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1 Agenda and timetable of work (184 EX/1 Prov. Rev. and Corr. (*English only*); 184 EX//INF.1 Prov. Rev.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 184 EX/1 Prov. Rev. and Corr. (*English only*) and 184 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items of its agenda to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX)**: items 5 (IV, VI-IX, XIII), 6 (II, VIII), 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 30, 31, 35, 36 and 37; and for programme-related aspects, items 4 and 5 (V);
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA)**: items 5 (I-III, X-XII), 6 (I, III-VII), 8, 17, 26, 27 and 28; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 4 and 5 (V);

and to refer the following items to the **joint meeting of the PX and FA Commissions**: items 14, 16, 21, and 33.

(184 EX/SR.1)

2 Approval of the summary records of the 182nd and 183rd sessions (182 EX/SR.1-15 and Corr. and 183 EX/SR. 1-2 and Corr. (*French only*))

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 182nd and 183rd sessions.

(184 EX/SR.1)

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (184 EX/INF.13; 184 EX/INF.18)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(184 EX/SR.2; 184 EX/SR.7)

REPORTING ITEMS

4 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Programme and Budget and on results achieved in the previous biennium (2008-2009) (184 EX/4 – Draft 36 C/3; 184 EX/4 Add.; 184 EX/INF.10; 184 EX/INF.11; 184 EX/INF.14; 184 EX/INF.15; 184 EX/INF.17 and Corr.; 184 EX/41; 184 EX/42)

I

Report on the implementation of the current Programme and Budget (C/5), together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (C/3)

The Executive Board,

A

Content of the report

1. Recalling recommendation 13 of 33 C/Resolution 92, and 33 C/Resolution 78, in which the General Conference requested the Executive Board to report to it at each session on the implementation of the current Programme and Budget (C/5), together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (C/3),

2. Further recalling 34 C/Resolution 89 inviting the Executive Board to have a wider and more strategic assessment of the performance of the programmes, including the EX/4 document, by expressing its views progressively during the biennium through explicit decisions on the performance of individual programmes at the main-line-of-action level,
3. Having examined document 184 EX/4 – Draft 36 C/3,
4. Notes the progress achieved as identified in document 184 EX/4 – Draft 36 C/3:
 - under Major Programme I (Education), especially towards achieving the Education for All goals, developing holistic education policies that integrate cross-cutting themes, and expanding provision of education beyond formal primary schooling through advocacy, high-level world conferences and active engagement in country-level coordination processes;
 - under Major Programme II (Natural Sciences), especially towards addressing adaptation to global climate change under the intergovernmental and international scientific programmes (IHP, IOC, MAB, IGCP, IBSP) and the revision of science, technology and innovation policy in many countries, notably in Africa;
 - under Major Programme III (Social and Human Sciences), especially towards fostering policy responses to mitigate the negative social consequences of the financial crisis, and raising awareness of issues relating to the ethics of science, in particular human cloning and international governance and the principle of social responsibility and health;
 - under Major Programme IV (Culture), especially towards integrating culture into national development strategies, and translating cultural diversity principles into policies for development processes;
 - under Major Programme V (Communication and Information), especially towards raising awareness of freedom of expression as a basic human right, the recognition of free and independent pluralistic media, as well as universal access to knowledge and information as important factors in the achievement of sustainable development and commitment to supporting Member States through policy advice and capacity-building, including the conservation of archives included in the Memory of the World Register;
 - under the global priority *Addressing the needs of Africa*, especially towards supporting the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) and the development of capacity in the areas of literacy and all levels of education, the review of science policies in 17 countries, fostering an enabling policy environment for youth participation in policy development, strengthening national capacities for the management and conservation of World Heritage properties, and increased mobilization for the development of media and infostructures;
 - under the global priority *Promoting gender equality*, especially towards increasing learning opportunities for women, improving gender-sensitivity in reading material, including in media reporting, and broader participation of women in decision-making processes, especially at the community level, and increasing use of the gender-lens perspective in needs assessments;
5. Invites the Director-General to address the challenges identified under each major programme, in particular those that are cross-sectoral such as: United Nations Delivering as One and joint United Nations programming at the country level,

intersectoral platforms, including with regard to UNESCO's contribution to the Mauritius Strategy for Small Island Developing States, implementation of conventions, capacity development at the national level, further integration of a human-rights based approach into all UNESCO activities, further strengthening of ongoing efforts to combat racism and racial discrimination, and the need to better capitalize on and publicize UNESCO's expertise;

6. Also invites the Director-General to take stock of the lessons learned, in particular with regard to impact, cost-effectiveness and sustainability, and to apply the most relevant elements to the activities of the entire Organization;
7. Further invites the Director-General, in preparation for the next Draft Programme and Budget (36 C/5), to take into account the lessons that may be learned from analysis of the information provided in document 184 EX/4 – Draft 36 C/3 and of the detailed information presented online, and to make good use of the complementary empirical evidence provided in the evaluations of the strategic programme objectives;

B

Format of the report

8. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 89, 176 EX/Decision 29, and Part II of document 179 EX/4 – Draft 35 C/3 (*Rev. in English only*),
9. Reiterating its commitment to results-based management (RBM) as a vital tool for evidence-based strategic decision-making by the governing bodies,
10. Underlining the contribution expected from the C/3 document in terms of accountability for results and financial and administrative transparency, and as a tool for the planning process of future programme cycles,
11. Recognizing that document 184 EX/4 – Draft 36 C/3 builds on the continued efforts to strengthen reporting on the performance of the programme in response to 34 C/Resolution 89,
12. Noting that, while the report focuses on main developments in the delivery of major programmes, detailed information concerning results achieved by all major programmes and under all other chapters (including central services) can be obtained from the UNESCO website, as well as complementary information on the results achieved with regard the participation of UNESCO field offices in United Nations common country programming processes,
13. Welcomes the enhanced commitment to presenting illustrative achievements and challenges for the two global priorities, *Addressing the needs of Africa* and *Promoting gender equality*, as well as for intersectoral platforms and each of UNESCO's five functions;
14. Notes with appreciation the improvements resulting from ongoing training in the overall RBM practice identified by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), in particular in the preparation of the C/5 document and the identification and achievement of expected results relating to the core functions;
15. Also welcomes Part II of document 184 EX/4 – Draft 36 C/3 containing findings and conclusions of IOS that are crucial for the reinforcement of results-based monitoring and reporting;

16. Stresses, however, that limited progress has been achieved in addressing some of the shortfalls identified by IOS in document 35 C/3, and that action needs to be taken to address the following key challenges that hamper programming, results-based monitoring and reporting:
- (a) excessive output-based programming and reporting (instead of outcome-based);
 - (b) weak use of formal monitoring systems and data collection tools;
 - (c) lack of monitoring data from beneficiaries to assess quality and usefulness;
 - (d) absence of baselines and benchmarks for some expected results;
 - (e) lack of appropriate indicators for qualitative interventions such as capacity- and policy-development related expected results;
17. Invites the Director-General to:
- find means to overcome the challenges relating to results-based management identified in paragraphs 78 to 87 of document 184 EX/4 – Draft 36 C/3 and to report to the Executive Board at its 186th session on her intentions and on the measures taken to implement the recommendations of IOS in order to enhance monitoring reporting for the next C/3 document (37 C/3);
 - make greater and more targeted efforts to ensure that quality outcome indicators as well as baselines and benchmarks are used throughout the process of drafting C/5 documents in order to support more qualitative outcome-based reporting in future C/3 documents;
 - present in the EX/4 and C/3 documents evidence-based analyses of the extent to which expected results have been achieved and have contributed towards the achievement of the biennial sectoral priorities and the strategic objectives in the Medium-Term Strategy, and how efficiently and effectively financial and human resources have been used;
 - pursue efforts to provide easier access to SISTER 2, and to hold appropriate training sessions for the Permanent Delegations on a regular basis;
18. Further invites the Director-General to present comprehensive analytical EX/4 reports each year at its spring session, and to present more concise reports at its autumn session.

II

The United Nations International Year of Youth (2010) and the UNESCO Strategy on African Youth developed by the Social and Human Sciences Sector

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 184 EX/4 containing the report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Programme and Budget, under Major Programme III,
2. Considering United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/134 “Proclamation of 2010 as the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding”, bringing youth to the forefront of the global agenda,

3. Convinced that Africa's greatest resource is its youthful population, and that through the active and full participation of African youth, Africans can surmount the difficulties that lie ahead,
4. Taking into account the African Youth Charter of the African Union inviting every Member State to develop a comprehensive and coherent youth policy,
5. Recalling the Declaration of Ouagadougou adopted by the First UNESCO African Youth Forum (Burkina Faso, 24-28 September 2007), in which UNESCO was entrusted with encouraging, supporting, following and developing action by and for youth,
6. Noting that, in the context of the United Nations proclamation of 2010 as the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, no concrete activity has yet been planned in the Africa region,
7. Welcoming efforts made by the UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector in the development of the UNESCO Strategy on African Youth, in close collaboration with African Member States,
8. Acknowledging the wide consultative process involving various partners, including the African Union, the African Development Bank, regional economic communities, regional intergovernmental organizations, African youth organizations, academia and the United Nations system in the development of the Strategy,
9. Further recalling the importance given to youth, and in particular African youth, under Major Programme III and Priority Africa in the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5 Approved),
10. Requests the Director-General to reflect in her preliminary proposals for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012.2013 (36 C/5) the UNESCO Strategy on African Youth;
11. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on the planned implementation of the UNESCO Strategy on African Youth, and on activities planned for the celebration of the United Nations International Year of Youth (2010).

(184 EX/SR.9)

5 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions
(184 EX/5 and Add.-Add.4; 184 EX/INF.7; 184 EX/41; 184 EX/42 and Add.)

I

Alignment of planning cycles

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 49,
2. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General in document 184 EX/5 (sub-items III and XII) and additional information provided by the Secretariat during the current session of the Board (184 EX/FA/EG);
3. Requests the Director-General to present a thorough report on possible scenarios for alignment of programme cycles, including the programmatic and managerial implications for UNESCO, at its 185th session in connection with the Board's discussions on decentralization;

4. Invites the Special Committee to examine the proposal by the United Nations General Assembly to align planning cycles with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the report of the Director-General thereon, and submit proposals to the Executive Board at its 185th session;
5. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 186th session a progress report on follow-up thereto.

