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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1 **Agenda and timetable of work and election of the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners** (195 EX/1)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in document 195 EX/1.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items of its agenda to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items **4.I, 5.I and II, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 28, 29, 31, 32** and **35**;
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items **4.II and III, 5.II, III, IV and V, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22** and **23**;

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meeting:** items **4.IV and V, 5.II and IV, 11, 13, 25, 27, 30** and **36**.

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Mr Bishwo Prakash Pandit (Nepal) Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) to replace Mr Narayan Gopal Malego for the remainder of his term of office.

(195 EX/SR.1)

2 **Approval of the summary records of the 194th session** (194 EX/SR.1-7)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 194th session.

(195 EX/SR.1)

3 **Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (195 EX/PRIV.1; 195 EX/3.INF)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 195 EX/3.INF on major changes to the organizational structure of the Secretariat,
2. Takes note of the information contained therein, and requests the Director-General to take into consideration the debates that took place at its 195th session in order to further refine the design of the organizational structure.

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject in private meeting.

(195 EX/SR.5)

REPORTING ITEMS

4 **Execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (195 EX/4 Part I (*online only*); 195 EX/4 Part II and Corrigenda; 195 EX/4.INF and Corr. (*online only*); 195 EX/4 Part III; 195 EX/4 Part IV; 195 EX/4 Part V – PG/Report; 195 EX/PG.INF.; 195 EX/40; 195 EX/41; 195 EX/42)

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Programme execution

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/4 Part I and relevant paragraphs in 195 EX/PG.INF,
2. Takes note of their content.

(195 EX/SR.6)

II

Budgetary situation of the Organization for 2014-2015 (37 C/5) as at 30 June 2014 (unaudited), budget adjustments arising from donations and special contributions received and Management Chart for programme execution in 2014-2015 (37 C/5 Approved)

Status as at 30 June 2014 (unaudited)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report in document 195 EX/4 Part II on donations and special contributions received during the period January-June 2014 and appropriated to the regular budget and the transfers made between appropriation lines, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 37th session (37 C/Resolution 98 paragraphs (b) and (e)),

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2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of **\$5,820,125** which includes the adjustments made on donations and special contributions as indicated in Annex I of document 195 EX/4.INF as follows:

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Part I.B – Internal oversight	324,480
Part II.A – Major Programme I	1,872,868
Part II.A – Major Programme II	877,735
Part II.A – Major Programme III	13,263
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	1,530,114
Part II.A – Major Programme V	347,889
Part II.A – Management of field offices	766,404
Part II.B – Programme-related services (Africa)	20,004
Part II.B – Programme-related services (GE)	8,141
Part II.B – Programme-related services (BSP)	50,000
Part II.B – Programme-related services (ERI)	9,227
Total	<u>5,820,125</u>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in Annex I of document 195 EX/4.INF;

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4. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which the Director-General may make transfers between appropriation lines up to an amount of 2% of the initial appropriation, and inform Members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of and reasons for these transfers,
5. Notes that the Director-General has made transfers between appropriation lines in support of UNESCO's participation in country-level programming exercises and for staff movements effected during the period January-June 2014 (net impact \$0), as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of document 195 EX/4 Part II;

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6. Approves transfers between appropriation lines arising from the restructuring and ensuing changes in organizational design (staff movements) as listed in paragraph 4 of the document;
7. Takes note of the revised 37 C/5 Appropriation Table in Annex II of 195 EX/4.INF;

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8. Recalls the firm commitment made by the Director-General to realize the expected savings of \$8.1 million to be financed from the restructuring of senior management (\$2.8 million) and savings to be identified (\$5.3 million), as well as further savings of \$2.9 million, in order to offset the current work-plan deficit of \$11 million;
9. Also recalls the obligation of the Director-General to stay within the approved budget of \$653 million and the approved expenditure plan of \$507 million and requests the Director-General to identify the necessary savings, *inter alia*, by making further cross-cutting and multisectoral efforts towards reform and increased efficiency;
10. Requests the Director-General to provide a detailed report to it at its 196th session on the Emergency Fund, explaining the process and criteria of its allocation, as well as whether or not each expenditure item is of a recurrent nature;
11. Also requests the Director-General to continue to improve the implementation rate of the projects financed by extrabudgetary resources and to continue rigorously monitoring the allotment made in the current work plans.

(195 EX/SR.5)

III**Implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/4 Part III,
2. Takes note of the detailed analysis of the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance and of the results achieved;
3. Invites the Secretariat and Member States to continue their efforts to make the Programme more effective and more relevant for the benefit of the priority groups of Member States as defined in 37 C/Resolution 72 on the Participation Programme.

(195 EX/SR.5)

IV

Consolidated biennial report on the comprehensive partnership strategy

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 86 and the Directives therein concerning the use of the name, acronym, logo and Internet domain names of UNESCO,
2. Also recalling the relevant recommendations made in the independent external evaluation of UNESCO (185 EX/18, para. 56), and 186 EX/Decision 17 (I) and 192 EX/Decision 5 (III) (E),
3. Having examined document 195 EX/4 Part IV,
4. Emphasizing that the name and logo of UNESCO are strategic assets that must be protected and that all partnerships must be in line with the values and principles of the Organization,
5. Reiterating the importance of establishing and actively managing partnerships in order to reinforce the relevance, impact, credibility, efficiency, effectiveness and visibility of UNESCO's work,
6. Welcomes the first consolidated biennial report on the comprehensive partnership strategy;
7. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the Director-General to develop a more streamlined organization of the online partnership resources, *inter alia*, by improving the partnerships page on UNESCO's website;
8. Invites the Director-General to include in the partnerships page on UNESCO's website, and in an annex to the consolidated biennial report on the comprehensive partnership strategy, information about each private sector partnership signed, including its value, programme area and duration;
9. Also invites the Director-General to identify and approach partners that are relevant to the current programme of UNESCO, in order to strategically increase the number of partners from all regions;
10. Encourages the Director-General to continue reflecting on how to enhance the comprehensive partnership strategy, taking into account, *inter alia*, the need for:
 - (a) common basic principles and appropriate selection criteria for each category of partner that are consistent with the values and principles of UNESCO;
 - (b) coherent results-based monitoring and evaluation mechanisms;
 - (c) alignment of private sector partnerships with the United Nations Global Compact principles;
 - (d) mechanisms to encourage, in close cooperation with the Secretariat and National Commissions, productive interaction and synergies between different categories of partners, including Goodwill Ambassadors, parliamentarians, the private sector and the media;
 - (e) an action plan for every Goodwill Ambassador;
 - (f) a more equitable geographical distribution of partnerships in all categories;

11. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 196th session an annex to document 38 C/5 with the targets and expected results for each category of partner covered by the comprehensive partnership strategy, together with a chart showing the anticipated amount of yearly contributions by category of partner, especially for the private sector;
12. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 199th session the next biennial report on the comprehensive partnership strategy, including information about any outstanding monies, how the contributions raised are spent, and details of any cancelled memoranda of understanding (MOUs).

(195 EX/SR.6)

V

New format for EX/4 documents: report of the Preparatory Group

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 194 EX/Decision 4 (I) (B) requesting the Preparatory Group to propose a new format for EX/4 documents which would be more efficient, compliant with the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI), forward-looking and making effective use of sunset clauses,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/4 Part V – PG/Report,
3. Also recalling the resolutions on the major programmes adopted by the General Conference at its 37th session which include the requirement to undertake, during the period 2014-2017, a review of the main lines of action and their expected results, including those of the intergovernmental and international programmes pertaining to each major programme, and to propose their continuation, reorientation, including possible reinforcement, exit strategies or termination, based on clear evaluation criteria,
4. Having considered the current volume and nature of reporting to the governing bodies in the light of the transition to a four-year programme, and the need to further embed the principles of results-based management and results-based budgeting,
5. Keeping in mind the relevant previous resolutions of the General Conference on reporting requirements to the Executive Board, and without prejudice to them,
6. Endorses the principle that a clear distinction should be made between reporting on activities and output delivery, and reporting on expected results and outcomes;
7. Requests the Director-General to prepare the reports to the Executive Board based on the objectives and elements, and following the format and periodicity described in document 195 EX/4 Part V – PG/Report, in particular the proposed timetable annexed hereto:
 - (a) a programme implementation report (PIR) for each spring session;
 - (b) an analytical programme implementation report (APIR) for the spring session of the first year of each quadrennium;
 - (c) a strategic results report (SRR) for the third spring session of each quadrennium;
8. Also requests the Director-General to continue to make available online implementation information, to continuously improve its quality and coverage and to produce it, to the extent possible, in the two working languages of the Secretariat (English and French);

9. Further requests the Director-General to undertake an online survey in the first quarter of each quadrennium which will be used to obtain feedback from stakeholders and beneficiaries on the quality, use and utility of UNESCO activities and outputs from the preceding C/5 document, in view of the recommendation to incorporate such feedback;
10. Decides to continue to implement a C/5 content and programmatic priorities survey of Member States, relevant international organizations and NGOs in order to inform the preparation of the subsequent Draft Programme and Budget (C/5);
11. Requests the Special Committee to make proposals with regard to the Executive Board's calendar in order to make best use of these reports and to enable an in-depth debate on select major programmes and cross-cutting issues with a view to ensuring full coverage during a quadrennium;
12. Requests the Director-General to review the current Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluation programme in order to align it better with the reporting, debates and decisions foreseen herein;
13. Recommends that the General Conference at its 38th session endorse this approach to reporting;¹
14. Also requests the Director-General:
 - (a) to prepare and circulate concrete examples of what the reports would look like;
 - (b) to consult widely with Member States before 31 December 2014 and to refine the examples if needed.

