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## INVITATIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATES FOR THE REVISION OF THE 1983 REGIONAL CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

### SUMMARY

Pursuant to the "Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO", and in accordance with 35 C/Resolution 11, the Director-General submits to the Board proposals concerning invitations to the International Conference of States to examine and adopt amendments to the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from 25 to 26 November 2011.

The financial and administrative implications of the planned activities fall within the parameters of document 35 C/5.

Action expected of the Executive Board: decision in paragraph 9.

1. In accordance with 35 C/Resolution 11, by which the General Conference requested the Director-General to convene an international conference with a view to examination and adoption of amendments to the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board proposals concerning invitations to that international conference. This conference of States (category I) is to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from 25 to 26 November, 2011.

### CATEGORY OF THE CONFERENCE

2. Pursuant to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, this Conference falls within the category of "international conferences of states" (category I) and the heads of delegation will therefore represent their governments.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

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

### **Member States and Associate Members (Art. 11.1 and 11.2 of the Regulations)**

4. Under Article 11, paragraph 1, the General Conference, or the Executive Board, authorized by it, 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 in UNESCO's Asia and the Pacific region be invited to participate, with the right to vote. In addition, the Director-General proposes that the State Parties to the Convention be invited to participate, with the right to vote.

6. Under Article 11, paragraph 2, Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO not invited under paragraph 5 may send observers to the conference.

### **International organizations (Arts. 11.3 and 11.4)**

(a) *Organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements (Art. 11.3)*

7. The Director-General reminds the Board that under Article 11, paragraph 3, the following organizations of the United Nations system, with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements, may send representatives to the Conference:

United Nations (UN):

- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations University (UNU)

(b) *Other international organizations (Art. 11.4)*

8. Under Article 11, paragraph 4, 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 international non-governmental organizations.

9. 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 mutual representation agreements:
  - World Bank
- (ii) Other intergovernmental organizations:
  - Association of Southeast Asian Nations
  - Asian Development Bank
  - Commonwealth of Learning
  - Commonwealth Secretariat

- Commonwealth of Independent States
  - Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
  - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
  - Organization of the Islamic Conference
  - South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization
  - South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Center for Higher Education and Development
- (iii) International non-governmental organizations maintaining formal associate relations with UNESCO:
- Education International
  - International Association of Universities
  - World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations
- (iv) International non-governmental organizations having formal consultative relations with UNESCO:
- Association of Commonwealth Universities
  - Catholic International Education Office
  - International Association of University Presidents
  - International Baccalaureate Organization
  - International Council for Open and Distance Education
  - International Federation of University Women
  - Summer Institute of Linguistics, Inc (SIL) International
  - World Federation of Teachers' Unions
- (v) International non-governmental organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO:
- Association of South-East Asian Institutions of Higher Learning
  - International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education
  - International Union of Students
- (vi) Foundations and other similar institutions:
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) University Network
  - Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
  - Asia Pacific Association for International Education
  - Asia University Federation
  - Asian Association of Open Universities
  - Asian South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education
  - Asia-Pacific Quality Network
  - Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific
  - Global University Network for Innovation
  - ASEAN Quality Assurance Network
  - University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific

10. In the light of the foregoing, the Executive Board may wish to adopt the following decision:

The Executive Board:

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 11, by which the General Conference authorized the Executive Board to take appropriate measures for the successful convening of the International Conference of States to examine and adopt amendments to the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific,

2. Having examined document 185 EX/10,
3. Decides:
  - (a) that invitations to participate in the International Conference of States to examine and adopt amendments to the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO in the Asia and the Pacific region, as well as to the States Parties to the Convention in accordance with paragraph 5 of document 185 EX/10;
  - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO not invited under paragraph 5 of document 185 EX/10;
  - (c) that invitations to send observers 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 7 of document 185 EX/10;
  - (d) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraph 8 and 9 of document 185 EX/10;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to send out any other invitations she may deem useful for advancing the work of the Conference, notifying the Executive Board thereof.