II

Geographical representation in the staff of the Secretariat

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 93 and 182 EX/Decision 41,
2. Having examined document 184 EX/5 (sub-item X),
3. Takes note of the information included therein as well as of the proposed work plan to improve the geographical balance in the staff of the Secretariat (2010-2015);
4. Notes the slow implementation of the specific measures aimed at improving geographical representation, in particular for non-represented and under-represented Member States;
5. Notes with appreciation the Director-General's commitment to reinforcing the Young Professionals programme as one means among others to improve geographical representation in the Secretariat;
6. Invites the Director-General to present, as soon as possible, an information note on the geographical representation of the ten Young Professionals for the 2010-2011 biennium;
7. Urges the Director-General to implement the proposed work plan;
8. Also invites the Director-General to present to it at its 185th session an information note on:
 - (a) the progress made in the implementation of the specific measures and of the work plan;
 - (b) the situation of geographical representation, by country, in the staff of the Secretariat.

III

Progress in the implementation of the fundraising strategy for the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 7, 174 EX/Decision 9, 175 EX/Decision 4 (III), 176 EX/Decision 5 (II), 179 EX/Decision 29 and 181 EX/Decision 54 regarding the establishment of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education, the status of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education, and

development of a fundraising strategy for the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education,

2. Further recalling 182 EX/Decision 5 (III), in which the Director-General was requested to present a progress report on the implementation of the fundraising strategy at the 184th session of the Executive Board,
3. Thanks the Director-General for submitting a progress report on the implementation of the fundraising strategy, and notes with satisfaction the commitment of the Director-General, reiterated at the information meeting of the Executive Board on 4 February 2010, to proactively strengthen the Programme/Fund, including by promoting it at all major international events;
4. Notes that the Director-General has emphasized the strengthening of South-South cooperation and triangular North-South-South cooperation in the activities of all major programmes in refining the work plans for document 35 C/5 Approved and in the preparation of the 36 C/5 work plans and the 35 C/5 and 36 C/5 complementary additional programme;
5. Welcomes the organization by the Steering Committee of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education of the Round Table on South-South Cooperation/Funding in Education: Opportunities and Challenges at UNESCO Headquarters on 17 December 2009, held in conjunction with the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation celebrated for the first time at UNESCO, and as part of the implementation of the fundraising strategy;
6. Notes with satisfaction the circulation as an information document of the Executive Board the summary report of the Round Table on South-South Cooperation/Funding in Education: Opportunities and Challenges;
7. Notes with great concern that ongoing pilot projects for the different regions cannot be sustained without funding either from the regular budget or from extrabudgetary contributions, and from new donors;
8. Welcomes the steps initiated by the Secretariat to implement the fundraising strategy, including letters written by the Director-General to potential donors to further mobilize funding for the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education;
9. Expresses satisfaction at the Director-General's commitment to seek funding for the Asia-Pacific pilot project through the complementary additional programme, and requests the Director-General to consider doing the same for other regional projects;
10. Notes with deep regret that despite education for all (EFA) being a priority goal for UNESCO, only developing countries have to date contributed to the Programme/Fund, and calls upon all Member States to strengthen their support for South-South cooperation;
11. Strongly urges development partners to strengthen their support for South-South cooperation and for triangular North-South-South cooperation by making contributions to the Programme/Fund;
12. Thanks the Director-General for her commitment to the Programme/Fund, and welcomes her intention to earmark 0.5% of regular programme resources under the major programmes for the funding of South-South cooperation projects in all of UNESCO's fields of competence;

13. Invites the Director-General to further strengthen the implementation of the fundraising strategy, including through the active sensitization of other United Nations programmes such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as well as, *inter alia*, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and African Development Bank, and other donors;
14. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on the progress achieved in mobilizing new funds through the implementation of the fundraising strategy, and to present a detailed report on the progress of implementation of the pilot projects.

IV

Implementation of 35 C/Resolution 49 and 182 EX/Decision 5 (II) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined item 5 (sub-item IV) of its agenda, as well as 184 EX/PX/DR.1 (text attached),
2. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on this matter;
3. Expresses its commitment to exert its utmost efforts to resolve this issue at its 185th session;
4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its forthcoming session (185th).

(184 EX/SR.9)



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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 5 **Sub-item IV: Implementation of 35 C/Resolution 49 and 182 EX/Decision 5 (II) relating to the ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the old city of Jerusalem (184 EX/5)**

DRAFT DECISION

submitted by:* ALGERIA, BURKINA FASO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, KUWAIT, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA and VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)

* After the publication of the draft decision, the following Board Members added their signatures: Bangladesh, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 184 EX/5 (IV) and Add.,
2. Recalling document 182 EX/5 (V),
3. Recalling 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision, 177 EX/Decision 20, and 179 EX/Decisions 9 and 52,
4. Further recalling Decisions 31 COM 7A.18, 32 COM 7A.18 and 33 COM 7A. 18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007), 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) and 33rd (Seville, 2009) sessions respectively,
5. Also recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage including: the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the relevant provisions of the 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972, the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,
6. Recalling the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice in the case concerning “the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory” regarding the applicability of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the related duties of the United Nations and its specialized agencies thereon,
7. Reaffirming the purpose and spirit of the professional encounter at the technical level of 13 January 2008, as well as the follow-up meeting of 24 February 2008,
8. Noting the Sixth Reinforced Monitoring Reports (February 2009) prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
9. Deeply regretting in this regard, the postponement of the follow-up meeting of experts which was scheduled on 12 November 2008, as called for in Decision 33 COM 7A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee in Seville and reiterated in UNESCO Executive Board 182 EX/Decision 5 (II), as well as of the planned visit of Jordanian technical experts to the Mughrabi Ascent site on 27 July 2009, and requested visits of 17 December 2009 and 9 March 2010 due to the repeated denial of access by Israeli authorities, to Jordanian technical experts to the Mughrabi Ascent site, to enable them to conduct the required measurements to finalize the Jordanian Design in accordance with the World Heritage Committee decision (33 COM 7A.18) adopted in Seville and reiterated in UNESCO Executive Board 182 EX/Decision 5 (II),
10. Recognizing the deep concerns regarding the decision taken by the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Commission on the town planning scheme for the Mughrabi Ascent,
11. Requests that, despite the decision mentioned in paragraph 10, the process for the design of the Mughrabi Ascent be inclusive of all parties concerned, in accordance with obligations and duties of such parties as stipulated in the content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions;
12. Reaffirms in this regard that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, should be taken which will affect the authenticity and integrity of the site, in accordance with the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972 and the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954;
13. Notes the request made by the World Heritage Committee at its 33rd session in Decision 33 COM 7A.18 and asks, in this regard, that the Israeli authorities *resume cooperation* with all concerned parties, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts;
14. Deeply regrets that Israel continues to act unilaterally in disregard to the relevant provisions of the instruments mentioned in paragraph 5 and decision 33 COM 7 A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 33rd session (Seville 2009), and UNESCO Executive Board 182 EX/Decision 15, and contrary to the purpose and spirit of the technical professional encounter of 13 January 2008, as well as the follow-up meeting of 24 February 2008, which aimed at finding an accepted coordinated and monitored solution concerning the Mughrabi Ascent among all parties concerned;
15. Reaffirms the necessity of Israel’s cooperation in order to arrange for access to the Mughrabi Ascent site for Jordanian and Waqf experts, and reiterates its call on the Director-General to organize a follow-up meeting of experts as soon as possible, once the parties concerned have reached an understanding;
16. Reaffirms that the UNESCO mandated process for designing of the Mughrabi Ascent, which allows for the taking into consideration of the designs submitted during the aforementioned professional encounter, is still under way, and that the World Heritage Centre is following closely the developments associated with this process through its Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism;

17. Calls upon Israel to enable the necessary access to the site to Jordanian and Waqf experts, most notably, in order to take the necessary measurements for the concept design proposed by Jordan, as evaluated by ICOMOS and ICCROM; and enable Jordan as a concerned party to present its final design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent;
18. Expresses its thanks to the Director-General for the actions she is taking to facilitate the dialogue and professional exchanges between all the parties concerned;
19. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon at its 185th session.

6 Reports by the Director-General on other specific matters (184 EX/6 Parts I and Add.- Add.2, III, IV and Corr., V and Corr., VI and Add. and VII; 184 EX/INF.8; 184 EX/41; 184 EX/42)

I

The use of individual consultant and fee contracts by the Secretariat

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 35 and 181 EX/Decision 40,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/6 Part IV and Corr. and 184 EX/INF.8,
3. Takes note of the data, analyses and preliminary qualitative information presented in document 184 EX/6 Part IV and Corr., and encourages the Secretariat to continue its efforts to provide further information on the content of consultancy contracts and the products to be delivered;
4. Underlines the need for transparency in the hiring of individual consultants and the use of fee contracts;
5. Recalls the need to achieve a wider geographical distribution and gender balance in the hiring of consultants where qualifications are equal;
6. Urges the Director-General to implement recommendations 5 and 6 of the External Auditor's report regarding the implementation of phase 2 of STEPS so as to have a single database for temporary contracts;
7. Invites the Director-General to submit her next report on the use of consultant and fee contracts in the light of the debates at its current session to the Executive Board at its 186th session.

