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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1 Agenda and timetable of work (202 EX/1)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in document 202 EX/1.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items **4.I, 5.I, 5.III (B), 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44** and **45**,
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items **4.II, 5.III (A, D, E, F and G), 5.IV, 17, 18, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34** and **35**,

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meeting:** items **5.II, 5.III (C), 13, 19** and **20**.

(202 EX/SR.1 and 9)

2 Approval of the summary records of the 201st session (201 EX/SR.1-11)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 201st session.

(202 EX/SR.1)

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (202 EX/PRIV.1; 202 EX/3.INF)

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

(202 EX/SR.11)

REPORTING ITEMS

4 Execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (202 EX/4.INF (online only); 202 EX/4.INF.3; 202 EX/4 Part II; 202 EX/4.INF.2; 202 EX/49; 202 EX/50)

4.I Programme execution

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/4.INF,
2. Takes note of its content.

(202 EX/SR.11)

4.II Budgetary situation of the Organization for 2016-2017 (38 C/5 approved as adjusted) as at 30 June 2017

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 30 June 2017

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report in document 202 EX/4 Part II on donations and special contributions received during the period January-June 2017 and appropriated to the regular budget and the transfers made between appropriation lines, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 38th session (38 C/Resolution 103, paras (b) (d) and (e)),
2. Takes note that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of **\$6,409,000 for the period January to June 2017** as detailed in Annex II of 202 EX/4.INF.2 and summarized as follows:

	\$
Part I.B - Directorate and Executive Office of the Director-General	3,712
Part II.A - Education	1,590,747
Part II.A - Natural sciences	733,289
Part II.A - Social and human sciences	833,209
Part II.A - Culture	1,426,781
Part II.A - Communication and information	591,756
Part II.A - Management of field offices	734,996
Part II.B - Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa	12,010
Part II.B - Coordination and monitoring of action to implement gender equality	160,086
Part II.B - External relations and public information	322,414
Total	6,409,000

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in Annex II of document 202 EX/4.INF.2;
4. Also takes note of the revised 38 C/5 Appropriation Table in Annex I of 202 EX/4.INF.2;
5. Further takes note that the Director-General has made transfers between appropriation lines for reallocation of regular programme resources for the period January-June 2017 (net impact \$0), as detailed in paragraph 4 of document 202 EX/4 Part II.A;
6. Approves the transfer of **\$296,795** 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 paragraph 8 of document 202 EX/4 Part II;
7. Takes note that the remaining balance of statutory increases that have arisen as stated in paragraph 8 of document 202 EX/4 Part II and may further arise through the remaining six months of the biennium will be managed through the use of budgets against vacant posts;
8. Notes that the 2% target for cost recovery set by 195 EX/Decision 5.IV.C and to be attained by the 199th session has not been achieved;
9. Requests the Director-General to take the necessary measures to attain the provisional 2% target for cost recovery, and to briefly report to it at its 204th session on the implementation of these measures and their impact.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5 Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (202 EX/5 Part I; 202 EX/5.INF; 202 EX/5 Part II Rev.; 202 EX/5 Part III; 202 EX/5.INF.3; 202 EX/5.INF.4; 202 EX/5 Part IV and Addenda; 202 EX/49; 202 EX/50)

5.1 Programme issues

5.I.A UNESCO's activities to enhance learning opportunities for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 200 EX/Decision 28,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (A),
3. Expresses appreciation for the Director-General's efforts to enhance learning opportunities for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs);
4. Invites the Director-General to submit an updated report on progress in this area in the statutory reports (EX/4) on the execution of the programme (39 C/5).

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.B UNESCO's role as a UNAIDS cosponsor and strategy on education for health and well-being

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 174 EX/Decision 6,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (B),
3. Recalls the new strategy for the period 2016-2021 "Education for health and well-being: contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals";
4. Reaffirms UNESCO's commitment to its role as a cosponsor of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and its commitment to addressing the mutually reinforcing linkages between Sustainable Development Goals 4 (education), 3 (health) and 5 (gender equality);
5. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 207th session an update on UNESCO's role as a UNAIDS cosponsor and the implementation of its Strategy on education for health and well-being in the statutory reports (EX/4) on the execution of the programme (39 C/5) .

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.C UNESCO's activities related to the Global Guidance for addressing school-related gender-based violence

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 196 EX/Decision 30 and 200 EX/Decision 7,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (C),
3. Recalls the recently published *Global Guidance for Addressing School-Related Gender-Based Violence*;
4. Reaffirms its commitment to addressing school-related gender-based violence as part of its wider commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4;
5. Invites the Director-General to report on UNESCO's work in this area in the statutory reports (EX/4) on the execution of the programme (39 C/5).

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.D UNESCO's efforts to promote gender equality in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 26,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (D),
3. Expresses appreciation for the Director-General's efforts to promote gender equality in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education;
4. Welcomes UNESCO's report *Cracking the Code: Girls' and Women's Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)*;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit an updated report on UNESCO's work in this area in the statutory reports (EX/4) on the execution of the programme (39 C/5).

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.E Report on progress by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics on a disaggregated level of data for development indicators related to small island developing States (SIDS)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 5.I.D and 200 EX/Decision 5.I.A,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (E),
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. Welcomes the UNESCO Institute for Statistics' report on progress made on a disaggregated level of data for development indicators related to small island developing States (SIDS) in education and literacy, science and innovation, and culture, as well as on capacity-building efforts undertaken by the Institute for SIDS, and takes note of its content.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.F Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's participation in the international celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the periodic table of chemical elements in 2019

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (F),
2. Emphasizing the importance of international cooperation in the basic sciences and institutional capacity development, in accordance with 201 EX/Decision 38,
3. Welcomes UNESCO's report on the plan to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the periodic table of chemical elements in 2019;
4. Invites all interested Member States to join UNESCO in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the periodic table of chemical elements in 2019.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.G Cultural and educational institutions in Iraq

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 200 EX/Decision 5.I.E,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (G),
3. Acknowledges with appreciation the results achieved in the implementation of programmes in UNESCO's fields of competence, in particular through capacity-building activities and by addressing the most urgent humanitarian needs of affected populations;
4. Expresses its gratitude to all donors and multilateral and private sector partners for their substantial contribution to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in its efforts, in particular to foster reconstruction, dialogue and the safeguarding of cultural heritage in Iraq;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit an updated report on progress in this area in the statutory reports (EX/4) on the execution of the programme (39 C/5).

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.H 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, 200 EX/Decision 5.I.F.2 and 201 EX/Decision 5.I.E,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (H) and its Annex, as well as the Appeal entitled "Protecting Culture and Promoting Cultural Pluralism: The Key to Lasting Peace" contained in annex to this decision,
3. Welcoming the central role played by UNESCO in raising awareness at the highest political levels of the protection of cultural heritage as a security and humanitarian imperative,
4. Also recalling United Nations Security Council resolution 2347 (2017), the first resolution to focus exclusively on cultural heritage and its role in the maintenance of peace and security,
5. 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, adopted by the General Conference at its 38th session and referred to hereafter as "the Strategy",
6. Recommends that the agenda of the 39th session of the General Conference include an item on an addendum on natural disasters to the Strategy, and also recommends its adoption as an integral part of the Strategy, the operationalization and financing of which should be ensured through the implementation of the Action Plan;
7. Requests the Director-General to continue implementing the Strategy in an efficient and coherent manner, and in synergy with the cultural conventions;
8. Recommends that the General Conference, in the context of the agenda item referred to above, endorse and launch the Appeal entitled "Protecting Culture and Promoting

Cultural Pluralism: The Key to Lasting Peace” contained in annex to this decision, with the aim of raising global awareness of the importance of protecting culture in the event of armed conflict and from natural disaster as a means to achieve peace and strengthen resilience, and of inviting the Director-General, as well as Member States, to continue fostering the role of UNESCO in this area;

9. Calls upon all Member States to support the implementation of the Strategy, including its Addendum on natural disasters and the related Action Plan, through voluntary contributions to the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund and in-kind contributions as appropriate;
10. Also requests the Director-General to report on activities carried out in the context of the Strategy and its Addendum on natural disasters in the statutory reports (EX/4) on the execution of the programme (39 C/5).

ANNEX

PROTECTING CULTURE AND PROMOTING CULTURAL PLURALISM: THE KEY TO LASTING PEACE

APPEAL

“Unlawful attacks against sites and buildings dedicated to religion, education, art, science or charitable purposes, or historic monuments may constitute, under certain circumstances and pursuant to international law, a war crime and [...] perpetrators of such attacks must be brought to justice”. These words come from paragraph 4 of the historic resolution 2347 (2017) which was adopted by the United Nations Security Council in March 2017;

We, the Member States of UNESCO,

Recalling that United Nations Security Council resolution 2347 (2017) was inspired by the constant efforts that we have deployed since April 2015 in order to raise public awareness of the devastating effects of the destruction of cultural heritage and of the loss of cultural diversity as a result of armed conflicts on the human, social, economic and environmental conditions of the affected peoples (38 C/49, paras 1, 7 and 18),

Affirming that the protection of culture and heritage, both tangible and intangible, as mainsprings of cultural diversity, is not only a cultural emergency, but also a security and humanitarian imperative, especially in conflict and transition situations, and an essential element in ensuring sustainable peace and development, and that participation in and access to culture and its living expressions can help strengthen people’s resilience and sustain their efforts to live through and overcome crisis (Preamble of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, 2003; 38 C/49, para 10),

Recalling 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, adopted by the General Conference in 2015 (38 C/Resolution 48), together with its Addendum on natural disasters and its Action Plan, as well as all the relevant international decisions and resolutions adopted in recent years, notably by the United Nations Security Council and Human Rights Council, which have marked a historical turning point in the response to this unprecedented challenge (202 EX/5 Part I (H)),

Solemnly appeal to all Member States and to the international community as a whole to further strengthen their efforts for the prevention, mitigation and recovery of the loss of cultural heritage and diversity that may result from natural disasters or conflicts, notably those perpetrated by extremist groups, and to ensure, to the extent possible, the necessary conditions for the exercise of the cultural rights of the concerned groups and individuals (38 C/49, para 16; Preamble of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, 2005);

Appeal to all Member States to take steps, at the national level, to reinforce measures for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism, as well as to identify and share appropriate best practices for fighting every form of illegal activity in this field, including those concerning the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property, both in peacetime and wartime (Convention on the

Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, 1970);

Appeal, furthermore, to all governments, regional and global international organizations, cultural and educational institutions as well as individuals of all regions of the world, to strengthen efforts to raise awareness about the importance of protecting culture and promoting cultural pluralism for the achievement of peace, security and sustainable development, notably through educational programmes for the young generations (38 C/Resolution 48, Strategy for reinforcing UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict; United Nations Security Council resolution 2347 (2017), para 17(i));

Invite the Director-General, as well as the Member States, to pursue efforts over the coming years in order to foster the role of UNESCO in this area of work, including by mobilizing the necessary resources, and to reinforce the integration of culture within international humanitarian, security and peacebuilding policies and operations, as a means to encourage dialogue and peace among nations (38 C/Resolution 48, para 6).

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.I Revised Bylaws of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 201 EX/Decision 33,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (I),
3. Requests the Director-General to submit to it, at its 204th session, in consultation with the Member States, an information document containing the revised Bylaws of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH), and to inform it about the criteria for UNESCO's participation in the Alliance, in particular those relating to the identification and implementation of projects, their financing methods and the expected role of the Organization.

(202 EX/SR.11)

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 86 and 200 EX/Decision 5.I.G,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/5 Part I (J) and 202 EX/5.INF,
3. Takes note of the content of document 202 EX/5.INF.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.K Progress report on safety of journalists and the issue of impunity

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 201 EX/Decision 5.I.I,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (K),

3. Acknowledging the importance of voluntary implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
4. Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, including within the framework of the realization of Sustainable Development Goal Target 16.10 on public access to information and protection of fundamental freedoms,
5. Also acknowledging the need to ensure better cooperation and coordination at all levels, including among UNESCO, Member States, the wider United Nations system, civil society, the media, academia and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, including through technical assistance and capacity building, with regard to promoting and ensuring the safety of journalists in order to ensure effective implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity;
6. Noting with appreciation the increase in voluntary responses by Member States concerning judicial investigations into killings of journalists,
7. Expressing concern over growing attacks on women journalists, including online,
8. Expressing deep concern at the frequency of acts of violence, online and offline, in all situations, including armed conflict, against journalists, media workers and social media producers who generate a significant amount of journalism,
9. Takes note with interest of the progress report on safety of journalists and the issue of impunity (202 EX/5 Part I (K)) and the outcome of the multistakeholder consultation on strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity;
10. Encourages Member States, with the support of UNESCO and in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to reinforce their efforts to ensure the voluntary implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity at the national level, including through capacity building and setting up national safety mechanisms in order to prevent, protect against and prosecute attacks on journalists and to combat impunity;
11. Strongly urges Member States to provide, or continue to provide, on a voluntary basis information on judicial investigations into the killings of journalists in response to the Director-General's requests, and to develop effective monitoring mechanisms for this purpose;
12. Invites the Director-General to share and discuss with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) the results of UNESCO's continued efforts in coordinating implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity as a follow-up to the endorsement of the Plan by the CEB in 2012;
13. Requests the Director-General to continue work towards the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal Target 16.10, and monitoring of indicators 16.10.1 and 16.10.2;
14. Also invites the Director-General to reinforce activities addressing the specific threats to the safety of women journalists, both online and offline;

15. Also requests the Director-General, further to 201 EX/Decision 5.I.I, to submit to the General Conference at its 39th session a report outlining how UNESCO will strengthen its leadership of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity;
16. Further requests the Director-General to present to it at its 206th session a report on the continued implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.L Follow-up of the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine)¹

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (L),
2. Takes note of the information provided therein,
3. Invites the Director-General to report to it thereon at its 204th session.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.I.M Special post-conflict overall support programme for Côte d'Ivoire

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part I (M),
2. Takes note of its content;
3. Invites Member States and all partners to provide support for the implementation of the special post-conflict overall support programme for Côte d'Ivoire by means of extrabudgetary contributions;
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue the programme taking into account the country's new priorities, and to report to it thereon at its 206th session.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.II Evaluation issues

Periodic report on Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluations

The Executive Board,

¹ 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, El Salvador, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Qatar, Senegal, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Viet Nam.

Absent: Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Morocco, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan.

