parts I and II; 200 EX/18.INF; 200 EX/18.INF.2; 200 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Financial Regulation 12.10.2,
2. Having examined documents 200 EX/18, 200 EX/18.INF and 200 EX/18.INF.2,
3. Notes the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements give a fair view of the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2015, as well as the financial performance, the cash flow and the comparison of budget and actual amounts for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2015, in conformity with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
4. Also notes the recommendations of the External Auditor and the Director-General's comments thereon;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his work;
6. Approves the financial statements of the Organization for the 2015 financial period.

(200 EX/SR.8)

**19 Financial Regulations of Special Accounts** (200 EX/19; 200 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 86,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/19,
3. Takes note of the tables in Annexes I and II of document 200 EX/19, providing detailed information on existing Special Accounts;
4. Also takes note of the closure of the Special Accounts referred to below, and the use of the unspent balances as set out in Annex III of document 200 EX/19:
  - Trust Fund for the Preservation of Moenjodaro
  - UNESCO Prize for Peace Education
  - UNESCO-Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights;
5. Approves the Standard Financial Regulations for each type of Special Account, as set out in the annexes to document 200 EX/19, as follows:
  - Special Accounts related to conventions
  - Revenue-generating Special Accounts and others
  - Programme Special Accounts under the direct authority of the Executive Board



- Programme Special Accounts under the direct authority of the Director-General
  - Special Accounts for UNESCO programme offices
  - Staff-related Special Accounts
  - Special Account for management costs;
6. Requests the Director-General to propose standard financial regulations for prizes which ensure that prizes are funded from extrabudgetary resources and that any remaining balance upon closure of a Special Account for a prize would be returned to the donor(s) unless otherwise agreed;
  7. Also requests the Director-General to seek the views of the Headquarters Committee on the applicability of the standard financial regulations to the Headquarters Utilization Fund (HQF), with a view to presenting a final version of the regulations to it at its 201st session;
  8. Further requests the Director-General to apply the above-mentioned Standard Financial Regulations;
  9. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 201st session on the reserves of the Special Account for Management Costs, which includes the proposed levels of reserves, as referred to in Article 3(i) and 3(ii) of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for Management Costs, as well as on any residual balance, as referred to in Article 3(iii) of the Regulations;
  10. Invites the Director-General to report to it for its consideration and approval on any deviation from the Standard Financial Regulations;
  11. Welcomes the proposal for a UNESCO multi-partner trust fund model, and requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 201st session a new proposal for a multi-partner trust fund model, adjusted and developed to meet the needs of Member States and the integrated budget framework.

(200 EX/SR.8)

**20 New audits by the External Auditor** (200 EX/20 Part I; 200 EX/20.INF; 200 EX/20 Part II Rev.; 200 EX/20.INF.2; 200 EX/20 Part III; 200 EX/20.INF.3; 200 EX/35)

**20.I Audit report on cost recovery from voluntary contributions**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 200 EX/20 Part I and 200 EX/20.INF,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of recommendations contained in document 200 EX/20 Part I in her report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(200 EX/SR.8)

**20.II Audit report on the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) (2013-2016)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 200 EX/20 Part II Rev. and 200 EX/20.INF.2,

2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General to transmit documents 200 EX/20 Part II Rev. and 200 EX/20.INF.2 to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) for consideration by its governing bodies as appropriate;
4. Also invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of recommendations contained in document 200 EX/20 Part II Rev. in her report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor, taking into account Resolution EC-XLIX.2 adopted by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Executive Council at its 49th session in June 2016.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### **20.III Audit report on the Communication and Information Sector (CI)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 200 EX/20 Part III and 200 EX/20.INF.3,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Requests the Director-General to address Recommendations 1 and 2 in the framework of the proposed human resources management strategy;
4. Takes note of the instances of anomalies noted by the External Auditor while acknowledging the need for flexibility in human resources deployment, and requests the Director-General to ensure that the future deployment of staff conforms to budget reports;
5. Invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of all recommendations contained in document 200 EX/20 Part III in her report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(200 EX/SR.8)

### **21 Revision of the Terms of Reference of the Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC)** (200 EX/21; 200 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 196 EX/Decision 24 and 38 C/Resolution 102,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/21,
3. Takes note of the role of the Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC) in the functioning of the Organization;
4. Welcomes the revised terms of reference of the Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC) proposed by the Director-General;
5. Approves the revised terms of reference of the Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC) as contained in annex to document 200 EX/21.