ANNEX

Proposed timetable

2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
Spring	Autumn	Spring	Autumn	Spring	Autumn	Spring	Autumn	Spring	Autumn
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE									
First year of the quadrennium		PIR 2014	EX 4 ²	SRR & PIR 2015		PIR 2016		APIR 2014-2017	
		Draft 38 C/5	38th session General Conference		Preliminary proposals	Draft 39 C/5	39th session General Conference		
		Summer: stakeholder feedback survey		Immediately after the spring Board session: consultations, including C/5 content and programme priority survey					

(195 EX/SR.6)

¹ This would mean suspending paragraph (k) of 37 C/Resolution 98 concerning provision of a mid-term assessment of progress made in the achievement of expected results during the 2014-2015 biennium.

² The Secretariat will continue to provide the information constituting the EX/4 document pursuant to 33 C/Resolution 92 (sub-paragraph 3 (R.2)).

- 5 Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions** (195 EX/5 Part I; 195 EX/5.INF (*online only*); 195 EX/5 Part II and Addenda; 195 EX/5.INF.5; 195 EX/5 Part III; 195 EX/5 Part IV and Add.; 195 EX/5.INF.2; 195 EX/5 Part V and Addenda; 195 EX/5.INF.3; 195 EX/5.INF.4; 195 EX/40; 195 EX/41; 195 EX/42)

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Programme issues

A

UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 26 on the further examination of the parameters of possible UNESCO global geoparks and 194 EX/Decision 5 (I) (G),
2. Having examined documents 195 EX/5 Part I (A) and 195 EX/5 INF,
3. Acknowledging the decisions taken and agreements reached by the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) at its 2014 General Assembly, held in Canada, where the members unanimously endorsed the establishment of the Network as a legally constituted, not-for-profit association,
4. Expressing its appreciation to the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) for its generous financial support enabling the working group on UNESCO global geoparks to meet,
5. Notes the progress made by the working group on UNESCO global geoparks at its fifth meeting, with a view to formalizing the establishment of UNESCO global geoparks;
6. Takes note of the draft proposed operational guidelines for UNESCO global geoparks contained in document 195 EX/5 INF, including the reference to the role assigned to the Executive Board;
7. Recognizing the need to promote synergies and cooperation between the proposed UNESCO global geoparks initiative and other UNESCO programmes and conventions,
8. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) consider creating a formal partnership with the Global Geoparks Network association, taking account of the association's legal character and its intended role in an international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP) based on an analysis of the added value of such a partnership;
 - (b) report on any decision taken by the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) at the meeting of its Executive Committee in January 2015 on proposed changes to the existing International Geoscience Programme (IGCP), and amend the partnership with IUGS as appropriate;
 - (c) undertake, after the establishment of an international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP), capacity-building activities in the field of geoparks funded by contributions made by Global Geoparks Network members so as to achieve equitable geographical distribution;

- (d) convene further meetings of the working group on UNESCO global geoparks so as to prepare the draft statutes of an international geoscience and geoparks programme, finalize the working group's recommendations and present the complete proposal, including the draft operational guidelines as finalized by it, to the Executive Board at its 196th session;
 - (e) examine, if necessary, how to align the calendars of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) and the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) with those of UNESCO's governing bodies, in the most efficient way;
 - (f) provide all relevant information on the financial implications of an international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP);
9. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 196th session the report requested in paragraph 3 of 37 C/Resolution 26.

(195 EX/SR.6)

B

Developments relating to UNESCO's relationship with the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part I (B),
2. Takes note of its content.

(195 EX/SR.6)

C

Consideration of the desirability of preparing a declaration on ethical principles in relation to climate change

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part I (C),
2. Takes note of its content.

(195 EX/SR.6)

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Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44 and 194 EX/Decision 5 (I) (C) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem

OCCUPIED PALESTINE

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/9 and the related report of the Director-General (195 EX/5 Part I (D) and (E)), and having considered documents 190 EX/39, 191 EX/35, 192 EX/34, 195 EX/29 and Add., 195 EX/10 and 195 EX/DG.INF.2,

³ This decision includes the decisions under agenda items 5.I (E), 9, 10 and 29.

2. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their Additional Protocols, the 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its related Protocols, the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970) and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage, as well as resolutions and decisions of UNESCO relating to Jerusalem, also recalling previous UNESCO decisions relating to the reconstruction and development of Gaza as well as UNESCO decisions on the two Palestinian sites in al-Khalīl/Hebron and in Bethlehem,
3. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed, *inter alia*, at the safeguarding of the Palestinian cultural heritage and the distinctive character of Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant Security Council and other United Nations resolutions and decisions on the legal status of Palestine and Jerusalem,

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A Jerusalem and the implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44 and 194 EX/Decision 11

4. Regrets the absence of progress in the implementation of previous UNESCO decisions concerning Jerusalem, particularly 185 EX/Decision 14, and reiterates its request to the Director-General to appoint, as soon as possible, a permanent and eminent expert(s) to be stationed in East Jerusalem to report on a regular basis about all the aspects covering all UNESCO fields of competency in East Jerusalem;
5. Deplores the failure of Israel, the occupying Power, to cease the persistent excavations and works in East Jerusalem, particularly in and around the Old City, and reiterates its request to Israel, the occupying Power, to prohibit all such works, in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of the relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
6. Also deplores the continuous Israeli violations, such as: closure and restrictions of access to the Muslim holy site al-Aqṣà Mosque (also known as al-Ḥaram ash-Sharīf); the attempts to change the pre-1967 status quo; the targeting of civilians including religious figures, sheikhs, and priests, as well as all restoration works near and around the Mosque, further deplores the large number of arrests and injuries inside and around al-Aqṣà Mosque by the Israeli forces as well as the frequent intrusions of religious-extremist groups and uniformed forces into the Mosque and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to end these abuses which inflame the tension on the ground;
7. Reaffirms in this regard the need to protect and safeguard the authenticity, integrity and cultural heritage of al-Aqṣà Mosque and to respect the pre-1967 status quo;
8. Thanks the Director-General for her efforts to implement previous UNESCO decisions on Jerusalem and requests her to maintain and reinvigorate such efforts;

B Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44 and 194 EX/Decision 5 (I) (C) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem

9. Noting the 13th Reinforced Monitoring Report and all previous reports, together with their addenda prepared by the World Heritage Centre, as well as the state of conservation report submitted to the World Heritage Centre by Jordan and Palestine,

10. Deplores the continuing Israeli unilateral measures and decisions regarding the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate and reaffirms that no Israeli unilateral measures shall be taken in conformity with its status and obligations under the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict;
11. Reiterates its thanks to Jordan for its cooperation and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to cooperate with the Jordanian Awqaf Department, in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and to facilitate access of Jordanian Awqaf experts with their tools and material to the site in order to enable the execution of the Jordanian design of the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in accordance with UNESCO and World Heritage Committee decisions, particularly decision 37 COM 7A.26;
12. Expresses its concern regarding the continuous, intrusive Israeli archaeological demolitions, excavations and works in and around the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate despite World Heritage Committee decisions 36 COM 7A.23, 37 COM 7A.26 and 38 COM 7A.4, and requests Israel, the occupying Power, to end such excavations and works;
13. Takes note that the Government of Jordan welcomes the Israeli decision to dismantle the wooden bridge which was installed in the beginning of August 2014 at the Mughrabi Ascent, which constituted a clear violation of international law and the pre-1967 status quo and the previous UNESCO resolutions and decisions on this matter, and calls on Israel to respect the relevant UNESCO decisions as well as its assurances not to alter the pre-1967 status quo at the site of the Mughrabi Ascent;
14. Thanks the Director-General for her attention to this sensitive situation, and requests her to dispatch the necessary expertise to assess damage incurred through the conduct of recent Israeli works on the site;

C Follow-up of the UNESCO reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls and the UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent

15. Regrets the continued Israeli failure to act in accordance with UNESCO and World Heritage Committee decisions that request a UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent and the dispatch of a reactive monitoring mission (RMM), as referred to in the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (1972), to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to accept and facilitate the implementation of the aforementioned RMM and experts meeting in accordance with UNESCO decisions and in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of UNESCO conventions for the protection of cultural property and cultural heritage;
16. Invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures to implement the above-mentioned reactive monitoring mission (RMM) and experts meeting in accordance with World Heritage Committee decision 34 COM 7A.20, prior to the 196th session of the Executive Board, and invites all concerned parties to facilitate the implementation of the above-mentioned UNESCO RMM and experts meeting;
17. Requests that the report and recommendations of the mission, as well as the report of the technical meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent in Paris, be presented to the concerned parties before the 196th session of the Executive Board;
18. Thanks the Director-General for her continuous efforts to implement the above-mentioned UNESCO joint mission and all related UNESCO decisions and resolutions;

