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**INVITATIONS TO THE 47TH SESSION  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION (ICE)**

**SUMMARY**

Pursuant to the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” and in accordance with the draft resolution contained in paragraph 21 of the draft report of Commission II (32 C/72), the Director-General submits to the Board proposals concerning invitations to the 47th session of the International Conference on Education, organized by the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE), to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 September 2004, and suggests that the Board take, with respect to these proposals, a decision authorizing the convening of this Conference.

Decision proposed: paragraph 11.

## **Introduction**

1. Subject to the adoption by the General Conference at its 32nd session of a resolution authorizing the convening of the 47th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE), the Director-General submits to the Executive Board proposals concerning invitations to the Conference whose theme will be: “Quality education for all young people: challenges, trends and priorities”. The International Conference will be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 September 2003.

## **Category of the Conference**

2. Under the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”), this Conference falls into the category of “intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of States” (category II) and the heads of delegation will therefore represent their governments.

## **Participants**

3. In accordance with the Regulations as they relate to category II meetings, invitations to the Conference are decided on by the Executive Board.

## **Member States and Associate Members (Article 21.1)**

4. Under Article 21, paragraph 1, the Executive Board, on the Director-General’s proposal and subject to the regulations applicable, shall decide on the Member States and Associate Members whose governments are to be invited.

5. In accordance with the above-mentioned article, the Director-General proposes that all Member States and Associate Members be invited to participate, with the right to vote.

## **Non-Member States (Article 21.3)**

6. Under Article 21, paragraph 3, the Executive Board may designate non-Member States to be invited to send observers to the Conference. The Director-General proposes that States that are not members of UNESCO but are members of at least one of the organizations of the United Nations system be invited to send observers. At the time of preparation of this document those States were the following: Brunei Darussalam, Holy See, Liechtenstein and Singapore. In addition, the Director-General proposes that the Executive Board invite to the Conference, as observers, any States that become members of any of the organizations of the United Nations system before the opening of the Conference.

## **Palestine (Article 7B)**

7. Under Article 7B, the Executive Board shall invite Palestine to send observers to the Conference.

## **International organizations (Articles 21.4 and 21.5)**

(a) Organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements (Article 21.4)

8. The Director-General reminds the Board that under Article 21, paragraph 4, the following organizations of the United Nations system, with which UNESCO has concluded mutual

representation agreements, may send representatives to the Conference. Those organizations are the following:

United Nations (UN)

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)  
Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)  
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)  
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)  
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)  
World Food Programme (WFP)  
United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP)  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)  
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)  
United Nations University (UNU)  
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

Specialized agencies

International Labour Organization (ILO)  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
World Health Organization (WHO)  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

(b) Other international organizations (Article 21.5)

9. Under Article 21, paragraph 5, the Board may decide that the following shall be invited to send observers to the meeting: (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements; (b) other intergovernmental organizations; and (c) international non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the directives concerning UNESCO's relations with those organizations. The Executive Board has also decided on several occasions to invite to category II meetings institutions and foundations that may have an interest in sending observers to these meetings.

10. The Director-General proposes that the Executive Board invite the following organizations, foundations and institutions to send observers to the Conference:

(i) Organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded an agreement providing for reciprocal representation

World Bank  
International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
World Trade Organization (WTO)

(ii) Other intergovernmental organizations

Intergovernmental Agency of the Francophonie  
 Association of South-East Asian Nations  
 Intergovernmental Authority on Development  
 African Development Bank  
 Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa  
 Asian Development Bank  
 Central American Bank for Economic Integration  
 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
 Islamic Development Bank  
 Inter-American Development Bank  
 African Bureau of Educational Sciences  
 Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States  
 African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development  
 Arab Gulf States Information Documentation Centre  
 Eastern African Centre for Research on Oral Traditions and African National Languages  
 International Committee of the Red Cross  
 European Commission  
 Inter-American Commission of Women  
 Commonwealth of Learning  
 Commonwealth of Independent States  
 Conference of Ministers of Education of French-Speaking Countries  
 Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sport of French-Speaking Countries  
 Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf  
 Council of Europe  
 Council of the Baltic Sea States  
 Nordic Council  
 Regional Council for Adult Education and Literacy in Africa  
 Central American Educational and Cultural Coordination  
 Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences  
 Arab Federation for Technical Education  
 OPEC Fund for International Development  
 African Institute of Informatics  
 Latin American Institute for Educational Communication  
 League of Arab States  
 African Intellectual Property Organization  
 Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization  
 Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development  
 Organization of the Islamic Conference  
 Organization of American States  
 Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture  
 South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization  
 International Organization for Migration  
 Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
 African Union  
 Inter-Parliamentary Union  
 Latin Union  
 University for Peace

(iii) International non-governmental organizations maintaining formal associate relations with UNESCO

International Association of Universities  
Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service  
International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies  
International Council of Museums  
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations  
Education International