(200 EX/SR.8)

## 22 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (200 EX/22; 200 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 26 and 38 C/Resolution 91,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/22,

### 22.I Long-term maintenance and conservation of UNESCO premises

3. Notes with satisfaction the progress made on the advancement of renovation projects currently underway at Headquarters;
4. Reiterates the invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters, especially Hall Miro and exhibition spaces, and the dressing rooms and related areas of Room I;
5. Expresses thanks to the Director-General for the technical study undertaken on Building V (Miollis), and takes note of Table 1 of document 200 EX/22, containing details of the estimated costs of renovating Building V;
6. Requests the Director-General to prepare options for the financing of the renovation of Building V, as well as a comparative study of United Nations agency host country contributions to the renovation and preservation of buildings, to be presented to the Headquarters Committee at its 193rd session, with a view to finalizing a proposal to be presented to the Executive Board at its 202nd session and the General Conference at its 39th session;
7. Takes note of the urgent need to replace the telephone system;
8. Also takes note of the decision by the Headquarters Committee to authorize the Director-General to use funds from the Headquarters Utilization Fund to finance a one-time investment (€406,000) to replace the telephone system, and requests the Director-General to review the yearly maintenance costs (€104,000) related to the Miollis/Bonvin buildings;
9. Also requests the Director-General to secure funding from the regular budget to enable replacement of the telephone system to start as soon as possible;

### 22.II Space management

10. Takes note of the progress achieved in space management of the UNESCO complex, including the maintenance and conservation of Headquarters buildings;
11. Notes with satisfaction the information provided in Annex III of document 200 EX/22 concerning the scale of rental rates for conference rooms and exhibition spaces, which includes the conservation provision to be applied;
12. Endorses the decision of the Headquarters Committee to:
  - (a) apply to the entities referred to in paragraph 50 (a) of document 200 EX/22 the new operating cost rate proposed with an increase of 50%, except for permanent delegations and National Commissions;
  - (b) to add the conservation provision for conference rooms and exhibition spaces to all the current rental scale rates and to apply it, except for permanent delegations;

13. Further requests the Director-General to review the Administrative Manual accordingly;

### **22.III Revenue-generating activities**

14. Expresses its satisfaction with the information provided on management of the Headquarters Utilization Fund, rentals of office space, occupancy, revenue and the repayment of the €1.2 million advance from the Headquarters Utilization Fund;
15. Expresses thanks to the Director-General for her continuing efforts in recovering debts owed to the Organization, related to revenue-generating activities, and encourages her to continue to apply all decisions with respect to rental arrears of permanent delegations taken by the Headquarters Committee (in particular 188 COM/SIEGE/Decision 4.1 and 192 COM/SIEGE/Decision 7.1) as well as those measures stipulated in the rental contracts to all other tenants;
16. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session and to the General Conference at its 39th session, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex.

(200 EX/SR.8)

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

### **23 Relations with non-governmental partners (200 EX/23; 200 EX/34)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 64, 36 C/Resolution 108, 197 EX/Decision 29, 38 C/Resolution 71 and 198 EX/Decision 6.III,
2. Having examined documents 200 EX/23 and 200 EX/23.INF,
3. Takes note of the positive development in the geographical distribution of the network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in official partnership with UNESCO, and invites the Secretariat to continue its efforts in this direction in order to encourage the admission as official partners of NGOs that actively cooperate with the Organization;
4. Reiterates its invitation to Member States to support the organization of international NGO forums held under the auspices of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee and in cooperation with the Secretariat, and whose vital role it recognizes in raising awareness and mobilizing civil society organizations around UNESCO's values and priorities at both the local and international levels;
5. Highlights the importance of the contribution of NGOs in the Organization's programming cycle, and invites the Director-General to inform it of their opinions and suggestions relating to the preliminary proposals concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) particularly those made at the International Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations to be held from 12 to 14 December 2016, at UNESCO Headquarters;
6. Requests the Director-General, in line with 38 C/Resolution 71, and in close consultation with Member States and the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, to develop proposals on how to further create opportunities for qualitative dialogue between Member States and NGOs, including within the governing bodies, drawing on best practices in other United Nations agencies and similar institutions, and to present

them to it at its 202nd session with a view to transmitting them to the General Conference for consideration at its 39th session.

7. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions relating to the admission to consultative status of the 13 non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 4 of document 200 EX/23; the establishment of official relations with the three foundations listed in paragraph 5 of document 200 EX/23, and the termination of official partnership relations with the 16 organizations listed in paragraph 6 of document 200 EX/23;
8. Invites the Director-General to consider the readmission of those NGOs that have requested it among those listed in paragraph 6 of document 200 EX/23, based on the provisions of the Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations.

(200 EX/SR.8)

## GENERAL MATTERS

### 24 Dates of the 201st session and provisional list of matters to be examined (200 EX/24.INF; 200 EX/24.INF.2)

**201st session**  
(including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

**(19 April to 3 May 2017)<sup>2</sup>**

(11 working days/15 calendar days)

Bureau (BUR)	Wednesday 19, Friday 21 and Friday 28 April
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)	Wednesday 19 (p.m.) to Friday 21 April
Special Committee (SP) (to be confirmed)	Thursday 20 April
Plenary meetings (PLEN)	Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 April, then Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 May
Commissions (FA, PX, JOINT)	Wednesday 26 April to Monday 1 May

**N.B.** Easter Day: Sunday 16 April.

Monday 17 April is a public holiday in the host country (Easter Monday).