II

A Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 194 EX/Decision 28

19. Expressing its deep concern about the very heavy toll suffered by civilians during the last confrontation in Gaza as reported in document 195 EX/DG.INF.2 and in the Gaza Situation Reports by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA),
20. Strongly deplores the unprecedented massive destruction affecting all UNESCO's fields of competence caused by the recent July-August 2014 Israeli raids on Gaza, as reported in document 195 EX/DG.INF.2, in addition to the serious damage to schools and other cultural heritage sites in Gaza during the 2008-2009 and November 2012 confrontations;
21. Deplores the continuous Israeli restrictions that in effect amount to a blockade of the Gaza Strip, which harmfully affects the free and sustained movement of personnel and humanitarian relief items for the successful implementation of UNESCO reconstruction projects, as well as the targeting of children, the attacks on schools and other educational and cultural facilities, and the denial of access to education, as reflected in document 195 EX/DG.INF.2 and in the Gaza Situation Reports by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to immediately ease this blockade in accordance with the spirit and essence of the 2014 Cairo agreement between Israel and Palestine for a long-term ceasefire in Gaza;
22. Requests the Director-General to upgrade the UNESCO Antenna in Gaza in order to ensure the prompt reconstruction of schools, universities, cultural heritage sites, cultural institutions, media centres and places of worship that have been destroyed or damaged by the consecutive Israeli raids on Gaza, particularly during July-August 2014;
23. Welcomes the strong commitment made by the international community in favour of the reconstruction of Gaza, expressed in the International Conference on Palestine "Reconstructing Gaza" held in Cairo, Egypt, on 12 October 2014, thanks Member States and donors for their generous financial contributions for the reconstruction of Gaza, and invites them to further assist UNESCO projects for the reconstruction of Gaza through extrabudgetary funding;
24. Thanks the Director-General for initiatives that have already been implemented in Gaza in the field of education, and for the safety of media professionals, and calls upon her to continue her active involvement in the reconstruction of Gaza's damaged educational and cultural components;
25. Also requests the Director-General to organize, prior to the Executive Board's 196th session, an information meeting to provide Member States with the most recent assessment of damage, due to the last Israeli raids on Gaza, in the fields of competence of UNESCO and an update on the outcome of the projects conducted in the Gaza Strip-Palestine;

B Implementation of 194 EX/Decision 12 on "The two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem"

26. Reaffirming that the two sites concerned located in al-Khalīl/Hebron and in Bethlehem are an integral part of Palestine,

27. Deplores the ongoing Israeli construction of private roads for settlers and a separation wall inside the Old City of al-Khalīl/Hebron and the subsequent denial of freedom of movement and freedom of access to places of worship, and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to end these violations, in compliance with provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
28. Regrets the Israeli refusal to comply with 185 EX/Decision 15 concerning this item, and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to act in accordance with that decision;

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29. Decides to include these matters under an item entitled “Occupied Palestine” in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 196th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(195 EX/SR.6)

E

Follow-up of the UNESCO reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls and the UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent

For this agenda item, see 195 EX/Decision 5 (I) (D).

(195 EX/SR.6)

II

Intersectoral activities

A

Cultural and educational institutions in Iraq

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 192 EX/Decision 5 (I) (C),
2. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part II (A),
3. Acknowledges with appreciation the results achieved in the implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media activities, and the continued mobilization of substantial extrabudgetary resources to this effect;
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue to give full support to the Government of Iraq in its implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media programmes, in particular through capacity-building activities, and by addressing the most urgent humanitarian needs of the affected population;
5. Expresses its gratitude to all donors for their substantial contribution to UNESCO’s action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue supporting UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction and dialogue in Iraq;
6. Expresses its support for the emergency response that UNESCO has initiated following the crisis unfolding in Iraq since June 2014;
7. Calls upon Member States to support UNESCO’s emergency action, including for the implementation of the Emergency Response Action Plan for the Safeguarding of Iraq’s Cultural Heritage;

8. Calls upon government donors and multilateral and private-sector partners to sustain their funding for UNESCO programmes in Iraq, in particular its emergency response to the present crisis;
9. Requests the Director-General to submit a progress report to it at its 197th session.

(195 EX/SR.6)

B

Special post-conflict overall support programme for Côte d'Ivoire

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 37,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part II (B),
3. Notes with satisfaction action taken to implement the special post-conflict overall support programme for Côte d'Ivoire, taking into account all the fields of competence of UNESCO;
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue her efforts to pursue the implementation of the programme within the framework of global cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire, and to mobilize partners with a view to its continuation;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it a progress report at its 199th session.

(195 EX/SR.6)

C

Progress made in the implementation of the UNESCO open access policy concerning publications

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling document 191 EX/5 Part II and 191 EX/Decision 5 (II),
2. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part II (C) containing the progress report of the Director-General on the implementation of the UNESCO open access policy and the achievements made in this respect,
3. Takes note of the contents of the report;
4. Welcoming the initial progress made in providing online access to UNESCO's research outputs for the world community,
5. Endorses the approach proposed by the Director-General;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue implementation of the open access policy in accordance with the approach proposed.

(195 EX/SR.5)

D

Role of foresight and evaluation in UNESCO's new programmatic and strategic context

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part II (D), on whose quality it commends the Secretariat,
2. Welcoming with satisfaction the report of the Preparatory Group contained in document 195 EX/4 Part V – PG/Report, with particular attention given to the new format it proposes for EX/4 documents, its “Other comments and recommendations”, and the emphasis it places on “greater foresight in strategic decision-making and future planning of UNESCO's activities, in accordance with 194 EX/Decision 30 (see paragraph C (3) of the PG/Background Note)”,
3. Considering that the new programme cycle (a four-year C/5 document and an eight-year C/4 document) has a significant impact on the long-term planning of the Organization's programmes concerning foresight,
4. Recommends that Member States reinforce UNESCO's action planning by holding and following up substantive discussions of forward-looking strategic themes and ideas in its fields of competence, including the celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the Organization and monitoring of the global sustainable development agenda for the post-2015 period, which would be organized by the Chair of the Executive Board and the Director-General, as envisaged in 194 EX/Decision 31, calling on recognized experts and with the support of Member States;
5. Requests the Director-General to include in the strategic results report (SRR) proposed by the Preparatory Group in document 195 EX/4 Part V – PG/Report:
 - (a) the results of the debates referred to in paragraph 4;
 - (b) the sectoral and intersectoral foresight approach on which the Secretariat bases its responses to emerging and future trends, challenges, risks and opportunities in its fields of competence.

(195 EX/SR.6)

E

Follow-up of the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine)⁴

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of the fundamental principles of UNESCO contained in the preamble to its Constitution and in all relevant human rights instruments,

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The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 22 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 25 abstentions:
In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Austria, Belize, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Gambia, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: China, Cuba, Russian Federation.

Abstentions: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Gabon, Guinea, India, Kuwait, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda.

Absent: Chad, El Salvador, Mauritius, Morocco, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates.

2. Reaffirming UNESCO's key role in ensuring education for all, in protecting the cultural, historical and natural heritage of humanity, and in facilitating the free flow of ideas,
3. Recalling 194 EX/Decision 32 and United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014,
4. Encourages the Director-General to ensure monitoring of the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine) in UNESCO's fields of competence;
5. Reiterates its request to the Director-General to follow up on the situation in Crimea (Ukraine) in UNESCO's fields of competence and report back to it at its 196th session on the latest developments.

(195 EX/SR.6)

III

Evaluation issues

Periodic report on Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluations

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 6 (VI) and 194 EX/Decision 22,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part III,
3. Welcomes the evaluations and invites the Director-General to implement the evaluation recommendations, other than those requiring a decision by the Executive Board and/or General Conference, in which case the relevant issue shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its consideration;
4. Also welcomes the observations and suggestions of the Oversight Advisory Committee regarding its terms of reference and ongoing role and invites the Director-General to propose revised terms of reference for the Oversight Advisory Committee to the Executive Board at its 196th session reflecting the suggestions.

(195 EX/SR.5)

IV

Management issues

A

Management of the education-related category 1 institutes

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part IV (A),
2. Takes note of its content.

(195 EX/SR.6)

B

Progressive implementation of results-based budgeting (RBB) at UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part IV (B),
2. Takes note of its content.

(195 EX/SR.5)

C

Implementation of the action plan for improved management of extrabudgetary funds

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 72, 180 EX/Decision 37, 181 EX/Decision 38, 185 EX/Decision 6 (VI), 187 EX/Decision 6 (XII) and 192 EX/Decision 5 (III) (D),
2. Having examined documents 195 EX/5 Part IV (C) and 195 EX/5.INF.2,
3. Welcomes the efforts by the Director-General to strengthen the strategic orientation, coherence and programmatic concentration of the Complementary Additional Programme with specific reference to the development of targets for each expected result in document 37 C/5, including benchmarks for regular programme and extrabudgetary resources, to the sharpened resource mobilization strategy and to the pipeline of priority proposals published on UNESCO's partnership website;
4. Invites the Director-General to elaborate effective resource mobilization strategies, particularly for the major programmes most in need, notably Major Programme III;
5. Welcomes the net increase in voluntary contributions, and encourages the Secretariat to continue pursuing donor diversification and new modalities for resource mobilization with different categories of partners;
6. Acknowledges the efforts undertaken to improve quality-at-entry in project design, capacity building and information relating to resource mobilization, and the management of extrabudgetary activities;
7. Takes note of the revised action plan for improved management of extrabudgetary funds contained in document 195 EX/5.INF.2 and the updated processes introduced by the Secretariat to implement the guiding principles set out in the original action plan (174 EX/INF.4);
8. Reiterates the importance of the application of full budgeting principles and full cost recovery and takes note of progress relating to the implementation of the cost-recovery policy and of full budgeting;
9. Requests the Director-General to increase the recovery of costs for management staff time related to the implementation of extrabudgetary projects (third pillar cost recovery) from 1% of the total regular staff costs to 2% by the 199th session of the Executive Board;
10. Also invites the Director-General to report to it at its 197th session on further developments and challenges encountered with regard to the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities at Headquarters and in the field;

