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## ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### 1 **Agenda and timetable of work and report of the Bureau** (201 EX/1 Rev.; 201 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in document 201 EX/1 Rev.

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, C, D, E, F, G and I), 5.II, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 19. IV, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37** and **38,**
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items **4.II, 4.III, 5.III, 5.IV, 11, 14, 15, 21, 24** and **25,**

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meeting:** items **10, 12, 15, 22** and **33.**

(201 EX/SR.1)

### 2 **Approval of the summary records of the 200th session** (200 EX/SR.1-8 and Corr.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 200th session.

(201 EX/SR.1)

### 3 **Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (201 EX/PRIV.1 and Add.)

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

(201 EX/SR.4)

## REPORTING ITEMS

### 4 **Execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (201 EX/4; 201 EX/4.INF; 201 EX/4.INF.2; 201 EX/40; 201 EX/41)

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

##### **Programme implementation report (PIR)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 99 and 199 EX/Decision 4.I.A,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/4 Part I,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the quality of information and evidence presented therein;
4. Notes with satisfaction the progress made towards the achievement of outputs, and the measures taken to ensure programme delivery despite the challenges and the financial situation;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue her efforts to ensure the efficient implementation of the programme;

6. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 204th session an analytical programme implementation report (APIR) covering the period 2014-2017, in accordance with 38 C/Resolution 99.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### 4.II **Budgetary situation of the Organization for 2016-2017 (38 C/5 Approved as adjusted) as at 31 December 2016**

##### **Budget adjustments arising from donations and special contributions received and management chart for programme execution in 2016-2017 (38 C/5 Approved as adjusted)**

##### **Status as at 31 December 2016**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report in document 201 EX/4 Part II on donations and special contributions received during the period July-December 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, para. (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 **\$4,184,087 for the period 1 July to 31 December 2016** as detailed in Annex II of document 201 EX/4.INF and summarized as follows:

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|  | \$                      |
| Part II.A - Education (ED)   | 2,069,295               |
| Part II.A - Natural sciences (SC)  | 453,392                 |
| Part II.A - Social and human sciences (SHS)                                    | 403,036                 |
| Part II.A - Culture (CLT)  | 780,302                 |
| Part II.A - Communication and information (CI)                                 | 264,307                 |
| Part II.A - Management of field offices  | 133,853                 |
| Part II.B - Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa (AFR)      | 73,536                  |
| Part II.B - Coordination and monitoring of action to implement gender equality | 1,561                   |
| Part II.B - External relations and public information (ERI)                    | 4,805                   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b><u>4,184,087</u></b> |

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in Annex II of document 201 EX/4.INF.;
4. Takes note of the revised 38 C/5 Appropriation Table in Annex I of document 201 EX/4.INF.;
5. Also notes that the Director-General has made transfers between appropriation lines for reallocation of regular programme resources and for staff movements effected during the period July-December 2016 (net impact \$0), as detailed in paragraphs 5 to 7 of document 201 EX/4 Part II (A);
6. Approves the transfer of \$3,001,615 from Part V to Parts I-III of the budget to cover increases in staff costs due to statutory and other factors as detailed in paragraphs 11 to 14 of document 201 EX/4 Part II (A);
7. Requests the Director-General to continue to briefly update it at each session in the regular financial reports on measures taken and progress made regarding the cost recovery of regular programme staff time towards and beyond the target of 2%.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### 4.III Annual report of the Ethics Office (2016)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 4.III and 200 EX/Decision 5.III.D,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/4 Part III,
3. Reaffirms the importance of enhancing the visibility of the Ethics Office's activities, values and scope of work, and of the timely dissemination of information to all employees, including those in the field;
4. Encourages the systematic consultation of the Ethics Office in the drafting and updating of policies and procedures relevant to its work;
5. Requests the Ethics Office to implement the recommendations of the Oversight Advisory Committee that are relevant to ethics;
6. Requests the Director-General to explore the possibility of establishing a centralized induction programme for all employees at Headquarters and in the field.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### 5 Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (201 EX/5 Part I; 201 EX/5.INF; 201 EX/5 Part II and Corr.; 201 EX/5 Part III; 201 EX/5.INF.2; 201 EX/5.INF.3; 201 EX/5.INF.4; 201 EX/5 Part IV and Addenda; 201 EX/5 Part IV (C) Corr. (*English, Spanish and Russian only*); 201 EX/40; 201 EX/41)

##### 5.I Programme issues

##### 5.I.A Report on the further implementation of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 196 EX/Decision 5.I.B, 197 EX/Decision 5.I.D and 199 EX/Decision 5.I.A,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part I (A),
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 its appreciation for the Director-General's report (201 EX/5 Part 1 (A)) on the progress made with the further implementation of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan, and takes note of its content;
5. Encourages Member States to provide voluntary contributions to the further implementation of the SIDS Action Plan, and to further enhance coordination of bilateral technical cooperation;
6. Requests the Director-General to report on progress made on the further implementation of the SIDS Action Plan in the statutory reports on programme implementation, with a special focus on leverages and synergies;



7. Invites the Director-General to consider the possibility of conducting a mid-term evaluation of the SIDS Action Plan with a view to ensuring the efficiency of its implementation.

(201 EX/SR.10)

### **5.I.B Final draft for an updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 45, 38 C/Resolution 21 and 200 EX/Decision 5.I.C,
2. Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change,
3. Underlining the importance of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and, where appropriate, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for guiding UNESCO's action on climate change,
4. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part I (B),
5. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the final proposal concerning the updating of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, taking into due consideration the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
6. Approves the updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (2018-2021) as contained in the Annex to document 201 EX/5 Part I (B);
7. Requests the Director-General to present the updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (2018-2021) to the General Conference for endorsement at its 39th session;
8. Invites the Director-General to promote effective United Nations collaboration on climate change in conformity with recommendation 2 of the "Review of activities and resources devoted to address climate change in the United Nations system organizations" of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) (JIU/REP/2015/5) and, in this collaboration, to take into account the Common Core Principles for a United Nations System-wide Approach to Climate Action (CEB/2016/4) endorsed by the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, taking into account the respective roles and mandates of the relevant entities;
9. Invites all Member States to engage fully with the UNESCO Secretariat, at Headquarters and in the field offices, for the effective implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (2018-2021), including, as appropriate, in relation to the preparation and achievement of their nationally determined contributions (NDC) under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change;
10. Encourages those Member States in a position to do so, to provide voluntary extrabudgetary financial support to enable the scaling-up of UNESCO's climate change action, with particular emphasis on Africa, small island developing States (SIDS), least developed countries (LDCs) and gender;

11. Also requests the Director-General to reflect succinctly on progress made in the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (2018-2021) in the statutory reports to it at its spring session in 2020.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **5.I.C UNESCO's contribution to the outcome of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 200 EX/Decision 29,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part I (C),
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for UNESCO's contributions at the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
4. Acknowledges the valuable efforts of Morocco to ensure the success of the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
5. Notes with satisfaction the effective collaboration between Morocco and UNESCO in the lead-up to and during the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
6. Recommends that the climate change challenges facing small island developing States (SIDS) and other countries be given due attention in UNESCO's efforts related to the 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 23) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
7. Invites the Director-General to engage with Fiji as the convener and President of the 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 23) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be hosted at the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn, Germany, from 6 to 17 November 2017;
8. Requests the Director-General to report on UNESCO's future contributions to the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as part of the reporting on the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (2018-2021).

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **5.I.D Contributions of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) to the implementation of the outcomes of COP 21 and COP 22**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 21 and 197 EX/Decision 45,
2. Taking 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,

3. Also recalling 200 EX/Decision 30 requesting the Director-General to report on the involvement of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and to establish a Special Account for IHP,
4. Recognizing and expressing its gratitude for the successful organization by France and Morocco of the 21st and 22nd sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21 and COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), respectively, and for their support for the implementation of a dedicated water day at both events,
5. Acknowledging the contribution of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) to the implementation of the outcomes of the 21st and 22nd sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21 and COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),
6. Welcomes with satisfaction the establishment by the Director-General of a Special Account for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), to which Member States may voluntarily contribute;
7. Invites Member States to make voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support the UNESCO-IHP work on climate change and water resources management;
8. Requests the Director-General to report on the future contribution of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) to the Conferences of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as part of the reporting on the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (2018-2021).

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **5.I.E 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**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 48, 199 EX/Decision 5.I.D and 200 EX/Decision 5.I.F,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part I (E),
3. Welcoming United Nations Security Council resolution 2347 (2017), which emphasized that the unlawful destruction of cultural heritage, as well as the looting and smuggling of cultural property in the event of armed conflict, notably by terrorist groups, and the attempt to deny historical roots and cultural diversity in this context can fuel and exacerbate conflict and hamper post-conflict national reconciliation, thereby undermining the security, stability, governance, social, economic and cultural development of affected States, and highlighted the importance 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,
4. Noting that United Nations Security Council resolution 2347 (2017) reflects the work initiated by UNESCO and still ongoing as regards the definition of an 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,
5. Taking note of the International Conference for the Safeguarding of Endangered Cultural Heritage in Conflict Areas, Abu Dhabi (2-3 December 2016), its Declaration, and the

subsequent establishment of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH), whose objectives for the protection of heritage in danger are aligned with those of UNESCO,

6. Also taking note of the ministerial meeting dedicated to culture which took place in Florence, Italy, on 30 March 2017, and in particular its final declaration which highlighted UNESCO's role in the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in crisis areas,
7. 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;
8. Also welcomes the opportunities provided to Member States for coordination and consultation on the Action Plan, including in the context of three intersessional meetings of Executive Board Members, two information meetings, three meetings of the Group of Friends of #Unite4Heritage, an online questionnaire and a written consultation, as well as in the framework of the governing bodies of UNESCO's culture-related normative instruments;
9. Recognizes that the Action Plan, as contained in Annex I of document 201 EX/5 Part I (E) should be understood as a work in progress, to be adjusted and enriched over time, in coordination and consultation with Member States, and within their international obligations, according to their evolving needs and the situation on the ground;
10. Takes note of and welcomes the Action Plan as a living document as well as the practical means for implementing a rapid response mechanism in full coordination with the Member States concerned, as contained in Annexes I and II of document 201 EX/5 Part I (E), respectively;
11. Notes that the activities foreseen in the Action Plan contribute directly to the strengthening of the UNESCO cultural conventions and will be conducted in strict accordance with relevant United Nations rules, with the express consent of States concerned, and in accordance with relevant international law;
12. Calls upon the Director-General to provide all necessary assistance to Member States and to the relevant United Nations departments for the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 2347 (2017), as appropriate;
13. Also recognizes that many activities provided for in the Action Plan are also relevant to crisis situations associated with disasters;
14. Decides, therefore, to take into consideration crisis and emergency situations associated with natural disasters in the scope of the Action Plan and to reflect this in its title, introductory note and, as appropriate, relevant activities, 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;
15. 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 Action Plan, including by making additional voluntary contributions to the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund, as well as providing in-kind contributions as appropriate;

16. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd 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 and its Action Plan, including its rapid response mechanism.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **5.I.F Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 201 EX/5 Part I (F) and 201 EX/5.INF,
2. Takes note of their content, and encourages the Director-General to maintain UNESCO's leadership and coordination within the United Nations system on matters that fall within its terms of reference.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **5.I.G Follow-up of the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine)<sup>1</sup>**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part I (G),
2. Takes note of the information provided therein,
3. Invites the Director-General to report to it thereon at its 202nd session.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **5.I.H Report of the International Advisory Committee (IAC) on the Review Process of the Memory of the World Programme**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 29,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part I (H),
3. Welcomes the progress achieved by the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme (IAC) on the review of the Programme;

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<sup>1</sup> The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 17 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 30 abstentions:

**In favour:** Albania, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

**Against:** China, India, Nicaragua, South Africa, Russian Federation.

**Abstentions:** Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Qatar, Senegal, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Viet Nam.

**Absent:** Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritius, Morocco, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Turkmenistan.

4. Expresses its appreciation to the national authorities of Germany for their generous contribution to this review process by hosting the experts' meeting in March 2017;
5. Takes note of the progress report by the Chair of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme (IAC) contained in the Annex to document 201 EX/5 Part I (H), and encourages the IAC to continue working on its Statutes and guidelines for the implementation of the Programme;
6. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 202nd session the final report on the review of the Memory of the World Programme by its International Advisory Committee (IAC).

(201 EX/SR.9)

### 5.I.I Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 196 EX/Decision 31,
2. Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/162 of 17 December 2015 on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity, and United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 33/2 of 29 September 2016 on the safety of journalists, which welcome the important work of UNESCO in this area,
3. Welcoming the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and UNESCO's role, in coordination with other United Nations agencies, in advancing Sustainable Development Goal target 16.10 on public access to information and protection of fundamental freedoms, and contributing to the monitoring, *inter alia*, through UNESCO's report *World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development*,
4. Also welcoming the initiatives and commitments made by news organizations during the conference "News organizations standing up for the safety of media professionals" organized by UNESCO and held in Paris on 5 February 2016, as well as UNESCO's and Member States' implementation of the follow-up options that emerged from the conference,
5. Further welcoming the establishment of an informal group of friends of the safety of journalists at UNESCO, open to all Member States committed to the strengthening and promotion of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity,
6. Acknowledging the specific risks faced by women journalists in the exercise of their profession, including sexual and gender-based discrimination and violence, intimidation and harassment, both online and offline, and in this regard looking forward to the United Nations Secretary-General's report on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity, which highlights the safety of women journalists, and to which UNESCO has contributed,
7. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part I (I),
8. Expresses its commitment to the safety of journalists and media workers, as well as those social media producers who generate a significant amount of public interest journalism;
9. Welcomes with appreciation the results achieved by UNESCO in the implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity;

10. Underlines the importance of the engagement of all stakeholders for the successful implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, and in this regard appeals to all stakeholders to redouble their efforts;
11. Notes with appreciation the steady increase in voluntary responses by Member States concerning judicial investigations into killings of journalists, and strongly urges Member States to continue to actively provide this information to UNESCO in the context of the Director-General's report on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity, and to develop effective monitoring mechanisms for this purpose;
12. Encourages Member States and all other media stakeholders to continue cooperating with UNESCO on issues of freedom of expression, access to information and the promotion of professionalism through capacity building and exchange of good practice;
13. Also encourages Member States, with the support of UNESCO, to continue building capacity and setting up national safety mechanisms in order to prevent, protect against, and prosecute attacks on journalists and to combat impunity;
14. Invites Member States to provide input to, and engage in, the multistakeholder consultation on strengthening the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, organized by UNESCO and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and to be held in Geneva on 29 June 2017;
15. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 202nd session a progress report, containing the results and impact of UNESCO's work on the safety of journalists and proposals for how it can be strengthened, taking into account:
  - (a) UNESCO's role as contributing agency to Sustainable Development Goal indicator 16.10.1;
  - (b) the outcome of the multistakeholder consultation on strengthening the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity;
  - (c) the need for concrete measures to tackle the specific risks faced by women journalists online and offline;
  - (d) UNESCO's role in supporting capacity building in Member States, including on an institutional level.

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## 5.II Evaluation issues

### **Progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan for enhancing the cooperation of UNESCO's Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 189 EX/Decision 16, 190 EX/Decision 37, 191 EX/Decision 33, 37 C/Resolution 97 and 196 EX/Decision 5.III,
2. Having examined documents 201 EX/5 Part II and Corr.,
3. Welcomes the efforts and progress made by both the National Commissions for UNESCO and the UNESCO Secretariat towards enhancing the Organization's cooperation with the National Commissions, and encourages the National Commissions

to submit their reports in the context of the implementation of the Action Plan for enhancing the cooperation of UNESCO's Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO,

4. Invites Member States to continue to implement the Action Plan for enhancing the cooperation of UNESCO's Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO, notably by assuming their obligations and responsibilities in support of their National Commissions as laid down in the UNESCO Constitution (Article VII) and in the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO,
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to implement the Action Plan for enhancing the cooperation of UNESCO's Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO, by taking the necessary measures to improve the Secretariat's cooperation with National Commissions in liaison with the Permanent Delegations, and to report to it in the statutory reports on the progress of implementation of the Action Plan.

(201 EX/SR.10)

### 5.III Management issues

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 5.II.C and 200 EX/Decision 5.III.A,
2. Also recalling the recommendations contained in the External Auditor's consolidated report on field office audits (2011-2015) (199 EX/15.INF.7) as well as other related reports on the subject, including the most recent report by the External Auditor (201 EX/21),
3. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part III (A),
4. Reiterates the importance of a responsive and sustainable field network for the implementation of UNESCO's mandate;
5. Also reiterates the need to strengthen the UNESCO field network so as to ensure that it is more consistent, efficient and better positioned to respond effectively in the implementation of the Organization's programme;
6. Recalls that by means of 199 EX/Decision 5.II.C it encouraged the Director-General to take into account the proposed basic principles of sustained decentralization:
  - (a) the optimization of local capacities, which can often bring a better grasp of the reality and culture of the field; and
  - (b) the adaptability and flexibility of field networks in order to either strengthen or reduce their presence according to the regional needs;
7. Further reiterates the United Nations' commitment to deliver as one, as expressed in the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR);
8. Recognizes that the national context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for UNESCO's presence close to Member States, in particular in the framework of United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;



9. Takes note of the progress made in the development of tools, processes and practices aimed at the consolidation of the field network's capacities and efficiencies;
10. Welcomes the initiative to update existing host country agreements and engage in the establishment of new agreements, on a case by case basis, and calls upon host Member States to consider enhanced support for field offices in this context;
11. Also welcomes the measures taken to improve the field network in Africa, and invites the Director-General to ensure that they are fully implemented;
12. Also takes note of Recommendation No. 19 of the External Auditor in document 199 EX/15.INF.7, that each office have a clear strategic plan consistent with the UNESCO Country Programming Document (UCPD) for the country concerned, noting that for smaller offices, another form of strategic planning framework may be more appropriate;
13. Encourages the Director-General to ensure the development of country and regional strategies that use resources efficiently to meet the priority needs of the country/region, as defined through evidence-based analysis, through UNESCO's programmes;
14. Also encourages the Director-General to pursue the development and implementation of the performance management tool for field offices and to make full use of it in assessing the functioning, impact and effectiveness of field offices;
15. Further encourages the Director-General to issue and implement the matrix defining responsibilities and accountabilities for the field network in Africa in order to respond to the external audit on field network reform, and to ensure that the performance of all directors/heads of field offices is assessed and reported on by the end of each assessment cycle;
16. Further welcomes the audit of the entire field network that is planned to be carried out by the External Auditor and invites the External Auditor to share the terms of reference for this audit with the Executive Board and to include a peer review of a sample of UNESCO field offices in his audit;
17. Welcomes the proposal by the Director-General to present comprehensive analyses of the performance of the field network to the Executive Board annually at each spring session and requests that these analyses include quantified assessment of the results achieved by programmes implemented in each part of the field network;
18. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 204th session on:
  - (a) the results of the comprehensive analysis of the relevance and performance of the field network as a whole based on the country/regional needs, the preliminary results of the new performance management tool for assessment of field offices as well as the recommendations of all related external audits and Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluations;
  - (b) progress achieved in updating existing host country agreements;
  - (c) quantified assessment of the implementation and success rate of the sustainability of the field network;
  - (d) proposals on how to make use of the UNESCO Transparency Portal as regards country performance assessments of field offices;

(e) progress achieved in implementing the recommendations of the External Auditor contained in document 199 EX/15.INF.7;

19. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 204th session on the costed operational recommendations for increasing the efficiency of UNESCO's field presence based on the Organization's operational needs.

(201 EX/SR.10)

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 200 EX/Decision 5.III.B,
2. Takes note of the information provided in document 201 EX/5 Part III (B) on the progress made on implementing the learning and development initiatives (Annex I) and knowledge management and information technologies initiatives (Annex II);
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to implement the initiatives referred to in paragraph 2 above;
4. Approves the additional initiatives contained in Annex III of document 201 EX/5 Part III (B) for financing from the unallocated funds under the Invest for Efficient Delivery Fund and invites the Director-General to proceed with their implementation;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 202nd session an updated report on the implementation of the aforementioned initiatives;
6. Reiterates its appeal to Member States to consider providing voluntary contributions to increase the budget of this important investment fund.