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 6.VI,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part II Rev.,
3. Welcomes the evaluations reported in document 202 EX/5 Part II Rev., and invites the Director-General to implement the recommendations therein, except those requiring a decision by the Executive Board and/or General Conference;
4. Also invites the Director-General to consider examining future evaluation reports in parallel to programme discussions at the Executive Board;
5. Requests the Director-General to ensure that all new timebound policies include a requirement that an Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluation take place towards the end of the period covered by the policy.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.III Management issues

5.III.A Implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part III (A),
2. Takes note of the detailed analysis therein of the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance and of the results achieved;
3. Reaffirms interest in the Participation Programme, including emergency assistance, for Member States, and calls on the Secretariat to guarantee, as far as possible, the sustainability of the Programme;
4. Recalls the importance of the financial reports complying with the financial and accounting requirements set out in the relevant resolutions on the Participation Programme, and encourages Member States to make a greater effort in this respect in order to ensure the sustainability of the Programme;
5. Encourages National Commissions to call on the Secretariat where necessary to provide training sessions that could build capacity and further enhance the quality and presentation of financial and activity reports, as well as reduce shortcomings in the submission of requests by Member States;
6. Invites both the Secretariat and the Member States benefiting from the Participation Programme to continue their efforts to make the programmes more effective and more relevant for the benefit of the priority groups of Member States as defined in 37 C/Resolution 72 and 38 C/Resolution 76.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.III.B Implementation by UNESCO of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan (UN SWAP) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 5.IV.F and 199 EX/Decision 5.II.E,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part III (B),

3. Takes note of its content and expresses its satisfaction with the progress achieved and with the Organization's record as one of the top performing agencies in terms of United Nations System-wide Action Plan (UN SWAP) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women performance indicators;
4. Looks forward to the full implementation of the budget-tracking mechanism for the global priority gender equality consistent with the requirements of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan (UN SWAP) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;
5. Encourages the Director-General to continue her efforts in furthering UNESCO's implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan (UN SWAP) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.III.C Structured Financing Dialogue

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part III (C),
2. Welcomes the proposals contained therein for the preparation of an inclusive structured financing dialogue process, including its modalities and timeline;
3. Emphasizes that the structured financing dialogue should be a comprehensive, coherent and Organization-wide endeavour to ensure appropriate funding in full alignment with the activities and priorities of the C/5 document, firmly anchored in the resource-mobilization strategy, and stresses the importance of transparency throughout the process;
4. Requests the Director-General to propose an item entitled "Annual Structured Financing Dialogue" for inclusion in the agenda at each of its spring sessions in the 2018-219 biennium; the frequency and modalities of the continued structured financing dialogue may be adjusted in accordance with the outcome of a review by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) to be presented to the Executive Board at its 207th session.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.III.D UNESCO Security and Safety Action Plan

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part III (D),
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made under the UNESCO Security and Safety Action Plan;
3. Invites Member States to make financial contributions to the Special Account for Strengthening the Security of UNESCO Premises Worldwide in order to implement measures that could not be funded in the current biennium;
4. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its following sessions on the implementation of the UNESCO Security and Safety Action Plan.

(202 EX/SR.11)

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

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 202 EX/5 Part III (E) and 202 EX/5 INF.2,
2. Welcomes the efforts made by the Director-General to improve the upfront programming of extrabudgetary resources by fully integrating resource mobilization targets into the Programme and Budget of the Organization;
3. Also welcomes the efforts made by the Secretariat to improve the enabling environment for resource mobilization, through the introduction of structured financing dialogues on the resourcing of UNESCO's Programme and Budget, the reinforcement of mechanisms for receiving lightly earmarked resources, the improvement of the quality of project design and the evaluation of results as well as the relevance of agreement templates, and capacity building and knowledge management;
4. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 204th session the final resource mobilization strategy for 2018-2019 taking into account the debates held at its 202nd session on the draft resource mobilization strategy and on the External Auditor's report on extrabudgetary resource mobilization (202 EX/32 Part I);
5. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 205th session on further developments and challenges encountered in respect of extrabudgetary resource management and mobilization.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.III.F Report on the implementation of invest for efficient delivery

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 201 EX/Decision 5.III.B,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part III (F),
3. Takes note of the progress report provided by the Director-General in document 202 EX/5 Part III (F) on the implementation of the learning and development initiatives (Annex I), knowledge management and information technologies initiatives (Annex II), and additional initiatives approved at its 201st session (Annex III);
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of these initiatives and, in this regard, requests her to fast-track the development of the guide on resource mobilization;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 204th session an updated report on the implementation of the aforementioned initiatives, including quantitative assessments of progress where possible;
6. Reiterates its appeal to Member States to consider providing voluntary contributions to increase the budget of the important Invest for Efficient Delivery Fund.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.III.G Review of cost-recovery policy

5.III.G.1 Proposal for a policy of interest retention

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/5 Part III (G) 1,
2. Takes note that the full retention of interest income earned on project funds will be applied to offset management costs, and will be reflected in the financial results of the Special Account for Management Costs;
3. Notes that the phased implementation of the revised cost-recovery policy takes into account the sustainability of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia, its unique investment capacity and government decrees, as indicated in document 202 EX/5 Part III (G) 1;
4. Approves the principle of retaining full interest on voluntary contributions;
5. Decides that the policy of retaining full interest on voluntary contributions should be implemented only on the provision that there is consent from the donor;
6. Requests the Director-General to amend the relevant policies and guidelines as necessary.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.III.G.2. Proposal for a differential rate policy for management cost rates

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 201 EX/Decision 5.III.C,
2. Welcomes the efforts made by the Director-General in the development of the differential rate policy;
3. Notes that the phased implementation of the revised cost-recovery policy takes into account the sustainability of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia, its unique investment capacity and government decrees, as indicated in document 202 EX/5 Part III (G)1;
4. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 204th session a new proposal for a differential rate policy, taking into account the discussions of the Executive Board at its 202nd session and a consultation process on several options that include information on impact, ensuring full alignment with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) principles with regard to “full cost recovery”;
5. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 206th session a report on implementation of the differential rate policy and its impact on resource mobilization efforts and strategy.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.IV Human resources issues

5.IV.A Use of non-staff contracts including consultants in 2016

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 200 EX/Decision 5.IV.A,

2. Having examined documents 202 EX/5 Part IV (A) and Addenda,
3. Takes note of the data, analyses and qualitative information presented therein;
4. Invites the Director-General to develop a short- and mid-term policy to address the recurrent practice of employing non-staff both at Headquarters and in the field;
5. Urges the Secretariat to continue its efforts to achieve wider geographical distribution and a better gender balance in the hiring of consultants where qualifications are equal;
6. Also invites the Director-General to make an effort to ensure adequate social security coverage for service contractors;
7. Further invites the Director-General to report to it every two years on the use of non-staff contracts, including for consultants.

(202 EX/SR.11)

5.IV.B Human resources management strategy

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 5.III.D, 200 EX/Decision 5.IV.B and 201 EX/Decision 5.IV.A,
2. Takes note of the report on the implementation of the Human Resources Management Strategy for 2011-2016 contained in section 1 of document 202 EX/5 Part IV (B);
3. Also takes note of the proposals for a human resources management strategy for 2017-2022 contained in section 2 of document 202 EX/5 Part IV (B);
4. Invites the Director-General to provide to it at its 204th session a progress report on the strategic framework for human resources partnerships;
5. Requests the Director-General to reflect the progress achieved in terms of gender parity in the Human Resources Management Strategy and the 2017-2022 Gender Parity Action Plan on an ongoing basis;
6. Also requests the Director-General to review the progress achieved and the next steps in terms of geographical distribution, and to update the Human Resources Management Strategy and the UNESCO Geographical Distribution Action Plan for 2017-2022 on an ongoing basis;
7. Further requests the Director-General to include an indicator in the Human Resources Management Strategy implementation plan with a target for Assistant Directors-General and Directors on geographical and functional staff mobility;
8. Requests the Director-General to ensure that measures to increase mobility include systematic long-term career planning for staff;
9. Also requests the Director-General to present the Human Resources Management Strategy for 2017-2022 to the General Conference at its 39th session.

(202 EX/SR.11)

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 29, 199 EX/Dec.5.III.B and 201 EX/Decision 5.IV.B,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/5 Part IV (C) and Add.,
3. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 206th session on the formation of a permanent specialized body to address insurance-related matters and the conclusion of the After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI) working group, and to present its recommendations for possible implementation at UNESCO.

(202 EX/SR.11)

PROGRAMME MATTERS

6 UNESCO's global/regional coordination of and support for the implementation of SDG 4-Education 2030 (202 EX/6, 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 6 and 200 EX/Decision 7,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/6,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for her efforts concerning the coordination of and support for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 – Education 2030;
4. Welcomes the strong cooperation established to ensure a comprehensive approach as well as the development of close partnerships with relevant actors and stakeholders;
5. Urges Member States to support UNESCO activities on the implementation of SDG 4 – Education 2030, including through extrabudgetary resources;
6. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 205th session on UNESCO's coordination of and support for SDG 4 – Education 2030.

(202 EX/SR.11)

7 UNESCO's contribution to the prevention of violent extremism through education (202 EX/7, 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/7,
2. Recalling United Nations Security Council resolution 2354 (2017),
3. Also recalling 197 EX/Decision 46 and 200 EX/Decision 9, and emphasizing that preventing violent extremism forms part of the broader efforts to prevent and counter terrorism,
4. Further recalling UNESCO's mandate to construct the defences of peace in the minds of women and men through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information, which encompasses its role in countering violent extremism, preventing

intolerance, discrimination, marginalization and violence, and creating the conditions for the flourishing of inclusive and pluralistic societies,

5. Encourages the Director-General to further enhance UNESCO's activities to prevent violent extremism across the Organization, including through more consolidated intersectoral coordination and action, with a view also to strengthening UNESCO's significant contribution to overall United Nations action in this field, in close coordination with the United Nations and in cooperation with other relevant agencies and stakeholders, taking into account national perspectives and with a view to strengthening national ownership;
6. Invites Member States, recognizing their leading role in countering violent extremism at both the national and international levels, to continue supporting, through extrabudgetary resources and other forms of assistance, UNESCO's activities on the prevention of violent extremism, while ensuring that these activities are carried out in conformity with international law and the Charter of the United Nations;
7. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 205th session on UNESCO's contribution to the prevention of violent extremism, and to reflect in the report the contribution of all the programme sectors, taking into account strengthened intersectoral collaboration, coordination and action.

(202 EX/SR.11)

8 Progress report on the preparation of the draft global convention on the recognition of higher education qualifications (202 EX/8, 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 15, 197 EX/8 and 38 C/Resolution 12,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/8,
3. Takes note with appreciation of the Director-General's progress report, accompanied by a preliminary draft of a global convention on the recognition of higher education qualifications, and transmits it to the General Conference at its 39th session;
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, invite the Director-General to continue the process of elaborating a global convention on the recognition of higher education qualifications, and to consult Member States and relevant stakeholders on the preliminary draft in an inclusive manner,
5. Also recommends that the General Conference invite the Director-General to submit to it at its 40th session the final progress report and draft global convention on the recognition of higher education qualifications, for adoption.

(202 EX/SR.11)

9 UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples (202 EX/9; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having discussed at its 201st session document 201 EX/6 that includes as an Annex the draft UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples,
2. Having engaged in further written and other consultations with Member States on that draft UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples,

3. Having examined document 202 EX/9 and the revised draft UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples in annex thereto,
4. Stressing the importance of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a document of reference for indigenous peoples,
5. Recognizing that, in accordance with Article 46 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, nothing in the UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples “may be interpreted as implying for any State, people, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act contrary to the Charter of the United Nations or construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States”,
6. Expresses its gratitude to the Director-General for the efforts made to revise the draft UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples, based on discussions during its 201st session, the information meetings held on 2 February and 12 July 2017, and written consultations with Member States;
7. Takes note with satisfaction of the revised draft UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples contained in annex to document 202 EX/9 as a living document;
8. Calls on the Director-General to produce a document detailing UNESCO’s application of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to the Organization’s fields of competence;
9. Calls on Member States to make voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support the implementation of UNESCO’s programmes and activities in line with the UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples;
10. Invites the Director-General and Member States to seek extrabudgetary resources to enable the development of intersectoral projects of relevance to indigenous peoples;
11. Requests the Director-General to implement activities in the context of document 39 C/5, framed by the UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples, and to report on progress made thereon in the statutory reports (EX/4) on the execution of the programme (39 C/5).

(202 EX/SR.11)

10 Report of the Director-General on the finalization of the draft declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (202 EX/10; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 42, 199 EX/Decision 5.I.B., 200 EX/Decision 5.I.C. and 201 EX/Decision 5.I.B,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/10,
3. Requests the Director-General to submit the draft declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change contained in the Annex to document 202 EX/10 to the General Conference at its 39th session;
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, adopt the draft declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change, contained in the Annex of document 202 EX/10 with the tenth paragraph of the preamble being amended to read as follows: “*Reiterating* that significant contributions should be pursued by all to limit

climate change and its effects **reflecting equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances**, with developed countries continuing to take the lead, and developing countries continuing to enhance their mitigation efforts; *recalling* the commitment from the Paris Agreement that “developed country Parties shall provide financial resources to assist developing country Parties with respect to both mitigation and adaptation in continuation of their existing obligations under the Convention” and “other Parties are encouraged to provide or continue to provide such support voluntarily”.

(202 EX/SR.11)

11 Revision of the Statutes of the Management of Social Transformation (MOST) Intergovernmental Council (202 EX/11; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/11,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (IGC-MOST) for adopting the proposed revisions of the Statutes set out in the Annex to document 202 EX/11 so as to make working methods and delivery more efficient;
3. Recommends that the General Conference at its 39th session approve the amendments to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council and the Scientific Steering Committee of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (IGC-MOST) set out in the Annex to document 202 EX/11.

(202 EX/SR.11)

12 Report on the implementation of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022) (202 EX/12; 202 EX/12.INF; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 197 EX/Decision 9,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/12 and 202 EX/12.INF,
3. Takes note of the highlights of the implementation of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022) submitted by the Director-General in document 202 EX/12.INF, and welcomes the main initiatives and priorities in this regard;
4. Also welcomes the engagement of Member States and invites them to strengthen it through extrabudgetary and in-kind contributions to help achieve the objectives of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022);
5. Encourages Member States to support and contribute to the planned mid-term review of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022), developing and expanding the commitment of all partners to the aspirations of the Decade in light of urgent needs in the current global context;
6. Requests the Director-General to present a report on the implementation of this Decade in the statutory reports (EX/4) on the execution of the programme (39 C/5).

(202 EX/SR.11)

13 Situation of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) (202 EX/13; 202 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/13,
2. Recalling the repeated requests from Member States that Major Programme IV focus on the implementation of cultural conventions,
3. Mindful of the critical financial situation of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) and the External Auditor's recommendation that the Fund be closed (202 EX/32 Part II),
4. Bearing in mind that the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) enjoys intellectual and administrative autonomy, as established in its Statutes,
5. Expresses its appreciation to the members of the Administrative Council of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) for their commitment to promoting the aims of the Fund and supporting the Fund's activities since its revitalization;
6. Takes notes of the External Auditor's report on the audit of the Culture Sector (202 EX/32 Part II);
7. Invites the Director-General to engage in an open, inclusive and transparent online consultation process with all Member States in order to assess the future of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) before taking a final decision;
8. Requests the Administrative Council of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) to submit a detailed report on the activities of the Fund to the Member States before the 205th session of the Executive Board;
9. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 205th session a report on the outcome of the consultations with Member States on the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC);
10. Decides to include an item in the agenda of its 205th session entitled "Follow-up to the situation of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC)";
11. Also decides to postpone the decision on the future of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) until the 40th session of the General Conference in order to evaluate the results of the consultations and comments made by the Executive Board in 2018.