11. Further invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the cost-recovery policy, providing an overview of the total costs recovered by each major programme and an updated resource mobilization strategy including targets and potential donor groups, on a two-yearly basis in parallel with the finalization of each C/5 document;
12. Invites the Director-General, on the basis of the action plan, to:
 - (a) present to it at its 197th session a proposal to adjust and reduce, where appropriate, the standard programme support cost rate for future projects while charging more identifiable direct and indirect variable costs, including regular programme staff costs, with a view to taking into account the practices of other United Nations specialized agencies;
 - (b) continue to simplify administrative processes in the management of extrabudgetary resources, and harmonize reporting standards;
 - (c) seek an even closer alignment of the regular and the extrabudgetary programme by preparing the Complementary Additional Programme together with the advanced work plan proposals for document 38 C/5;
 - (d) continue to address challenges to the budgeting, mobilization and implementation and monitoring of extrabudgetary projects, in particular by providing training on the use of the budget-building tool “B4U” at Headquarters and in the field;
 - (e) explore the possibility of introducing structured dialogues on financing, as recommended in the United Nations General Assembly resolution on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) (67/226, para. 46).

(195 EX/SR.5)

D

State of progress of the reform of the field network in Africa

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 194 EX/Decision 4 (IV),
2. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part IV (D) on the state of progress of the reform of the field network in Africa,
3. Takes note of the information provided in the document;
4. Recognizing the importance of this reform in enhancing programme delivery and the Organization’s visibility in African Member States,
5. Requests the Director-General to continue her efforts to fully implement 194 EX/Decision 4 (IV) in order to make field operations more effective and efficient;
6. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 196th session on the progress achieved.

(195 EX/SR.5)

E

Schedule and workload of Executive Board sessions

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 184 EX/Decision 17 and 192 EX/Decision 16 (VII),
2. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part IV (E) and Addendum, and the annex to document 195 EX/4 Part V – PG/Report,
3. Bearing in mind the ongoing external audit of UNESCO's governance,
4. Takes note of the report by the Director-General on progress made in the implementation of the proposals adopted at its 192nd session aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of Executive Board sessions in the light of the move to a four-year programme cycle and an eight-year medium-term strategy cycle;
5. Also takes note of the need to facilitate the traceability of sub-elements grouped in a single Executive Board document, particularly those grouped under item 5 "Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions";
6. Emphasizes that reducing translation and interpretation costs should be done in full accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (in particular Rule 21 relating to the working languages) and taking into account practices in this regard;
7. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 197th session proposals for including in the Executive Board's timetable in-depth discussions on agreed subjects, together with estimates of additional costs, taking into account decisions taken at its 195th session concerning the format of the EX/4 document;
8. Also requests the Director-General to formulate proposals to allow Member States, if they so wish, to opt out of receiving paper versions of the documents;
9. Decides to examine, at its 196th session, proposals for the schedule of the Executive Board sessions for the 2016-2017 biennium, taking into account its debates and decisions at the 195th session.

(195 EX/SR.5)

V

Human resources issues

A

Geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 192 EX/Decision 5 (IV) (A) and 37 C/Resolution 74,
2. Takes note of the information provided in document 195 EX/5 Part V regarding the situation of the geographical distribution and gender balance of staff as at 1 June 2014;
3. Requests the Director-General to significantly improve geographical representation in Secretariat positions at all levels, in particular of those countries that are non-

represented or under-represented, while recalling that appointments are first and foremost made on the basis of competence and merit;

4. Also requests the Director-General to develop and enhance mechanisms and strategies for this purpose and to submit to it at its 197th session a report on the results achieved;
5. Further requests the Director-General to continue her efforts to implement the UNESCO Action Plan for Gender Parity (2008-2015).

(195 EX/SR.5)

B

Use of consultant contracts in 2013 and the implementation of the revised policy on individual consultants and other specialists

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 192 EX/Decision 5 (IV) (B),
2. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part V,
3. Takes note of the policy developments since the introduction of the new policy on contracts for individual consultants and other specialists in February 2012;
4. Also takes note of the data, analyses and qualitative information presented in document 195 EX/5 Part V and encourages the Secretariat to continue its efforts to improve the quality of information provided on the content of contracts and services delivered;
5. Recalls the need to ensure wider geographical distribution and a better gender balance in the hiring of consultants where qualifications are equal;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 197th session on the use of consultants and the implementation of the revised policy on individual consultants and other specialists.

(195 EX/SR.5)

C

State of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling document 37 C/38 and 37 C/Resolution 85,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/5 Part V,
3. Decides not to recommend to the General Conference a change in the Medical Benefits Fund contribution formula pending the outcome of the United Nations General Assembly's discussions on health care plans;
4. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to charge after-service health insurance (ASHI) funding on extrabudgetary projects/funds as from 1 January 2015 on the basis that it is applied only to those projects/funds paying the salary of a staff member participating in the Medical Benefits Fund.

(195 EX/SR.5)

PROGRAMME MATTERS

6 Education beyond 2015 (195 EX/6; 195 EX/6.INF; 195 EX/PG.INF; 195 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 11 and 194 EX/Decision 6,
2. Having examined documents 195 EX/6, 195 EX/6.INF and 195 EX/PG/Recommendations,
3. Also recalling 37 C/Resolution 18 related to the self-evaluation of education for all (EFA) by Member States in the Africa region,
4. Deeply concerned about the situation of countries at risk of not achieving the education for all (EFA) goals by 2015, especially in Africa, and including least-developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS),
5. Expresses its appreciation for the Director-General's efforts in facilitating the process of developing the post-2015 education agenda and in widely advocating for it with different stakeholders, in particular at the United Nations;
6. Expresses its gratitude to Oman for having hosted the 2014 Global Education for All Meeting (GEM, 12-14 May) and to the Director-General for having ensured its successful organization;
7. Welcomes the adoption of the Global Education for All Meeting (GEM) Final Statement (Muscat Agreement), which proposes one overarching goal and seven global targets for post-2015;
8. Recognizes the impact of the Muscat Agreement on the Proposal of the Open Working Group of the United Nations General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals;
9. Encourages all Member States to continue using the Muscat Agreement for the intergovernmental negotiations and other debates on the post-2015 development agenda with regards to education;
10. Requests the Director-General to:
 - (a) continue to facilitate and promote the debate on the post-2015 education agenda, by organizing various fora and consultations, which are complementary to the intergovernmental negotiations organized by the United Nations;
 - (b) provide timely information and advice to the Member States to help them to learn the necessary lessons relating to the difficulties encountered in reaching the education for all (EFA) goals by 2015 with a view to improving the goals, targets, indicators and framework for action proposed for the post-2015 education agenda and to ensure their correct measurement;
 - (c) work actively towards ensuring the harmonization of the outcome of the World Education Forum 2015 (Incheon, Republic of Korea, 19-22 May) with the education goal and targets of the global post-2015 development agenda to be adopted at the United Nations Heads of State and Government Summit (September 2015), in order to have one integrated education agenda with a corresponding framework for action and indicators;

11. Also requests the Director-General to continue to provide technical support to Member States so that they may have access to detailed audits of their education system, highlighting the difficulties encountered and identifying the appropriate actions for resolving them;
12. Encourages the Director-General, in this regard, to identify funds, including those provided by the UNESCO South-South Cooperation Fund for Education, to support this process;
13. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 196th session a progress report on the development of the post-2015 education agenda and the preparation of the World Education Forum 2015.

(195 EX/SR.6)

7 United Nations University (UNU): Report by the Council of the UNU and UNESCO-UNU Joint Plan of Activities for 2014-2017 (195 EX/7, 195 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/7,
2. Recognizing the key role of the United Nations University (UNU) as a bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations,
3. Also recognizing the fruitful relationship that has been developed between the United Nations University (UNU) and UNESCO over the years,
4. Acknowledges the more active participation of the United Nations University (UNU) in the programmes and activities of UNESCO, particularly the UNESCO-UNU Chairs and networks;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue to strengthen her cooperation with the United Nations University (UNU) in fields of mutual interest and shared priority;
6. Also invites the Director-General to communicate to the Chair of the United Nations University (UNU) Council the terms of the present decision.

