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**1 Agenda, timetable of work, report of the Bureau, and election of the Chair of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations** (182 EX/1; 182 EX/2; 182 EX/INF.1 and Corr.; 182 EX/INF.3;)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 182 EX/1 and 182 EX/INF.1 and Corr.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items of its agenda to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 51, 53, 54 and 55; and for programme-related aspects, items 4 and 5;
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 6, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 4 and 5;

and to refer the following items to the **joint meeting of the PX and FA Commissions:** items 14, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26 (Part II), 33, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 65 and 66.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 182 EX/2 concerning the following agenda item:

**64 Relations with the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) and draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and that organization** (182 EX/64).

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Mr Georges Santer (Luxembourg) Chair of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations to replace Mr Günter Overfeld (Germany) for the remainder of his term of office.

(182 EX/SR.1)

**2 Approval of the summary records of the 181st session** (181 EX/SR.1-13 and Corr.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 181st session.

(182 EX/SR.1)

**3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board**

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(182 EX/SR.7)

**EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME**

**4 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (182 EX/4 Part I and Add. and Part II, 182 EX/INF.4; 182 EX/INF.18 (*Rev. in French only*); 182 EX/INF.19; 182 EX/INF.20; 182 EX/INF.21 Rev.; 182 EX/INF.23; 182 EX/INF.24; 182 EX/70; 182 EX/71)

**I**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 182 EX/4 Part I and Add.,



2. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 4 (I) and 34 C/Resolution 89,
3. Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved:
  - (a) under Major Programme I, especially with regard to more evidence-based policy-making and strategic planning and the increased awareness of monitoring of regional EFA progress,
  - (b) under Major Programme II, especially with regard to the contribution of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) to improving ocean management with policy-relevant scientific information on the impacts of climate change,
  - (c) under Major Programme III, especially with regard to implementation of the country review process within the framework of the Intersectoral Platform on the Strengthening of National Research Systems,
  - (d) under Major Programme IV, especially with regard to the steady rate of ratification of conventions,
  - (e) under Major Programme V, especially with regard to integrating communication for development components in a new group of United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) and the efficient application of the triangular South-South-North model for capacity-building,
4. Recognizes the efforts made to identify challenges relating to Major Programme I, and invites the Director-General to continue to take the necessary measures to meet the challenges identified for this major programme, while encouraging similar analyses to be presented for the other major programmes;
5. Notes the improvement in the quality of the detailed information presented online concerning results obtained at the main line of action (MLA) level, in particular concerning challenges and cost-effectiveness;
6. Also invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to seek cost-effective ways to deliver the programme, such as seeking partnerships to allow cost-sharing, using national consultants, promoting South-South cooperation, etc.;
7. Further invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to improve strategic and results-based reporting on the execution of the programme, in particular by including information on progress achieved in responding to the challenges identified in the evaluations of the strategic programme objectives.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## II

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received since the last session of the Executive Board and appropriated to the regular budget and the proposed transfers from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 34th session (34 C/Resolution 93, paras. 3.A(b), (d) and (e)), document 182 EX/4 Part II, and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (182 EX/70),

**A**

2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$1,940,283 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A – Major Programme I	506,846
Part II.A – Major Programme II	369,000
Part II.A – Major Programme III	132,219
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	303,081
Part II.A – Major Programme V	233,211
Part I.B – Direction (LA)	31,088
Part III.A – Field management and coordination (indirect costs for field offices)	293,959
Part III.B – Sector for External Relations and Cooperation (ERC)	70,879
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,940,283</u></b>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 9 of document 182 EX/4 Part II;

**B**

4. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines up to an amount of 1% of the initial appropriation may be made by the Director-General, whereby the Director-General shall inform the Members of the Executive Board, in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of and reasons for such transfers, and in cases where the transfers of appropriations between the budgetary parts or articles represent an amount that exceeds this 1% limit, the Director-General shall request the prior approval of the Executive Board.
5. Notes that the Director-General has made a budget transfer of \$10,290 from the reserve for reclassifications and merit-based promotions to the Bureau of Human Resources Management for the purpose of implementing the UNESCO Team Award programme;
6. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which the Director-General is authorized, with the prior approval of the Executive Board, to make transfers from Part IV of the budget (Anticipated Cost Increases) to the relevant appropriation lines in Parts I to III for the purpose of meeting increases in staff costs and in the costs of goods and services,
7. Approves the transfer of \$3,600,100 from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget to cover increases in the staff costs and in goods and services due to statutory factors;
8. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table in Annex I of document 182 EX/4 Part II.

- 5 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions** (182 EX/5 (*and Corr. in French and Arabic only*) and Add. (*Add. Rev. in Arabic only*); 182 EX/INF.6; 182 EX/INF.7; 182 EX/INF.18 (*Rev. in French only*); 182 EX/INF.19; 182 EX/INF.20; 182 EX/70; 182 EX/71)

I

**Implementation of the objectives of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/140 of 19 December 2006, in which the United Nations General Assembly requested UNESCO to prepare and conduct during 2007 and 2008 the mid-Decade review in collaboration with all partners in the United Nations Literacy Decade and to submit its results to the General Assembly, and United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/154 requesting UNESCO to develop, in cooperation with other international partners, in particular the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, a strategic framework for renewed cooperation and action based on the three priority areas of action identified through the mid-Decade review,
2. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 7, in which the Executive Board invited Member States to strengthen their support for the Decade, with particular regard to the three priority areas identified through the mid-Decade review, namely stronger commitment, more effective delivery on the ground, and new resources for literacy,
3. Reaffirming that quality basic education is crucial to nation-building, that literacy for all is at the heart of basic education for all, and that creating literate environments and societies is essential for achieving the goals of eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality, and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy,
4. Convinced that literacy is crucial to the acquisition by every child, young person and adult of the essential life skills that will enable them to address the challenges that they may face in life, and represents an essential condition of lifelong learning, which is an indispensable means for effective participation in the knowledge societies and economies of the twenty-first century,
5. Welcoming the efforts that have been made so far by a number of Member States and the international community to address the objectives of the United Nations Literacy Decade and to implement the International Plan of Action for the Decade,
6. Noting with deep concern that there are still 776 million adults without basic literacy skills, 75 million children out of school, and millions more young people who leave school without a level of literacy adequate for productive and active participation in their societies, that the issue of literacy may not be sufficiently high on national agendas to generate the kind of political and economic support required to address global literacy challenges, and that the world is unlikely to meet those challenges if present trends continue,
7. Deeply concerned about the persistence of the gender gap in education, which is reflected by the fact that nearly two-thirds of the world's adult illiterates are women,
8. Takes note of the mid-Decade report prepared by UNESCO and submitted to the United Nations General Assembly at its 63rd session in 2008;

9. Also takes note of the summaries of the outcomes of the UNESCO regional conferences in support of global literacy held in Azerbaijan, China, India, Mali, Mexico and Qatar in 2007 and 2008, which indicate that the second half of the United Nations Literacy Decade should develop appropriate networks for greater regional collaboration;
10. Further takes note of the three priority areas for action identified through the mid-Decade review, namely mobilizing stronger commitment to literacy, reinforcing effective literacy programme delivery, and harnessing new resources for literacy;
11. Welcomes the International Strategic Framework for Action drawn up for the second half of the United Nations Literacy Decade and beyond, based on these strategic objectives and prepared following United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/154;
12. Also welcomes especially the extensive and highly collaborative consultation process with all United Nations Literacy Decade partners coordinated by UNESCO to develop the International Strategic Framework for Action;
13. Recognizes that a renewed collective commitment to literacy will be needed if the objectives of the Decade, the EFA goals and the Millennium Development Goals are to be met;
14. Calls on Member States to support and utilize the International Strategic Framework for Action for the second half of the Decade and beyond as a valuable framework for national, regional and international literacy actors in their separate and joint efforts to advance global literacy;
15. Appeals to all governments to support the implementation of the three strategic priorities for action by developing national literacy strategies, plans and actions on the basis of the International Strategic Framework for Action in order to give literacy higher priority within their educational planning and budgeting, to devise innovative strategies for ensuring quality delivery, especially for reaching the poorest and most marginalized groups, with particular regard to girls and women, and to seek alternative formal and non-formal approaches to learning with a view to achieving the goals of the Decade;
16. Notes with satisfaction the planned focus of the work of the Education Sector on three fundamental areas for achieving education for all – literacy, teachers and skills for the world of work – during the forthcoming 2010-2011 biennium;
17. Calls upon the Director-General to use the International Strategic Framework for Action as a key reference for enhancing UNESCO's action on literacy at Headquarters and in the institutes, regional bureaux of education and field offices for mobilizing collaboration and partnership in support of literacy for all.

## II

### **Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 181 EX/Decision 5 (III) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 182 EX/5 and Add.,
2. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 5 (III),

3. Also recalling 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision, 177 EX/Decision 20, 179 EX/Decisions 9 and 52,
4. Further recalling Decisions 31 COM 7A.18, 32 COM 7A.18 and 33 COM 7A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007), 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) and 33rd (Seville, 2009) sessions respectively,
5. Also recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage including, as appropriate, the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972, the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,
6. Reaffirming the purpose and spirit of the professional encounter at the technical level of 13 January 2008, as well as the follow-up meeting of 24 February 2008,
7. Noting the Sixth Reinforced Monitoring Report (February 2009) prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
8. Regretting in this regard the postponement of the follow-up meeting of experts, which was scheduled for 12 November 2008, as called for in Decision 32 COM 7A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee in Quebec City and reiterated in UNESCO Executive Board 181 EX/Decision 5 (III), as well as of the planned visit of Jordanian technical experts to the Mughrabi Ascent site on 27 July 2009, owing to circumstances which have impeded Jordanian experts from having access in order to take measurements,
9. Recognizing the existence of deep concerns regarding the decision taken by the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Commission on the town planning scheme for the Mughrabi Ascent,
10. Requests that, despite the decision mentioned in paragraph 9, the process for the design of the Mughrabi Ascent be inclusive of all parties concerned, in accordance with the spirit and content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions;
11. Reaffirms in this regard that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, should be taken which will affect the authenticity and integrity of the site, in accordance with the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972 and, as necessary, the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954;
12. Notes the request made by the World Heritage Committee at its 33rd session in Decision 33 COM 7A.18, and asks, in this regard, that the Israeli authorities resume the cooperation commenced with all concerned parties, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts;
13. Reaffirms the necessity of cooperation in order to arrange for access to the Mughrabi Ascent site for Jordanian and Waqf experts, and reiterates its call on the Director-General to organize a follow-up meeting of experts as soon as possible, once the parties concerned have reached an understanding;
14. Reaffirms that the process for the design of the Mughrabi Ascent, which allows for the taking into consideration of the designs submitted during the aforementioned professional encounter, is still under way, and that the World Heritage Centre is

following closely the developments associated with this process through its Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism;

15. Expresses its thanks to the Director-General for the action he is taking to facilitate the dialogue and professional exchanges between all the parties concerned;
16. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon at its 184th session.

### III

#### **Status of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 7, 174 EX/Decision 9, 175 EX/Decision 4 (III), 176 EX/Decision 5 (II) and 179 EX/Decision 29 regarding the establishment of a South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education and the status of the Programme/Fund,
2. Further recalling 181 EX/Decision 54, in which it invited the Director-General to develop and present to it at its 182nd session a fundraising strategy for the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education,
3. Thanks the Director-General for presenting a fundraising strategy;
4. Congratulates the Director-General for emphasizing the strengthening of South-South cooperation and triangular North-South-South cooperation in activities by all major programmes while preparing the 35 C/5 work plans and the 35 C/5 complementary additional programme outlines;
5. Noting that reference to South-South cooperation needs to be strengthened in the Draft Programme and Budget (35 C/5),
6. Also noting, as outlined in document 182 EX/5 (VIII), that the Fund is unique among the various South-South funds managed by multilateral organizations in that it is dedicated exclusively to supporting projects in the field of education,
7. Further noting that the governance mechanism for administering the Fund is in place, and pilot projects, aligned on document 35 C/5 and responding to the G77 and China's needs and priorities, are being executed,
8. Welcomes the contributions made by Member States to the Fund, which so far have been only from developing countries;
9. Urges the donor countries to strengthen their support for South-South cooperation by making contributions to the Fund;
10. Approves the fundraising strategy presented in document 182 EX/5 (VIII);
11. Invites the Director-General to implement the fundraising strategy as a matter of urgency;
12. Further invites the Director-General to report back to it at its 184th session on the success achieved in mobilizing funds through the implementation of the fundraising strategy, and on the progress achieved in the execution of the pilot projects.

#### IV

##### **UNESCO's support to Auroville: an international township**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 14 C/Resolution 4.36, 15 C/Resolution 4.02, 16 C/Resolution 3.323 and 22 C/Resolution 11.19, as well as 177 EX/Decision 70,
2. Noting the commitment of UNESCO and its Member States to providing support to the Auroville experiment and to participating in Auroville's development as an international cultural township,
3. Noting that the Charter of Auroville declares that Auroville belongs to nobody in particular but to humanity as a whole,
4. Appreciating the broad range of activities undertaken by UNESCO Member States in promoting Auroville's development as the living embodiment of a unique experiment in human unity,
5. Recognizing the value of such civilizing experiences as an invaluable and integral part of the commonly shared human experience,
6. Conscious that the Auroville township is conceived and designed in the form of a spiral galaxy, divided into four zones radiating outwards from Matrimandir, the soul of Auroville, and are respectively designated as the Residential, Cultural, Industrial and International Zones,
7. Also recognizing that the International Zone is planned to house permanent exhibits from each Member State showcasing its unique genius in the realm of cultural and social ideals and its development in diverse spheres of national endeavour,
8. Invites UNESCO Member States to participate actively in Auroville's development by contributing a permanent or temporary exhibition in the International Zone, as an expression of its commitment to the ideal of human unity that Auroville represents.

