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Subject: **Candidates for election to the Executive Board of UNESCO**

Sir/Madam,

In my letter with the reference CL/4106 of 31 March 2015, I invited Member States to inform me on whether they intended to stand for election to the Executive Board at the 38th session of the General Conference (3-18 November 2015).

In accordance with Rule 2 of the provisions governing the procedure for the election of Members of the Executive Board, which are set out in Appendix 2 (Part II.A) to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and which are reproduced in Annex I, the **provisional list**, as at 30 September 2015, of Member States that are candidates for the **election of Members of the Executive Board scheduled for Wednesday 11 November 2015** (document 38 C/2), is given below:

**Group I (6 seats to be filled)**

1. France
2. Greece
3. Italy
4. Spain
5. Switzerland
6. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
7. United States of America

**Group II (4 seats to be filled)**

1. Lithuania
2. Russian Federation
3. Serbia
4. Slovenia

**Group III (4 seats to be filled)**

1. Brazil
2. Haiti
3. Mexico
4. Nicaragua
5. Paraguay

**Group IV (6 seats to be filled)**

1. Afghanistan
2. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
3. Malaysia
4. Pakistan
5. Republic of Korea
6. Samoa
7. Sri Lanka
8. Viet Nam

**Group V (11 seats to be filled)**

1. Bahrain
2. Botswana
3. Cameroon
4. Côte d'Ivoire
5. Ethiopia
6. Ghana
7. Iraq
8. Kenya
9. Lebanon
10. Madagascar
11. Niger
12. Nigeria
13. Oman
14. Qatar
15. Rwanda
16. Saudi Arabia
17. Senegal
18. South Africa
19. Sudan
20. Yemen

Any application received after 30 September 2015 will be included in a **revised list** which will be given to the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee (NOM) and to the heads of delegation at the opening of the 38th session of the General Conference, as per its Rules of procedure mentioned above.

I should like to draw your attention to the fact that, in accordance with Rule 4 of the provisions governing the procedure for the election of Member States to the Executive Board (Appendix 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference), subsequent candidatures shall be admissible only if they reach the Secretariat of the General Conference at least 48 hours before the opening of the meeting at which the election is to take place (**i.e. Monday 9 November 2015, at 9 a.m., at the latest**).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Irina Bokova  
Director-General

Enclosures: 2

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO  
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

## **ANNEX I**

### **PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBER STATES TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: SUBMISSION OF THE NAMES OF CANDIDATE STATES**

**(Appendix 2 – Part II A of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference)**

#### **Rule 1**

The Director-General shall ask each Member State, at least three months prior to the opening of any ordinary session of the General Conference, whether it intends to stand for election to the Executive Board. If so, its candidature must be sent to him or her at least six weeks, as far as possible, prior to the opening of the session, it being understood that candidate Member States may at the same time communicate to the other Member States and to the Director-General any information they consider relevant, including the name and curriculum vitae of the person they intend, if elected, to designate as their representative on the Board.

#### **Rule 2**

At least four weeks prior to the opening of the ordinary session of the General Conference the Director-General shall send Member States the provisional list of Member States candidates.

#### **Rule 3**

At the opening of the ordinary session of the General Conference the Director-General shall have drawn up and delivered to the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee and to each head of delegation a list of the Member States' candidatures that have been transmitted to him or her by that date.

#### **Rule 4**

Subsequent candidatures shall be admissible only if they reach the Secretariat of the General Conference at least forty-eight hours before the beginning of the ballot.

#### **Rule 5**

The Nominations Committee shall submit to the General Conference a list of all the Member States candidates, indicating the electoral group to which they belong and the number of seats to be filled in each electoral group.



**ANNEX II**

**CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
BY ELECTORAL GROUP**

**Member State** **Term of office expires**

**GROUP I** (27 Member States: 9 seats, **of which 6 are to be filled at**  
the 38th session of the General Conference)

1.	Austria	2015
3.	France	2015
4.	Germany	2017
5.	Italy	2015
6.	Netherlands	2017
7.	Spain	2015
8.	Sweden	2017
9.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2015
10.	United States of America	2015

**GROUP II** (25 Member States: 7 seats, **of which 4 are to be filled at**  
the 38th session of the General Conference)

1.	Albania	2017
2.	Czech Republic	2015
3.	Estonia	2017
4.	Montenegro	2015
5.	Russian Federation	2015
6.	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2015
7.	Ukraine	2017

**GROUP III** (33 Member States: 10 seats, **of which 4 are to be filled at**  
the 38th session of the General Conference)

1.	Argentina	2017
2.	Belize	2017
3.	Brazil	2015
4.	Cuba	2015
5.	Dominican Republic	2017
6.	Ecuador	2015
7.	El Salvador	2017
8.	Mexico	2015
9.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	2017
10.	Trinidad and Tobago	2017

<b>Member State</b>	<b>Term of office expires</b>
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**GROUP IV** (44 Member States: 12 seats, **of which 6 are to be filled** at the 38th session of the General Conference)

1. Afghanistan	2015
2. Bangladesh	2017
3. China	2017
4. India	2017
5. Indonesia	2015
6. Japan	2017
7. Nepal	2017
8. Pakistan	2015
9. Papua New Guinea	2015
10. Republic of Korea	2015
11. Thailand	2015
12. Turkmenistan	2017

**GROUP V** (64 Member States: 20 seats, **of which 11 are to be filled** at the 38th session of the General Conference) (\*)

1. Algeria	2017
2. Angola	2015
3. Chad	2017
4. Egypt	2017
5. Ethiopia	2015
6. Gabon	2015
7. Gambia	2015
8. Guinea	2017
9. Kuwait	2017
10. Malawi	2015
11. Mali	2015
12. Mauritius	2017
13. Morocco	2017
14. Mozambique	2017
15. Namibia	2015
16. Nigeria	2015
17. Togo	2017
18. Tunisia	2015
19. Uganda	2017
20. United Arab Emirates	2015

(\*) The rotating seat, which alternates every four years between Group V(a) and Group V(b) pursuant to the agreement which prevails between them within Group V, will revert to Group V(b) during these elections.

Also, the Director-General has been informed, by letter dated 22 September 2015, that the State of Kuwait was renouncing its seat on the Executive Board for the remaining two years of its mandate (2015-2017 biennium). Subsequently, Group V will have 11 seats to be filled during the elections which will be held at the 38th session of the General Conference.