(195 EX/SR.6)

8 UNESCO's participation in the preparations for a post-2015 development agenda (195 EX/8; 195 EX/PG-INF; 195 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/8,
2. Reaffirming 191 EX/Decision 6, 192 EX/Decision 8 and 194 EX/Decision 14,
3. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 64, and United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/223 of 20 December 2013 concerning culture and sustainable development, which acknowledged the role of culture as an enabler and driver of sustainable development and its contribution to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development,
4. Noting with satisfaction that the report on the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/223 on culture and sustainable development, prepared in

consultation with Member States, will be presented to the General Assembly at its 69th session,

5. Noting that the United Nations General Assembly has decided that the outcome document of its Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing fully that other inputs may also be considered in the intergovernmental negotiation process at its 69th session,
6. Affirms that intangible cultural capital is a fundamental component of human development, and that the intangible cultural heritage based on people's cultural traditions is a key resource for sustainable development that must be taken into consideration in the post-2015 sustainable development goals;
7. Also affirms the growing importance of cultural industries and the creative economy for generating income and creating new employment opportunities, especially for youth and in the case of developing countries;
8. Welcomes the outcome of the UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries, held in Florence, Italy, from 2 to 4 October 2014, and the Florence Declaration, which follows the Hangzhou Declaration on the role that culture plays as a driver for sustainable development, adopted in May 2013, and the Bali Promise, adopted at the World Culture Forum in November 2013;
9. Calls for Member States and all relevant stakeholders to continue supporting culture in the post-2015 development agenda as an enabler and driver of sustainable development, under the goals proposed by the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals;
10. Requests the Director-General to provide a progress report to it at its 196th session on the implementation of the present decision.
11. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 196th session a report with an update of the Organization's engagement and on further developments regarding the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda.

(195 EX/SR.6)

9 Jerusalem and the implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44 and 194 EX/Decision 11
(195 EX/9; 195 EX/41)

For this agenda item, see 195 EX/Decision 5 (I) (D).

(195 EX/SR.6)

10 Implementation of 194 EX/Decision 12 on “The two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem” (195 EX/10; 195 EX/41)

For this agenda item, see 195 EX/Decision 5 (I) (D).

(195 EX/SR.6)

11 UNESCO prizes (195 EX/11 Part I; 195 EX/11 Part II and Add.; 195 EX/11 Part III and Add.; 195 EX/42)

I

Revised strategy for UNESCO prizes

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 24, 185 EX/Decision 38, 189 EX/Decision 16, 190 EX/Decision 17 and 191 EX/Decision 12,
2. Also recalling 34 C/Resolution 86 and the Directives therein concerning the use of UNESCO's name, acronym, logo and Internet domain name,
3. Having examined document 195 EX/11 Part I,
4. Takes note of the current situation of UNESCO prizes, including their increasing number,
5. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 196th session a report on the possible added value of, and mechanisms for introducing external review into prize feasibility studies and evaluations;
6. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 196th session.

(195 EX/SR.6)

II

Proposal for the establishment of new prizes

A

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 12 on the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and its Constituent Criteria,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/11 Part II concerning the proposal to establish a UNESCO-Japan prize on education for sustainable development, and the proposed statutes and financial regulations of the prize,
3. Acknowledges the commitment of Japan to the promotion of education for sustainable development (ESD) as demonstrated by its proposal for the establishment of a prize thereon;
4. Decides to establish the UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development to support the implementation of the Global Action Programme on ESD;
5. Approves the Statutes of the UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development, as set out in Annex I of document 195 EX/11 Part II;
6. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development, as set out in Annex II of document 195 EX/11 Part II;

7. Requests the Director-General to officially announce the establishment of the Prize jointly with the Government of Japan at the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in November 2014, in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan;
8. Invites the Director-General to ensure wide dissemination of the announcement to establish the Prize.

(195 EX/SR.6)

B

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/11 Part II Add. on the proposal for the establishment of a UNESCO-UNAM Jaime Torres Bodet prize in social sciences, humanities and arts,
2. Welcomes the proposal of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) which is in accordance with the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and its Constituent Criteria adopted by means of 191 EX/Decision 12;
3. Approves the establishment of the UNESCO-UNAM Jaime Torres Bodet Prize in Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts;
4. Approves the Statutes of the UNESCO-UNAM Jaime Torres Bodet Prize in Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, as set out in Annex I of document 195 EX/11 Part II Add.;
5. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO-UNAM Jaime Torres Bodet Prize in Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, as set out in Annex II of document 195 EX/11 Part II Add.

(195 EX/SR.6)

III

Renewal and review of prizes

A

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 54 by which it approved the Statutes of the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers,
2. Taking into consideration 191 EX/Decision 12 by which it approved the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and Its Constituent Criteria, as well as the evaluation of UNESCO prizes prepared by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the recommendations contained therein (IOS EVS/PI/114),
3. Having examined document 195 EX/11 Part III (A) concerning the proposed renewal of the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers, and the proposed amendments to its Statutes and Financial Regulations, as contained in Annexes I and II of document 195 EX/11 Part III (A),

4. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers, as set out in Annex II of document 195 EX/11 Part III (A);
5. Approves the renewal of the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers for a period of six years, and the amendments to its Statutes as set out in Annex I of document 195 EX/11 Part III (A).

(195 EX/SR.6)

B

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 172 EX/Decision 56 concerning the establishment of the UNESCO-King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education and the approval of its Statutes,
2. Taking into consideration 191 EX/Decision 12 on the approval and implementation of the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and its Constituent Criteria, as well as the evaluation of UNESCO prizes prepared by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the recommendations contained therein (IOS/EVS/PI/114),
3. Having examined document 195 EX/11 Part III (B) concerning the proposed renewal of the UNESCO-King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education and the proposed amendments to its Statutes contained in Annex I of document 195 EX/11 Part III (B),
4. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO-King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education, as set out in Annex II of document 195 EX/11 Part III (B);
5. Approves the renewal of the UNESCO-King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education for a period of six years, and the amendments to its Statutes, as set out in Annex I of document 195 EX/11 Part III (B).

(195 EX/SR.6)

C

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/11 Part III Add. concerning the proposed renewal of the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture, and the proposed amendments to its Statutes and Financial Regulations, as contained in Annexes I and II thereto,
2. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 3.5.6 by which it established the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture for the promotion of intercultural dialogue and better understanding of Arab culture,
3. Also recalling 191 EX/Decision 12 on the approval and implementation of the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and its Constituent Criteria, and in particular paragraph 3.1 of the Revised Overall Strategy, which states that “No funds from the regular Programme and Budget (C/5) shall be used for UNESCO prizes and their administration, unless specifically decided by the General Conference”,

4. Taking into consideration the evaluation of UNESCO prizes prepared by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the recommendations contained therein (IOS/EVS/PI/114),
5. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture as contained in document 195 EX/11 Part III Add.;
6. Approves the renewal of the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture for a period of six years, strongly emphasizing that all measures should be taken to increase the visibility of the Prize, and also approves the amendments to its Statutes, as set out in Annex I of document 195 EX/11 Part III Add.

(195 EX/SR.6)

INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

12 Category 2 institutes and centres (195 EX/12 Part I; 195 EX/12 Part II; 195 EX/40)

I

Report on category 2 institutes and centres

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 192 EX/Decision 15 (I) and 37 C/Resolution 93,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/12 Part I,
3. Takes note of its content.

(195 EX/SR.5)

II

Renewal of category 2 institutes and centres

A

Renewal of category 2 institute status of the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITR-AP)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 41 and 37 C/Resolution 93,
2. Taking into account document 37 C/18 Part I and the attachments thereto,
3. Having examined document 195 EX/12 Part II and the annex thereto,
4. Notes the Director-General's recommendation that the designation of the World Heritage Training and Research Institute for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITR-AP), based in China, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO be renewed;
5. Requests the Government of China to ensure the greater involvement of the Beijing branch of the World Heritage Training and Research Institute for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITR-AP) in the work and governance of WHITR-AP, and the creation of professional posts as well as the necessary administrative staff posts to support the Institute's functioning;

6. Decides to review progress on the Beijing branch's involvement in the World Heritage Training and Research Institute for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITR-AP) and the potential modification of the agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China at its 197th session;
7. Encourages the Government of China to ensure that the World Heritage Training and Research Institute for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITR-AP) is involved in outreach activities in the Asia and the Pacific region to encourage the participation of the region's Member States in the Institute's work;
8. Also notes the provisions of the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China that deviate from the model agreement for category 2 institutes approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
9. Also decides to renew the designation of the World Heritage Training and Research Institute for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITR-AP) as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, with the stipulation that a review be conducted to ensure the stronger involvement of its Beijing branch and WHITR-AP's outreach activities in the region to encourage the participation of the region's Member States in the Institute's work;
10. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(195 EX/SR.5)

B

Non-renewal of the agreement between Norway and UNESCO concerning the Nordic World Heritage Foundation (NWHF)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 36 and 37 C/Resolution 93,
2. Taking into account document 37 C/18 Part I and the attachments thereto,
3. Referring to the agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Norway regarding the Nordic World Heritage Foundation (NWHF) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
4. Having examined document 195 EX/12 Part II,
5. Notes the Director-General's recommendation that the designation of the Nordic World Heritage Foundation (NWHF) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO not be renewed;
6. Decides not to renew the designation of the Nordic World Heritage Foundation (NWHF) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.

