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**DECISIONS ADOPTED  
BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS 173rd SESSION**

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

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**1 Opening of the session by the President of the 33rd session of the General Conference (Temporary Chair)**

The 173rd session of the Executive Board was opened on 24 October 2005 by Mr Musa bin Jaafar bin Hassan (Oman), President of the General Conference.

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**2 Adoption of the revised provisional agenda (173 EX/1 Prov. Rev.)**

The Executive Board adopted the agenda for the session set out in document 173 EX/1 Prov. Rev.

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**3 Election of the Chair of the Executive Board**

The Executive Board elected Mr Zhang Xinsheng (China) Chair.

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**4 Election of the Vice-Chairs of the Executive Board**

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

Cameroon  
Czech Republic  
Morocco  
Thailand  
United States of America  
Uruguay

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND ELECTION OF THEIR CHAIRS**

**5 Programme and External Relations Commission<sup>1</sup>**

The Executive Board established the Programme and External Relations Commission, and elected Mr Einar Steensnæs (Norway) Chair of that commission.

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**6 Finance and Administrative Commission<sup>1</sup>**

The Executive Board established the Finance and Administrative Commission, and elected Mr Olabiyi Yai (Benin) Chair of that commission.

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

## 7 Special Committee

The Executive Board established the Special Committee, and elected Ms Samira Hanna-El-Daher (Lebanon) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board also decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 18 members for the 2006-2007 biennium:

<b>Chair:</b>	Ms Samira Hanna-El-Daher (Lebanon)	
<b>Members:</b>	Brazil	Pakistan
	Canada	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
	Colombia	Serbia and Montenegro
	Congo	Slovenia
	Czech Republic	Thailand
	Ghana	Uganda
	Indonesia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Lebanon	Yemen
	Morocco	
	Norway	

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## 8 Committee on Conventions and Recommendations

The Executive Board established the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and elected Mr Davidson Hepburn (Bahamas) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board also decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 30 members for the 2006-2007 biennium:

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr Davidson Hepburn (Bahamas)	
<b>Members:</b>	Afghanistan	Guatemala
	Algeria	Hungary
	Azerbaijan	India
	Bahamas	Italy
	Bahrain	Lebanon
	Bangladesh	Lithuania
	Benin	Luxembourg
	Brazil	Mexico
	Cameroon	Morocco
	China	Portugal
	Czech Republic	Serbia and Montenegro
	Ecuador	South Africa
	Egypt	Sri Lanka
	Ethiopia	Togo
	France	United States of America

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## 9 Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations

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

The Executive Board also decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 24 members for the 2006-2007 biennium:

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr András Lakatos (Hungary)	
<b>Members:</b>	Azerbaijan	Lebanon
	Bahrain	Lithuania
	Cambodia	Mali
	Canada	Mauritius
	Cape Verde	Mexico
	China	Nepal
	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Slovenia
	Egypt	Switzerland
	France	Thailand
	Guatemala	Uruguay
	Hungary	Venezuela
	Italy	Yemen

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

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

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 26 C/Resolution 19.3,
2. Referring to its decisions 137 EX/Decision 8.6, 142 EX/Decision 3.1.3, 143 EX/Decision 9.1, 144 EX/Decision 6.10, 148 EX/Decision 5.7, 153 EX/Decision 5.6, 158 EX/Decision 5.6, 163 EX/Decision 5.6 and 168 EX/Decision 5.6 on the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters,
3. Decides to renew the mandate of the above-mentioned Group of Experts. For the 2006-2007 biennium, the Group of Experts will comprise 12 experts designated by 12 Members of the Executive Board, two from each group, as follows:

Group I	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America
Group II	Russian Federation and Slovenia
Group III	Colombia and Saint Kitts and Nevis
Group IV	India and Japan
Group V(a)	Namibia and South Africa
Group V(b)	Algeria and Morocco

4. Decides further that the methods of work and the terms of reference of the Group of Experts will remain as defined in 144 EX/Decision 6.10 reproduced below:

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

The Executive Board,

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

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its previous decisions concerning the terms of reference of the Special Committee,
2. Decides that:
  - (a) the Special Committee shall comprise 18 members, that is to say three for each electoral group;
  - (b) in the light of recommendation R.19(i) of 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the report by the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO, approved by the General Conference at its 33rd session, the Special Committee (SP)

should meet only as needed and for the time necessary to fulfil the duties required of it by the Executive Board;

3. Also decides to refer to the Special Committee for consideration and the preparation of a report thereon:
  - (a) the structure and form of the Director-General's report on the activities of the Organization, prepared in accordance with Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution;
  - (b) questions pertaining to the functioning of the Secretariat, in particular, those pertaining to evaluation, internal control, oversight and accountability systems and mechanisms;
  - (c) relations with the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit, and reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit that are not referred to the commissions of the Executive Board;
  - (d) methods of work of the General Conference and the Executive Board, including those of their commissions and committees;
  - (e) any other question that the Executive Board may refer to it.

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 98 EX/Decision 9.6 (II), whereby it defined, in paragraph 12, the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in Education, namely:
  - (a) to examine periodic reports by Member States on their implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education,
  - (b) to examine communications addressed to UNESCO in connection with specific cases alleging a violation of human rights in education, science and culture,
  - (c) to examine the report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers,<sup>1</sup>
  - (d) to examine the reports of the Joint Expert Group (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education once a year;
2. Recalling also 104 EX/Decision 3.3, whereby it decided that the Committee would thenceforth be designated "the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations" and established the conditions and procedures for consideration of communications received by the Organization concerning cases and questions of violations of human rights within UNESCO's fields of competence,

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<sup>1</sup> Now the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning Teaching Personnel.

3. Renews the terms of reference mentioned above and decides that the Committee will also consider all questions entrusted to the Executive Board concerning the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments, in accordance with Article 18.1 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions.

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

The Executive Board,

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

- (b) to consider the proposals that the Director-General will submit to the Executive Board for the establishment or renewal of official relations with international non-governmental organizations, taking into account the objectives of the Medium-Term Strategy, underlying the formulation of sectoral and intersectoral strategies for cooperation with non-governmental organizations;
- (c) to ensure that the above-mentioned Directives continue to be implemented in a spirit of openness to relevant actors of the civil society, in particular in those parts of the world where civil society remains isolated or fragile;
- (d) to examine all other questions coming within the purview of the Executive Board in relation to the implementation of the various arrangements for cooperation with non-governmental organizations in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the governing bodies.

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**GENERAL MATTERS****14 Dates of the 174th, 175th, 176th and 177th sessions of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies (173 EX/INF.1 Rev.2)****174th session**

(28 March-13 April 2006)

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday 28 and Friday 31 March
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	Tuesday 28 March (afternoon) to Saturday 1 April
Special Committee	Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 March
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 March
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	Thursday 30 and Friday 31 March
Plenary meetings (Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 April; Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 April) and Commissions (Thursday 6 to Tuesday 11 April)	Monday 3 to Thursday 13 April

**175th session**

(26 September-12 October 2006)

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday 26 and Friday 29 September
Special Committee	Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 September
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 September
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 September
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	Friday 29 September
Plenary meetings (Monday 2 to Wednesday 4 October, and Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 October) and Commissions (Thursday 5 to Tuesday 10 October)	Monday 2 to Thursday 12 October

**176th session**

(10-26 April 2007)

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 April
Special Committee	Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 April
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 April
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 April
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	Friday 13 April
Plenary meetings (Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 April and Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 April) and Commissions (Thursday 19 to Tuesday 24 April)	Monday 16 to Thursday 26 April

**177th session**

(25 September-11 October 2007)

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	Tuesday 25 and Friday 28 September
Special Committee	Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 September
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 September
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 September
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	Friday 28 September
Plenary meetings (Monday 1 to Wednesday 3 October and Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 October) and Commissions (Thursday 4 to Tuesday 9 October)	Monday 1 to Thursday 11 October

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**15 Tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2006-2007**  
(173 EX/INF.2 Rev.)

The Board took note of the tentative list given in document 173 EX/INF.2 Rev.

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