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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THE REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 36 C/Resolution 76; 36 C/Resolution 104.

Background: The General Conference last substantially revised its Rules of Procedure at its 29th session (1997). Owing to changes in the methods of work of the Organization and recommendations for the follow-up of the Independent External Evaluation, further revisions are required to the Rules of Procedure. Moreover, following the admission of Palestine as a Member of UNESCO, some of the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO have become obsolete.

Purpose: The Director-General proposes, in the present document, amendments to the above-mentioned texts concerning provisions that have become obsolete, and other amendments intended to update them.

Decision required: paragraph 24.

This document proposes a series of amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and provides explanations for the proposals. The Annex contains the current text of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO and a draft of each of the proposed amendments.

I. RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Palestine

1. Following the admission of Palestine to membership of UNESCO, the provisions of the Rules of Procedure concerning Palestine's former status with UNESCO are no longer relevant. This concerns Rule 6, paragraph 6, and Rule 68. It is proposed that these provisions be removed, along with the respective footnotes that were added to the 2012 edition of the Basic Texts of the Organization.

African Union

2. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, which entered into force in 2001. This has not yet been reflected in the Rules of Procedure and concerns Rule 6, paragraph 5, and Rule 67. In both cases, it is proposed that "Organization of African Unity" be replaced by "African Union" and, consequently, the respective footnotes, which are no longer relevant, be removed.

Provisional agenda of the General Conference

3. Article V.B.6 of the Constitution states that "the Executive Board shall prepare the agenda for the General Conference". This is reflected in Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, which stipulates that "the provisional agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Board on the basis of items submitted, pursuant to Rule 10, not later than one hundred days before the opening of the session" and that "it shall be communicated to the Member States and Associate Members no later than ninety days before the opening of the session".

4. In practice, depending on the dates selected for sessions of the Board and the Conference, these provisions have not proved to be suitable for a rational schedule: the Executive Board examines the provisional agenda of the General Conference at the spring session of the year in which the General Conference is held, that is, five to seven months before the opening of the General Conference. Following its preparation by the Executive Board, however, the provisional agenda must remain open to the possible inclusion of new items up to 100 days before the opening of the Conference and can only be communicated to the Member States and Associate Members after that date.

5. The proposed amendment seeks to make the timetable for the preparation of the provisional agenda of the General Conference more rational and more consistent with the constitutional provisions, enabling the Secretariat to circulate the provisional agenda as soon as possible after its preparation and examination by the Executive Board. This does not affect the ability of Member States, Associate Members, the United Nations and the Director-General to propose, at any time (in accordance with the relevant provision of the Rules of Procedure), new items for the agenda, which are still covered by the provisions of Rule 12 (Supplementary items).

6. Until the 36th session of the General Conference, the session of the Executive Board preceding the General Conference concluded its work just a few days before the opening of the Conference. In 2011, the Executive Board decided to bring forward the dates of the autumn session, thus leaving 19 calendar days between the closure of the Board session and the opening of the Conference session. This allowed delegations to better prepare the General Conference, and the Secretariat to publish documentation arising from Board decisions before the opening of the Conference.

7. That experiment was considered positive and will be continued in 2013: the Executive Board will conclude the work of its 192nd session on 11 October 2013 and the 37th session of the General Conference will open on 5 November. This new practice, however, causes difficulty in regard to the Executive Board's preparation of the revised provisional agenda of the General

Conference, as Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference stipulates that inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda may be requested up to six weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the General Conference. That deadline is now too close to the date when the Executive Board examines the list of supplementary items for the preparation of the revised provisional agenda of the General Conference. It is therefore proposed that that deadline be set at eight weeks before the opening of the General Conference.

Records of the Conference

8. Rule 57 stipulates that the verbatim records of the plenary meetings of the Conference shall be circulated to delegations as soon as possible, to enable them to send in their corrections to the Secretariat within forty-eight hours.

9. Until the 33rd session of the General Conference, a team of minute-writers worked throughout the session to produce and distribute, every day, verbatim records of meetings held the previous day. At the 34th session, among the measures envisaged to cope with the budget decrease, it was proposed that the production of provisional verbatim records be discontinued.

