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## DRAFT RESOLUTION

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**Internet related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of  
expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society**

The General Conference,

*Having examined* document 37 C/61,

*Recalling* 36 C/Resolution 57, 190 EX/Decision 5 (III) and 192 EX/Decision 40,

*Taking into account* the essential role of ethical principles and values in UNESCO's mandate regarding cyberspace and the several events, studies, publications, reports and other activities related to the subject advanced by the Organization since 1995, including IFAP's Code of Ethics for the Information Society,

*Committed* to the full implementation in cyberspace of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other universally recognized legal instruments,

*Taking note* of the report A/HRC/23/40 of the United Nations Special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression,

*Bearing in mind* that the final statement adopted at the first UNESCO-hosted WSIS+10 review event in February 2013 invites all stakeholders to protect privacy and foster dignity to which everyone is entitled in cyberspace and encourages international and interdisciplinary reflection and debate on the ethical challenges of emerging technologies and the information society,

*Recognizing* that Member States have a common interest in promoting and protecting the fundamental values of privacy, individual liberties and the global free flow of information,

*Affirming* the universality of the principle that the same human rights which apply offline must be also guaranteed and protected online,

*Also affirming* the desirability of promoting common understanding on the promotion of an open, safe and accessible Internet,

*Further affirming* that everyone has a right to the protection of personal data and private life in cyberspace and that users should be protected against unlawful storage, abuse or unauthorized disclosure of personal data, and against intrusion of their privacy,

*Noting* that privacy is essential to protect journalistic sources, which enable a society to benefit from investigative journalism, to strengthen good governance and the rule of law,

*Noting also* that, due to the transboundary nature of dataflow, challenges regarding cyberspace are to be addressed by national, regional and global measures conceived and harmonized through inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogue,

*Stressing* the opportunity and desirability of positioning UNESCO strategically in the international debates concerning cyberspace in the coming years, taking into regard the Organization's plural structure and specific mandates,

1. *Requests* the Director-General to prepare, for examination at its 38th session, a draft set of guidelines, in the format of a non-binding standard-setting instrument, addressing the challenges regarding the protection and promotion of universal access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethics in cyberspace;
2. *Also requests* the Director-General to conduct a structured process, within UNESCO's mandates, to draw up the envisaged draft, which shall benefit from:
  - (a) UNESCO's accumulated knowledge and past experiences in those issues;
  - (b) multi-stakeholder events UNESCO is expected to assist during the next biennium;
  - (c) consultations with the Intergovernmental Council or the Bureau of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC);
  - (d) consultations with the Intergovernmental Council or the Bureau of the Information for All Programme (IFAP);
  - (e) advice from the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST); and

- (f) other relevant provisions foreseen in the 37 C/5;
- 3. *Further request* the Director General to inform Member States on a regular basis of the achievements of this structured process;
- 4. Requests furthermore the Director General to present the outcome of the above mentioned process to the Executive Board at its 196th session for consideration;
- 5. Calls upon Member States to fully engage in this process and to make every effort, including through extrabudgetary contributions for financing additional meetings or other activities, with a view to fostering the broadest possible consensus.