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**IMPLEMENTATION OF 185 EX/DECISION 15
ON “THE TWO PALESTINIAN SITES OF AL-HARAM AL-IBRAHIMI/
TOMB OF THE PATRIARCHS IN AL-KHALIL/HEBRON
AND THE BILÂL BIN RABÂH MOSQUE/RACHEL’S TOMB IN BETHLEHEM”**

SUMMARY

This document is presented pursuant to 185 EX/Decision 15, by which it invited the Director-General to submit a follow-up report thereon and decided to include the item in the agenda of the 186th session of the Executive Board.

1. At the 184th session of the Executive Board, an item concerning “the two Palestinian sites of al-Haram al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalil/Hebron and the Bilâl bin Rabâh Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem” was included in the agenda of the Executive Board at the request of some Member States (184 EX/37), in relation to the recent decision of the Israeli authorities to include the two above-mentioned sites located in Hebron and Bethlehem on Israel’s national heritage programme. The Executive Board adopted 184 EX/Decision 37 postponing the examination of the item until the 185th session.
2. At the 185th session of the Executive Board, and despite considerable efforts, no consensus could be reached on this item, and 185 EX/Decision 15 was adopted following a roll-call vote.
3. There is no recent development to report on this issue.