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REVIEW OF THE METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY

The Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) will review its working methods in the light of the discussions of the working group established pursuant to 192 EX/Decision 19.

This item has no financial or administrative implications.

1. At the 192nd session of the Executive Board, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) had on its agenda an item on the review of its working methods. At the end of its debates at the 192nd session, the Committee decided to establish a working group, operating in a spirit of consensus and comprising all members of the CR Committee as established at the 193rd session of the Board and of any other Member States of UNESCO wishing to attend as observers in order to agree, through consultations, on clearer rules and procedures in order to improve the Committee's work and effectiveness in both aspects of the Committee's terms of reference (see CR report, document 192 EX/45, paras. 3-9).
2. In accordance with 192 EX/Decision 19 on the review of the CR Committee's methods of work, as recalled at the 193rd session (193 EX/Decision 7 (II)), the working group established pursuant to that decision will submit the outcome of its work at the latest at the 196th session of the Executive Board.
3. At the present session, the Secretariat will provide the working group with an updated version of the two-part information document 189 EX/CR/2 covering, on the one hand, procedures for the examination of Member States' reports on the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments and, on the other, procedures for the examination of communications concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence (194 EX/CR/2).