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**DECISIONS ADOPTED
BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS 178th SESSION**

All the terms used in this collection of texts to designate the person discharging duties or functions are to be interpreted as implying that men and women are equally eligible to fill any post or seat associated with the discharge of these duties and functions.

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1 Opening of the session by the President of the General Conference (Temporary Chair)

The 178th session of the Executive Board was opened on 5 November 2007 by Mr George Anastassopoulos (Greece), President of the General Conference.

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2 Adoption of the provisional agenda (178 EX/1 Prov.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda for the session set out in document 178 EX/1 Prov.

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3 Election of the Chair of the Executive Board

The Executive Board elected Mr Olabiyi Babalola Joseph Yai (Benin) Chair.

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4 Election of the Vice-Chairs of the Executive Board

The Executive Board elected the following Members Vice-Chairs of the Board:

Brazil
Egypt
India
Lithuania
Norway
South Africa

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND ELECTION OF THEIR CHAIRS**5 Programme and External Relations Commission¹**

The Executive Board established the Programme and External Relations Commission, and elected Mr Daniel Fernando Filmus (Argentina) Chair of that commission.

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6 Finance and Administrative Commission¹

The Executive Board established the Finance and Administrative Commission, and elected Ms Samira Hanna-El-Daher (Lebanon) Chair of that commission.

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7 Special Committee

The Executive Board established the Special Committee, and elected Ms Shahnaz Wazir Ali (Pakistan) Chair of that committee.

¹ In accordance with a decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 70th session (70 EX/Decision 3), all Members of the Board are members of this commission.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 18 members for the 2008-2009 biennium:

Chair: Ms Shahnaz Wazir Ali (Pakistan)

Members: Albania
Algeria
Azerbaijan
Bulgaria
Côte d'Ivoire
El Salvador
Jamaica
Japan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Malaysia
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Spain
Uganda
United States of America

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8 Committee on Conventions and Recommendations

The Executive Board established the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and elected Mr Günter Overfeld (Germany) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 30 members for the 2008-2009 biennium:

Chair: Mr Günter Overfeld (Germany)

Members: Algeria
Argentina
Bulgaria
Chile
China
Colombia
Cuba
Egypt
Ethiopia
France
Germany
Hungary
India
Italy
Lebanon
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Mexico
Portugal
Republic of Korea

Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Serbia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Togo
Tunisia
United Republic of
Tanzania

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9 Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations

The Executive Board established the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations, and elected Mr András Lakatos (Hungary) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 24 members for the 2008-2009 biennium:

Chair: Mr András Lakatos (Hungary)

Members: Albania
Azerbaijan
Benin
China
Cuba
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Egypt
El Salvador
Fiji
France
Greece
Hungary
Italy
Jamaica
Kuwait
Lebanon
Lithuania
Niger
Philippines
Portugal
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Sri Lanka

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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEES AND THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

10 Renewal of the mandate of the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 26 C/Resolution 19.3,
2. Referring to its decisions 137 EX/Decision 8.6, 142 EX/Decision 3.1.3, 143 EX/Decision 9.1, 144 EX/Decision 6.10, 148 EX/Decision 5.7, 153 EX/Decision 5.6, 158 EX/Decision 5.6, 163 EX/Decision 5.6, 168 EX/Decision 5.6 and 173 EX/Decision 10 on the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters,
3. Decides to renew the mandate of the above-mentioned Group of Experts. For the 2008-2009 biennium, the Group of Experts will comprise 12 experts designated by 12 Members of the Executive Board, two from each group, as follows:

Group I	Germany and United States of America
Group II	Bulgaria and Russian Federation
Group III	Mexico and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Group IV	India and Japan
Group V(a)	South Africa and Zambia
Group V(b)	Algeria and Morocco
4. Decides further that the methods of work and the terms of reference of the Group of Experts will remain as defined in 144 EX/Decision 6.10 reproduced below, on a temporary basis, and will be reviewed by the Executive Board at its 179th session:

Mandate and working methods of the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling paragraph III.6(b) of 26 C/Resolution 19.3,
2. Recalling its previous decisions, and particularly 137 EX/Decision 8.6, which established an expert group on financial and administrative matters,
3. Decides that the mandate of this Group of Experts shall be as follows:
 - (a) to assist the Finance and Administrative Commission in its work with a view to increasing its effectiveness;
 - (b) to examine from a strictly technical point of view the administrative and financial aspects of the documents and issues that the Finance and Administrative Commission refers to it;
 - (c) to raise no matters of policy during its work;
4. Decides that the Group of Experts shall normally meet one week before each of the sessions of the Executive Board;
5. Renews its decision to finance the expenses of the Group of Experts, including the cost of travel and subsistence allowances for experts not living in Paris whose expenses are not borne by their respective governments, from the budget of the Executive Board;

6. Invites Member States to take the necessary steps for the experts designated as members of the group to attend meetings regularly;
7. Requests the Director-General to provide every assistance to facilitate the work of the Group.

