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**9TH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE
WORLD COMMISSION ON THE ETHICS OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND
TECHNOLOGY OF UNESCO (COMEST)**
UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 12-16 September 2016¹

Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the 9th Extraordinary Session of COMEST
2. Presentation of the new members of COMEST²
3. Presentation of the work of the Commission since its 9th (Ordinary) Session (Paris, September 2015)²
4. Follow-up to the Recommendations of the External Auditor's "Report on the governance of UNESCO and dependant funds, programmes and entities" (Document 38 C/23)²
5. Progress Report of the UNESCO Bioethics and Ethics of Science Programme³
6. Revision of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (1974)³
7. Preliminary Draft Report of COMEST on "Water Ethics: A Comprehensive Approach"⁴
8. Preliminary Draft Report of COMEST on Robotics Ethics⁴
9. Conclusions and closure of the 9th Extraordinary Session of COMEST

¹ Public meetings of the 9th Extraordinary Session of COMEST will be held on 14 and 15 September 2016

² Items 2, 3 and 4 will be discussed during meetings reserved for the members of COMEST

³ Items 5 and 6 will be discussed during public meetings held in conjunction with the 23rd (Ordinary) Session of the IBC and the Joint Session of the IBC and the IGBC

⁴ Items 7 and 8 will be discussed during public meetings on 15 September 2016, as well as during meetings reserved for the members of COMEST