II

**UNESCO's publication activities and
Publication and Distribution Plan 2010-2011**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 31 (I), 180 EX/Decision 40 (I) and 181 EX/Decision 39,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/6 Part V and Corr. and 184 EX/INF.8,
3. Takes note of the progress achieved thus far by the Director-General to implement the External Auditor's recommendations;

4. Recognizes and takes note of the Director-General's interest in implementing a new publication policy as a means to improve the quality of production and reinforce UNESCO's visibility;
5. Also takes note of the Publication and Distribution Plan 2010-2011 (preliminary list) posted on UNESCO's website;
6. Expresses concern regarding the increase in the number of publications envisaged in the preliminary list for 2010-2011, and that the preliminary list does not yet include, as requested in 179 EX/Decision 31 (I), information concerning the intended purpose, the demand, and the expected impact;
7. Further expresses its concern regarding the difficulties of achieving a high level of linguistic diversity within the plan;
8. Invites the Director-General to pursue her efforts, within the limits of the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5 Approved), to:
 - (a) designate a publication officer and/or focal point in each sector, bureau and institute;
 - (b) complete training for Headquarters and field staff on publication policy;
 - (c) finalize the operationalization of the tool for monitoring UNESCO's publications;
 - (d) apply qualitative and quantitative indicators to measure the distribution and impact of publications;
 - (e) define proper methods and tools to calculate print-runs once the target audiences have been identified and the types of publications anticipated;
 - (f) improve the linguistic diversity of publications;
 - (g) reinforce the *UNESCO Courier* through the reactivation of the print version of the publication, through new partnerships and extrabudgetary funding, taking into account linguistic diversity;
9. Encourages the Director-General to have the UNESCO Publications Guidelines translated into French as soon as possible, in order to disseminate them widely among staff and facilitate their implementation;
10. Requests the Director-General to invite the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) to include in its audit plans, on a regular basis, a selection of individual publications from Headquarters and field offices;
11. Further requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 185th session a progress report on the application of this decision and to present a revised Publication and Distribution Plan 2010-2011.

(184 EX/SR.9)

7 Reports from the governing bodies of category 1 institutes: report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (184 EX/7; 184 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article V.1(e) of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) (30 C/Resolution 44) and 182 EX/Decision 19,
2. Having examined the report by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics Governing Board on the activities of the Institute since July 2009 (184 EX/7),
3. Welcomes the achievements of the Institute over the last six months and the fact that financial and administrative implications clearly fall within the parameters of document 34 C/5 Approved;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics Governing Board;
5. Invites the UNESCO Institute for Statistics Governing Board to report to it at its 186th session.

(184 EX/SR.9)

8 External Auditor's reports (184 EX/8 Parts I, II, III and Corr., IV and V; 184 EX/INF.8; 184 EX/41)

I

Implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 39,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/8 Part I and 184 EX/INF.8,
3. Notes the progress achieved in implementing the External Auditor's recommendations, and requests the Director-General to implement in a timely fashion the recommendations that require the adoption of additional measures.

II

Audit report on the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 184 EX/8 Part III and Corr.,
2. Recalling Decisions 6 EXT.COM/6, 28 COM 11 and 29 COM 16 adopted by the World Heritage Committee,
3. Takes note of the recommendations of the External Auditor and the comments of the Director-General included in the above-mentioned document;
4. Notes that the External Auditor issued no recommendation concerning section 5 of the report (184 EX/8 Part III);

5. Urges the Director-General to implement the External Auditor's recommendations as soon as possible, and in particular to:
 - (a) finalize the recruitment of a Deputy Director for management in the World Heritage Centre
 - (b) improve geographical distribution of staff in the World Heritage Centre, mainly in the Professional category, while devoting particular attention to candidates from developing countries;
 - (c) use the revised budget structure adopted by the World Heritage Committee in its Decision WHC-03/6 EXT.COM/6 to report on all funding resources used by the World Heritage Centre, and take into account Decision 33 COM/16B, paragraph 5;
 - (d) improve the proportion of staff of the Centre specialized in the field of natural heritage;
6. Invites the Director-General to transmit the report of the External Auditor (184 EX/8 Part III) to the World Heritage Committee for its consideration.

(184 EX/SR.9)

PROGRAMME MATTERS

Education

9 **United Nations University (UNU): report by the Council of UNU and the Director-General's comments thereon** (184 EX/9; 184 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 184 EX/9,
2. Recognizing the key role of the United Nations University (UNU) as a bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations,
3. Further recognizing the excellent quality of the relationship that has been developed between the United Nations University and UNESCO over the years,
4. Expresses its satisfaction at the development of the programme and activities of the United Nations University;
5. Expresses its appreciation of the increased active participation of the United Nations University in the programmes and activities of UNESCO, particularly the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs programme and especially the UNESCO-UNU Chairs, and the world conferences on higher education, science and sustainable development;
6. Stresses the need for continued collaboration between UNESCO and the United Nations University in areas of joint expertise and capacity;
7. Invites the United Nations University to pursue the implementation of the concept of "twin institutes", in particular in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, and the Arab States by encouraging cooperation between the United Nations University and category 2 centres and with other centres and universities in these regions in the fields of research and capacity-building;

8. Invites the Director-General to communicate to the Chair of the Council of the United Nations University the terms of this decision.

(184 EX/SR.9)

10 Impact of the current financial and economic crisis on the developing countries in their efforts to achieve the education for all (EFA) goals (184 EX/10; 184 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 15, 174 EX/Decision 9, 174 EX/Decision 10, 180 EX/Decision 7 and 181 EX/Decision 57,
2. Having examined document 184 EX/10,
3. Reiterating the conclusions and recommendations of the forty-eighth session of the International Conference on Education, which emphasized that funding for education should be a top priority and that the financial crisis should not serve as a justification for a reduction in the allocation of resources to education at both the national and international levels,
4. Expresses serious concern that the worldwide financial and economic crisis is in some countries seriously affecting the financing of all the UNESCO sectors, in particular, education and the achievement of the education for all (EFA) goals;
5. Welcomes the Addis Ababa Declaration, and calls upon UNESCO and all Member States to implement its 12 action points;
6. Calls upon development partners to fulfil their previous pledges, which would lead to a sharp increase in financing for developing countries, which would in turn mitigate the impact of the global financial crisis by introducing measures that would, in particular, protect the most vulnerable and marginalized groups;
7. Welcomes the efforts made by Member States to establish innovative mechanisms of funding to support education;
8. Invites the Director-General to continue to monitor the effects of the financial and economic crisis on education in Member States, especially in developing countries and in particular in least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS);
9. Strongly supports the Director-General in her commitment to reinforcing and reasserting UNESCO's leading and coordinating role for EFA, with a view to strengthening well-targeted advocacy and campaigning activities in cooperation with relevant partners;
10. Encourages the Director-General to spare no efforts to ensure that education and gender are given a proper place in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) review meeting in September 2010, and that the two education-related MDGs are seen in the broader EFA perspective;
11. Invites the Director-General to strengthen initiatives, together with other United Nations agencies, to interconnect the education-related MDGs with the other MDGs in order to increase synergy and progress towards the achievement of EFA and the Dakar goals, particularly through joint actions in education, food and health;

12. Further invites the Director-General, in cooperation with major partners, to review and assess the global framework for political and financial support for education and EFA, including the role of future EFA High-Level Group meetings;
13. Requests the Director-General to promote South-South cooperation and to promote exchange of best practices in meeting the education-related MDGs and the EFA goals;
14. Also invites the Director-General to consider the feasibility of organizing a pledging conference for the EFA goals and the education-related MDGs, and the possible timing thereof;
15. Also requests the Director-General to include in her activity reports at its 185th session updated information on:
 - (a) the impact of the current financial and economic crisis on the developing countries in their efforts to achieve the EFA goals, as well as the contribution provided by UNESCO to developing countries for that purpose;
 - (b) the current status of fulfilment of previous pledges by development partners in favour of education and EFA;
 - (c) the activities and achievements of UNESCO in preparing for the MDG summit to be held in New York in September 2010;
 - (d) concrete ideas and proposals for new forms of cooperation with other United Nations agencies to increase synergy between the education-related MDGs and the other MDGs;
 - (e) new recommendations following from the review of the global framework for political and financial support for education and EFA.

(184 EX/SR.9)

11 Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014): strategy for the second half of the Decade and mid-term progress report (184 EX/11; 184 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 6, 172 EX/Decision 10, 177 EX/Decision 9, 34 C/Resolution 19, 181 EX/Decision 5(I), 182 EX/Decision 8 and 35 C/Resolution 13,
2. Having examined document 184 EX/11,
3. Welcoming the UNESCO strategy, and recognizing the comprehensive nature of the Bonn Declaration as an important contribution to guiding work on education for sustainable development (ESD) in the second half of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014),
4. Invites all relevant stakeholders, including Member States, to:
 - (a) participate actively in the implementation of the UNESCO strategy for the second half of the Decade;
 - (b) promote the goals of the Decade and incorporate the vision and practice of education for sustainable development into their educational policies, plans and programmes in close linkage with the education for all (EFA) goals, the

Millennium Development Goals, and other internationally-agreed development goals;

- (c) support and contribute to the monitoring and evaluation process with other key stakeholders and partners in their country and region;
- (d) ensure appropriate action including funding for ESD programmes at the national level;
- (e) review the strategy for final adoption at the 185th session of the Executive Board;
- (f) identify key areas to be focused on in the implementation of the second half of the Decade which may include areas such as climate change and biodiversity;

5. Calls upon the Director-General to:

- (a) seek extrabudgetary funds to advance the goals of the Decade, which would *inter alia* increase the human and financial resources available to UNESCO in support of its ESD-related work;
- (b) mobilize all UNESCO programme sectors, particularly education, science and culture, and networks such as UNESCO Chairs and UNESCO ASPnet schools to enhance their contributions to ESD and the Decade, and thereby to underline the importance of education, science and culture for the attainment of sustainable development;
- (c) review, in consultation with Member States, the current coordination framework, and propose revisions with a view to implementing the strategy for the second half of the Decade;
- (d) assist Member States in preparing guidelines for an action plan for the implementation of Decade activities in the key areas identified;
- (e) prepare, in consultation with Member States, a draft schedule of work up to the end-of-Decade conference;
- (f) prepare, in consultation with Member States, a mid-term review of the implementation of the Decade for submission to the United Nations General Assembly at its 65th session;
- (g) develop extrabudgetary projects to support Priority Africa within the framework of the intersectoral platforms for Africa and Education for Sustainable Development;
- (h) report to the Executive Board at its 185th session on the implementation of the UNESCO strategy for the second half of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, and subsequently in her regular reports to the Executive Board prior to the General Conference sessions of 2011 and 2013.

(184 EX/SR.9)

Culture

12 **Jerusalem and the implementation of 35 C/Resolution 49 and 182 EX/Decision 15** (184 EX/12; 184 EX/INF.12; 184 EX/42 Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined item 12 of its agenda, as well as 184 EX/PX/DR.2 (text attached),

2. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on this matter;
3. Expresses its commitment to exert its utmost efforts to resolve this issue at its 185th session;
4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its forthcoming session (185th).