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11 Terms of reference of the Special Committee (18 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its previous decisions concerning the terms of reference of the Special Committee,
2. Decides that:
 - (a) the Special Committee shall comprise 18 members, that is to say three for each electoral group;
 - (b) in the light of recommendation R.19(i) of 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the report by the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO, approved by the General Conference at its 33rd session, the Special Committee (SP) should meet only as needed and for the time necessary to fulfil the duties required of it by the Executive Board;
 - (c) in the light of 174 EX/Decision 20, the Chair of the Executive Board is authorized, in consultation with the Chair of the Special Committee, to identify future items that fall within the Special Committee's terms of reference, for examination at future sessions;
3. Also decides to refer to the Special Committee for consideration and the preparation of a report thereon:
 - (a) the structure and form of the Director-General's report on the activities of the Organization, prepared in accordance with Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution;
 - (b) questions pertaining to the functioning of the Secretariat, in particular, those pertaining to evaluation, internal control, oversight and accountability systems and mechanisms;
 - (c) relations with the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit, and reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit that are not referred to the commissions of the Executive Board;
 - (d) methods of work of the General Conference and the Executive Board, including those of their commissions and committees;
 - (e) any other question that the Executive Board may refer to it.

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12 Terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (30 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 98 EX/Decision 9.6(II), whereby it defined, in paragraph 12, the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in Education, namely:
 - (a) to examine periodic reports by Member States on their implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education,
 - (b) to examine communications addressed to UNESCO in connection with specific cases alleging a violation of human rights in education, science and culture,
 - (c) to examine the report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers,²
2. Also recalling 104 EX/Decision 3.3, whereby it decided that the Committee would thenceforth be designated the “Committee on Conventions and Recommendations” and established the conditions and procedures for consideration of communications received by the Organization concerning cases and questions of violations of human rights within UNESCO’s fields of competence,
3. Further recalling 162 EX/Decision 5.4(II), paragraph 5, and 171 EX/Decision 27, paragraph 5(d), concerning the Committee’s examination, once a year, of the reports of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education,
4. Renews the terms of reference mentioned above and decides that the Committee will also consider all questions entrusted to the Executive Board concerning the implementation of UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments, in accordance with Article 18.1 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions, ensuring in particular the monitoring of the three conventions and 11 recommendations referred to, respectively, in Part II of 177 EX/Decision 35 and in 34 C/Resolution 87.³

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² Now the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel.

³ These conventions and recommendations are: Convention against Discrimination in Education (Paris, 14 December 1960); Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (Paris, 14 November 1970); Convention on Technical and Vocational Education (Paris, 10 November 1989); Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (14 December 1960); Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (5 October 1966); Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (19 November 1974); Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (20 November 1974); Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education (26 November 1976); Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Educational Statistics (27 November 1978); Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist (27 October 1980); Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education (13 November 1993); Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel (11 November 1997); Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education (2 November 2001); Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (15 October 2003).

