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**Draft Council Decision**

The Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme,

Recalling the mandate, programme objectives and implementation principles laid down for the Programme in the Decision of the Executive Board that established it,

Recalling that the Programme's specific objectives are set out in its Strategic Plan (2008-2013) endorsed by the Executive Board at its 180th session in October 2008,

Recalling the role of the Council in implementing IFAP (Article 5 of the Statutes),

Further recalling that under Article 8 of the Statutes, the Secretariat of the Council shall be provided by the Director-General of UNESCO, who shall place at the Council's disposal the staff and other means required for its efficient operation,

Noting the increased role of IFAP in UNESCO's "Communication and Information" programme, as provided for in document 35 C/5 adopted by the General Conference,

Aware that the Executive Board has repeatedly called for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of IFAP and has requested the Director-General to assist in this endeavour by providing additional funds from the regular budget, extrabudgetary funding and staff support,

Recognizing that the IFAP Council and Bureau have primary responsibility for the success of the programme,

Noting that under the Statutes the Bureau has mainly formal and non-executive functions and responsibilities,

Noting also that the Bureau is considered as a subsidiary body of the Council and shall discharge such duties as the Council may confer upon it,

Invites the Bureau to assume the role of the executive body of the Council, actively cooperating with the Secretariat in implementing the goals of UNESCO as defined in document 35 C/5;

Invites the Chair and Bureau members to agree on a division of labour within the Bureau, resulting in the acceptance by Bureau members of responsibilities for, in particular, contacts and regular cooperation with Council members; development and operation of working groups; cooperation with National IFAP Committees; fundraising; IFAP projects and visibility; oversight of the IFAP website and the IFAP Information Society Observatory; outreach to, and contacts with, various stakeholder groups and organizations; operational relations with UNESCO Member States that are not elected members of the Council;

Requests the Director-General to take the appropriate measures in order to ensure that the Bureau is fully assisted in discharging these responsibilities.