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1 Agenda and timetable of work and report of the Bureau (181 EX/1; 181 EX/2; 181 EX/INF.1 Rev. and Corr.; 181 EX/INF.4; 181 EX/INF.14; 181 EX/INF.27)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 181 EX/1 and 181 EX/INF.1 Rev. 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 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 29, 45, 47, 48, 51, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58 and 59; and for programme-related aspects, items 4, 5 and 18;
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 6, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41 and 42; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 4, 5 and 18;

and to refer the following items to the **joint meeting of the PX and FA Commissions:** items 7, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 33, 39, 49, 52 and 56.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 181 EX/2 concerning the following agenda items:

- 43 Procedure to be followed for appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairman and Alternate Chairman of the Appeals Board (181 EX/43)
- 60 Relations with the Arab Maghreb Union and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (181 EX/60)

(181 EX/SR.1)

2 Approval of the summary records of the 180th session (180 EX/SR.1-13 and Corr.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 180th session.

(181 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.

(181 EX/SR.5)

EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

4 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (181 EX/4 Part I and Add.-Add.3 and Part II and Corr.; 181 EX/INF.10; 181 EX/INF.16; 181 EX/INF.17; 181 EX/INF.21; 181 EX/INF.22 Rev. (*English only*); 181 EX/INF.23; 181 EX/INF.24; 181 EX/67; 181 EX/68 Part II)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 181 EX/4 Part I and Add.-Add.3 and Part II and Corr., and 181 EX/INF.10,
2. Recalling:
 - (a) 34 C/Resolution 89 and 180 EX/Decision 4,

- (b) the request contained in document 34 C/5 to the Director-General to report on the achievement of the expected results, providing information on the cost-efficient use of human and financial resources, following the principles of transparency, efficiency and rationalization,
 - (c) that the EX/4 document constitutes a key document in the preparation of the Executive Board's report on the C/5 document currently being implemented and on the results of the previous biennium,
 - (d) Millennium Development Goal No. 3 and the priority attached to gender equality,
 - (e) 180 EX/Decision 21, paragraphs 7, 22, 26 and 27,
3. Taking into consideration:
- (a) the need to make further progress in providing an assessment of key results achieved as related to associated performance indicators,
 - (b) the late presentation online of results achieved at main line of action level for some major programmes,
4. Reiterating that the report on implementation and results is a tool for the monitoring of UNESCO's programme delivery, and for setting priorities for the next C/5 document,
5. Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved:
- (a) under Major Programme I, especially with regard to education for all (EFA), equity in education, and the results achieved with regard to education in Africa,
 - (b) under Major Programme II, especially the launching of the three national tsunami centres, and the contribution of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change to the NEPAD environment initiative,
 - (c) under Major Programme III, especially with regard to the reaffirmation of the universality of human rights, capacity-building in Africa in the field of bioethics, and the establishment of the Coalition of African Cities against Racism and Discrimination,
 - (d) under Major Programme IV, especially in the representativity of the World Heritage List and in capacity-building in the management and conservation of cultural heritage,
 - (e) under Major Programme V, especially in raising awareness of freedom of expression, and in the increased involvement of women in the formulation of national information policies,
 - (f) by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) with regard to timeliness and quality of data,
6. Also noting with satisfaction the positive results achieved in incorporating UNESCO's priorities in development assistance frameworks and joint programmes at the country level and in strengthening inter-agency collaboration at the global level,
7. Recognizing the efforts to focus the education programme on areas of greatest need and to improve the participation of researchers and community associations in the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme,

8. Invites the Director-General, in preparing future reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, to present information more conducive to an assessment of the Organization's capacity to deliver, by:
- (a) including, to the extent possible, in the overall assessment of key results of the major programmes at the global, regional and country levels, as appropriate, the main challenges and possible future action regarding the achievement of the expected results;
 - (b) explaining differences between expected results and results achieved in the Report of the Director-General on the Activities of the Organization (C/3 document);
 - (c) bringing out more clearly the contribution of extrabudgetary-financed activities in the pursuit of the C/5 expected results;
9. Also invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures to meet the challenges identified in document 181 EX/4 Part I, in particular by:
- (a) addressing the considerable lack of data in developing countries and the difficulty of bringing together stakeholders, as reported under the intersectoral platform on strengthening national research systems;
 - (b) raising awareness of education policy-makers of the importance of media literacy as a key component of teacher education;
 - (c) ensuring proper follow-up to and implementation of results and recommendations of forums of ministers of social development;
10. Further invites the Director-General to:
- (a) determine stages in the implementation of the Priority Gender Equality Action Plan and report on progress and challenges in the biennial report in 2011, with emphasis on cooperation with other United Nations agencies;
 - (b) highlight the priority of gender equality, and report on progress made thereon, including indications of resources earmarked for coordination purposes and for interventions by the programme sectors, beginning with document 36 C/5;
11. Requests that the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) be included in UNESCO's planning of the forthcoming gender equality knowledge portal, and that reliable gender-disaggregated data be developed in cooperation with UIS for all major programmes.

(181 EX/SR.13)

II

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/4 Part II and Corr.,

A

2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of the donations and special contributions outlined in document 181 EX/4 Part II and Corr., increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$3,103,156 as follows:

		\$
Part II.A	Major Programme I	1,135,432
Part II.A	Major Programme II	277,024
Part II.A	Major Programme III	398,774
Part II.A	Major Programme IV	346,950
Part II.A	Major Programme V	158,322
Part I.B	Direction (LA)	28,466
Part II.C.4	Strategic planning and programme monitoring (BSP)	30,493
Part II.C.5	Budget preparation and monitoring (BB)	155,000
Part III.A	Field management and coordination (indirect costs for field offices)	288,189
Part III.B	External Relations and Cooperation (ERC)	268,783
Part III.E	Administrative coordination and support (ADM)	15,723
Total		<u>3,103,156</u>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 6 of document 181 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, informing the Members of the Executive Board, in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of and reasons for such transfers,
5. Notes that the Director-General has made budget adjustments totalling \$500,000 under Parts I and III for the purpose of compensating the additional budget of \$500,000 which the General Conference decided to allocate to the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), as follows:

Appropriation line		Amounts transferred
		\$
Part I	GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION	
A.	1. General Conference	(11,900)
	2. Executive Board	(17,000)
B.	Direction	(44,400)
C.	Participation in the joint machinery of the United Nations system	(22,000)
Subtotal Part I		(95,300)

Appropriation line		Amounts transferred
		\$
Part III	SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION	
A.	Field management and coordination	(52,100)
B.	External relations and cooperation	(42,100)
C.	Human resources management	(72,100)
D.	Accounting, treasury management and financial control	(23,800)
E.	Administration	(214,600)
Subtotal Part III		(404,700)
Total, Part I and Part III		(500,000)

C

6. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which the Director-General shall obtain the prior approval of the Executive Board in instances where transfers between appropriation lines entail an amount greater than 1% of the initial appropriation,
7. Approves the transfers between appropriation lines of:
- (a) \$1,361,346 from Part II.C Chapter 6 Anticipation and foresight (FOR) to Part II.C Chapter 4 Strategic planning and programme monitoring (BSP);
 - (b) staff costs budget as a result of the revision of the standard costs for 2008-2009.

Appropriation line		Amounts proposed to be adjusted
		\$
Part I	GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION	
A.	1. General Conference	(34,000)
	2. Executive Board	(55,300)
B.	Direction	(599,700)
Total, Part I		(689,000)
Part II	PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME-RELATED SERVICES	
A.	Programmes	
	Major Programme I – Education	522,800
	Major Programme II – Natural Sciences	(174,700)
	Major Programme III – Social and human sciences	(270,700)
	Major Programme IV – Culture	(407,300)
	Major Programme V – Communication and information	(153,100)
	Field – Management of decentralized programmes	5,277,400

Appropriation line		Amounts proposed to be adjusted
		\$
	Subtotal, Part II.A	4,794,400
C.	Programme-related services	
	1. Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa	(89,100)
	2. Fellowships Programme	(16,500)
	3. Public information	(362,100)
	4. Strategic planning and programme monitoring	(209,500)
	5. Budget preparation and monitoring	(147,900)
	Subtotal, Part II.C	(825,100)
	Total, Part II	3,969,300
Part III	SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION	
A.	Field management and coordination	(157,200)
B.	External relations and cooperation	(458,800)
C.	Human resources management	(538,700)
D.	Accounting, treasury management and financial control	(289,100)
E.	Administration	(1,836,500)
	Subtotal, Part III	(3,280,300)
	Grand Total	\$0

- (c) \$1,726,500 from the reserve for reclassifications and merit-based promotions to Parts I-III of the budget;

D

8. 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,
9. Approves the transfer of \$8,051,700 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;
10. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table in Annex I of document 181 EX/4 Part II.

(181 EX/SR.12)

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
(181 EX/5 and Add.-Add.4; 181 EX/INF.15; 181 EX/INF.21; 181 EX/INF.22 Rev. (*English only*); 181 EX/INF.23; 181 EX/67; 181 EX/68 Parts I and III)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 9 and 34 C/Resolution 19,
2. Having examined documents 181 EX/5 Add. and 181 EX/INF.15 on the progress of work on UNESCO's efforts for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014),
3. Recognizing the crucial importance of the mid-Decade review undertaken by the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in Bonn (31 March-2 April 2009) and its preparatory meetings in Bordeaux (France), Gothenburg (Sweden), Nairobi (Kenya), Tokyo (Japan) and Khanty-Mansiysk (Russian Federation), not only to strengthen and extend the outcomes of the Decade into the next five years but also to ensure long-term implementation of education for sustainable development (ESD),
4. Welcomes the offer made by the Government of Japan to host the end-of-Decade world conference on ESD and co-organize it with UNESCO;
5. Also welcomes the initiative by the Government of Brazil to host in June 2010 the Children and Youth International Conference – Let's Take Care of the Planet to discuss the contribution of the younger generations to addressing the global social-environmental changes;
6. Underlines the importance of the Bonn Declaration adopted at the World Conference in Bonn, by which Member States, other stakeholders and UNESCO committed themselves to adopting the concrete measures needed to achieve a successful outcome of the Decade as well as to ensure the long-term implementation of its goals;
7. Also underlines, in particular, the commitment of Member States expressed in the Bonn Declaration to integrate ESD into national policies and budget plans and to reorient education and training systems in order to address concerns of sustainability through coherent policies at the national and local levels;
8. Stresses that measures requested of UNESCO as lead agency for the Decade in the Bonn Declaration must be initiated as soon as possible, and calls on the Director-General to formulate a draft strategy for the second half of the Decade based on the Bonn Declaration, as well as on findings of other ESD meetings and the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Education in Ahmedabad (2007);
9. Further calls on the Director-General to submit the Bonn Declaration as well as the draft strategy together with a progress report on the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development to the Executive Board at its 182nd session and to the General Conference at its 35th session.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 55,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/5, section VI,

3. Noting with satisfaction the Director-General's proposal to increase the budget proposed for science policy in Major Programme II in draft document 35 C/5,
4. Welcomes the efforts to explore possible synergies in the support services for Major Programmes II and III;
5. Requests the Director-General, in compliance with 34 C/Resolution 55, to further develop the overview of scientific programmes and initiatives in the United Nations system, with an analysis of its implications for UNESCO, and to report to it thereon at its 185th session;
6. Further requests the Director-General to submit a full report on the progress made in the execution of the implementation plan for 34 C/Resolution 55 to the General Conference at its 35th session.