(202 EX/SR.11)

14 Report on the implementation of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (2016-2017) (202 EX/14; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/14,
2. Takes note with appreciation of its contents;
3. Thanks the governments of those countries mentioned in document 202 EX/14 for having organized various events and activities within the framework of the Information for All Programme (IFAP);

4. Endorses Quebec's Call for Action stemming from the conference on "Internet and the radicalization of youth: preventing, acting and living together" contained in the Annex to document 39 C/REP/25, and decides to submit Quebec's Call for Action for adoption by the General Conference at its 39th session.

(202 EX/SR.11)

15 Final report by the International Advisory Committee (IAC) on the review process of the Memory of the World Programme (202 EX/15; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/15,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme (IAC) for its substantial work on the review of the Programme;
3. Reaffirming the objectives of the Memory of the World Programme as expressed by the General Conference in 2015 in the Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage, including in Digital Form, which underlines "the importance of documentary heritage to promote the sharing of knowledge for greater understanding and dialogue, in order to promote peace and respect for freedom, democracy, human rights and dignity", and considers "at the same time that the preservation of, and long-term accessibility to documentary heritage underpins fundamental freedoms of opinion, expression, and information as human rights";
4. Notes with appreciation the International Advisory Committee's final report (202 EX/15, Annex I) and invites the Committee to continue, in consultation with Member States, the review of the Memory of the World Programme;
5. Also takes note with appreciation of the recommended revisions to the Statutes of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme (IAC), and decides to discuss this matter further at the 204th session of the Executive Board;
6. Requests the Director-General, in cooperation with Member States, and building on the work produced by the International Advisory Committee working groups, to engage in a comprehensive review of the Memory of the World Programme in the broader context of the above-mentioned 2015 Recommendation, and to present to it at its 204th session an action plan for the review;
7. Also requests the Director-General to proceed with the 2016-2017 nomination cycle in accordance with the existing rules of the Memory of the World Programme and in line with its main objectives, as set out in paragraph 3 above;
8. Calls upon the Director-General, the members of the International Advisory Committee, and all stakeholders of the Memory of the World Programme to abide by the principles of dialogue, mutual understanding and respect and to avoid further political tensions concerning the Programme.

(202 EX/SR.11)

16 Renewal of UNESCO Prizes (202 EX/16 Parts I and II; 202 EX/50)

16.I [Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science]

This sub-item was postponed: see the footnote in document 202 EX/1.

16.II Renewal of the UNESCO-Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 146 EX/Decision 5.5.1,
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. Having examined document 202 EX/16 Part II concerning the proposed renewal of the UNESCO-Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes, and the proposed amendments to the Statutes of the Prize (Annex I) and the Financial Regulations of its Special Account (Annex II),
4. Decides to renew the UNESCO-Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes for a period of six years, and approves the amended Statutes and Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Prize as set out in Annexes I and II, respectively, of document 202 EX/16 Part II.

(202 EX/SR.11)

INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

17 Category 1 institutes and centres (202 EX/17; 202 EX/49)

Management of education-related category 1 institutes

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90, 37 C/Resolution 14, 194 EX/Decision 7, 196 EX/Decision 5.IV.A, 197 EX/Decision 15, 38 C/Resolution 10 and 201 EX/Decision 11,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/17 and its annexes,
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 every effort to provide further core funding to education-related category 1 institutes with a view to ensuring their financial sustainability;
5. Recognizes that the principles guiding the functional autonomy of UNESCO's category 1 institutes as decided by the General Conference (33 C/Resolution 90) are a precondition for the success and the level of performance of category 1 institutes;
6. Noting the observations and issues raised by the Director-General on Principle I/10 (document 171 EX/18) regarding the delegation of authority in relation to human resources management for education-related category 1 institutes, expresses its concern regarding the risks entailed by the proposal included in the addendum to Principle I/10, contained in Annex II of document 202 EX/17;

7. Requests the Director-General to take into account the specificities of each category 1 institute – including non-education institutes – through individual analyses of the safeguards in place in each one of them, and to submit a report to it at its 204th session;
8. Also noting the multi-stakeholder governance model that has enabled the success of such well-performing category 1 institutes as the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), also requests the Director-General for a detailed analysis of the risks for the performance and financial sustainability of each institute implied by the modifications to their statutes, as proposed in Annex IV of document 202 EX/17;
9. Further requests the Director-General to submit the final report and its annexes on the measures taken to improve the management of education-related category 1 institutes, together with the comments of the Executive Board, to the General Conference at its 40th session for its consideration.

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18 Category 2 institutes and centres (202 EX/18 Part I and Corr. and Addenda; 202 EX/18 Part II; 202 EX/18 Part III; 202 EX/18 Part IV; 202 EX/18 Part V; 202 EX/18 Part VI and Corr.; 202 EX/18 Part VII, 202 EX/18 Part VIII, 202 EX/18 Part IX; 202 EX/18 Part X; 202 EX/18 Part XI; 202 EX/18 Part XII; 202 EX/18 Part XIII; 202 EX/18 Part XIV; 202 EX/18 Part XV; 202 EX/18 Part XVI; 202 EX/49)

18.I Renewals and reviews of category 2 institutes and centres

18.I.A

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 17, 35 C/Resolution 22, 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 179 EX/7,
2. Taking into account document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
3. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part I (A),
4. Notes the Director-General's recommendation that the designation of the International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST) (China) and the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management (RCUWM) (Islamic Republic of Iran) as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) be renewed;
5. Confirms that the International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST) (China) and the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management (RCUWM) (Islamic Republic of Iran) have performed satisfactorily as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
6. Decides to renew the designation of the International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST) (China) and the Regional Centre on Urban Water

Management (RCUWM) (Islamic Republic of Iran) as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);

7. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreements.

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[18.I.B]

This sub-item was postponed: see the footnote in document 202 EX/1.

18.I.C

The Executive Board,

1. Taking into account 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/18 Part I.C and Corr. and its annexes,
3. Notes the Director-General's recommendation that the designation of the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) (Bahrain), the Regional Heritage Management Training Centre "Lucio Costa Centre" (LCC) in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), and the International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI) in Sakai (Japan), as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) be renewed;
4. Invites the Government of Japan to ensure the enhanced contribution of the International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI) in Sakai (Japan), to the implementation of the strategic programme objectives and priorities of UNESCO and in particular of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;
5. Encourages the Governments of Bahrain, Brazil and Japan, as well as the three centres (the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) (Bahrain), the Regional Heritage Management Training Centre "Lucio Costa Centre" (LCC) (Brazil) and the International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI) (Japan)) to implement fully the key recommendations provided in the respective evaluation reports;
6. Also notes the deviations between, on the one hand, the model agreement for institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) attached to document 37 C/18 Part I and, on the other hand, the draft agreements between UNESCO and the respective Governments of the host countries of the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) (Bahrain), the Regional Heritage Management Training Centre "Lucio Costa Centre" (LCC) (Brazil) and the International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI) (Japan);
7. Decides to renew the designation of the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) (Bahrain), the Regional Heritage Management Training Centre "Lucio Costa Centre" (LCC) in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), and the International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI) in Sakai (Japan), as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
8. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreements.

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18.I.D

The Executive Board,

1. Taking into account 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part I Add.,
3. Notes the Director-General's recommendation that the designation of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe (Bulgaria) and the International Training Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia and the Pacific Region (CRIHAP) (China) as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) be renewed;
4. Also notes the deviations between, on the one hand, the model agreement for institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) attached to document 37 C/18 Part I and, on the other hand, the draft agreements between UNESCO and the respective Governments of the host countries of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe (Bulgaria), the International Training Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia and the Pacific Region (CRIHAP) (China) and the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia and the Pacific Region (IHCAP) (Republic of Korea);
5. Decides to renew the designation of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe (Bulgaria) and the International Training Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia and the Pacific Region (CRIHAP) (China) as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) and authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreements with the proposed deviations;
6. Also authorizes the Director-General to sign the agreement with the proposed deviations, between UNESCO and the Republic of Korea on the designation of the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia and the Pacific Region (IHCAP) (Republic of Korea) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

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18.I.E

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 17 and 37 C/Resolution 93,
2. Taking into account document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
3. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part I Add.2,
4. Notes the Director-General's recommendation that the designation of the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) (Republic of Korea) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) be renewed;
5. Also notes the deviations between, on the one hand, the model agreement for institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) attached to document 37 C/18 Part I and, on the other hand, the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Republic of Korea;

6. Invites both the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) to implement the recommendations made by the evaluation report;
7. Decides to renew the designation of the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
8. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.II Establishment in Mexico of a regional centre on water security

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part II,
3. Emphasizing the importance of international and regional cooperation for human and institutional capacity building in the water sciences,
4. Welcoming the proposal of Mexico to establish in Mexico City (Mexico), a regional centre on water security as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
5. Highlighting important opportunities for action that the establishment of a regional centre on water security as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) offers in the framework of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP),
6. Recognizes that the proposal to establish a regional centre on water security as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) is in line with the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the establishment in Mexico City (Mexico), of the Regional Centre on Water Security (CERSHI) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.III Establishment in the Netherlands of the Institute for Water Education (IHE-Delft)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part III,
3. Emphasizing the importance of international and regional cooperation for human and institutional capacity building in the water sciences,
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Netherlands to designate in Delft (Netherlands), the Institute for Water Education (IHE-Delft) as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),

5. Highlighting important opportunities for action that the designation of the Institute for Water Education (IHE-Delft) as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) offers in the framework of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP),
6. Recognizes that the proposal to designate the Institute for Water Education (IHE-Delft) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) is in line with the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the designation in Delft (Netherlands), of the Institute for Water Education (IHE-Delft), as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.IV Establishment in Ukraine of the Junior Academy of Sciences

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part IV,
3. Emphasizing the importance of international and regional cooperation for human and institutional capacity building in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and research at all levels,
4. Welcoming the proposal of Ukraine to contribute to attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure),
5. Highlighting the important opportunities for action and international collaboration that the designation of the Junior Academy of Sciences as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) offers in the framework of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP),
6. Recognizes that the proposal to designate the Junior Academy of Sciences as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) is in line with the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the designation in Kiev (Ukraine), of the Junior Academy of Sciences, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement;
8. Invites all Member States interested in the Organization's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiative and programmes to cooperate actively with the Junior Academy of Sciences (Ukraine).

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.V Establishment in Ghana of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part V,
3. Emphasizing the importance of regional cooperation and integration in science for human and institutional capacity building in the basic sciences and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and research at all levels,
4. Welcoming the proposal of Ghana to contribute to UNESCO's Global Priority Africa, and to attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure),
5. Highlighting the important opportunities for action and regional collaboration that the designation of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS-Ghana) as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) offers in the framework of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP),
6. Recognizes that the proposal to designate the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS-Ghana) as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) is in line with the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the designation in Ghana of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS-Ghana) as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement;
8. Invites all Member States interested in the Organization's basic sciences and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiatives and programmes to cooperate actively with the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS-Ghana).

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.VI Establishment in the Russian Federation of an international competence centre for mining-engineering education

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/Part 18 Part VI and Corr.,
3. Emphasizing the importance of international and regional cooperation for human and institutional capacity building in engineering education and research at all levels,
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Russian Federation to contribute to assisting Member States attain the goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through international cooperation,

5. Highlighting the important opportunities for action and international collaboration that the establishment of an international competence centre for mining-engineering education offers in the framework of UNESCO's programmes,
6. Recognizes that the proposal to establish the international competence centre for mining-engineering education as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) is in line with the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the establishment in Saint Petersburg (Russian Federation), of the International Competence Centre for Mining-Engineering Education, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement;
8. Invites all Member States interested in UNESCO's engineering programme to cooperate actively with the International Competence Centre for Mining-Engineering Education in the Russian Federation.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.VII [Establishment in the Islamic Republic of Iran of a centre of research and training in basic sciences]

This sub-item was withdrawn: see the footnote in document 202 EX/1.

18.VIII Establishment in the Islamic Republic of Iran of an international centre for health-related basic sciences and human nutrition

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part VIII,
3. Welcoming the proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to establish in its territory an international centre for health-related basic sciences and human nutrition as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
4. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study, as well as of the draft agreement, referred to in document 202 EX/18 Part VIII,
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the establishment in Mashhad (Islamic Republic of Iran), of the International Centre for Health-Related Basic Sciences and Human Nutrition, under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.IX Establishment in India of an international training centre on operational oceanography within the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,

2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part IX,
3. Welcoming the proposal of India to establish in Hyderabad (India) an international training centre for operational oceanography as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
4. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study contained in document 202 EX/18 Part IX,
5. Recognizes that the proposal to establish an international training centre on operational oceanography as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) is in line with the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the establishment in Hyderabad (India) of the International Training Centre on Operational Oceanography as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.X Establishment in Kazakhstan of an international centre for the rapprochement of cultures

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part X,
3. Welcoming the proposal by Kazakhstan to establish an international centre for the rapprochement of cultures as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in Almaty (Kazakhstan),
4. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study, as well as of the draft agreement, referred to in document 202 EX/18 Part X,
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the establishment of the International Centre for the Rapprochement of Cultures (ICRC) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.XI Establishment in Austria of an international centre for the promotion of human rights at the local and regional levels

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for establishing category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93,
2. Recognizing the important contributions of category 2 institutes and centres to UNESCO's programme priorities and their potential international or regional impact, as

well as the benefits of creating the first centre with a mandate and expertise on local dimensions of human rights implementation,

3. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part XI,
4. Welcoming the proposal of Austria to establish in Graz (Austria) an international centre for the promotion of human rights at the local and regional levels as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
5. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study referred to in document 202 EX/18 Part XI,
6. Deems the proposal to establish an international centre for the promotion of human rights at the local and regional levels, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), in line with the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the establishment in Graz (Austria) of the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.XII [Establishment in Morocco of a centre for the protection of urban heritage in the Arab region]

This sub-item was postponed: see the footnote in document 202 EX/1.