(182 EX/SR.11)

- 6 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the reform process** (182 EX/6 Part I and Add. and Part II; 182 EX/INF.18 (*Rev. in French only*); 182 EX/INF.19; 182 EX/INF.20; 182 EX/70)

#### I

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 6 (I),
2. Having examined documents 182 EX/6 Part I and Add.,
3. Taking into account the External Auditor's reports on temporary contracts and the promotion and evaluation of the staff (182 EX/46 and 182 EX/48),
4. Takes note of the work accomplished in the implementation of the human resources policy reform framework and of the medium- and long-term staffing strategy;
5. Requests the Director-General:

- (a) to develop a human resources strategy for 2011-2016, taking into account the recommendations of evaluations conducted on human resources matters, as well as those of the External Auditor's report and relevant resolutions on the decentralization strategy, and ensuring, where appropriate, harmonization with United Nations common system policies and practices;
- (b) to report to it at its 185th session and to the General Conference at its 36th session on the development of the human resources strategy.

## II

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/6 Part II,
2. Recalling the main objectives of the strategy introduced by the Director-General in 2000-2001 as called for by 30 C/Resolution 83,
3. Recalling also the outcome of the first review of decentralization, as presented in documents 171 EX/6 Part III and 33 C/25 Part III, and endorsed by the Executive Board and General Conference (October/November 2005),
4. Takes note of the detailed analysis of the current status of the decentralization strategy;
5. Recognizes that the internal decentralization reform initiated in 2000 has led to a greater coherence of UNESCO's field action and corrected the inconsistent approaches and dispersion of means found in the past;
6. Congratulates the Director-General on the determined and successful efforts he has made to respond to the call by the General Conference for a rationalization of the Organization's decentralized structure, and on the considerable improvements achieved over the past nine years despite resource constraints;
7. Expresses appreciation for the efforts made by the Director-General to respond to the challenges posed by the United Nations country-level reform, and the positive results yielded thus far;
8. Recognizes, however, that ongoing and sustained efforts are still required to strengthen and adapt UNESCO's field presence with a view to achieving increased effectiveness and relevance in responding to priority needs of Member States, in particular the least developed countries, in line with the principles set out in United Nations General Assembly resolutions 62/208 and 63/232 to guide reform efforts of its country-level operational activities for development;
9. Takes note, in particular, of the strengthened role of the United Nations resident coordinator leading the United Nations country team towards system-wide coherence in both programming and management, and also takes note of the related new obligations and accountabilities of directors and heads of the UNESCO field offices;
10. Recalls the vital role that National Commissions should play in advising UNESCO field offices on national priorities, facilitating consultations with line ministries, mobilizing national expertise, and advocating to national authorities the Organization's norms, standards and priorities, and its leadership in relevant United Nations common country programmes;



11. Considers that with the changes induced by the decentralization reform within UNESCO and the impact of the United Nations reform at the country level on the working relations and environment of UNESCO field offices, the provisions of 30 C/Resolution 83, the “Basic criteria for the rational implementation of decentralization”, need to be adapted to the new field realities and dynamics;
12. Endorses the design principles for the adjustment of the UNESCO network of field offices in paragraphs 88 to 90 of document 182 EX/6 Part II;
13. Notes that the estimated additional costs involved in the suggested phased approach to the strengthening and adaptation of the network of UNESCO field offices are not included in document 35 C/5;
14. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 185th session, without prejudice to any other option, a third option for the decentralization reform, entirely aligned with the principles of the United Nations reform, and in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly resolutions concerning the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system:
  - reflecting the above-mentioned design principles;
  - also reflecting the debates of the Executive Board at its 182nd session and of the General Conference at its 35th session on this subject and their respective decisions and resolutions thereon;
  - fully taking advantage of the efficiency gains which may be made through joint United Nations structures and programming, at the regional, subregional and country levels;
  - privileging UNESCO desks within United Nations country teams over independent field presence, considering the establishment of autonomous offices at the national level only in exceptional circumstances;
  - concentrating the presence of programme sectors in those areas where UNESCO has clear added value, avoiding programmatic overlaps with other United Nations institutions;
  - justifying the creation of any additional posts;
  - providing more detailed information on the possibility of covering additional investments in the field structure by restructuring the Organization and redeploying resources from Headquarters;
  - not exceeding the budget ceiling decided upon by the General Conference.
15. Approves, as a first step, the “Revised basic criteria for the rational implementation of decentralization” annexed to this decision, as amended, which should, if approved by the General Conference, supersede all previous decisions and resolutions on the same subject adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at previous sessions;
16. Decides to transmit the above-mentioned criteria to the General Conference at its 35th session for consideration and approval.

## ANNEX

### Revised basic criteria for the rational implementation of decentralization

The following criteria shall apply to UNESCO's field entities (i.e. offices, UNESCO desks within United Nations country teams, antennas) at the country, subregional or regional or inter-agency levels located away from Headquarters:

1. The creation of any decentralized entity shall be demonstrated to be the most effective way of delivering the objectives approved by the General Conference.
2. The field network shall play a role in delivering the programme approved by the General Conference in order to support, in accordance with the principles of the United Nations reform and in the light of the United Nations General Assembly resolutions concerning the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system:
  - (a) country-level action, in line with national development plans and priorities, and with the standard-setting work of UNESCO, in close consultation with the governments of the countries concerned;
  - (b) subregional and regional integration, in line with programmes established by groups of countries concerned through existing subregional and regional organizations and institutions;
  - (c) ratification and implementation by Member States of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments.
3. The mandate of each entity within the network of field offices shall be strictly confined to the programmes and activities of UNESCO approved by the General Conference.
4. The operational activities for development of UNESCO shall be carried out at the level where they can be most effectively managed and implemented, and, to the extent possible, integrated in United Nations common country programming as part of the United Nations system-wide coherence.
5. The activities carried out by the field network shall:
  - (a) focus on upstream modalities, namely policy advice, assistance in the design and implementation of strategies and plans, sector analysis, statistics, monitoring, benchmarking and evaluation, as well as related capacity-building;
  - (b) maintain a feedback loop between normative and operational action, as well as action undertaken at the global, regional, subregional and country levels, ensuring that knowledge generated, lessons learnt and good practices are widely disseminated;
  - (c) be results-driven, with clear performance indicators and benchmarks, clearly identifying UNESCO's contribution to United Nations common results frameworks as applicable and appropriate reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms;
  - (d) produce quality and timely results, positioning UNESCO as a credible, competent and effective specialized agency of the United Nations system, able to lead planning and implementation processes at the country level in its fields of competence;
  - (e) ensure complementarity and coherence with activities carried out by Headquarters or category 1 institutes, so that duplication is avoided and strategic synergy of action and approaches is ensured.

6. In designing their activities, field entities shall seek the advice of National Commissions on national priorities, as well as their assistance in facilitating consultations with line ministries, in mobilizing national expertise, and in advocating to national authorities the Organization's norms, standards and priorities, and its leadership in relevant United Nations common country programmes. Subregional and regional entities shall also seek the advice of subregional and regional geopolitical groupings on their priority actions and programmes that could benefit from UNESCO's contribution and support.
7. The nature and range of UNESCO's presence at the field level shall be geared to the evolving programme priorities and resources of the Organization, the changing needs of Member States, and the requirements of the United Nations reform, allowing for full accountability.

For this purpose:

- (a) the field network shall be comprised of regional, subregional and country-level entities with a representational mandate organized in a hierarchical structure with clear reporting lines among them and to Headquarters. At the country level, the network shall preferably include, as appropriate, either UNESCO desks within United Nations country teams or extrabudgetary project antennas as out-posted administrative units of subregional offices without a representational mandate reporting to their respective directors. Autonomous field offices at the national level shall be established only in exceptional circumstances based on relevance and cost effectiveness;
  - (b) cost effectiveness of field entities, notably at the country level, shall be subject to regular internal assessments to gauge how well geared they are to programmatic needs, as well as their impact and relevance to Member States, and to ensure their financial sustainability;
  - (c) suitable expertise shall be posted at the field level, in those areas where UNESCO has clear added value, avoiding programmatic overlaps with other United Nations institutions;
  - (d) flexible mechanisms shall be set up to ensure rapid short-term deployment of appropriate human resources when and as needed to provide quick response and support at the country level;
  - (e) full participation in inter-agency mechanisms aimed at supporting country-level development initiatives shall be ensured;
  - (f) full advantage shall be taken of the efficiency gains which can be made through joint United Nations structures and programming, at the regional, subregional and country levels;
  - (g) harmonization of business practices at the field level shall be actively sought, both through global and local arrangements;
  - (h) authority and resources shall be delegated to the field within the framework of clear accountability frameworks and with appropriate control mechanisms and processes.
8. Adequate core resources for the financing of the field network shall be identified and clearly set out in the Programme and Budget, and each field office may mobilize extrabudgetary resources to achieve greater impact of action and relevance to Member States.
  9. The creation of a field office shall be subject to approval by the Executive Board after due consultation by the Secretariat with the Member State concerned and with the United Nations resident coordinator.

10. Field entities shall be subject to regular audits and evaluations by UNESCO's Internal Oversight Service (IOS) in line with the operational system for evaluating field offices (160 EX/22), and involving other services, as necessary, to reflect programmatic dimensions; such services shall seek the views of National Commissions, line ministries within the fields of competence of the Organization, national beneficiaries and partners as well as the United Nations resident coordinator and members of the United Nations country team. Results of evaluations shall be reported to the Executive Board within the "Biennial evaluation report on the activities and results of all UNESCO decentralized bodies" and at any other time the Internal Oversight Service believes it is necessary.
11. The statutory reports by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (EX/4 documents) and on the biennial activities of the Organization (C/3 documents) shall also include the results achieved by the field network.

(182 EX/SR.13)

## Education

### **7 Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) on the Institute's activities for 2008-2009 (182 EX/7; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/7,
2. Takes note of its content.

(182 EX/SR.11)

### **8 Biennial report by the Director-General on UNESCO's efforts for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), including the Bonn Declaration and draft strategy (182 EX/8; 182 EX/INF.10; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 6, 172 EX/Decision 10, 177 EX/Decision 9, 34 C/Resolution 19 and 181 EX/Decision 5 (I),
2. Welcoming the report and its evidence of progress in the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development in terms of the context and structures of work on education for sustainable development (ESD),
3. Recognizes the important stimulus and support provided by the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development – Moving into the Second Half of the Decade (Bonn, Germany, 2009), especially the orientations contained in the Bonn Declaration for guiding work on education for sustainable development in the second half of the Decade;
4. Further recognizes the valuable work undertaken on monitoring and evaluation, and encourages all Member States and other partners to contribute to the monitoring and evaluation process;
5. Welcomes the initial elaboration by UNESCO of a strategy for the second half of the Decade;
6. Recognizes the importance of utilizing the expertise that exists within UNESCO's programme sectors and its networks, including UNESCO Associated Schools Project

Network (ASPnet) schools, UNESCO Chairs in education for sustainable development, category 2 centres, the Teacher Training Initiative for Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA), the Literacy Initiative for Empowerment (LIFE), biosphere reserves and World Heritage sites, among other important actors and programmes, in order to support quality education in practice and to further promote education for sustainable development;

7. Invites all Member States of UNESCO to participate actively in promoting the goals of the Decade, especially by incorporating the vision and practice of education for sustainable development into their educational policies, plans and programmes, and in close linkage with education for all (EFA), the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and other development challenges;
8. Calls upon the Director-General to make further efforts to raise funds for activities of the Decade;
9. Also calls upon the Director-General, in close collaboration with all partners, especially other United Nations agencies, to develop the strategy further;
10. Decides to inscribe this item on the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference, so that the General Conference may discuss the revised strategy with a view to endorsing the Bonn Declaration and its call for action;
11. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 184th session the full-fledged and detailed strategy, along with the mid-term progress report on the implementation of the Decade, which is to be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly at its 65th session in autumn 2010.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**9 Report by the Director-General on external evaluation of the results achieved by the Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA) (182 EX/9; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 18,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/9,
3. Welcoming the external evaluation of the Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA),
4. Takes note of its findings and the observations of the Director-General thereon and asks the Director-General to submit to it at its 185th session a progress report on the state of implementation of the Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA);
5. Invites the Director-General to implement the recommendations within the scope of the limited financial resources available to him;
6. Further invites the Director-General to consider the advisability of consultation between the Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA) and the International Task Force on Teachers for EFA on the subject of the teacher gap following the Eighth Meeting of the High-Level Group on Education for All held in Oslo in December 2008;

7. Urges Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the implementation of the Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA).