School holidays in the host country are scheduled from Saturday 1 to Sunday 16 April 2017 (Zone C – Paris and suburbs).

Labour Day: Monday 1 May is a public holiday in the host country.

Intersessional meetings: Tuesday 6 December and Friday 16 December 2016.

The Executive Board took note of the provisional list given in document 200 EX/24.INF.2.

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<sup>2</sup> These dates are subject to change as the session may be extended to 4 May 2017 if necessary.

## 25 Occupied Palestine<sup>3</sup> (200 EX/25; 200 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/25,
2. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their additional Protocols (1977), the 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its Protocols, the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970) and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage, as well as resolutions and decisions of UNESCO relating to Jerusalem, also recalling previous UNESCO decisions relating to the reconstruction and development of Gaza as well as UNESCO decisions on the two Palestinian sites in Al-Khalil/Hebron and in Bethlehem,
3. Affirming the importance of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls for the three monotheistic religions, also affirming that nothing in the current decision, which aims, *inter alia*, at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Palestine and the distinctive character of East Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant Security Council and United Nations resolutions and decisions on the legal status of Palestine and Jerusalem,

### 25.1 Jerusalem

4. Deeply regrets the Israeli refusal to implement previous UNESCO decisions concerning Jerusalem, particularly 185 EX/Decision 14, notes that its request to the Director-General to appoint, as soon as possible, a permanent representative to be stationed in East Jerusalem to report on a regular basis about all the aspects covering the fields of competence of UNESCO in East Jerusalem, has not been fulfilled, and reiterates its request to the Director-General to appoint the above-mentioned representative;
5. Deeply deplores the failure of Israel, the occupying Power, to cease the persistent excavations and works in East Jerusalem particularly in and around the Old City, and reiterates its request to Israel, the occupying Power, to prohibit all such works in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of the relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;

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<sup>3</sup> The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 24 votes in favour, 6 votes against and 26 abstentions:

**In favour:** Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chad, China, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Mexico, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, South Africa, Viet Nam.

**Against:** Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Albania, Argentina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, France, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Nepal, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine.

**Absent:** Serbia, Turkmenistan.

6. Thanks the Director-General for her efforts to implement previous UNESCO decisions on Jerusalem and requests her to maintain and reinvigorate such efforts;

## 25.I.A Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif and its surroundings

### 25.I.A.1 Al Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif

7. Calls on Israel, the occupying Power, to allow for the restoration of the historic status quo that prevailed until September 2000, under which the Jordanian Awqaf (Religious Foundation) Department exercised exclusive authority on Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif, and its mandate extended to all affairs relating to the unimpeded administration of Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif, including maintenance, restoration and regulating access;
8. Strongly condemns the escalating Israeli aggressions and illegal measures against the Awqaf Department and its personnel, and against the freedom of worship and Muslims' access to their holy site Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif, and requests Israel, the occupying Power, to respect the historic status quo and to immediately stop these measures;
9. Firmly deploras the continuous storming of Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif by Israeli right-wing extremists and uniformed forces, and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to take necessary measures to prevent provocative abuses that violate the sanctity and integrity of Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif;
10. Deeply decries the continuous Israeli aggressions against civilians including Islamic religious figures and priests, decries the forceful entering into the different mosques and historic buildings inside Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif by different Israeli employees including the so-called "Israeli Antiquities" officials, and arrests and injuries among Muslim worshippers and Jordanian Awqaf guards in Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif by the Israeli forces, and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to end these aggressions and abuses which inflame the tension on the ground and between faiths;
11. Disapproves of the Israeli restriction of access to Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif during the 2015 Eid Al-Adha and the subsequent violence, and calls on Israel, the occupying Power, to stop all violations against Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif;
12. Deeply regrets the refusal of Israel to grant visas to UNESCO experts in charge of the UNESCO project at the Centre of Islamic Manuscripts in Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif, and requests Israel to grant visas to UNESCO experts without restrictions;
13. Regrets the damage caused by the Israeli forces, especially since 23 August 2015, to the historic gates and windows of the al-Qibli Mosque inside Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif, and reaffirms, in this regard, the obligation of Israel to respect the integrity, authenticity and cultural heritage of Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif, as reflected in the historic status quo, as a Muslim holy site of worship and as an integral part of a world cultural heritage site;
14. Expresses its deep concern over the Israeli closure and ban of the renovation of the Al-Rahma Gate building, one of the Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif gates, and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to reopen the Gate, and stop obstruction of the necessary restoration works, in order to repair the damage caused by the weather conditions, especially the water leakage into the rooms of the building;
15. Also calls on Israel, the occupying Power, to stop the obstruction of the immediate execution of all the 18 Hashemite restoration projects in and around Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif;