10. To facilitate the flow of information and the delegates' task when reporting to their capitals, unedited transcripts of each plenary meeting are made available as soon as possible on the General Conference's website, and the oral reports of the chairpersons of the commissions are published in the form of information documents immediately after delivery. These measures seem to have given satisfaction to all participants and provisional verbatim records have not been produced since then (35th and 36th sessions). Discontinuing their production has resulted in significant savings.

11. This measure has entailed, at each of the sessions concerned, the temporary suspension of the provision of Rules 53 and 57 (paragraph 1) of the Rules of Procedure. The proposed amendments aim to regularize this situation. The introduction of the word "draft" in front of "verbatim records" would enable the production of verbatim records, duly revised and edited by minute-writers, to be discontinued and the well-established practice of publishing unedited transcriptions to be continued, without having, in future, to suspend temporarily the Rules of Procedure at each session.

12. In addition, it is proposed that the production and distribution of verbatim records after the close of the session be ended. Volume 2 of the Records of the General Conference, containing verbatim records, duly edited, of all plenary meetings of the session is published after each session of the General Conference. In the experience of the Secretariat, Volume 2 is no longer useful for Member States (no requests for it were received during the 2012-2013 biennium) and its abolition would generate significant savings that would help to cope with the reduction in funds allocated to the General Conference in the context of the current financial situation. Should a Member State wish to obtain verbatim records of a particular meeting, the Secretariat would establish them on the basis of the above-mentioned draft provisional verbatim records and existing sound recordings, which can also be provided at any time, upon request.

Draft resolutions

13. The 28th session of the General Conference (1995) was almost paralysed owing to the large number of draft resolutions (over 500) submitted regarding the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5). This is one of the main reasons why the General Conference decided to "establish an ad hoc working group whose mandate would be to examine the structure and function of the General Conference and recommend the most effective means to restore to the Conference its original function as a full-fledged policy-making body" (28 C/Resolution 37.2).

14. The group worked throughout 1996 and 1997 and submitted its report to the General Conference, which endorsed the recommendations contained in the report by means of

29 C/Resolution 87. Some of the recommendations aimed to simplify the procedures for submitting draft resolutions (DRs) and establish clearer admissibility criteria. This involved a revision of the Rules of Procedure, which the General Conference adopted by means of the same resolution. The current text of Part XIV (Draft resolutions) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference derives from 29 C/Resolution 87.

15. The new provisions concerning draft resolutions were applied for the first time at the 30th session of the General Conference in 1999. Since the interpretation of these new texts raised considerable doubts, the General Conference requested the Legal Committee to review Part XIV of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, “in particular to ensure that this Part contains objective and verifiable admissibility criteria for such draft resolutions” (30 C/Resolution 87).

16. The Legal Committee met for the first time in November 2000 to consider the matter. It considered that there was no need to amend further the Rules of Procedure, but simply to clarify the interpretation of the text. The outcome of the meeting was the *Explanatory Note for the Implementation of Rules 80 and 81, Section XIV, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference*, in the light of which the admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the C/5 document were established at the 31st session of the General Conference in 2001. Following several doubts expressed at the 31st session, the Legal Committee met again in November 2002 and adopted a *Finalization of the Explanatory Note on the Application of Rules 80 and 81 of Section XIV of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference concerning admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget and the examination of such draft resolutions*.

17. Since the 32nd session of the General Conference, the admissibility of draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget has been examined pursuant to Rules 80 and 81 of the Rules of Procedure as interpreted by the *Explanatory Note* and its *Finalization*. The interpretation is now deemed consolidated and satisfactory and that is why the proposed amendments in this respect aim to establish definitively, in the Rules of Procedure, the Legal Committee's interpretation of the admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the C/5 document.