III

Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 180 EX/Decision 5 (II) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined 180 EX/Decision 5 (II) and documents 181 EX/5 and Add. 4,
2. Recalling 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision, 177 EX/Decision 20, and 179 EX/Decisions 9 and 52,
3. Further recalling Decisions 31COM 7A.18 and 32COM 7A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee respectively at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
4. 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,
5. 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,
6. Noting the sixth reinforced monitoring report (February 2009) prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
7. Regretting the postponement of the follow-up meeting of experts, which was scheduled for 12 November 2008, as called for in Decision 32COM 7A.18 adopted by the World Heritage Committee in Quebec City and reiterated in 180 EX/Decision 5 (II), owing to circumstances which impeded Jordanian experts from having access to the Mughrabi Ascent site,
8. 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,

9. Requests that, despite the decision mentioned in paragraph 8, 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;
10. 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;
11. Reiterates the request made by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session in Decision 32COM 7A.18 that the Israeli authorities continue the cooperation commenced with all concerned parties, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts;
12. Affirms the need for cooperation in order to ensure access to the Mughrabi Ascent site, and calls on the Director-General to organize a follow-up meeting of experts as soon as possible, once the parties concerned have reached an agreement;
13. 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;
14. 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;
15. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon at its 182nd session.

(181 EX/SR.13)

6 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the reform process (181 EX/6 and Add.; 181 EX/INF.21; 181 EX/INF.22 Rev. (*English only*); 181 EX/INF.23; 181 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 181 EX/6 and Add.,
2. Welcomes the work accomplished in the development of a strategy for the implementation of geographical mobility;
3. Notes that UNESCO is offering inducements for mobility in addition to those practised in the United Nations common system;
4. Confirms that under the geographical mobility programme, field experience shall be an important criterion for promotion;
5. Requests the Director-General to implement this strategy and to report to it at its 184th session on the effectiveness of UNESCO's mobility practice, identifying the adjustments required, including those aimed at bringing UNESCO's mobility practice into harmony with those of the United Nations common system.

(181 EX/SR.12)

Education

7 Report by the Director-General and the Rector of the United Nations University on a plan of possible joint activities to be carried out in the 2010-2011 biennium (181 EX/7 and Corr. (*French and Russian only*); 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/7,
2. Recognizing the key role of the cooperation between UNESCO and the United Nations University (UNU) as a bridge between the international scientific community and the United Nations to address major goals formulated by the community of the United Nations,
3. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Japan for the financial and intellectual support that it provides to the United Nations University;
4. Also expresses its gratitude to the Member States in which the United Nations University research and training centres and programmes are located for their financial and intellectual support;
5. Invites the Director-General to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations University in those areas listed in the plan of possible joint activities for the 2010-2011 biennium, where such cooperation is of strategic importance for the core activities of UNESCO and can be accommodated within the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5);
6. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 182nd session a revised plan of joint activities with the United Nations University, taking into consideration the debates during its 181st session, and clearly indicating the financial and administrative implications of the revised plan;
7. 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.

(181 EX/SR.13)

8 Report by the Director-General on a draft strategy for technical and vocational education and training (TVET) (181 EX/8; 181 EX/68 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 49,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/8,
3. Recognizing the need to promote technical and vocational education and training (TVET),
4. Underlines the necessity to implement the strategy proposed by strengthening TVET capacities at Headquarters and the UNESCO International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (UNEVOC);

5. Approves the proposed strategy contained in document 181 EX/8, and invites the Director-General to implement the proposed strategy, taking into account the views expressed by the Executive Board for the reinforcement of TVET in document 35 C/5;
6. Requests the Director-General, in the implementation of the proposed strategy, to prioritizes core area 1, which focuses on upstream policy advice and capacity development;
7. Also requests the Director-General to include information on progress made and measures undertaken to implement the proposed strategy, taking into account the submissions by Member States, in his report (182 EX/4) to it at its 182nd session and his report to the General Conference at its 35th session;
8. Further requests the Director-General to submit for review at its 182nd session a revised version of the proposed strategy.

(181 EX/SR.13)

9 Report by the Director-General on a strategy concerning the role of languages in achieving education for all (EFA) in the context of sustainable development
(181 EX/9 and Corr.; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/9 and Corr.,
2. Encourages the Member States to allocate funds, within the national budget or from external funding for education for all (EFA), for the implementation of national language strategies designed to achieve EFA in the context of sustainable development;
3. Recommends that the Director-General ensures that the role of languages in achieving EFA be an integral part of UNESCO's cooperation with Member States in developing pertinent education policies;
4. Requests the Director-General to establish a special fund to encourage national strategies promoting multilingual education approaches to improving the overall quality of education;
5. Invites the Member States to make voluntary contributions to the special fund;
6. Invites the Director-General to present a report to it, within document 184 EX/4, at its 184th session, on the activities of the fund and the progress in the definition of the national strategies.

(181 EX/SR.13)

Natural sciences

10 Report by the Director-General on the development and outcomes of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) during the first biennium of the Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4), and on measures to be taken to promote the services and efficiency of IBSP (181 EX/10; 181 EX/68 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 176 EX/Decision 11,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/10,

3. Emphasizing that within the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013, the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) is a key instrument for the attainment of overarching objective 2 (mobilizing science knowledge and policy for sustainable development) and strategic programme objective 4 (fostering policies and capacity-building in science, technology and innovation),
4. Recognizing that UNESCO should not limit its role to that of a forum for policy debates, but should also foster high-impact action for harnessing international and regional cooperation in capacity-building in science and technology, science education and the use of scientific knowledge for sustainable development,
5. Considering that institutional and human capacity-building remains a major challenge addressed by UNESCO to overcome the divide in science, science education and technology, and ultimately that between the North and South,
6. Referring 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), as well as to the Bamako Call to Action,
7. Stressing the importance of the mandate Member States have given to the International Basic Sciences Programme,
8. Takes note of the positive impact of the International Basic Sciences Programme in the 2008-2009 biennium, as well as of the opportunities the Programme offers and the budgetary constraints it is facing;
9. Approves the measures proposed by the Director-General in paragraph 15 of document 181 EX/10 noted below to further develop the International Basic Sciences Programme and its efficient services to Member States, namely, that:
 - (a) the IBSP strategy approved by the Executive Board at its 176th session be continued, with greater emphasis on further streamlining the Programme and concentrating it on a limited number of actions for which UNESCO may provide the required critical mass of seed resources in cooperation with partners and national institutions;
 - (b) the International Basic Sciences Programme be geared within its terms of reference towards follow-up of UNESCO's science policy debates at the World Science Forum (Budapest+10) and other forums which need a practical instrument and a more specific advisory service to trigger regional or international actions for capacity-building in science and science education;
 - (c) during the two forthcoming biennia, the International Basic Sciences Programme develop its action in line with the objectives of the intersectoral platforms for Priority Africa and for science education;
 - (d) IBSP action in the life sciences emphasize capacity-building and seek to respond to the Bamako Call to Action;
 - (e) IBSP action in chemistry be coordinated with, and supported within, the programme of the International Year of Chemistry (2011);
 - (f) the role of women in science be fostered through further development of L'Oréal/UNESCO cooperation and increased participation of women in IBSP projects;

- (g) the field offices of UNESCO reinforce their participation in, and support for, IBSP activities in pursuance of the guidelines given in document 172 EX/13 and in 172 EX/Decision 12 (para. 12 (b));
 - (h) the joint actions in capacity-building in science to be undertaken in Member States with International Council for Science (ICSU) scientific unions in the basic sciences be encouraged and supported from resources earmarked for the UNESCO/ICSU framework agreement;
 - (i) increased support and extrabudgetary resources be sought from governments, the private sector and international organizations for building adequate and evenly distributed capacities in science, including science education as a prerequisite for a knowledge-based society;
 - (j) the preparation of IBSP project proposals be facilitated through continuous dialogue with Member States and UNESCO partners in the basic sciences with a view to providing required advisory services or consultations;
10. Calls upon governments, the private sector and international organizations to provide increased support for building adequate and evenly distributed capacities in science and science education as a prerequisite for knowledge-based societies and sustainable development;
11. Recommends that Member States continue to inform the Director-General of activities that they would propose for the International Basic Sciences Programme, and invites them to provide extrabudgetary support to reinforce the IBSP budget for the implementation of their proposals;
12. Invites the Director-General to:
- (a) implement the measures proposed in document 181 EX/10 for the development of the activity of the International Basic Sciences Programme in 2010-2013;
 - (b) encourage, within the International Basic Sciences Programme, partnerships, on a cost-sharing basis, with relevant national institutions and scientific IGOs and NGOs, including direct cooperation with scientific unions of the International Council for Science, as well as utilizing regional and international centres of excellence in science and also the category 2 International Centre for South-South Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation;
 - (c) continue and strengthen programmes or initiatives which foster, enhance and boost the participation of women in the fields of scientific and technological research;
 - (d) encourage and assist, within the International Basic Sciences Programme, the African Member States and small island developing States to improve science education;
 - (e) promote exchanges of best practices and the transfer of scientific and technological knowledge, as part of North-South and South-South cooperation, in order to bridge the existing gap in the sciences;
 - (f) assess carefully the financial sustainability of the International Basic Sciences Programme, as well as the level of political support from the Member States, and report to it at its 182nd session on the results of his assessment;

- (g) submit to it at its 185th session (autumn 2010), and subsequently to the General Conference at its 36th session, a report on UNESCO's mandate for the basic sciences: challenges and prospects of action on the threshold of the new Medium-Term Strategy.

(181 EX/SR.13)

Social and human sciences

11 Report by the Director-General on a network of national authorities against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance (181 EX/11; 181 EX/68 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 47,
2. Bearing in mind the Integrated Strategy to Combat Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance contained in 32 C/Resolution 28,
3. Having examined document 181 EX/11,
4. Takes note of the conclusions of the feasibility review process;
5. Welcomes the proposal to establish, under the auspices of UNESCO, a network of national authorities against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance;
6. Further welcomes the launching of this network by means of a pilot project in the Latin America and the Caribbean region on an optional participation basis, supported by document 35 C/5 with a one-time contribution made available from within existing budgetary resources, and in accordance with the understandings set forth in document 181 EX/11;
7. Requests the Director-General to monitor the functioning of the network and to keep the Executive Board informed periodically of the progress achieved.

(181 EX/SR.13)

Culture

12 Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 180 EX/Decision 10 (181 EX/12 and Add.; 181 EX/68 Part III)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 47 and 180 EX/Decision 10, 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 181 EX/12 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 concerned parties for the safeguarding of the outstanding universal value of the Old City of Jerusalem;
6. Encourages the Member States to contribute, through extrabudgetary resources, to the implementation of conservation, restoration and training activities in the Old City of Jerusalem, notably within the framework of the UNESCO Action Plan;
7. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 182nd session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(181 EX/SR.13)

13 Reports by the Director-General on the Slave Route project (181 EX/13 Part I and Add. and Part II; 181 EX/INF.5; 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 172 EX/Decision 59 and 180 EX/Decision 14,
2. Having examined documents 181 EX/13 Part I and Add. and Part II,
3. Takes note of the reports by the Director-General on the deliberations of the restructured International Scientific Committee for the Slave Route Project, together with an evaluation of its work, and on the project document;
4. Also takes note of the proceedings of the second meeting of the restructured and renewed International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project as contained in the annex to document 181 EX/13 Part I Add.;
5. Thanks the Director-General for his efforts to strengthen the secretariat of the Slave Route project and for the formulation of a long-term strategy for the project;
6. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 182nd session an interim report on the action plan taking into account the proceedings of the second meeting of the restructured International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project, as contained in the annex to document 181 EX/13 Part I Add., as well as the views expressed by National Committees;
7. Also invites the Director-General to seek the resources needed to ensure implementation of this strategy, with the strengthened contribution of the International Scientific Committee;
8. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 185th session a report on the implementation of this strategy.