(182 EX/SR.11)

**10 Report by the Director-General on achieving global education for all (EFA) by 2015, including the follow-up to and implementation of the recommendations of the meetings on education in Dakar, Geneva and Oslo, and the impact of the current financial and economic crisis on the developing countries in their efforts to achieve the EFA goals** (182 EX/10, 182 EX/INF.14; 182 EX/71)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 7, 181 EX/Decision 57 and 181 EX/Decision 58,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/10,
3. Reaffirming the importance of sustained and counter-cyclical investments in education in the context of preserving the gains made in education since 2000 and overcoming the current global financial crisis and economic downturn,
4. Welcoming the efforts of the Director-General in stepping up UNESCO's international policy coordination role in favour of education for all through, among other things, enhanced inter-agency collaboration among the five EFA convening agencies at both the global and the country levels, establishment of the International Task Force on Teachers for EFA and follow-up to the outcomes of the major education meetings convened by the Organization in Dakar (December 2007), Geneva (November 2008) and Oslo (December 2008),
5. Also welcoming the progress made by UNESCO in supporting countries to prepare national plans for the education sector, in particular by establishing mechanisms which align its work more closely with country needs and existing initiatives, and by undertaking evaluations to assess the impact of various policy and financing strategies,
6. Taking note of UNESCO's considerable efforts to reaffirm the centrality of education for development and to conduct continuous advocacy for the development of strategic, targeted measures which address the needs of the most vulnerable populations,
7. Invites the Director-General to continue his endeavours to promote international understanding and support for and political commitment to a holistic vision for EFA within a broader education and development context, and to support countries to translate this commitment into feasible, rights-based national policies and plans that encourage equity, inclusion and quality learning;
8. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on how UNESCO will respond to the challenges identified in the *EFA Global Monitoring Report 2010* and the outcome of the Ninth Meeting of the High-Level Group on Education for All to be held in Addis Ababa in 2010, including possible adjustments both with respect to UNESCO's global coordination role and UNESCO's role at the country level.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**11 Report by the Director-General on a revised plan of joint activities with the United Nations University (UNU) for 2010-2011** (182 EX/11; 182 EX/71)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/11,

2. Recognizing the importance of promoting cooperation between UNESCO and the United Nations University (UNU) as a means of accelerating progress towards the major goals formulated by the community of the United Nations,
3. Requests the Director-General to convey to the United Nations University his interest in involving UNESCO in discussions concerning the project entitled United Nations University/Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (UNU/ESDA), and further requests the Director-General to provide feedback to it at its 184th session;
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue his cooperation with the United Nations University in the areas listed in the revised plan of joint activities, where such cooperation can be accommodated within the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), laying emphasis on the areas identified as priorities;
5. Encourages the Director-General to support the efforts of the United Nations University to implement Master's and doctoral programmes in collaboration with partner universities, in the light of the support given by the Member States at its 181st session to the report of the Rector of the United Nations University;
6. Further invites the Member States to consider making extrabudgetary contributions in order to enable UNESCO and the United Nations University to carry out their plan of joint activities for the 2010-2011 biennium.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## Natural sciences

### 12 **Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the UNESCO Plan of Action for Science and Technology in Africa in support of the African Union Consolidated Plan of Action for Science and Technology** (182 EX/12 and Corr.; 182 EX/71)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 176 EX/Decision 56 and 177 EX/Decision 16,
2. Having examined documents 180 EX/8 and 182 EX/12 and Corr.,
3. Takes note of the progress made to implement the UNESCO Plan of Action for Science and Technology in Africa and other activities in support of the African Union Consolidated Plan of Action (AU/CPA) for Science and Technology, in particular, in the area of science policy;
4. Requests the Director-General to further support activities in the UNESCO Plan of Action for Science and Technology in Africa, with emphasis on science education, and to address the other components of the African Union Consolidated Plan of Action for Science and Technology, notably by ensuring that all sectors, divisions, institutes and UNESCO Chairs are fully committed to the process;
5. Recommends that special attention be given to the development of the capacities of the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities which are ultimately responsible for the implementation of the African Union Consolidated Plan of Action for Science and Technology at the regional and subregional levels, and that collaboration be strengthened with these bodies in order to implement activities and strengthen inter-African cooperation with a view to harmonizing their science, technology and innovation (STI) policies and systems;

6. Urges African Member States to reinforce their commitment to strengthening science and technology at the national level, specifically by increasing their national budgets for capacity-building and promotion of coherent research and innovation systems;
7. Encourages African Member States, the international community, and intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations to continue their collaboration with UNESCO in the implementation of the African Union Consolidated Plan of Action for Science and Technology, increasing their financial and technical contribution to develop science, technology and innovation in Africa;
8. Invites the Director-General to submit to it regular updated reports on the status of implementation and assessment of the impact of activities at the national level and the establishment of an African science, technology and innovation observatory.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**13 Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's participation in and contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity (2010) (182 EX/13; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/203 proclaiming 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity,
2. Taking into account the progress achieved in the areas of communication, education and public awareness with respect to the Convention on Biological Diversity;
3. Having examined document 182 EX/13 on UNESCO's participation in and contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity (2010),
4. Recognizing the mutually supportive, excellent and long-standing cooperation between UNESCO and the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which will coordinate activities relating to the International Year of Biodiversity,
5. Expresses its support for the International Year of Biodiversity;
6. Recommends that UNESCO play an active role in its implementation;
7. Approves UNESCO's plans for the International Year of Biodiversity as presented in document 182 EX/13 and its Annex;
8. Encourages Member States to interact with the UNESCO Secretariat in identifying International Year of Biodiversity activities from which Member States may benefit the most, and to support the implementation of UNESCO's International Year of Biodiversity activities through the provision of extrabudgetary funds;
9. Encourages the Director-General to ensure the active participation of UNESCO in the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the International Year of Biodiversity at its 65th session in 2010;
10. Requests the Director-General to produce a progress report on UNESCO's participation in and contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity for consideration at its 185th session.

(182 EX/SR.11)



**14 Financial sustainability of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP), and the level of political support from Member States (182 EX/14; 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 10,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/14,
3. Emphasizing the importance of the mandate Member States have given to the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP),
4. Reiterating that institutional and human capacity-building remains a major challenge being addressed by UNESCO to overcome the divide between the North and South in science, science education and technology,
5. Also emphasizing the importance of follow-up to recommendations of UNESCO's ministerial round tables on "The Basic Sciences: The Science Lever for Development" (2005) and "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development and the Role of UNESCO" (2007),
6. Appreciating the contribution of the International Basic Sciences Programme and the opportunities it offers,
7. Calling for greater international collaboration through partnerships in the basic sciences and their use in response to societal needs and environmental challenges,
8. Takes note of the Director-General's assessment of the financial sustainability of the International Basic Sciences Programme and the high level of political support it receives from Member States;
9. Reconfirms the recommendations made at its 181st session on the measures to be taken to promote the services and efficiency of the International Basic Sciences Programme;
10. Calls upon Member States to inform the Director-General of major activities they wish to propose for the International Basic Sciences Programme, including those to be carried out with the participation of governmental institutions providing extrabudgetary support to complement the financial contribution from the IBSP budget;
11. Invites the Director-General to:
  - (a) build science capacity in developing countries by emphasizing the role of the basic sciences as a key component of science policy frameworks;
  - (b) make the IBSP programme more visible to Member States, in particular in sub-Saharan Africa where participation remains relatively low;
  - (c) stimulate knowledge transfer to developing countries by using the International Basic Sciences Programme to expose their scientific communities to cutting-edge science, including developing appropriate curricula, encouraging partnering, identifying scientific talent, and ensuring their engagement in national development agendas;
  - (d) urge Member States to implement the IBSP programme by making good use of the advantages and benefits of North-South and South-South cooperation;

- (e) emphasize the science education component of the International Basic Sciences Programme as a fundamental part of UNESCO's coordinated action in science education for development;
- (f) encourage the International Basic Sciences Programme to become more directly involved in institutional capacity-building in developing countries, in advocacy for optimal research infrastructures, and in providing advice to governments on the basic sciences and their crucial role for growth and innovation;
- (g) streamline the activities of the International Basic Sciences Programme along the lines proposed in subparagraphs 11(a)-(d) above, taking into account the measures proposed in document 181 EX/10 for the development of IBSP activities in 2010-2013;
- (h) explore the feasibility of increasing the IBSP budget in the 2012-2013 biennium, and inform the Executive Board of the options that might be examined for the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013;
- (i) allocate adequate regular and extrabudgetary resources to respond to the needs of developing countries, in particular in sub-Saharan Africa, and to seek innovative solutions for financing;
- (j) consult Member States on the strategic direction of the International Basic Sciences Programme, and report to it thereon at its 190th session in the autumn of 2012 in the context of the preparation of the Organization's next Medium-Term Strategy.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## Culture

### 15 Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 181 EX/Decision 12 (182 EX/15 and Add.; 182 EX/71)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 47 and 181 EX/Decision 12, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage,
2. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
3. Having examined documents 182 EX/15 and Add.,
4. Expresses its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained efforts for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Conference and decisions of the Executive Board, and reiterates its concern as to the obstacles and practices, unilateral or otherwise, affecting the preservation of the distinctive character of the Old City of Jerusalem;

5. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts with the parties concerned for the safeguarding of the outstanding universal value of the Old City of Jerusalem;
6. Thanks international donors for their generous contributions to the implementation of conservation, restoration and training activities in the Old City of Jerusalem, and encourages the Member States to contribute, through extrabudgetary resources, to pursue these activities, notably within the framework of the UNESCO Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
7. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 184th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**16 Report by the Director-General on the celebration in 2010 of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures, including a draft of an action plan (182 EX/16; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the appeal launched on 11 August 2008 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his report on “Interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace” (A/63/262) to develop all initiatives taken at the international level to promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue in the context of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2010),
2. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/22, which invited UNESCO, in consultation with Member States, and using extrabudgetary resources, to play a leading role in the preparations for the celebration in 2010 of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures, and 181 EX/Decision 18 (para. 67) relating to the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), which underlined the importance of UNESCO playing a leading role in the activities of the Year and of strengthening its capacities to that end,
3. Also recalling 181 EX/Decision 52 on the drafting of an action plan to prepare for the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2010),
4. Having examined document 182 EX/16, which contains a preliminary UNESCO action plan for the celebration in 2010 of International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures,
5. Welcomes with appreciation the commitment of the Member States that have responded to the appeal by the Director-General so that that draft action plan could be drawn up;
6. Urges the international organizations working in areas of competence pertinent to the objectives of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures, all public and private institutions in Member States, civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, National Commissions for UNESCO and institutions which promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue, to contribute to activities aimed at the effective rapprochement of cultures,
7. Invites the Director-General to enhance the preliminary action plan, and to seek extrabudgetary resources to ensure the implementation of the action plan, and invites Member States and other funding bodies to make extrabudgetary contributions to that end,

8. Recommends that the General Conference approve, at its 35th session, the preliminary action plan, together with the comments and recommendations made at the 182nd session of the Executive Board;
9. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its 186th session on activities carried out in 2010 to celebrate the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures.

(182 EX/SR.11)

### **Communication and information**

#### **17 Reports on the implementation of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (2008-2009) (182 EX/17; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/17,
2. Takes note of its content.

(182 EX/SR.11)

### **Intersectoral programme activities**

#### **18 Report by the Director-General on the proposal for the establishment of a cyber network for learning languages (182 EX/18; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 61,
2. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the proposal for the establishment of a cyber network for learning languages (182 EX/18),
3. Considering that this proposal is in line with the purpose and content of the relevant paragraphs of the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education (19 C/Resolution 22) and the Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (32 C/Resolution 41),
4. Taking note of the conclusions and recommendations of the meetings of experts convened in March and May 2009 to study the feasibility of establishing a cyber network for learning languages,
5. Expressing appreciation to the People's Republic of China for having covered the local costs of the above meetings of experts, including board and lodging and the travel costs of the experts from the developing countries,
6. Confirms its strong commitment to the goal of promoting language learning in cyberspace, and research on and the teaching and learning of languages using information and communication technologies (ICTs) and the Internet;
7. Expresses appreciation to the experts who contributed to the preparation of the feasibility study with its findings and recommendations;

8. Recognizes the potential of the proposed initiative to contribute to the enhancement of learning languages by means of a collaborative online platform under UNESCO's auspices;
9. Invites the Director-General to take appropriate measures in order to facilitate, together with all concerned stakeholders, the mobilization of funds for the initial design and planning of such a platform, both from Member States and from private sector donors;
10. Encourages all Member States to contribute to this initiative.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## **Institutes and centres**

### **19 Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (182 EX/19; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article V.1(e) of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) (30 C/Resolution 44) and 177 EX/Decision 65,
2. Having examined the report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics on the activities of the Institute since October 2008 (182 EX/19),
3. Takes note of the achievements of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics in the past year;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics;
5. Further invites the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics to report to it at its 184th session.

(182 EX/SR.11)

### **20 Report by the Director-General on feasibility studies for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (182 EX/20 Parts II to XIII; 182 EX/72)**

#### **I**

#### **Proposal for the establishment in the Philippines of a South-East Asian centre for lifelong learning for sustainable development (SEA-CLLSD) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO (182 EX/20 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part II and its Annex, providing the basic outline of the proposal to establish a South-East Asian centre for lifelong learning for sustainable development (SEA-CLLSD) under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
2. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation and South-South cooperation in the fields of lifelong learning and education for sustainable development,
3. Welcoming the proposal of the Philippines,

4. Recalling the importance of the positive contribution to UNESCO's priorities of category 2 centres and their potential international or regional impact,
5. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment, in the Philippines, of the South-East Asian Centre for Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development (SEA-CLLSD) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part II.