(184 EX/SR.9)



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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 12 Jerusalem and the implementation of 35 C/Resolution 49 and 182 EX/Decision 15 (184 EX/12 and 184 EX/INF.12)

DRAFT DECISION

submitted by:* ALGERIA, BURKINA FASO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, KUWAIT, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) and VIET NAM

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 184 EX/12 and Add.,
2. Recalling resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on Jerusalem, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
3. Also recalling General Conference and Executive Board decisions regarding the appointment of a permanent representative of the Director-General of UNESCO on the issue of Jerusalem,
4. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of East Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
5. Expresses its deep concern over the ongoing Israeli excavations and archaeological works on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and in the Old City of Jerusalem, which contradict with UNESCO decisions and conventions and United Nations and Security Council resolutions;
6. Also expresses its concern about the ongoing Israeli practices in East Jerusalem, that dangerously affect the city's distinctive character, both religious and cultural, historical and demographical;

* After the publication of the draft decision, the following Board Members added their signatures: Bangladesh, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger and Zimbabwe.

7. Reaffirms the religious significance of the Old City of Jerusalem for Muslims, Christians and Jews;
8. Invites the Director-General to appoint, as soon as possible, a permanent and eminent expert(s) to be stationed in East Jerusalem to report on a regular basis about all the aspects covering the architectural, educational, cultural and demographical situation in the City of East Jerusalem;
9. Invites the Israeli authorities to facilitate the work of the expert(s) in conformity with its adherence to UNESCO decisions and conventions;
10. Also invites Member States to provide the necessary assistance to finance the work of the expert(s) from extrabudgetary resources;
11. Thanks the international donors for their generous contributions for the implementation of projects within the framework of the UNESCO Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
12. Expresses its sincere thanks to the Director-General for her commitment to pursue the efforts for the safeguarding of the unique heritage of the City of Jerusalem, in compliance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Board;
13. Decides to include this item on the agenda of its 185th session and invites the Director-General to submit a follow-up report on this matter.

Communication and information

13 Information and communication technologies for sustainable development: follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (184 EX/13; 184 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined UNESCO's latest progress report on the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes,
2. Reconfirming the importance of achieving the internationally agreed WSIS goals by 2015 and of allocating sufficient human and financial resources to strengthen UNESCO's related work as decided by the General Conference at its 35th session (35 C/Resolution 62),
3. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 62, in which the Director-General was requested to ensure that the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5) includes appropriate provisions for ensuring UNESCO's contribution to meeting the 2015 World Summit on the Information Society goals,
4. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 186th session a report on the activities carried out by UNESCO as facilitator for the implementation of six action lines of the World Summit on the Information Society, including *inter alia* through its intergovernmental programmes (the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) and the Information for All Programme (IFAP)), and in collaboration with the other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the Geneva Plan of Action and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society;
5. Further requests the Director-General to complete the online community platform for WSIS follow-up, including the monitoring of progress in the implementation of the WSIS action lines under the responsibility of UNESCO in Member States and current priority measures to bridge the existing digital and knowledge divides, to ascertain from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) the current status of the digital divide, and, if necessary, to have an expert assessment undertaken.

(184 EX/SR.9)

Intersectoral activities

14 **Rabindranath Tagore, Pablo Neruda and Aimé Césaire for a reconciled universal: specific proposals for the implementation of an interdisciplinary and intersectoral programme in connection with their work** (184 EX/14 and Add.; 184 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 46,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/14 and Add.,
3. Recalling the importance of the works of Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), Pablo Neruda (1904-1973) and Aimé Césaire (1913-2008), which highlight their contribution to the building of a reconciled universal, beyond the originality of each work and each context,
4. Encourages Member States and public and private institutions to implement 180 EX/Decision 58 and, in particular, to launch translation, publication and research programmes in their national languages, in order to study in greater depth the legacy of these works, and to constitute relays, at the national, regional and international levels, which may give effect to the UNESCO programme “for a reconciled universal”, devoting particular attention to young people;
5. Takes note of the proposals submitted to it at its 184th session for the implementation of an interdisciplinary and intersectoral programme relating to the work of these three authors, using resources from the regular budget, and a strategy to mobilize the additional extrabudgetary funds required to ensure large-scale international mobilization, and with the support of a high-level sponsoring committee;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit another progress report to it at its 186th session on the activities carried out or planned, financed both from the regular programme and from extrabudgetary resources.

(184 EX/SR.9)

15 **Report by the Director-General on UNESCO’s work on a culture of peace** (184 EX/15 and Corr. and Add.; 184 EX/INF.9; 184 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Reaffirming that the culture of peace and non-violence is central to the mission and constitutional role of UNESCO,
2. Aware of the importance of establishing the Organization’s key leadership role in the construction of peace,
3. Referring to resolution 52/13 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations,
4. Highlighting UNESCO’s significant contribution in the role of lead agency for the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010) assigned to it by the General Assembly of the United Nations,
5. Having examined documents 184 EX/15 and Corr. and Add. and 184 EX/INF.9,
6. Invites the Director-General, pursuant to 35 C/Resolution 108 to:

- (a) capitalize on the Decade's achievements and mobilize all programme sectors for the Organization's consolidated, coherent, targeted and innovative action in this field, duly taking the current world context and Member States' expectations into account;
- (b) maintain the culture of peace as one of the overarching objectives in the next C/4 document;
- (c) include in her preliminary proposals regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 to be submitted to the Executive Board at its 185th session a draft programme of action for the culture of peace, including coherent targeted intersectoral and interdisciplinary activities, taking into account the present global context and new challenges.

(184 EX/SR.9)

Institutes and centres

16 Report by the Director-General on feasibility studies for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO

Establishment in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, of the Regional Research and Documentation Centre for Women, Gender and Peace-Building in the Great Lakes Region as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO (184 EX/16 Part I; 184 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 concerning the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
2. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 38 of the General Conference, in which the Executive Board was invited, at its 184th session, to analyse the finalized feasibility study, to decide on its behalf on the granting of category 2 status to the regional centre, and to authorize the Director-General to conclude an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on behalf of the countries of the Great Lakes region, establishing the regional centre,
3. Having examined document 184 EX/16 Part I,
4. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on behalf of the countries of the Great Lakes region, to establish a regional centre for research and documentation for women, gender and peace-building in the Great Lakes region under the auspices of UNESCO, in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo;
5. Decides to grant category 2 status to the Regional Centre for Research and Documentation for Women, Gender and Peace-Building in the Great Lakes Region under the auspices of UNESCO, and authorizes the Director-General to sign the agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the text of which is contained in the Annex to document 184 EX/16 Part I.

(184 EX/SR.9)

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

17 Reducing the running costs of the General Conference and the Executive Board (184 EX/17; 184 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 106, paragraph 1 (iii),
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/17 and 184 EX/26,
3. Also recalling 145 EX/Decision 3.1.4, 164 EX/Decision 4.1, 165 EX/Decision 5.2, 166 EX/Decision 5.2, 180 EX/Decision 22 and 182 EX/Decision 27 concerning the methods of work of the Executive Board,
4. Conscious of the necessity of reducing running costs without adversely affecting the work of the governing bodies,
5. Welcomes the measures already taken by the Chairperson;
6. Decides to improve its working methods in order to reduce costs, notably those relating to overtime, adhering to the following quality imperatives:
 - (a) provision of relevant working documents:
 - (i) timely provision of concise and analytical documents containing full relevant information to allow quality decision-making;
 - (ii) respect of statutory deadlines for issuing the documents;
 - (iii) improving and streamlining the distribution of documents;
 - (iv) good-quality translation, also exploring the use of high-quality translation outsourcing services, where possible at more competitive rates;
 - (b) organization of work:
 - (i) rational thematic grouping of items wherever possible, without preventing the introduction of draft decisions on any agenda item/sub-item by Members of the Board;
 - (ii) sunset clauses for follow-up reporting, in accordance with General Conference resolutions and Executive Board decisions concerning the need to continue or discontinue reporting on particular items;
 - (iii) more rational scheduling of side events outside of meeting hours;
 - (iv) increased use of seconded staff members, and reduction in the number of supernumerary contracts;
 - (v) continue to seek ways of improving the conduct of the joint meetings of the commissions in accordance with 180 EX/Decision 22;
 - (c) efficient time management by Chairpersons:
 - (i) good knowledge of meeting procedures and advance preparation, paying particular attention to sensitive issues;

- (ii) working on screen in English and French;
 - (iii) where applicable, make use of *ad hoc* open-ended working groups, to propose consensus texts;
 - (iv) strict observance of the starting time and, as far as possible, the ending time of meetings;
 - (v) scheduling Bureau meetings sufficiently early so as to avoid delays;
 - (vi) optimize the introduction of items by the Secretariat so that it is concise and focused on the main issues plus any additional information not contained in the working documents;
 - (vii) establish reasonable time limits, where necessary, for introductions and replies by the Secretariat;
 - (viii) move directly, wherever possible, to examination of the draft decision;
 - (ix) wherever general agreement or a consensus emerges in a debate, move to examination of the draft decision before all of the speakers on the list have spoken;
 - (x) wherever possible, voice congratulations by one member for each regional group or on the margins of the meeting;
- (d) Careful preparation of thematic debates: consider innovative cost-effective solutions and enhance synergies with the work of the sessions, in accordance with 182 EX/Decision 27;
7. Resolves to apply strictly Rule 61 of its Rules of Procedure according to the conditions defined in the Annex thereto, in particular Rules I.1.1(b) and I.1.2;
 8. Recalls the existence of a mechanism enabling representatives or alternates who so wish to forego the travel and/or daily subsistence allowances allocated to them;
 9. Encourages Board Members whose representatives are not resident in Paris to be represented, on a voluntary basis and wherever possible, at its short session following each session of the General Conference, by an alternate based in Paris;
 10. Reiterates the imperative need to implement previous relevant decisions relating to its working methods;
 11. Invites the Director-General to include in her annual reports on the operating costs of the Executive Board during the previous year a detailed breakdown for each item of expenditure in a table similar to the one contained in document 174 EX/5;
 12. Decides to conduct the examination of the running costs of the General Conference at its 185th session, and to evaluate the effects of the present decision, including the proposed quality imperatives, at its 186th session.

