

**38TH SESSION - UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE  
DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU**

**CI COMMISSION**

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, 11 November	<b>Room</b>	Room XI
<b>N° meeting</b>	3	<b>Hour</b>	From: 10:10 a.m. To: 10:35 a.m.
<b>Chairperson(s)</b>	Dr. Abdulla El Reyes	<b>Country</b>	United Arab Emirates

**SUMMARY OF DEBATE**

<b>Items examined</b>	<b>Item 4.13 – Outcome document of the “CONNECTing the Dots: Options for Future Action” Conference (38 C/53)</b>		
<b>Debate no</b>	3	<b>Debate status</b>	Continuation and End
<b>Related documents</b>	38 C/53, 38 C/INF.4		
<b>DRs examined</b>	DR contained in paragraph 11 of document 38 C/53.		
<b>Countries that took floor</b>	Cuba, Indonesia, Argentina, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Spain, United Republic of Tanzania		
<b>Summary of debate</b>	<p>The Chairperson, Dr. Abdulla El Reyes (United Arab Emirates), opened the debate on Item 4.13 - Outcome document of the “CONNECTing the Dots: Options for Future Action” Conference at 10:10 a.m.</p> <p>Dr Abdulla El Reyes made two announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One minute of silence to be celebrated on 11 November at 11:00 a.m. in memory of the people who lost their life during the 1st World War</li> <li>- One side-event related to the presentation of PERSIST project to take place between 1:30 and 2:45 today in room XI. This CI side event has a twofold aim: to present to participants in the General Conference the results and prospects of the UNESCO PERSIST project and to open the exhibition of Memory of the World (MoW) Educational materials prepared by the MoW Sub-Committee on Education and Research.</li> </ul> <p>The following Member States took the floor (in order of their intervention): Cuba, Indonesia, Argentina, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Spain, United Republic of Tanzania</p> <p>The representative of the Director-General, Getachew Engida, Deputy Director-General, responded to the issues raised by Delegates.</p> <p>The Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt Draft Resolution contained in paragraph 11 of document 38 C/53.</p>		

	The Chairperson of CI Commission closed the debate 3 and proposed to move to debate 4 on Item 4.23 – Proclamation of 28 September as the “International Day for the Universal Access to Information” (38 C/70) at 10:34 a.m.
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#### SUMMARY OF DEBATE

<b>Items examined</b>	<b>Item 4.23 – Proclamation of 28 September as the “International Day for the Universal Access to Information” (38 C/70)</b>		
<b>Debate no</b>	4	<b>Debate status</b>	Start and End
<b>Related documents</b>	38 C/70		
<b>DRs examined</b>	DR contained in paragraph 2 of document 38 C/70.		
<b>Countries that took floor</b>	Egypt, Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, Argentina, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malaysia, Thailand, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, China, India, Sudan, Nigeria, Iraq, Republic of Zambia, Viet Nam		
<b>Summary of debate</b>	<p>The Chairperson, Dr. Abdulla El Reyes (United Arab Emirates), opened the Debate 4 on item 4.23 – Proclamation of 28 September as the “International Day for the Universal Access to Information” (38 C/70).</p> <p>The Chairperson of CI Commission gave the floor to Morocco which introduced the item 4.23.</p> <p>The representative of the Director-General, Mr Guy Berger, Director of the Division for Freedom of Expression and Media Development, made a short presentation on the proposal, submitted by Angola, Morocco and Nigeria, to proclaim an “International Day for the Universal Access to Information” on 28 September. Item 4.23 was examined by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 35). 38 C/70 document transmits to the General Conference the recommendation made by the Executive Board at its 197<sup>th</sup> session.</p> <p>Dr. Abdulla El Reyes opened the floor to the delegates for their comments.</p> <p>The following countries took the floor: Egypt, Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, Argentina, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malaysia, Thailand, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, China, India, Sudan, Nigeria, Iraq, Republic of Zambia, Viet Nam</p> <p>The representative of the Director-General, Mr Guy Berger, replied to the statements made</p>		

	<p>by the representatives of Member States.</p> <p>The Chairperson of CI Commission invited the Delegates to examine the draft resolution contained in paragraph 2 of document 38 C/70. The draft resolution was recommended to the General Conference for its adoption. No objections were formulated by the Member States.</p> <p>Dr. Abdulla El Reyes brought to a close debate 4 and suggested moving on the Debate 5 on item 6.1 – Draft recommendation on preservation and access to documentary heritage including digital heritage (38 C/24).</p>
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<b>Items examined</b>	<b>Item 6.1 – Draft recommendation on preservation and access to documentary heritage including digital heritage (38 C/24)</b>		
<b>Debate no</b>	5	<b>Debate status</b>	Start
<b>Related documents</b>	38 C/24		
<b>DRs examined</b>	DR contained in paragraph 10 of document 38 C/24.		
<b>Countries that took floor</b>	Philippines, Finland, Japan, Canada, Turkey, Poland, Cote d'Ivoire, Colombia, Latvia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Czech Republic, France, Estonia, New Zealand, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malaysia, India, El Salvador, Argentina, Denmark, Indonesia, China, Chile, Lesotho, Germany, Republic of Korea, Austria, Norway, Egypt, Hungary, Sweden, Grenada, Russian Federation, Iraq, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, Barbados		
<b>Summary of debate</b>	<p>The representative of the Director-General, Indrajit Banerjee, Director of the Knowledge Societies Division, presented the Draft recommendation on preservation and access to documentary heritage including digital heritage (38 C/24). The document 38 C/24 presents the final draft of the Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, and Access to Documentary Heritage, including in Digital Form, for consideration and possible adoption by the General Conference.</p> <p>By 36 C/Resolution 59, the General Conference requested the Director-General to initiate an in-depth reflection on evaluating and strengthening the Memory of the World Programme (MOW). As its 190<sup>th</sup> session the Executive Board requested the Director-General to undertake a preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects on the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage for examination by its 191<sup>st</sup> session. At its 191<sup>st</sup> session, the Executive Board recommended that the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference decide that the issue of preservation and access to documentary heritage, including digital heritage, be regulated at the international level by means of a Recommendation. The General Conference, at its 37<sup>th</sup> session, invited the Director-General to submit to it at its 38<sup>th</sup> session, for possible adoption, a draft standard-setting instrument in the form a Recommendation (37 C/Resolution 53).</p> <p>The Chairperson, Dr. Abdulla El Reyes (United Arab Emirates), opened the floor to the delegates for their comments.</p> <p>The following countries took the floor (in order of their intervention): Philippines, Finland, Japan, Canada, Turkey, Poland, Cote d'Ivoire, Colombia, Latvia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Czech Republic, France, Estonia, New Zealand, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malaysia, India, El Salvador, Argentina, Denmark, Indonesia, China, Chile, Lesotho, Germany, Republic of Korea, Austria, Norway, Egypt, Hungary, Sweden, Grenada, Russian Federation, Iraq, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, Barbados.</p>		

	<p>Dr Abdulla El Reyes adjourned the session at 1:00 p.m. and announced to continue the debate with the remaining speakers on item 6.1 at 3:00 p.m.</p>
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