(195 EX/SR.5)

PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING

13 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General on the preparation of the budget for the biennium (38 C/5) (195 EX/13 and Corr.; 195 EX/13.INF; 195 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/13,
2. Takes note of the three budget scenarios presented;
3. Notes that the Director-General proposes to determine as the budget envelope for document 38 C/5 an amount between zero nominal growth (ZNG) and zero real growth (ZRG), that is, ZNG+;
4. Also notes that the preparation of document 38 C/5 will be based on an improved results-based budgeting (RBB) approach taking into account the nature and specificities of the Organization's mandate;
5. Further notes that a revision in the constant dollar rate is envisaged in the preparation of document 38 C/5;
6. Notes that the previous budget ceiling adopted by the General Conference of \$653 million included \$4 million for other anticipated cost increases which were never expected to be spent following the General Conference's decision not to fund the after-service health insurance (ASHI) liability through a separate budgetary provision;
7. Notes with satisfaction the achievements of the Organization under the leadership of the Director-General, as reported in documents 195 EX/4 and 37 C/3;
8. Also notes with satisfaction that the Director-General has sought to implement the decisions of the General Conference and Executive Board with minimal disruption, and that the extent of compulsory redundancies has been considerably less than initially projected;
9. Recalls that the Director-General is authorized to enter into commitments only within the limits of the Appropriation Resolution;
10. Also notes that the increase in voluntary contributions as well as the improvements in the management of extrabudgetary funds and a more effective implementation of the cost-recovery policy facilitate the release of resources to support the regular programme, and emphasizes the importance of accelerating efforts in this regard;
11. Further notes that the recent changes in the management and the use of the Headquarters site will release additional resources for the regular programme which had not previously been foreseen;
12. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 197th session a draft resource mobilization strategy for 2016-2017, including for private sector partnerships;
13. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 196th session a draft budget with options based on a ceiling of \$653 million and \$667 million, respectively, together with options for funding the difference between the two;
14. Further requests the Director-General to:

- (a) prepare the draft budget in line with the External Auditor's specific recommendation that all figures should be evidence-based and rigorously traceable at all stages of the budget process;
 - (b) prepare the draft budget based as closely as possible on actual staff costs, taking account of the compensation package changes which have been implemented or are foreseen as a result of International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) decisions and recommendations;
 - (c) establish, as from document 38 C/5, a separate resource line specifically to fund within-grade salary increments in the applicable salary scales;
 - (d) propose in the draft budget a realistic lapse factor, and provide an explanation of the figure and calculations proposed, taking into account paragraph 3 of 37 C/Resolution 85;
 - (e) provide an updated list, with figures, of incompressible costs;
 - (f) prepare a report on staff costs with various options for savings, including performance-based within-grade salary increments;
 - (g) convey to the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) the views of Member States that rising staff costs have a considerable budgetary impact on the Organization, and request that ICSC study the impact of their recommendations on the budgets of United Nations common system organizations, particularly in the context of its ongoing comprehensive review of the United Nations common system compensation package;
 - (h) include in the draft budget various funding options for the reform and the maintenance of the field network, including from regular programme and extrabudgetary sources, taking into account the findings of the report requested in 194 EX/Decision 4 (IV);
 - (i) prepare a report for it at its 196th session on the ongoing and proposed reforms including medium-term, costed, time-bound measures to identify potential resources to strengthen programme implementation, and to submit progress reports annually thereon;
 - (j) allocate the programme budget for the \$507 million expenditure plan in line with priorities established by 5 X/EX/Decision 2;
15. Requests the External Auditor to include in his audit plan audits of the above-mentioned issues as appropriate.

(195 EX/SR.6)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

14 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (195 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 195 EX/3.PRIV. Draft)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(195 EX/SR.6)

15 Implementation of standard-setting instruments (195 EX/15; 195 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I) and (II), 34 C/Resolution 87, 180 EX/Decision 31, 181 EX/Decision 27, 182 EX/Decision 31, 184 EX/Decision 20, 185 EX/Decision 23 (I), 186 EX/Decision 19 (I), 187 EX/Decision 20 (I), 189 EX/Decision 13 (I), 190 EX/Decision 24 (I), 191 EX/Decision 20 (I), 192 EX/Decision 20 (I) and 194 EX/Decision 21 relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/15 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (195 EX/37),
3. Urges Member States once again to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO regarding periodic reports on the action taken upon conventions and recommendations;
4. Takes note of the draft timetable of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) contained in the Annex to document 195 EX/15, on the understanding that this timetable may be subject to adjustment;
5. Requests the Director-General to ensure the implementation of the legal framework for the enforcement of standard-setting instruments, adopted at its 177th session, by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR);
6. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 197th session a proposal for a strategy to improve visibility, ratification, implementation, monitoring and cooperation in the context of standard-setting instruments in the field of education, taking into account, if necessary, the conclusions of the working group on the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR);
7. Decides to continue consideration of the matter at its 196th session.

(195 EX/SR.6)

General monitoring

16 Report of the working group on the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (195 EX/16, 195 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 192 EX/Decision 19, 193 EX/Decision 7 (II) and 194 EX/Decision 20,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/16 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (195 EX/37),
3. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), it being understood that the working group set up pursuant to 192 EX/Decision 19 will meet again on the eve of the meeting of the CR Committee at the 196th session of the Executive Board.

(195 EX/SR.6)

17 Statutes of the International Scientific Committee for the Preparation and Publication of Volume IX of the *General History of Africa* (195 EX/17; 195 EX/PG.INF; 195 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/17,
2. Approves the Statutes of the International Scientific Committee for the Preparation and Publication of Volume IX of the *General History of Africa*, as annexed to document 195 EX/17;
3. Acknowledges with gratitude the support of Brazil for the preparation and publication of Volume IX of the *General History of Africa*, according to the terms of the agreement between the Brazilian Ministry of Education and the UNESCO Office in Brasilia;
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the preparation and publication of Volume IX of the *General History of Africa* be achieved in line with the above-mentioned agreement;
5. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 196th session a progress report on the implementation of the activities related to the preparation and publication of Volume IX of the *General History of Africa*.

(195 EX/SR.6)

18 Statutes of the International Scientific Committee of the Pedagogical Use of the *General History of Africa* (195 EX/18; 195 EX/PG.INF; 195 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/18,
2. Approves the Statutes of the International Scientific Committee on the Pedagogical Use of the *General History of Africa*, as annexed to document 195 EX/18.

(195 EX/SR.6)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

19 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013, and report by the External Auditor (195 EX/19 Parts I and II; 195 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/19 Parts I and II,
3. Notes the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements give a fair view of the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2013, as well as the financial performance, the cash flow and the comparison of budget and actual amounts for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2013, in conformity with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
4. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his work;

5. Decides to transmit to the General Conference at its 38th session the report by the External Auditor and the audited consolidated financial statements of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2013.

(195 EX/SR.5)

20 Report by the Director-General on the status of Member States' contributions and payment plans as at 31 August 2014 (195 EX/20; 195 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/20,
2. Recalling 192 EX/Decision 25 and 37 C/Resolution 79,
3. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and Article 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
4. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for 2014 and to those that have made efforts to reduce their arrears;
5. Notes the failure of five Member States to pay the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in annual instalments, in addition to the current year's contributions;
6. Concerned by the financial situation of the Organization as a result of the non-payment of assessed contributions by Member States and the severe implications thereof for the delivery of regular programme activities and for the Organization's reliance on extrabudgetary funding sources,
7. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their regular contributions and instalments under payment plans to pay their arrears without delay;
8. Invites the Director-General to make further representations to the Member States in arrears, insisting on the importance of them making their outstanding payments in order to ensure the proper functioning of the Organization.

(195 EX/SR.5)

21 Financial Regulations of Special Accounts (195 EX/21; 195 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Articles 6.5 and 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/21,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the following newly-created Special Accounts contained in Annexes I to IV of document 195 EX/21:
 - (a) Special Account for the Malala Fund for Girls' Right to Education
 - (b) Special Account for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022)
 - (c) Special Account for Assistance to Developing Countries

- (d) Special Account for the Management of ICT Infrastructure and Related Services
- 4. Also takes note of the amended Financial Regulations of the following Special Accounts contained in Annexes V to VII of document 195 EX/21:
 - (a) Special Account for Interpretation Services (SAI)
 - (b) Special Account for Documents (SAD)
 - (c) Special Account for the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund for UNESCO Priority Programmes and Reform Initiatives under the 35 C/5 and 36 C/5, noting that the transitional measures referred to in Article 3 of the amended Financial Regulations are understood to mean the costs relating to the restructuring of the Organization and may include funding of the deficit within the work plans of document 37 C/5;
- 5. Further takes note of the closure of the Special Accounts listed in paragraph 14 of document 195 EX/21.

(195 EX/SR.5)

22 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO Headquarters complex (195 EX/22 and Corr. (*French only*); 195 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 41, 190 EX/Decision 33, 192 EX/Decision 28 and 37 C/Resolution 86,
2. Having examined document 195 EX/22 and Corr. (*French only*),
3. Takes note of the progress achieved in managing the UNESCO complex and of the implementation of the decisions taken by the Headquarters Committee;
4. Recalls 35 C/Resolution 96 authorizing the Director-General to transfer funds earmarked for the conservation of UNESCO premises from the regular budget to the Special Account for the Restoration and Improvement of Headquarters;
5. Also takes note of the decision by the Headquarters Committee to authorize the Director-General to transfer from the Headquarters Utilization Fund to the Special Account for the Restoration and Improvement of Headquarters, sub-account Bonvin, all income from letting offices on the Bonvin site above and beyond the running and maintenance costs, with a view to financing the long-term maintenance and conservation of the Bonvin buildings and installations;
6. Invites the Director-General to prepare proposals on the conservation and maintenance budget, by site, taking into account long-term replacement and maintenance costs, to be included in the report on managing the UNESCO complex;
7. Endorses the rental scales and applicable discounts approved by the Headquarters Committee;
8. Reaffirms the requirement for all staff to fully implement the Administrative Manual and the decisions of governing bodies in a timely manner;
9. Reiterates its request to the Director-General to apply all necessary measures required by the contracts on letting office space to permanent delegations, including the

redistribution of offices from those delegations that do not meet their contractual obligations and to those that regularly discharge their obligations;

10. Reiterates the invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters;
11. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 197th session, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex.

