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## Item 12 Proposed terms of reference of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (... members)<sup>1</sup>

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the important contribution made by non-governmental partners to the preparation and implementation of UNESCO's programme,
2. Taking into account the new Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its 36th session, as well as the following resolutions adopted by the General Conference:
  - (a) 21 C/Resolution 7.11 concerning international non-governmental organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO and in which bodies or peoples from Taiwan are still participating in the name of China;
  - (b) 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO;
  - (c) 34 C/Resolution 59 concerning the Executive Board's sexennial report on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by international non-governmental organizations;
3. Decides that the terms of reference of its Committee on international non-governmental organizations shall be as follows:
  - (a) to continue improving its methods of work by, *inter alia*, carrying out thematic debates on the involvement of non-governmental partners in the main lines of UNESCO's action in order to:
    - (i) favour presentations by Members of the Committee, non-governmental partners and invited guest speakers on "good practices" and lessons learned at the international, regional, national and local levels for outreach to and partnership with non-governmental actors;
    - (ii) give further impetus to the involvement of youth in the work of NGOs;
    - (iii) strengthen coordination and cooperation between non-governmental partners and the National Commissions;

<sup>1</sup> For the period 2010-2011, the Committee had 23 members.

- (b) to examine once a year, at its spring session, matters within its competence relating to the establishment of relations between UNESCO and non-governmental organizations as stipulated in the above-mentioned Directives, and notably to consider any proposals that the Director-General may submit to the Executive Board for the establishment or renewal of official associate partnership with non-governmental organizations;
- (c) to ensure that the above-mentioned Directives continue to be implemented in a spirit of openness to the relevant actors of civil society, in particular, in those parts of the world where civil society remains isolated or fragile;
- (d) to examine all other relevant questions coming within the purview of the Executive Board in relation to UNESCO's cooperation with non-governmental partners in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the governing bodies.