(201 EX/SR.10)

### 5.III.C Review of cost-recovery policy

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part III (C),
2. Recalling 200 EX/Decision 5.III.F by which it, *inter alia*, endorsed the principle of cost classification by function and the principle of proportionality for calculating management cost,
3. Underlining the strategic importance of a cost-recovery policy for the integrated budget framework and resource mobilization,
4. Welcomes the efforts made by the Director-General in the review of the cost-recovery policy, proposed cost classification and methodology for the calculation of the management rate;
5. Approves the cost-recovery principles as presented in document 201 EX/5 Part III (C), including the proposed average management rate of 8% to be applied to all eligible extrabudgetary funding, including revenue-generating accounts, and requests the Director-General to develop the necessary policy and guidelines, ensuring that they correspond to the needs of strategic resource mobilization;

6. Also requests the Director-General to develop and to present to it at its 202nd session the differential rate policy for the management rate such that the average rate achieved will not be lower than that necessary to cover the management costs charged to extrabudgetary projects, taking into account the need to balance the interests of existing and new donors, and that the differential rate policy clearly corresponds to the needs of strategic resource mobilization;
7. Further requests the Director-General to include an annex in future C/5 documents showing the total management cost and its allocation between regular programme and extrabudgetary funds;
8. Encourages the Director-General to continue consultation on the full retention of interest income with a view to the submission to it of a draft decision at its 202nd session;
9. Takes note that as a result of the new policy, the distribution of costs for the regular programme across budget appropriation lines will change to reflect the allocation of \$3.2 million released from management costs within the regular programme budget envelope;
10. Also takes note that the residual balance of the Special Account for Management Costs (previously FITOCA), after adjustments for reserve requirement in accordance with subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of Article 3 of its Financial Regulations, would be \$6.4 million as of December 2016, and that it is estimated that the residual balance would increase by around \$5.7 million to a projected \$12.1 million in December 2017;
11. Decides that the recommendation to the General Conference concerning the application of the projected residual balance of \$12.1 million will be addressed in the decisions adopted by it at the present session on the draft budget for the 2018-2019 biennium.

(201 EX/SR.10)

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

### **5.IV.A Geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 5.V.A and 199 EX/Decision 5.III.A,
2. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General regarding the situation of the geographical distribution and the gender balance of the staff as at January 2017;
3. Notes that despite the efforts made, the geographical under-representation of Member States from all regions and some electoral groups persists and, in this regard, encourages the Director-General to take measures to achieve geographical balance at all levels, including management positions;
4. Requests the Director-General to enhance efforts towards staff capacity building and training to facilitate career development so as to improve geographical balance at higher levels taking into account the statements made by staff representatives at the present session;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 204th session an information document on the situation of the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat and on progress made in achieving geographical balance and gender parity at the senior level;

6. Also invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 39th session a full report on the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat, and on the remedial measures being undertaken to redress the imbalance;
7. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 202nd session the revised human resources management strategy for 2017-2022, taking into account the discussions at its 200th and 201st sessions.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **5.IV.B Progress of the After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI) working group and its recommendations**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 29 and 199 EX/Decision 5.III.B,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part IV (B),
3. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 202nd session on the further progress of the After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI) working group and to present its recommendations for possible implementation at UNESCO.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **5.IV.C Annual report (2016) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): Report by the Director-General**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 114 EX/Decision 8.5, 22 C/Resolution 37 and 38 C/Resolution 88,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/5 Part IV (C),
3. Takes note of its content;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and to take into account its recommendations and the decisions of the United Nations General Assembly.

(201 EX/SR.10)

### **PROGRAMME MATTERS**

#### **6 UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples (201 EX/6; 201 EX/41)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/6,
2. Bearing in mind the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,
3. Expresses its gratitude to the Director-General for the efforts made to propose a UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples;
4. Notes the recent proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly of 2019 as International Year of Indigenous Languages, and welcomes the Director-General's

decision to accept the invitation for UNESCO to serve as lead agency for the Year, within existing resources;

5. Appreciates the presentation of the draft UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples;
6. Considers that the draft UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples might serve as a basis for further consultations with Member States;
7. Requests the Director-General to organize the above-mentioned consultations so as to prepare a revised draft to be presented to it at its 202nd session;
8. Encourages Member States to make voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support UNESCO's activities for indigenous peoples.

(201 EX/SR.10)

## **7 Nominations of new UNESCO Global Geoparks** (201 EX/7; 201 EX/ 7.INF; 201 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 23,
2. Having examined documents 201 EX/7 and 201 EX/7.INF,
3. Endorses the nominations of the UNESCO Global Geoparks decided upon by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council at its first statutory meeting, held on 24 and 25 September 2016 in Torquay, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(201 EX/SR.10)

## **8 Comprehensive strategy for the Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST)** (201 EX/8; 201 EX/ 41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 7,
2. Having considered document 201 EX/8,
3. Thanks the Government of Malaysia for hosting the 13th ordinary session of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 16 and 17 March 2017;
4. Welcomes the Action Plan to implement the comprehensive strategy for the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme as submitted to the Intergovernmental Council of the MOST Programme at its 13th ordinary session;
5. Expresses its gratitude to the Russian Federation for the International Master Programme on Social Transformations developed by the Lomonosov Moscow State University on the initiative of its UNESCO Chair;
6. Encourages UNESCO and the Member States to contribute to the further refinement of the aforementioned Action Plan by launching new initiatives to implement the comprehensive strategy for the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme, and improving the connection between existing national activities and the MOST Programme;

7. Encourages all Member States that have not yet established a MOST National Committee to consider the possibility of doing so;
8. Encourages Member States to consider pledging unearmarked financial contributions towards the implementation of the aforementioned Action Plan in order to permit the establishment by the Director-General of a Special Account for the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme;
9. Encourages the Director-General to raise extrabudgetary resources for the implementation of the aforementioned Action Plan;
10. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 206th session a follow-up report on the implementation of the comprehensive strategy for the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme, including the outcomes of the periodic review thereof by the Bureau of the MOST Intergovernmental Council.

(201 EX/SR.10)

## **9 International collaboration on open educational resources (OER)**

(201 EX/9; 201 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 24,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/9, and taking into account administrative and financial issues,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the national authorities of Slovenia for their generous support of UNESCO's open educational resources (OER) work by organizing the second World Open Educational Resources Congress, held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 18-20 September 2017;
4. Decides to include this item on the provisional agenda of the 39th session of the General Conference;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 39th session the findings of the study whose results are contained in document 201 EX/9, together with the relevant observations and decisions of the Executive Board thereon and on how international collaboration on open educational resources (OER) can continue to progress, taking into account the outcomes of:
  - (a) the OER regional consultations organized by the Commonwealth of Learning;
  - (b) the second World OER Congress;
6. Recommends, on this basis, that the General Conference at its 39th session consider the possibility of a recommendation, taking into account budgetary and resource implications for the Secretariat, to reinforce international collaboration in the field of open educational resources (OER).

(201 EX/SR.10)

**10 Renewal of the UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science and Amendments to its Statutes** (201 EX/10; 201 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 3.4.5,
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 recommendations contained in the evaluation of UNESCO prizes by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) (document IOS/EVS/PI/114),
3. Thanks the Islamic Republic of Iran for its support and donation in the field of ethics in science;
4. Having examined document 201 EX/10 concerning the proposed renewal of the UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science, and the proposed amendments to the Statutes of the Prize (Annex I) and the Financial Regulations of its Special Account (Annex II),
5. Decides to renew the UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science for a period of six years, and approves the amended Statutes of the Prize as set out in Annex I of document 201 EX/10.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**INSTITUTES AND CENTRES**

**Category 1 institutes and centres**

**11 Management of education-related category 1 institutes** (201 EX/11; 201 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 14, 194 EX/Decision 7, 196 EX/Decision 5.IV.A, 197 EX/Decision 15 and 38 C/Resolution 10,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/11,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for her efforts to improve the management of the education-related category 1 institutes, in line with the recommendations of UNESCO's Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the External Auditor and within the context of the governance reform exercise;
4. Strongly appeals to the Director-General and Member States, including the regional groups and host countries, to make all possible efforts to mobilize and provide further core funding to the education-related category 1 institutes with a view to ensuring their financial sustainability;
5. Strongly encourages the Director-General to harmonize the fundraising strategies for category 1 institutes with UNESCO's comprehensive resource mobilization strategy;
6. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 202nd session a final report on the improvement of the management of the education-related category 1 institutes, with a view to transmitting it to the General Conference at its 39th session.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**12 Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (201 EX/12; 201 EX/42)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article V.1 (e) of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) (30 C/Resolution 44), 199 EX/Decision 9 and 200 EX/Decision 13.IV,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/12,
3. Takes note with satisfaction of the achievements of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) over the past months and of the fact that financial and administrative implications clearly fall within the parameters of the current C/5 document;
4. Welcomes the efforts of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to broaden its donor base, and calls on Member States to increase their financial support to the Institute;
5. Also welcomes the information provided by the Director-General concerning the enhanced support to, and cooperation with the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), and requests her to pursue these efforts, in particular as they relate to the overall positioning of the Institute in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and resource mobilization for UIS as part of the comprehensive resource mobilization strategy;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS);
7. Invites the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to report to it at its 204th session.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**13 Revised Medium-Term Strategy of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) (201 EX/13; 201 EX/41)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/13,
2. Takes note of the rationale and the work undertaken on the review of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Medium-Term Strategy;
3. Endorses the revised UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Medium-Term Strategy 2017-2021 as set out in the Annex to document 201 EX/13.

(201 EX/SR10)

**Category 2 institutes and centres**

**14 Renewals and reviews of category 2 institutes and centres (201 EX/14 Rev.; 201 EX/40)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 11, 35 C/Resolutions 51, 52 and 54, 37 C/Resolution 93 and 199 EX/Decision 10.I,



2. Taking into account document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
3. Having examined document 201 EX/14 Rev.,
4. Underlines the importance of examining the renewal of the four category 2 centres (Regional Heritage Management Training Centre in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia and the Pacific Region (IRCI) in Sakai, Japan; International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia and the Pacific Region (IHCAP) in Daejeon, Republic of Korea and the Regional Centre for Educational Planning (RCEP) in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates) in a timely manner in compliance with the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres, as approved by means of 37 C/Resolution 93;
5. Approves the extension of the current agreements for the four category 2 centres referred in paragraph 4 above until 31 December 2017 so as to allow sufficient time for the completion of the centre review process and renewal of the corresponding agreements, and to ensure that there is a valid agreement in force between the approval of the renewal agreements at the 202nd session of the Executive Board and their signing;
6. Recommends that the renewal agreements of the four category 2 centres referred to in paragraph 4 above be presented to it at its 202nd session, taking into consideration the relevant provisions of the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres, and the length of time that has elapsed since negotiations started regarding those centres.

