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**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**

SUMMARY

In accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2, of the above Protocol, the Director-General communicates to the Executive Board the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the Protocol for the purpose of the election of six members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission by the General Conference at its 36th session.

Under the terms of the same paragraph, the Executive Board is required to transmit this list to the General Conference with such suggestions as it may consider useful.

Action expected of the Executive Board: decision proposed in paragraph 13.

1. At its 12th session on 10 December 1962, the General Conference adopted a 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.¹

2. Article 1 of this Protocol established, under the auspices of UNESCO, a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission, to be responsible for seeking the amicable settlement of disputes, between States Parties to the Convention, concerning the application or interpretation of the Convention.

¹ Document not reproduced but available at www.unesco.org/en/la/.

3. The Protocol having entered into force on 24 October 1968, the General Conference at its 16th session, under Article 2 of the Protocol, elected the 11 members of the Commission on 6 November 1970.

4. Since the term of office of the following four members of the Commission is due to expire at its 36th session, the General Conference will be required to fill the corresponding four vacant seats:

Ms Léa Akissi (Côte d'Ivoire)

Ms Iman el Kaffas (Egypt)

Ms Florence Mutonyi D'Ujanga (Uganda)

Ms Yvette Rabetafika-Ranjeva (Madagascar)

5. Furthermore, one seat that has been vacant since the 35th session of the General Conference and the seat left vacant by a member of the Commission – Mr Munther al-Masri (Jordan), deceased on 6 September 2010 – remain to be filled.

6. A list of members of the Commission, with indication of the dates of their election or re-election, appears in Annex I.

7. Under Article 2 of the Protocol, the members of the Commission must be persons of high moral standing and acknowledged impartiality. They serve in their personal capacity. In the election of members of the Commission, the General Conference shall endeavour to include persons of recognized competence in the field of education and persons having judicial experience, or legal experience, particularly of an international character. It shall also give consideration to equitable geographical distribution of membership and to the representation of the different forms of civilization as well as of the principal legal systems.

8. Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Protocol provides that the Commission may not include more than one national of the same State.

9. Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Protocol provides that the members of the Commission shall be elected from a list of persons nominated for the purpose by the States Parties to the Protocol, after consultation with their National Commissions for UNESCO. Each State Party may nominate not more than four persons, who must be nationals of States Parties to the Protocol.

10. In pursuance of paragraph 2 of the same Article, the Director-General, by letter DG/18/2011/017 of 14 March 2011, invited the States Parties to the Protocol to submit nominations, including nationals of other States Parties as announced by the Commission at its meeting on 13 and 14 October 2005, while specifying the vacant seat for which they are submitting the nomination. In accordance with the Record of the Meeting of the States Parties to the 1962 Protocol (Paris, 7 and 8 October 2003),² the Director-General also recalled the terms 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.

11. The list of States Parties to the Protocol as at 1 June 2011 is reproduced in Annex II.

12. At the date of drafting the present document, no nomination had been submitted yet.

² Documents not reproduced but available at www.unesco.org/en/la/.

13. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a draft decision along the following lines:

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 187 EX/19 and of the fact that the States Parties to the Protocol have not yet submitted nominations for the election of six members of the Commission,
4. Requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference any nominations that she may receive before the opening of the 36th session.

ANNEX I

**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**

MEMBERSHIP AND DATES OF ELECTION OR RE-ELECTION

Member¹	Date of election or re-election²
Ms Léa Akissi (Côte d'Ivoire)	16 October 2003 ³
Mr Antonio Pedro Barbas Homen (Portugal)	1 November 2007
Mr Pierre-Michel Eisemann (France)	21 October 2009
Mr Klaus Hübner (Germany)	21 October 2009
Mr Iman el Kaffas (Egypt)	20 October 2005
Ms Vilma Labrador (Philippines)	1 November 2007
Mr Francesco Margiotta-Broglio (Italy)	21 October 2009
Ms Florence Mutonyi D'Ujanga (Uganda)	16 October 2003 ³
Ms Yvette Rabetafika-Ranjeva (Madagascar)	16 October 2003 ³

¹ The Commission normally consists of 11 members, in accordance with Article 2 of the 1962 Protocol. Currently, six vacant seats remain to be filled at the 36th session of the General Conference.

² The members of the Commission shall be elected for a term of six years, in accordance with Article 5 of the Protocol.

³ In accordance with the interpretation of Article 7 of the 1962 Protocol as established by the Meeting of the States Parties to the Protocol (Paris, 7 and 8 October 2003), this member shall remain in office until the next election, at the 36th session of the General Conference.

ANNEX II

**LIST OF STATES PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL
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(Paris, 10 December 1962)

Argentina	Madagascar
Australia	Malta
Brunei Darussalam	Morocco
Costa Rica	Netherlands
Côte d'Ivoire	Niger
Cuba	Norway
Cyprus	Panama
Denmark	Philippines
Dominica	Portugal
Egypt	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
France	Senegal
Germany	Solomon Islands
Guatemala	South Africa
Israel	Spain
Italy	Uganda
Jordan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	



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ADDENDUM and CORRIGENDUM

1. This document communicates the updated list, as at 2 September 2011, of the persons nominated for election to the Commission, whose curriculum vitae provided by the States Parties (Côte d'Ivoire and Jordan) are available for consultation at the Secretariat:

Ms Léa Akissi (Côte d'Ivoire)

Deputy Director of Regulation and Litigation, Human Resources Department, Ministry of National Education

Dr Adnan Badran (Jordan)

President of Petra University in Amman and President of the Arab Academy of Sciences

Mr Tanoh François Fossou (Côte d'Ivoire)

Head of Quality Control, Out-of-School Education and Cooperative Activities Department, Ministry of National Education

Mr Zagny Denis Kla (Côte d'Ivoire)

Manager, Education Division, Côte d'Ivoire National Commission for UNESCO

Mr Amani Firmin Kouadio (Côte d'Ivoire)

Treasurer, Côte d'Ivoire National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of National Education

Dr Muhyieddeen Shaban Touq (Jordan)

Commissioner General for Human Rights, National Centre for Human Rights in Jordan

Dr Adel al-Tweissi (Jordan)

President of the University of Jordan

2. In the light of the foregoing, the draft decision in paragraph 13 of document 187 EX/19 should read as follows:

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 the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the Protocol for the purpose of the election of six members of the Commission communicated to it by the Director-General pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of the said Protocol (187 EX/19 and Add. and Corr.),
4. Transmits this list to the General Conference at its 36th session,
5. Requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference any nominations that she may receive before the opening of the 36th session.