(184 EX/SR.9)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**18 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon** (184 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.2; 184 EX/3 PRIV. Draft and Add. and Corr.)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(184 EX/SR.7)

19 Review of the working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) within the framework of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (184 EX/19 Parts I and II; 184 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 104 EX/Decision 3.3, adopted on 26 April 1978, entitled "Study of the procedures which should be followed in the examination of cases and questions which might be submitted to UNESCO concerning the exercise of human rights in its spheres of competence, in order to make its action more effective",
2. Reaffirming that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) has a dual mandate, both tasks being of equal importance,
3. Also recalling 181 EX/Decision 26 and 182 EX/Decision 30, both of which concern the issue of the working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations regarding the "104 procedure",
4. Thanks the Member States that provided valuable contributions, which were included in the reports 182 EX/30 and 184 EX/19 Part I, and also thanks the Secretariat for its report (184 EX/19 Part II), which updates the comparison of the "104 procedure" with the procedures of the United Nations human rights bodies;
5. Aware that more than 30 years have passed since the Executive Board adopted 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and that in the light of the development and achievements within the United Nations system for the protection and promotion of human rights, it would be timely to review and improve the effectiveness of the implementation of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 in order to achieve greater efficiency and visibility in UNESCO's action,
6. Decides that the open-ended ad hoc working group established pursuant to 182 EX/Decision 30 to examine ways and means of improving the working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, without any financial implications, will work under the following operational modalities:
 - (a) it shall appoint by consensus a Chairperson, who shall be selected from among the members of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
 - (b) it shall have at least two working days before the autumn session of the Executive Board, to evaluate the different proposals included in the written contributions from Member States (182 EX/30 and 184 EX/19 Part I), and those resulting from the debate of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations at the 184th session, as well as the comparative study of the Secretariat (184 EX/19 Part II), with a view to presenting a comprehensive proposal in this regard to the Executive Board at its 185th session;

- (c) it shall consider, with particular attention, all the concerns expressed by members of the Committee regarding the working methods, practices and modalities of the Committee;
 - (d) it shall conduct its business under the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board;
 - (e) it shall meet in conjunction with the next session of the Executive Board.
7. Also decides to grant the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, at its 185th session, two additional working days for this purpose, with a view to considering the ad hoc working group's proposals and adopting decisions in due course, and requests the Director-General to identify funding for that purpose.

(184 EX/SR.7)

20 Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments (184 EX/20; 184 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II), 34 C/Resolution 87, 180 EX/Decision 31, 181 EX/Decision 27 and 182 EX/Decision 31 relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 184 EX/20 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (184 EX/39),
3. Invites Member States once again to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO regarding periodic reports on the action taken on conventions and recommendations;
4. Takes note of the revised timetable of work of the CR Committee for 2009-2013 on the monitoring and implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments, contained in the Annex to this decision;
5. Requests the Director-General to ensure the implementation of this new legal framework by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
6. Also requests the Director-General to submit detailed information on the activities undertaken to promote the ratification of conventions and the implementation of recommendations, including on the human and budgetary resources allocated for that purpose, for the consideration of the CR Committee at the 185th session of the Executive Board;
7. Decides to continue consideration of this matter at its 185th session.

Annex

Revised timetable of work of the CR Committee for 2009-2013

UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided and for whose monitoring the CR Committee is responsible	2009		2010-2011					2012-2013				
	182 EX (2009)	35 C (2009)	184 EX (2010)	185 EX (2010)	186 EX (2011)	187 EX (2011)	36 C (2011)	189 EX (2012)	190 EX (2012)	191 EX (2013)	192 EX (2013)	37 C (2013)
1960 Convention against Discrimination in Education (ED)				EG							ER	PR
1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (CLT)			EG			ER	PR			EG		
1989 Convention on Technical and Vocational Education (ED)			EG*			ER	PR		EG			
1960 Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (ED)				(with C.1960)							(with C.1960)	(with C.1960)
1966 Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (ED)				ER (CEART)				ER (CEART)				
1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ED)	ER	PR									ER	PR
1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (SHS & SC)						ER	PR					
1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education (ED)						ER	PR					
1978 Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Educational Statistics (UIS)	<i>Revision of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) for submission to the General Conference at its 36th session</i>											
1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist (CLT)						ER	PR					
1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education (ED)					ER		PR					
1997 Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel (ED)				(with R. 1966)				(with R. 1966)				
2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education (ED)			(with C.1989)			(with C.1989)	(with C.1989)		(with C.1989)			
2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (CI)					ER		PR					

EG: Examination of guidelines by the Executive Board/ER: Examination of reports by the Executive Board/PR: Presentation of reports at the General Conference.

* Consideration deferred to a later session.

21 Report by the Director-General, including a financial statement, on the management and administration of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) with a view to the revision of its Statutes (184 EX/21; 184 EX/INF.6; 184 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 184 EX/21 and 184 EX/INF.6,
2. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 33, in which it took note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) providing for the establishment of a subsidiary account to manage the UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists programme, and of a reserve fund, as contained in Annex II to document 182 EX/33,
3. Further recalling 35 C/Resolution 48, in which the General Conference delegated to the Executive Board the authority to consider and possibly adopt the amendments to the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture,
4. Decides to request the External Auditor to undertake a comprehensive review including an audit and an evaluation of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture covering the period from 1999 to 2009 and to report to it at its 185th session;
5. Authorizes the Director-General, on an exceptional basis to provide for the cost of the above-mentioned comprehensive review from the Fund with an amount not exceeding \$50,000;
6. Decides to postpone the examination of the amendments to the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture, as annexed to document 184 EX/21, until it can benefit from the results of the comprehensive review and the recommendations of the External Auditor;
7. Decides to suspend Article 4.2 of the Statutes and Article 5.3 of the Financial Regulations of the Fund pending a final decision on the Statutes and the reconstitution of the Administrative Council in order to maintain the UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists programme;
8. Encourages reflection on the possible utilization in the future of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture to develop South-South and North-South-South cooperation in culture.

(184 EX/SR.9)

22 Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (184 EX/22; 184 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 35 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (184 EX/39),
2. Takes note of document 184 EX/22 and of the observations made during the discussions of the CR Committee at the present session.

(184 EX/SR.7)

23 Report of the tenth meeting of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education (184 EX/23; 184 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 162 EX/Decision 5.4, 171 EX/Decision 27, 172 EX/Decision 26, 175 EX/Decision 29, 177 EX/Decision 37, 179 EX/Decision 24 and 181 EX/Decision 28,
2. Having examined document 184 EX/23,
3. Expresses its appreciation of the work of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education;
4. Recognizes the key importance of the theme which the Joint Expert Group addressed at its tenth meeting;
5. Requests the Director-General to consider the suggestions and recommendations made by the Joint Expert Group in document 184 EX/23 for follow-up action, taking into account the comments made during the discussions of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations at the present session;
6. Invites the Joint Expert Group to continue its consultations relating to the examination of key issues within its broad mandate regarding the monitoring of the right to education in all its dimensions, to submit to the Executive Board a medium-term work programme and to report to it at its 186th session.

(184 EX/SR.7)

[24 Revision of the Statutes of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 184 EX/1 Prov. Rev.

25 Guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (184 EX/25; 184 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
2. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35, in which (Part I) a specific multi-stage procedure was adopted for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided, and (Part II) framework guidelines were adopted,
3. Having examined document 184 EX/25 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (184 EX/39),
4. Approves the guidelines drawn up for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit

Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970) as amended and contained in the Annex to this decision;

5. Requests the Director-General to request Member States to submit to UNESCO, within a period of six months, reports on the implementation of the 1970 Convention;
6. Further requests the Director-General to submit to it, at its 187th session, a summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken in regard to the implementation of the 1970 Convention, with a view to transmitting the summary, together with the Board's comments, to the General Conference at its 36th session, and to establishing and providing access to a database containing the information thus obtained.

ANNEX

Guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property

As far as practicable, it is recommended that Member States address all of the points contained in these guidelines. In its contribution, however, a State may disregard any aspects on which no information is available. Lastly, even though some points are framed as questions, the document should be regarded more as a guide than as a questionnaire.

I. INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNESCO CONVENTION OF 1970 (with reference to its provisions)

1. Ratification of the Convention

(a) Has the Convention already been ratified?

(b) If not, please indicate, where applicable:

- the stage of the ratification process reached by the State concerned (close to ratification, under way, actively under preparation, not considering ratification in the short, medium or long term);
- obstacles or difficulties encountered in completing the ratification process (whether legal, political or practical) and the means of overcoming them;
- the extent to which UNESCO can assist in completing the process?

2. Implementation of the Convention in national legislation and in the organization of relevant services

(a) Give the references of the principal national regulations adopted in order to implement the 1970 Convention.

(b) A definition of "cultural property" which is in accordance with the definition set forth in the 1970 Convention is important in order to increase the effectiveness of international cooperation. State what definition is used in the national laws of the country concerned.

(c) Have specialized services been established in order to prevent or combat trafficking and ensure international cooperation for the protection of cultural heritage? Within the Heritage Department? In other government departments (police, customs)?

(d) Describe briefly the administrative coordination of the activities of these specialized services, especially with the police and customs authorities.

- (e) Are working meetings held to enable police officers, customs officials and ministerial representatives to meet and coordinate their activities?

3. Inventories and identification

- (a) State briefly the extent to which inventories take into account the risks of misappropriation and theft.
- (b) State how precise the definition is, at the national level, of “cultural property” as referred to in international conventions (see above I.2(b)). State whether “national treasures” are identified in an official, tentative or exhaustive list.
- (c) To what extent is the Object ID standard used? Is the standard geared to the needs of the State concerned?
- (d) Do museums have anti-theft systems and provide training to museum staff, and have specific measures been adopted for libraries, archival and manuscript repositories, and any specialized units established to monitor them?