(201 EX/SR.10)

## PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING

### 15 **Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5)** (39 C/5 and Corr.; 201 EX/15.INF; 201 EX/15.INF.2; 201 EX/15.INF.3; 201 EX/40; 201 EX/41; 201 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling document 37 C/4, 38 C/Resolution 104, 199 EX/Decision 5.II.E, 199 EX/Decision 5.II.F and 200 EX/Decision 13,
2. Having examined documents 39 C/5 (Volumes 1 and 2; Addenda and Corr.), 201 EX/15.INF, 201 EX/15.INF.2 and 201 EX/15.INF.3,
3. Decides to continue the discussions on the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5), and to include it as an item in the agenda at its 202nd session;
4. Also decides to establish an open-ended working group to prepare recommendations on document 39 C/5 that will be examined at its 202nd session;
5. Requests the Director-General to revise the pie charts in Volume 2 of document 39 C/5 indicating the distribution of total resources to include the “actual” resources received by region;
6. Also requests the Director-General to produce an information document comparing the contribution of each major programme to the global priorities (Global Priority Africa and Global Priority Gender Equality) in the \$518 million expenditure plans for documents 38 C/5 (Approved) and 39 C/5;

7. Recommends that the General Conference at its 39th session adopt the following amendments to Volume 1 of document 39 C/5:

#### **Major Programme I – Education**

1. Insert in the preamble of the draft resolutions for the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) and UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) the following paragraph, as reflected in the draft resolutions for the other category 1 institutes in education: “*Recognizing* the importance of maintaining the functional autonomy of the [Institute] in order to ensure that it can provide services to Member States in a proactive, flexible, effective, efficient, timely and sustainable way”;
2. Reword expected result (2) under Main Line of Action 1 to read: “Equitable and responsive TVET systems established to equip youth and adults, both women and men, with relevant skills for employment, decent work, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning”;
3. Reword expected result (3) under Main Line of Action 1 to read “Improved policies and plans and mobilization of global efforts to enhance, scale up, including through information and communication technology (ICT), and monitor the acquisition of foundational skills and lifelong learning opportunities for youth and adults, both women and men”;
4. Amend expected result (4) under Main Line of Action 1 to read: “Improved national policies and capacities to increase access for all women and men to equitable, affordable and quality-assured higher education and to advance the recognition of studies”;

#### **Major Programme II – Natural Sciences**

5. Delete the words “through IHP, MAB and IGGP” from Main Line of Action 2;

#### **Major Programme III – Social and Human Sciences**

6. Reword Main Line of Action 1 to read: “Mobilizing knowledge and embedding rights and ethics to foster and achieve social inclusion and equitable societies”;
7. Reword Main Line of Action 2 to read: “Fostering intercultural dialogue and engaging young women and men for peaceful and participatory societies”;

#### **Major Programme V – Communication and information**

8. Delete the words “and social media” from paragraph (xiii) under Strategic Objective 9;
9. Revise Main Line of Action 1 to read: “Fostering freedom of expression online and offline, promoting all aspects of the safety of journalists, advancing diversity and participation in media, and supporting independent media;
10. Under Main Line of Action 2, move the expected results so that expected result (6) becomes expected result (4), expected result (4) becomes expected result (5), and expected result (5) becomes expected result (6);

#### **UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)**

11. Add a new paragraph after paragraph 1: “Welcomes the revised UIS Medium-

Term Strategy for 2017-2021”:

**Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa**

12. Revise paragraph 1 (a) to read: “to implement during the period 2018-2021 the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021) ensuring the consistency and complementarity of programmes to benefit Africa, developed in accordance with the relevant decisions of the governing bodies and informed by the findings and recommendations of the 2012 Evaluation of Priority Africa by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), in order to:
  - (i) strengthen and improve the coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa, in line with the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014 – 2021);[...]
13. Insert the following four new subparagraphs after paragraph (vi):
  - (vii) ensure that Priority Africa flagship programmes are implemented as integral components of major programmes and feature within sectoral planning processes;
  - (viii) monitor the prioritization of Priority Africa, including its flagship programmes, at all stages of programming and at all programme levels, for both regular and extrabudgetary activities;
  - (ix) enhance the reporting on Priority Africa, its Operational Strategy (2014-2021) and its six flagship programmes, reflecting the impact and progress achieved, based on implementation by the programme sectors;
  - (x) mobilize extrabudgetary resources for the implementation of Priority Africa;
14. Reword expected result (1) to read as follows: “Impact and visibility of UNESCO’s programmes in Africa strengthened through enhanced coordination and monitoring of the Operational Strategy for Africa (2014-2021), and better understanding of Africa’s development opportunities and challenges”;

**Coordination and monitoring of action to implement gender equality**

15. Amend expected result (1) to read as follows: “Systematic and comprehensive contribution, to gender equality and women’s empowerment through a transformative perspective, ensured in UNESCO’s areas of expertise in pursuing its two overarching objectives of lasting peace and sustainable development with improved capacity”;
8. Also recommends to the General Conference that it request the Director-General to ensure that the resources attributed to the two global priorities in document 39 C/5 for each major programme are equal to or higher than those allocated in document 38 C/5 (Approved).

(201 EX/SR.10)

**METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION**

- 16 **Procedure for the nomination of the Director-General of the Organization (Interviews)**  
(201 EX/16)

The Executive Board conducted the interviews for the post of Director-General of the Organization.<sup>2</sup>

(201 EX/SR.5-8)

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

### **17 Report on the implementation of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) (201 EX/17; 201 EX/39)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 11 and 37 C/Resolution 10,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/17,
3. Takes note of the presentation of the work undertaken between March 2015 and January 2017 to implement the 2011 and 2013 revisions of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) and ISCED Fields of Education and Training (ISCED-F) respectively;
4. Invites the Director-General to submit a report to the General Conference at its 39th session on the work undertaken since the adoption of the 2011 and 2013 revisions of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) and ISCED Fields of Education and Training (ISCED-F) respectively.

(201 EX/SR.9)

### **18 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (201 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 201 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft) and Addenda and Corr.)**

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

(201 EX/SR. 9)

### **19 Implementation of standard-setting instruments (201 EX/19 Parts I-IV; 201 EX/39; 201 EX/41)**

#### **19.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, 195 EX/Decision 15, 196 EX/Decision 20, 197 EX/Decision 20.I, 197 EX/Decision 20.VIII, 199 EX/Decision 14.I and 200 EX/Decision 16.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,

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<sup>2</sup> See: <http://en.unesco.org/executive-board/dg-candidates-2017>.

2. Having examined document 201 EX/19 Part I, and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (201 EX/39),
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. 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);
5. Decides to continue consideration of this matter at its 202nd session.

(201 EX/SR.9)

## **19.II Application of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education Discussion of preparations for the next Consultation**

The Executive Board,

1. 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,
2. 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,
3. Also recalling 38 C/Resolution 13,
4. Having examined document 201 EX/19 Part II and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (201 EX/39),
5. Approves the consultation of Member States for the fourth Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE IV) through the regular procedures applied within the International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA) process, being used for reporting on the measures taken by Member States to implement the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education;
6. Also approves the guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education as annexed to document 201 EX/19 Part II;
7. Requests the Director-General to invite and encourage Member States to submit reports to UNESCO on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education in connection with the preparation of the fourth Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE IV);
8. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 207th session the first consolidated report on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education, with a view to transmitting that report, together with the Executive Board's comments thereon, to the General Conference at its 40th session.

(201 EX/SR.9)

**19.III Application of the 1966 Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers and the 1997 Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel – Report by the Director-General on allegations received by the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 4.4, 157 EX/Decision 6.3 and 199 EX/Decision 14.II,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/19 Part III and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (201 EX/39),
3. Takes note of the interim report of the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) relating to the allegations received from the Cambodian Independent Teachers' Association (CITA);
4. Invites the Director-General to communicate the interim report of the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) to the Government of Cambodia and to the Cambodian Independent Teachers' Association (CITA), encouraging them to engage in effective social dialogue.

(201 EX/SR.9)

**19.IV Preliminary revision of the 1974 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/19 Part IV,
2. Reaffirming the importance of promoting academic mobility by facilitating mutual recognition of qualifications in higher education,
3. Acknowledging the important role UNESCO plays in this field, particularly through its conventions and recommendation on the mutual recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees in higher education,
4. Conscious that significant changes have taken place in higher education in a more globalized world and that there is a need therefore for a new generation of recognition conventions to respond to new challenges,
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, adopt a resolution in which it:
  - (a) decides to convene, during the 2018-2019 biennium, an international conference of States (category I), with a view to the examination and adoption of amendments to the 1974 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean;
  - (b) authorizes the Executive Board to take appropriate measures, if any, for the successful convening of this conference;
  - (c) calls for the necessary extrabudgetary funding.

(201 EX/ SR.10)

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

### **20 Preparation of the 39th session of the General Conference** (201 EX/20 Part I; 201 EX/20 Part II and Corr. (English and Spanish only); 201 EX/20 Part III; 201 EX/20. INF)

#### **20.I Provisional agenda of the 39th session of the General Conference**

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/20 Part I,
3. Decides that:
  - (a) the provisional agenda of the 39th session of the General Conference shall comprise the items proposed in document 201 EX/20 Part I together with those stemming from the decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its 201st session;
  - (b) the provisional agenda shall be communicated to Member States and Associate Members as soon as possible after the closure of its 201st session.

(201 EX/SR.4)

#### **20.II Draft plan for the organization of the work of the 39th session of the General Conference**

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 201 EX/20 Part II,
2. Approves the suggestions contained in that document;
3. Invites the Director-General to revise Annex II to document 201 EX/20 Part II taking into account the concerns raised by Member States regarding the Youth Forum, its format and criteria for the selection of participants;
4. Requests the Director-General, in consultation with youth organizations and National Commissions, to further reflect on the best moment to organize the Youth Forum;
5. Also requests the Director-General to ensure an active role of youth representatives in the planning and execution of the Youth Forum;
6. Also invites the Director-General, in cooperation with Member States and youth representatives, to assess the Youth Forum of the 39th session of the General Conference and to report to the Executive Board at its 204th session on the conclusions of the assessment;
7. Further invites the Director-General to draw up document 39 C/2 on the organization of the work of the General Conference in light of the above.