(181 EX/SR.13)

14 Report by the Director-General on the preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue (181 EX/14; 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue (181 EX/14),
2. Decides to inscribe the examination of this matter on the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference under the heading “Preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue”;
3. Invites the Director-General, as requested in 179 EX/Decision 10, to convene, as soon as the necessary extrabudgetary funds have been raised, a meeting of experts from different regions, including representatives of indigenous peoples, in consultation with Member States;
4. Further invites the Director-General to continue to monitor: (i) the impact on the protection of languages of existing standard-setting instruments; (ii) national and regional policies for protecting languages; and (iii) international cooperation programmes in this field, together with the provision of funds from donors for that purpose;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue his commendable work on the *Atlas of the World’s Languages in Danger*, and to keep the Atlas updated;
6. Decides that reflection on this matter, as well as operational and intersectoral activities in this field, should be pursued within UNESCO.

(181 EX/SR.13)

Intersectoral programme activities

15 Report by the Director-General on a detailed plan of action for the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (181 EX/15; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 15 and 180 EX/Decision 16,
2. Having considered document 181 EX/15,
3. Noting that the Organization’s cost-recovery policy implies that recourse to extrabudgetary funding will not have an adverse impact on the regular programme budget,
4. Further noting that pursuant to paragraph 11 of 179 EX/Decision 15, the Director-General is requested to report to the Executive Board at each autumn session on the progress made and results achieved in the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change,
5. Takes note of the Plan of Action for the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, as contained in the Annex to document 181 EX/15;

6. Requests the Director-General to enhance the Plan of Action, taking into account the debate at the 181st session, in particular through:
 - (a) increased programme concentration, focusing on the needs of vulnerable groups (small island developing States (SIDS), least developed countries (LDCs), indigenous peoples), gender equality considerations; contributions of local and traditional knowledge, education for sustainable development, the social and ethical implications of climate change, with particular reference to migration, and the legacy of the International Polar Year campaign;
 - (b) reinforced synergies among UNESCO's international and intergovernmental science programmes, in particular the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), and the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, taking full advantage of their experience;
 - (c) stronger efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to move towards the target of achieving a climate-neutral UNESCO;
7. Further requests the Director-General, in his report to it at its 182nd session on progress achieved:
 - (a) to enhance the presentation of the budgetary information contained in the Plan of Action, providing, in particular, indications on regular programme resources allocated to the Plan of Action, as well as extrabudgetary resources required and mobilized for its implementation;
 - (b) to present the enhanced Plan of Action.

(181 EX/SR.13)

Institutes and centres

16 **Report by the Director-General on a draft integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO** (181 EX/INF.13; 181 EX/66 Add. Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90 and 34 C/Resolution 90,
2. Further recalling that in 34 C/Resolution 90, the General Conference authorized the Executive Board to adopt and apply the integrated comprehensive strategy on a preliminary basis, taking into account the recommendations of the Executive Board thereon, and to submit the strategy to the General Conference at its 35th session for final approval,
3. Having considered document 180 EX/18 containing, in paragraph 12, the draft integrated comprehensive strategy for UNESCO's engagement with institutes and centres under its auspices (category 2), and document 181 EX/INF.13 containing comments received from Member States,
4. Welcomes the preparation of the proposed comprehensive strategy by the Director-General and the comments received;
5. Approves the integrated, comprehensive strategy, including the model agreement, proposed by the Director-General, as revised in 181 EX/66 Add. Rev.;
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, adopt the strategy, including the model agreement, and request the Director-General to apply it to all new

proposals for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres, as well as any renewals of existing agreements.

(181 EX/SR.13)

17 Report by the Director-General on feasibility studies for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (181 EX/17 Parts I-X, 181 EX/17 Part VII Rev. and Corr.; 181 EX/INF.20; 181 EX/66)

I

Proposal to establish an international BIOmics training centre in Rehovot, Israel, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/17 Part I providing the basic outline of the proposal to establish an international BIOmics training centre in Rehovot, Israel, under the auspices of UNESCO,
2. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation for the development of science and technology,
3. Welcoming the proposal of the Government of Israel,
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 for the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment of the international BIOmics training centre, Israel, under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the State of Israel contained in the Annex to document 181 EX/17 Part I.

II

Proposal for the establishment in Germany of an international centre on water resources and global change, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90 and 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 181 EX/17 Part II and its Annexes,
3. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Germany to establish the international centre for water resources and global change in Germany, under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the “Guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)” approved by the General Conference in Annex I to 33 C/Resolution 90;

4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment of the international centre for water resources and global change in Germany, under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany contained in Annex II to document 181 EX/17 Part II.

III

Proposal for the establishment of an international centre on coastal ecohydrology in Portugal, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90 and 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 181 EX/17 Part III and its Annexes,
3. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Portugal to establish the international centre on coastal ecohydrology, in Portugal, under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the “Guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)” approved by the General Conference in Annex I to 33 C/Resolution 90;
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment of the international centre on coastal ecohydrology, in Portugal, under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Portuguese Republic contained in Annex II to document 181 EX/17 Part III.

IV

Proposal for the establishment of HidroEx – international centre for education, capacity-building and applied research in water, in Frutal, Minas Gerais, Brazil, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90,
2. Recalling IHP-IC Resolution XVIII-3, adopted at the 18th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in June 2008,
3. Having examined document 181 EX/17 Part IV,
4. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Brazil to establish HidroEx – international centre for education, capacity-building and applied research in water, in Brazil, under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the “Guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)” approved by the General Conference in Annex I to 33 C/Resolution 90, and in line with the guiding principles of the strategy for UNESCO water-related centres approved by the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme;
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment in Frutal, Minas Gerais, Brazil, of HidroEx – international centre for

education, capacity-building and applied research in water as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil contained in Annex II to document 181 EX/17 Part IV.

V

Proposal for the establishment in China of an international training centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

A

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the full support of the Asia and the Pacific (ASPAC) group for the establishment of three centres for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in China, Japan and the Republic of Korea,
2. Bearing in mind that the Asia and the Pacific region is culturally diverse,
3. Emphasizing that the memorandum signed by China, Japan and the Republic of Korea on terms of cooperation and specialization for the three intangible cultural heritage centres should not be construed as implying that the Asia and the Pacific region does not need any more centres for intangible cultural heritage under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment of the three centres for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in China, Japan and the Republic of Korea;
5. Encourages and welcomes 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.

B

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90 concerning the “Principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1) and institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)”,
2. Further recalling 179 EX/Decision 44,
3. Having examined document 181 EX/17 Part V and its Annexes,
4. Taking note of the understanding reached in August 2008 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, by China, Japan and the Republic of Korea on terms of cooperation and specialization for the three intangible cultural heritage centres they have proposed to establish under the auspices of UNESCO,
5. Recognizing the significant progress in the preparation of the centre made by the Chinese authorities since the 179th session of the Executive Board,

6. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of China to establish in its territory an international training centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region under the auspices of UNESCO, in conformity with the “Guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)” approved by the General Conference in Annex I to 33 C/Resolution 90;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment in China of the international training centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the People’s Republic of China contained in Annex II to document 181 EX/17 Part V.

VI

Proposal for the establishment in the Republic of Korea of an international information and networking centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

A

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the full support of the Asia and the Pacific (ASPAC) group for the establishment of three centres for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in China, Japan and the Republic of Korea,
2. Bearing in mind that the Asia and the Pacific region is culturally diverse,
3. Emphasizing that the memorandum signed by China, Japan and the Republic of Korea on terms of cooperation and specialization for the three intangible cultural heritage centres should not be construed as implying that the Asia and the Pacific region does not need any more centres for intangible cultural heritage under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment of the three centres for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in China, Japan and the Republic of Korea;
5. Encourages and welcomes 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.

B

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90 concerning the “Principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1) and institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)”,
2. Further recalling 179 EX/Decision 46,
3. Having examined document 181 EX/17 Part VI and its Annexes,

4. Taking note of the understanding reached in August 2008 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, by China, Japan and the Republic of Korea on terms of cooperation and specialization for the three intangible cultural heritage centres they have proposed to establish under the auspices of UNESCO,
5. Recognizing the significant progress in the preparation of the Centre made by the authorities of the Republic of Korea since the 179th session of the Executive Board,
6. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Korea to establish in its territory the international information and networking centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region under the auspices of UNESCO, in conformity with the “Guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)” approved by the General Conference in Annex I to 33 C/Resolution 90;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment in the Republic of Korea of the international information and networking centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Republic of Korea contained in Annex II to document 181 EX/17 Part VI.

VII

Proposal for the establishment in Japan of an international research centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

A

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the full support of the Asia and the Pacific (ASPAC) group for the establishment of three centres for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in China, Japan and the Republic of Korea,
2. Bearing in mind that the Asia and the Pacific region is culturally diverse,
3. Emphasizing that the memorandum signed by China, Japan and the Republic of Korea on terms of cooperation and specialization for the three intangible cultural heritage centres should not be construed as implying that the Asia and the Pacific region does not need any more centres for intangible cultural heritage under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment of the three centres for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region as centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in China, Japan and the Republic of Korea;
5. Encourages and welcomes 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.

B

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90 concerning the “Principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1) and institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)”,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/17 Part VII Rev. and its Annexes and Corr., and 181 EX/INF.20,
3. Taking note of the understanding reached in August 2008 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, by China, Japan and the Republic of Korea on terms of cooperation and specialization for the three intangible cultural heritage centres they have proposed to establish under the auspices of UNESCO,
4. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Japan to establish in its territory an international research centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region under the auspices of UNESCO, in conformity with the “Guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)” approved by the General Conference in Annex I to 33 C/Resolution 90;
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, that it approve the establishment in Japan of the international research centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Japan contained in Annex II to document 181 EX/17 Part VII Rev. and Corr.

VIII

**Proposal for the establishment in Bahrain
of an Arab regional centre for world heritage (ARC-WH),
as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the proposal submitted by the Government of Bahrain for the establishment of an Arab regional centre for world heritage (ARC-WH) under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
2. Further recalling the importance of international cooperation for strengthening the capacity of States Parties to promote and implement the World Heritage Convention by improving abilities for preparation of effective nominations for the World Heritage List, and for the sustainable conservation and management of World Heritage properties,
3. Having examined the feasibility study contained in document 181 EX/17 Part VIII,
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Government of Bahrain, which is in line with the “Guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)” approved by the General Conference in Annex I to 33 C/Resolution 90, and appreciating the results of the consultations held thus far between the Secretariat and the Bahraini authorities,
5. Recommends that the General Conference approve, at its 35th session, the establishment in Bahrain of the Arab regional centre for world heritage (ARC-WH) under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain contained in the Annex to document 181 EX/17 Part VIII.

IX

Proposal for the establishment in Praia, Cape Verde, of a West Africa institute for international research on regional integration and social transformations, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 90 concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
2. Considering the importance of regional integration as a vital tool in the pursuit of sustainable economic growth, peace and stability, and in securing the democratic consolidation of West Africa,
3. Further recalling that regional integration, when conducive to social and economic development, is essential for promoting human rights and peace,
4. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Cape Verde to establish a West Africa institute for international research on regional integration and social transformations, under the auspices of UNESCO, in Praia, Cape Verde;
5. Having examined document 181 EX/17 Part IX,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, approve the establishment of the West Africa institute for international research on regional integration and social transformations as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde contained in the Annex to document 181 EX/17, Part IX.