18. It should be noted that one of the criteria established by the Explanatory Note set a minimum amount equal to or lower than \$40,000 for the admissibility of draft resolutions with budgetary implications. In November 2000, at the meeting when the Legal Committee drafted the Explanatory Note, the ceiling established in document 30 C/5 for requests for assistance for projects with subregional, regional or interregional impact under the Participation Programme was \$35,000. That is why the Committee considered that the minimum amount for a draft resolution to be admissible should be higher. Since these figures have changed between 2000 and 2013, and are likely to change in the future, it is proposed that the Rules of Procedure set, as an admissibility criterion for DRs with budgetary implications, a minimum amount above the highest ceiling set in each C/5 document under the Participation Programme, which is that for regional projects or activities (and which is \$46,000 in draft document 37 C/5).

19. In addition, in 36 C/Resolution 104, the General Conference invited the Director-General to continue to implement the recommendations of the ad hoc working group of the Executive Board on the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO. Two of these recommendations relate to the draft resolutions relating to the C/5 document:

Also recommends that the General Conference formalize within its Rules of Procedure the current practice whereby programme commissions submit to plenary draft resolutions to amend the C/4 and C/5 documents;

Requests that the recommendation that draft resolutions with financial implications clearly identify the main line of action (MLA) from which the resources should come be made an admissibility criterion for such draft resolutions;

(paragraphs 43 and 44 of 186 EX/Decision 17)

Consequently, the proposed amendments under this item are also designed to reflect these recommendations within the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

20. Moreover, it is proposed that the deadline by which the draft resolutions must reach the Director-General should be slightly modified. As it stands, Rule 80 sets the date at 45 days before the opening of the session, which can create confusion when it comes to a Saturday or a Sunday. It is therefore proposed that this deadline be set at six weeks before the opening of the session.

General Committee/Bureau (English version only)

21. The Rules of Procedure, in its English version, calls the Bureau of the General Conference the *General Committee*. It is customary, however, to refer to this body in English as the *Bureau*. It is therefore proposed that “General Committee” be replaced by “Bureau” in all the Rules concerned in the English version of the Rules of Procedure.

II. REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNESCO

African Union

22. In Article 7A of the Regulations, it is proposed that “Organization of African Unity” be replaced by “African Union” and the corresponding footnote, which is no longer relevant, be removed.

Palestine

23. Following the admission of Palestine to membership of UNESCO, Article 7B is no longer relevant.

III. PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION

24. The General Conference may wish to adopt a draft resolution along the following lines:

The General Conference,

1. Having examined document 37 C/24,
2. Adopts the amendments to its Rules of Procedure and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO contained in Annex to document 37 C/24, with the amendments as follows:

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ANNEX

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE	
CURRENT TEXT	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
<u>Rule 6</u>	
<p>5. The Executive Board shall before each session of the General Conference include in the appropriate list the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity¹ which are to be invited to send observers to that session. The Director-General shall notify the liberation movements which appear on this list of the convening of the session and shall invite them to send observers.</p> <p>6. The Executive Board shall before each session of the General Conference include Palestine in the appropriate list for it to send observers to that session. The Director-General shall notify Palestine of the convening of the session and shall invite it to send observers.¹</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p> <p>1. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>	<p>5. The Executive Board shall before each session of the General Conference include in the appropriate list the African liberation movements recognized by the African Union Organization of African Unity⁴ which are to be invited to send observers to that session. The Director-General shall notify the liberation movements which appear on this list of the convening of the session and shall invite them to send observers.</p> <p>The Executive Board shall before each session of the General Conference include Palestine in the appropriate list for it to send observers to that session. The Director-General shall notify Palestine of the convening of the session and shall invite it to send observers.⁴</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p> <p>1. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>
<u>Rule 9</u>	
<p>1. The provisional agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Board on the basis of items submitted, pursuant to Rule 10, not later than one hundred days before the opening of the session.</p> <p>2. It shall be communicated to the Member States and Associate Members no later than ninety days before the opening of the session.</p>	<p>1. The provisional agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Board on the basis of the items submitted, pursuant to set out in Rule 10, not later than one hundred days before the opening of the session. <u>at its first ordinary session of the year in which the General Conference is held.</u></p> <p>2. It shall be communicated to the Member States and Associate Members no later than ninety days before the opening of the session. <u>after the closure of the Executive Board session.</u></p>