## II

**Proposal for the establishment in Moscow, Russian Federation, of a regional museum centre for capacity-building in museum studies, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO**  
(182 EX/20 Part III)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 90 and 181 EX/Decision 16,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part III and its Annex,
3. Welcomes the proposal of the Russian Federation to establish a regional museum centre in Moscow as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in conformity with the requirements for the creation of centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the Executive Board in 181 EX/Decision 16 and by the General Conference in 34 C/Resolution 90;
4. Aware of the importance of regional cooperation for the protection and preservation of the cultural heritage;
5. Recommends that the General Conference approve, at its 35th session, the establishment of the Moscow Regional Museum Centre as a regional centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part III.

## III

**Proposal for the establishment in Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America, of an international centre for integrated water resources management (ICIWaRM) hosted by the Institute for Water Resources (IWR) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO**  
(182 EX/20 Part IV)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling IHP-IC Resolution XVIII-3 adopted at the 18th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in June 2008,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part IV and its Annexes I and II,

3. Welcomes the proposal of the United States of America to establish, in its territory, an international centre for integrated water resources management (ICIWaRM) under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
4. Takes note of the divergences between the standard “Model agreement between UNESCO and a Member State concerned regarding an institute or centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)” as stipulated in Attachment 2 of 181 EX/66 Add. Rev. approved by 181 EX/Decision 16 and the proposed draft agreement contained in Annex II of document 182 EX/20 Part IV;
5. Further takes note of paragraph A.1.7. of the integrated comprehensive strategy contained in document 181 EX/66 Add. Rev., which states that, when applying the model agreement, enough flexibility should be allowed in order to take into account the legal constraints of Member States;
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment, in the United States of America, of the International Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management (ICIWaRM) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in Annex II to document 182 EX/20 Part IV.

#### IV

**Proposal for the establishment in the Syrian Arab Republic of a  
regional centre for early childhood care and education in the Arab States  
as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO  
(182 EX/20 Part V)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the basic outline of the proposal to establish, in the Syrian Arab Republic, a regional centre for early childhood care and education in the Arab States under the auspices of UNESCO (182 EX/20 Part V and its Annex),
2. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation in the area of early childhood care and education,
3. Welcoming the proposal of the Syrian Arab Republic,
4. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study,
5. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be such as to meet the requirements needed for the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), as stipulated in 181 EX/Decision 16,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment, in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, of the Regional Centre for Early Childhood Care and Education in the Arab States as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part V.

## V

**Proposal for the establishment in South Africa of the  
African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)  
as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO  
(182 EX/20 Part VI)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the proposal submitted by South Africa for the establishment of the African World Heritage Fund as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
2. Also recalling the importance of international cooperation for strengthening the capacity of African States Parties to promote and implement the World Heritage Convention by enhancing capacities for the preparation of effective nominations and for the sustainable conservation and management of World Heritage properties,
3. Further recalling the debate held at its 181st session, which highlighted efforts by Member States to foster the establishment or development of regional training and research centres for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention,
4. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part VI and its Annex,
5. Welcoming the proposal of South Africa, which is in line with the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (181 EX/66 Add. Rev.) approved by the Executive Board at its 181st session (181 EX/Decision 16), pursuant to 34 C/Resolution 90, and appreciating the results of the consultations held thus far between the Secretariat and the South African authorities,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment of the African World Heritage Fund as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part VI.

## VI

**Proposal for the establishment in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, of a  
regional research centre for safeguarding  
intangible cultural heritage in West and Central Asia  
as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO  
(182 EX/20 Part VII)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90, 34 C/Resolution 90 and 181 EX/Decision 16,
2. Further recalling 181 EX/Decision 17, in which, *inter alia*, the Executive Board encouraged and welcomed new proposals for the establishment of centres for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) with a regional scope of activities,
3. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part VII and its Annex,
4. Welcomes the proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish in Tehran a regional research centre for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in West and Central Asia under the auspices of UNESCO, in conformity with the integrated comprehensive



strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO approved by the Executive Board at its 181st session (181 EX/Decision 16) under the authority delegated to it by the General Conference in 34 C/Resolution 90;

5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment, in the Islamic Republic of Iran, of the Regional Research Centre for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in West and Central Asia as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part VII.

## VII

**Proposal for the establishment in Sofia, Bulgaria, of a regional centre for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in South-Eastern Europe as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO**  
(182 EX/20 Part VIII)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO approved by the Executive Board at its 181st session (181 EX/Decision 16) under the authority delegated to it by the General Conference in 34 C/Resolution 90,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part VIII and its Annex,
3. Recognizing the significant commitment of the Bulgarian authorities and their progress in the preparation of this first category 2 centre for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in Europe,
4. Welcomes the proposal of Bulgaria to establish in its territory a regional centre for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in South-Eastern Europe under the auspices of UNESCO, in conformity with the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (181 EX/Decision 16);
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment in Bulgaria of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part VIII.

## VIII

**Proposal for the establishment in Zacatecas, Mexico, of a regional world heritage institute as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO**  
(182 EX/20 Part IX and Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the proposal submitted by Mexico for the establishment in Zacatecas, Mexico, of a regional world heritage institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),

2. Also recalling the importance of international cooperation for strengthening the capacity of States Parties to promote and implement the World Heritage Convention by enhancing capacities for the preparation of effective nominations and for the sustainable conservation and management of World Heritage properties,
3. Further recalling the debate held at its 181st session, which highlighted efforts by Member States to foster the establishment or development of regional training and research centres for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention,
4. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part IX and its Annex, and document 182 EX/20 Part IX Add.,
5. Welcoming the proposal of Mexico, which is in line with the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (181 EX/66 Add. Rev.) approved by the Executive Board at its 181st session (181 EX/Decision 16), pursuant to 34 C/Resolution 90, and appreciating the results of the consultations held thus far between the Secretariat and the Mexican authorities,
6. Recommends that the General Conference approve, at its 35th session, the establishment in Zacatecas, Mexico, of the Regional World Heritage Institute as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part IX.

## IX

### **Proposal for the establishment in Reykjavik, Iceland, of an international language centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO (182 EX/20 Part X and Add.)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 182 EX/20 Part X and Add.,
2. Welcoming the proposal of Iceland to establish in its territory an international language centre under the auspices of UNESCO as a concrete follow-up to the International Year of Languages (2008),
3. Considering that category 2 centres established under the auspices of UNESCO in the fields of multilingualism and linguistic diversity may support and complement UNESCO's own action in these fields, which should be strengthened as a result of the mobilization of the International Year of Languages,
4. Requests that the Director-General finalize the feasibility study on the establishment of the proposed centre in line with the applicable criteria for category 2 centres, and submit the results of this feasibility study to the Executive Board at its 184th session.

**X**

**Proposal for the establishment in Indonesia of an  
Asia-Pacific centre for ecohydrology (APCE)  
as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO  
(182 EX/20 Part XI)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 90 and 181 EX/Decision 16 and document 181 EX/66 Add. Rev.,
2. Further recalling IHP/IC Resolution XVI-3 adopted at the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in September 2004,
3. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part XI and its Annexes I and II,
4. Aware of the importance of regional cooperation for the promotion of ecohydrology,
5. Welcomes the proposal of Indonesia to establish, in Cibinong, Indonesia, an Asia-Pacific centre for ecohydrology (APCE) under the auspices of UNESCO;
6. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study;
7. Considers the proposals contained therein to meet the requirements needed for the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
8. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment, in Cibinong, Indonesia, of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology (APCE) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in Annex II to document 182 EX/20 Part XI.

**XI**

**Proposal for the establishment in Isfahan, Islamic Republic of Iran, of a  
regional centre for the development of science parks and technology incubators  
as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO  
(182 EX/20 Part XII)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO approved by the Executive Board in 181 EX/Decision 16,
2. Further recalling the proposal submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish a regional centre for the development of science parks and technology incubators under the auspices of UNESCO,
3. Welcoming the proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish in its territory a regional centre for the development of science parks and technology incubators as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
4. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study;

5. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be such as to meet the requirements needed for UNESCO to grant its auspices to the regional centre,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment, in Isfahan, Islamic Republic of Iran, of the Regional Centre for the Development of Science Parks and Technology Incubators as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part XII.

## XII

**Proposal for the establishment at Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, of a regional centre for the living arts in Africa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO**  
(182 EX/20 Part XIII)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/20 Part XIII, providing the basic outline of the proposal to establish, at Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, a regional centre for the living arts in Africa under the auspices of UNESCO,
2. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation for the promotion and development of the performing, cinematographic and audiovisual arts, as well as for the implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions,
3. Taking note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study,
4. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be such as to meet the requirements needed for the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
5. Welcoming the proposal of Burkina Faso,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment, in Burkina Faso, of the regional centre for the living arts in Africa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 182 EX/20 Part XIII.

(182 EX/SR.11)

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 (35 C/5)**

**21 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board (35 C/5 Rev.; 182 EX/INF.18 (Rev. in French only); 182 EX/INF.19; 182 EX/INF.20; 182 EX/INF.22; 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5 Rev.),
2. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 21 and 181 EX/Decision 18,

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for presenting a revised estimate of recosting requirements and adjustments which takes into account the downward forecast of inflation rates;
4. Notes the proposed reductions under Parts I and III, as requested by the Executive Board at its 181st session;
5. Also notes that other potential funding requirements have been identified in a number of areas (Headquarters security, International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), decentralization strategy);
6. Thanks the Director-General for presenting a follow-up report on the needs and challenges of introducing results-based budgeting (RBB) at UNESCO, and requests the Director-General to introduce appropriate measures for increasing budget transparency and programme accountability through results at UNESCO;
7. Recommends that the General Conference:
  - (a) request the Director-General to:
    - (i) vigorously continue his efforts to streamline business practices in the Organization, both at Headquarters and in the field, with a view to freeing up the budgetary resources that could be used to reinforce priority programmes;
    - (ii) pursue further the efforts undertaken to reinforce priority programmes, *inter alia*, by transferring more funds from Parts I and III, as well as funds from Part II.B, and by further rationalizing expenditures relating to the implementation of programme activities (travel expenses, publications, meetings, contractual services, etc.);
  - (b) approve a budget ceiling of \$653 million for the 2010-2011 biennium;<sup>1</sup>
  - (c) find ways of reducing the running costs of the General Conference and of the Executive Board in order to free resources for programme implementation without any derogation from Rules 61 and 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board;
  - (d) invite the Director-General to present to the Executive Board at its 184th session a report on what productivity gains can be expected, and how they could be reinvested in the delivery of priority programmes.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

### **22 Nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General of UNESCO** (182 EX/PRIV.2; 182 EX/PRIV/NOM 1-9 (182 EX/PRIV/NOM 4 Corr. in English only); 182 EX/INF.9; 182 EX/PRIV.5)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

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<sup>1</sup> The delegations of Mexico, El Salvador and Colombia expressed their reservation on paragraph 7(b), but joined the consensus thereon.

(182 EX/SR.12)

**23 Accountability framework concerning management performance and transparency in the Secretariat**

The Executive Board took note of the contents of document 182 EX/PRIV.3 Rev. in a private meeting.

(182 EX/SR.8)

**24 Report by the Director-General on evaluations completed in 2009, and preliminary scenarios for an external evaluation of UNESCO (182 EX/24; 182 EX/72)****I**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 19,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/24, which summarizes the evaluation reports that have been presented,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as of the report of the Director-General on the actions taken or to be taken to implement these recommendations,
4. Invites the Director-General to implement in a timely manner recommendations which improve the programmes and services to which they relate, and to continue to improve the quality of evaluations by implementing the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to it on evaluations conducted on the Organization's programme activities, on the progress made in strengthening programme management, in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations for each programme evaluated, and in strengthening the quality of the evaluations undertaken and their impact on the management culture of the Organization.