18.XIII Establishment in Indonesia of a regional centre for human evolution, adaptations and dispersals in Southeast Asia

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part XIII,
3. Mindful of the importance of international and regional cooperation in building human resource capacities for the realization of UNESCO's strategic objectives with regard to the Human Evolution: Adaptation, Dispersals and Social Developments (HEADS) programme through the development of research and conservation methods, techniques and technologies, the implementation of training and capacity-building activities, as well as the facilitation of regional collaboration,
4. Welcoming the proposal of Indonesia to establish in Indonesia a regional centre for human evolution, adaptations and dispersals in Southeast Asia as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
5. Recognizes that the proposal to establish a regional centre for human evolution, adaptations and dispersals in Southeast Asia is in line with the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 centres, approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;

6. Recommends that the General Conference at its 39th session approve the establishment in Indonesia of the Regional Centre for Human Evolution, Adaptations and Dispersals in Southeast Asia (CHEADSEA) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.XIV Establishment in China of a teacher education centre at Shanghai Normal University

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part XIV,
3. Taking note of the important contributions of category 2 institutes and centres to UNESCO's programme priorities and their potential international or regional impact,
4. Recognizing the important role quality teachers play in the provision of quality education,
5. Welcoming the proposal of China to establish a teacher education centre in Shanghai (China) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
6. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study contained in document 202 EX/18 Part XIV,
7. Deems the proposal to establish a teacher education centre in Shanghai (China) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in line with the revised comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
8. Recommends that the General Conference at its 39th session approve the establishment of the Teacher Education Centre in Shanghai (China) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.XV Establishment in the Republic of Korea of an international centre for documentary heritage

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part XV,
3. Welcoming the proposal by the Republic of Korea to establish in Cheongju City (Republic of Korea) an international centre for documentary heritage under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
4. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study contained in document 202 EX/18 Part XV,
5. Notes the deviations between, on the one hand, the model agreement for institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) attached to document

37 C/18 Part I and, on the other hand, the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Republic of Korea;

6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the establishment in Cheongju City (Republic of Korea), of the International Centre for Documentary Heritage (ICDH) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

18.XVI Establishment in China of a UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) international centre

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 93 and document 37 C/18 Part I, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/18 Part XVI,
3. Taking note of the important contributions of category 2 institutes and centres to UNESCO's programme priorities, particularly their potential international or regional impact for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4,
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, authorize the Executive Board, at its 204th session, to examine the feasibility study and approve, if it deems appropriate, the establishment of the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) International Centre as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(202 EX/SR.11)

PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING

19 Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) (39 C/5 and Corr.; 202 EX/19; 202 EX/19.INF; 202 EX/19.INF.2; 202 EX/51)

19.I

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, 200 EX/Decision 13 and 201 EX/Decision 15,
2. Having examined documents 39 C/5 (Volumes 1 and 2; Addenda and Corr.), 201 EX/15.INF, 201 EX/15.INF.2, 201 EX/15.INF.3, 202 EX/19, 202 EX/19.INF and 202 EX/19.INF.2,
3. Underscoring the abiding relevance of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4), of its two overarching objectives of peace and sustainable development, of its two global priorities, namely Africa and gender equality and of its priority target group of small island developing States (SIDS),
4. Reaffirming UNESCO's key role in constructing peace in the minds of men and women and consolidating the foundations of peaceful, just and inclusive societies, so as to address the challenges of persisting poverty, inequalities and rising violence, welcomes, in document 39 C/5, the Organization's renewed commitments to the development of education and sciences, the safeguarding of heritage, fostering creativity and nurturing cultural diversity, building inclusive knowledge societies and strengthening media

development, to promote and disseminate values, attitudes and behaviours conducive to dialogue and non-violence;

5. Welcomes the alignment of the Organization's Programme and resources on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the mapping provided in this regard;
6. Underscores the importance for UNESCO of harnessing its multidisciplinary expertise and experience in its fields of competence towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and notes with satisfaction the areas proposed in document 39 C/5 for intersectoral engagement;
7. Emphasizes that it is imperative for effective, relevant and cost-effective programme implementation at country and regional levels, to have concrete mechanisms that guarantee intersectoral and comprehensive programmes and actions;
8. Underlines the importance for global priority Africa of both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union's Agenda 2063, "The Africa We Want", and welcomes the continued alignment of the objectives and main priority areas of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), including its six flagship programmes, with both Agendas;
9. Also emphasizes the importance of adopting a gender-transformative perspective in all major programmes and programme-related services, so as to ensure UNESCO's contribution to the cross-cutting significance as well as the standalone goal of gender equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
10. Stresses the need to strengthen the resources and capacities of UNESCO's field office network and specialized institutes in order to ensure quality delivery of the programme and the consolidation of UNESCO's leadership at the national, regional and global levels;
11. Also recalling that South-South cooperation forms an integral part of the 2030 inclusive global partnership, emphasizes the importance of promoting it, as reflected in UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy (37 C/4) as a key component and modality for programme implementation and for enabling Member States to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information;
12. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for presenting a C/5 document based on an integrated budget framework allowing greater transparency of resources and intended to serve the structured financing dialogue for the purpose of funds mobilization, and invites her to elaborate a comprehensive resource mobilization strategy designed to finance fully the planned activities and ensure that resources mobilized directly contribute to the achievement of the expected results in line with document 39 C/5 as approved by the General Conference, taking into account the evaluation reports of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the report of the External Auditor on extrabudgetary resource mobilization (202 EX/32 Part I);
13. Recognizes the considerable improvements in the results framework and welcomes the continuous efforts of the Secretariat to strengthen the use of results-based management (RBM) and results-based budgeting (RBB) including in non-programme sectors;
14. Requests the Director-General to make the necessary technical downward adjustments to the Appropriation Table in order to take into account the effective dates of withdrawal of membership and to present assessed contributions for each year of the 2018-2019 biennium to the General Conference at its 39th session; it is envisaged that these changes have no impact on the \$518 million expenditure plan;

15. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution at its 39th session:

“The General Conference,

Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 presented by the Director-General (39 C/5 Volumes 1 and 2; Addenda and Corr.),

Recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as set out in United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1, as well as the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which recalls the important role and comparative advantage of a relevant, coherent, efficient and effective United Nations system which should be provided with sufficient resources in its support to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

Noting that the assessed contributions to UNESCO have remained largely the same for more than ten years during a period in which the tasks mandated to the Organization have increased, and important cuts to the Organization’s budget have been necessary owing to the non-payment of assessed contributions,

Noting with concern that some Member States continue to withhold the payment of their assessed contributions, *strongly encourages* the Member States of UNESCO to pay their assessed contributions in a timely manner,

Also recalling that at its 38th session the General Conference approved a regular programme budget ceiling of \$667 million for the 2016-2017 biennium, comprising \$653 million of assessed contributions as well as \$14 million additional appropriations taken from the unspent balance of document 37 C/5 Approved, Part V – Anticipated Costs Increases and the unspent balance of the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund for UNESCO Priority Programmes and Reform Initiatives,

Further recalling that at its 38th session, on the occasion of the approval of the appropriation resolution (38 C/Resolution 103), it resolved, on an exceptional basis, that the relevant provisions of Article 5.1 of the Financial Regulations would be suspended for a two-year period commencing 1 January 2016 due to the unspent balance of the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund for UNESCO Priority Programmes and Reform Initiatives,

Underlining the important and relevant mandate of UNESCO including UNESCO’s importance for the realization of the 2030 Agenda and *confirming* the political support in ensuring the resources needed,

1. *Adopts* the following amendments to document 39 C/5:

A – Programme

Major Programme I – Education

Volume 2:

- (1) Revise paragraph 01008 related to global priority Africa to read: “Focus will be placed on the implementation of UNESCO’s Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), its flagship programmes and in particular flagship programme 2 “Strengthening education systems for sustainable development in Africa: improving equity, quality and relevance”, in close collaboration with the Africa Department, building on...”;

- (2) Add in the first part of paragraph 01016 related to Preventing Violent Extremism through Education (PVE-E), the following sentence: “Special attention will be focused on gender analysis in regard to PVE-E”;
- (3) Add in the second part of paragraph 01016 related to information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education, the following sentence: “.....The Education Sector will maintain interaction with the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) to contribute to the development of cooperation and best practices exchange regarding the introduction of ICTs at all levels of education.”;
- (4) Refer further in the narrative pertaining to main line of action 1 to the need to promote South-South and North-South-South cooperation as well as to exchange best practices so as to foster transnational cooperation through projects and networks, in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4 in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
- (5) Add in sub-paragraph 01023 (e), a reference to the existing regional evaluation mechanisms of learning assessment², their work and results being largely recognized;
- (6) Revise sub-paragraph 01023 (f) related to open educational resources (OERs), when referring to the ICTs, noting that their promotion should be at all levels, integrating all educational levels;
- (7) Review the targets regarding Africa in order to make them more ambitious, and to ensure that all performance indicators include a target for this priority, in line with global priority Africa. (Such as for example: regarding expected result 1, target 1 of performance indicator 1 on policy reviews (five African countries) is too low; and regarding expected result 4, the targets for Africa are missing from performance indicators 1, 2, 4, etc.);
- (8) Revise both targets of performance indicator 1 for expected result 1, to include: “promoting in all of them a gender analysis and gender-responsive education sector plan”;
- (9) Revise performance indicator 1 of expected result 2, to read: “Number of countries with policies revised to equip youth and adults, women and men, with the skills...”;
- (10) Revise paragraph 01026 to include measures for gender equality: After “UNESCO will give special consideration to gender equality...” in the first paragraph, women and gender are not mentioned in the following subparagraphs;
- (11) Add at the end of performance indicators 3 and 4 of expected result 3, the following phrase: “for both women and men”;
- (12) Revise paragraph 01030 as follows:
 - insert, in the first line after “(IICBA)”, a reference to the International Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030 (TTF);
 - add, at the end of the footnote in subparagraph 01030 (a), a new sentence as follows: “1. These include the International Task Force on

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Such as the Latin American Laboratory for Assessment of the Quality of Education (LLECE).

Teachers for Education 2030 (TTF), the *Teacher Policy Development Guide* and the *Guide for Gender Equality in Teacher Education Policy and Practice*, and all documents produced by the Regional Strategy on Teachers in Latin America and the Caribbean";

- add, at the end of subparagraph 01030 (a), a reference to the 1997 Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel;
 - add, in subparagraph 01030 (c), a new phrase after the word “experiences” as follows: “[...] experiences, taking into account the progress made at the regional level”;
- (13) Add, at the end of target 1 related to performance indicator 2 of expected result 5, the following sentence: “strengthened and integrating gender concepts, gender-sensitive pedagogy and classroom management”;

Major Programme II – Natural sciences

Volume 2:

- (14) Revise paragraph 02008 related to global priority Africa to read: “MP II will continue to focus its efforts to implement UNESCO’s Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), its flagship programmes and in particular flagship programme 3 (Harnessing STI and knowledge for the sustainable socio-economic development of Africa) and flagship programme 4 (Fostering science for the sustainable management of Africa’s natural resources and disaster risk reduction), in close collaboration with the Africa Department”;
- (15) Revise performance indicator 2 of expected result 1, to read: “Number of supported Member States which have implemented new, enhanced and gender-responsive STI policy instruments”;
- (16) Integrate the gender perspective across all the performance indicators of expected result 1;
- (17) Revise performance indicator 3 of expected result 2 to include “...in a gender-responsive manner”;
- (18) Revise performance indicator 4 of expected result 2 to read: “Number of supported Member States, especially in Africa, having implemented gender-responsive capacity...”;
- (19) Add, at the end of performance indicator 4 of expected result 4, a new phrase that reads as follows: “in particular the Water Information Network System (IHP-WINS)”;
- (20) Add, at the end of performance indicators 1-4 of expected result 4, the following: “in a gender-responsive manner”;
- (21) Revise performance indicator 1 of expected result 5, to include: “... in a gender-responsive manner”;
- (22) Revise performance indicator 4 of expected result 5 by replacing “gender sensitive” with “gender-responsive”;

Major Programme III – Social and human sciences

Volume 2:

- (23) Revise paragraph 04008 related to global priority Africa to read: “... MP III will continue to focus its efforts on implementing UNESCO’s Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), its flagship programmes and in particular flagship programme 1 (Promoting a culture of peace and non-violence), in close collaboration with the Africa Department, ...”;
- (24) Revise paragraph 04039 to read: “Promotion of the International Charter for Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport, at the national level the Declaration of Berlin (2013) and the Kazan Action Plan (2017) will be pursued as a follow-up to the MINEPS VI process”;
- (25) Insert, in all targets related to performance indicators 1 and 2 of expected result 1, the following phrase: “...and of which at least 50% are gender-responsive”;
- (26) Insert, in both targets related to performance indicator 2 of expected result 3, the following phrase: “... in a gender-responsive manner”;

Major Programme IV – Culture

Volume 2:

- (27) Revise paragraph 05011 related to global priority Africa to read: “... Major Programme IV will continue to focus its efforts to implement UNESCO’s Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), its flagship programmes and in particular flagship programme 5 (Harnessing the power of culture for sustainable development and peace in a context of regional integration), in close collaboration with the Africa Department, ...”;
- (28) Add, in performance indicator 3 of expected result 6, the following phrase: “in a gender-responsive manner”;
- (29) Add, in performance indicator 2 of expected result 7, the following phrase: “in a gender-responsive manner”;
- (30) Reflect “artistic freedom” more visibly in the result framework, especially by adding in performance indicator 4 of expected result 7, after “1980 Recommendation on the Status of the Artist” the following: “especially artistic freedom”;
- (31) Add in performance indicator 4 of expected result 7 after “2005 Convention”, the following phrase: “in a gender-responsive manner”;

Major Programme V – Communication and information

Volume 2:

- (32) Revise paragraph 06014 related to global priority Africa to read: “... The CI Sector will continue to focus its efforts to implement UNESCO’s Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), its flagship programmes and in particular flagship programme 6 (Promoting an environment conducive to

freedom of expression and media development), in close collaboration with the Africa Department, ...”;

- (33) Revise paragraph 06079 to read: “The Sector will strengthen UNESCO’s Memory of the World PERSIST Project by providing additional regional capacity-building workshops on digital sustainability and by supporting the dialogue with the memory institutions, governments and the ICT community, including the ICT industry, on digital continuity financed through voluntary contributions. ...”;
- (34) Sustainable Development Goal 16, target 10 should be more clearly featured, in particular as regards the work on access to information;
- (35) UNESCO’s R.O.A.M. principles on the Internet based on human rights and the principles of openness, accessibility and multi-stakeholder participation, should be clearly integrated in the narratives of main lines of action 1 and 2 and associated expected results and performance indicators;
- (36) Revise paragraph 06004 to read: “Communication and media are central to fostering development and democracy. The right to freedom of expression underpins a free, independent, pluralistic, and inclusive and independent media environment and freedom of information, with the promotion of professionalism consistent with the principles of freedom of the press and universal values recognized by the United Nations. On this basis, public access to information, the safety of journalists, youth empowerment, gender equality in and through media, media and information literacy, the diversity and plurality in media and improved professional (and ethical) standards are advanced. This also enables journalists to make an independent contribution to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.
- (37) Revise paragraph 06012 to read: “... Key thematic areas of MP V, such as freedom of expression, access to information and knowledge, ICTs, free public, private and community media, online and offline, ethical dimensions of information societies and multilingualism will have a catalysing role for the achievement of all SDGs.”;
- (38) Revise paragraph 06013 to read: “Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies (SDG 16), ensuring public access to information and protecting fundamental freedoms (SDG 16, target 10), by promoting access to information, ethical dimensions of information societies and multilingualism, preventing violent extremism, leading the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, building Media and Information Literacy and by ensuring media pluralism and diversity...”;

Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa

Volume 2:

- (39) Revise paragraph 09102 to read: “In that connection, UNESCO’s action in Africa during the period covered by document 39 C/5 will continue to be supported by the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021)...”.
- (40) Revise paragraph 09105 as follows: “The Executive Board, in 200 EX/Decision 13, further adopted a set of key orientations and principles for the preparation of the Draft 39 C/5, specifying the continued relevance of the 37 C/4 and the two global priorities, Gender Equality and Africa. It further

~~foresaw an internal review of the Priority Africa flagship programmes by the Africa Department, in close coordination with all concerned Sectors and Programme-related Services, to inform the preparation of the 39 C/5. Following this recommendation.~~ An internal review of Priority Africa flagship programmes, involving Field Offices, Programme Sectors and Programme-related Services, was undertaken, between December 2016 and mid-January 2017, by the Africa Department with the support of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS)”.