(iv) International non-governmental organizations and networks having formal consultative relations with UNESCO

Agency of Francophonie Universities  
Amnesty International  
Association of African Universities  
Association of Arab Universities  
European University Association  
International Association for Educational Assessment  
International Association of University Presidents  
Association of Commonwealth Universities  
Community of Mediterranean Universities  
World Confederation of Teachers  
World Conference of Religions for Peace  
African Council on Communication Education  
International Council for Adult Education  
International Council for Open and Distance Education  
International Federation of University Women  
International Federation of Human Rights  
World Federation of Teachers' Unions  
International Coordination Council of Educational Institutions Alumni  
Catholic International Education Office  
World Organization of the Scout Movement  
Inter-American Organization for Higher Education  
Union of Latin American Universities  
International Publishers Association  
European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities  
Club of Rome  
Development Innovations and Networks  
Summer Institute of Linguistics  
International Baccalaureate Organization

(v) International non-governmental organizations having operational relations with UNESCO

Academia Europaea  
International Alliance of Women  
World Assembly of Youth  
International Schools Association  
Association of South-East Asian Institutions of Higher Learning  
Association of European Journalists  
Association of Portuguese-Language Universities  
European Association for Education of Adults

Association francophone internationale des directeurs d'établissements scolaires  
 International Community Education Association  
 International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance  
 International Association of Applied Linguistics  
 International School Psychology Association  
 International Association of Educators for World Peace  
 International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature  
 International Association of University Professors and Lecturers  
 International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement  
 International Association for the Development of Cross-Cultural Communication  
 World Association for Educational Research  
 World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace  
 International Montessori Association  
 Association for World Education  
 Ibero-American University Association for Postgraduate Studies  
 Asian South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education  
 European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages  
 CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS  
 European University Centre for Peace Studies  
 United World Colleges  
 International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
 International Congress of University Adult Education  
 International Council on Education for Teaching  
 International Council of Women  
 International Council for Educational Media  
 International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance  
 World Council for Curriculum and Instruction  
 World Council of Comparative Education Societies  
 Council on International Educational Exchange  
 African Federation of Associations of Parents of Pupils and Students  
 Federation of Private Educative Associations of Latin America and the Caribbean  
 European Federation for Intercultural Learning  
 International Federation of Workers' Educational Associations  
 International Council of Associations for Science Education  
 United Schools International  
 International Federation of Training Centres for the Promotion of Progressive Education  
 International Federation of Educative Communities  
 International Federation of East Central European Institutes  
 International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
 International Federation for Parent Education  
 World Federation of Democratic Youth  
 World Federation of United Nations Associations  
 Forum for African Women Educationalists  
 European Youth Forum  
 International Institute for Peace  
 International Association for Counselling  
 International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse  
 International Literacy Institute  
 World Education Fellowship  
 International Movement ATD Fourth World

International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education  
World Family Organization  
Disabled People's International  
World Organization for Early Childhood Education  
African Social and Environmental Studies Programme  
South-North Network Cultures and Development  
WORLDIDAC – World Association of Publishers, Manufacturers and Distributors of Educational Materials  
Society for International Development  
International Society for Education through Art  
International Union for Health Promotion and Education  
International Union of Students  
World ORT Union  
All-Africa Students Union

(vi) International non-governmental organization whose status is currently under revision

International Institute for Human Rights Studies

(vii) Foundations and other similar institutions

World Association of Children's Friends (Monaco)  
UNESCO Centre of Catalonia (Spain)  
UNESCO-Basque Country Centre (UNESCO Etxea-Euskal Herria) (Spain)  
World Education (United States of America)  
European Foundation Centre (Belgium)  
European Cultural Foundation (Netherlands )  
Léopold Sédar Senghor Foundation (Senegal)  
Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (Greece)  
World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention (France)  
Peace and Development Foundation (Senegal)  
Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation  
Fondation pour l'enfance (France)  
Foundation for UNESCO – Education for Children in Need  
King Baudouin Foundation (Belgium)

11. If the Executive Board approves the proposals contained in paragraphs 3 to 10, it may wish to adopt a draft decision along the following lines:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that the General Conference at its 32nd session authorized the Director-General to convene the 47th session of the International Conference on Education,
2. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to this Conference,
3. Decides:
  - (a) that invitations to participate in the 47th session of the International Conference on Education with the right to vote will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;

- (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the States mentioned in paragraph 6 of document 168 EX/2, which are not members of UNESCO but are members of another organization of the United Nations system, and to any other State that becomes a member of one of the organizations of the United Nations system before the opening date of the Conference;
- (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 168 EX/2;
- (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Conference 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 8 of document 168 EX/2;
- (e) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraph 10 of document 168 EX/2;
- (f) that the Director-General is authorized to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for advancing the work of the Conference, notifying the Executive Board thereof.