4. Archaeological excavations

- (a) Describe briefly the basic principles of the regulations in force in the country governing archaeological excavations and the monitoring of excavations.
- (b) Is there a recurrent problem of clandestine archaeological excavations? If so, what are the reasons for it and when did it begin? What steps have been taken to combat this scourge?

5. Monitoring of the export and import of cultural property

- (a) Give an estimate of the scale of the illicit export or import of cultural property. Are up-to-date statistics compiled on the theft of cultural property?
- (b) Is the illicit export of cultural property a recurring problem? If so, for what reasons (lack of financial and human resources, shortcomings in the legal monitoring framework, etc.)?
- (c) What are the main rules (administrative and legal) for monitoring the export and import of cultural property (existence of an export certificate, public information about the rules in force)? What categories of cultural property are covered by the rules?
- (d) Do the rules provide for the restitution of illicitly imported cultural property?
- (e) What are the main obstacles encountered in securing the restitution of illicitly exported cultural property? What is the nature of the obstacles (administrative, legal or political) and why do they arise (legal loopholes, reticence of importing countries, lack of international cooperation, etc.)?
- (f) If the country has succeeded in securing the restitution of a stolen cultural object, describe the circumstances and state whether that involved legal proceedings, arbitration or some alternative form of dispute resolution.

6. Regulations governing trade in and acquisition, ownership and transfer of cultural property

- (a) Give a brief description of the cultural property market in the country (financial volume of the market, number and turnover of auction houses, including via the Internet).
- (b) What are the main rules governing trade in cultural property? Are monitoring measures in place for such trade (maintenance of a police register), in particular through the Internet (for example, reference to the basic measures proposed by UNESCO, INTERPOL and ICOM)?

- (c) Do measures exist to control the acquisition of cultural property (for example, mechanisms to prevent museums and similar institutions from acquiring cultural property which has been exported illegally from another State)?
- (d) Specify the existing legal system concerning ownership of cultural property:
 - is the principle of inalienability applied to cultural objects in national collections and to objects from heritage sites ?
 - what is the status of cultural objects not yet discovered, of cultural objects found by chance, and of archaeological artefacts found during legal or illegal excavations ?
- (e) Are there special rules governing the transfer of title deeds in respect of cultural property? If so, please summarize them.

7. Bilateral agreements

- (a) List the bilateral agreements concluded with other countries on the import, export and return of cultural property, and comment briefly on the effects of such agreements.
- (b) What conditions are set by the importing country with regard to the admissibility of requests for restitution from a country of origin?
- (c) Apart from such agreements, is there administrative assistance or any other type of cooperation with neighbouring countries, particularly in respect of police and customs services?

II. CODE OF ETHICS, AWARENESS RAISING AND EDUCATION

1. Ethical standards

Are the UNESCO International Code of Ethics for Dealers in Cultural Property and that of ICOM for museums known to the professionals concerned (in particular, curators, antique dealers, merchants and collectors)? How is their observance checked?

2. Awareness raising and education

- (a) Are the One Hundred Missing Objects series and the ICOM Red Lists disseminated and read?
- (b) Briefly describe activities carried out to raise the awareness of the authorities and educate the public, in particular children, regarding the serious damage that may be caused by illegal excavations, theft of cultural property and illegal export. To what extent can UNESCO contribute to these activities?

III. COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL AGENCIES

1. Police

- (a) What is the status of national cooperation with INTERPOL? What specialized police services can heritage officials call on for enquiries, legal proceedings and punitive measures?
- (b) If a cultural object is stolen, is the INTERPOL database on stolen objects consulted? Is information on persons implicated in the theft of cultural property transmitted to INTERPOL?
- (c) Do members of police services receive specific training?
- (d) Are there criminal law provisions which allow for the punishment of fraud and theft relating to cultural property? Are there judges who are specialized in this field?

- (e) Does cooperation exist with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)?

2. Customs

- (a) What is the status of cooperation with the World Customs Organization (WCO) and which specialized customs services can assist heritage officials in preventing the illicit export of cultural property?
- (b) Do members of the customs administration receive specific training?
- (c) Is the UNESCO-WCO Model Export Certificate for Cultural Objects used?

3. European Union

Have particular measures been adopted to apply the Council of the European Communities Directive 93/7/EEC of 15 March 1993 on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State?

IV. OTHER LEGISLATIVE, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE STATE

1. 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects

- (a) Has the Convention been ratified, in addition to the 1970 Convention?
- (b) If not, please indicate, where applicable:
- the stage of the ratification process reached by the State concerned (close to ratification, under way, actively under preparation, not considering ratification in the short, medium or long term);
 - obstacles or difficulties encountered in completing the ratification process (whether legal, political or practical) and the means of overcoming them;
 - the extent to which UNESCO can assist in completing the process.

2. Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation

Describe the extent to which the State concerned is following the work of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee (observer, member, State concerned by a case under discussion etc.).

3. UNESCO Database of National Cultural Heritage Laws

Indicate action taken to contribute to the UNESCO Database of National Cultural Heritage Laws and to verify whether it contains all historical and existing laws and regulations, including successive amendments.

(184 EX/SR.7)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS**26 Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization for 2008-2009 (34 C/5) at the closure of accounts as at 31 December 2009 (unaudited), budget adjustments arising from donations and special contributions received, and management chart for programme execution in 2008-2009 based on the closed accounts (unaudited) No. 45 (184 EX/26; 184 EX/INF.14; 184 EX/41)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received since its 182nd session and appropriated to the regular budget in accordance with 34 C/Resolution 93 paragraph 3.A.(b), and the management chart for programme execution in 2008-2009 based on the closed accounts (unaudited) contained in document 184 EX/26,
2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$1,710,625 as follows:

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Part II.A – Major Programme I	772,653
Part II.A – Major Programme II	225,315
Part II.A – Major Programme III	97,889
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	235,079
Part II.A – Major Programme V	77,447
Part II.C – Programme-related services (BSP)	25,000
Part III.A – Field management and coordination (indirect costs for field offices)	256,321
Part III.E – Administrative coordination and support (ADM)	20,921
Total	1,710,625

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 21 of document 184 EX/26;
4. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table in Annex III of document 184 EX/26;
5. Having also examined the Director-General's report on the budgetary situation of the Organization for the 2008-2009 regular budget at the closure of accounts (184 EX/26),
6. Also takes note of the budgetary situation of the Organization for the 2008-2009 regular budget (34 C/5) at the closure of accounts as at 31 December 2009.

(184 EX/SR.9)

27 Internal Oversight Service (IOS): annual report 2009 (184 EX/27; 184 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5, 164 EX/Decision 6.10 and 182 EX/Decision 24,

2. Having examined documents 184 EX/27 and 184 EX/6 Part III and Part VI,
3. Notes with satisfaction the continuing efforts of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) to improve access to relevant oversight information, in particular by presenting key findings of internal audits conducted in 2009 and by making available full evaluation reports online;
4. Notes with appreciation that the shift in the 2008-2013 evaluation strategy to strategic portfolio-based evaluation has proved cost-effective, with the evaluation function ensuring wider coverage without an increase in resources;
5. Notes that there has been an improvement in the implementation of outstanding recommendations, reduced from 2,204 in January 2008 to 450 at the end of 2009, and that follow-up to and confirmation of the full implementation of these recommendations is critical;
6. Further notes that a summary report on the evaluations of all strategic programme objectives will be presented to the Executive Board at its 185th session;
7. Invites the Director-General to pursue her efforts to strengthen the oversight function and to inform Member States of the actions taken to implement evaluation recommendations and their impact on the management of the programme.

(184 EX/SR.9)

28 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (184 EX/28 and Add.; 184 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 85, 179 EX/Decision 34, 181 EX/Decision 41, 182 EX/Decision 44 and 35 C/Resolution 96,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/8 Part II and 184 EX/28 and Add.
3. Notes that the work under Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan has come to an end;
4. Also notes that shortcomings occurred in the conduct of the renovation works, and requests the Director-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that such shortcomings do not recur in future phases of Headquarters renovation;
5. Further notes the strategy proposed to launch the capital master plan for the conservation of UNESCO's buildings, in compliance with the current occupancy requirements concerning the premises and functions;
6. Requests the Director-General to take all the measures necessary to form a team of experts, involving representatives of the host country, to provide technical solutions and to define possible town planning and financial options, in particular for the Miollis-Bonvin site;
7. Takes note of the draft biennial maintenance and conservation programme;
8. Invites Member States with office rental arrears to honour their obligations;
9. Invites the Director-General to pursue her efforts aimed at reinforcing security arrangements at Headquarters;
10. Takes note of documents 184 EX/28 and Add., and reiterates its request for a revised medium-term security plan, which should comprise, starting from generally

acknowledged security principles, a description of threats and possible adequate responses, prioritization of possible improvements, and proposals for financing in a possible phased approach primarily within, but not limited to, the regular budget;

11. Also invites the Director-General to make known the outline of a preliminary design for a forward security post at 7 place de Fontenoy, to be discussed by the Headquarters Committee and the Executive Board at the earliest possible time;
12. Further invites the Director-General to present the revised medium-term security plan to it at its 185th session.

(184 EX/SR.9)

RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

29 Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (184 EX/29; 184 EX/ONG/2; 184 EX/ONG/3; 184 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 174 EX/Decision 31, 177 EX/Decision 57, 34 C/Resolution 59 and 183 EX/Decision 13,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/29 and 184 EX/ONG/2,
3. Appreciates the continued efforts made by the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations to strengthen cooperation with NGOs in the various fields of UNESCO's competence and at international, regional and national levels, and in particular devoting one day of the NGO Committee's work entirely to the activities of NGOs;
4. Expresses its concern about the theme addressed at the current session "Violence in the Contemporary World", in particular violence among young people and against women;
5. Recalls, in view of the importance of this theme, the primordial role of NGOs in this regard, both on the ground and in cooperation with UNESCO in its primary functions as a laboratory of ideas and knowledge facilitator;
6. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions concerning the admission to operational relations of the organizations listed in Part II.A of document 184 EX/29;
7. Decides to admit to formal consultative relations the non-governmental organizations listed in Part II.B of document 184 EX/29;
8. Also takes note of the Director-General's decisions concerning the renewal of official relations with the foundations listed in Part II.C of document 184 EX/29.