<u>Rule 12</u>	
<p>Supplementary items</p> <p>1. Any Member State or Associate Member may, at least six weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session, request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda</p>	<p>Supplementary items</p> <p>1. Any Member State or Associate Member may, at least six eight weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session, request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda</p>
<u>Rule 57</u>	
<p>Circulation and safe keeping of records and sound recordings</p> <p>1. The verbatim records referred to in the preceding rule shall be circulated to delegations as soon as possible, to enable them to send in their corrections to the Secretariat within forty-eight hours.</p> <p>2. At the end of the session, the verbatim records, duly corrected, shall be distributed to all Member States and Associate Members, and to non-Member States and organizations invited to the session, as provided in Rule 53.</p>	<p>Circulation and safe keeping of records and sound recordings</p> <p>1. The draft verbatim records referred to in the preceding rule shall be circulated made available to delegations as soon as possible, to enable them to send in their corrections to the Secretariat within forty-eight hours.</p> <p>2. At the end of the session, the verbatim records, duly corrected, shall be distributed to all Member States and Associate Members, and to non-Member States and organizations invited to the session, as provided in Rule 53.</p>
<u>Rule 67</u>	
<p>Liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity¹</p> <p>Observers for African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>	<p><u>Liberation movements recognized by the African Union</u> Organization of African Unity¹</p> <p>Observers for African liberation movements recognized by the <u>African Union</u> Organization of African Unity may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>

<u>Rule 68</u>	
<p>Palestine²</p> <p>Observers for Palestine may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer.</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>	<p>Palestine²</p> <p>Observers for Palestine may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer.</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>
<u>Rule 80</u>	
<p>Admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget</p> <p>1. Draft resolutions proposing the adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget may only relate to those parts of the Draft Programme and Budget which are concerned with the policies and the main lines of work of the Organization and which require decisions of the General Conference, including the Appropriation Resolution and the other proposed resolutions in the Draft Programme and Budget. Specific criteria may be elaborated by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the General Conference.</p> <p>2. Draft resolutions covered by paragraph 1 of this rule shall be submitted in writing and shall reach the Director-General at least forty-five days before the opening of the session of the General Conference; the Director-General shall communicate them, with such notes as he may deem appropriate, to Member States and Associate Members at least twenty days before the opening of the session.</p>	<p>Admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget</p> <p>1. Draft resolutions proposing the adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget may only relate to those parts of the Draft Programme and Budget which are concerned with the policies and the main lines of work of the Organization and which require decisions of the General Conference, <u>namely the</u> including the Appropriation Resolution and the other proposed resolutions in the Draft Programme and Budget. Specific criteria may be elaborated by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the General Conference.</p> <p>2. Draft resolutions covered by paragraph 1 of this rule shall be submitted in writing and shall reach the Director-General at least forty-five days before the opening of the session of the General Conference; the Director-General shall communicate them, with such notes as he may deem appropriate, to Member States and Associate Members at least twenty days before the opening of the session.</p> <p><u>3. Draft resolutions with financial implications for the Organization's regular budget should clearly identify the main line of action (MLA) of Part II of the Draft Programme and Budget from which the resources should come. The budget implications, regardless of the proposed source of funding, shall be higher than the ceiling set for requests for assistance under the Participation Programme for projects or activities with a regional</u></p>