X

Proposal for the establishment in Brazil of a regional heritage management training centre, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the proposal submitted by the Government of Brazil for the establishment of a regional heritage management training centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
2. Further recalling the importance of international cooperation for strengthening the capacity of States Parties to promote and implement the World Heritage Convention by improving abilities for the preparation of effective nominations for the World Heritage List, and for the sustainable conservation and management of World Heritage properties,
3. Having examined the feasibility study contained in document 181 EX/17 Part X,
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Government of Brazil, which is in line with the "Guidelines concerning the creation of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)" approved by the General Conference in Annex I to 33 C/Resolution 90, and appreciating the results of the consultations held thus far between the Secretariat and the Brazilian authorities,

5. Recommends that the General Conference approve, at its 35th session, the establishment of the regional heritage management training centre in Brazil as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil contained in the Annex to document 181 EX/17 Part X.

(181 EX/SR.13)

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

18 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board (35 C/5; 181 EX/INF.21; 181 EX/INF.22 Rev. (English only); 181 EX/INF.23; 181 EX/INF.25; 181 EX/INF.26; 181 EX/INF.28; 181 EX/67; 181 EX/68 Part I)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) prepared by the Director-General,
2. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 21,
3. Reaffirming the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) and its two global priorities – Africa and gender equality – its overarching and strategic programme objectives, as well as its intersectoral orientation, and further reaffirming the universal character of UNESCO's mandate,
4. Mindful of the impact of the current global financial, economic and social crisis on the financial capacities of Member States, in particular developing countries,
5. Urges Member States to focus on the crucial role and potential contribution of education, the natural sciences, the social and human sciences, culture, and communication and information in the efforts to overcome the present crisis, and to maintain and increase investments and international cooperation in these fields, thereby laying a foundation for recovery, sustainable development, social cohesion and stability;
6. Underlines the need to allocate resources to priority programme activities so as to enhance relevance, sustainability and impact, to implement programmes with the utmost efficiency, effectiveness and accountability, and to use resources judiciously;
7. Emphasizes that core resources for the regular programme and budget, because of their untied nature, are the bedrock of United Nations system activities, and that all core activities should therefore be funded from the regular programme and budget;
8. Underlines the principle that extrabudgetary activities should not be subsidized by resources from the regular budget, and that accordingly, a policy of full cost recovery should be implemented by UNESCO;
9. Notes with satisfaction that the Director-General has prepared draft document 35 C/5 in accordance with the programme priorities for the five major programmes as defined by the Executive Board in 180 EX/Decision 21;
10. Expresses its desire to see in draft document 35 C/5 an increase in the ratio between resources allocated to programmes as against those allocated to administration;

11. Welcomes the increased concentration of the programme on priority areas, and the visible emphasis given to the two global priorities of document 34 C/4, Africa and gender equality;
12. Highlights the importance of identifying in draft document 35 C/5 relevant activities by all major programmes benefiting Africa and gender equality, of reflecting this priority orientation in all relevant expected results and of providing adequate resource allocations therefor;
13. Expresses its satisfaction with the Priority Gender Equality Action Plan (181 EX/4 Add.2), and invites the Director-General to continue to develop it, and to ensure full alignment of the Plan with the gender-specific expected results in draft document 35 C/5;
14. Requests the Director-General, in the further development of the Priority Gender Equality Action Plan, to reflect the gender-specific needs of Member States;
15. Emphasizes the importance of pursuing through all major programmes action in favour of youth, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), as well as the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous peoples and countries in post-conflict and disaster situations;
16. Strongly underlines the need to strengthen South-South cooperation and triangular North-South-South cooperation in activities undertaken under all major programmes;
17. Appreciates the unique value of UNESCO's intergovernmental and international programmes in the natural sciences, the social and human sciences and communication and information, and requests the Director-General to provide these programmes with adequate resources for their functioning;
18. Underlines the importance of the opportunity afforded to UNESCO, within its specific mandate as a specialized agency of the United Nations, to stimulate intellectual cooperation and exchange;
19. Underlines the importance of the five established functions of UNESCO set forth in the Medium-Term Strategy 2008-2013, and the need to reinforce in the next biennium upstream policy advice and capacity development, and to focus on the production of high-quality publications under all major programmes;
20. Underlines the importance for the Organization to contribute actively to United Nations system-wide reform efforts in response to the needs of Member States at the country level, and to keep the governing bodies informed of developments;
21. Stresses the importance of strengthening UNESCO's field presence in order to ensure effective and high-quality delivery of the Organization's programme at the country and regional levels, including provisions for effective participation in United Nations regional directors' teams, and requests the Director-General to submit his comprehensive report on decentralization to the Executive Board at its 182nd session;
22. Requests the Director-General to modulate UNESCO's programme action in all its major programmes through dedicated regional strategies in response to specific national needs;
23. Stresses the value and relevance of UNESCO's role as a laboratory of ideas, in particular through its foresight activities, and the need to disseminate forward-looking and policy-relevant publications, including UNESCO world reports, which appeal both to decision-makers and to a larger audience;

24. Requests the Director-General to enhance interdisciplinary and intersectoral action, and to report in the statutory reports on the content, modalities, management and implementation of such action, including funds allocated and used;
25. Emphasizes the important role of category 2 centres in the implementation of the various major programmes, encourages their creation, and invites the Director-General to disseminate information regarding existing category 2 centres, to develop (in line with 181 EX/Decision 16) distinct sectoral strategies for engaging with such centres, and to draw on these centres, as appropriate, in order to enhance UNESCO's message and visibility;
26. Welcomes the progress achieved in applying a consistent results-based management (RBM) approach throughout draft document 35 C/5, and invites the Director-General to pursue efforts and, in particular, to revisit the formulation of some of the performance indicators and benchmarks when finalizing document 35 C/5;
27. Welcomes the range of partners and, in particular, non-governmental organizations collaborating with UNESCO in the implementation of its programme, and underscores the strategic importance of anchoring UNESCO's action in civil society and among a large number of stakeholders;
28. Transmits herewith to the General Conference the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), together with the following recommendations by the Executive Board, which constitute document 35 C/6, and recommends that the General Conference examine the item concerning the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) in the light of these documents.

The General Conference,

Major Programme I – Education

29. Endorses the following biennial sectoral priorities and related main lines of action (MLAs) for Major Programme I:

Biennial sectoral priority 1: Supporting the achievement of education for all (EFA)

MLA 1: Building blocks for EFA: literacy, teachers and work skills;

MLA 2: Building effective education systems from early childhood care and education to higher education, and furthering lifelong learning;

MLA 3: Sector-wide frameworks: helping governments to plan and manage the education sector;

Biennial sectoral priority 2: Providing global and regional leadership in education, including through the implementation of recommendations of major international education conferences

MLA 4: Leading the international education agenda, including education for sustainable development (ESD), and tracking trends;

30. Emphasizes that UNESCO's education programme should benefit all Member States, paying special attention to Africa and countries which are far from achieving the six EFA goals;
31. Urges quick and concrete follow-up to the cooperation among the EFA convening agencies in order to maintain the momentum in favour of EFA;

32. Underlines the need for rapid implementation of the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) strategy, approved by the Executive Board, with a focus on upstream policy advice and capacity development, bearing in mind the need to pursue gender-equal approaches, and the need to strengthen TVET capacities at Headquarters and at the UNESCO International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (UNEVOC);
33. Stresses the need to focus, in particular in the context of the Teacher Training Initiative for Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA), on the recruitment, training and retention of teachers as a crucial element in the achievement of the Dakar goals;
34. Underlines the need for more concrete focus on, and further implementation of, the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014);
35. Urges the proper articulation of and effective follow-up to implementation of the recommendations of meetings and conferences on education (Dakar, Geneva, Oslo, Bonn, Belém and Paris);
36. Reaffirms the importance of higher education for development and progress, notably in developing countries, and underlines the role of higher education in the achievement of the EFA goals;
37. Requests the Director-General, in the context of higher education, to promote regional cooperation in cross-border education;
38. Welcomes the efforts to align the programmatic work of the category 1 education institutes with the priorities of Major Programme I, and requests the Director-General to continue in this direction;
39. Decides to adopt separate resolutions for each education category 1 institute;
40. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for his verbal confirmation that he will reconsider the reassignment of the coordination of the Literacy Initiative for Empowerment (LIFE) from the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) to Headquarters, as envisaged in paragraph 01022 of draft document 35 C/5, and conduct consultations and an assessment of LIFE in its current location at UIL, taking into account the Director-General's suggestion that this issue be revisited in 2011;
41. Emphasizes the need for efforts to promote literacy, taking into account gender-specific needs and the needs of disadvantaged groups;
42. Invites the Director-General to reinforce quality education in all its dimensions, especially education for human rights, shared values and a culture of peace;
43. Invites the Director-General to reinforce South-South cooperation in the field of education, building on and further strengthening the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education;
44. Decides to make in Volume I of draft document 35 C/5 at the end of the draft resolution on Major Programme I (para. 01000) the following additions:
 - (a) at the end of expected result 9 under MLA 3, add the words "as part of global efforts to strengthen ESD";
 - (b) at the end of expected result 13 under MLA 4, add the words "and the Bonn Declaration of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development followed up";

- (c) at the end of expected result 11 of MLA 4, add the words “and continued support to the regional initiatives/networks that serve as policy platforms”;
- (d) under paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, add the following new sub-paragraphs:
 - (i) to report annually to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the progress made to reinforce South-South and North-South-South cooperation in education, including the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education;
 - (ii) to report annually to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the follow-up to the four major international conferences in education (the 48th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE), the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, CONFINTEA VI, the World Conference on Higher Education), as well meetings of the High-Level Group on EFA.

Major Programme II – Natural sciences

45. Endorses the following biennial sectoral priorities and related main lines of action (MLAs) for Major Programme II:

Biennial sectoral priority 1: Policies and capacity-building in science, technology and innovation for sustainable development and poverty eradication

MLA 1: Enhancing the leverage of science through integrated science, technology and innovation (STI) policy

MLA 2: Reinforcing capacity-building in the sciences and strengthening science education, especially in Africa

Biennial sectoral priority 2: Sustainable management of freshwater, ocean and terrestrial resources, including renewable sources of energy, as well as disaster preparedness and mitigation

MLA 3: Promoting the sustainable management and conservation of freshwater, terrestrial resources and biodiversity

MLA 4: Strengthening the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and broadening the scope of its activities for the benefit of all Member States: improving governance and fostering intergovernmental cooperation to manage and protect oceans and coastal zones

- 46. Invites the Director-General to develop an overall fundraising strategy for the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC);
- 47. Decides that the expected results of MLA 4 should reflect the special emphasis to be given to particularly vulnerable regions located in Africa, least developed countries (LDCs), and small island developing States (SIDS);
- 48. Underlines the need for UNESCO, in the implementation of its natural sciences programme, to ensure improved synergy and coordination with other United Nations agencies and international organizations;
- 49. Emphasizes the urgency and relevance of science education at all levels for all developing countries, particularly in Africa, and recognizes its role as an element of

education for sustainable development (ESD) in addressing the challenges related to global environmental change and its consequences, including increasing vulnerability to natural disasters;

50. Underscores the importance of capacity-building and education in the basic and engineering sciences, especially in Africa;
51. Emphasizes the need to promote the increased participation of women in sciences and scientific research;
52. Requests the Director-General to strengthen support for the intergovernmental and international scientific programmes – the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP), the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP), International Hydrological Programme (IHP), the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme – and enjoins their governing bodies to ensure that they contribute effectively to meeting the needs of Africa;
53. Calls for support for and the strengthening of the role of MAB, and particularly its World Network of Biosphere Reserves, in helping to address the issues of sustainable development and climate change adaptation, and other global environmental issues, stressing the role of Biosphere Reserves as learning places in these fields;
54. Underlines the importance of strengthening capacities and of disseminating best practices in the sustainable management of forest ecosystems, especially in Africa;
55. Underlines the need to promote the contribution that may be made by renewable energies in facing the many challenges posed by climate change and sustainable development, through the exchange and sharing of scientific knowledge among Member States and the provision of appropriate support in the formulation of policies;
56. Decides to add the following expected result under MLA 2: “South-South and North-South-South cooperation reinforced in the context of capacity-building for Africa”;
57. Decides to add the following paragraph to the draft appropriation resolution for 2010-2011: “Authorizes the Director-General to provide support to the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) by granting it a budgetary allocation under Major Programme II for a total amount of ..., which shall not be decreased by transfers of funds to other parts of the budget”.