(184 EX/SR.8)

GENERAL MATTERS**30 Implementation of 35 C/Resolution 75 and 182 EX/Decision 54 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (184 EX/30; 184 EX/42 Add.)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined item 30 of its agenda, as well as 184 EX/PX/DR.3 (text attached),
2. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on this matter;
3. Expresses its commitment to exert its utmost efforts to resolve this issue at its 185th session;
4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its forthcoming session (185th).

(184 EX/SR.9)



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Hundred and eighty-fourth session

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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 30 Implementation of 35 C/Resolution 75 and 182 EX/Decision 54 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (184 EX/30)

DRAFT DECISION

submitted by:* ALGERIA, BURKINA FASO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, KUWAIT, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) and VIET NAM

The Executive Board,

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1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 75 and 182 EX/Decision 54, as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 4 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its Additional Protocols,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/30 and Add.,

* After the publication of the draft decision, the following Board Members added their signatures: Bangladesh, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger, Syrian Arab Republic and Zimbabwe.

3. Further recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in order to satisfy the right to education for all, and to meet the need for Palestinians to have safe access to the education system,
4. Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflict,
5. Deeply convinced that the continuous strengthening of the reconstruction and development process in the Palestinian territories should be carried out in a context of non-violence and of mutual respect and recognition, as promoted by the objectives of the Road Map;
6. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 35C/Resolution 75 and 182 EX/Decision 54, and requests her to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented in the framework of the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5 Approved);
7. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in the Palestinian territories, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
8. Thanks the Director-General for the results that have been obtained in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities, and invites her to strengthen UNESCO's financial and technical assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address new needs and problems resulting from recent developments;
9. Expresses its continuing concern about the harmful impact of the Separation Wall and other practices on the activities of cultural and educational institutions, as well as obstacles that result which prevent Palestinian schoolchildren and students from being an integral part of their social fabric and from exercising fully their right to education, and calls for the observance of the provisions of 35 C/Resolution 75 and 182 EX/Decision 54;
10. Shares, in this regard, the call by the Quartet on 17 March 2010 upon Israel "to freeze all settlement building, including natural growth, dismantle outposts erected since March 2001 and halt demolitions and evictions in East Jerusalem" and hopes for the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations;
11. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce her action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage;
12. Invites the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO's fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students both from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;
13. Requests the Director-General to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee;

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14. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts she is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and adequate assistance to the educational and cultural institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
 - (c) to dispatch an expert to assess and evaluate the needs of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, who would report to the Director-General before the 185th session of the Executive Board;

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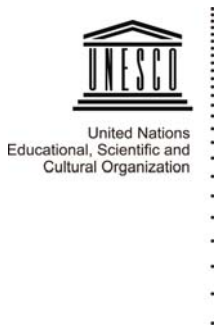
15. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 185th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

31 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: Implementation of 182 EX/Decision 55 (184 EX/31 and Corr.; 184 EX/42 Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined item 31 of its agenda, as well as 184 EX/PX/DR.4 (text attached),
2. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on this matter;
3. Expresses its commitment to exert its utmost efforts to resolve this issue at its 185th session;
4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its forthcoming session (185th).

(184 EX/SR.9)



Executive Board
Hundred and eighty-fourth session

184 EX/PX/DR.4
PARIS, 2 April 2010
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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 31 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: Implementation of 182 EX/Decision 55 (184 EX/31)

DRAFT DECISION

submitted by:* ALGERIA, BURKINA FASO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, KUWAIT, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) and VIET NAM

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage,
2. Having examined documents 184 EX/31 and Add.,
3. Having also examined documents 184 EX/30 and Add.,
4. Noting with deep concern the very heavy toll suffered by Palestinian civilians, the deaths and injuries inflicted on Israeli civilians during the escalation of violence and hostilities in December 2008 and January 2009,
5. Also noting with deep concern the destruction of infrastructure, the significant deterioration of basic services, and the damages to schools, universities and cultural heritage sites in the Gaza Strip caused by the escalation of

* After the publication of the draft decision, the following Board Members added their signatures: Bangladesh, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger and Zimbabwe.

violence and hostilities in December 2008 and January 2009, and recognizing that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites should not be involved in military conflicts,

6. Recalling the strong commitment made by the international community in favour of the Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan presented at the International Conference in Support of the Palestinian Economy for the Reconstruction of Gaza (2 March 2009, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt),
7. Thanks the Director-General for strengthening the UNESCO project antenna in Gaza City and the initiatives that have already been implemented in the field of education, and for the safety of media professionals, as reflected in the six UNESCO projects retained in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Gaza;
8. Calls upon the Director-General to continue contributing to the United Nations humanitarian response in Gaza within the Organizations fields of competence;
9. Deplores in this regard the continuous blockade on the Gaza Strip which harmfully affects the free and sustained movement of personnel and humanitarian relief items for the successful implementation of the above-mentioned projects;
10. Calls upon the Director-General to continue her participation actively in the integrated United Nations response to the Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan developed by the Palestinian Authority, by focusing on UNESCO's contribution to its educational and cultural heritage protection components;
11. Invites the Director-General to organize an information meeting to provide Member States with an update on the outcome of the projects conducted in the Gaza Strip;
12. Thanks Member States and donors for their generous financial contributions to the UNESCO projects retained in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Gaza, and invites them to further assist in this regard through extrabudgetary funding;
13. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 185th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

32 Dates of the 185th session and provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 185th session (184 EX/INF.4; 184 EX/INF.5)

185th session
(Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies*)
(5-21 October 2010)

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday 5 and Friday 8 October
Special Committee	To be decided
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	To be decided
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	To be decided
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	To be decided
Plenary meetings (Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 October and Wednesday 20 to Thursday 21 October) Commissions (Thursday 14 to Tuesday 19 October)	Monday 11 to Thursday 21 October

* Specific dates for the meetings of the subsidiary bodies will be decided upon during the course of the consultations concerning the organization of the work of the session.

The Executive Board took note of document 184 EX/INF.5 (Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 185th session).

ADDITIONAL ITEMS**33 Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's post-earthquake response in Haiti**
(184 EX/33 and Corr.-Corr. 2; 184 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the fundamental principles of UNESCO set forth in the Preamble of its Constitution, and reaffirming the essential role played by UNESCO in the exercise of the right to education for all, the protection of the historical, cultural and natural heritage of humanity, the promotion of science and the free flow of communication and information, and the contribution thereof to the promotion of sustainable development,
2. Noting with concern the large number of persons deceased, disappeared or wounded in the earthquake of 12 January 2010,
3. Also noting the destruction of the basic services infrastructure and the severe damage caused by the collapse of school buildings, universities, and educational and cultural facilities,
4. Recalling the Montreal Declaration and the principle of respect for sovereignty, and the firm commitment of the international community to the process of reconstruction and humanitarian aid in Haiti,
5. Having examined document 184 EX/33 and Corr.-Corr.2,
6. Congratulates the Director-General on UNESCO's rapid and timely response to the catastrophe, and thanks her for the initiatives that she has already taken, in particular UNESCO's participation in the needs evaluation undertaken jointly with United Nations organizations in Haiti, the identification of assistance priorities, as reflected in the three UNESCO projects included in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Haiti, and the mobilization of financial resources in support of the Organization's post-catastrophe action in Haiti;
7. Congratulates and thanks the Latin America and the Caribbean group (GRULAC) and the Africa group for the initiatives taken to contribute to the aid provided to Haiti through the Participation Programme;
8. Thanks the Member States for their generous contributions to the UNESCO projects included in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Haiti, and urges Member States and international governmental and non-governmental organizations to continue their aid in this regard by means of extrabudgetary funding;
9. Invites the Director-General to strengthen relations in the areas of UNESCO's competence with the NGOs present in the field for the purpose of the reconstruction and development of Haiti;
10. Acknowledging the key role that the various UNESCO sectors must play in the reconstruction of Haiti and the consolidation of its sustainable development, invites the Director-General, in coordination with other United Nations agencies, to develop a medium- and long-term cooperation strategy to be discussed and approved by the Executive Board, and to ensure its funding from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources, in particular:
 - (a) in all fields and all levels of education and scientific research, while taking into account the priorities of the Haitian Government;

- (b) in the field of the exact and natural sciences, harnessing space, terrestrial and oceanographic research and surveillance systems of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), International Hydrological Programme (IHP), and the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme;
 - (c) for the protection and safeguarding of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage, including cultural industries;
 - (d) for access to information and knowledge using the media and information and communication technologies (ICTs);
11. Also invites the Director-General, in collaboration with the Haitian Government, to provide the UNESCO Office in Haiti with the qualified human resources necessary for the smooth execution of UNESCO projects;
 12. Further invites the Director-General to present to the Executive Board at its 185th session a report on the progress of UNESCO's action and the monitoring of each project;
 13. Approves the establishment of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Haitian Cultural Heritage and the Statutes of the International Coordination Committee, as annexed to this decision, with the provision that the total administrative expenditure for the initial period should not exceed \$50,000, to be met from the UNESCO regular budget line of \$400,000 under the section relating to post-conflict, post-disaster (PCPD) activities;
 14. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 185th session.

ANNEX

Statutes of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Haitian Cultural Heritage

Article 1

The International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Haitian Cultural Heritage (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") is hereby established.