- (41) Revise paragraph 09106 as follows: “In line with the decisions of the Executive Board ~~and based on the outcomes of the review,~~ the Africa Department will continue to coordinate and monitor the overall implementation of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), and will ensure that the six flagship/ key initiatives programmes for global priority Africa enhance the visibility and impact of the Organization’s action in Africa ~~in the priority areas identified by the Sectors and presented, as indicated~~ in the Introduction of each Major Programme of the Draft 39 C/5”.
- (42) Revise paragraph 09108 as follows: “With regard to partnerships, the Africa Department will develop strategic and substantive partnerships through South-South, and North-South-South cooperation, including with regional institutions, the private sector and civil society. Joint advocacy will also be conducted as concerns the continent’s development issues and emerging challenges linked to its demography, climate change, culture for development, youth, gender equality and the culture of peace. ~~As concerns the latter, t~~ The Africa Department will focus its efforts ~~in particular~~ on consolidating the results achieved by the six flagship programmes related to the culture of peace and non-violence. It will ~~in this regard~~ also mobilize additional support for the establishment of the African School for Peace in Côte d’Ivoire, the organization of the Biennale for a Culture of Peace in Luanda, Angola, and the implementation of the Peace Process in Mali”.
- (43) Revise paragraph 09111 as follows: “Coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021) and its six flagship programmes will be enhanced through improved coordination and collaboration with major programme sectors ~~and~~, the organization of and participation in high level meetings, and improved information-sharing between Field Offices and Headquarters, through various modes of exchange, such as the setting up of regular three-monthly Skype meetings; yearly face-to-face meetings and establishment of an e-platform.”
- (44) Reword performance indicator 1 of expected result 1 as follows: “Enhanced coordination and efficient monitoring of the implementation of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa and its six flagship programmes.”
- (45) The proposed targets related to each performance indicator need to be significantly improved so as to make them more results-oriented and to focus more on outcomes and expected impact rather than on outputs. (*For example, under expected result 1, target 1 related to performance indicator 1 refers to “6 high-level meetings organized/attended”, and target 3 related to performance indicator 2 refers to “4 publications [...]”*).

Coordination and monitoring of action to implement gender equality

Volume 2:

- (46) Add, in paragraph 09223, a new performance indicator for expected result 1 that reads as follows: “Number of divisions in UNESCO’s sectors that have implemented an integrated gender-transformative perspective in their work”;

B – Appropriation resolution for 2018-2019

Recalling that document 39 C/5 is a four-year programme with which are associated two biennial budgets based on a results-based budgeting (RBB) process and on an integrated budget framework (199 EX/Decision 5.II.F and 200 EX/Decision 13.III), and *also recalling* in this regard the Executive Board’s decision and the External Auditor’s recommendation on RBB (190 EX/Decision 19 and 195 EX/23.INF.2, respectively),

Recognizing that the budget under document 39 C/5 will not determine the budget level for document 40 C/5,

Also recalling that the Executive Board decided at its 200th session “to prepare document 39 C/5 based on possible expenditure of \$667 million or \$653 million, and income of \$653 million in assessed contributions together with the maximum possible additional appropriations, including but not limited to the balance of the Funds-in-Trust Overhead Costs Account (FITOCA) fund’,

2. Resolves that:

- (1) For the financial period 2018-2019, the integrated budget framework of [\$1,296,546,700] including all sources of funds shall be allocated as follows:

[Appropriation Table, as revised to reflect the withdrawal of memberships]

- (2) The above-mentioned integrated budget framework shall be financed as follows:

- (a) by an appropriated regular programme budget amounting to [\$667 million], noting the redistribution following the adoption of the cost-recovery policy, and consisting of:

- (i) assessments on Member States of [\$653 million];
- (ii) an additional appropriation of \$11 million funded from the residual balance of the Special Account for Management Costs (previously FITOCA) forecasted as at 31 December 2017;
- (iii) an additional appropriation of \$3 million funded from other sources such as accumulated unallocated arrears (194 EX/4 INF.3) in the event of the allocation of the full budget;

- (b) by extrabudgetary funds amounting to \$629,546,700 consisting of the Special Account for Management Costs (previously FITOCA), revenue-generating funds and voluntary contributions, on the understanding that the amounts for these sources of funds are provisional and to be funded by resource mobilization.

- (3) Furthermore, in the event of an expenditure plan based on an expected cash flow for 2018-2019 of \$518 million, \$507 million shall be financed by an

assessment on Member States, and an additional \$11 million shall be funded from the Special Account for Management Costs (previously FITOCA) forecasted as at 31 December 2017.

Assessment on Member States

- (4) In accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) above, the appropriations authorized to the regular programme budget shall be financed by an assessment on Member States of [\$653 million].
- (5) In the event of the expenditure plan of \$518 million, \$507 million shall be financed by an assessment on Member States.
- (6) On an exceptional basis, the relevant provisions of Article 5.1 of the Financial Regulations shall be suspended for a two-year period commencing 1 January 2018 due to the need to fund part of the appropriated regular programme budget from the residual balance of the Special Account for Management Costs and other sources, as stated in paragraph (2) (a) (ii) and (iii) above.

Additional appropriations to the regular programme budget

- (7) The Director-General is authorized to accept and add to the appropriation of the regular programme budget approved under paragraph (2) above, non-earmarked voluntary contributions, including those referred to in paragraph (2) (a) (ii) and (iii) above, donations, gifts, bequests and subventions, and contributions from governments taking into account the provisions of Article 7.3 of the Financial Regulations and in alignment with document 39 C/5. The Director-General shall provide information thereon to the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action. Further, the Director-General is authorized to carry forward any unspent balance of such additional appropriations to the following budget period.

Budgetary commitments

- (8) The Director-General is authorized to enter into commitments during the financial period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019, as follows:
 - (a) within the limit of the amounts authorized under paragraph (2) (a) above in the event of an expected income of [\$667 million] or
 - (b) within the limit of the amounts set out in the Expenditure Plan of \$518 million, as set out in paragraph (3) above;
 - (c) the budgetary commitments relating to the 39 C/5 regular programme budget (2018-2019) made before 31 December 2019 to be delivered in the subsequent calendar year (2020) shall, in accordance with Article 4 of the Financial Regulations, remain available and valid during that calendar year (2020).
- (9) The Director-General is authorized to receive funds, other than from Member States' assessed contributions, in order to implement programmes and projects consistent with the aims, policies and activities of the Organization in alignment with the 39 C/5, and to incur obligations and make payments in respect of such activities in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Organization and the agreements made with funding sources.

Budget adjustments and transfers between appropriation lines

- (10) With the prior approval of the Executive Board, the Director-General is authorized to make budget transfers from Part V of the regular programme budget (Provision for Anticipated Cost Increases and Contingencies) to the relevant appropriation lines in Parts I-IV of the budget, for the purpose of meeting increases in staff costs, in the costs of goods and services and technical adjustments, as well as additional requirements that may arise during the financial period 2018-2019.
- (11) The Director-General may make transfers between appropriation lines related to the regular programme budget up to an amount of 2% of the initial appropriated regular programme budget from which the transfers are made. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board, in writing at the session following such action, of the details and reasons for these transfers. This modality will be applied, in particular, in order to provide adequate flexibility to implement activities of an intersectoral nature. If such transfers entail an outgoing amount exceeding 2% of the initial appropriated regular programme budget, the Director-General shall obtain prior approval of the Executive Board.
- (12) In relation to the Special Account for Management Costs, the Director-General is authorized to:
 - (a) transfer to the Special Account for Management Costs such amounts approved by the General Conference for management costs under the regular programme budget of the Organization;
 - (b) make budget transfers from Part V to the Special Account for Management Costs to the extent such transfers relate to these management functions;
 - (c) make budget increases of up to 2% of the total amount of the approved management costs budget, informing the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details and reasons for such increases. If such increases exceed 2%, the Director-General shall obtain prior approval of the Executive Board.

Staff

- (13) The established posts by grade foreseen for the 2018-2019 biennium are summarized in Annex II to Addendum 2 of document 39 C/5. The Director-General shall present to the Executive Board for prior approval any change to this annex in respect of the total number of posts of grade D-1 and above.
- (14) In accordance with their specific statutes and regulations, posts may be established at the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE), the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE), the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA), the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC), the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). These posts are not included in the establishment table set out in Annex II to Addendum 2 of document 39 C/5.

Currency fluctuation

- (15) The estimates for the regular programme budget have been calculated at the fixed exchange rate of one United States dollar to 0.869 euro. From a budgetary perspective, income and expenditure incurred in euros against the budget will be recorded in the budget reports at this constant dollar rate. However, for the accounts (as per International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)), euro denominated income and expenditure will be recorded using the United Nations Operational Rate of Exchange (UNORE). Differences arising from using two different bases for the budget and accounts will be outlined in reconciliation/ comparison reports of the financial statements.

C – Withdrawal of memberships

3. *Requests* the Director-General, in the context of the withdrawals of some Member States, to present a 39 C/5 implementation plan taking into account the adjusted budget levels to the Executive Board at its 204th session;

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4. *Decides* to include in the resolution for each major programme (Volume I) the following two paragraphs:
- “to include in the strategic results report (SRR) on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference a review of the main lines of action and their expected results, including possible proposals for their continuation, reorientation, exit strategies or termination, all based on clear evaluation criteria and where applicable on Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluations and audits, and to present this review to the Executive Board at its 209th session”;
 - “to prepare a report on resource mobilization, including an analysis of UNESCO’s overall strategic resource mobilization, and to present it to the Executive Board at its 209th session”;
5. *Requests* the Director-General to:
- (a) continue to apply the directive that an overall target of 3% of programme expenditure (regular and extrabudgetary resources) is allocated to evaluations, with the exception of the evaluations performed by the donors in self-benefiting activities, as is the case in Brazil, and to increase the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) activity budget to enable it to perform a sufficient oversight function and in order to manage risks and develop sustainable, quality programmatic outcomes, as recommended by the Oversight Advisory Committee in its summary report (201 EX/22.INF);
 - (b) ensure that efficiencies achieved through the implementation of the Invest for Efficient Delivery Fund are clearly demonstrated in the relevant parts of the budget, and that resources continue to be identified for staff training;
 - (c) pursue further the efforts undertaken to reinforce priority programmes, *inter alia*, by further optimizing administrative expenditures in all parts of the budget, as well as expenditures relating to the implementation of programme activities (in particular travel expenses, publications, meetings and contractual services);

- (d) make further comprehensive efforts to ensure that UNESCO's presence at the country and regional levels uses resources efficiently, by (i) adopting clear targets for the implementation of UNESCO's programmes; (ii) developing country/regional strategies or other mechanisms to direct activities in each country/region so that resources are used to meet the priority needs of the country/region through UNESCO's programmes, with resources focused on where they can add most value, and (iii) by rationalizing and adjusting where appropriate the management costs of field offices in favour of programmes;
 - (e) examine the continuing need for posts which become vacant owing to retirements and posts which remain vacant for longer than 12 months during the 2018-2019 biennium, with a view to identifying efficiencies;
6. *Also requests* the Director-General:
- (a) in accordance with the current practice for the global priority Africa, to include under each performance indicator a target for the global priority gender equality as relevant;
 - (b) to develop a budget-tracking mechanism for the two global priorities by the end of 2019, as requested by 199 EX/Decision 5.II.E;
 - (c) to ensure consistency between the major programmes as regards resource allocation for the two global priorities;
 - (d) to ensure that all reports on the C/5 document be based on sex-disaggregated data as far as possible, and to introduce this as a definite requirement in the ongoing redesign of the core information systems;
 - (e) to ensure that all work plans, including those for programme-related services, mainstream gender equality considerations throughout the project cycle;
7. *Recalls* that in order to present results in terms of causal effects in the strategic results report (SRR) and for the purposes of effective monitoring of UNESCO's work in the programme implementation report (PIR), the C/5 document should contain clear expected results, performance indicators, and their associated baselines and targets as defined in the Glossary of Results-Based Management Terms (194 EX/4.INF.5),
8. *Invites* the Director-General to:
- (i) review and improve the performance indicators, baselines and targets of document 39 C/5 so as to ensure consistency, to the extent possible, between major programmes as regards gender equality, resource mobilization and the operationalization of the 2030 Agenda and possibly with input from a limited peer-review from similar United Nations agencies; and to present to the Executive Board at its 204th session the list of expected results decided by the General Conference together with improved performance indicators, baselines and targets for the five major programmes in document 39 C/5 as approved by the General Conference;
 - (ii) continue to present her reports to the Executive Board on the implementation of the programme at the level of expected results in accordance with 38 C/Resolution 99 and following the format and periodicity described in document 195 EX/4 Part V – PG/Report;

- (iii) conduct, through the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), a mid-term review of the operationalization of the 2030 Agenda after two years of the four-year programme period covered by document 39 C/5;
9. *Further requests* the Director-General to continue to apply results-based management (RBM) and results-based budgeting (RBB) in the programme and budget planning and monitoring documents in order to be able to assess the results and impact of UNESCO's activities and outputs, clarifying the links between the outputs and the outcomes and results, and including the contribution of UNESCO's networks of partners;
 10. *Requests* the Director-General to maintain and improve family-friendly policies which would promote an inclusive workforce, including by maintaining the same level of subsidy to the UNESCO Day Nursery and Children's Club (JCU) as the level under document 38 C/5, with a view to enabling the temporary use of the accumulated reserves of the JCU to fund other human resources activities which require urgent funding, and further *encourages* continuous consultation with staff and other stakeholders related to the management and budget of the JCU;
 11. *Recommends* to the Secretariat that the selection of panellists, experts and keynote speakers, in addition to their expertise in the relevant field of competence, should be gender-balanced and include young specialists and experts, and *requests* the Secretariat to present an assessment of this work including a proposal for a performance indicator in this regard for the Programme and Budget for 2020-2021 (40 C/5)."