**II**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 181 EX/Decision 19,
2. Having examined Part II of document 182 EX/24,
3. Considering that since the time UNESCO was established, the world has changed fundamentally, leading to new challenges in the fields of education, science, culture and communication,
4. Also considering that many individual parts of UNESCO have been evaluated, but that the functioning of UNESCO as a whole has not thus far been the subject of a comprehensive evaluation,
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session:
  - (a) decide on an external and independent evaluation of UNESCO of a comprehensive, strategic and forward-looking character;

- (b) decide that such evaluation should focus, *inter alia*, on:
  - (i) the international challenges concerning the mandate of UNESCO;
  - (ii) the impact of UNESCO in addressing these challenges;
  - (iii) the role of UNESCO within the United Nations system and in relation to other international organizations;
  - (iv) the division of competences between the governing bodies and the Secretariat;
  - (v) the contribution of civil society and the business community;
  - (vi) the coherence between the sectors of the Secretariat;
- (c) request the Director-General to entrust the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) with initiating this evaluation, and to keep Member States informed, as appropriate;
- (d) allocate appropriate resources for this evaluation from the regular budget, and from voluntary contributions from Member States.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**25 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the overall strategy and the overall situation with regard to UNESCO prizes (182 EX/25; 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 24 and 177 EX/Decision 28 and documents 171 EX/19, 171 EX/INF.11 and 177 EX/28,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/25 and its Annexes I and II,
3. Welcomes the work and progress achieved in implementing the strategy for UNESCO prizes;
4. Requests the Director-General to continue his efforts, with the participation of Member States;
5. Decides to officially discontinue the following UNESCO prizes: the International Reading Association Literacy Award, the UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts, the UNESCO Crafts Prize, the Arirang Prize, and the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Prize;
6. Also decides that the amount awarded to each recipient of a UNESCO prize should be at least \$20,000;
7. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it a feasibility study before it considers any proposal for the creation of a UNESCO prize;
8. Invites the Member States to submit nominations for UNESCO prizes through the official channels;
9. Underlines the importance of strengthening the impact and visibility of UNESCO prizes so as to improve the image and prestige of UNESCO as the specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for stimulating intellectual cooperation and exchange;

10. Further requests the Director-General to continue to report to it on this matter every two years;
11. Requests the Director-General to take the necessary administrative steps to give effect to this decision.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**26 Reports by the Executive Board on its activities and on programme implementation**  
(182 EX/26 Part I Rev. and Part II; 182 EX/67; 182 EX/72)

## I

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/26 Part I Rev.,
2. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 5.5, 30 C/Resolution 78, 30 C/Resolution 81, 33 C/Resolution 92, 176 EX/Decision 29 and 181 EX/Decision 23,
3. Recognizing that reporting by the Executive Board on its own activities is a process which is subject to continuous improvement,
4. Congratulates the Chair of the Executive Board for developing a concise report highlighting the main issues characterizing the work of the Board in the 2008-2009 biennium;
5. Requests the Chair of the Executive Board to present the updated version of the report to the General Conference at its 35th session, taking into account the discussions thereon at its 182nd session.

(182 EX/SR.10)

## II

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/26 Part II,
2. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 78, 33 C/Resolution 92, 176 EX/Decision 29, 177 EX/Decision 46 (II), document 34 C/9 Part II, 34 C/Resolution 89, 179 EX/Decision 21, 180 EX/Decision 25 and 181 EX/Decision 23,
3. Underlining the importance of the report by the Executive Board on the implementation of document 34 C/5 with results achieved in the previous biennium (35 C/3) for the consideration by the General Conference, at its 35th session, of document 35 C/5, and for the completion of the results-based management (RBM) cycle at all levels of the Organization,
4. Emphasizing that the above report by the Executive Board relies to a large extent on the ability of the Executive Board to make explicit decisions on the EX/4 reports on programme execution,
5. Reiterating the need to improve the EX/4 reports, especially the overall assessment of key results, by providing a more concise analysis, focusing on the achievement of expected results, as requested in 34 C/Resolution 89, 179 EX/Decision 21, 180 EX/Decision 4 and 181 EX/Decision 23,



6. Recalling that the Director-General was requested in 181 EX/Decision 23 to further elaborate a draft report for submission to it at its 182nd session,
7. Recognizing that the draft report (182 EX/26 Part II) now forms an acceptable model for the Executive Board's report on programme performance to the General Conference,
8. Expressing its appreciation to the Director General for his contribution to the finalization of the report.
9. Decides to transmit to the General Conference, at its 35th session, an updated version of the report incorporating appropriate suggestions made in the Executive Board's debates at its 182nd session;
10. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, ensure that the process adopted for the elaboration of document 182 EX/26 Part II be followed, as appropriate, for future reports by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the performance of the programme.
11. Invites the General Conference, at its 35th session, to endorse the report and its recommendations.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## **27 Evaluation of the holding of thematic debates (182 EX/27; 182 EX/67)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/27, and in particular, the results contained therein of the written consultation with Board Members regarding the holding of thematic debates,
2. Recalling recommendation 16 contained in 33 C/Resolution 92, 175 EX/Decision 23, paragraph 10, 180 EX/Decision 22 (II), paragraph 6, and 181 EX/Decision 21, paragraph 5(iv),
3. Noting that in accordance with 175 EX/Decision 23, paragraph 10, thematic debates have been held once a year since 2006,
4. Recognizing the usefulness of thematic debates, while noting that the modality of holding such debates needs to be further improved,
5. Invites the Chair of the Executive Board to continue to arrange thematic debates.
6. Also invites the Chair of the Executive Board to further improve the modality of holding such debates, and in particular;
  - (a) to ensure that the timing and frequency of the debates is decided in a flexible manner, according to the needs of the Executive Board;
  - (b) to choose more focused themes with clear objectives linked to UNESCO's programme priorities and to major forthcoming items on the Executive Board's agenda;
  - (c) to limit the number of keynote speakers and ensure equitable geographical representation in their selection;
  - (d) to ensure that the debates are interactive and conducted efficiently;

- (e) to ensure that the conclusions are used in the form of an information document to guide the Executive Board in policy formulation and programme development;
7. Requests the Chair of the Executive Board to ensure that Board Members are duly consulted in advance when preparing the thematic debates.

(182 EX/SR.10)

**28 Follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92 and 34 C/Resolution 88 concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO (182 EX/28; 182 EX/67)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/28,
2. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 92, 34 C/Resolution 88 and 181 EX/Decision 21,
3. Recommends that the General Conference endorse the Executive Board's evaluation that all the recommendations of 33 C/Resolution 92 have been satisfactorily implemented, on the understanding that certain aspects of the recommendations should be kept under regular review;
4. Further recommends that the General Conference adopt the following resolution:

"The General Conference,

*Having examined* document 35 C/21 and the Executive Board's recommendations thereon,

*Noting* the further considerable progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of 33 C/Resolution 92,

*Appreciating* the efforts of the President of its 34th session, the Executive Board and the Director-General,

*Mindful* of the fact that certain aspects raised in the recommendations of 33 C/Resolution 92 will continue to require ongoing and regular scrutiny,

*Considers* that 33 C/Resolution 92 has been appropriately implemented, on the understanding that certain identified issues should be kept under regular review."

(182 EX/SR.10)

**MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

**29 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (182 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.2; 182 EX/3 PRIV. Draft and Add. and Corr.)**

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(182 EX/SR.7)

**30 Review by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations of the working methods regarding the “104 procedure” established in 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (182 EX/30; 182 EX/INF.15; 182 EX/68 (and Corr. in English only))**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the procedure outlined in 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (the “104 procedure”) and 181 EX/Decision 26,
2. Reaffirming that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) has a dual mandate, and that both aspects are equally important,
3. Recalling the principle of confidentiality that characterizes the “104 procedure”, which constitutes one of its specific features,
4. Recalling the non-judicial nature of the “104 procedure” and the spirit of good cooperation, mutual respect and courtesy that must prevail during debates of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations,
5. Recalling that communications must not be based solely on information disseminated by the media,
6. Recalling that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations may decide, if need be, to suspend the examination of a communication for one or more sessions,
7. Requests the Secretariat to give the members of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, in addition to the list of communications on its roll, a reasoned summary of the communications excluded by the Secretariat on the basis of paragraph 6 of the procedural practice in Annex II to document 179 EX/CR/2;
8. Requests the Secretariat to update, in the light of recent developments in the United Nations in the field of human rights, the study conducted by the Secretariat in 2003 containing a comparison of the procedures of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations with those of the United Nations human rights bodies (document 166 EX/23);
9. Requests the Secretariat to continue to update, every two years, the document that collates all texts relating to the two aspects of terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
10. Encourages the continuation of efforts to make the “104 procedure” better known, *inter alia*, through the National Commissions, and invites members of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations to submit their proposals in writing to the Director-General by 15 January 2010, in order to enhance the visibility of the procedure in every region;
11. Decides to establish, within the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and without any financial implications, an open-ended ad hoc working group to examine ways and means of improving the working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, whose operational procedures shall be determined at the forthcoming session of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations.

(182 EX/SR.8)

**31 Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments**  
(182 EX/31; 182 EX/INF.11; 182 EX/68)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II), 34 C/Resolution 87, 180 EX/Decision 31 and 181 EX/Decision 27 relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/31 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (182 EX/68),
3. Invites Member States once again to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO regarding periodic reports on the action taken on conventions and recommendations;
4. Takes note of the concrete measures adopted by the Secretariat to implement the specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided, as approved in 177 EX/Decision 35;
5. Also takes note of the timetable contained in Annex II to document 182 EX/31, on the understanding that this timetable may be subject to further adjustments in the light of the implementation of the new procedures;
6. Invites the Director-General to provide an overall report on the conventions and recommendations that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations is required to monitor, in particular on the status of ratification of the conventions, and the initial obstacles encountered by Member States in the ratification of these conventions;
7. Also invites the Director-General to continue to submit to it, at each session, in accordance with the agreed timetable, a detailed account of the problems encountered in implementing and monitoring the conventions and recommendations appearing on the agenda of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations for examination;
8. Further invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of this new legal framework by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations.

(182 EX/SR.8)

**32 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: nominations and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon** (182 EX/32 and Add.; 182 EX/68)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which

may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,

2. Also recalling the provisions of Article 7 of the Protocol, whereby, subject to the provisions of Article 6, a member of the Commission shall remain in office until his successor takes up his duties,
3. Having taken note of the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the Protocol for the purpose of the election of seven members of the Commission, communicated to it by the Director-General pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of the Protocol (182 EX/32 and Add.),
4. Transmits this list to the General Conference at its 35th session;
5. Requests the Director-General to add to this list any candidatures which he may receive before the opening of the 35th session of the General Conference.

(182 EX/SR.8)

**33 Revision of the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC)**  
(182 EX/33; 182 EX/72)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/33,
2. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) providing for the establishment of a subsidiary account to manage the UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists Programme and a reserve fund, as contained in Annex II to document 182 EX/33;
3. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, delegate to the Executive Board the authority of considering and possibly adopting the amendments to the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture, taking into consideration recommendations from the Administrative Council of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture;
4. Requests the Director-General to submit to it, for examination at its 184th session, a detailed report, including a financial statement, on the management and administration of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**34 Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the UNESCO Constitution: proposed amendment to Article 10 of the said Rules of Procedure**  
(182 EX/34; 182 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/34,
2. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 92, in particular recommendation 25, and 34 C/Resolution 88 concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO,
3. Recommends that the General Conference amend Article 10, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and

international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution of UNESCO, as follows [additions in **bold**; deletions in ~~strike through~~]:

- “4. **Unless the General Conference has decided otherwise**, the Director-General’s final report shall be submitted ~~either direct to the General Conference itself or, if the Conference has so decided,~~ to a special committee to be convened at least four months before the opening of the General Conference, and consisting of technical and legal experts appointed by Member States. **All Member States shall be invited as full participants in the special committee.**
5. ~~In the latter case,~~ The special committee shall submit a draft which has its approval to Member States, with a view to its discussion at the General Conference, at least seventy days before the opening of the session of the General Conference.”

(182 EX/SR.10)

**35 Results of the fourth consultation on the Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (182 EX/35; 182 EX/68)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/35,
2. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 87, 177 EX/Decision 35, 180 EX/Decision 31 and 181 EX/Decision 27,
3. Takes note of the results of the fourth consultation on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, in conjunction with the World Programme for Human Rights Education (WPHRE);
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure that document 182 EX/35 as amended in paragraph 27 of the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (182 EX/68), as UNESCO’s contribution to the consultation on the first phase of the Plan of Action of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, which ends in December 2009, is submitted to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for follow-up;
5. Invites the Director-General to contribute the results of the fourth consultation to the ongoing consultation and drafting process for a United Nations declaration for human rights education and training, the principle of which was adopted by the Human Rights Council in its Resolution 6/10;
6. Requests that document 182 EX/35, together with the text of this decision and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon, be transmitted to the General Conference at its 35th session;
7. Decides to continue, at its 184th session, consideration of the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

(182 EX/SR.8)

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

### 36 Preparation for the 35th session of the General Conference (182 EX/36 Parts I-IV; 182 EX/INF.12; 182 EX/INF.13)

#### I

#### Revised provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference (182 EX/36 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/36 Part I,
2. Having regard to Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
3. Noting that nine proposals for supplementary items were submitted within the time limit entailed by Rule 12, and that these items are included in the supplementary list circulated to the Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (circular letter of 16 September 2009),
4. Decides to include the following nine supplementary items in the revised provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference:

Item	Title	Reference
<b>GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS</b>		
5.10	Celebration of the bicentenary of the independence processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean	Item proposed by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
5.11	Commemoration of the Galleon Trade between the Philippines and Mexico through the proclamation of a "Día del Galeón" (Day of the Galleon)	Item proposed by the Philippines
5.12	UNESCO and the Global Action on Climate Change	Item proposed by Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden
5.13	Special UNESCO cooperation with Bolivia in the area of interculturalism and plurilingualism	Item proposed by the Plurinational State of Bolivia
5.14	World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education	Item proposed by the Russian Federation
5.15	UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves' contribution to sustainable development	Item proposed by Germany
5.16	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Multicultural Library Manifesto	Item proposed by the Director-General
<b>RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES</b>		
9.2	Request for the admission of the Faeroe Islands as an Associate Member of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General

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|     | Associate Member of UNESCO  | Director-General                      |
| 9.3 | Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities | Item proposed by the Director-General |
5. Further decides to include the following items in the revised provisional agenda, as well as any items stemming from the decisions taken at its 182nd session:

Item	Title	Reference
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**GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS**

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| 5.17 | Debt swap for education   | 182 EX/Dec.36 (I) |
| 5.18 | Rabindranath Tagore, Pablo Neruda and Aimé Césaire for a reconciled universal | 182 EX/Dec.36 (I) |
6. Establishes the revised provisional agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (35 C/1 Prov.) and the list of supplementary items, with the addition of any items stemming from the decisions taken at its 182nd session.