Major Programme III – Social and human sciences

58. Endorses the following biennial sectoral priorities and related main lines of action (MLAs) for Major Programme III:

Biennial sectoral priority 1: Responding to critical global social challenges and the exigency of building a culture of peace and promoting intercultural dialogue, on the basis of human rights and philosophy

MLA 1: Promoting human rights within UNESCO's fields of competence, philosophy and philosophical dialogue on emerging social and human issues, as well as intercultural dialogue

MLA 2: Enhancing research-policy linkages in the field of social development and the management of social transformations, including emerging issues relating to youth

MLA 3: Ensuring the effective implementation and monitoring of the International Convention against Doping in Sport, as well as providing upstream policy orientations on physical education and sport

Biennial sectoral priority 2: Addressing emerging global ethical issues

MLA 4: Supporting Member States in developing policies in the ethics of science and technology, especially bioethics, and disseminating the existing declarations in the field of bioethics

59. Underlines the important role of philosophy within the framework of UNESCO's intellectual function, as well as the Organization's function as a laboratory of ideas, and its relevance in the context of the search for answers to the present global crisis of values;
60. Requests the Director-General to strengthen support for the activities of the intergovernmental Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme;
61. Decides to add in Volume I to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 03000 the following additional expected result under MLA 2: "Research policies and capacities in the social and human sciences in Member States supported".

Major Programme IV – Culture

62. Endorses the following biennial sectoral priorities and related main lines of action (MLAs) for Major Programme IV:

Biennial sectoral priority 1: Protecting, safeguarding and managing the tangible and intangible heritage

MLA 1: Protecting and conserving immovable, cultural and natural properties, in particular through the effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention

MLA 2: Safeguarding living heritage, particularly through the promotion and implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

MLA 3: Enhancing the protection of cultural objects and the fight against illicit trafficking in them, notably through the promotion and the implementation of the 1954 Convention and its two Protocols, and the 1970 and 2001 Conventions, as well as the development of museums

Biennial sectoral priority 2: Promoting the diversity of cultural expressions, languages and multilingualism, the dialogue of cultures and civilizations, and the culture of peace

MLA 4: Protecting and promoting the diversity of cultural expressions, particularly through the implementation of the 2005 Convention and the development of cultural and creative industries

MLA 5: Integrating intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity into national policies

63. Invites the Director-General to provide adequate resources for the effective servicing and implementation of the Conventions;

64. Underlines the strategic importance of languages and multilingualism, and the safeguarding and protection of indigenous and endangered languages, which should continue to be pursued through the existing intersectoral platform;
65. Underlines the importance of the ensuring within the regular budget adequate resources for the Slave Route project and of reinforcing those resources, and of close cooperation with the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE) for related curriculum development;
66. Strongly underlines the need to reassert UNESCO's global leadership role and constitutional responsibility with respect to intercultural dialogue by reorienting and strengthening all existing efforts and capacities in UNESCO pertaining to intercultural dialogue, including in cooperation with the Alliance of Civilizations;
67. Underlines the importance of UNESCO playing the leading role in the activities of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures in 2010, and of strengthening its capacities to that end;
68. Emphasizes the need to strengthen UNESCO's efforts to secure the ratification of all UNESCO conventions and the provision of assistance to Member States in their implementation;
69. Emphasizes the important role of category 2 centres in culture, especially in view of the priority attached by developing countries to the intangible cultural heritage, encourages the creation of such centres, and invites the Director-General to disseminate information regarding existing category 2 centres in culture, to develop a distinct sectoral strategy for engaging with such centres, and to draw on these centres, as appropriate, in order to enhance UNESCO's message and visibility in culture;
70. Decides to include in Volume I of draft document 35 C/5 the following amendments in the draft resolution on Major Programme IV (para. 04000):

include in paragraph 2(b):
 - (a) add at the end of expected result 16 for MLA 5 the following words: "and Slave Route project reinforced";
 - (b) add a new expected result under MLA 4 to read: "Member States supported in promoting and protecting endangered and indigenous languages";
 - (c) add at the beginning of expected result 13 for MLA 4 the following words: "Multilingualism and";
 - (d) in MLA 4 expected result 14, replace the word "strengthened" with "supported";
71. Decides to delete in Volume II, paragraph 04020, and in expected result 11 of MLA 4, the reference to the creation of the observatory on piracy.

Major Programme V – Communication and information

72. Endorses the following biennial sectoral priorities and related main lines of action (MLAs) for Major Programme V:

Biennial sectoral priority 1: Promoting freedom of expression and information

MLA 1: Promoting freedom of expression and access to information

Biennial sectoral priority 2: Building capacities for universal access to information and knowledge

MLA 2: Strengthening free, independent and pluralistic media and communication for sustainable development

MLA 3: Fostering universal access to information and knowledge and the development of infostructures

73. Stresses the need to further strengthen UNESCO's ongoing efforts with regard to freedom of expression and freedom of the press;
74. Invites the Director-General to ensure continuous and effective follow-up to the relevant action lines of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) entrusted to UNESCO;
75. Underlines the importance of strengthening UNESCO's action to bridge the digital and knowledge divides through the building of knowledge societies;
76. Requests the Director-General to strengthen support for the activities of the two intergovernmental programmes, the Information for All Programme (IFAP) and the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC);
77. Underlines the need for continued support to and engagement with information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education, particularly in developing countries;
78. Underlines the importance of the Memory of the World programme and related capacity-building, in particular for Africa;
79. Encourages various forms of collaboration between libraries and archives as well as initiatives such as the World Digital Library with a view to sharing best practices and experiences among different countries and regions of the world.

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80. Invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures to ensure multilingualism in the Organization, by respecting the six working languages of the General Conference, especially in the implementation of the new publications policy and in the information disseminated through the web portal of the Organization;
81. Decides that in the formulation of the various expected results throughout draft document 35 C/5, consistent reference be made, where applicable, to the term "Member States supported" instead of the term "Member States assisted";
82. Decides that in all draft resolutions pertaining to major programmes the following words be added at the end of paragraph 3: ", indicating specific demonstrated achievements per MLA".

II – Budget issues

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5),
2. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 21,
3. Noting that the budgeting techniques are in accordance with 34 C/Resolution 92,

4. Also noting the progress achieved in the presentation of document 35 C/5, in particular with regard to the definition of expected results, and the rationalization of financial resources allocated to central services and parts of the budget other than Part II.A and the increase in decentralized resources,
5. Further noting that 52 new posts are being created, including through the regularization of temporary posts,
6. Bearing in mind that the revised decentralization strategy and its costed options will be presented to the Executive Board at its 182nd session,
7. Takes note of the Director-General's proposed budget ceiling of \$671 million for the 2010-2011 biennium;
8. Requests the Director-General to present a medium-term security plan at its 182nd session, including possible alternatives to the creation of new security posts, such as the outsourcing of security services, and to ensure that all new posts are filled following normal recruitment procedures;
9. Further requests the Director-General to reinforce priority programmes, in particular those relating to Africa, and to further rationalize expenditure linked to Parts I and III.

(181 EX/SR.12)

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

19 Report by the Director-General on evaluations completed during the 2008-2009 biennium (181 EX/19; 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 27,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/19,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators and 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;
6. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 182nd session for consideration possible preliminary scenarios, including the financial implications, for a comprehensive external evaluation of UNESCO.

(181 EX/SR.13)

20 Biennial evaluation report on the activities and results of all UNESCO decentralized bodies (181 EX/20; 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/20,
2. Takes note of its content.

(181 EX/SR.13)

21 Follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92 and 34 C/Resolution 88 concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO (181 EX/INF.7; 181 EX/63)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/INF.7,
2. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 92, 34 C/Resolution 88 and 180 EX/Decision 22,
3. Welcomes the steady progress in implementation of 33 C/Resolution 92;
4. Notes that some of the recommendations have been taken up as separate agenda items, and that their implementation now depends upon the decisions on those items;
5. Further notes that the status of implementation of recommendations is as follows:
 - (i) Recommendation 6 is considered to be implemented, hence closed;
 - (ii) Recommendations 7, 8 and 10 are ongoing and linked to agenda item **32** of its 181st session;
 - (iii) Recommendation 13 is also ongoing;
 - (iv) Recommendation 14 may be closed, provided that the subject is kept under constant review by the Executive Board;
 - (v) Recommendation 16 is ongoing;
 - (vi) Recommendation 17 is ongoing;
 - (vii) Recommendation 20 may be closed, on the understanding that it is an integral and ongoing part of the Board's work in future;
6. Decides to examine the status of recommendations that are ongoing at its 182nd session to finalize its report for submission to the General Conference at its 35th session.

(181 EX/SR.11)

22 Report by the Director-General on the criteria for holding private meetings (181 EX/22; 181 EX/63)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling recommendation 17 contained in 33 C/Resolution 92, 175 EX/Decision 23, paragraph 11, 179 EX/Decision 18 and 180 EX/Decision 23 concerning the consideration by the Executive Board of the criteria for holding private meetings,
2. Having examined documents 181 EX/22 and 181 EX/63,
3. Takes note of the content of document 181 EX/63 relating to item **22**;

4. Taking into account Rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board,
5. Decides not to consider the recommendation of the Special Committee to amend Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure.

