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## DRAFT RESOLUTION

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**Follow-up to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit's (JIU) recommendations concerning the methods of work of UNESCO's intergovernmental bodies**

**Proposed amendments to the proposed resolution on item 6.4 (Document 37 C/49 Add.)**

The General Conference,

1. Recalling **36 C Resolution 104**, 191 EX/Decision 16 (IV) and 192 EX/Decision 4 (III),
2. Having examined document 37 C/49 and Add.,
3. Acknowledging the need to optimize the governance of intergovernmental programmes, committees and Conventions by harnessing the potential for greater synergies, harmonization, efficiencies and impact while bearing in mind requirements regarding the quality of work and the specific mandate, constituency and functioning of individual governing bodies,
4. Decides that a strategic performance review of all governance bodies, listed in document 191 EX/16 Part IV Annex, shall be carried out as described below, with

**a view to formulating governance reform and cost-saving measures as appropriate**

- (a) All governing bodies, intergovernmental programmes, committees and Conventions are invited to perform a self assessment covering the overall relevance of their work in relation to their specific mandate as well as the efficiency and effectiveness of their meetings, including the impact and utility of experts' time. The outcome of these self assessments should to the extent possible be reported at the latest by January 2015;**
  - (b) An external review of challenges in relation to governance in UNESCO, including continued relevance, overlapping mandates, transparency and efficiency of decision making and the costs of governance arrangements. The review should also take into account the functioning and working methods of other United Nations specialized agencies and the intergovernmental programmes affiliated with them;**
- 5. Invites the External Auditor to facilitate the self assessment of governing bodies by delivering a common assessment framework covering the relevant issues;**
  - 6. Further invites the External Auditor to perform the external review decided in para. 4 above;**
  - 7. Also invites the Director-General to address the challenges within her purview, *inter alia* by providing proper institutional oversight to alleviate the risk of programmatic overlap and duplication, harmonizing secretariat services in order to improve meeting procedural and substantive planning;**
  - 8. Requests that the External Auditor presents an interim report on the findings and main recommendations of the governance review to the 196th session of the Executive Board, and that the full report be presented at the 197th session of the Executive Board, with a view to recommend to the 38th session of the General Conference relevant follow-up measures for its consideration;**
  - 9. Further requests that the external governance review be financed by the Regular Budget by including it in the External Auditor's regular programme for the biennium 2014-15 with the necessary adjustments as appropriate.**
  - ~~3. Requests the Director-General to propose the possible format, focus, terms of reference and financing methodologies of an external review to identify challenges in relation to governance;~~
  - ~~4. Further requests the Director-General, as proposed by the Executive Board, to ensure that all decisions with unforeseeable financial implications for the Organization's regular budget adopted by the intergovernmental and other bodies referred to in document 191 EX/16 Part IV, be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration and decision, and, if necessary, a recommendation thereon to the General Conference as an input to any further external review of governance;~~
  - ~~5. Requests the governing bodies of all intergovernmental and other bodies referred to in document 191 EX/16 Part IV, to address the efficiency and effectiveness of their meetings and formulate governance reform and cost-saving measures as appropriate, based on the review, for consideration by it at its 38th session.~~