(182 EX/SR.10)

**II**

**Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the  
35th session of the General Conference  
(182 EX/36 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/36 Part II,
2. Approves the proposals contained in paragraph 2 of that document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that the items listed below be examined by the following organs:

**Plenary**

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| 9.2 | Request for the admission of the Faeroe Islands as an Associate Member of UNESCO |
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**PRX Commission**

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| 5.10 | Celebration of the bicentenary of the independence processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean                          |
| 5.11 | Commemoration of the Galleon Trade between the Philippines and Mexico through the proclamation of a "Día del Galeón" (Day of the Galleon) |
| 9.3  | Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities   |

**ED Commission**

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| 5.14 | World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education |
| 5.17 | Debt swap for education                                |



**SC Commission**

- 5.15 UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves' contribution to sustainable development

**SC and SHS Commissions (joint meeting)**

- 5.12 UNESCO and the Global Action on Climate Change

**CLT Commission**

- 5.13 Special UNESCO cooperation with Bolivia in the area of interculturalism and plurilingualism
- 5.16 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Multicultural Library Manifesto
- 5.18 Rabindranath Tagore, Pablo Neruda and Aimé Césaire for a reconciled universal

4. Further recommends that the General Conference adopt the following items without debate:

- 11.3 Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 2008 for the financial period ending 31 December 2009
- 11.4 Scale of assessments and currency of Member States' contributions
- 11.6 Working Capital Fund: level and administration
- 12.4 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for 2010-2011

(182 EX/SR.10)

**III**

**Venue of the 36th session of the General Conference**

(182 EX/36 Part III)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Considering that, by the date entailed by Rule 3, no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its 36th session in its territory,
3. Recommends that the General Conference hold its 36th session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

(182 EX/SR.10)

#### IV

**Admission to the 35th session of the General Conference of observers  
from international non-governmental organizations  
(other than those maintaining formal relations),  
from foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations,  
as well as from other international organizations  
(182 EX/36 Part IV)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the requests from international non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining formal relations, from foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO, and from other international organizations wishing to be represented by observers at the 35th session of the General Conference (182 EX/36 Part IV),
2. Referring to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, and to the procedure that it adopted at its 125th session, and modified at its 161st session, for the examination of such requests,
3. Decides to admit as observers at the 35th session of the General Conference the international non-governmental organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO as listed in Annex I to document 182 EX/36 Part IV;
4. Recommends that the General Conference admit as observers at its 35th session the foundations and similar institutions and other international organizations that have submitted a request to that effect and are listed in Annex II to document 182 EX/36 Part IV.

(182 EX/SR.10)

#### V

**Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents  
of the 35th session of the General Conference  
(182 EX/INF.12)**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, recommends the following nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 35th session of the General Conference:

President of the General Conference: Mr Davidson Hepburn (Bahamas)

Vice-Presidents (36): The heads of delegation of the following Member States:

Australia	Hungary	Qatar
Barbados	India	Republic of Korea
Bulgaria	Indonesia	Romania
Burundi	Italy	Russian Federation
Canada	Japan	Saint Lucia
Costa Rica	Kenya	Saudi Arabia
Dominican Republic	Kuwait	Slovakia
Ecuador	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Switzerland
France	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Greece	Montenegro	United States of America
Grenada	Nigeria	Yemen
Guinea	Pakistan	Zimbabwe

(182 EX/SR.7; 182 EX/SR.10)

## VI

### **Submission of nominations for the offices of Chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 35th session of the General Conference (181 EX/INF.13)**

The Executive Board decided to recommend to the General Conference the following nomination for the office of Chairperson of the CI Commission:

CI Commission: Mr Iván José Ávila Belloso (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

(182 EX/SR.10)

### **37 Recommendation of the Executive Board concerning communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c) of the Constitution and voting rights (182 EX/37 and Add.; 182 EX/70)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 182 EX/37 and Add.,
2. Recalling the constitutional obligation of Member States to pay their contributions fully and on time,
3. Taking into account the history of payment of contributions in preceding years and previous requests for voting rights in the case of Member States in arrears, as well as the measures proposed by them to eliminate their arrears,
4. Requests the Director-General to transmit the communications received from Member States invoking the terms of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution to the General Conference for decision;
5. Requests the General Conference not to seek recommendations on such communications from the Executive Board any longer, in view of the lack of relevant information and of Rule 83, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

(182 EX/SR.13)

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

### 38 **Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 2008 for the financial period ending 31 December 2009** (182 EX/38; 182 EX/70)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Articles 12.10 and 11.2 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/38,
3. Notes the use of the unspent balance of unliquidated obligations to liquidate other outstanding legal obligations of the Organization, as explained in section 5(ii)(c) of the "Notes to the financial statements" contained in the Annex to document 35 C/29 (annexed to document 182 EX/38);
4. Decides to transmit to the General Conference the financial report of the Director-General together with the interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 2008 for the financial period ending 31 December 2009.

(182 EX/SR.13)

### 39 **Report by the Director-General on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken** (182 EX/39; 182 EX/70)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 33 and 181 EX/Decision 34,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/39,
3. Takes note of the implementation status of the External Auditor's recommendations, and requests the Director-General to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations requiring the adoption of additional measures;
4. Requests the Director-General to indicate in all reports the time frame for the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor.

(182 EX/SR.13)

### 40 **Report by the Director-General on the actual position concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions** (182 EX/40 and Corr. and Add.-Add.2; 182 EX/70)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 182 EX/40 and Corr. and Add.-Add.2,
2. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the financial period 2008-2009 and to those that have sped up the payment of their contributions in response to appeals;
3. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
4. Strongly supports the approaches the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;

5. Urges Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of assessed contributions, to inform him, as promptly as possible, of the date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;
6. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay;
7. Noting, in particular, the failure, as at 19 September 2009, of 10 Member States to pay the amounts owed by them against the payment plans approved by the General Conference for the settlement of their accumulated arrears in annual instalments,
8. Recalling the request of the General Conference to the Director-General to report to it thereon at its 36th session,
9. Urgently appeals to those Member States in arrears on payment plans to settle their outstanding instalments, as well as their regular assessed contributions at the earliest possible time, bearing in mind the risk of loss of voting rights that may otherwise ensue at the 35th session of the General Conference;
10. Having taken note of the special situation of Yugoslavia, recommends that the General Conference:
  - (a) resolve that the treatment at UNESCO of the arrears of Yugoslavia should follow the same principles as those adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on this matter at its 63rd session;
  - (b) request the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 187th session, as well as to the General Conference at its 36th session, on the implementation of the above principles at the closing of the 2010 accounts under International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
11. Having taken note of the report on the incentive scheme to encourage the prompt payment of contributions, recommends that the General Conference let it expire on 31 December 2009.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**41 Report by the Director-General on the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat (182 EX/41 and Add.; 182 EX/70)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 82 and 177 EX/Decision 50,
2. Having examined documents 182 EX/41 and Add.,
3. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General regarding the situation of the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff as at 1 May 2009;
4. Also takes note of the slight progress made in the geographical representation and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat since June 2000;
5. Notes with concern the slow implementation of 34 C/Resolution 82 on the gender balance among posts at the D-1 level and above;

6. Further takes note of the implementation of specific measures aimed at improving geographical distribution, in particular for non- and under-represented Member States, and requests the Director-General to strengthen efforts in this regard;
7. Also notes the implementation of specific measures aimed at improving gender balance at senior management levels in the Secretariat;
8. Requests the Director-General to increase the efforts to appoint a higher proportion of qualified women to posts at the D-1 level and above in order to reach the target set in 34 C/Resolution 82;
9. Invites the Director-General to provide to it at its 185th session an information note on the situation of the geographical distribution of staff of the Secretariat, and a progress report on the achievement of gender balance at the senior level, and to submit to it at its 187th session a full report thereon.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**42 Report by the Director-General on the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities including cost-recovery policy and the results of the cost-measurement study (182 EX/42; 182 EX/INF.70)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 8.7, 33 C/Resolution 92, 175 EX/Decision 36, 176 EX/Decision 43, 177 EX/Decision 51, 34 C/Resolution 72, 180 EX/Decision 37, 181 EX/Decision 38, and document 180 EX/INF.5,

2. Having examined document 182 EX/42,

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3. Welcomes the steps taken by the Director-General in the context of the preparation of the 35 C/5 complementary additional programme of extrabudgetary activities to further strengthen the coherence between extrabudgetary and regular programme activities, and to strengthen mechanisms to ensure that the needs of beneficiary countries are more fully addressed both in the programming and in the evaluation phases;
4. Invites the Director-General to consolidate the progress to date in the programming, monitoring and implementation of UNESCO's extrabudgetary activities, and further develop its resource mobilization strategy;
5. Encourages the Director-General to continue UNESCO's active participation in the examination of these issues in all relevant United Nations fora;
6. Also invites the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities, and to share the updated extrabudgetary resource mobilization strategic plan in the form of an information document;

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7. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, which requests (para. 116) "the executive boards ... to ensure that core resources do not subsidize the projects undertaken through non-core/supplementary/extrabudgetary funding",

8. Takes note of the lead role taken by UNESCO, in the framework of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM) Finance and Budget Network, to further harmonize cost-recovery policies among United Nations organizations;
9. Welcomes the Director-General's decision to introduce and implement a cost-recovery policy that recognizes the principle of true cost recovery in accordance with the triennial comprehensive policy review;
10. Also takes note of the findings of the 2008-2009 cost-measurement study;
11. Further takes note of the Director-General's ongoing efforts:
  - (a) to foster a better understanding of the proposed cost-recovery policy by providing in-depth training;
  - (b) to pursue the necessary administrative procedures to implement the cost-recovery policy;
  - (c) to lower the administrative costs and increase the efficiency of implementing the cost-recovery policy, *inter alia*, by proposing automated processes.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**43 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (182 EX/43; 182 EX/INF.8; 182 EX/70)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/43,
2. Takes note of its content.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**44 Report by the Director-General on a medium-term security plan for UNESCO Headquarters (182 EX/44; 182 EX/70)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 6.3, 169 EX/Decision 6.5, 170 EX/Decision 7.8, 179 EX/Decision 34 and 181 EX/Decision 18,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/44,
3. Also recalling the conclusions of the High-Level Committee on Management of the United Nations Chief Executives Board (CEB/HLCM) at its meeting on 9 April 2009 to the effect that safety and security of staff should be mainstreamed at all levels of United Nations system activities, with the strategic aim of promoting security management as an integral and enabling part of policy, planning, operational and administrative consideration for United Nations system programmes and activities and awaiting the upcoming decision of the United Nations General Assembly in this regard,
4. Recalls that security is a core function of the Organization, and that UNESCO must comply with the norms in force in this domain;

5. Notes that the Director-General included in document 35 C/5 Rev. a provision of \$1.05 million for implementation of the first phase of the medium-term security plan for UNESCO Headquarters;
6. Notes also that these efforts form part, according to the Director-General, of a longer-term plan to reinforce security;
7. Thanks the French authorities for having contributed to securing the Organization's perimeter, and for having conducted a full quality audit of Headquarters security;
8. Takes note of the contribution of INTERPOL to the establishment of cost estimates and the setting of priorities;
9. Also takes note of the preliminary medium-term security plan presented in document 182 EX/44;
10. Further takes note of the already budgeted initial measures for the 2010-2011 biennium (\$1.05 million) and of the other measures proposed in the preliminary medium-term security plan;
11. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 184th session a revised medium-term security plan including proposals for financing the continuation of the preliminary medium-term security plan;
12. Recommends that the General Conference authorize the Director-General to transfer \$1.71 million to the Special Account for Strengthening the Security of UNESCO Premises Worldwide from funds that may become available at the closure of the accounts for the 34 C/5 financial period for the construction of a forward security post at the main Fontenoy entrance.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**45 Report by the Director-General on the progress in the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) (182 EX/45; 182 EX/70)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/45, being the fourth progress report on the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS),
2. Taking note of the good progress made to date and the important changes to be brought about in 2010 and beyond necessitated by the implementation of IPSAS,
3. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 34 concerning the necessary funding for management tools including IPSAS,
4. Further recalling 181 EX/Decision 36,
5. Recognizing that there remains a funding gap for 2010-2011 for full implementation of IPSAS,
6. Invites the Director-General to identify savings from the current biennium, and authorizes him to transfer such savings of up to \$1.6 million, which will be credited to the IPSAS special account as a priority as soon as this is possible, and which could be supplemented in case of a shortfall from any funds available at the closing of accounts;



7. Requests the Director-General to incorporate the ongoing IPSAS and internal control-related costs in the baseline figures of the regular budget in document 36 C/5.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**46 Report by the External Auditor on temporary contracts awarded by the Organization**  
(182 EX/46; 182 EX/70)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/46,
2. Takes note of its content.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**47 Report by the External Auditor on the management of the UNESCO Office in Nairobi**  
(182 EX/47; 182 EX/70)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/47;
2. Takes note of its content.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**48 Report by the External Auditor on the evaluation and promotion of the staff** (182 EX/48;  
182 EX/70)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/48,
2. Takes note of its content.