16. Deplores the Israeli decision to approve a plan to build a two-line cable car system in East Jerusalem and the so-called “Liba House” project in the Old City of Jerusalem as well as the construction of the so-called “Kedem Center”, a visitor centre near the southern wall of the Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif, the construction of the Strauss Building and the elevator project in Al-Buraq Plaza “Western Wall Plaza” and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to renounce the above-mentioned projects and to stop the construction works in conformity with its obligations under the relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;

#### **25.I.A.2 Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif**

17. Reaffirms that the Mughrabi Ascent is an integral and inseparable part of Al-Aqşa Mosque/Al-Ḥaram Al-Sharif;
18. Takes note of the 16th Reinforced Monitoring Report and all previous reports, together with their addenda prepared by the World Heritage Centre as well as the state of conservation reports submitted to the World Heritage Centre by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Palestine;
19. Deprecates the continuing Israeli unilateral measures and decisions regarding the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate, including the latest works conducted at the Mughrabi Gate entrance in February 2015, the instalment of an umbrella at that entrance as well as the enforced creation of a new Jewish prayer platform south of the Mughrabi Ascent in Al-Buraq Plaza “Western Wall Plaza”, and the removal of the Islamic remains at the site, and reaffirms that no Israeli unilateral measures, shall be taken in conformity with its status and obligations under the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict;
20. Also expresses its deep concern regarding the illegal demolitions of Umayyad, Ottoman and Mamluk remains as well as other intrusive works and excavations in and around the Mughrabi Gate Pathway, and also requests Israel, the occupying Power, to halt such demolitions, excavations and works and to abide by its obligations under the provisions of the UNESCO conventions mentioned in paragraph 2 above;
21. Reiterates its thanks to Jordan for its cooperation and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to cooperate with the Jordanian Awqaf Department, in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and to facilitate access of Jordanian Awqaf experts with their tools and materials to the site in order to enable the execution of the Jordanian design of the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in accordance with UNESCO and World Heritage Committee decisions, particularly 37 COM/7A.26, 38 COM/7A.4 and 39 COM/7A.27;
22. Thanks the Director-General for her attention to the sensitive situation of this matter, and requests her to take the necessary measures in order to enable the execution of the Jordanian design of the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate;

#### **25.I.B UNESCO reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls and UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent**

23. Stresses yet again the urgent need for the implementation of the UNESCO reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls;
24. Recalls in this regard 196 EX/Decision 26 that decided, in case of non-implementation, to consider, in conformity with international law, other means to ensure its implementation;



25. Notes with deep concern that Israel, the occupying Power, had not complied with any of the 12<sup>4</sup> Executive Board decisions or six<sup>5</sup> World Heritage Committee decisions that request the implementation of the reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls;
26. Regrets the continued Israeli refusal to act in accordance with UNESCO and World Heritage Committee decisions that request a UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent and the dispatch of a reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls;
27. Invites the Director-General to take necessary measures to implement the above-mentioned reactive monitoring mission in accordance with World Heritage Committee decision 34 COM/7A.20, prior to the next session of the Executive Board, and invites all concerned parties to facilitate the implementation of the mission and experts meeting;
28. Requests that the report and recommendations of the reactive monitoring mission as well as the report of the technical meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent, be presented to the concerned parties;
29. Thanks the Director-General for her continuous efforts to implement the above-mentioned UNESCO joint reactive monitoring mission and all related UNESCO decisions and resolutions;

## 25.II Reconstruction and development of Gaza

30. Deplores the military confrontations in and around the Gaza Strip and the civilian casualties caused, including the killing and injury of thousands of Palestinian civilians, including children, as well as the continuous negative impact in the fields of competence of UNESCO, the attacks on schools and other educational and cultural facilities, including breaches of the inviolability of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) schools;
31. Strongly deplores the continuous Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip, which harmfully affects the free and sustained movement of personnel and humanitarian relief items as well as the intolerable number of casualties among Palestinian children, the attacks on schools and other educational and cultural facilities and the denial of access to education, and requests Israel, the occupying Power, to immediately ease this blockade;
32. Reiterates its request to the Director-General to upgrade, as soon as possible, the UNESCO Antenna in Gaza in order to ensure the prompt reconstruction of schools, universities, cultural heritage sites, cultural institutions, media centres and places of worship that have been destroyed or damaged by the consecutive wars on Gaza;
33. Thanks the Director-General for the information meeting held in March 2015 on the current situation in Gaza in the fields of competence of UNESCO and on the outcome of the projects conducted by UNESCO in the Gaza Strip-Palestine, and invites her to organize, as soon as possible, another information meeting on the same matter;

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<sup>4</sup> The 12 Executive Board decisions: 185 EX/Decision 14, 186 EX/Decision 11, 187 EX/Decision 11, 189 EX/Decision 8, 190 EX/Decision 13, 191 EX/Decision 9, 192 EX/Decision 11, 194 EX/Decision 11, 195 EX/Decision 9, 196 EX/Decision 26, 197 EX/Decision 32, 199 EX/Dec.19.I.