(195 EX/SR.5)

23 New audits by the External Auditor (195 EX/23 Part I; 195 EX/23.INF, 195 EX/23 Part II; 195 EX/23.INF.2; 195 EX/23.INF.3 and Corr.; 195 EX/40)

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Audit of the governance and financial reporting of the UNESCO category 1 institutes

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 195 EX/23 Part I and 195 EX/23.INF,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations contained in document 195 EX/23 Part I in her forthcoming report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(195 EX/SR.5)

II

Audit of budgetary methods, tools and processes

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 195 EX/23 Part II, 195 EX/23.INF.2 and 195 EX/23.INF.3 and Corr.,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General to further enhance cooperation with the External Auditor, particularly in his performance audits;
4. Requests the Director-General to benchmark all relevant budget assumptions for the previous budget against actual expenditure, and to take account of any differences in the preparation of the next budget;
5. Also invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations contained in document 195 EX/23 Part II in her forthcoming report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(195 EX/SR.5)

RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS

24 Relations with non-governmental partners (195 EX/24; 195 EX/NGP/2; 195 EX/24.INF; 195 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 64, 36 C/Resolution 108, 188 EX/Decision 12, 190 EX/Decision 36 and 192 EX/Decision 31,
2. Having examined documents 195 EX/24, 195 EX/24.INF and 195 EX/NGP/2,
3. Welcomes the scope and quality of the projects carried out under the auspices of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee and urges the Committee to continue its cooperation with the Secretariat and the National Commissions in order to sensitize and mobilize civil society organizations around UNESCO's core competencies, objectives and priorities both internationally and locally;
4. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions on the admission to consultative status of the four non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 4 of document 195 EX/24;
5. Also takes notes of the Director-General's decisions on the establishment of official relations with the two foundations listed in paragraph 5 of document 195 EX/24;
6. Further takes note of the Director-General's decisions on the renewal or non-renewal of official relations with the five foundations listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 of document 195 EX/24;
7. Thanks the Secretariat for the rigorous work accomplished in the mapping exercise and evaluation of official partnerships with NGOs conducted between August 2013 and June 2014 and notes with interest the preliminary results and conclusions arising therefrom;
8. Invites the Secretariat and the National Commissions to identify NGOs of relevance to the current work of UNESCO, and to support the admission to official relations of the Organization's current non-governmental partners, both international and national, in order to increase the number of official NGO partners from all regions that actively cooperate with UNESCO;
9. Invites the Director-General to consider, after prior and rigorous consultation of the National Commission concerned, the possible termination of partnership with organizations that have not replied to the questionnaire and with which no recent cooperation has been identified (organizations listed in paragraphs 15 (B) and (C) of document 195 EX/24.INF);
10. Also invites the Director-General to complement the mapping process by holding a consultation of National Commissions for UNESCO, and to use the mapping information gathered as a source when drawing up the quadrennial report on the contribution of those partnerships to UNESCO in its work, together with an evaluation of the results, to be submitted to the General Conference at its 38th session, in accordance with Section X.2 of the Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations.

(195 EX/SR.5)

25 Revised programme for UNESCO's association with the celebration of anniversaries
(195 EX/25; 195 EX/PG.INF; 195 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 159 EX/Decision 7.5, 166 EX/Decision 9.3, 179 EX/Decision 37, 186 EX/Decision 32, 191 EX/Decision 32 and 194 EX/Decision 15,
2. Also recalling 34 C/Resolution 86 and the Directives therein concerning the use of UNESCO's name, acronym, logo and Internet domain name,
3. Having examined document 195 EX/25,
4. Approves the new criteria and procedure for UNESCO's association with the celebration of anniversaries contained in Section B of document 195 EX/25 subject to the proviso that paragraphs 9 and 12 (vi) are strong recommendations rather than instructions;
5. Encourages Member States of all regions to make proposals with a view to improving geographical distribution and gender balance, and to be more selective in making such proposals in order to enhance the quality, representativeness and visibility of the programme;
6. Invites Member States to make use of the patronage procedure for national celebrations where applications formally supported by the National Commission for UNESCO are sent directly to the Director-General;
7. Decides that the revised programme for UNESCO's association with the celebration of anniversaries shall be evaluated after the 2016-2017 biennium and that the results, including the programme's financial implications for the regular budget, be the subject of a report to it at its 205th session;
8. Authorizes the Director-General to send a circular letter to the National Commissions requesting detailed and precise information on their requests for the 2016-2017 biennium, after this session of the Executive Board, setting 15 January 2015 as the deadline for replies.

(195 EX/SR.6)

GENERAL MATTERS

26 Dates of the 196th session and provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 196th session (195 EX/26.INF; 195 EX/26.INF.2)

Dates of the 196th session

(Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

(8 to 22 April 2015)

(11 working days/15 calendar days)

Bureau	Wednesday 8 April, Friday 10 April and Friday 17 April
Special Committee (SP)	Thursday 9 April
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)	Wednesday 8 to Friday 10 April

Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)	To be determined
Plenary meetings	Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 then, Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 April
Commissions	Wednesday 15 to Monday 20 April

Preparatory Group: 23 – 25 March 2015

Working group on the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR): Tuesday 7 April 2015

The Executive Board took note of document 195 EX/26.INF.2 (Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 196th session).

(195 EX/SR.6)

27 Action plan on arrangements for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO
(195 EX/27; 195 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 195 EX/27,
2. Endorses the concept, approach and proposals set out in document 195 EX/27 on arrangements for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO;
3. Takes note that the events for the celebration of the 70th anniversary shall be financed only through extrabudgetary resources, and decides to establish a special account for this purpose;
4. Requests the Director-General to establish an operational action plan, and to proceed with the preparation of various events and actions, in close cooperation, as appropriate, with relevant partners and stakeholders in light of the discussions on this subject at its 195th session;
5. Invites Member States and UNESCO partners to provide support for the implementation of the action plan, through both voluntary financial and in-kind contributions and partnership arrangements.

(195 EX/SR.6)

28 Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 67 and 194 EX/Decision 27 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories⁵ (195 EX/28; 195 EX/DG.INF.2; 195 EX/41)

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OCCUPIED PALESTINE

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 67 and 185 EX/Decision 36 as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 4 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the Hague Convention (1954) and its Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
2. Having examined documents 195 EX/28 and 195 EX/DG.INF.2,
3. Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflict, as well as to the safeguarding of schools and all educational facilities,
4. Deplores the damaging impact of the most recent Israeli operations (July-August 2014) on Gaza in the fields of competence of UNESCO where 26 schools have been completely destroyed and 122 damaged, 75 of them United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) schools, and at least 11 higher-education facilities have also been damaged, affecting more than 500,000 schoolchildren and students as reported in 195 EX/DG.INF.2, as well as the severe damage inflicted on cultural heritage sites and cultural institutions;
5. Reaffirms, in this regard, that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites enjoy special protection and should not be targeted in situations of armed conflict;
6. Expresses its growing concern about the harmful impact of the Separation Wall and other practices on the activities of cultural and educational institutions, as well as obstacles resulting therefrom which prevent Palestinian schoolchildren and students from being an integral part of their social fabric and from exercising fully their right to education, and calls for the observance of the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions, particularly 37 C/Resolution 67 and 185 EX/Decision 36;
7. Notes with deep concern the Israeli censorship of the Palestinian curricula of schools and universities in East Jerusalem, and urges Israel, the occupying Power, to immediately halt this censorship;

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The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 33 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 19 abstentions:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Gabon, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kuwait, Mali, Morocco, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Against: United States of America.

Abstentions: Albania, Belize, Czech Republic, Estonia, Gambia, Germany, Japan, Malawi, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine.

Absent: Angola, Chad, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Turkmenistan.

8. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 37 C/Resolution 67 and 185 EX/Decision 36, and requests her to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented;
9. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in Palestine, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
10. Thanks the Director-General for the results that have been obtained in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities, and invites her to strengthen UNESCO's assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address new needs;
11. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce her action in favour of the protection, reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage, and invites her to address the needs for capacity building in all UNESCO's fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students;
12. Requests the Director-General to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestine Committee;

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OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN

13. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts she is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and adequate assistance to the educational and cultural institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
 - (c) to dispatch an expert to assess and evaluate the needs of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, to report to the Director-General before the 196th session of the Executive Board;

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14. Decides to include this item in the agenda at its 196th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(195 EX/SR.6)

29 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 194 EX/Decision 28 (195 EX/29 and Add.; 195 EX/DG.INF.2; 195 EX/41)

For this agenda item, see 195 EX/Decision 5 (I) (D).

