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### PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2018-2019 WITH WHICH UNESCO COULD BE ASSOCIATED

#### OUTLINE

**Source:** 201 EX/Decision 26 and 202 EX/Decision 36.

**Background:** In 195 EX/Decision 25, the Executive Board adopted a revised version of the criteria and procedure for the consideration of proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries in Member States with which UNESCO could be associated. Pursuant to this decision, the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 201st and 202nd sessions the proposals selected in accordance with the statutory criteria and procedure.

**Purpose:** The General Conference is invited to take a decision with regard to the recommendations made by the Executive Board concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2018-2019 and contained in 201 EX/Decision 26 and 202 EX/Decision 36.

**Decision required:** Paragraph 4.

1. Following the adoption by the Executive Board, at its 195th session, of the revised version of the programme concerning anniversaries (195 EX/Decision 25) and in accordance with the statutory procedure for the selection of anniversaries, the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 201st session a list of 39 proposals for inclusion in the calendar of anniversary celebrations for the period 2018-2019 (document 201 EX/26).



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2. In accordance with the same decision, Member States from unrepresented or under-represented regions were invited to submit new proposals for the period 2018-2019 and to submit appeals, if they so wish, concerning requests that had been rejected in the first stage of the procedure. The Director-General therefore submitted to the Executive Board at its 202nd session a list of nine proposals, including revised proposals and new proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2018-2019 (document 202 EX/36).

3. The Executive Board, at its 201st and 202nd sessions recommended that the General Conference select for celebration the anniversaries proposed by Member States contained in 201 EX/Decision 26 and 202 EX/Decision 36.

4. The General Conference may wish to adopt the following resolution:

*The General Conference,*

*Having examined* document 39 C/15,

1. *Encourages* Member States of all regions to make proposals in order to improve geographical distribution and gender balance, by also selecting eminent women, according to the criteria approved by the governing bodies;
2. *Recalls* that pursuant to 195 EX/Decision 25, the applicant Member State is responsible for the implementation of activities relating to the celebration of the proposed anniversary and must also submit to the Director-General, on completion of the project, a detailed activity report on the activities, their results and their usefulness to the Member State(s) and UNESCO;
3. *Decides* that UNESCO will be associated in 2018-2019 with the celebration of the anniversaries contained in the Annex to document 39 C/15;
4. *Also decides* that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations shall be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme.

## ANNEX

### THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2018-2019 WITH WHICH UNESCO WILL BE ASSOCIATED

(as recommended to the General Conference in 201 EX/Decision 26 and 202 EX/Decision 36 of the Executive Board; listed in English alphabetical order of the names of the Member States)

1. 150th anniversary of the birth of Soghomon Soghomonian, known as Komitas Vardapet, composer, ethnomusicologist, researcher and singer (1869-1935) (Armenia with the support of France and Germany)
2. 150th anniversary of the birth of Hovhannes Tumanyan, poet, writer, translator (1869-1923) (Armenia with the support of Georgia and Russian Federation)
3. 100th anniversary of the birth of Gara Garayev, composer (1918-1982) (Azerbaijan, with the support of Kazakhstan, Georgia and Russian Federation)
4. 100th anniversary of Baku State University (1919) (Azerbaijan, with the support of Kazakhstan and Georgia)
5. 300th anniversary of the birth of Regina Salomea Rusiecka (1718-1763) (Belarus, with the support of Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation)
6. 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (1869) (Bulgaria, with the support of Romania, Slovakia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
7. 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) (China)
8. 450th anniversary of the birth of Marin Getaldić, mathematician and physicist (1568-1626) (Croatia)
9. 250th anniversary of the birth of Francisco José de Caldas y Tenorio (1768-1816) (Colombia with the support of Spain and Honduras)
10. 500th anniversary of the foundation of Havana (1519) (Cuba with the support of Ecuador and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)
11. 50th anniversary of the completion of Abu Simbel heritage safeguarding campaign (1968) (Egypt, with the support of Bahrain and United Arab Emirates)
12. 100th anniversary of the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (1918) (Georgia, with the support of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan)
13. 150th anniversary of the birth of Marjory Scott Wardrop (1869-1909) (Georgia, with the support of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
14. 250th anniversary of the birth of Alexander von Humboldt, geographer, naturalist and explorer (1769-1859) (Germany, with the support of Hungary and Switzerland)
15. 200th anniversary of the birth of Clara Josephine Schumann, musician and composer (1819-1896) (Germany, with the support of Austria and Luxembourg)