<sup>5</sup> The six World Heritage Committee decisions: 34 COM/7A.20, 35 COM/7A.22, 36 COM/7A.23, 37 COM/7A.26, 38 COM/7A.4, 39 COM/7A.27.

34. Also thanks the Director-General for initiatives that have already been implemented in Gaza in the fields of education, culture and youth and for the safety of media professionals, and calls upon her to continue her active involvement in the reconstruction of Gaza's damaged educational and cultural components;

**25.III The two Palestinian sites of *Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs* in Al-Khalil/Hebron and the *Bilal Ibn Rabah Mosque/Rachel's Tomb* in Bethlehem**

35. Reaffirms that the two concerned sites located in Al-Khalil/Hebron and in Bethlehem are an integral part of Palestine;
36. Shares the conviction affirmed by the international community that the two sites are of religious significance for Judaism, Christianity and Islam;
37. Strongly disapproves the ongoing Israeli illegal excavations, works, construction of private roads for settlers and a separation wall inside the Old City of Al-Khalil/Hebron, that harmfully affect the integrity of the site, and the subsequent denial of freedom of movement and freedom of access to places of worship, and asks Israel, the occupying Power, to end these violations in compliance with provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
38. Deeply deplores the new cycle of violence, going on since October 2015, in the context of the constant aggressions by the Israeli settlers and other extremist groups against Palestinian residents including schoolchildren, also asks the Israeli authorities to prevent such aggressions;
39. Regrets the visual impact of the separation wall on the site of Bilal Ibn Rabah Mosque/Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem as well as the strict ban on access of Palestinian Christian and Muslim worshippers to the site, and demands that the Israeli authorities restore the original character of the landscape around the site and lift the ban on access to it;
40. Deeply regrets the Israeli refusal to comply with 185 EX/Decision 15, which requested the Israeli authorities to remove the two Palestinian sites from its national heritage list and calls on the Israeli authorities to act in accordance with that decision;

**25.IV**

41. Decides to include these matters under an item entitled "Occupied Palestine" in the agenda at its 201st session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(200 EX/SR.7)

## 26 Implementation of 38 C/Resolution 72 and 199 EX/Decision 20 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories<sup>6</sup> (200 EX/26, 200 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 185 EX/Decision 36 and 38 C/Resolution 72 as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 24, 50 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the Hague Convention (1954) and its Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), also recalling the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion of 9 July 2004 on the "Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory",
2. Having examined documents 200 EX/26 and 200 EX/25,
3. Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflict, as well as the safeguarding of schools and all educational facilities,

### 26.I Occupied Palestine

4. Deplores the damaging impact of the military confrontations on the fields of competence of UNESCO in and around the Gaza Strip where several hundreds of educational and cultural facilities have been destroyed or damaged, affecting more than 500,000 schoolchildren and students as reflected in United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and UNESCO reports, as well as the severe damage inflicted on cultural heritage sites and cultural institutions, and also deplores breaches of the inviolability of UNRWA schools;
5. Reaffirms, in this regard, that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites enjoy special protection and should not be targeted in situations of armed conflict;
6. Expresses its growing concern about the harmful impact of the Wall and of other practices on the activities of educational and cultural institutions, as well as obstacles resulting therefrom which prevent Palestinian schoolchildren and students from being an integral part of their social fabric and from exercising fully their right to education, and calls for the observance of the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
7. Demands that Israel, the occupying Power, cease all of its settlement activities, the construction of the Wall and other measures aimed at altering the character, status

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<sup>6</sup> The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 41 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 15 abstentions:

**In favour:** Albania, Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chad, China, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Slovenia, Sudan, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam.

**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Argentina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Kenya, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sri Lanka, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda.

**Absent:** Turkmenistan.

and demographic composition of the Occupied Palestinian territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, which, *inter alia*, have a negative impact on Palestinian schoolchildren's ability to fully exercise their right to education;

8. Also demands, in this regard, that the Israeli authorities renounce the extension of the Wall through Beit Jala and the Cremisan Monastery in the Bethlehem Governorate;
9. Notes with deep concern the Israeli censorship of the Palestinian curricula of schools and universities in East Jerusalem, and urges the Israeli authorities to immediately halt this censorship;
10. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in Palestine, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
11. Expresses further appreciation to all donors for their generous contributions for the development of educational infrastructure in Palestine, and in this regard notes the contributions by Belgium and France for the building of schools for Palestinian children such as the school in Tana, near Nablus and the two schools in Khan Al-Ahmar and Abu Nuwar near Jerusalem;
12. Deeply regrets the destruction, by the Israeli authorities, of the schools, including the school in Abu Nuwar and the school in Tana, and calls on the Israeli authorities to halt plans for further demolition, including of the school in Khan Al-Ahmar;
13. Thanks the Director-General for the results that have been obtained in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities, and invites her to strengthen UNESCO's assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address new needs;
14. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce her action in favour of the protection, reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage, and invites her to address the needs for capacity building in all UNESCO's fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students;
15. Requests the Director-General to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestine Committee;

