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Draft resolution

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Amendment to the Draft Budget for 2016-2017 (38 C/5)

Submitted by **ARGENTINA**

Part II.B – Programme-Related Services:

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| Chapter: | 3 | External relations and public information |
| Resolution No.: | | 08600 |
| Draft resolution: | | Draft resolution for External relations and public information |
| Paragraph: | | 3 (2) |
| Budgetary implications indicated by the sponsor: | | Without budgetary implications |
| Source of financing proposed by the sponsor: | | — |

Proposed modification:

Proposed addition to paragraph 3 (2) (from document 37 C/5) to be added to resolution 08600:

- (2) Contribution of National Commissions to the implementation and review of UNESCO's programmes at different levels will be improved and made more effective, **and the participation of the National Commissions in the different areas of the Organization**

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This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 14 September 2015.

will be reinforced through regular **face-to-face regional and interregional** consultations, **virtual** interactions and capacity-building activities;

Explanatory note:

Argentina supports the 2014-2017 action plan for the Organization's external relations and public information, particularly regarding increased cooperation with the National Commissions. As presented at the most recent regional meetings of National Commissions (Montevideo 2012, Quito 2013 and Lima 2015) and in line with statements by the Director-General of UNESCO, the National Commissions are considered an essential part of UNESCO's architecture and key to the fulfilment of the Organization's objectives and mission. It is therefore vital to strengthen their central role coordinating all stakeholders with expertise in the areas covered by the Organization. One of the most effective mechanisms for increasing the visibility and enhancing the position of the National Commissions in the Organization lies in strengthening their role, not just as promoters of UNESCO's programmes in their countries, but also and above all as representatives of the national and regional interests within the Organization and its governing bodies. Therefore, it is deemed appropriate to facilitate the participation of National Commissions in the decision-making bodies and the implementation of activities that the Organization undertakes at Headquarters and in the field offices. It is also emphasized that face-to-face regional consultations between the National Commissions are essential forums for dialogue on regional policies and positions that help to ensure appropriate representation of Member States' interests and priorities in UNESCO's core programme areas. It being understood that the National Commissions are the key partners in each Member State, the Organization is expected to promote and transmit the strategies that ensure their concrete and effective contribution to the implementation and review of UNESCO's programmes at different levels.