(182 EX/SR.13)

**49 Appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate  
Chairperson of the Appeals Board** (182 EX/PRIV.4)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(182 EX/SR.7)

**RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND  
INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**50 Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar  
institutions** (182 EX/50; 182 EX/69 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 174 EX/Decision 31, 177 EX/Decision 57, 178 EX/Decision 13 and 34 C/Resolution 59,

2. Having examined document 182 EX/50,
3. Appreciates the continued efforts and progress made by the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations since the 174th session of the Executive Board, in accordance with the recommendations of the General Conference, in strengthening cooperation with NGOs in the various fields of competence of UNESCO and at the international, regional and national levels;
4. Encourages the pursuit and expansion of constructive and strengthened dialogue between NGOs, Member States and the Secretariat through the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations;
5. Recognizes the need to involve a larger number of NGOs from the developing countries;
6. Aware of the major challenges inherent in climate change, of the need for rapid, effective and mutually supportive action and of the key role of NGOs in securing the commitment of all,
7. Calls for the strengthening of partnership with the representatives of civil society in order to implement the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change.

(182 EX/SR.10)

**51 Appeals by Member States concerning their proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2010-2011 (182 EX/51; 182 EX/71)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/51,
2. Noting that the proposals listed below sent by Member States to the Director-General comply with the statutory criteria,
3. Encourages the Member States of all regions to make proposals with a view to ensuring an improved geographical distribution and gender balance;
4. Recommends to the General Conference:
  - (a) that UNESCO should also be associated in 2010-2011 with the following celebrations:
    - (1) 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Prague Conservatory (1811) (Czech Republic);
    - (2) 50th anniversary of the death of Patrice Emery Lumumba, symbol of pan-Africanism (1925-1961) (Democratic Republic of the Congo);
    - (3) 300th anniversary of the foundation of the Town of Saint George's (1710) (Grenada);
    - (4) 50th anniversary of the Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Festival (1960) (Latvia, with the support of Estonia and Lithuania);
    - (5) 100th anniversary of the birth of Euah Suntornsanan, composer (1910-1981) (Thailand);

- (6) 500th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Fyodorov, founder of book printing in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine (1510-1583) (Ukraine, with the support of the Russian Federation and Belarus);
- (b) that account should be taken of the support of Azerbaijan and of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, respectively, for the association of UNESCO with the celebrations of the following anniversaries, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 181st session (181 EX/Decision 45):
  - (1) 750th anniversary of the active life of Khâje Nasîr-ud-Dîn Tûsî, scientist (1201-1274) (Islamic Republic of Iran, with the support of Azerbaijan);
  - (2) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa (1910-1997) (India, with the support of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);
- (c) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO is to be associated in 2010-2011, which supplements the list contained in 181 EX/Decision 45, be definitively closed, according to the procedure adopted by the Executive Board at its 159th session (159 EX/Decision 7.5);
- (d) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## 52 Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO (182 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 8.5, 172 EX/Decision 47, 177 EX/Decision 60 and 34 C/Resolution 57,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/52,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 187th session;
4. Recommends that the General Conference adopt, at its 35th session, the following draft resolution:

“The General Conference,

*Recalling* the provisions of Article II of the Constitution of UNESCO relating to the admission of new Member States,

*Recalling* its previous resolutions and the decisions of the Executive Board regarding the request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO,

*Having examined* document 35 C/25,

1. *Expresses the hope* that it will be able to consider this item favourably at its next session;
2. *Decides* to inscribe this item on the agenda of its 36th session.”

(182 EX/SR.10)

**GENERAL MATTERS****53 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq**  
(182 EX/53; 182 EX/71)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 48,
2. Having examined document 182 EX/53,
3. Acknowledges with appreciation the results achieved in the implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media activities and the continued mobilization of substantial extrabudgetary resources to this effect;
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue giving full support to the Iraqi Government in its implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media programmes, in particular through capacity-building activities and by addressing the most urgent humanitarian needs of the populations most affected by the crisis, including displaced Iraqis;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq;
6. Expresses its gratitude to all donors for their substantial contribution to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue to assist UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction and dialogue in Iraq;
7. Calls in particular, upon donors who have thus far channelled their contributions to UNESCO through the United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund (UNDG ITF) to continue their funding through funds-in-trust modality in view of the planned phasing out of the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund;
8. Also invites the Director-General to present to it a further report on this matter at its 185th session.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**54 Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 and 181 EX/Decision 47 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories** (182 EX/54 and Add.; 182 EX/71)

The Executive Board,

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1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 58 and 181 EX/Decision 47, as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 4 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its Additional Protocols,
2. Having examined documents 182 EX/54 and Add.,

3. Further recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in order to satisfy the right to education for all, and to meet the need for Palestinians to have safe access to the education system,
4. Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflict,
5. Deeply convinced that the continuous strengthening of the reconstruction and development process in the Palestinian territories should be carried out in a context of non-violence and of mutual respect and recognition, as promoted by the objectives of the Road Map,
6. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 and 181 EX/Decision 47, and requests him to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented in the framework of the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5 Approved);
7. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in the Palestinian territories, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
8. Thanks the Director-General for the results that have been obtained in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities, and invites him to strengthen UNESCO's financial and technical assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address new needs and problems resulting from recent developments;
9. Expresses its continuing concern at any actions undermining the cultural and natural heritage, and cultural and educational institutions, as well as at any impediments which prevent Palestinian and all other schoolchildren and students from being an integral part of their social fabric and from exercising fully their right to education, and calls for the observance of the provisions of 34 C/Resolution 58 and 181 EX/Decision 47;
10. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce his action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage;
11. Invites the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO's fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students both from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;
12. Requests the Director-General to follow closely the implementation of the recommendations of the eighth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee (4-5 March 2008), and to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee;
13. Encourages Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, and expresses the hope that a just and comprehensive peace will be brought about speedily;

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14. Also invites the Director-General:
  - (a) to continue the efforts he is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;

- (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and adequate assistance to the educational and cultural institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;

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15. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 184th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## 55 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza (182 EX/55 and Add.; 182 EX/71)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage,
2. Having examined documents 182 EX/55 and Add.,
3. Having also examined documents 182 EX/54 and Add.,
4. Noting with deep concern the very heavy toll suffered by Palestinian civilians, the deaths and injuries inflicted on Israeli civilians during the escalation of violence and hostilities in December 2008 and January 2009,
5. Also noting the destruction of infrastructure, the significant deterioration of basic services, and the damages to schools, universities and cultural heritage sites caused by the escalation of violence and hostilities in December 2008 and January 2009, and recognizing that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites should not be involved in military conflicts,
6. Recalling the information meeting held by the Director-General on 6 February 2009 to provide Member States with an update on the outcome of the rapid needs assessments conducted in the Gaza Strip, and UNESCO's participation in the humanitarian response to the situation resulting from the escalation of violence and hostilities in December 2008 and January 2009,
7. Also recalling the strong commitment made by the international community in favour of the Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan presented at the International Conference in Support of the Palestinian Economy for the Reconstruction of Gaza (2 March 2009, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt),
8. Congratulates the Director-General for UNESCO's rapid response to the situation in the Gaza Strip, thanks him for the opening of a UNESCO project antenna in Gaza City and the initiatives that have already been implemented in the field of education, and for the safety of media professionals, as reflected in the six UNESCO projects retained in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Gaza;
9. Calls upon the Director-General to continue contributing to the United Nations humanitarian response in Gaza within the Organization's fields of competence;

10. Notes in this regard the importance of free and sustained movement of personnel and humanitarian relief items for the successful implementation of the above-mentioned projects;
11. Calls upon the Director-General to participate actively in the integrated United Nations response to the Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan developed by the Palestinian Authority, by focusing on UNESCO's contribution to its educational and cultural heritage protection components;
12. Thanks Member States and donors, in particular Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser al Missned, First Lady of Qatar and UNESCO Special Envoy for Basic and Higher Education, for their generous financial contributions to the UNESCO projects retained in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Gaza, and invites Member States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations and relevant international and national institutions, as well as private institutions, to further assist in this regard through extrabudgetary funding;
13. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 184th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(182 EX/SR.11)

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

### **56 Reflection on climate change and ethics** (182 EX/56; 182 EX/56 Corr.; 182 EX/INF.16; 182 EX/72)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 182 EX/56 and 182 EX/56 Corr.,
2. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution at its 35th session:

“The General Conference,

*Recalling* 29 C/Resolution 13, paragraph 2.C(d), 30 C/Resolution 20, 31 C/Resolution 21.1(a) and 32 C/Resolution 26, calling upon UNESCO to promote ethical reflection associated with the advances of science and technology, with the advice of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST),

*Having taken note* of 169 EX/Decision 3.6.1,

*Considering* the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, as approved by the Executive Board at its 180th session (180 EX/16 Rev.),

*Taking note* of the request by the Executive Board, at its 181st session (181 EX/Decision 15), that the Director-General enhance the Plan of Action for the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, in particular through focus on the social and ethical implications thereof,

*Taking note* of the recommendation made by the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) at its sixth ordinary session (16-19 June 2009), “In view of the nature and extent of the scientific, social and human challenges of global climate change, which necessitate adoption of policies at the

global level to address the pressing needs of the most vulnerable in the face of major uncertainties and the exigencies of international cooperation, it is urgent to determine universal ethical principles to guide responses to such challenges. The World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) therefore recommends that UNESCO should develop an ethical framework of principles in relation to climate change,”

*Considering* that the ethical principles in relation to climate change may be the subject of a declaration, and that further study of this issue is necessary,

*Requests* the Director-General, following consultations with Member States and other stakeholders, including relevant United Nations agencies, further study on the matter by the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) and the UNESCO Secretariat, to submit to the Executive Board at its 185th session, a report on the desirability of preparing a draft declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change, and to prepare, if found appropriate by the Executive Board, a draft declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change, taking into account the conclusions reached at the 15th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP-15) to be held in Copenhagen in December 2009, and to submit the outcome to the General Conference at its 36th session, provided that the cost of the study can be covered by re-allocation within the approved programme and budget for Major Programme III and extrabudgetary funding.”

(182 EX/SR.11)

**57 Revision of the Statutes of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) (182 EX/57; 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/57,
2. Requests the Director-General to review his proposal on the possibility of amending the statutes of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) and elaborate, in consultation with Member States and in the light of the debate at its 182nd session, a revised proposal to be submitted to it at its 185th session.
3. Reminds the Director-General, when nominating members to COMEST to take into account the principle of geographical representation and representativeness of COMEST, while ensuring coverage of the various disciplines and schools of thought and the competence and the authority necessary to perform the functions entrusted to COMEST;
4. Invites the Director-General to stress to the members of COMEST the need to respect the relevant rules of procedure of COMEST with regard to the participation of UNESCO Member States as observers in its proceedings.

(182 EX/SR.11)



**58 Amendments to the Regulations of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize (182 EX/58 Rev.; 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 3.4.2 concerning the adoption of the Regulations of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize,
2. Taking into consideration 171 EX/Decision 24 whereby the standard model texts for statutes and financial regulations of UNESCO Prizes were adopted,
3. Having examined the document concerning the proposed amendments to the Regulations of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize (182 EX/58 Rev.),
4. Approves the revised Regulations of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize as set out in Annex I to document 182 EX/58 Rev.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**59 Celebration of the bicentenary of the independence processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (182 EX/59, 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/59,
2. Recognizing that the celebration of the bicentenary of the independence processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean is of historical, social and cultural importance and of transcendent significance to Latin American and Caribbean peoples, processes carried out by the noble liberators of this continent, whose thought drew inspiration from the ideas of the philosophers of the Enlightenment and the leaders of other emancipation movements,
3. Considering that UNESCO is the ethical and moral forum par excellence of the United Nations system, through its promotion of social justice, the culture of peace and solidarity among peoples,
4. Welcomes the activities taking place at the national level to celebrate this bicentenary, owing to the historical significance of the establishment of new republics, the abolition of slavery throughout the continent, and the inclusion of black communities and indigenous peoples in the emerging societies;
5. Invites the Director-General to consult the Member States of Latin America and the Caribbean with a view to celebrating, in 2010, within UNESCO, the bicentenary of the independence processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean;
6. Requests the Director-General to include this item in the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**60 Proposal for the establishment of a Mahatma Gandhi institute of education for peace and sustainable development (MGIEP), India, as a category 1 institute (182 EX/60 and Add. Rev.; 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 182 EX/60 and Add. Rev.,
2. Recalling the principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1) approved in 33 C/Resolution 90,
3. Noting that to date the only category 1 institutes established in a developing country are the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC), Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and acknowledging that there is thus far no category 1 institute in the Asia and the Pacific region,
4. Underlining the urgency and necessity of peace education as acknowledged by UNESCO Member States in 1974 and reaffirmed in the Integrated Framework of Action on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy in 1995,
5. Recalling the Yamoussoukro Declaration on Peace in the Minds of Men (1989), which called on UNESCO to help construct a new vision of peace by developing a culture of peace based on the universal values of respect for life, liberty, justice, solidarity, tolerance, human rights and equality between women and men,
6. Recalling also the World Declaration on Education for All, the Dakar Framework for Action - Education for All: Meeting our Collective Commitments, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and the proclamation of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014),
7. Recalling the importance of education to build awareness for the equitable sharing of the planet's resources,
8. Reiterates the commitment of UNESCO's Member States to achieving sustainable development and education for peace;
9. Welcomes India's proposal to establish a Mahatma Gandhi institute of education for peace and sustainable development in New Delhi, India, as a category 1 institute of UNESCO for promoting teaching, research and capacity-building activities in peace education in the Asia and the Pacific region;
10. Further noting that this proposal is in conformity with the principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1),
11. Recommends that the General Conference approve, at its 35th session, the proposal for the establishment in New Delhi, India, of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development as a category 1 institute of UNESCO;
12. Also recommends that the General Conference take the necessary steps to include in the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) reference to the new institute.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**61 Revision of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (182 EX/61; 182 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 182 EX/61 and 182 EX/67,
2. Decides to amend Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure as follows [additions in **bold**; deletions in ~~striketrough~~]:
  - “1. The Director-General shall inform the Board, **in a private meeting**, of every appointment, promotion and renewal of a contract of officials at the D-1 level and above that has taken place since the previous session and report on the proper application of the personnel management system.
  2. The Director-General shall consult the Executive Board ~~in private meeting~~ at least once every two years regarding the structure of the Secretariat and, in particular, on any important changes he contemplates making in it and on any questions of policy involved in making appointments to senior posts in the Secretariat. ~~On this occasion, the Executive Board shall review any appointments or renewals of contract, referred to in paragraph 1, which the Director-General may have made since the Board’s last private meeting for purposes of consultation.”~~
3. Also decides to amend the title of Rule 59 to read as follows: “Appointments to the Secretariat and consultations on its structure.”