## **26.II Occupied Syrian Golan**

16. Also invites the Director-General:
  - (a) to continue the efforts she is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of its decisions;
  - (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and adequate assistance to the educational and cultural institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
  - (c) to dispatch an expert to assess and evaluate the needs of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan and report to her before the 201st session of the Executive Board;

### 26.III

17. Decides to include this item in the agenda at its 201st session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(200 EX/SR.7)

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

#### 27 **Proposal for the proclamation of an international day of light** (200 EX/27; 200 EX/DG.INF, 200 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/27,
2. Considering that enhanced global awareness of, and increased education in, the science and technologies of light is vital in order to address challenges in areas such as sustainable development, energy, and community health, and for improving the quality of life in both the developed and the developing worlds,
3. Stressing that the applications of light science and technology are vital for advances in medicine, communications, sustainable and clean energy, entertainment and culture, and that light-based technologies respond to the needs of humankind by providing access to information and increasing societal well-being, as well as promoting peace through improved communications,
4. Noting the broad and significant impact of recent initiatives of UNESCO's International Basic Sciences Programme and the enthusiastic commitment by the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies consortium to continue working with UNESCO in the frame of internationally-coordinated outreach and education programmes ,
5. Recognizing that it is vital to ensure that existing gains from previous UNESCO initiatives in science and education are followed-up effectively and strengthened,
6. Welcomes and endorses the recommendation to proclaim 16 May of each year as international day of light;
7. Invites the Director-General to support all efforts leading the proclamation of an international day of light;
8. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the 39th session of the General Conference;
9. Recommends that the General Conference at its 39th session adopt a resolution to proclaim 16 May of each year as international day of light, along the lines of the draft resolution contained in the Annex to document 200 EX/27.

(200 EX/SR.7)

#### 28 **Education for refugees** (200 EX/28 Rev.; 200 EX/DG.INF; 200 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/28 Rev.,
2. Stressing the importance of education in mitigating disaster and conflict, and promoting peace as well as in protecting people in vulnerable situations,

3. Taking note of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 and of Sustainable Development Goal 4, which calls for “ inclusive and equitable education”; the Incheon Declaration – Education 2030 in which countries commit to developing “more inclusive, responsive and resilient education systems to meet the needs of children, youth and adults [in crisis contexts], including internally displaced persons and refugees”, and the corresponding Education 2030 Framework for Action; the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit Chair’s Summary document, which calls for the creation of education opportunities for displaced people and refugees; and the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and its two annexes, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at the Summit for Refugees and Migrants, held on 19 September 2016 in New York,
4. Also taking note that the education of 65 million children aged 3-15 years in countries in a crisis situation is currently severely affected, and that 37 million of these children are out of school,
5. Acknowledging the work undertaken by host communities, governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to assist and protect refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), in particular by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), UNICEF and the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE),
6. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for having launched and implemented UNESCO’s Regional Education Response Strategy for the Syria Crisis, “Bridging Learning Gaps for Youth”; as well as ensuring that UNESCO became a partner to the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies;
7. Takes note with appreciation of the UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report policy paper 26 “No more excuses: provide education to all forcibly displaced people”;
8. Invites Member States to support, through extrabudgetary resources, UNESCO activities to provide lifelong learning opportunities for forcibly displaced people;
9. Also invites Member States to coalesce around existing platforms, such as the Education Cannot Wait fund launched at the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit, to ensure joint responses that make the humanitarian system work more efficiently to provide better education for more children in protracted emergencies;
10. Recommends that Member States integrate refugee and internally displaced populations in their education data systems;
11. Also recommends that Member States include learning needs among refugees and internally displaced persons in education policies and in humanitarian response plans;
12. Encourages the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO mobilizes and provides technical expert support, when required, to Member States for the integration of refugees and internally displaced population education data in the national Educational Management Information System (EMIS), and the inclusion of their learning needs in education policies;
13. Also encourages the Director-General to further enhance UNESCO activities to provide lifelong learning opportunities for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), including scaling up and expanding the UNESCO education response to people affected by humanitarian emergencies, also taking into account the importance of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage;

14. Further encourages the Director-General to closely coordinate UNESCO activities for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) with the activities of other international organizations, in particular UNHCR, UNRWA, UNICEF, the Global Partnership for Education and NGOs;
15. Encourages UNESCO to support sharing knowledge and best practices of Member States so as to promote evidence-based approaches and activities both in host countries and in conflict-torn countries, and to strive for additional resources;
16. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session on UNESCO's activities to enhance learning opportunities for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

(200 EX/SR.8)