<p>3. Draft resolutions which do not satisfy the requirements laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this rule, and those proposing activities which are purely national in scope or could be financed under the Participation Programme, shall not be admissible.</p>	<p><u>impact.</u></p> <p>4. Draft resolutions which do not satisfy the requirements laid down in paragraphs 1, and 2 and 3 of this rule, and those proposing activities which are purely national in scope or could be financed under the Participation Programme, shall not be admissible.</p>
<p><u>Rule 81</u></p>	
<p>Examination of admissibility of draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget</p> <p>The Director-General shall examine draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget to determine admissibility, and the draft resolutions he considers inadmissible shall not be translated or distributed. The sponsors of these draft resolutions may submit an appeal to the General Conference through its Legal Committee. To consider these appeals the Legal Committee may be convened as soon as necessary.</p>	<p>Examination of admissibility of draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget</p> <p>The Director-General shall examine draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget to determine admissibility, and the draft resolutions he considers inadmissible shall not be translated or distributed. The sponsors of these draft resolutions may submit an appeal to the General Conference through its Legal Committee, <u>at least five days before the opening of the session of the General Conference.</u> To consider these appeals the Legal Committee may be convened as soon as necessary.</p>
<p><u>Rule 82</u></p>	
<p>New examination of proposals in plenary meetings</p> <p>Any Member State which proposes a discussion and separate vote in plenary meeting on an item previously considered in a committee or commission in which all the Member States are represented and not included as a specific recommendation in the report of that committee or commission, shall give notice to the President of the General Conference in order that such item shall be specifically listed in the agenda of the plenary meeting to which the report of the said committee or commission is submitted.</p>	<p>New eExamination of proposals in plenary meetings</p> <p><u>1. When examining the Draft Programme and Budget, the General Conference may at any time make changes that it deems necessary, including amendments to draft resolutions under consideration.</u></p> <p>2. Any Member State which proposes a discussion and separate vote in plenary meeting on an item previously considered in a committee or commission in which all the Member States are represented and not included as a specific recommendation in the report of that committee or commission, shall give notice to the President of the General Conference in order that such item shall be specifically listed in the agenda of the plenary meeting to which the report of the said committee or commission is submitted.</p>

<u>Rules 15, 26, 29, 31, 41, 42 and 79 (English version only)</u>	
General Committee	General Committee Bureau
REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNESCO	
CURRENT TEXT	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
<u>Article 7A</u>	
<p>Without prejudice to other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall decide upon the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity¹ which are to be invited to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>	<p>Without prejudice to other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall decide upon the African liberation movements recognized by the African Union Organization of African Unity¹ which are to be invited to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>
<u>Article 7B</u>	
<p>Without prejudice to the other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, or the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall invite Palestine to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.²</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>	<p>Without prejudice to the other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, or the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall invite Palestine to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.²</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>



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OUTLINE

This document transmits to the General Conference amendments to its Rules of Procedure and to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, proposed by the Legal Committee. These amendments are marked in red.

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<u>Rule 9</u>	
<p>1. The provisional agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Board on the basis of items submitted, pursuant to Rule 10, not later than one hundred days before the opening of the session.</p> <p>2. It shall be communicated to the Member States and Associate Members no later than ninety days before the opening of the session.</p>	<p>1. In the light of article 10, Thethe provisional agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Board on the basis of the items submitted, pursuant to set out in Rule 10, not later than one hundred days before the opening of the session. <u>at its first ordinary session of the year in which the General Conference is held.</u></p> <p>2. It shall be communicated to the Member States and Associate Members no later than ninety days before the opening of the session. as soon as possible after the closure of the that Executive Board session.</p>

<u>Rule 12</u>	
<p>Supplementary items</p> <p>1. Any Member State or Associate Member may, at least six weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session, request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda</p>	<p>Supplementary items</p> <p>1. Any Member State or Associate Member may, at least six eight weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session, request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda</p>
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<u>Rule 67</u>	
<p>Liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity¹</p> <p>Observers for African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>	<p>Liberation movements recognized by the <u>African Union</u> Organization of African Unity¹</p> <p>Observers for African liberation movements recognized by the African Union Organization of African Unity may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>