19.II

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) (Volumes 1 and 2, Addenda and Corr.),
2. Recalling 201 EX/Decision 15, paragraph 3,
3. Recognizing the prominence of the water security challenges in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the inclusion within it of a standalone Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 6) devoted to the question as well as the inclusion of the latter in the United Nations Security Council's agenda,
4. Emphasizing the importance of UNESCO's responsibility through the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in supporting Member States to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation,
5. Noting that the current structure of document 39 C/5 diminishes the strategic importance and visibility given to UNESCO's activities in achieving freshwater security,
6. Also recalling that the open-ended working group on document 39 C/5 established pursuant to 201 EX/Decision 15, paragraph 4, took note of the concerns raised by the International Hydrological Programme's (IHP) Bureau at its 55th session about the current structure of document 39 C/5 and its decision to request the assignment of a standalone main line of action for the Division of Water Sciences within Major Programme II, with a budget equal to the one currently envisaged in document 39 C/5 for the Division, prompting the representatives of the Member States to act using the established processes in place,

7. Also noting that the present decision has no impact on the budget allocated to the Division of Water Sciences in document 39 C/5 and does not involve the mobilization of any additional resources from UNESCO Member States,
8. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, adopt the following amendments to Volume 1 of document 39 C/5:

Major Programme II – Natural Sciences

- (1) Create a main line of action 3 worded as follows: “Improving knowledge and strengthening capacities at all levels to achieve water security”;
 - (2) Under main line of action 3, create an expected result (8) worded as follows: “Member States have strengthened their response to water security challenges towards the achievement of water-related SDGs and targets, and other targets from relevant international water agendas”;
 - (3) Under main line of action 3, create an expected result (9) worded as follows: “Member States have improved policies and increased institutional and human capacities for water security through scientific cooperation”;
9. Also recommends that the General Conference request the Director-General to ensure that the budget allocated to main line of action 3 under Major Programme II remains the same as the budget envisaged for the Division of Water Sciences in the current structure of document 39 C/5, in other words, equal to the budget currently allocated to expected result (4) under main line of action 2 of Major Programme II;
 10. Invites the Director-General to continue facilitating dialogue with Member States, with the objective of reflecting on UNESCO’s role supporting Member States in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6 as well as a possible need for adjusting the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in the light of the United Nations reform process and providing input for further discussions at meetings of the IHP Bureau and Intergovernmental Council.

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

20 Report by the Executive Board on its activities and programme implementation (202 EX/20 Parts I and II; 202 EX/51)

20.I Activities in 2016-2017, including its methods of work

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/20 Part I,
2. Takes note of its content.

(202 EX/SR.10)

20.II Implementation of the current Programme and Budget (38 C/5), with results achieved in 2014-2016

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of Article V.6 (b) of the Constitution of UNESCO,
2. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 78, 33 C/Resolution 92, 34 C/Resolution 89, 182 EX/Decision 26, 187 EX/Decision 16, 192 EX/Decision 17.II and 197 EX/Decision 18.II,

3. Takes note of the report contained in document 202 EX/20 Part II and decides to transmit the report to the General Conference at its 39th session;
4. Invites the General Conference, at its 39th session, to endorse the report.

(202 EX/SR.11)

21 Governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO
(202 EX/21 and Corr.; 202 EX/21.INF.SP; 202 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/ Resolution 101,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/21,
3. Thanking the President of the 38th session of the General Conference and the Chairpersons of subgroups 1 and 2 of the open-ended working group on governance, procedures and methods of work of the governing bodies of UNESCO for the quality of their chairship and their efforts in building consensus among Member States,
4. Emphasizing with satisfaction the quality of the work accomplished by the open-ended working group on governance, which recommends concrete proposals to improve the governance, procedures and methods of work of the governing bodies of UNESCO,
5. Reiterates the importance of the overall principles of efficiency, inclusivity and cost-effectiveness that guided the recommendations of the open-ended working group on governance;
6. Noting, however, that members of the open-ended working group on governance could not agree on five out of 134 recommendations, which remained in brackets,
7. Emphasizes that in these critical times for the Organization, the reform of the governance of UNESCO needs to be consensus-driven without prejudice to the competence of the General Conference;
8. Takes into account the debate at the Special Committee of the Executive Board;
9. Requests the Director-General to prepare a document to be attached to the report of the open-ended working group on governance, listing the working group's recommendations side by side with the External Auditor's relevant recommendations on governance;
10. Endorses recommendation 131 in Annex I to document 202 EX/21 relating to follow-up mechanisms;
11. Invites its Members to continue the discussion on the terms of reference of a preparatory/intersessional mechanism on the basis of the discussion held by the Special Committee thereon and presented in document 202 EX/21.INF.SP, to be decided upon at its 203rd session.

(202 EX/SR.9)

22 Reports by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and the status of implementation of recommendations (202 EX/22 and Corr.; 202 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 193 EX/Decision 7.I, 198 EX/Decision 6.I and 201 EX/Decision 22,

2. Having examined document 202 EX/22,
3. Thanks the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for its reports: Knowledge Management in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2016/10); Succession planning in the United Nations system organizations (JIU/REP/2016/2); Comprehensive review of United Nations system support for small island developing States: final findings (JIU/REP/2016/7); Fraud prevention, detection and response in United Nations system organizations (JIU/REP/2016/4); Evaluation of the contribution of the United Nations development system to strengthening national capacities for statistical analysis and data collection to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other internationally agreed development goals (JIU/REP/2016/5); Meta-evaluation and synthesis of United Nations Development Assistance Framework evaluations, with a particular focus on poverty eradication (JIU/REP/2016/6); State of the internal audit function in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2016/8); Safety and security in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2016/9); and Review of the acceptance and implementation of JIU recommendations by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (JIU/ML/2016/13);
4. Decides to include in the agenda of the Special Committee of the Executive Board a standing item on Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) recommendations, thereby creating a forum for deliberation and discussion on its recommendations;
5. Takes note of Annex I of document 202 EX/22, containing 11 recommendations directed at the Executive Board of UNESCO, and accepts these recommendations;
6. Requests the Director-General to continue efforts to ensure follow-up to the implementation of accepted recommendations contained in Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports, and to report to it, at its 205th session during the annual session of the Special Committee, on the status of implementation of those recommendations.

(202 EX/SR.9)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

23 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 (202 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 202 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft) Add. And Corr.)

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

(202 EX/SR.9)

24 Implementation of standard-setting instruments (202 EX/24 Parts I-VII; 202 EX/24.INF; 202 EX/46)

24.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, 34 C/Resolution 87, and 195 EX/Decision 15, 196 EX/Decision 20, 197 EX/Decision 20.I and 197 EX/Decision 20.VIII, 199 EX/Decision 14.I, 200 EX/Decision 16.I and 201 EX/Decision 19.I relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of standard-setting instruments,

2. Having examined documents 202 EX/24 Part I and 202 EX/24.INF, and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (202 EX/46),
3. Urges all 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 continue 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 204th session.

(202 EX/SR.9)

24.II Implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education – summary of the reports concerning the implementation of the Convention and Recommendation

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 89, 195 EX/Decision 15 and 197 EX/Decision 20.V,
2. Also recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 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. Having examined document 202 EX/24 Part II and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (202 EX/46),
4. Notes that 67 Member States, 49 of which are States Parties to the 1960 Convention against Discrimination in Education, submitted their reports in the ninth consultation, and invites the Director-General to share the results of the consultation with other specialized agencies and online through UNESCO's global database on the right to education;
5. Encourages all Member States to strengthen their efforts to ensure implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education, and urges Member States that have not become party to the Convention to consider doing so, and to make the 1960 Convention and Recommendation better known to the bodies, target groups and other entities interested in matters dealt with therein;
6. Reaffirms the centrality of the right to education in the context of Sustainable Development Goal 4 – Education 2030, and encourages the Director-General to intensify normative action by strengthening the implementation of the strategy to improve visibility, ratification, implementation, monitoring and cooperation concerning education-related standard-setting instruments (2015-2021);
7. Requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference at its 39th session document 202 EX/24 Part II, together with the Executive Board's observations, and any observations or comments that the Director-General may wish to make.

(202 EX/SR.9)

24.III Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms – consolidated report on the implementation of the Recommendation

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 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 37 C/Resolution 90, 195 EX/Decision 15 and 199 EX/Decision 14.III,
4. Having examined document 202 EX/24 Part III Rev. and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (202 EX/46),
5. Reaffirms the importance of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and its implementation by Member States;
6. Notes with appreciation the fact that 83 Member States submitted their reports in the sixth consultation;
7. Recommends that the General Conference invite those Member States which have not taken measures to implement the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms to do so and to provide the required reports on their implementation of the Recommendation;
8. Invites the Director-General to share the results of the sixth consultation with other specialized agencies through relevant fora and online through UNESCO's global database on the right to education, in particular as a means to support the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially target 4.7 of Sustainable Development Goal 4;
9. Requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference at its 39th session the consolidated report on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, together with the Executive Board's observations, and any observations or comments that the Director-General may wish to make.

(202 EX/SR.9)

24.IV Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers – consolidated report on the implementation of the Recommendation

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 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 37 C/Resolution 91, 195 EX/Decision 15 and 200 EX/Decision 16.II,
4. Having examined document 202 EX/24 Part IV and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (202 EX/46),
5. Noting that 40 Member States submitted reports in response to the questionnaire sent out by the Secretariat,
6. Also noting that at its 37th session, the General Conference decided to revise the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers by 2017,
7. Further recalling that the periodic consultation of Member States on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers is intended to enable the Organization to assess both the extent to which Member States are implementing that instrument and the obstacles that they encounter,
8. Requests the Director-General to support Member States in their efforts to compile reports on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers;
9. Recommends that the Secretariat develop new guidance for future monitoring of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, including a revised questionnaire and guidelines, in the light of the revised version of the Recommendation that the General Conference may adopt at its 39th session;
10. Invites the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference at its 39th session the consolidated report on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, together with the Executive Board's observations, and any observations or comments that the Director-General may wish to make.

(202 EX/SR.9)

24.V Implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 93,
2. Also recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 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. Having examined document 202 EX/24 Part V and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (202 EX/46),
4. Takes note of the Director-General's efforts to monitor the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education, particularly in the context of the revisions to the regional conventions on recognition of studies and qualifications in higher education and the development of a global convention;

5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 204th session draft guidelines for reporting on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education.

(202 EX/SR.9)

24.VI Implementation of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, including a glossary of definitions – 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 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 94,
4. Having examined document 202 EX/24 Part VI and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (202 EX/46),
5. Underlining the importance of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape as a means to support the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
6. Approves the guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, as annexed to document 202 EX/24 Part VI;
7. Thanks Member States that have already provided their support to the implementation of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape and invites Member States to provide financial and/or human resources for the monitoring of its implementation;
8. Requests the Director-General to invite Member States to submit their reports on the implementation of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape by 30 August 2018;
9. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 206th session the second consolidated report on the implementation of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, with a view to transmitting that report, together with the Executive Board's comments thereon, to the General Conference at its 40th session.

(202 EX/SR.9)

24.VII Implementation of the 2015 Recommendation concerning the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society – 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 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. Having examined document 202 EX/24 Part VII and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (202 EX/46),
4. Underlining the importance of the 2015 Recommendation concerning the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society as a means to support the implementation and monitoring of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
5. Approves the guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 2015 Recommendation concerning the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society, as annexed to document 202 EX/24 Part VII;
6. Thanks Member States that have already provided their support to the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation concerning the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society, and invites Member States to provide financial and/or human resources for the monitoring of its implementation;
7. Requests the Director-General to invite Member States to submit their reports on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation concerning the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society by 30 August 2018;
8. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 206th session the first consolidated report on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation concerning the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society, with a view to transmitting that report, together with the Executive Board's comments thereon, to the General Conference at its 40th session.

(202 EX/SR.9)

25 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: Nominations and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (202 EX/25; 202 EX/46)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Also recalling the provisions of Article 7 of the Protocol whereby, subject to the provisions of Article 6, members of the Commission shall remain in office until the election of their successor,
3. Having taken note of document 202 EX/25 and of the fact that the States Parties to the Protocol have not yet submitted nominations for the election of eight members of the Commission,

4. Considering that it is a matter for the States Parties to the Protocol to ensure the proper functioning of the body established by it,
5. Requests the Director-General to invite once again the States Parties to the Protocol to submit nominations, and to transmit to the General Conference any nominations that she may receive before the opening of the vote that is to take place at the 39th session of the General Conference.

(202 EX/SR.9)

GENERAL CONFERENCE

26 Nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General of UNESCO (202 EX/26.INF)

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

(202 EX/SR.2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

27 Preparation of the 39th session of the General Conference (202 EX/27 Part I Rev.; 202 EX/27 Part II Rev.; 202 EX/27 Part III and Add.; 202 EX/27 Part IV; 202 EX/27 Part V)

27.I Revised provisional agenda of the 39th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/27 Part I Rev.,
2. Having regard to Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
3. Noting that eight proposals for supplementary items were submitted within the time limit entailed by Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
4. Also noting that these items are included in the supplementary list circulated to the Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (circular letter CL/4205 Rev. dated 9 October 2017),
5. Establishes the revised provisional agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (39 C/1 Prov.) with the addition of any items stemming from the decisions taken at its 202nd session, and the following supplementary items:

Item	Title	Reference
GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS		
4.13	International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)	Item proposed by the Director-General
4.14	Strengthening the implementation of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property	Item proposed by Honduras on behalf of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group

Item	Title	Reference
4.15	Follow-up to the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI)	Item proposed by the Russian Federation
4.16	Cooperation of UNESCO with the International Township of Auroville, India	Item proposed by India
METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION		
5.2	Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities	Item proposed by the Director-General
RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS		
8.2	Principles and conditions of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance	Item proposed by the Director-General
8.3	Draft Regulatory Framework Regarding Associations, Centres and Clubs for UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General
8.4	Request for the admission of New Caledonia as an Associate Member of UNESCO	Item proposed by France
6.	<u>Recommends</u> that the General Conference consider, without prior debate, the draft resolutions relating to the following items of its revised provisional agenda: 1.7, 4.1, 4.4 (39 C/18 Part II and following), 5.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.4, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 11.1 and 14.1.	

(202 EX/SR.10)

27.II Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the 39th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/27 Part II,
2. Approves the proposals contained in paragraph 2 of that document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that the items listed below be examined by the following organs:

Plenary

- 8.4 Request for the admission of New Caledonia as an Associate Member of UNESCO

APX Commission

- 5.2 Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities
- 8.2 Principles and conditions of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance

- 8.3 Draft Regulatory Framework Regarding Associations, Centres and Clubs for UNESCO

SC Commission

- 4.13 International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

SHS Commission

- 4.15 Follow-up to the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI)
4.16 Cooperation of UNESCO with the International Township of Auroville, India

CLT Commission

- 4.14 Strengthening the implementation of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property

(202 EX/SR.10)

27.III Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 39th session of the General Conference, as well as for the offices of Chairpersons of the committees and commissions

The Executive Board, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, recommends the following nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference at its 39th session:

President of the General Conference: Ms Zouhour Alaoui (Morocco)

Vice-Presidents (31): The heads of delegations of the following Member States:

Australia	Ecuador	Rwanda
Austria	Grenada	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Azerbaijan	Indonesia	Serbia
Bahrain	Iraq	Spain
Bangladesh	Kuwait	Sweden
Cameroon	Latvia	Togo
Canada	Mauritius	Tunisia
China	Mozambique	Turkmenistan
Colombia	Netherlands	Yemen
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Palestine	
Denmark	Philippines	

The Executive Board also decided to recommend to the General Conference the following candidate for the office of Chairperson of the SHS Commission³:

SHS Commission: Mr Milan Konvit (Slovakia)

(202 EX/SR.10)

³ At its 201st session, the Executive Board decided to recommend to the General Conference the candidacy of Ms M. Lubyová (Slovakia) for the office of Chairperson of the SHS Commission (201 EX/Decision 20.IV). The candidate being unable to chair the Commission following her appointment as Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport of Slovakia, the Board proceeded to nominate another candidate for the office of Chairperson of the SHS Commission.

