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Subject: **38th session of the General Conference
Supplementary items to be included on the revised provisional
agenda**

Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to my letter with the reference CL/4116 of 21 May 2015 and in accordance with Rule 12.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, I have the honour to inform Member States and Associate Members that, since the dispatch of the provisional agenda for the 38th session of the General Conference (document 38 C/1 Prov.), the following supplementary items have been proposed for inclusion:

- (a) "Request for the admission of Montserrat as an Associate Member of UNESCO" – item presented by the United Kingdom;
- (b) "Transparency at UNESCO" – item presented by the United Kingdom and Saint Lucia;
- (c) "UNESCO's role in the implementation of the Education 2030 agenda" – item presented by the Director-General;
- (d) "Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme Strategy for the Period 2015-2025" – item presented by the Director-General;
- (e) "Renewal and revision of the Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and revision of the Statutes of the Institute" – item presented by the Director-General.

In accordance with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Executive Board will prepare the revised provisional agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda and the above supplementary list at its 197th session. The items resulting from the decisions taken by the Executive Board at that session also will be included in the revised provisional agenda, to be distributed with document 38 C/1 Prov. Rev., and submitted by the Chairperson of the Executive Board to the General Conference for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

I should like to remind Member States and Associate Members that no new items may now be placed on the agenda of the General Conference otherwise than in accordance with the procedure provided for in Rules 15.2¹ and 42.1(c) of the Rules of Procedure.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Irina Bokova". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical stroke on the left side.

Irina Bokova
Director-General

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

¹ Rule 15.2: "New items of an important and urgent character may be added to the agenda by approval of a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting; but such new items shall be referred to the General Committee of the Conference for its report, in accordance with Rule 42, paragraph 1(c), before the vote is taken. The discussion of any new item so added to the agenda shall, at the request of any Member State or Associate Member, be deferred for a period not exceeding seven days after its inclusion in the agenda."