(182 EX/SR.10)

**62 Strengthening of the Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and Portugal and Spain** (182 EX/62 Rev. and Add.; 182 EX/72)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that the Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC) is a category 2 centre established through an agreement signed by the Government of Colombia and the Director-General of UNESCO in 1971, and is now made up of 21 countries of the linguistic and geographical region, including Portugal and Spain,
2. Stressing that throughout its 38 years of existence CERLALC has created knowledge and gained experience, which has brought it recognition as a centre of excellence and as an important reference in view of its high degree of specialization, and its capacity to advise governments on public policy-making and provide effective tools for the creation of reading societies,
3. Recognizing, moreover, that CERLALC has directed its efforts towards the protection of intellectual creation, the fostering of book production and dissemination, and the promotion of reading, writing, libraries and specialized training in various contexts and in the face of the challenges of a new knowledge society,
4. Showing its satisfaction with the achievements of CERLALC over the past 38 years with the support and cooperation of UNESCO’s Culture Sector, its “parent sector”, and delighted that the activities of CERLALC are now being extended to other fields of UNESCO’s competence, which will allow for clear intersectorality in its programmes and, more specifically, support for education, communication and information,

5. Having welcomed the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres placed under the auspices of UNESCO, adopted in 181 EX/Decision 16,
6. Emphasizes the capacity of CERLALC to enhance UNESCO's message and visibility in strategies aimed at strengthening the achievements of lifelong education for all (Major Programme I), the promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions and the development of the publishing industry, the protection and conservation of the bibliographic heritage (Major Programme IV), capacity-building for universal access to information and knowledge (Major Programme V), and synergies with Major Programmes II and III,
7. Invites the Director-General, in accordance with paragraph B.3.1 of the integrated comprehensive strategy contained in document 181 EX/66 Add. Rev., "UNESCO's programme sectors shall prepare specific sector strategies for engagement and interaction with relevant category 2 centres and institutes on specific themes", to strengthen the intersectorality of reciprocal support with CERLALC and to increase joint programmes;
8. Requests the Director-General to take the necessary measures to strengthen the intersectorality of UNESCO's cooperation with CERLALC, and further requests him to devise new strategies for UNESCO's collaboration and visibility in areas in which CERLALC offers a high degree of expertise and added value.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**63 Strengthening of the International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)** (182 EX/63; 182 EX/INF.17; 182 EX/72)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/63,
2. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 9 and the Statutes of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC),
3. Recognizing the key role played by IESALC in contributing to the development and transformation of higher education in Latin America and the Caribbean, its cooperation with the region's governments and educational institutions, and its close collaboration with the Santiago-based UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (OREALC),
4. Considering the valuable contributions of IESALC to the preparations for the World Conference on Higher Education and to the organization of the Regional Conference on Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean,
5. Reiterating its thanks to the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for its constant support of IESALC and for providing the premises for its headquarters free of charge,
6. Invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures to maintain the autonomy of the Institute, in accordance with its statutes and in line with the applicable UNESCO financial rules and regulations;
7. Recommends that the General Conference restore the Institute's budgetary allocation to its level in document 34 C/5 Approved, notwithstanding the Board's recommendation to the General Conference to endorse document 35 C/5 Rev.,

8. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 184th session a report on the implementation of the measures adopted to strengthen IESALC and on the results thereof.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**64 Relations with the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization, and draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and that organization (182 EX/64; 182 EX/2)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/64,
2. Approves the draft memorandum of understanding contained in Annex II to the above-mentioned document;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the memorandum of understanding as annexed to document 182 EX/64.

(182 EX/SR.1)

**65 Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's cooperation with Haiti (182 EX/65; 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 182 EX/65,
2. Emphasizing the need to strengthen UNESCO's cooperation with Haiti in support of the efforts of the Government of Haiti to promote stability, peace and development through education, science, culture and communication,
3. Invites the Director-General to send a high-level intersectoral mission to Haiti to devise, in close cooperation with the Government of Haiti, a special cooperation programme addressing major priorities in the Organization's fields of competence, and to report to it thereon at a future session as part of his general report under item 5 "Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions";
4. Appeals to Member States to strengthen their bilateral cooperation with Haiti in UNESCO's fields of competence and to contribute to UNESCO's special cooperation programme for Haiti once it is finalized.

(182 EX/SR.11)

**66 International engineering programme (182 EX/66; 182 EX/72)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken note of document 182 EX/66,
2. Mindful of the call by South Africa for a feasibility study concerning the establishment of an international engineering programme

3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution at its 35th session:

“The General Conference,

*Responding* to the call by South Africa for a feasibility study concerning the establishment of an international engineering programme, and previous calls by Member States regarding the need to strengthen engineering around the world and strengthen the engineering programme at UNESCO in order to assist Member States in this process, and *bearing in mind* 171 EX/Decision 59 regarding the development of cross-sectoral activities in technical capacity-building at UNESCO,

*Requests* the Director-General to conduct a feasibility study concerning the establishment of an international engineering programme, and to submit a comprehensive report thereon to the Executive Board at its 185th session (autumn 2010).”

(182 EX/SR.11)

## TRIBUTE TO MR KOÏCHIRO MATSUURA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that Mr Koïchiro Matsuura was appointed to the office of Director-General by the General Conference at its 30th session on 15 November 1999, and that his appointment was unanimously renewed by the General Conference at its 33rd session on 15 November 2005 for a second term, which will expire on 14 November 2009,
2. Considering his profound dedication to the ideals of UNESCO, which he has promoted with vigour and resolve, and his devotion to the principles of multilateralism,
3. Recognizing his commitment to an inclusive and participatory form of governance, as shown by the constructive and respectful dialogue he has established with the Executive Board and his willingness to engage frankly with Permanent Delegations,
4. Recognizing also his determination to restore universality to the Organization, which has resulted in the return of the United States of America and Singapore, and the accession of new Members, bringing the total membership to 193 countries, together with his constant efforts to extend UNESCO’s outreach through partnerships with different stakeholders, governmental and non-governmental, public and private,
5. Noting with satisfaction that under his stewardship UNESCO has gained renewed relevance and purpose by playing to its strengths and focusing on priority areas where it has global lead responsibilities, such as achieving basic education for all (EFA), promoting sustainable freshwater management, addressing the ethical challenges of scientific progress, protecting the world’s cultural diversity and championing freedom of expression,
6. Welcoming the special attention he has given to the needs of the most vulnerable populations and countries, in particular the Organization’s overarching priorities of Africa and gender equality, and the expansion of UNESCO’s work in post-conflict and post-disaster situations,
7. Highly appreciating the increased impetus he has given to UNESCO’s role as capacity-builder and technical adviser to governments, and the initiatives he has led over the past 10 years to bolster the Organization’s functions as catalyst for international cooperation, standard-setter and promoter of ideas and best practices, as

evidenced in landmark conferences (such as the world education conferences), major conventions and declarations (such as those on cultural diversity, underwater heritage, intangible heritage, diversity of cultural expressions, bioethics, anti-doping in sport), and benchmark reports (such as the *EFA Global Monitoring Report* and the *World Water Development Report*),

8. Applauding the decisive measures he has taken to strengthen the Organization's country-level action, including through rationalizing and reinforcing the field network and working relentlessly to enhance UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations system-wide efforts for "Delivering as One",
9. Commending his bold efforts to modernize UNESCO, despite severe budget constraints, with the establishment of effective internal oversight, the strengthening of results-based management, the development of a comprehensive set of human resources policies (with, *inter alia*, significant progress in geographical distribution and gender balance) and the introduction of new information and accounting tools,
10. Appreciating his professionalism, humility and integrity, together with the spirit of *wa* – the strong belief in harmony and in working patiently through consensus – which he has imparted to the Organization and to all those who have had the honour to work with him over the years,
11. Pays solemn tribute to Mr Koïchiro Matsuura at its plenary meeting on 23 September 2009, and conveys to him its sincere gratitude,
12. Expresses the hope that the coming years will afford him many sources of satisfaction and offer him further opportunities of giving the international community the benefit of his wisdom and his tireless devotion to the great causes of humanity.

(182 EX/SR.14)

## TRIBUTE TO MR ARMOOGUM PARSURAMEN

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that, after serving as Minister of Education of Mauritius and as President of the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO, Mr Armoogum Parsuramen was representative of Mauritius on the Executive Board, and from 1998 has occupied a number of high-level posts in UNESCO: first, in the Education Sector as Director of the Division for the Renovation of Secondary and Vocational Education, which he left in 2000 to take up the post of Director of the UNESCO Regional Office in Africa until 2004, when he joined the Organization's Executive Board Secretariat, where he performed the duties of Secretary of the Executive Board and, from 2008, those of Director of the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies,
2. Considering his exemplary aptitude for calmly undertaking the tasks entrusted to him, both at Headquarters and in the field,
3. Considering in particular his notable contribution to the work of the Executive Board, where he has demonstrated unfailing competence, thoroughness, devotion and loyalty throughout the period during which he has performed his duties,

4. Expresses its profound gratitude to Mr Armoogum Parsuramen, a skilful, diplomatic and intelligent man whose courtesy and knowledge have made a considerable contribution to the performance of his duties, and wishes him every success in his new duties as Director of the UNESCO Office in New Delhi and representative of the Organization to India, Bhutan, the Maldives and Sri Lanka.

(182 EX/SR.14)

## PRIVATE MEETINGS

### **Announcements concerning the private meetings held on Friday 11 September, Monday 14 September, Tuesday 15 September, Thursday 17 September, Friday 18 September, Saturday 19 September, Monday 21 September and Tuesday 22 September 2009**

At the private meetings held on the following dates, the Executive Board considered the following items: Friday 11 September – item **3**, Monday 14 September – item **49**, Friday 11 September, Monday 14 September, Tuesday 15 September, Thursday 17 September, Friday 18 September, Saturday 19 September, Monday 21 September and Tuesday 22 September – item **22**, and Tuesday 22 September – item **29**.

#### **Item 3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board**

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the decisions taken since the 181st session regarding the appointments and extensions of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

(182 EX/SR.7)

#### **Item 22 Nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General of UNESCO**

At the private meetings held on 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 September, the Board examined item **22** of its agenda.

1. The Executive Board determined by lot the order of the interviews of the nine candidates;
2. The Board received one by one, the nine candidates, who each made a statement and answered questions put to them by the six regional groups;
3. It established a draft contract for submission to the General Conference at its 35th session;
4. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Board decided, by secret ballot, to propose to the General Conference at its 35th session the nomination of Ms Irina Gueorguieva Bokova (Bulgaria) for the post of Director-General of UNESCO.

(182 EX/SR.12)

#### **Item 29 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon**

1. The Executive Board examined the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on



the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence;

2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

(182 EX/SR.8)

**Item 49 Appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (182 EX/PRIV.4)**

On 11 September 2009, the Board appointed a Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board for a term of four years, beginning 1 January 2010.

(182 EX/SR.7)



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That technical error has now been corrected in the online version of 182 EX/Decisions posted on UNESDOC.



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### CORRIGENDUM 2 (*all languages*)

**182 EX/Decision 25 – Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the overall strategy and the overall situation with regard to UNESCO prizes (182 EX/25; 182 EX/72)**

*In paragraph 6, replace the word “should” with “could”, to read as follows:*

6. Also decides that the amount awarded to each recipient of a UNESCO prize could be at least \$20,000;