Article 2

The Committee, in cooperation with specialized Haitian bodies, shall advise UNESCO's Director-General – who shall inform the Haitian authorities, Member States and other partners – on measures to improve and reinforce international cooperation for the safeguarding of Haiti's cultural heritage, and more specifically on:

- (a) a policy framework for immediate and long-term heritage protection and the definition of priorities and practical standards in accordance with the funds and technical assistance available or forthcoming in the near future;
- (b) concrete programmes and international assistance of the highest international standards;
- (c) the progress of the various activities in support of the safeguarding of Haitian cultural heritage, in order to coordinate international communication efforts;
- (d) the progress of the various activities in support of the safeguarding of built heritage, whether or not such heritage has been inscribed on the World Heritage List;

- (e) the exchange of knowledge relating to cultural objects, cultural and natural sites, museums, intangible heritage, art, creativity and cultural traditions throughout the country;
- (f) the identification of the funds available from donor countries and other partners in order to ensure their proper coordination, as well as the identification of possible supplementary funding and technical assistance for the safeguarding of Haitian cultural heritage;
- (g) the identification of secured shelters (safe havens) for temporary storage, and the preservation of the cultural objects at risk;
- (h) the provision of assistance to the Haitian authorities in implementing or elaborating the necessary legislative measures to protect, safeguard, and promote Haitian culture and in preparing nominations of potential sites for inscription on the World Heritage List or of potential elements for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding;
- (i) the provision of assistance to the Haitian authorities in implementing or formulating the necessary legislative measures to protect and safeguard the outstanding universal value of the National History Park – Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers – for which it was inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall be composed of ten members, experts who shall be appointed in their personal capacities by the Director-General from a list of experts submitted by Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, foundations and other institutions that contribute to the safeguarding and promotion of Haitian culture. At least three members shall be Haitian.
2. The normal term of office of members of the Committee shall be two years. This term is renewable. In the event of the resignation, incapacity or death of a member of the Committee, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of his or her term.
3. In addition to the members of the Committee, and the observers mentioned in Article 8, the Director-General may invite to sessions of the Committee, as non-voting participants, the following:
 - (a) persons who by reason of their special knowledge and experience can assist the Committee in its work;
 - (b) representatives of funding or aid agencies that are active in Haiti in the relevant areas of cultural heritage and which, in the opinion of the Director-General, have experience that can contribute to the work of the Committee;
 - (c) representatives of non-governmental international organizations, funding agencies and regional and Haitian organizations which may be involved in the activities implemented in Haiti in the relevant areas of cultural heritage, in accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations.

Article 4

1. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the Director-General for a period of two years. The Committee shall elect its Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur for the same period.
2. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur shall form the Bureau of the Committee. They shall be eligible for further terms of office, and in any event shall remain in office until the election or appointment of the new members of the Bureau.
3. The Director-General shall convene the Bureau and shall be represented at its meetings.

4. In the interval between sessions of the Committee, the Bureau shall ensure the execution of tasks entrusted to it by the Committee.

Article 5

1. The Director-General shall designate members of the UNESCO Secretariat to represent him or her on the Committee and the Bureau without the right to vote.
2. The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the UNESCO Secretariat.

Article 6

The Director-General shall convene sessions of the Committee, meetings of the Bureau, or small working meetings on certain aspects of the activities of the Committee as and when she deems it necessary.

Article 7

The travel and subsistence expenses of Committee members and of persons referred to in Article 3, subparagraph 3(a), in connection with the work of the Committee, may be borne by UNESCO in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the Organization.

Article 8

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to sessions of the Committee.
2. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may send representatives to sessions of the Committee.
3. The Director-General may extend invitations to send observers to sessions of the Committee, to:
 - (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements;
 - (b) intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations in accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations;

Article 9

1. At its first session, the Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval. They must not be in contradiction with the present Statutes.
2. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote.
3. The agenda of the sessions of the Committee shall be drawn up by the Director-General.
4. After each session and at least once a year, the Committee shall present a report on its work and recommendations to the Director-General. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board of the results of the work of the Committee.

Article 10

These Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board, on its own initiative or following proposals by the Director-General.

Article 11

The Committee's mandate may be terminated by decision of the Director-General after consultation with the Executive Board.

(184 EX/SR.9)

34 Composition of the Executive Board's Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters (FA/GE) (184 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 184 EX/34,
2. Recalling its previous decisions, in particular 183 EX/Decision 10, in which it renewed the mandate of the Group of Experts and decided on the composition of the Group of Experts for the 2010-2011 biennium,
3. Decides to add Argentina as expert for Group III; for the 2010-2011 biennium, the Group of Experts will thus comprise 12 experts, as follows:

Group I	Belgium and United States of America
Group II	Latvia and Russian Federation
Group III	Argentina and Chile
Group IV	India and Japan
Group V(a)	Ghana and United Republic of Tanzania
Group V(b)	Algeria and Morocco

(184 EX/SR.1)

35 Modification of the Statutes of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence (184 EX/35; 184 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 146 EX/Decision 5.4.3 and 164 EX/Decision 3.4.3 concerning the adoption of the Rules governing the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence,
2. Considering 171 EX/Decision 24, 177 EX/Decision 28 and 182 EX/Decision 25 and documents 171 EX/19, 171 EX/INF.11, 177 EX/28 and 182 EX/25, concerning the implementation of the overall strategy for UNESCO prizes,
3. Having examined document 184 EX/35 concerning the proposed amendments to the Statutes of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence,
4. Approves the revised Statutes of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence as set out in Annex I to document 184 EX/35.

(184 EX/SR.9)

36 Development of a modern, quality, and inclusive education (184 EX/36; 184 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 174 EX/Decision 8, 176 EX/Decision 9, 34 C/Resolution 11, 179 EX/Decision 51, 180 EX/Decision 7 and 182 EX/Decision 10,
2. Having examined document 184 EX/36,
3. Underlining that all children, young people and adults have the human right to an education that meets their basic learning needs in the best and fullest sense of the term, in conformity with the World Declaration on Education for All (Jomtien 1990), the conclusions of the World Education Forum (Dakar 2000), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,
4. Taking note of the conclusions and recommendations of the forty-eighth session of the International Conference on Education on the theme of “Inclusive Education: the Way of the Future”,
5. Noting that the Addis Ababa Declaration recommended that national governments ensure that their educational policies and strategic planning, linked to a broader development framework, include all children, youth and adults, regardless of age, nationality, race, gender, ethnicity, disability, religion, social status and other markers of disadvantage,
6. Recognizing that the Dakar Framework for Action states that progress in meeting the basic learning needs of all will depend ultimately on the actions taken within individual countries,
7. Also recognizing that when countries face challenges in achieving education for all (EFA) goals, notably in rural, remote and disadvantaged areas, local communities/ organizations often develop their own initiatives,
8. Emphasizing that the development of quality education systems is essential to achieving the six EFA goals and other related internationally agreed development goals, in particular Millennium Development Goal 2, which seeks to ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, are able to complete a full course of primary schooling,
9. Taking note of UNESCO’s support for national efforts to achieve these goals, including, *inter alia*, through the preparation of UNESCO’s National Education Support Strategies (UNESS) as well as through existing multilateral initiatives and mechanisms,
10. Acknowledging the important role played by some non-formal education initiatives, such as community centres for learning, civil society organizations, and various religious educational institutions in supplementing governmental efforts to achieve the EFA goals,
11. Recognizes the efforts of the Member States of UNESCO to mainstream these non-formal education initiatives so as to develop modern and quality education as a key tool for lifelong learning and sustainable development;
12. Recommends that these non-formal education initiatives be open to women and girls and do not discriminate against any student on account of religion, in order to ensure the free dissemination of knowledge;

13. Taking into consideration the Mid-Term Review of EFA carried out by Member States in cooperation with UNESCO, invites the Director-General, when requested by Member States concerned, to include in their UNESCO National Education Support Strategies (UNESS):
- (a) recommendations on how to develop and strengthen their education system in order to provide basic education opportunities to marginalized groups, *inter alia*, by bringing the non-formal education initiatives up to the same standards as their formal education system;
 - (b) guidance on the development of curricula, textbooks, teacher education programmes and the use of ICTs which may enhance access to education, notably in rural, remote and disadvantaged areas;
 - (c) advice regarding the development of quality early childhood care and development programmes for pre-school children;
 - (d) development of networks to share best practices;
14. Also invites the Director-General to report to the Executive Board on any concrete measures taken to assist Member States to improve the ability of their education systems to reach marginalized groups, by linking UNESCO's National Education Support Strategy (UNESS) documents closely to the formulation of programme deliverables of United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs).

(184 EX/SR.9)

37 The two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī / Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl / Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque / Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem (184 EX/37; 184 EX/42 Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined item 37 of its agenda, as well as 184 EX/PX/DR.5 (text attached),
2. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on this matter;
3. Expresses its commitment to exert its utmost efforts to resolve this issue at its 185th session;
4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its forthcoming session (185th).

(184 EX/SR.9)



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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 37 The two Palestinian sites of al-Haram al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalil/Hebron and the Bilāl bin Rābāh Mosque/Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem (184 EX/37)

DRAFT DECISION

submitted by:* ALGERIA, BURKINA FASO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, KUWAIT, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) and VIET NAM

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 184 EX/37 and Add.,
2. Recalling resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage in the occupied Arab territories, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
3. Also recalling the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970),
4. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage located in the occupied Arab territories, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions,
5. Sharing the concern expressed by the Director-General regarding the announcement made by the Israeli authorities that two sites, namely al-Haram al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs in the city of al-Khalil/Hebron and the Mosque of Bilāl bin Rābāh (Tomb of Rachel), in Bethlehem, both located in the occupied Palestinian territories, are to be included in the Israeli national heritage list,
6. Sharing as well the conviction affirmed by the international community that the two sites are of religious significance for Judaism, Christianity and Islam,
7. Reaffirms that the two sites are an integral part of the occupied Palestinian territories and that any unilateral action by the Israeli authorities is to be considered a violation of international law, the UNESCO conventions and the United Nations and Security Council resolutions;
8. Regrets the Israeli authorities' decision to include the two sites on its national heritage list;
9. Urges the Israeli authorities to abide by international law and the relevant international conventions and decisions;
10. Also urges the Israeli authorities to remove the two sites from its national heritage list;
11. Thanks the Director-General for her commitment to strengthening UNESCO's financial and technical assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in compliance with the UNESCO General Conference resolution at its 35th session;

* After the publication of the draft decision, the following Board Members added their signatures: Bangladesh, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger and Zimbabwe.

12. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report at its 185th session and decides to include this item on the agenda of the 185th session of the Executive Board.

PRIVATE MEETING

Announcements concerning the private meeting held on Wednesday 14 April 2010

At the private meeting held on 14 April, the Executive Board considered items **3** and **18**.

Item 3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

1. In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the decisions taken since the 182nd session regarding the appointments and extensions of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.
2. The Director-General also informed the Board that she has decided to make certain appointments at senior management level. The names and ranks were read out by the Director-General herself.

Item 18 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

(184 EX/SR.7)