(201 EX/SR.4)

#### **20.III Invitations to the 39th session of the General Conference**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/20 Part III,

2. Takes cognizance of the notification to be sent by the Director-General to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
3. Decides, in accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, that the following States shall be invited to send observers to the 39th session of the General Conference:
  - Holy See;
  - Liechtenstein;
4. Takes note of the invitations to be sent by the Director-General to intergovernmental organizations in accordance with Rule 6, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
5. Notes the invitations that the Director-General intends to send to international non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO;
6. Also decides to examine, at its 202nd session, the admission to the 39th session of the General Conference of observers from non-governmental organizations (other than those in official partnership with UNESCO), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO, as well as from other international organizations.

(201 EX/SR.4)

#### **20.IV Submission of nominations for the offices of Chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 39th session of the General Conference**

The Executive Board decided to recommend to the General Conference the following candidates for the offices of Chairpersons of commissions and committees:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| ED Commission         | Mr G. Godia (Kenya)                             |
| SC Commission         | Mr M. El Tayeb (Sudan)                          |
| SHS Commission        | Ms M. Lubyova (Slovakia)                        |
| CLT Commission        | Ms V. Lomonaco (Italy)                          |
| CI Commission         | Mr M. Hadlow (Australia)                        |
| APX Commission        | Ms L. Sol de Pool (El Salvador)                 |
| Credentials Committee | Mr J. A. Rodríguez Duvergé (Dominican Republic) |
| Nominations Committee | Ms S. Al Moosa (Oman)                           |
| Legal Committee       | Mr P.M. Eisemann (France)                       |

(201 EX/SR.9)

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS**

**21 New audits by the External Auditor** (201 EX/21 Parts I-III and Part V; 201 EX/21.INF; 201 EX/21.INF.2; 201 EX/21.INF.3; 201 EX/21.INF.5; 201 EX/40)

##### **21.I Audit report on the UNESCO Office in Amman**



The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 201 EX/21 Part I and 201 EX/21.INF,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Welcomes the strong cooperation between the Offices in Amman and Beirut, and encourages similar cooperation among other offices, whenever possible;
4. Invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of recommendations contained in document 201 EX/21 Part I in the report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **21.II Audit report on the UNESCO Office in Bangkok**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 201 EX/21 Part II and 201 EX/21.INF.2,
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 201 EX/21 Part II in the report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **21.III Audit report on the UNESCO Office in Iraq**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 201 EX/21 Part III and 201 EX/21.INF.3,
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 201 EX/21 Part III in the report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **21.IV Audit report on the mobilization of extrabudgetary funds and in particular private funds**

This sub-item was postponed at the request of the External Auditor (see footnote in document 201 EX/1 Rev).

(201 EX/SR.10)

#### **21.V Audit report on reform implementation following UNESCO budget crisis**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 201 EX/21 Part V and 201 EX/21.INF.5,

2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Recommends that the General Conference take up the recommendations made to the governing bodies by the External Auditor;
4. Invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of recommendations contained in document 201 EX/21 Part V in the report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**22 Internal Oversight Service (IOS): annual report 2016** (201 EX/22; 201 EX/22.INF; 201 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/22,
3. Welcomes the role of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) in the functioning of the Organization;
4. Emphasizes the importance of systematically linking the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluations to programme formulation and implementation, for enhanced efficiency;
5. Also welcomes the advice and recommendations provided to the Director-General by the Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC), and requests the Director-General to ensure the full and timely implementation of all recommendations;
6. Also requests the Director-General to continue her efforts to ensure that all Internal Oversight Service (IOS) recommendations are fully implemented within a reasonable time frame and to inform the Executive Board on a regular basis regarding implementation of the recommendations or any difficulties encountered;
7. Further requests the Director-General to continue to maintain an effective oversight function as set forth in the respective revised Internal Oversight Service (IOS) internal audit and evaluation policies, and to report annually on IOS strategies and activities, significant oversight recommendations and their impact, as well as action taken by her to address and implement these recommendations;
8. Expresses concern regarding the fact that the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) budget is insufficient, which limits assurance on the Organization's overall governance, risk management and internal control;
9. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 16, requests the Director-General to submit concrete proposals within document 39 C/5 on how to reinforce the resources of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), and to ensure that 3% of programme budgetary resources of both the regular budget and extrabudgetary funds is allocated to evaluations, with the exception of evaluations performed by the donors in self-benefiting activities, as is the case in Brazil;
10. Also recalling 193 EX/Decision 7.1 and 198 EX/Decision 6.I, requests the Director-General to provide a summary of all United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports issued during the preceding year together with the accepted recommendations as well as those not accepted during the annual meeting of the Special Committee.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**23 Procedure to be followed for the appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (201 EX/23 Rev.)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/23 Rev.,
2. Having regard to paragraph 2(a) of the Statutes of the Appeals Board,
3. Invites its Chairperson to propose to it at its 202nd session, after consultation with its Vice-Chairpersons and the Director-General, a Chairperson and an Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board for a four-year term, commencing on 1 January 2018.

(201 EX/SR.9)

**24 Financial Regulations of Special Accounts (201 EX/24; 201 EX/40)**

**24.I**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 200 EX/Decision 19,
2. Also recalling Articles 6.5 and 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
3. Having examined document 201 EX/24 Part I,
4. Approves the Standard Financial Regulations of Special Accounts related to prizes presented in Annex I to document 201 EX/24 Part I;
5. Also approves the revised Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Headquarters Utilization Fund as presented in Annex II to document 201 EX/24 Part I;
6. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of each of the following Special Accounts as set out in the annexes to document 201 EX/24 Part I:
  - Special Account for Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists
  - Special Account for UNESCO Global Geoparks
  - Special Account for Support to the UNESCO Courier
  - Special Account for After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI)
7. Requests the Director-General to review and draft special Financial Regulations as indicated in paragraph 11 of document 201 EX/24 Part I;
8. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 204th session on the outcome of the consultation with the relevant governing bodies and donors.

**24.II**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 200 EX/Decision 19,
2. Having examined document 201 EX/24 Part II,

3. Welcomes the proposal of the Director-General to develop multi-partner funding within the Special Account framework to meet the needs of Member States and the integrated budget framework;
4. Requests the Director-General to present a comparative study of the Multi-Partner Trust Funds (MPTF) and Special Accounts financing models to the 202nd session of the Executive Board;
5. Also requests the Director-General to present to it, at its 202nd session, in accordance with Articles 6.5 and 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations and in line with the standard models endorsed by the Executive Board at its 200th session, the Financial Regulations for the following Special Accounts:
  - Special Account for the Support of Education Programme Activities;
  - Special Account for the Support of Natural Sciences Programme Activities;
  - Special Account for the Support of Social Human Sciences Programme Activities;
  - Special Account for the Support of Culture Programme Activities;
  - Special Account for the Support of Communication and Information Programme Activities;
  - Special Account for Unearmarked Voluntary Contributions to Support the UNESCO Programme;
  - A funding modality that supports intersectoral activities;
6. Further requests the Director-General to present to it, at its 204th session, an updated overview of the management status of the Special Accounts building upon document 200 EX/19, including a proposal to close certain Special Accounts and sub-accounts.

(201 EX/SR.10)

## **25 Collection of Member States' contributions and cashflow implications (201 EX/25; 201 EX/40)**

### **25.I Report by the Director General on the collection of Member States' contributions**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/25 Part I,
2. 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;
3. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have settled their contributions, in particular those that have paid their contributions in advance, and to those that have made efforts to reduce their arrears;
4. Concerned by the financial situation of the Organization as a result of the non-payment of assessed contributions by some Member States and the severe implications thereof for the delivery of regular programme activities;
5. 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.

## 25.II Report by the Director General on the current situation and contingency plan

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 201 EX/25 Part II,
2. Endorses the proposals outlined by the Director-General for immediate measures to be taken to achieve cost reductions of a maximum of \$50 million from July to December 2017 under the expenditure plan in document 38 C/5, in the event that uncertainty regarding cashflow shortages persist after May 2017;
3. Requests the Director-General to submit to it, at its 202nd session, an update on the cashflow situation and its impact on the implementation of the Programme and Budget 2016-2017 (38 C/5) as well as mitigating measures to be taken in the first six months (January to June 2018) of the 2018-2019 biennium;
4. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 204th session a contingency plan, based on an assessment of potential impact of arrears from the top 25 contributors, and for a regular programme reduced by up to \$145 million, and based on the decisions concerning document 39 C/5 and the prioritization exercise approved at the 37th session of the General Conference by means of 37 C/Resolution 81;
5. Calls on the General Conference to consider the possibility of another prioritization exercise catering for the worst case scenario in the present financial situation;
6. Further requests the Director-General to submit to it, at its 204th session, objectives of a proposed roadmap for continuous improvement;
7. Strongly encourages Member States to pay their assessed contributions in a timely manner, to increase their support to the Organization in the coming months through voluntary contributions, contributions to priority programmes, in-kind contributions and the flexible use of existing donations and other possible means, and recalls the need for extrabudgetary resources to serve the objectives of the Programme and Budget 2016-2017 (38 C/5);
8. Welcomes the Director-General's intention to monitor the situation closely on a quarterly basis, in order to maximize the use of UNESCO's resources and its focus on core programme priorities, and requests the Director-General to periodically inform Member States as appropriate;
9. Invites the Director-General to include information on collection rates of Member States' contributions in the UNESCO Transparency Portal.