(195 EX/SR.6)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

30 The international Indentured Labour Route project (195 EX/30; 195 EX/30.INF; 195 EX/DG.INF; 195 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling decision 30 COM 8B.33 of the World Heritage Committee and bearing in mind the importance of an international indentured labour route project, which would be complementary to the Slave Route Project and the *General History of Africa* and implemented in the context of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024),
2. Acknowledging the need to create a corpus of professionals in various fields such as history, anthropology, archaeology and heritage in order to develop an international database on indentured labour, accessible worldwide, so as to disseminate information about a major historical event and build greater understanding and cooperation among peoples,
3. Also acknowledging the synergies between the international “Indentured Labour Route”-project and the Slave Route Project, and the need to identify focused and coordinated activities, with appropriate extrabudgetary funding, involving both projects;
4. Welcomes the establishment of a secretariat of the international “Indentured Labour Route” project through the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund to be funded by the Government of Mauritius;
5. Notes the proposed establishment of an international scientific committee whose terms of reference would be elaborated along with a detailed plan of action, to be regularly monitored, and emphasizes that it should not have any direct or indirect financial implications for the regular budget;
6. Requests the Director-General to provide technical support for the international “Indentured Labour Route” project with extrabudgetary funding as appropriate;
7. Also notes that efforts will be made at the international and regional levels to encourage Member States, especially those associated with indentured labour, to contribute through voluntary contributions to the international “Indentured Labour Route” project during the implementation stage;
8. Encourages Member States to support the international “Indentured Labour Route” project, and welcomes similar projects aimed at further promoting a culture of peace, cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue.

(195 EX/SR.6)

31 Protection of Iraqi heritage (195 EX/31; 195 EX/DG.INF; 195 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that the purpose of UNESCO is to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations,
2. Reaffirming its commitment to respect for the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Iraq within its internationally recognized borders,

3. Also recalling the provisions of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954), the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects (1995), the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity (2001) and other relevant international agreements,
4. Further recalling the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, including resolution 1483 (2003), in particular paragraph 7 on the return of Iraqi cultural property, resolution 1546 (2004), resolution 2056 (2012), and resolution 2170 (2014), in particular paragraph 2 regarding the destruction of cultural and religious sites, as well as Human Rights Council resolution S-22/1 (2014) on the human rights situation in Iraq,
5. Recalling that the parties to an armed conflict should refrain from any act of hostility directed against cultural property, that they should seek to prevent incidental damage that could be caused to cultural property, and that any use of the property and its immediate surroundings or of the appliances in use for its protection for purposes which are likely to expose it to destruction or damage in the event of armed conflict, is prohibited, and may be waived only in cases where military necessity imperatively requires such a waiver,
6. Also reaffirming that damage to the archaeological, historical, cultural and religious tangible and intangible heritage constitutes damage to the cultural heritage of humanity as a whole, and that under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, adopted on 17 July 1998, intentionally directing attacks against buildings dedicated to religion, education, art, science or charitable purposes and historic monuments, provided they are not military objectives, is a war crime, in the framework of both international armed conflict and armed conflict not of an international character,
7. Stressing the need to respect the archaeological, cultural and religious heritage of Iraq, to continue to protect it, and to protect museums, libraries and monuments, to safeguard social practices, rituals and cultural expressions recreated by Iraqi communities, and to provide accountability for the destruction of such heritage,
8. Also recalling the adoption by UNESCO's General Conference, at its 33rd session, of the UNESCO Declaration concerning the Intentional Destruction of Cultural Heritage,
9. Condemns the destruction of Iraq's cultural heritage, notably by Daesh (ISIL) and associated armed groups, whether such destruction is incidental or deliberate, and including the targeted destruction of religious heritage;
10. Also condemns the use of cultural property for military purposes, and calls for the obligations under international law to be respected, in particular those of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954);
11. Further condemns attacks on the country's cultural diversity and on the practices, representations, expressions and skills that Iraqi groups and communities recognize as part of their intangible cultural heritage;
12. Calls for an immediate halt to the destruction of the Iraqi heritage, and for the preservation of such heritage by protecting cultural property and sites in Iraq and preventing the subversion of educational, cultural and religious institutions, in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 2170, of 15 August 2014;

13. Also calls for respect for international agreements on the protection of cultural heritage, including the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954), the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972);
14. Calls on all parties concerned to ensure respect for the practices, rituals and cultural expressions of the different ethnic and religious communities in Iraq and for their safeguarding, in accordance with the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003);
15. Supports the new Iraqi Government in its efforts to protect the Iraqi heritage, by involving, in respect for cultural diversity, all components of the Iraqi population, in a spirit of unity and national reconciliation, and ensuring that all those responsible for violations of international agreements on the protection of the cultural heritage are held to account;
16. Calls upon the international community to assist the Iraqi authorities, in observance of cultural diversity in the country, to protect and safeguard the Iraqi heritage and to combat trafficking in cultural property, including manuscripts, illegally excavated from archaeological sites, or taken from museum collections and libraries;
17. Invites States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, and States members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, and the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), to report, at future sessions of these bodies, on actions they have undertaken for the protection and safeguarding of the cultural diversity of Iraq, and its tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
18. Calls upon all countries and all professional groups involved in the areas of customs and trade, as well as individuals and tourists, to verify the origin of cultural property that may have been imported, exported or offered for sale illegally, and calls upon Member States that are not yet Parties, to consider joining the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970);
19. Further calls for the urgent implementation and strengthening of the UNESCO Emergency Response Action Plan for the Safeguarding of Iraq's Cultural Heritage, drawn up in July 2014, which provides for close monitoring of the conservation status of Iraqi heritage, training of professional curators and support for staff in place, including for the development of emergency measures for the possible transfer of movable property, in particular library holdings and manuscript collections;
20. Invites the Director-General to send a mission to Iraq as soon as possible, to be funded by voluntary contributions, so as to assess the extent of damages, in coordination with national and local authorities and in consultation with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) and to identify urgent needs in terms of conservation and safeguarding, and to ensure that this mission presents a preliminary report on the situation at an information meeting of the Executive Board to be convened for this purpose, followed by a written report to be submitted at its 196th session and also submitted to the committees mentioned in paragraph 17;

21. Calls for international organizations, particularly those in the United Nations system, to strengthen, in their policies and actions on the ground, their consideration for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage and cultural diversity in Iraq;
22. Also invites the Director-General of UNESCO to ensure that the Secretariat works with the above-mentioned organizations, where appropriate, to assist them in the development and implementation of such policies;
23. Invites Member States to make voluntary financial contributions for this purpose.

(195 EX/SR.6)

32 Establishment of an international coordination committee (ICC) for Preah Vihear Temple, included in the World Heritage List (195 EX/32; 195 EX/DG.INF; 195 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling decision 32 COM 8B.102 of the World Heritage Committee inviting Cambodia, in cooperation with UNESCO, to establish an international coordination committee (ICC) for the Temple of Preah Vihear,
2. Noting that relevant parties are cooperating with each other regarding the establishment of an international coordination committee,
3. Taking into account the measures taken by Cambodia on the human, technical and financial level to ensure the smooth functioning of an international coordination committee, without having recourse to UNESCO's regular budget,
4. Also noting that all activities to be carried out by or under an international coordination committee (ICC) for the Temple of Preah Vihear shall be without prejudice to the rights and duties of Thailand and Cambodia with regard to the land boundary under international law, and shall by no means prejudice the outcome of future consultations between Thailand and Cambodia regarding the International Court of Justice Judgment of 11 November 2013,
5. Welcomes the Director-General's cooperation with Cambodia in working to establish an international coordination committee (ICC) for the Temple of Preah Vihear.

(195 EX/SR.6)

33 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the nomination of the Director-General of the Organization (195 EX/33; 195 EX/39)

The Executive Board decided to include this item in the agenda of its 196th session: see the footnote in document 195 EX/1.

(195 EX/SR.1)

[34 Proposal for the proclamation of the International Day of University Sport]

This item was deferred at the request of China: see the footnote in document 195 EX/1.

35 Invitations to the intergovernmental meeting (category II) related to a draft recommendation on the protection and promotion of museums and collections (195 EX/35; 195 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 43, by which the General Conference invited the Director-General to prepare a preliminary text of a new non-binding standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of various aspects of the role of museums and collections, to complement existing standard-setting instruments, in the form of a recommendation, and to submit the text to it at its 38th session (2015),
2. Having examined document 195 EX/35,
3. Decides that:
 - (a) invitations to participate in the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) to examine the draft recommendation on the protection and promotion of museums and collections in the light of the comments received from Member States on the preliminary report, will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) invitations to designate observers to the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) will be sent to the States mentioned in paragraph (b) of the annex of document 195 EX/35;
 - (c) invitations to designate observers to the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) 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 (c) of the annex to document 195 EX/35;
 - (d) invitations to send observers to the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of the annex to document 195 EX/35;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to send invitations to the entities listed in paragraph (g) of the annex to document 195 EX/35, and to any other entities she may deem useful for advancing the work of the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II), notifying the Executive Board thereof,
5. Thanks the Government of Brazil for its continued support for this process, and invites other Member States to consider making voluntary extrabudgetary contributions to support the funding of the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) and related activities in order to meet all costs that will be incurred.

(195 EX/SR.6)

36 Draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)
(195 EX/36; 195 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 195 EX/36,
2. Approves the proposed formal cooperation relations with the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) as set out in the draft memorandum of understanding contained in Annex II to document 195 EX/36;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS).

(195 EX/SR.6)

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcement concerning the private meetings held on Wednesday 29 October and Thursday 30 October 2014

At the private meetings held on the following dates, the Executive Board considered the following items of its agenda:

Wednesday 29 October: item 3
Thursday 30 October: item 14.

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (195 EX/PRIV.1)

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board on the general situation regarding staff members at grade D-1 and above and the decisions she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

(195 EX/SR.5)

14 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (195 EX/CR/HR and Addenda)

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

(195 EX/SR.6)