13 Terms of reference of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (24 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the important contribution made by non-governmental organizations to the preparation and implementation of UNESCO's programme,
2. Taking into account the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its 28th session and amended at its 31st and 34th sessions, and the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions, adopted by the General Conference at its 26th session and amended at its 28th and 29th sessions, as well as the following resolutions adopted by the General Conference and related decisions of the Executive Board:
 - (a) the resolutions on the application of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations adopted by the General Conference at its 28th, 29th and 30th sessions; 149 EX/Decision 7.3 and 154 EX/Decision 7.3 concerning financial and material arrangements for cooperation with non-governmental organizations, and 157 EX/Decision 9.4, Part I,⁴
 - (b) the resolutions concerning the Executive Board's sexennial report on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by international non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its 28th, 30th, 31st and 34th sessions,
 - (c) 21 C/Resolution 7.11 concerning international non-governmental organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO and in which bodies or people from Taiwan are still participating in the name of China,
 - (d) 32 C/Resolution 60 concerning sectoral and intersectoral strategies for cooperation with non-governmental organizations,
 - (e) 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO,
3. Decides that the terms of reference of its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations shall be as follows:
 - (a) to continue to improve its methods of work, to enhance its intellectual and ethical reflection, and to pursue its dialogue with all relevant non-governmental organizations and the Secretariat with a view to promoting the input of those organizations to the work of UNESCO;
 - (b) to examine once a year, at its spring session, matters within its mandate relating to the establishment of relations between UNESCO and non-governmental organizations as stipulated in the above-mentioned Directives, and notably to consider the proposals that the Director-General will submit to the Executive Board for the establishment or renewal of formal relations with international non-governmental organizations;

⁴ In accordance with the sexennial report by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contributions made to UNESCO's activities by non-governmental organizations (2001-2006) adopted by the General Conference at its 34th session, a revised version of the financial and material arrangements for cooperation with NGOs will be submitted to the Executive Board at its 179th session.

- (c) to ensure that the above-mentioned Directives continue to be implemented in a spirit of openness to relevant actors of the civil society, in particular in those parts of the world where civil society remains isolated or fragile;
 - (d) to examine all other questions coming within the purview of the Executive Board in relation to the implementation of the various arrangements for cooperation with non-governmental organizations in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the governing bodies;
4. Further decides to grant, as appropriate, a second day of work to the NGO Committee.

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EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

Education

14 **Invitations to the 48th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE)** (178 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 5 (II), and noting that the General Conference at its 34th session authorized the Director-General to convene the 48th session of the International Conference on Education,
2. Having examined document 178 EX/2,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the 48th session of the International Conference on Education with the right to vote will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the States mentioned in paragraph 6 of document 178 EX/2, which are not members of UNESCO but are members of another organization of the United Nations system, and to any other State that becomes a member of one of the organizations of the United Nations system before the opening date of the Conference;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 178 EX/2;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Conference will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph 8 of document 178 EX/2;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraph 10 of document 178 EX/2;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for advancing the work of the Conference, notifying the Executive Board thereof.

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GENERAL MATTERS**15 Dates of the 179th, 180th, 181st and 182nd sessions of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies (178 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev.)****179th session
(1-17 April 2008)**

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday 1 and Friday 4 April
Special Committee	Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 April
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 April
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 April
Committee on International Non Governmental Organizations	Thursday 3 and Friday 4 April
Plenary meetings (Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 April then Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 April) Commissions (Thursday 10 to Tuesday 15 April)	Monday 7 to Thursday 17 April

**180th session
(30 September-17 October 2008)**

(14 working days/18 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday 30 Sept. and Friday 3 October
Special Committee	Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 October
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 October
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 October
Committee on International Non Governmental Organizations	Thursday 2 and Friday 3 October
Plenary meetings (Monday 6 to Thursday 9 October, then Thursday 16 and Friday 17 October) Commissions (Friday 10 to Wednesday 15 October)	Monday 6 to Friday 17 October

**181st session
(14-30 April 2009)**

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday 14 and Friday 17 April
Special Committee	Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 April
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 April
Committee on International Non Governmental Organizations	Thursday 16 and Friday 17 April
Plenary meetings (Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 April, then Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 April) Commissions (Thursday 23 to Tuesday 28 April)	Monday 20 to Thursday 30 April

**182nd session
(7-23 September 2009)**

(15 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Monday 7 and Thursday 10 September
Special Committee	Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 September
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 September
Committee on International Non Governmental Organizations	Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 September
Plenary meetings (Friday 11 to Monday 14 September, then Friday 18 to Wednesday 23 September) Commissions (Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 September)	Friday 11 to Wednesday 23 September

The proposed dates for the 35th session of the General Conference are the following:
Tuesday 6 to Friday 23 October 2009.

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16 Tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2008-2009
(178 EX/INF.2 Rev.)

The Board took note of the tentative list given in document 178 EX/INF.2 Rev.

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PRIVATE SESSION

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Monday 5 November 2007

At the private meeting held on Monday 5 November 2007, the Executive Board considered item 17.

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

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General consulted the Executive Board on staff movements at the D-1 level and above.

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