(181 EX/SR.11)

23 Report by the Executive Board on the implementation of document 34 C/5 with results achieved in the previous biennium (35 C/3) (181 EX/23 and 181 EX/SP/2 and Corr. (*English only*); 181 EX/63)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/23,
2. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 78, 33 C/Resolution 92, 176 EX/Decision 29, 177 EX/Decision 46 (II), 34 C/Resolution 89, 179 EX/Decision 21, document 34 C/9 Part II and 180 EX/Decision 25,
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 and 180 EX/Decision 4,
6. Decides to proceed to prepare its report to the 35th session of the General Conference on the implementation of document 34 C/5 with results achieved in the previous biennium (35 C/3) in the following manner:
 - (a) simplify the structure of the report in accordance with the guidance provided in 176 EX/Decision 29, thus concentrating on key achievements; key challenges; and recommendations;
 - (b) use document 35 C/3 Part II “Summary and Conclusions” as a model for achieving a concise and analytical report;
 - (c) based on the Executive Board’s decisions during the current biennium, highlight key achievements and challenges relating to programme delivery (as compared with expected results) in the following areas:
 - (i) Major Programmes I-V (examples: overall assessment of programme implementation, cf. 179 EX/Decision 4 and 180 EX/Decision 4; progress in EFA, cf. 179 EX/Decision 51 and 180 EX/Decision 7; need for greater Information for All Programme (IFAP) coordination, cf. 180 EX/Decision 15; Africa, science and technology, cf. 180 EX/Decision 8; UNESCO technical and vocational education and training (TVET), cf. 179 EX/Decision 49, etc.);
 - (ii) intersectoral programme activities (examples: redesigning foresight, cf. 179 EX/Decision 40 and 180 EX/Decision 51; action plan on climate change, cf. 179 EX/Decision 15 and 180 EX/Decision 16);

- (iii) matters related to results-based management (RBM) and evaluation and its impact on programme delivery and assessment (examples: 179 EX/Decision 4 and 180 EX/Decision 4; implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) strategy, cf. 179 EX/Decision 30; External Auditor’s reports, etc.);
 - (iv) Matters relating to human resources management (HRM), reforms and administration with impact on programme delivery (examples: procurement policies and procedures, cf. 179 EX/Decision 31; staff issues (rotation policy, consultants, etc.), cf. 179 EX/Decision 31 and 179 EX/Decision 33; publication policy, cf. 179 EX/Decision 31 and 180 EX/Decision 40; United Nations reform, cf. 179 EX/Decision 42 and 180 EX/Decision 52; decentralization, cf. 179 EX/Decision 6, etc.);
- (d) based on a further elaborated draft report made by the Director-General according to the guidance given at the 181st session, formulate recommendations and finalize its report at its 182nd session;
7. Invites the Chair of the Executive Board to consult as soon as possible with the Members of the Executive Board on what they consider the three overall key achievements and three challenges in programme delivery, limited to what is expressed in the decisions adopted by the Executive Board during the current biennium, and to invite them to propose recommendations on how this could be addressed by the Executive Board, the Director-General or the General Conference;
 8. Stresses that the objective of this consultation is to identify trends in what Members of the Board consider to be key achievements and challenges, as an input to the editorial work to be undertaken by the Director-General in preparing the draft report;
 9. Requests the Director-General, in the light of the Board’s discussion of this item at its 181st session, and based on the decisions adopted by the Board on issues pertaining to programme delivery at its 181st session, as well as on the above-mentioned consultation, to further elaborate a draft report for submission to it at its 182nd session;
 10. Decides to grant the Special Committee sufficient time to finalize the recommendations and the report at its 182nd session.

(181 EX/SR.11)

24 Accountability framework concerning management performance and transparency in the Secretariat (181 EX/PRIV.4; 181 EX/PRIV/INF.1)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 07 (III), by which the General Conference “*Decides* to entrust to the Executive Board the examination of modalities for reflecting, in future, on matters relating to the Director-General, while taking into account Article V.6(b) and Article VI of the Constitution, parameters in respect of improving management performance and transparency in the Secretariat,
2. Having considered document 181 EX/PRIV.4,
3. Decides to examine the draft contract of the Director-General at its 182nd session, for subsequent submission to the General Conference, and with a view to its signature by the Director-General designate and the President of the 35th session of the General Conference.

(181 EX/SR.11)

25 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the nomination of the Director-General of the Organization (181 EX/25)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/25,
2. Approves the following procedure, contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of document 181 EX/25, as amended, for the nomination of a candidate for the office of Director-General in 2009:

Paragraph 4

- (i) The Board has set 31 May 2009 as the deadline for the receipt of the names of candidates proposed by the Member States.
- (ii) The Chairman will make a public announcement no later than 8 June 2009 concerning the names of candidates thus proposed.
- (iii) The Chairman will invite the candidates to submit to him, on behalf of the Executive Board, no later than 1 August 2009, a text not exceeding 2,000 words, in one of the six working languages of the Executive Board, setting out their vision for UNESCO.
- (iv) The Board shall consider, in private meeting, all the names of the candidates so suggested, provided that no candidature shall be considered unless biographical details are available, in accordance with Rule 58, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.
- (v) The candidates will be interviewed in private meeting at the 182nd session.
- (vi) The duration of each interview will be a maximum of one hour. It will consist of two parts:

First part: Oral presentation by the candidate, lasting up to 20 minutes.

Second part:

- (a) Each electoral group will designate its representative(s), who will ask each candidate one question.
 - (b) The questions, which should not exceed two minutes each, may be asked in any of the six working languages of the Executive Board, and the candidates will reply in English or in French. In the interview, they will be encouraged to state their ability to handle the two working languages of the UNESCO Secretariat or to develop it further.
 - (c) The candidate will have a maximum of five minutes in which to answer each question.
 - (d) The candidate will have up to 30 minutes in which to answer the six questions asked by the electoral groups.
- (vii) The order of the interviews of the candidates and the order in which the electoral groups ask their questions will be determined by lots drawn at the first private meeting of the 182nd session.
 - (viii) The interviews of the candidates will be broadcast simultaneously on-screen in Room XI, access to which will be limited to one representative per Member State

of UNESCO not a Member of the Executive Board, pursuant to Rule 29, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

- (ix) After completion of all interviews, the Executive Board will discuss privately, in a private meeting, in preparation for the balloting process, without analysing or discussing the outcome of the interviews, in accordance with Rule 58, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.
- (x) Voting will be by secret ballot in private meeting, in accordance with Rule 58, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.
- (xi) Each candidate will be offered appropriate office facilities on the day of his or her interview.

Paragraph 5. In the light of the foregoing and pursuant to the request of the Board, paragraph 6(d) of document 180 EX/28 could be worded as follows:

- (d) At the 182nd session (the session preceding the 35th session of the General Conference), consideration by the Executive Board in private meeting of the names put forward, pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure. The Board will, at a private meeting, interview the candidates through the procedure outlined in paragraph 4 above. After discussions at a private meeting at the end of the interview process, the Board shall choose through secret ballot the candidate whom it will recommend to the General Conference.

(181 EX/SR.5)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

26 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 (181 EX/CR/HR and Add. and Add.2; 181 EX/3 PRIV. Draft and Add. and Corr.; 181 EX/CR/2)

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

Methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) (181 EX/CR/2; 181 EX/64)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 19 C/Resolution 6.113, 19 C/Resolution 12.1 and 104 EX/Decision 3.3, on the second aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) on the examination of communications relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/CR/2 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (181 EX/64),
3. Decides that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations will continue its review of working methods regarding the "104 procedure" established in 104 EX/Decision 3.3 at its 182nd session, based on written contributions from the members of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations through its Chair, which should reach the Secretariat by 10 June 2009, and that the review would also take into account the rich debate of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations at the 181st session of the Executive Board, during which many

ideas were voiced, *inter alia* the idea of establishing a working group to further study questions of admissibility;

4. Further decides to grant the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations at the 182nd session one extra working day for that purpose.

(181 EX/SR.10)

27 Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments

(181 EX/27; 181 EX/64)

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 and 180 EX/Decision 31, 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 181 EX/27 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (181 EX/ 64),
3. Invites Member States 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. Requests the Director-General to facilitate, within the available resources, the assistance needed by Member States to help them in fulfilling these obligations;
5. Notes the actions undertaken by the Secretariat to implement the new procedures adopted at the 177th session on the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit at each session, in conformity with the agreed calendar, a precise review of the difficulties encountered in the implementation and the monitoring of the conventions and recommendations, the examination of which is included in the agenda of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
7. Requests the Director-General to communicate to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations detailed information relating to the actions envisaged in order to implement the new procedures adopted at its 177th session with a view to permitting more cooperation and dialogue between Member States and the Secretariat on the monitoring of the implementation of the standard-setting instruments of UNESCO;
8. Decides to devote, from the 182nd session onwards, the time required for an in-depth examination of the concrete measures adopted by the Secretariat in order to progress in the effective implementation by Member States of UNESCO conventions and recommendations.

(181 EX/SR.10)

28 Report on the eighth and ninth meetings of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education (181 EX/28; 181 EX/64)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 162 EX/Decision 5.4, 171 EX/Decision 27, 172 EX/Decision 26, 175 EX/Decision 29, 177 EX/Decision 37 and 179 EX/Decision 24,

2. Having examined document 181 EX/28 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (181 EX/64),
3. Expresses its appreciation of the accomplished and current work of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education;
4. Recognizes the importance of the theme “Inclusive dimensions of the right to education” addressed by the Joint Expert Group at its eighth and ninth meetings, in the context of the 48th session of the International Conference on Education (Geneva, November 2008);
5. Notes that the International Conference on Education has taken into account in its final recommendations significant components of the recommendations made by the Joint Expert Group;
6. Invites Member States to give special consideration to the inclusive dimensions of the right to education, as elucidated by the Joint Expert Group, in their legal systems, education policies and strategies for advancing education for all (EFA);
7. Also invites all Member States, in spite of the current global financial crisis, to ensure within their budget the necessary investment in order to ensure the full exercise of the right to quality education for all, and further invites Member States to increase the assistance to the countries that are most in need, especially in Africa as UNESCO’s priority;
8. Requests the Director-General to implement the suggestions and recommendations for follow-up action made by the Joint Expert Group in document 181 EX/28, which were examined and endorsed by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
9. Invites the Joint Expert Group to continue its consultations relating to the examination of key issues within its broad mandate of monitoring the right to education in all its dimensions, such as the issues of mother tongue education and multilingualism to be addressed at the forthcoming 10th meeting of the Joint Expert Group;
10. Also requests the Joint Expert Group to present to the Executive Board at its 184th session a report on the overall activities of the Joint Expert Group undertaken since the 181st session, and to submit in its forthcoming reports a more comprehensive picture of the debates that took place within the Joint Expert Group.

(181 EX/SR.10)

29 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the conservation of the historic urban landscape
(181 EX/29; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 25,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/29,
3. Considering that new challenges have emerged and approaches have been developed concerning the conservation of historic urban landscapes, and that existing standard-setting instruments may not adequately address the matter,
4. Noting Decision 29COM 5D of the World Heritage Committee (Durban, 2005), in which it recommended that the General Conference adopt a new recommendation to supplement and update existing UNESCO standard-setting instruments on this matter,

5. Taking into account the discussions that were held on this issue at its 181st session,
6. Decides to include this item in the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference;
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session the preliminary study contained in document 181 EX/29, together with the relevant observations and decisions of the Executive Board thereon;
8. Recommends that the General Conference decide at its 35th session on the action to be taken for the elaboration of a new standard-setting instrument on the conservation of the historic urban landscape in the form of a recommendation.

(181 EX/SR.13)

30 Report by the Director-General on allegations received by the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) (181 EX/30; 181 EX/INF.11; 181 EX/64 and Corr. Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 4.4,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/30 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (181 EX/64 and Corr. Rev.),
3. Takes note of the interim report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) on allegations of non-observance of the Recommendations of 1966 and 1997 transmitted to CEART by teachers' organizations, taking into account the comments made by the representative of Japan during the meeting of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
4. Invites the Director-General to communicate the report to the Governments of Australia and Japan and to the National Tertiary Education Union of Australia and teachers' organizations in Japan that participated in meetings with the CEART fact-finding mission in April 2008, and to invite them to take the necessary follow-up action as recommended in the report;
5. Further invites the Director-General to communicate the report to the Government of Ethiopia as well as to the Ethiopian Teachers' Association and to Education International, and requests the Director-General to use his good offices to try to improve communication between the Ethiopian authorities and these two teachers' organizations.

(181 EX/SR.10)

[31 Amendments to the Regulations of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 181 EX/1.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

- 32 Preparation of the 35th session of the General Conference** (181 EX/32 Part I, Part II and Corr. and Part II Add., Part III and Corr. (*Chinese only*); 181 EX/INF.3; 181 EX/INF.19)

I

Provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/32 Part I,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference shall comprise the items proposed in document 181 EX/32 Part I – as well as items which the Executive Board decided to include at its 181st session – with the following deletion:

Item 5.7 Proposal for the proclamation by the United Nations of 2011 as an international year of chemistry
 - (b) that any other items submitted by Member States or Associate Members or by the United Nations, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, no later than 100 days before the opening of the session (i.e. by **26 June 2009**) shall be inscribed by the Director-General on the provisional agenda, which shall then be communicated to Member States and Associate Members no later than 90 days before the opening of the session (i.e. by **7 July 2009**).