(201 EX/SR.10)

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

### 26 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2018-2019 with which UNESCO could be associated (201 EX/26; 201 EX/26.INF; 201 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 201 EX/26 and 201 EX/26.INF,

2. Recalling 195 EX/Decision 25 approving the new criteria and procedure for UNESCO's association with the celebration of anniversaries, in particular that each proposed anniversary must be indisputably linked to the Organization's ideals and missions in the fields of education, culture, natural sciences, social and human sciences and communication, and must promote closer relations among peoples, tolerance and the ideals of peace, cultural dialogue and mutual understanding among peoples,
3. Also recalling that Member States were encouraged to make proposals with a view to improving geographical distribution and gender balance, and to be more selective in making such proposals in order to enhance the quality, representativeness and visibility of the programme,
4. Recommends to the General Conference that UNESCO be associated in 2018-2019 with the celebration of the following anniversaries (listed in the English alphabetical order of Member States):
  1. Armenia 150th anniversary of the birth of Hovhannes Tumanyan, poet, writer, translator (1869-1923) (with the support of Georgia and Russian Federation)
  2. Azerbaijan 100th anniversary of Baku State University (1919) (with the support of Kazakhstan and Georgia)
  3. Azerbaijan 100th anniversary of the birth of Gara Garayev, composer (1918-1982) (with the support of Kazakhstan, Georgia and Russian Federation)
  4. Belarus 300th anniversary of the birth of Regina Salomea Rusiecka (1718-1763) (with the support of Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation)
  5. Bulgaria 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (1869) (with the support of Romania, Slovakia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
  6. Croatia 450th anniversary of the birth of Marin Getaldić, mathematician and physicist (1568-1626)
  7. Egypt 50th anniversary of the completion of Abu Simbel heritage safeguarding campaign (1968)
  8. Georgia 100th anniversary of the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) (1918) (with the support of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan)
  9. Georgia 150th anniversary of the birth of Marjory Scott Wardrop (1869-1909) (with the support of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
  10. Germany 250th anniversary of the birth of Alexander von Humboldt, geographer, naturalist and explorer (1769-1859) (with the support of Hungary and Switzerland)

*Nota bene: The "150th anniversary of the death of Alexander von Humboldt, scientist (1769-1859)" was celebrated in 1999.*

11. Germany 200th anniversary of the birth of Clara Josephine Schumann, musician and composer (1819-1896) (with the support of Austria and Luxembourg)
12. Hungary 100th anniversary of the death of Roland Eötvös (Eötvös Loránd), physicist, geophysicist and innovator of higher education (1848-1919) (with the support of Austria, Czechia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia)
13. Hungary 100th anniversary of the death of Tivadar Csontváry Kosztka artist/painter (1853-1919) (with the support of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czechia, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia)
14. Iran (Islamic Republic of) 850th anniversary of the active life of Shahab al-Din Yahya ibn Habash Suhrawardi, philosopher and mystic (1154-1191) (with the support of Iraq and Syrian Arab Republic)
15. Iran (Islamic Republic of) 1750th anniversary of the foundation of the University of Gundi-Shapur (with the support of India and Iraq)
16. Italy 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)  
*Nota bene: The “550th anniversary of the birth of Leonardo da Vinci” was celebrated in 2002.*
17. Kazakhstan 200th anniversary of the birth of Kurmangazy, composer (1818-1896) (with the support of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russian Federation and Turkey)
18. Kazakhstan 100th anniversary of the birth of Amina Umurzakova, actress (1919-2006) (with the support of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Russian Federation)
19. Latvia 150th anniversary of Pēteris Šmits, linguist, ethnographer, folklorist (1869-1938) (with the support of Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation)
20. Latvia 100th anniversary of Latvian National Institutions for Culture, Education and Science (1919) (with the support of Estonia, Lithuania and Poland)
21. Lithuania 200th anniversary of the birth of Józef Czechowicz, photographer (1818-1888) (with the support of Belarus, Latvia, Poland and Ukraine)
22. Mexico 50th anniversary of the National School of Conservation, Restoration and Museography (ENCRyM in Spanish) (with the support of Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and Honduras)
23. Mexico 100th anniversary of the birth of Juan José Arreola, writer (1918-2001) (with the support of Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and Honduras)

24. Poland 50th anniversary of death of Krzysztof Komeda (Trzcinański), composer (1931-1969) (with the support of Hungary and Lithuania)
25. Poland, Lithuania and Belarus 200th anniversary of the birth of Stanisław Moniuszko, composer, conductor and teacher (1819-1872) (with the support of Latvia and Romania)
26. Romania 50th anniversary of the death of Cecilia Cuțescu Storck, painter (1879-1969) (with the support of Bulgaria and Germany)
27. Romania 150th anniversary of the birth of Emil Racoviță, scientist (1868-1947) (with the support of Bulgaria and Poland)
28. Russian Federation 150th anniversary of the birth of Maxim Gorky, writer (1868-1936) (with the support of Belarus, Italy and Kazakhstan)
29. Russian Federation 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Sergeyevich Turgenev, writer (1818-1883) (with the support of Belarus, France and Kazakhstan)
30. Russian Federation 200th anniversary of the birth of Marius Petipa, dancer and choreographer (1818-1910) (with the support of Cuba, France and Japan)
31. Russian Federation 100th anniversary of the birth of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, writer (1918-2008) (with the support of Germany and Switzerland)
32. Slovakia 300th anniversary of the birth of Adam Frantisek Kollar, scholar (1718-1783) (with the support of Austria, Bulgaria and Hungary)
33. Spain 500th anniversary of the first world circumnavigation by ship in history, by Fernando de Magellanes and Juan Sebastián Elcano (with the support of Andorra, Italy and Portugal)
34. Spain 700th anniversary of the creation of the Archive of the Crown of Aragon (ACA) (1318) (with the support of Andorra and Italy)
35. Tajikistan 400th anniversary of the birth of Mirabid Saida Nasafi, poet (1618-1707) (with the support of Kazakhstan and Russian Federation)
36. Thailand 100th anniversary of the birth of Kamphol Vacharaphol, educator (1919-1996) (with the support of Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Viet Nam)
37. Turkey 950th anniversary of the writing of Yusuf Khass Hajib's Kutadgu Bilig (Wisdom of Royal Glory, 1069) (with the support of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan)



38. Ukraine 100th anniversary of the birth of Vasyl Sukhomlynsky (Vasil' Sukhomlyns'ky), educator (1918-1970) (with the support of University of Newcastle and of Monash University, Australia)
39. Ukraine 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (1918) (with the support of Austria, Lithuania and Poland)

(201 EX/SR.10)

**27 [Draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation] (201 EX/27; 201 EX/41)**

This item was withdrawn (see footnote in document 201 EX/1 Rev.).

(201 EX/SR.1)

**28 Draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) (201 EX/28; 201 EX/41)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/28,
2. Acknowledges that UNESCO maintains formal cooperation relations with the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), established by the General Conference at its 9th session in 1956 (9 C/Resolution 4.53);
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) as contained in the Annex to document 201 EX/28;
4. Requests the Director-General to report, in the statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on the activities carried out in the framework of the abovementioned memorandum of understanding.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**GENERAL MATTERS****29 Dates of the 202nd session and provisional list of matters to be examined**  
(201 EX/29.INF)

**202nd session**  
(including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

**(4 to 18 October 2017)<sup>3</sup>**

**(11 working days/15 calendar days)**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Bureau (BUR)                                      | Wednesday 4, Friday 6 and Friday 13 October                       |
| Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) | Wednesday 4 (p.m.) to Friday 6 October                            |
| Special Committee (SP)                            | Thursday 5 and Friday 6 October                                   |
| Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)      | Friday 6 October  |
| Plenary meetings (PLEN) <sup>4</sup>              | Monday 9 and Tuesday 10, then Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 October |
| Commissions (FA, PX, JOINT)                       | Wednesday 11 to Monday 16 October                                 |

**N.B.:** School holidays in the host country are scheduled from Saturday 21 October to Monday 6 November 2017.

(201 EX/SR.9)

**30 Occupied Palestine<sup>5</sup>** (201 EX/30; 201 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/30,
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 additional Protocols, the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit

<sup>3</sup> These dates are subject to change as the session may be extended to 19 October 2017 if necessary.

<sup>4</sup> In addition to the first two ballots for the nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General, which could take place at the end of the plenary meetings foreseen on 9 and 10 October 2017, plenary meetings might be held at 6.30 pm on the following days: Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 and Monday 16 October 2017.

<sup>5</sup> The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 22 votes in favour, 10 votes against and 23 abstentions:

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

**Against:** Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Paraguay, Togo, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Albania, Argentina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, France, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda.

**Absent:** Nepal, Serbia, Turkmenistan.

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 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, including United Nations Security Council resolution 2334 (2016),

### 30.I Jerusalem

4. Reaffirming the importance of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls for the three monotheistic religions,
5. Bearing in mind that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, which have altered or purport to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, and in particular the “basic law” on Jerusalem, are null and void and must be rescinded forthwith,
6. Recalling the 11 decisions of the Executive Board: 185 EX/Decision 14, 187 EX/Decision 11, 189 EX/Decision 8, 190 EX/Decision 13, 192 EX/Decision 11, 194 EX/Decision 5.I.D, 195 EX/Decision 9, 196 EX/Decision 26, 197 EX/Decision 32, 199 EX/Dec.19.1 and 200 EX/Decision 25, and the seven 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 and 40 COM/7A.13,
7. Regrets the failure of the Israeli occupying authorities to cease the persistent excavations, tunnelling, works and projects in East Jerusalem, particularly in and around the Old City of Jerusalem, which are illegal under international law and reiterates its request to Israel, the occupying Power, to prohibit all violations which are not in conformity with the provisions of the relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
8. Also regrets the Israeli refusal to implement the UNESCO request to the Director-General to appoint a permanent representative to be stationed in East Jerusalem to report on a regular basis about all aspects covering the fields of competence of UNESCO in East Jerusalem, and reiterates its request to the Director-General to appoint, as soon as possible, the above-mentioned representative;
9. Stresses again the urgent need to implement the UNESCO reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, and invites the Director-General and the World Heritage Centre to exert all possible efforts, in line with their mandates and in conformity with the provisions of the relevant UNESCO conventions, decisions and resolutions, to ensure the prompt implementation of the mission and, in case of non-implementation, to propose possible effective measures to ensure its implementation;

### 30.II Reconstruction and development of Gaza

10. Deplores the military confrontations in and around the Gaza Strip and the civilian casualties caused, 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;

11. Also deplores the continuous Israeli closure of the Gaza Strip, which harmfully affects the free and sustained movement of personnel, students and humanitarian relief items and requests Israel to immediately ease this closure;
12. 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, calls upon her to continue her active involvement in the reconstruction of Gaza's damaged educational and cultural components and reiterates, in this regard, its request to her to upgrade the UNESCO Antenna in Gaza and to organize, as soon as possible, an information meeting on the current situation in Gaza in the fields of competence of UNESCO and on the outcome of the projects conducted by UNESCO;

