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Basic discussion points

SUMMARY

Further to the request of the Chairperson of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) when the CR Committee's reports were submitted to the Executive Board in plenary meeting at its 191st session, an item on the working methods of the CR Committee has been included in the agenda of this session of the Executive Board.

1. As a basis for discussion, it is recalled that in accordance with 188 EX/Decision 11, the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) comprise two complementary components:
 - (a) on the one hand, the Committee considers 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; accordingly, the CR examines reports received from Member States (Part I);
 - (b) on the other hand, the Committee examines communications relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence (Part II).
2. Furthermore, it is to be noted that the working methods of the CR Committee, including the most recent improvements thereto pursuant to 185 EX/Decision 22, are set out in the information document 189 EX/CR/2.