**29 From COP 21 to COP 22: UNESCO's contribution and perspective in the fight against climate change** (200 EX/29 Rev.; 200 EX/DG.INF; 200 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Restating its concern at the harmful impact and serious consequences of climate change, which constitute a genuine threat to our planet and societies, in particular to natural resources, food security, water, health and political stability, as well as to the non-renewable cultural heritage of humanity,
2. Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change,
3. Recalling all the major United Nations conferences and their outcome documents, including the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), World Summit for Social Development, Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, Beijing Platform for Action, United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio + 20), and the Samoa Pathway adopted at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS),
4. Also recalling 35 C/Resolution 33 and 38 C/Resolution 67, as well as 179 EX/Decision 15, 180 EX/Decision 16, 181 EX/Decision 15 and 197 EX/Decision 45 on UNESCO's action and Strategy for Action on Climate Change,
5. Welcoming the rapid entry into force of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change,
6. Further recalling the Lima-Paris Action Agenda, which has generated unprecedented momentum at several levels, as shown by the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) portal, which lists more than 11,300 commitments, not only by States but also by cities, businesses and civil society organizations,
7. Taking note of the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development,
8. Welcomes the intention of developed countries to continue their existing collective goal of mobilizing \$100 billion per year, to 2025, in the context of meaningful climate change mitigation actions and full transparency as to implementation;
9. Encourages those States that have not yet done so to sign the Paris Agreement on Climate Change;

10. Welcomes and encourages the efforts of Morocco to ensure that the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the conference of action and materialization that serves to accelerate implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, including in the area of transparency, and mobilization of support (finance, technology, capacity building), especially for the most vulnerable countries;
11. Takes note of the holding in Rabat, Morocco, from 20 to 24 September 2016, of a meeting of experts to prepare a preliminary non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change, in accordance with 38 C/Resolution 42;
12. Affirms the importance of UNESCO's role, through its multidisciplinary mandate, which encourages the strengthening of knowledge and capacities, the production and use of reliable and impartial data and information, and capacity building of Member States in the area of early warning mechanisms for natural disasters caused by climate change;
13. Urges UNESCO, in the light of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to continue the promotion of research and scientific work on the ocean, freshwater, biodiversity and renewable energy to cope with climate change;
14. Invites UNESCO, by means of its updated Strategy for Action on Climate Change, to:
  - (a) place the specific needs of UNESCO global priority Africa at the heart of its action to combat climate change;
  - (b) strengthen action to combat the harmful effects of climate change, especially for the benefit of small island States and vulnerable and at-risk countries,
  - (c) continue its work on awareness-raising, information and networking, especially in relation to the role of women, young people, and local and indigenous communities;
  - (d) strengthen support for education for sustainable development;
  - (e) raise awareness of the relation between culture and climate change and the promotion of securing natural and tangible and intangible cultural heritage sites as well as biosphere reserves and Geoparks, all designated by UNESCO as climate change observatories;
15. Supports the commitment of Member States to maintain the momentum under way for the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change in the framework of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and to mobilize for the facilitative dialogue in 2018;
16. Also welcomes the decision to establish the Paris Committee on Capacity-Building, whose work plan was adopted at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
17. Requests the Director-General to reflect the outcomes of the work of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in the final draft of the updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change;



18. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 201st session on UNESCO's contribution to the work of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
19. Invites Member States to support the Director-General's efforts and the Organization's activities and programmes to combat climate change by making voluntary financial contributions to that end.

(200 EX/SR.7)

**30 Contribution of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) to the preparations for and follow-up to the 22nd Conference of Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (200 EX/30; 200 EX/DG.INF; 200 EX/36)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 21 and 197 EX/Decision 45,
2. Having examined document 200 EX/30 and having taken into consideration document 200 EX/5 Part 1 (C),
3. Affirming its concern about the grave consequences of climate change for human societies and the planet, especially on freshwater systems and water security,
4. Also recalling that the fight against climate change requires the attention and cooperation of all countries as well as their active participation in the framework of an effective and appropriate international response,
5. Takes note with satisfaction of resolution XXII-7 and resolution XXII-9 of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), which encourages the Director-General to pursue actions, taking advantage of the interdisciplinary mandate of the Organization, to address climate change, on the basis of the reflection, foresight and anticipation conducted by its Member States in the field of water;
6. Welcomes the Director-General's proposals for the updating of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, taking into due consideration the outcomes of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
7. Welcoming the efforts made by Morocco to organize and prepare the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to be held, as was the case for COP 7, in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 7 to 18 November 2016,
8. Taking note of UNESCO's fundamental role, consistent with the strategic plan for the eighth phase of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-VIII), in mobilizing international cooperation for adaptation to the effects of climate change on water resources, and in developing institutional and human capacities to ensure water security and sustainability in the face of the grave consequences of climate change,
9. Appeals to all Member States to participate actively in the various ongoing discussions for the preparations for and follow-up to the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate

Change (UNFCCC), and to ensure that the issue of water is duly addressed in negotiations;

10. Encourages the Director-General to pursue UNESCO's action, taking advantage of the interdisciplinary mandate of the Organization, to address climate change, by further promoting the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), the only intergovernmental programme of the United Nations system devoted to water resources management, and to research, education and capacity building in the field of water;
11. Requests the Director-General to take all necessary measures to support the establishment of a Special Account for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), so as to enable it to receive the financial assistance it needs to meet the demands of Member States, mainly in the field of capacity-building activities in support of Member States and the major initiatives approved under the strategic plan for the eighth phase of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-VIII);
12. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at the 201st session a report regarding contributions of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) to the implementation of the outcomes of the twenty-first and twenty-second sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21 and COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as appropriate.