(181 EX/SR.6)

II

Draft plan for the organization of the work of the 35th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered documents 181 EX/32 Part II and Corr. and Part II Add.,
2. Noting that the recommendations contained in paragraph 20 of document 181 EX/32 Part II will be implemented on an experimental basis, and may be reviewed after the 35th session of the General Conference,
3. Approves the main proposals contained in the aforementioned documents, and requests the Director-General to modify the following five paragraphs contained in document 181 EX/32 Part II in the light of the comments made during the debate on this item:

paragraph 8 (seating arrangements);

paragraph 21 (flexible approach to the distribution of official statements, including enhanced use of electronic means);

paragraph 32 (role of the bureaux of commissions);

paragraph 33(c) (flexible use of joint meetings of commissions and advance planning);

paragraph 53 (dates of the General Assembly of States Parties to the 1972 World Heritage Convention);

4. Invites the Director-General to continue consulting Member States, through the good offices of the President of the General Conference, regarding suggested themes for the plenary ministerial forum;
5. Further invites the Director-General to draw up on this basis document 35 C/2 on the organization of the work of the General Conference, including the provisional timetable of work;
6. Requests the Director-General to consider seeking extrabudgetary contributions to facilitate the full participation of delegates from least developed countries (LDCs) in the 35th session of the General Conference.

(181 EX/SR.11)

III

Invitations to the 35th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/32 Part III and Corr. (*Chinese only*),
2. Takes cognizance of the notification to be sent by the Director-General to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
3. Takes note of the invitations to be sent by the Director-General to intergovernmental organizations in accordance with Rule 6, paragraphs 2 and 3;
4. Decides, in accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 4, that the following States shall be invited to send observers to the 35th session of the General Conference:

Holy See
Liechtenstein;
5. Includes Palestine in the list provided for in paragraph 6 of that Rule, and notes that the Director-General intends to send it an invitation in accordance with that paragraph;
6. Notes the invitations that the Director-General intends to send to international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO;
7. Decides to examine at its 182nd session the admission to the 35th session of the General Conference of observers from non-governmental organizations (other than those maintaining formal relations with UNESCO), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO, as well as from other international organizations.

(181 EX/SR.6)

IV

Submission of nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 35th session of the General Conference (181 EX/INF.3)

The Executive Board decided to recommend to the General Conference the following candidates for the offices of Chairpersons of the commissions and committees:

PRX Commission	Mr M.Z. Aziz (Afghanistan)
ED Commission	Mr D. Hindle (South Africa)
SC Commission	Mr S. Anguelov (Bulgaria)
SHS Commission	Ms S. Baasiri (Lebanon)
CLT Commission	Mr O.F. Loğoğlu (Turkey)
CI Commission	Electoral Group III (name to be communicated)
Administrative Commission	Ms S. Hanna-El-Daher (Lebanon)
Credentials Committee	Mr M.M. Famba (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
Nominations Committee	Mr K. Nhouyvanisvong (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
Legal Committee	Mr F. Margiotta Broglio (Italy)

(181 EX/SR.11)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

33 Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) strategy in 2008-2009: annual report 2008 (181 EX/33; 181 EX/66)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/33,
3. Takes note of the contributions made by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS).

II

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 176 EX/Decision 38 and document 176 EX/38,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/33,
3. Recognizes the importance of formalizing the establishment of the Oversight Advisory Committee as a permanent standing committee in order to ensure that the Director-General and his management team may benefit from independent professional advice and expertise;
4. Welcomes the Director-General's proposal on the terms of reference for the Oversight Advisory Committee;

5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, given the significance of internal oversight for the good governance of UNESCO, approve the establishment of the Oversight Advisory Committee and its Terms of Reference (Annex to document 181 EX/33), and suspend the relevant provisions of the applicable regulations on UNESCO meetings, as they relate to the Oversight Advisory Committee.

(181 EX/SR.13)

34 Progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken (181 EX/34 Parts I and II; 181 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 40 (I),
2. Having examined document 181 EX/34 Part I,
3. Takes note of the implementation status of the External Auditor's recommendations;
4. Requests the Director-General to take the necessary steps to implement the outstanding recommendations of the External Auditor, and in all reports on outstanding matters to indicate when the implementation will be completed by;
5. Also requests the Director-General to transmit the report contained in 181 EX/34 Part I to the General Conference, together with the comments by the Executive Board.

(181 EX/SR.12)

35 Report by the External Auditor on the management of the UNESCO Office in Beijing (181 EX/35; 181 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/35,
2. Takes note of its content.

(181 EX/SR.12)

36 Progress report by the Director-General on the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations (181 EX/36; 181 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 34 requesting the Director-General to submit to it at its 181st session a progress report on the implementation of the action plan for the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), including proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/36,
3. Takes note of the work performed, the progress to date, and the importance of the work to be undertaken in 2009 and in subsequent biennia;
4. Also takes note of the funding gap for the implementation of IPSAS in the biennium 2010-2011, and the need to find ways to close this gap, as requested in 180 EX/Decision 34;

5. Recognizing that the financial statements of UNESCO as from the financial year 2010 will be prepared on an accrual basis in full compliance with the provisions of IPSAS,
6. Reaffirming that the current cash-based biennium budget preparations, management and reporting are not affected by the changes proposed in the revision of the Financial Regulations,
7. Further takes note of the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations (181 EX/36, Annex I), and requests the Director-General to submit them for consideration and approval by the General Conference at its 35th session;
8. Further requests the Director-General to review and revise the Financial Rules and present them to it at its 184th session for its approval in accordance with Article 15.2 of the Financial Regulations.

(181 EX/SR.12)

37 Annual report (2008) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): report by the Director-General (181 EX/37 and Add.; 181 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 114 EX/Decision 8.5 and 22 C/Resolution 37,
2. Having examined documents 181 EX/37 and Add.,
3. Takes note of their contents;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), and to take due account of the results of its work.

(181 EX/SR.12)

38 Report by the Director-General on progress in the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities: the cost recovery policy (181 EX/38; 181 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review requesting that “the Executive Boards ... ensure that core resources do not subsidize the projects undertaken through non-core/supplementary/extrabudgetary funding”,
2. Further recalling its discussion on cost recovery at the 180th session, and also 180 EX/Decision 37,
3. Having examined document 181 EX/38,
4. Takes note of the lead role taken by UNESCO, in the framework of the Finance and Budget Network of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM), to further harmonize cost-recovery policies among United Nations organizations;
5. 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;

6. Takes note of the Director-General's ongoing efforts:
 - (a) to further develop UNESCO's cost-recovery policy and guidelines, based on a well-defined support cost measurement methodology, including clear identification and definition of costs, so that identifiable elements covered by percentage-based support-cost charges are charged as appropriate as direct costs to the projects, the programme support-costs standard rate is adjusted accordingly, and direct costs and indirect variable costs are not charged twice;
 - (b) to foster a better understanding of the proposed cost-recovery policy through the publication of the guidelines, and by providing in-depth training;
 - (c) to pursue the necessary administrative procedures to implement the cost-recovery policy;
 - (d) to lower the administrative costs and increase the efficiency of implementing the cost-recovery policy, *inter alia* by proposing automated processes;
7. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 182nd session further information on the results of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM)-United Nations Development Group (UNDG) joint study, the results of UNESCO's 2008 cost-measurement study, and the status of its cost-recovery policy.

(181 EX/SR.12)

39 Report by the Director-General on the revised Publication and Distribution Plan 2008-2009 (181 EX/39 and Corr.; 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 31 (I) and 180 EX/Decision 40 (I),
2. Having examined documents 181 EX/39 and Corr. and 181 EX/34,
3. Takes note of the revised Publication and Distribution Plan 2008-2009 presented in Annexes I and II of 181 EX/39 and Corr. and on the Internet (on the UNESCO Publishing page);
4. Further takes note with particular concern that recommendation 15 contained in the External Auditor's report on UNESCO's publication activities, regarding linguistic diversity, has not been implemented;
5. Invites the Director-General to pursue the measures outlined in document 181 EX/39, and in particular:
 - (a) to promote linguistic diversity in the Publication and Distribution Plan 2010-2011 by ensuring that language versions are systematically planned and approved according to the type and reach of each publication, and also by seeking low-cost solutions for the distribution of works, such as partnerships or co-licensing agreements with local publishers;
 - (b) to finalize the comprehensive methodological framework for the evaluation of publications;
 - (c) to ensure the establishment of a coherent distribution policy throughout the Organization;
6. Further invites the Director-General, when preparing the Publication and Distribution Plan 2010-2011, to include the information requested in 179 EX/Decision 31, in

particular the intended purpose and demand, the expected impact, and the estimated printing costs of the publications;

7. Requests the Director-General to explore the possibilities to seek private and public partnerships that would allow the *UNESCO Courier* to be distributed in printed form in as many language versions as possible, in particular via education institutions, and to report back to it at its 184th session on progress made;
8. Further requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 184th session a progress report, together, with the Publication and Distribution Plan 2010-2011, including information on revenue from sales publications.

(181 EX/SR.13)

40 Report by the Director-General on the use of individual consultant and fee contracts by the Secretariat (181 EX/40 and Corr. (*English, French, Russian, Spanish and Chinese only*) and Add.; 181 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 35 and 179 EX/Decision 33,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/40 and Corr.,
3. Encourages the Director-General to fully implement the revised policy on consultant contracts, and to continue efforts to reduce the use of consultants and fee contracts, especially at Headquarters;
4. Further encourages the Secretariat to provide qualitative information on the content of consultancy contracts and the products to be delivered;
5. Takes note of the data and analyses presented in the document, and recalls the need to achieve enhanced geographical distribution and gender balance in the hiring of individual consultants where there is an equal level of competence;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 184th session a report on the use of consultant and fee contracts.

(181 EX/SR.12)

41 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (181 EX/41; 181 EX/INF.18; 181 EX/67)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 74, 172 EX/Decision 40, 175 EX/Decision 38, 176 EX/Decision 44, 177 EX/Decision 55, 34 C/Resolution 85 and 179 EX/Decision 34,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/41,
3. Takes note of the progress achieved in managing the UNESCO complex and the implementation of the Belmont Plan;
4. Also takes note of the establishment by the Director-General of the task force on security matters intended to identify the human and financial resources needed to

ensure compliance with security standards, and to remedy the shortcomings noted in document 179 EX/34;

5. Welcomes the excellent relations of partnership between the authorities of the host country and the Organization in the field of security, and kindly invites France to continue assisting UNESCO to achieve the above objectives;
6. Further welcomes the proposal of the Director-General to seek the authorization of the General Conference to transfer, as from document 35 C/5, funds earmarked for the conservation of Headquarters to the Special Account for the Restoration and Improvement of Headquarters;
7. Further takes note of the decision by the Headquarters Committee to authorize the Director-General to transfer from the Headquarters Utilization Fund to the Special Account for the Restoration and Improvement of Headquarters, sub-account Miollis, all income from letting offices in Miollis above and beyond the running and maintenance costs, with a view to financing the long-term maintenance and conservation of the Miollis building and installations;
8. Reiterates its request to the Director-General to apply all necessary measures resulting from the contracts on letting office space to Permanent Delegations, including the redistribution of offices to delegations regularly discharging their contractual obligations, and to keep it informed of the progress of the works at the Miollis/Bonvin site;
9. Also reiterates its invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 181 EX/41 and 181 EX/15,
2. Recalling 176 EX/Decision 44 and 180 EX/Decision 16,
3. Further recalling the recommendations of the UNESCO Green Audit (IOS/2007/20) emphasizing the need to introduce a recycling scheme at UNESCO Headquarters,
4. Stressing that UNESCO should set an example in the effort to promote practices which are both conducive to sustainable development and environmentally-friendly,
5. Request the Director-General to complete the introduction of the paper recycling scheme in the Miollis and Bonvin buildings before 1 September 2009.