### **30.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**

13. Reaffirms that the two concerned sites located in Al-Khalil/Hebron and in Bethlehem are an integral part of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and shares the conviction affirmed by the international community that the two sites are of religious significance for Judaism, Christianity and Islam;
14. Deplores the ongoing Israeli excavations, works, construction of private roads for settlers and of a Wall inside the Old City of Al-Khalil/Hebron which are illegal under international law and harmfully affect the authenticity and 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 all violations which are not in conformity with the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
15. Regrets the visual impact of the 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;

### **30.IV**

16. Decides to include these matters under an item entitled "Occupied Palestine" in the agenda at its 202nd session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(201 EX/SR.10)

### **31 Implementation of 38 C/Resolution 72 and 200 EX/Decision 26 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the Occupied Arab territories<sup>6</sup> (201 EX/31; 201 EX/41)**

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,

<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: 38 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 18 abstentions:

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

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 201 EX/31 and 201 EX/30,
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,

### 31.I Occupied Palestine

4. Deplores the damaging impact of the military confrontations on the fields of competence of UNESCO in the Gaza Strip, particularly education and cultural institutions and calls for the ending of measures that prevent the reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of schools in the Gaza Strip;
5. Deeply concerned by the Israeli army violations against Palestinian universities and schools, demands that the Israeli authorities immediately halt actions that violate UNESCO principles and the provisions of the world declaration for education for all (1990) and reaffirms, in this regard, that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites enjoy special protection and should not be targeted;
6. Expresses its growing concern about the harmful impact of the Wall on the activities of educational and cultural institutions, and demands, in this regard, that Israel, the occupying Power, cease all of its settlement activities, including the construction of the Wall and other measures aimed at altering the character, status and demographic composition of the Occupied Palestinian territory, including in and around East Jerusalem and the Cremisan Monastery in the Bethlehem Governorate, which harm the social fabric of Palestinian society and prevent Palestinian school children and students from exercising fully their right to education;
7. 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;
8. 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 as well as for building of schools for Palestinian children such as the school of Tana, near Nablus and the two schools in Khan Al-Ahmar and in Abu Nuwar near Jerusalem, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
9. Deeply regrets the destruction by the Israeli authorities of 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;

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**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sri Lanka, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Absent:** Turkmenistan.

10. Thanks the Director-General for the results that have been obtained in favour of the protection, reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage, invites her to reinforce her action in this regard and to strengthen UNESCO's assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address the needs for capacity building in UNESCO's fields of competence by, *inter alia*, expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students and school children, and requests her to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestine Committee;

### 31.II Occupied Syrian Golan

11. 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 202nd session of the Executive Board;

### 31.III

12. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 202nd session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(201 EX/SR.10)

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

### 32 **The importance of sound in today's world: promoting best practices** (201 EX/32 and Corr. (*English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese only*); 201 EX/DG.INF; 201 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 201 EX/32 and Corr.,
2. Convinced that the sound environment is so important that it shapes our personal and collective behaviour;
3. Noting that human beings and other living organisms are both dependent on and agents of a sound environment that makes increasing use of sound and audiovisual equipment at increasingly high and continuous harmful noise levels, and that this matter has already been addressed by international institutions such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as well as under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD),
4. Also noting that throughout the world, the densification of communities and the intensification of urbanization, which lead to an increase in the noise level, make the soundscape a matter of concern for professionals and citizens who are actively transforming their environment and that of other organisms,

5. Further noting that “dynamic range compression” has accustomed us to hearing voices and music without nuance,
6. Aware that in a context of widespread audiovisual and multimedia access, sound is an aspect that determines visual perception and perceived final quality,
7. Considering that musical expression, by voice and by musical instrument, favours listening to one’s self and to others and helps develop and maintain cognitive performance at all stages of life,
8. Also considering that harmful noise of human origin causes stress with negative consequences on the ecosystem and on the immune system of humans and animals,
9. Noting that the sound environment, health, sound recording, reproduction and conservation technology, the relation between image and sound, and musical and sound expression are the five important fields of activity affected by sound-related issues,
10. Recalling the Director-General’s support for the Week of Sound Charter, promulgated at the opening event of the thirteenth Week of Sound in 2016,
11. Also noting that the different sectors of UNESCO, education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture and communication and information, are concerned by sound-related issues,
12. Expressing the hope that UNESCO might work towards an understanding of sound-related issues at the international level,
13. Encourages Member States to foster the mobilization of extrabudgetary contributions to enable UNESCO, in association with the National Commissions and the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet), to promote best practices relating to sound in all areas of life from early childhood;
14. Expresses its satisfaction at seeing the Director-General promote initiatives inspired in particular by the Week of Sound;
15. Requests the Director-General to include this item in the agenda of the 39th session of the General Conference;
16. Recommends that the General Conference adopt, at its 39th session, a resolution on the importance of sound in today’s world, so as to promote best practices, in the spirit of the present decision.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**33 UNESCO’s participation in the Foundation Board of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH) (201 EX/33; 201 EX/DG.INF; 201 EX/42)**

The Executive Board,

1. Noting the steady increase in unlawful deliberate attacks on cultural heritage in territories beset by armed conflict and terrorism,
2. Recalling that culture and heritage constitute the history and identity of individuals and peoples, and play an essential role in the resilience of populations affected by conflict,
3. Also recalling that cultural heritage, in its rich diversity, is a factor for dialogue and rapprochement and that by targeting it, extremists destroy a common good of humanity,

4. Further recalling the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its two Protocols (1954 and 1999), the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), and the Strategy for reinforcing UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict, adopted by the General Conference in 38 C/Resolution 48,
5. Affirming that the sovereignty of Member States whose cultural heritage is in danger must be respected at all times, in particular considering the use of UNESCO's rapid response mechanisms and the use of safe havens for cultural properties in danger, by agreeing that priority should be given to those safe havens located in affected Member States,
6. Welcoming, in particular, United Nations Security Council resolution 2347 (2017) concerning the protection of endangered cultural heritage,
7. Having taken cognizance of the context in which the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH) was established, following the International Conference for the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Conflict Areas (Abu Dhabi, 2016), with the aim of protecting endangered heritage,
8. Highlights the importance of UNESCO's participation in the Foundation Board of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH), in order to contribute its expertise as a non-voting member, in accordance with its wishes;
9. Having also taken cognizance of the draft revised Bylaws of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH), which aim to grant UNESCO the status of non-voting member of the Foundation Board,
10. Convinced of the validity of UNESCO's presence on the Foundation Board of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH), whose objectives for the endangered heritage coincide with those of UNESCO, particularly the objectives set by its Strategy for reinforcing UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict, adopted by the General Conference in 38 C/Resolution 48, including its action plan;
11. Authorizes the Director-General of UNESCO to appoint a representative to sit on the Foundation Board of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH) as a non-voting member;
12. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 202nd session the revised Bylaws of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH);
13. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it an annual report on the activities of the UNESCO representative within the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH).

(201 EX/SR.10)

**34 Plan of action to strengthen UNESCO's cooperation: Together for Haiti** (201 EX/34; 201 EX/DG.INF; 201 EX/ 41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/34,



2. Underlining the special status accorded by UNESCO to small island developing States (SIDS) as a priority group in UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4), and the fact that Haiti belongs to the category of least developed countries (LDCs), a priority group for UNESCO,
3. Recalling paragraphs 16, 18 and 19 (overarching objectives) in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) as well as paragraph 97 concerning UNESCO's response to post-conflict and post-disaster (PCPD) situations,
4. Considering the document assessing the damage, loss and needs resulting from Hurricane Matthew in which Haiti presents its sectoral strategies and priority needs in order to move rapidly towards long-term recovery,
5. Thanks the Director-General for her efforts in overseeing and facilitating UNESCO's contribution to the reconstruction and building of capacities for the management of disaster-related and climate-related risks through technical and vocational education and training (TVET), as well as the implementation of the methodology "Visual Inspection for defining the Safety Upgrading Strategies" (VISUS) to assess the vulnerabilities of school infrastructures, and in the framework of biosphere reserves under the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB);
6. Expresses its appreciation for the voluntary contributions of Chile, Spain and the European Union towards the financing of UNESCO's action in favour of the Haitian people;
7. Invites the Director-General to continue the building of capacities under a plan of action entitled "Together for Haiti" for projects identified by the Government of Haiti concerning:
  - (a) action on damaged school infrastructure, from a post-disaster perspective;
  - (b) technical and vocational education and training (TVET);
  - (c) reducing the vulnerability of lands and peoples by protecting the environment and restoring fragile ecosystems affected by Hurricane Matthew, in particular in biosphere reserves;
8. Requests the Director-General to support efforts to implement and follow-up the plan of action "Together for Haiti" and to mobilize partners and extrabudgetary resources for the effective implementation of activities;
9. Also invites the Director-General to report to it at its 204th session on the implementation of this decision.

(201 EX/SR.10)

### **35 Combating school violence and bullying: UNESCO's action** (201 EX/35; 201 EX/DG.INF; 201 EX/ 41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989),
2. Also recalling UNESCO conventions and recommendations in the field of education, namely the Convention against Discrimination in Education (1960) and the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1974),

3. Further recalling 196 EX/Decision 30 entitled “Learning without fear: preventing and combating school-related gender-based violence”,
4. Taking note of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by which Member States established the goal of ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children,
5. Recalling the data and recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Secretary-General entitled “Protecting children from bullying” (A/71/213), submitted in response to the request of the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 69/158, and presented to it at its 71st session,
6. Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/176, which requests the United Nations Secretary-General to submit to it, at its 73rd session, a report on the implementation of that resolution,
7. Also taking note of resolution 25/10 adopted by the United Nations Human Rights Council entitled “Ending violence against children: a global call to make the invisible visible”,
8. Noting that violence in schools may take the form of physical, psychological and sexual violence and that bullying is a specific and very widespread form of school violence, and its perpetrators and victims include students, teachers and other school staff,
9. Expressing concern about the global scale of school violence and bullying and the negative impact such violence and bullying can have on the academic performance, as well as the physical and mental health and emotional well-being of students,
10. Emphasizing that school violence and bullying can create a climate of anxiety, fear and insecurity that is incompatible with learning, and has harmful repercussions on the school environment as a whole,
11. Also emphasizing the importance of a respectful and inclusive school environment,
12. Raising awareness of new types of bullying in schools, including through new communication technologies, in particular cyberbullying by means of social media, blogs, emails and mobile telephones,
13. Recognizing the importance of involving parents and parent-teacher organizations in combating school violence and bullying,
14. Drawing the attention of Member States to the often serious and detrimental consequences of school violence and bullying that may lead to dropping out of school, desocialization, somatization and self-destructive and even suicidal behaviour,
15. Further recalling the UNESCO report entitled “Global Status Report on School Violence and Bullying” (2017) and the publication by UNESCO of “Global Guidance on Addressing School-Related Gender-Based Violence” (2016),
16. Noting with concern that, according to the abovementioned report, it is estimated that 246 million children and adolescents experience school violence and bullying in some form every year,
17. Further emphasizing that in order to promote a culture of peace, a respectful and inclusive school environment and global citizenship education are essential tools in preventing and combating school violence and bullying,