16. 100th anniversary of the death of Roland Eötvös (Eötvös Loránd), physicist, geophysicist and innovator of higher education (1848-1919) (Hungary, with the support of Austria, Czechia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia)
17. 100th anniversary of the death of Tivadar Csontváry Kosztka artist/painter (1853-1919) (Hungary, with the support of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czechia, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia)
18. 850th anniversary of the active life of Shahab al-Din Yahya ibn Habash Suhrawardi, philosopher and mystic (1154-1191) (Islamic Republic of Iran, with the support of Azerbaijan, Iraq and Syrian Arab Republic)
19. 1750th anniversary of the foundation of the University of Gundi-Shapur (Islamic Republic of Iran, with the support of India and Iraq)
20. 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) (Italy)
21. 200th anniversary of the birth of Kurmangazy, composer (1818-1896) (Kazakhstan, with the support of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russian Federation and Turkey)
22. 100th anniversary of the birth of Amina Umurzakova, actress (1919-2006) (Kazakhstan, with the support of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Russian Federation)
23. 150th anniversary of the birth of Sagymbay Orozbekov, epic chanter (1868-1930) (Kyrgyzstan with the support of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan)
24. 150th anniversary of Pēteris Šmits, linguist, ethnographer, folklorist (1869-1938) (Latvia, with the support of Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation)
25. 100th anniversary of Latvian National Institutions for Culture, Education and Science (1919) (Latvia, with the support of Estonia, Lithuania and Poland)
26. 200th anniversary of the birth of Józef Czechowicz, photographer (1818-1888) (Lithuania, with the support of Belarus, Latvia, Poland and Ukraine)
27. 50th anniversary of the National School of Conservation, Restoration and Museography (ENCRyM in Spanish) (Mexico, with the support of Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and Honduras)
28. 100th anniversary of the birth of Juan José Arreola, writer (1918-2001) (Mexico, with the support of Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and Honduras)
29. 50th anniversary of death of Krzysztof Komeda (Trzciński), composer (1931-1969) (Poland, with the support of Hungary and Lithuania)
30. 200th anniversary of the birth of Stanisław Moniuszko, composer, conductor and teacher (1819-1872) (Poland, Lithuania and Belarus with the support of Latvia and Romania)
31. 50th anniversary of the death of Cecilia Cuțescu Storck, painter (1879-1969) (Romania, with the support of Bulgaria and Germany)
32. 150th anniversary of the birth of Emil Racoviță, scientist (1868-1947) (Romania, with the support of Bulgaria and Poland)

33. 150th anniversary of the birth of Maxim Gorky, writer (1868-1936) (Russian Federation, with the support of Belarus, Italy and Kazakhstan)
34. 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Sergeyeovich Turgenev, writer (1818-1883) (Russian Federation, with the support of Belarus, France and Kazakhstan)
35. 200th anniversary of the birth of Marius Petipa, dancer and choreographer (1818-1910) (Russian Federation, with the support of Cuba, France and Japan)
36. 100th anniversary of the birth of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, writer (1918-2008) (Russian Federation, with the support of Germany and Switzerland)
37. 300th anniversary of the birth of Adam Frantisek Kollar, scholar (1718-1783) (Slovakia, with the support of Austria, Bulgaria and Hungary)
38. 100th anniversary of the death of Milan Rastislav Štefánik, scientist, astronomer, meteorologist, aviator, traveller, democracy activist, humanist and diplomat (1880-1919) (Slovakia with the support of Czechia, France and Hungary)
39. 100th anniversary of the birth of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (1918-2013) (South Africa with the support of Namibia and Swaziland)
40. 500th anniversary of the first world circumnavigation by ship in history, by Fernando de Magellanes and Juan Sebastián Elcano (Spain, with the support of Andorra, Italy and Portugal)
41. 700th anniversary of the creation of the Archive of the Crown of Aragon (ACA) (1318) (Spain, with the support of Andorra and Italy)
42. 750th anniversary of the heyday of Alaa al-Din Ali Ibn Abi al-Hazm al-Qurashi, known as Ibn al-Nafis, scientist and scholar (1210-1289) (Syrian Arab Republic with the support of Cuba and Ecuador)
43. 400th anniversary of the birth of Mirabid Saida Nasafi, poet (1618-1707) (Tajikistan, with the support of Kazakhstan and Russian Federation)
44. 100th anniversary of the birth of Kamphol Vacharaphol, educator (1919-1996) (Thailand, with the support of Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Viet Nam)
45. 950th anniversary of the writing of Yusuf Khass Hajib's Kutadgu Bilig (Wisdom of Royal Glory, 1069) (Turkey, with the support of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan)
46. 100th anniversary of the first publication of Atebetü'l-Hakayık (1918) (Turkey with the support of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)
47. 100th anniversary of the birth of Vasył Sukhomlynsky (Vasil' Sukhomlins'ky), educator (1918-1970) (Ukraine, with the support of Germany, Lithuania, Poland, the University of Newcastle (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Monash University (Australia))
48. 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (1918) (Ukraine, with the support of Austria, Lithuania and Poland)