(200 EX/SR.7)

**31 [Support for the establishment of a transboundary biosphere reserve between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, and a national botanical garden in Haiti with a view to preserving the island's natural heritage]**

The Executive Board decided to withdraw this item and discuss the matter under item 5.I (B) (see the footnote in document 200 EX/1).

(200 EX/SR.1)

**32 UNESCO'S role in the promotion of linkages between technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education qualifications (200 EX/32; 200 EX/DG.INF; 200 EX/36)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/32 and having taken into consideration document 200 EX/8,
2. Bearing in mind the key role of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit (New York, September 2015), which promotes sustainable development and inclusive economic growth, social development, environmental protection to benefit all, and the eradication of poverty and hunger,
3. Taking into account the Incheon Declaration – Education 2030: Towards inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all and the Education 2030 Framework for Action,
4. Recalling the Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) adopted by the General Conference at its 38th session, which states that "TVET, as part of lifelong learning, can take place at secondary, post-secondary

and tertiary levels and includes work-based learning and continuing training and professional development which may lead to qualifications”,

5. Noting that, because in many countries technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education have developed independently from each other, TVET qualifications may not be sufficiently recognized among higher education qualifications,
6. Stresses the importance of improving learning pathways and international recognition of qualifications that fully take into account the links between technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education qualifications;
7. Encourages all Member States and decision-makers to actively pursue this objective;
8. Invites the Director-General to take into account the need to improve linkages between technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education;
9. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 202nd session an information document on best practices in the promotion of learning pathways and linkages between technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education, within the framework of the approved budget.

(200 EX/SR.7)

## PRIVATE MEETINGS

### Announcement concerning the private meetings held on Monday 17 October 2016

At the private meetings held on Monday 17 October 2016, the Executive Board considered items 3 and 15 of its agenda.

**3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (200 EX/PRIV.1; 200 EX/3 Part II; 200 EX/3.INF; 200 EX/3.INF.2))**

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

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the general situation regarding staff members at grade D-1 and above and the decisions she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

(200 EX/SR.6)

**3.II Proposed amendment to Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 200 EX/3 Part II,
2. Thanks the Director-General for her proposal and welcomes the aim of strengthening transparency and efficiency within the Organization, with a view to harmonizing its procedures with those of other United Nations organizations,
3. Decides to return to this matter at a later stage.

(200 EX/SR.6)

**15 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (200 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 200 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft))**

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

(200 EX/SR.6)

## ANNEX

### Procedure concerning the form and duration of the interviews of the candidates for the office of the Director-General, as amended by means of 200 EX/Decision 14

1. The candidates will be interviewed in public plenary session (extended to other Members States non-Member of the Executive Board) at the 201st session. Access will be limited to one representative per Member State of UNESCO not a Member of the Executive Board, pursuant to Rule 29, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

2. The duration of each interview should not exceed 90 minutes. It will consist of two parts:

**First part:** Oral presentation by the candidate, which shall not last beyond 10 minutes.

**Second part:**

- (a) Each electoral group will designate its representative(s) who will ask each candidate one question.
- (b) The questions, which should not exceed two minutes each, may be asked in any of the six working languages of the Executive Board, and the candidates will reply in English or in French. In the interview, they will be encouraged to state their ability to handle the two working languages of the UNESCO Secretariat or to develop it further.
- (c) The candidate will have a maximum of five minutes in which to answer each question.
- (d) The candidate will have up to 30 minutes in which to answer the six questions asked by the electoral groups.
- (e) After answering the prepared questions asked by each electoral group, the candidates shall answer questions from Members of the Executive Board.

3. The order of the interviews of the candidates and the order in which the electoral groups ask their questions will be determined by lots drawn at the first private meeting of the 201st session.

4. The interviews of the candidates will be broadcast simultaneously on screen in Room XI, access to which will be limited to Member States of UNESCO, and by public web streaming.

5. Each candidate will be offered appropriate office facilities on the day of his or her interview.

6. At its 202nd session, the Executive Board might discuss privately, in a private meeting, in preparation for the balloting process, in accordance with Rule 58, paragraph 2,\* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board. The timing of such a discussion is at the Board's discretion.

7. Voting at the 202nd session of the Executive Board will be by secret ballot in a separate private meeting to be determined in accordance with Rule 58, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

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\* The Executive Board shall consider in private meeting all the names so suggested, together with any proposed by Members of the Board, provided that no candidature shall be considered unless biographical details are available.