18. Further taking note of the organization by UNESCO of a number of international meetings concerning school violence and bullying, in particular the International Symposium on School Violence and Bullying: From Evidence to Action, held in Seoul (Republic of Korea) from 17 to 19 January 2017, in conjunction with the Institute of School Violence Prevention at Ewha Womans University of Seoul (Republic of Korea),
19. Welcomes the establishment by UNESCO of a platform to collect data regarding school violence and bullying, which will include the following elements: (a) a webpage; (b) a biennial world report; and (c) a space for exchange to improve data-gathering tools;
20. Condemns school violence and bullying;
21. Encourages UNESCO, within the framework of the platform to collect data regarding school violence and bullying, to support Member States, upon their request, in combating school violence and bullying and promoting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including by pursuing partnerships with the Office of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other key actors in the field;
22. Invites UNESCO to carry out other actions, as appropriate and in accordance with the resources made available to the Organization, to support Member States upon their request, to take steps towards preventing and combating school violence and bullying at the national level, and which may include:
  - (a) making recommendations to improve the legislative and regulatory framework at the national level;
  - (b) introducing intersectoral strategies that promote the participation of the entire education community, and in particular children;
  - (c) encouraging schools to put students at the centre of all activities, so that their participation could help to effectively combat school violence and bullying;
  - (d) strengthening the capacity and training of teachers and other education staff members so as to prevent and combat school violence and bullying;
  - (e) introducing effective support systems as well as mechanisms to report cases of school violence and bullying;
  - (f) improving the collection of data and evidence of effective practices;
  - (g) identifying causes/roots of school violence and bullying and focusing on activities aiming to eliminate them;
23. Also invites UNESCO, on the one hand, to encourage partnerships and exchanges of experience between Member States, so as to contribute to the implementation of effective approaches to preventing and combating school violence and bullying and, on the other hand, to promote the consistency and coordination of its actions with other United Nations agencies;
24. Encourages the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources in support of activities aiming to prevent and combat school violence and bullying;
25. Requests the Director-General to inform Member States, at its 205th session, of the efforts made by UNESCO to support them in preventing and combating school violence and bullying.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**36 Twenty-fifth anniversary of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme: progress and prospects** (201 EX/36; 201 EX/DG.INF; 201 EX/ 41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/36,
2. Recalling the strategic approach to the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, set out in document 176 EX/10,
3. Looking forward to the revised Guidelines and Procedures for the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme,
4. Taking into account the importance of the effective participation of UNESCO in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
5. Noting with satisfaction the effectiveness of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme over the 25-year period of its existence and the transformation of the UNESCO Chairs into centres of excellence,
6. Welcoming the further strengthening and development of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme,
7. Expresses its gratitude to the Director-General and Secretariat of UNESCO for the attention paid to the development of the University Twinning and Networking Programme (UNITWIN) in UNESCO's Member States;
8. Underscores the usefulness of actively involving UNESCO Chair experts in research, analytical surveys, the design of international events and preparation of documents on the priority orientations of UNESCO's activity in close cooperation with the Organization's Secretariat and National Commissions, and the role that National Commissions play in the process of establishing and monitoring UNESCO Chairs;
9. Welcomes the strengthening of cooperation between UNESCO Chairs and the education-related category 1 institutes, regardless of region: UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE), UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE), UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA), UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC), and Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP);
10. Encourages category 1 institutes and category 2 institutes and centres, field offices, National Commissions and the Secretariat, within the framework of their competences, to cooperate with and provide assistance to UNESCO Chairs in seeking partners through the University Twinning and Networking Programme (UNITWIN) so as to develop triangular North-South-South cooperation;
11. Recommends strengthening interaction between UNESCO's education networks: University Twinning and Networking Programme (UNITWIN), UNESCO Associated Schools (ASPnet) and UNESCO International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (UNEVOC) centres by means of developing joint flagship projects;

12. Requests the Director-General to increase the attention paid by UNESCO's programme sectors to coordinating and supporting the activities of Chairs so as to achieve the tasks associated with attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, and to submit to the General Conference, at its 39th session, a report on the activity of the University Twinning and Networking Programme (UNITWIN) in connection with its 25th anniversary.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**37 World Humanities Conference: Challenges and Responsibilities for a Planet in Transition** (201 EX/37 and Corr.; 201 EX/DG.INF; 201 EX/ 41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/37 and Corr.,
2. Affirming the importance of discussing the specific role of the humanities, in relation to the social sciences and the natural sciences, in a twenty-first century characterized by cultural diversity, the failure of different forms of one-track thinking, and the need to reintroduce the medium- and long-term dimension into everyday reasoning,
3. Recalling that the humanities have the historic objective of combating xenophobia, intolerance and fundamentalism by enhancing the understanding of the increasing complexity of our world,
4. Recognizing the necessity to promote spaces for intellectual and political exchanges on the role of the humanities in a world in transition, in order to promote the intellectual and moral solidarity of humanity,
5. Welcoming the initiative of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH), which spearheaded the World Humanities Conference, and the efforts of CIPSH to co-organize the Conference with UNESCO,
6. Referring to the comprehensive strategy for the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme, endorsed in 199 EX/Decision 7, and whose thematic priorities are reflected in the major themes of the World Humanities Conference,
7. Taking note of the Action Plan to implement the comprehensive strategy for the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme, as presented in document 201 EX/8, and in particular the role of the humanities therein,
8. Also taking note of the works of the World Humanities Forum, which has been co-organized by the Republic of Korea and UNESCO since 2011,
9. Welcomes the commitment of Mali, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, China, Lebanon, Jamaica and Portugal to host regional preparatory meetings;
10. Expresses thanks to Belgium, and in particular to the University, City and Province of Liège, for hosting the World Humanities Conference and for the financial and institutional efforts made in connection with it;
11. Encourages Member States to offer their financial support to the organization of the World Humanities Conference, in the form of contributions to the Foundation for the World Humanities Conference or assistance to the travel and accommodation of their nationals participating in the Conference;

12. Requests the Director-General to take all measures deemed necessary to ensure the visibility and impact of the World Humanities Conference, in particular through the mobilization of UNESCO's various means of communication;
13. Also requests the Director-General to include in the agenda of the 39th session of the General Conference an item on the outcome of the World Humanities Conference;
14. Invites the Intergovernmental Council of the MOST Programme to take into account, in the forthcoming revision of the Action Plan to implement the comprehensive strategy for the MOST Programme, the outcome of the World Humanities Conference and the corresponding resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its 39th session, in order to ensure the contribution of the humanities to the understanding and management of social transformations.

(201 EX/SR.10)

**38 Importance of multilateral scientific cooperation and the leading role of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) of UNESCO in its promotion**  
(201 EX/38 Rev.; 201 EX/DG.INF; 201 EX/ 41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 201 EX/38 Rev.,
2. Recognizing the importance of the basic sciences, which have led, *inter alia*, to advances in research and discovery of new elements of the periodic table of chemical elements, thus contributing to sustainable development and the benefit of humankind,
3. Recalling that in 2019, the world scientific community will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the periodic table of chemical elements as a very basis of modern chemistry,
4. Taking note of the international colloquium, held in March 2017 in the Russian Federation, for the naming of the three superheavy elements of the periodic table of chemical elements with atomic numbers 115, 117 and 118 and the ceremony held in March 2017 in Japan to commemorate the naming of the new element Nihonium with atomic number 113,
5. Expressing its appreciation for the contribution of the international scientific community to completing the seventh row of the periodic table of chemical elements by discovering new elements, knowledge which is now available for use and study by scientists of the world,
6. Welcoming international multilateral and interdisciplinary scientific cooperation as an important tool nowadays for major advances in most spheres of knowledge,
7. Stressing the important role of international expert organizations, such as the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), and the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) of UNESCO, in promoting international multilateral scientific cooperation,
8. Also stressing UNESCO's specific mandate to advance and promote science in the interests of peace, sustainable development and human security and well-being, in close collaboration with its Member States and a wide variety of partners,
9. Encourages UNESCO, specifically within its International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP), to contribute to the worldwide recognition of the significance of the periodic table of chemical elements for science, technology and sustainable development;

10. Invites the Director-General to support all efforts to reinforce the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) of UNESCO;
11. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 202nd session a plan of UNESCO's participation in international celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the periodic table of chemical elements in 2019;
12. Encourages Member States to foster the mobilization of extrabudgetary contributions to UNESCO in support of the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the periodic table of chemical elements in 2019.

(201 EX/SR.10)

## PRIVATE MEETINGS

### **Announcement concerning the private meetings held on Monday 24 April 2017, Tuesday 25 April 2017 and Thursday 4 May 2017**

At the private meetings held on Monday 24 April 2017, Tuesday 25 April 2017 and Thursday 4 May 2017, the Executive Board considered items **3**, **16** and **18** of its agenda.

#### **3. Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (201 EX/PRIV.1 and Add.)**

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.

(201 EX/ SR.4)

#### **16 Procedure for the nomination of the Director-General of the Organization (Interviews) (201 EX/16)**

Lots were drawn to determine the order in which the candidates would be interviewed.

The result was:

1. Ms Moushira Khattab (Egypt)
2. Mr Juan Alfonso Fuentes Soria (Guatemala)
3. Mr Qian Tang (China)
4. Mr Saleh Al-Hasnawi (Iraq)
5. Ms Audrey Azoulay (France)
6. Mr Pham Sanh Chau (Viet Nam)
7. Ms Vera El-Khoury Lacoueilhe (Lebanon)
8. Mr Polad Bülbüloglu (Azerbaijan)
9. Mr Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari (Qatar)

A lot was drawn to determine the first electoral group to put the first question to the first candidate.

The result was: Group III.

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#### **18 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (201 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 201 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft) and Addenda and Corr.)**

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.

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