<u>Rule 68</u>	
<p>Palestine²</p> <p>Observers for Palestine may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer.</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>	<p>Palestine²</p> <p>Observers for Palestine may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer.</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>
<u>Rule 80</u>	
<p>Admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget</p> <p>1. Draft resolutions proposing the adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget may only relate to those parts of the Draft Programme and Budget which are concerned with the policies and the main lines of work of the Organization and which require decisions of the General Conference, including the Appropriation Resolution and the other proposed resolutions in the Draft Programme and Budget. Specific criteria may be elaborated by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the General Conference.</p> <p>2. Draft resolutions covered by paragraph 1 of this rule shall be submitted in writing and shall reach the Director-General at least forty-five days before the opening of the session of the General Conference; the Director-General shall communicate them, with such notes as he may deem appropriate, to Member States and Associate Members at least twenty days before the opening of the session.</p>	<p>Admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget</p> <p>1. Draft resolutions proposing the adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget may only relate to those parts of the Draft Programme and Budget which are concerned with the policies and the main lines of work of the Organization and which require decisions of the General Conference, <u>namely the</u> including the Appropriation Resolution and the other proposed resolutions in the Draft Programme and Budget. Specific criteria may be elaborated by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the General Conference.</p> <p>2. Draft resolutions covered by paragraph 1 of this rule shall be submitted in writing and shall reach the Director-General at least forty-five days six weeks before the opening of the session of the General Conference; the Director-General shall communicate them, with such notes as he may deem appropriate, to Member States and Associate Members at least twenty days before the opening of the session.</p> <p><u>3. Draft resolutions with financial implications for the Organization's regular budget should clearly identify the main line of action (MLA) of Part II of the Draft Programme and Budget from which the resources should come. The budget implications, regardless of the proposed source of funding, shall be higher than the ceiling set for requests for assistance under the Participation Programme for projects or activities with a regional</u></p>

<p>3. Draft resolutions which do not satisfy the requirements laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this rule, and those proposing activities which are purely national in scope or could be financed under the Participation Programme, shall not be admissible.</p>	<p><u>impact.</u></p> <p>4. Draft resolutions which do not satisfy the requirements laid down in paragraphs 1, and 2 and 3 of this rule, and those proposing activities which are purely national in scope or could be financed under the Participation Programme, shall not be admissible.</p>
<p><u>Rule 81</u></p>	
<p>Examination of admissibility of draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget</p> <p>The Director-General shall examine draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget to determine admissibility, and the draft resolutions he considers inadmissible shall not be translated or distributed. The sponsors of these draft resolutions may submit an appeal to the General Conference through its Legal Committee. To consider these appeals the Legal Committee may be convened as soon as necessary.</p>	<p>Examination of admissibility of draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget</p> <p>The Director-General shall examine draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget to determine admissibility. and †The draft resolutions he considers inadmissible shall not be translated or distributed. The sponsors of these draft resolutions may submit an appeal to the <u>Legal Committee of the General Conference through its Legal Committee, at least five days before the opening of the session of the General Conference.</u> To consider these appeals the Legal Committee may be convened as soon as necessary.</p>
<p><u>Rule 82</u></p>	
<p>New examination of proposals in plenary meetings</p> <p>Any Member State which proposes a discussion and separate vote in plenary meeting on an item previously considered in a committee or commission in which all the Member States are represented and not included as a specific recommendation in the report of that committee or commission, shall give notice to the President of the General Conference in order that such item shall be specifically listed in the agenda of the plenary meeting to which the report of the said committee or commission is submitted.</p>	<p>New eExamination of proposals in plenary meetings</p> <p><u>1. When examining the Draft Programme and Budget, the General Conference may at any time make changes that it deems necessary, including amendments to draft resolutions under consideration.</u></p> <p>2. Any Member State which proposes a discussion and separate vote in plenary meeting on an item previously considered in a committee or commission in which all the Member States are represented and not included as a specific recommendation in the report of that committee or commission, shall give notice to the President of the General Conference in order that such item shall be specifically listed in the agenda of the plenary meeting to which the report of the said committee or commission is submitted.</p>

<u>Rules 15, 26, 29, 31, 41, 42 and 79 (English version only)</u>	
General Committee	General Committee Bureau
<u>The numbering of the Rules of Procedure will be adjusted accordingly</u>	
REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNESCO	
CURRENT TEXT	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
<u>Article 7A</u>	
<p>Without prejudice to other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall decide upon the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity¹ which are to be invited to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>	<p>Without prejudice to other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall decide upon the African liberation movements recognized by the African Union Organization of African Unity⁴ which are to be invited to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>
<u>Article 7B</u>	
<p>Without prejudice to the other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, or the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall invite Palestine to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.²</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>	<p>Without prejudice to the other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, or the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall invite Palestine to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.²</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>