27.IV 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

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the requests from foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO that could be represented by observers at the 39th session of the General Conference (202 EX/27 Part IV Annex I),
2. Also having examined the requests from non-governmental organizations other than those with the status of official partners of UNESCO to be represented by observers at the 39th session of the General Conference (202 EX/27 Part IV Annex II),
3. Referring to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, and to the procedure that it adopted at its 125th session for the examination of such requests,
4. Recommends that the General Conference admit as observers at its 39th session the foundations and similar institutions listed in Annex I and the non-governmental organizations listed in Annex II to document 202 EX/27 Part IV.

(202 EX/SR.10)

27.V Venue of the 40th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Considering that, by the date entailed by Rule 3, no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its 40th session in its territory,
3. Recommends that the General Conference hold its 40th session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

(202 EX/SR.10)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

28 Report by the Director-General as at 31 May 2017 on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and his comments thereon (202 EX/28; 202 EX/28.INF; 202 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 40.II, 190 EX/Decision 30, 192 EX/Decision 27, 197 EX/Decision 24, 199 EX/Decision 15, 200 EX/Decision 20 and 201 EX/Decision 21,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/28 and 202 EX/28.INF,
3. Takes note of the implementation status of the External Auditor's recommendations;
4. Requests the Director-General to take prompt action to implement those recommendations where further action is needed;

5. Decides

- (a) to no longer continue the implementation of the recommendations contained in Annex 1 and Annex 2 of document 202 EX/28,
- (b) to transmit to the General Conference at its 39th session the report by the Director-General as at 31 May 2017 on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and his comments thereon (202 EX/28).

(202 EX/SR.11)

29 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the year ending 31 December 2016 and report by the External Auditor (202 EX/29 Parts I and II; 202 EX/29.INF; 202 EX/29.INF.2; 202 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 12.10.1 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/29, 202 EX/29.INF and 202 EX/29.INF.2,
3. Notes the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements give a fair view of the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2016, as well as the financial performance, the cash flow and the comparison of budget and actual amounts for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2016 in conformity with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
4. Also notes the recommendations of the External Auditor and the Director-General's comments thereon;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his work;
6. Decides to transmit to the General Conference at its 39th session the report by the External Auditor and the audited consolidated financial statements of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2016.

(202 EX/SR.11)

30 Financial Regulations of Special Accounts (202 EX/30 Parts I and II; 202 EX/49)

30.I

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Articles 6.5 and 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/30 Part I,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the following Special Accounts:
 - Special Account for Branding and Merchandizing Partnerships;
 - Special Account for the IHP Fund for the Implementation of SDG 6;

4. Also takes note of the closure of the following Special Accounts and the return of funds to the donor or the use of the unspent balances as stated in Annex III to document 202 EX/30 Part I:

Special Account for UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES) Operations;

Special Account for the Preservation of the Parsi Zoroastrian Culture and Heritage;

Special Account for the UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts.

(202 EX/SR.11)

30.II

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 86 and 201 EX/Decision 24.II,
2. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the following Special Accounts:
 - Special Account for Unearmarked Voluntary Contributions to Support the Approved UNESCO Programme and Budget (C/5);
 - Special Account for the Support of the Education Programme;
 - Special Account for the Support of the Natural Sciences Programme;
 - Special Account for the Support of the Social and Human Sciences Programme;
 - Special Account for the Support of the Culture Programme;
 - Special account for the Support of the Communication and Information Programme;
3. Also takes note of the comparative study of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) and Special Account financing models;
4. Takes into consideration the recommendations by the External Auditor in the audit report on the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources (202 EX/32 Part I) on the resource mobilization efforts of programme sectors and concerned services or departments, specifically those relating to their responsibility thereon;
5. Urges the Secretariat to promote the design of and fundraising for intersectoral initiatives through existing funding modalities.

(202 EX/SR.11)

31 Collection of Member States' contributions and cashflow implications

(202 EX/31; 202 EX/49)

31.I Report by the Director-General on the collection of Member States' contributions

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/31 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 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.

(202 EX/SR.11)

31.II Report by the Director-General on the current situation and contingency plan

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 202 EX/31 Part II,
2. Recognizing the cashflow challenge that the Organization is facing and may face in the future due to the delayed payment of substantial amounts of arrears in Member States' assessed contributions,
3. Endorses the measures implemented by the Director-General for the contingency plan budget freeze of \$20 million for the expenditure plan in document 38 C/5;
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 39th session, approve the carry forward to the 2018-2019 financial period of any remaining available unspent regular budget funds under the expenditure plan in document 38 C/5, and requests the Director-General to present a proposal to the Executive Board at its 204th session or at a later session;
5. Also recommends that a strategic discussion be held about the overall financial situation of UNESCO at one of its sessions before the preparation of document 40 C/5;
6. 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 2018-2019 (39 C/5);
7. Also strongly encourages Member States to consider the possibility of making voluntary contributions to the Working Capital Fund;
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.

(202 EX/SR.11)

32 New audits by the External Auditor (202 EX/32 Parts I-III; 202 EX/32.INF and Corr.; 202 EX/32.INF.2; 202 EX/32.INF.3; 202 EX/49)

32.I Audit report on the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 202 EX/32 Part I and 202 EX/32.INF and Corr.,
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 the recommendations contained in document 202 EX/32 Part I in the report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(202 EX/SR.11)

32.II Audit report on the Culture Sector

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 202 EX/32 Part II and 202 EX/32.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 the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations contained in document 202 EX/32 Part II in the report on follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(202 EX/SR.11)

32.III Audit report on the Medical Benefits Fund and the UNESCO Medical Service

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 90,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/32 Part III and 202 EX/32.INF.3,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his report;
4. Invites the Director-General to report on the progress achieved in implementing the recommendations contained in document 202 EX/32 Part III in the report on the follow-up to all of the External Auditor's recommendations;
5. Decides to transmit documents 202 EX/32 Part III and 202 EX/32.INF.3 and the present decision to the General Conference at its 39th session.

(202 EX/SR.11)

33 Appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (202 EX/PRIV.2)

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

(202 EX/SR.9)

34 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (202 EX/34; 202 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 91 and 200 EX/Decision 22,
2. Having examined document 202 EX/34,

3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt, at its 39th session, a resolution along the following lines:

“The General Conference,

Recalling 38 C/Resolution 91, 200 EX/Decision 22 and 202 EX/Decision 34,

Having examined documents 39 C/37 Parts I and II and 39 C/INF.18,

I

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Headquarters Committee and to its Chairperson, H.E. A. Zainal, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Qatar, for the decisions taken and the results achieved between the 38th and 39th sessions of the General Conference;
2. *Takes note* of the evolution of space management of Headquarters premises, and *reiterates its request* that the Director-General continue seeking future tenants for vacant offices on the Miollis/Bonvin site;

II

1. *Takes note* of the progress achieved in managing the UNESCO complex and the maintenance and conservation of Headquarters buildings;
2. *Authorizes* the Director-General to transfer funds allocated under the regular budget for conservation of Headquarters premises to the Special Account for the Restoration and Improvement of Headquarters;
3. *Takes note with concern* of the lack of funding available for long-term conservation;

III

1. *Takes note* of the detailed information provided on the renovation of Room I;
2. *Expresses its gratitude* to His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, for his generous donation enabling the full renovation of Room I;
3. *Also takes note* of the detailed information provided on the renovation of Room X, and *thanks again* the donors for their generous contributions;
4. *Welcomes* the information provided on the replacement of the UNESCO telephone system;

IV

1. *Expresses its great anxiety* with regard to the alarming state of Building V (Miollis);
2. *Takes note* of the detailed information contained in document 39 C/INF.18 on the renovation of Building V (Miollis), summarizing the technical feasibility study and providing the renovation strategy, cost estimates and schedule of work by priority;
3. *Notes with appreciation* the progress of work by the Headquarters Committee for the renovation of Building V (Miollis);
4. *Recognizes* that it is necessary to urgently renovate Building V (Miollis) and to finance the cost of the renovation project through a long-term loan;

5. *Authorizes* the Director-General to negotiate the most favourable conditions for a loan, bearing in mind the fact that future budgets, irrespective of funding type, must include the necessary appropriations for repayment of the sums thus borrowed and interest, if applicable, thereon, and *authorizes* the Executive Board to examine on its behalf any proposals after consultation with the Headquarters Committee;
6. *Appeals* to Member States to assist the Organization in finding necessary sources of financing in the form of a loan carrying little or no interest;
7. *Also appeals* to the governments of Member States to provide any necessary guarantees for such loans;

V

1. *Takes note* of the information provided on the management of UNESCO's collection of works of art;

VI

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the information provided on the management of the Headquarters Utilization Fund (HQF), rentals of office space, occupancy and revenue;
2. *Expresses thanks* to the Director-General for her continuing efforts in recovering debts owed to the Organization, related to revenue-generating activities;
3. *Reiterates the request* that the Director-General apply all necessary measures required by all types of contracts in force on letting office space;
4. *Reiterates its invitation* to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters premises;

VII

1. *Recommends* that the Director-General, in conjunction with Member States, introduce measures aimed at better coordination between the different bodies and their secretariats for the organization of statutory meetings in order to avoid overlapping;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to report to it at its 40th session, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex.

(202 EX/SR.11)

35 Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art (202 EX/35; 202 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/35,
2. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 7.9, 161 EX/Decision 7.9, 170 EX/Decision 7.9 and 185 EX/Decision 31,
3. Takes note of the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art concerning the donations of works of art and artefacts constituting the UNESCO collections;

4. Also takes note of the activities carried out by the Advisory Committee for Works of Art during its second term of office;
5. Expresses its gratitude for the work carried out by the outgoing members of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art;
6. Approves the decision of the Director-General to renew the term of office of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art for another four years, in accordance with its Statutes;
7. Also approves the amendments to the Statutes of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art as set out in Annex I to document 202 EX/35.

(202 EX/SR.11)

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

36 Proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2018-2019, and appeals by Member States concerning their proposals (202 EX/36; 202 EX/36.INF; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 202 EX/36 and 202 EX/36.INF,
2. Noting that the proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General listed below comply with the statutory criteria,
3. Recommends to the General Conference:
 - (a) that UNESCO also be associated in 2018-2019 with the celebration of the following anniversaries:
 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. 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) (China)
 3. 250th anniversary of the birth of Francisco José de Caldas y Tenorio (1768-1816) (Colombia, with the support of Spain and Honduras)
 4. 500th anniversary of the foundation of Havana (1519) (Cuba, with the support of Ecuador and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)
 5. 150th anniversary of the birth of Sagymbay Orozbekov, epic chanter (1868-1930) (Kyrgyzstan, with the support of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan)
 6. 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)
 7. 100th anniversary of the birth of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (1918-2013) (South Africa, with the support of Namibia and Swaziland)

8. 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)
 9. 100th anniversary of the first publication of Atebetü'l-Hakayık (1918) (Turkey, with the support of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)
- (b) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO is to be associated in 2018-2019, which supplements the list contained in 201 EX/Decision 26, be definitively closed, according to the procedure approved by means of 195 EX/Decision 25;
- (c) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme.

(202 EX/SR.11)

37 Relations with non-governmental partners (202 EX/37; 202 EX/37.INF; 202 EX/37.INF.2; 202 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 64, 188 EX/Decision 12, 36 C/Resolution 108, 190 EX/Decision 36, and 200 EX/Decision 23,
2. Having examined documents 202 EX/37, 202 EX/37.INF and 202 EX/37.INF.2,
3. Takes note with appreciation of the efforts made to make the network of official non-governmental partners more representative both in its geographical diversity and in the status of cooperation between UNESCO and its partners, and urges the Secretariat to continue in this direction;
4. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions relating to: the admission to consultative status of the eight non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 3 of document 202 EX/37; the establishment of official relations with the foundation listed in paragraph 4 of document 202 EX/37; and the renewal of official relations with the seven foundations listed in paragraph 5 of document 202 EX/37;
5. Welcomes the scope and quality of international forums of NGOs that have taken place under the auspices of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee in cooperation with the Secretariat, and reiterates its invitation to Member States to support the organization of such forums in different regions in order to raise awareness and mobilize civil society organizations around UNESCO's values and priorities both locally and internationally;
6. Considers that effective interaction between Member States and civil society is a key element in ensuring a comprehensive approach to many issues within UNESCO's mandate and amplifying the reach of its message;
7. Also considers that the suggestions made in paragraph 16, subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of document 202 EX/37, which could deepen the dialogue between NGOs and Member States, should be the subject of in-depth examination in the framework of the Executive Board's reflection on its working methods, taking account of the intergovernmental nature of UNESCO, and decides to include this item in the agenda of its 204th session in order to begin deliberations with a view to the submission of a proposal for decision at its 205th session.

(202 EX/SR.9)

GENERAL MATTERS

38 Occupied Palestine (202 EX/38 and Add; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 202 EX/38 and the Annex to this decision,
2. Recalling its previous decisions concerning “Occupied Palestine”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 204th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

ANNEX



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Executive Board

Two hundred and second session

202 EX/PX/DR.38.2
PARIS, 6 October 2017
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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 38 OCCUPIED PALESTINE

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Qatar and Sudan

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/38,
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 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),

38.1 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. Also recalling the twelve 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, 200 EX/Decision 25 and 201 EX/Decision 30 and the eight 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, 40 COM/7A.13, and 41 COM/7A.36;
7. Regrets the failure of the Israeli occupying authorities to cease the persistent excavations, tunneling, 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;

38.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;

38.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;

38.IV

16. Decides to include these matters under an item entitled “Occupied Palestine” in the agenda at its 204th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(202 EX/SR.11)

39 Implementation of 38 C/Resolution 72 and 201 EX/Decision 31 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (202 EX/39; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered documents 202 EX/38, 202 EX/39 and the Annex to this decision,
2. Recalling its previous decisions concerning “Educational and Cultural Institutions in the Occupied Arab Territories”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 204th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

ANNEX



United Nations
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Executive Board

Two hundred and second session

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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 39 IMPLEMENTATION OF 38 C/RESOLUTION 72 AND 201 EX/DECISION 31.2 CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Qatar and Sudan

I OCCUPIED PALESTINE

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 4, 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 additional 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 202 EX/38, 202 EX/39,

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,
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 ending 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;
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;

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;

III

12. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 204th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

40 Association of UNESCO with the International Union of Architects (UIA) initiative to nominate the UIA World Congress host cities as World Capitals of Architecture
(202 EX/40; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/40,
2. Welcomes the proposal to associate UNESCO with the International Union of Architects (UIA) initiative to nominate the UIA World Congress host cities as UNESCO World Capitals of Architecture for an initial period of ten years (2017-2027);
3. Invites the Secretariat to work with the International Union of Architects (UIA) to define concrete timelines and procedures for the period 2017-2027.

