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Draft resolution

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Amendment to the Draft Budget for 2016-2017 (38 C/5)

Submitted by **IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)**

Part II.A. – Programmes:

Major Programme IV:	Culture
Resolution No.:	04000
Strategic objective 7:	Protecting, promoting and transmitting heritage
Paragraph:	1 (b) (iv revised)
Budgetary implications indicated by the sponsor:	US \$60,000
Source of financing proposed by the sponsor:	Extrabudgetary resources

Proposed modification:

(iv revised) provide children and youth with basic knowledge on heritage conservation and values, develop mutual understanding and networks among students and teachers and raise awareness among local communities about their heritage, including through **heritage-friendly cyber applications and mobile games and** an integrated heritage education programme;

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This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 15 September 2015.

Explanatory note:

Considering UNESCO's tireless efforts to counter the destruction of cultural heritage in the world, drawing on the 1972 Convention, noting that cultural and the natural heritage are increasingly threatened with destruction;

In consideration of key statements referring to attacks on culture and destructions of this nature as war crimes, intolerable crimes against civilization, and cultural cleansing,

In view of the fact that each of these attacks invites us to share ever more widely the heritage of humanity in museums, schools, the media and our homes, and

Mindful of the preamble to UNESCO's Constitution, "since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed",

The proposed amendment emphasizes the need to further rethink the production of cyber applications and mobile games such as the "clash of clans" that promotes wars of clans, destruction of monuments, violence and bloodshed in the minds of children, and insights to ethnic hatred, especially in war-stricken regions such as the Middle-East, which is host to a considerable number of the world's cultural heritage.

As such, the Director-General is requested to:

1. Call on Member States to prohibit the production and dissemination of such games;
2. Possibly establish a special task force to study the (destructive) effects of such games and other similar cyber applications, which promote violence, and extremism in the minds of children, youth and adolescents, and to present a comprehensive report on this issue to the 39th session of the General Conference for appropriate decisions.