(202 EX/SR.11)

41 Amendment to Rule 23 of the Rules of procedure of the Executive Board to allow written contributions to the plenary debate to be included in the summary records
(202 EX/41 and Corr.; 202 EX/DG.INF; 202 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/41,
2. Decides not to amend Rule 23 of its Rules of Procedure;
3. Acknowledges that its Members and observers, as an alternative or in addition to their oral statement on items discussed during the plenary debates, have the option to also submit their contributions in writing on a voluntary basis;
4. Encourages all voluntary measures aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the Executive Board that do not increase costs, which may include the following:
 - (a) reduction of the time allocated for statements by Member States on items discussed during the plenary debates;
 - (b) reduction of the frequency from twice to once a year of statements by Member States on items discussed during the plenary debates;
5. Requests its Members and observers to inform the Secretariat sufficiently in advance in order that mechanisms may be implemented, making it possible to use the additional time gained in an efficient and appropriate manner and to amend accordingly the timetable of the Executive Board.

(202 EX/SR.11)

42 The Memory of Ice: A Challenge for the Future (202 EX/42; 202 EX/DG.INF; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Aware that glaciers represent scientific and cultural heritage of utmost importance for humanity,
2. Concerned by the phenomenon of most glaciers melting owing to climate change,

3. Alarmed by the irremediable loss that shrinking glaciers represent for scientific knowledge,
4. Recalling the principles of the UNESCO Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations, adopted on 12 November 1997,
5. Convinced of the need for a rapid and coordinated reaction from the international community in order to conserve this memory and preserve ice cores in suitable ice core repositories;
6. Considering that the “Protecting Ice Memory” initiative is a relevant response to this issue,
7. Calls on Member States of UNESCO to support the “Protecting Ice Memory” initiative, in particular by mobilizing extrabudgetary contributions in order to further knowledge and scientific and technological research, and to contribute to the progress and wellbeing of humanity;
8. Recalls the special legal status of Antarctica established by the 1959 Antarctic Treaty and the other instruments of the Antarctic Treaty System, including the scientific bodies, such as the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), and invites the Director-General to duly inform the Secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty of the “Protecting Ice Memory” initiative;
9. Also invites the Director-General to take into account the scientific, educational and cultural value of the “Protecting Ice Memory” initiative in the Organization’s activities and programmes, and to inform it at its 205th session of the activities that could be established in collaboration with UNESCO in connection with the “Protecting Ice Memory” initiative, to be financed through extrabudgetary contributions.

(202 EX/SR.11)

43 Proposal for the proclamation by the United Nations of 2019 as International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements (202 EX/43; 202 EX/DG.INF; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 201 EX/Decision 38,
2. Recognizing the importance of chemistry and the advances in research and discoveries regarding the periodic table of chemical elements for sustainable development and for the benefit of humankind,
3. Stressing that the periodic table is widely used in vital spheres of scientific knowledge such as chemistry, physics and biology,
4. Taking note of the contribution of the international scientific community, including chemists, physicists, biologists as well as representatives of other allied professions, to addressing global challenges such as climate change, sustainable sources of clean water, food and energy and preservation of a wholesome environment,
5. Being aware that 2019 provides an opportunity to observe the outstanding scientific achievements that humankind has made since the discovery of the periodic system by Dmitry I. Mendeleev in 1869,
6. Also being aware that 2019 coincides with the anniversaries of a series of important milestones in the history of the periodic table, specifically: the isolation of arsenic and antimony by Jabir ibn Hayyan circa. 1,200 years ago; the discovery of phosphorus 350

years ago; the publication of a list of 33 chemical elements grouped into gases, metals, non-metals, and earths by Lavoisier in 1789; the discovery of the Law of Triads in 1829 by Döbereiner; the establishment of the periodic table by Mendeleev 150 years ago; and the discovery of francium by Marguerite Perey in 1939; recalling that lead smelting began at least 9,000 years ago in Africa, and the oldest known artefact made from lead is a statuette found at the temple of Osiris at the site of Abydos (Egypt) dated circa 3800 BC; and considering that the celebration of these discoveries in 2019 will provide an unparalleled opportunity to highlight the continuous nature of scientific discovery in different contexts, with particular emphasis on promoting science education among young people and women, especially in developing countries,

7. Welcoming international and interdisciplinary scientific cooperation that will be reinforced during the international year of the periodic table of chemical elements,
8. Seeking to enhance global awareness of, and to increase education in, the basic sciences, with special attention to the developing world, to improving the quality of everyday life and, *inter alia*, for future advances in research and development,
9. Having examined document 202 EX/43,
10. Welcomes the resolution of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) Council at its General Assembly in São Paulo, Brazil (July 2017) and the leadership of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP), and the initiatives of the international scientific community through the large number of scientific societies, unions and institutions, to declare 2019 as international year of the periodic table of chemical elements;
11. Invites the Director-General to support all efforts leading the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 2019 as international year of the periodic table of chemical elements;
12. Recommends that the General Conference adopt a resolution in this regard at its 39th session.

(202 EX/SR.11)

44 UNESCO's role in promoting literacy within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (202 EX/44 and Add. Rev.; 202 EX/DG.INF; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 202 EX/44 and Add. Rev.,
2. Recognizes the need to scale up efforts to address the literacy and learning needs of children, youth and adults, especially women and girls, to enhance the quality and relevance of learning;
3. Reiterates its conviction that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development should strengthen the importance of literacy throughout life in an integrated and holistic vision of education, including the Global Alliance for Literacy (GAL);
4. Expresses its gratitude for the efforts of the Director-General to support literacy, and commends such efforts made by Member States, their development partners, the international donor community, the private sector, civil society and the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, including the lead organization UNESCO;

5. Calls upon governments, Member States, United Nations organizations, multilateral and bilateral donors, regional organizations, civil society, academia and the private sector to scale up their collective efforts for the promotion of literacy;
6. Invites the Director-General and Member States, in accordance with UNESCO's purposes and functions, within its available regular budget and any extrabudgetary resources, to provide the fullest possible financial and political support to global literacy efforts;
7. Requests the Director-General to continue the process of elaborating a literacy vision and agenda as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to report to it at its 205th session on UNESCO's work to advance literacy.

(202 EX/SR.11)

45 Affirming UNESCO's role in sustainable tourism for development (202 EX/45; 202 EX/DG.INF; 202 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 202 EX/45,
2. Affirming the importance of sustainable tourism for development, namely through its potential to positively impact local communities, to promote and protect heritage, to preserve biodiversity and natural resources, and to promote values of cultural understanding,
3. Recalling United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 8, and in particular target 8.9 which states: "By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products",
4. Appreciating UNESCO's commitment to sustainable tourism through the World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme, adopted by the World Heritage Committee in 2012,
5. Also appreciating UNESCO's commitment to responsible tourism as well as green and sustainable economy initiatives through the Lima Action Plan and the MAB Strategy for 2015-2025, which includes the expected result 2.3: "Biosphere reserves act as models to explore, establish and demonstrate innovative approaches that foster the resilience of communities and opportunities for youth, through livelihood diversification, green businesses, and social enterprise, including responsible tourism and quality economies",
6. Noting the growing interest in the role of sustainable tourism for development by the United Nations with its declaration of 2017 as International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, and recognizing the opportunities for action that this year presents;
7. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the involvement of UNESCO in the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development;
8. Thanks the Government of Oman for hosting the World Conference on Tourism and Culture: Fostering Sustainable Development, in Muscat, in December 2017, co-organized by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and UNESCO;
9. Welcomes the development of a sustainable tourism management assessment tool, which can enable a rapid and efficient assessment of sustainable tourism in UNESCO designated sites, and help improve management systems, achieve a better understanding of tourism's effect on the sites and communities, inform strategic decision-making for these sites, and develop UNESCO indicators on sustainable tourism;

10. Thanks the Government of Norway for providing the necessary funding for the development of a sustainable tourism management assessment tool;
11. Acknowledges the input of national and regional initiatives in developing a sustainable tourism management assessment tool, such as the Nordic-Baltic pilot region for world heritage and sustainable tourism;
12. Thanks the Government of Spain and the Director-General for organizing the first meeting on sustainable tourism in Mediterranean biospheres reserves at the International Centre on Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves, headquarters of the Abertis Foundation and category 2 centre, in Castellet i la Gornal (Spain), with the participation of managers of reserves from the entire Mediterranean region and a wide range of experts from the fields of academia and tourism, who had useful exchanges with a view to reinforcing the regional network;
13. Invites the Director-General to promote the initial piloting of the sustainable tourism management assessment tool in order for it to be used widely by Member States, thus allowing sufficient data collection to further improve the tool;
14. Also invites the Director-General to enhance intersectoral cooperation and coordination amongst the World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme, the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB), the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) through its UNESCO Global Geoparks, as well as the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and other relevant programmes and conventions in their actions to advocate for sustainable tourism in general;
15. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 204th session on the outcomes of the pilot phase of the tool.

(202 EX/SR.11)

TRIBUTE TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

46 Tribute to Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that Ms Irina Bokova was appointed to the office of Director-General by the General Conference at its 35th session on 15 November 2009, and that her appointment was renewed by the General Conference at its 37th session on 15 November 2013 for a second term, which will expire on 14 November 2017,
2. Considering her profound commitment to UNESCO's values and dedication to promoting its "soft power" through a positive vision of peace, founded on equality, dignity and respect, embodied in the principles of a new humanism, which she has shared across the world,
3. Recognizing her outstanding role in the consolidation of UNESCO's contribution to shaping and leading forward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the essential role of quality education, global citizenship education, cultural diversity and culture for sustainable development, the sciences and notably ocean science, and freedom of expression as enablers and drivers of poverty eradication, sustainable development and lasting peace,
4. Noting with satisfaction that under her leadership UNESCO has strengthened its position at the heart of the United Nations system, fully engaged in the reform of the United Nations, hosting the Chief Executives Board and chairing the High-Level Committee on

Management (HLCM), as well as leading global initiatives on behalf of the United Nations – including, notably, the Secretary-General’s Scientific Advisory Board, the Global Education First Initiative (GEFI), and the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity as well as the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, deepening cooperation with agencies and entities across the United Nations system,

5. Highly appreciating the impetus she has given to bolster UNESCO’s focus on prevention to sustain peace, fostering intersectoral approaches in such areas as preventing violent extremism – including the contribution to the United Nations Secretary-General’s Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism, as well as to the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy – global citizenship education, education for sustainable development and addressing climate change,
6. Applauding her key role in boosting UNESCO’s response in emergencies and its particular contribution to post-conflict and post-disaster situations, especially her steadfast advocacy for rising recognition of the links between the protection of culture and the maintenance of security, promoting UNESCO’s outstanding role in protecting heritage in times of conflict and fighting the trafficking of cultural property, as well as the success of UNESCO’s campaign to integrate culture into peacebuilding, embodied in UNESCO’s leadership for the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions 2199 (2015), 2347 (2017) and 2354 (2017), and exemplified in UNESCO’s support to rebuilding the mausoleums of Timbuktu, Mali,
7. Welcoming her action to support Member States and societies in responding to climate change and in providing effective support to societies in transformation, including through sciences for sustainability, tightening the science/policy/society interface, notably through stronger ocean science and early warning systems, bolstering science, technology and innovation frameworks, as well as through action to support inclusion and especially youth empowerment,
8. Underlining the importance of her leadership in defending freedom of expression across the world, and notably in enhancing the safety of journalists, in particular through her championing of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity,
9. Also welcoming her personal commitment to advancing gender equality, both within the Secretariat, in particular for the first time at senior management level, both at Headquarters and in the field, and across all UNESCO’s programmes, and as a basic human right and a transformational force for more just, inclusive and sustainable development, through such initiatives as the Global Partnership for Girls’ and Women’s Education and in line with Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) of the 2030 Agenda,
10. Commending her championing of global priority Africa, through the reform of the field network, as well as new partnerships, including with the private sector, to support governments and societies in taking forward the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, working with the African Union and all relevant regional and economic organizations to eradicate poverty and strengthen a culture of peace,
11. Also underlining her successful efforts to strengthen the Organization’s action in support of least developed countries, as well as small island developing States, including the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan, so as to eradicate poverty and strengthen resilience, namely in the face of the consequences of climate change,
12. Also commending her leadership of a root-and-branch reform of UNESCO, in optimizing the Organization’s administrative structures, in streamlining processes and

strengthening programme delivery to better respond to new global demands at a time of challenge and transformation in all societies, and in responding quickly and effectively to a serious budget crisis, which saw the rationalization and innovation of the Organization's working methods, reform of the field network to give focus on national development and ownership, and the widening of new partnerships in line with the priorities and objectives of the Organization,

13. Further commending, in this respect, her successful efforts to strengthen transparency and accountability and establish a risk management and control framework across the Organization for the first time, through the creation of innovative, new tools (UNESCO Transparency Portal, monthly visibility reports, launch of open access publications), the strengthening of external and internal control structures, with a strong oversight function, and acceleration of an enterprise risk management action plan,
14. Further welcoming her successful work to raise the visibility of UNESCO globally and with Member States and their societies, including through new partnerships with media and renewed approaches to communication by the Organization, including on the Internet and through social media,
15. Appreciating her qualities of openness and diplomacy that have furthered dialogue and consultation with Member States, the Secretariat and National Commissions as well as with UNESCO's partners in civil society, the private sector, academia, the scientific community and global public opinion,
16. Pays solemn tribute to Ms Irina Bokova at its plenary meeting on 18 October 2017, and conveys to her its sincere gratitude;
17. Expresses the hope that the coming years will offer her further opportunities to share with the international community the benefit of her wisdom and her tireless devotion to a new humanism and the great causes of a more peaceful and united humanity.

(202 EX/SR.12)

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcement concerning the private meetings held on Monday 9 October, Tuesday 10 October, Wednesday 11 October, Thursday 12 October, Friday 13 October and Tuesday 17 October 2017

At the private meetings held on Monday 9 October, Tuesday 10 October, Wednesday 11 October, Thursday 12 October, Friday 13 October and Tuesday 17 October 2017, the Executive Board considered items **3, 23, 26** and **33** of its agenda.

3. Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (202 EX/PRIV.1; 202 EX/3.INF)

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.

(202 EX/ SR.9)

23 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 (202 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 202 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft) and Add, 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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26 Nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General of UNESCO (202 EX/26.INF)

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Board decided, by secret ballot, to propose to the General Conference at its 39th session the nomination of Ms Audrey Azoulay (France) for the post of Director-General of UNESCO.

(202 EX/SR.2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

33 Appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (202 EX/PRIV.2)

The Executive Board, on 17 October 2017, appointed a Chairperson and an Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2018.

(202 EX/SR.9)