(181 EX/SR.12)

42 Report by the External Auditor on the renovation of the UNESCO Fontenoy site (181 EX/42; 181 EX/67)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 181 EX/42, 181 EX/41 and 181 EX/INF.18,
2. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 7.7, 176 EX/Decision 39, 177 EX/Decision 55, 179 EX/Decision 34 and 34 C/Resolution 85,
3. Thanks the External Auditor for his report and recommendations;

4. Takes note of the comment by the Director-General that the report of the External Auditor allows him to conclude that there were no financial improprieties;
5. Welcomes the fact that the Director-General has agreed to implement all the External Auditor's recommendations;
6. Notes that the External Auditor has identified a number of technical and administrative shortcomings, as well as a lack of rigour in the management of the renovation plan;
7. Further notes that the Director-General has decided that the additional resources needed for the renovation plan will be financed from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) support costs accounts;
8. Requests the Director-General to take all the necessary measures to:
 - (a) complete the project within the approved budget allocations;
 - (b) validate the quality and durability of the remaining renovation work;
 - (c) continue to reinforce internal control mechanisms, including the Contracts Committee, and ensure the rigorous application of UNESCO's rules;
 - (d) reinforce further the procurement process for goods and services, in particular the tendering and contracting procedures, including the definition and transparent application of selection criteria for bids;
 - (e) ensure that all the External Auditor's recommendations are implemented;
9. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 182nd session an interim report on the status of the renovation work as part of his report on the follow-up to decisions adopted by the Executive Board at previous sessions;
10. Also invites the Director-General to include in his report to the General Conference at its 35th session the most recent updates on the completion of the project, including an update on the costs to date and the guarantees obtained concerning the quality and durability of the renovation work;
11. Further invites the External Auditor to present to it at its 184th session, upon the completion of the renovation project, a comprehensive report thereon, and to submit his conclusions on all the matters and concerns already raised, as presented in document 181 EX/42.

(181 EX/SR.12)

43 Procedure to be followed for the appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairman and Alternate Chairman of the Appeals Board (181 EX/43; 181 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/43,
2. Having regard to paragraph 2(a) of the Statutes of the Appeals Board,
3. Invites its Chair to propose to it, after consultation with the Vice-Chairs and the Director-General, a Chairman and Alternate Chairman for the Appeals Board for a four-year term, commencing on 1 January 2010.

(181 EX/SR.1)

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

44 Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (181 EX/44; 181 EX/ONG/2; 181 EX/65)

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 documents 181 EX/44 and 181 EX/ONG/2,
3. Appreciates the continued efforts made by the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations to strengthen cooperation with NGOs in the various fields of UNESCO's competence and at the international, regional and national levels;
4. Recalls the constant support that NGOs give to UNESCO, in particular in the field of culture, both for raising the awareness of public authorities and populations at all stages of the drafting, adoption and dissemination of standard-setting texts, and for their implementation, and stresses the importance of strengthening this partnership, which is based on these organizations' expertise and on the need to cooperate with civil society, whose watch and warning function is increasingly recognized today;
5. Recognizing the important role of NGOs and of civil society in helping to seize opportunities arising from the current context of multiple crises, and in proposing innovative initiatives, encourages all development stakeholders to act in a spirit of collaboration and solidarity in order to strengthen international cooperation, protect social sectors, invest in a future of progress, and give effect to international commitments;
6. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions concerning the admission to operational relations of the organizations listed in Part II.A of document 181 EX/44;
7. Decides to admit to formal associate relations the non-governmental organizations listed in Part II.B of document 181 EX/44;
8. Further decides to renew formal associate relations and formal consultative relations with the non-governmental organizations and networks listed in Part II.C of document 181 EX/44;
9. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions concerning the renewal of official relations with the foundations listed in Part II.C of document 181 EX/44.

(181 EX/SR.11)

45 Proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries in 2010-2011 with which UNESCO could be associated (181 EX/45 and Add. Rev.; 181 EX/INF.8; 181 EX/68 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 181 EX/45 and Add. Rev. and 181 EX/INF.8,
2. Noting that the proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General listed below 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 be associated in 2010-2011 with the following celebrations:
- (1) 100th anniversary of the first independent periodical, *Serâj-ul-akhbâr* created in 1911 by its founder-editor Mahmud Tarzi, the father of journalism in Afghanistan (Afghanistan)
 - (2) 800th anniversary of the birth of Toros Roslin, manuscript illuminator (1210-1270) (Armenia)
 - (3) 1600th anniversary of the birth of Movses Khorenatsi, historian (c. 410-493) (Armenia)
 - (4) 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Khrutsky, painter (1810-1885) (Belarus)
 - (5) 200th anniversary of the birth of Zachary Zograph, representative of Bulgarian Renaissance art (1810-1853) (Bulgaria)
 - (6) 100th anniversary of the birth of Roberto Matta Echaurren, painter (1911-2002) (Chile)
 - (7) 50th anniversary of the beginning of the intellectual career of Professor Harris Memel-Fotê (1930-2008) (Côte d'Ivoire)
 - (8) 100th anniversary of the discovery of the Mohorovičić Discontinuity by Andrija Mohorovičić (1910) (Croatia)
 - (9) 300th anniversary of the birth of Ruđer Josip Bošković, physicist, astronomer, mathematician (1711-1787) (Croatia)
 - (10) 450th anniversary of the birth of Marko Antun de Dominis, philosopher and scientist (1560-1624) (Croatia)
 - (11) 100th anniversary of the birth of José Lezama Lima, writer (1910-1976) (Cuba)
 - (12) 100th anniversary of the birth of Karel Zeman, film-maker (1910-1989) (Czech Republic)
 - (13) 50th anniversary of the University of Kisangani (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
 - (14) 100th anniversary of the birth of Monseñor Leonidas Proaño (1910-1988) (Ecuador)
 - (15) 500th anniversary of the publication of *The Praise of Folly* by Erasmus (1511) (France)
 - (16) 1100th anniversary of the foundation of the Abbey of Cluny (910) France
 - (17) 150th anniversary of the birth of Vazha Pshavela, writer (1861-1915) (Georgia)
 - (18) 100th anniversary of the birth of Vakhtang Chabukiani, ballet dancer, choreographer and teacher (1910-1992) (Georgia)
 - (19) 1000th anniversary of the beginning of the construction of Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (Georgia)

- (20) 550th anniversary of the birth of Tilman Riemenschneider, sculptor (c.1460-1531) (Germany)
- (21) 150th anniversary of the death of Arthur Schopenhauer, philosopher (1788-1860) (Germany)
- (22) 200th anniversary of the death of Heinrich von Kleist, writer (1777-1811) (Germany)
- (23) 200th anniversary of the birth of Robert Schumann, music composer (1810-1856) (Germany)
- (24) 200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt, composer (1811-1896) (Hungary, supported by France)
- (25) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa (1910-1997) (India)
- (26) 150th anniversary of the birth of Rabindranath Tagore, thinker, philosopher and poet (1861-1941) (India)
- (27) 1250th anniversary of the birth of Fârsî Beizavî, known as Sîbûye (Sîbawaihi), philologist (761-796) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (28) 1000th anniversary of the composition of the *Shâhnâme* “The Book of the Kings“ (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (29) 750th anniversary of the active life of Khâje Nasîr-ud-Dîn Tûsî, scientist (1201-1274) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (30) 700th anniversary of the death of Qutb-ud-Dîn Shîrâzî, , scientist (1236-1311) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (31) 1300th anniversary of Heijo-kyo, Capital of Nara (710) (Japan)
- (32) 100th anniversary of the death of Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis, painter (1875-1911) (Lithuania)
- (33) 100th anniversary of the birth of Czesław Miłosz, writer (1911-2004) (Lithuania and Poland)
- (34) 150th anniversary of the birth of Fridtjof Nansen, explorer, and the 100th anniversary of the reaching of the South Pole by Roald Amundsen, explorer, (Norway)
- (35) 400th anniversary of the University of Santo Tomás (1611) (Philippines)
- (36) 150th anniversary of the birth of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, pianist and politician (1860-1941) (Poland)
- (37) 200th anniversary of the birth of Frédéric Chopin, composer (1810-1849) (Poland, supported by France)
- (38) 50th anniversary of the death of Simion Stoilow, mathematician (1887-1961) (Romania)
- (39) 50th anniversary of the death of Lucian Blaga, poet (1895-1961) (Romania)
- (40) 50th anniversary of the death of Mihail Sadoveanu, writer (1880-1961) (Romania)

- (41) 1000th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Yaroslavl (1010) (Russian Federation)
 - (42) 50th anniversary of the first manned mission to space (1961) (Russian Federation)
 - (43) 150th anniversary of the birth of Anton Pavlovich Chekhov, writer (1860-1904) (Russian Federation)
 - (44) 300th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail Lomonosov, scientist and writer (1711-1765) (Russian Federation)
 - (45) 100th anniversary of the birth of Alioune Diop, Senegalese intellectual (1910-1980) (Senegal)
 - (46) 100th anniversary of the birth of Jan Cikker, composer (1911-1989) (Slovakia)
 - (47) 150th anniversary of the birth of Martin Kukučín, writer (1860-1928) (Slovakia)
 - (48) 100th anniversary of the birth of Jeanne Hersch, philosopher (1910-2000) (Switzerland)
 - (49) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mirzo Tursun-Zoda, poet (1911-1977) (Tajikistan)
 - (50) 100th anniversary of the birth of Kukrit Pramoj (1911-1995) (Thailand)
 - (51) 50th anniversary of the first edition of the International Festival “Struga Poetry Evenings” (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
 - (52) 100th anniversary of the death of Osman Hamdi Bey, painter, archaeologist and art expert (1842-1910) (Turkey)
 - (53) 400th anniversary of the birth of Evliya Çelebi, writer (1611-1682) (Turkey)
 - (54) 1000th anniversary of the foundation of St Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv (1011) (Ukraine)
 - (55) 150th anniversary of the death of Taras Shevchenko, writer (1814-1861) (Ukraine)
 - (56) 450th anniversary of the birth of Francis Bacon, writer and philosopher (1561-1626) (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
 - (57) 1000th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Thang Long Ha Noi (1010) (Viet Nam)
- (b) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme.

(181 EX/SR.13)

GENERAL MATTERS

46 Thematic debate: UNESCO's role as the lead agency for education for all (EFA) and coordination among convening agencies, with special emphasis on progress on EFA in Africa (181 EX/INF.9)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/INF.9,
2. Takes note of its content.

(181 EX/SR.9)

47 Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 and 180 EX/Decision 44 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (181 EX/47 and Add.-Add.2; 181 EX/68 Part III)

The Executive Board,

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1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 58 and 180 EX/Decision 44, 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 181 EX/47 and Add. and Add.2,
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 180 EX/Decision 44, and requests him to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented in the framework of the Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 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 180 EX/Decision 44;
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;

II

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 182nd session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(181 EX/SR.13)

48 Report by the Director-General on progress made in the comprehensive programme of assistance for Lebanon's reconstruction (181 EX/48; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 49,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/48,
3. Welcomes the development of the reinforced programme of assistance to Lebanon, finalized in cooperation with the Lebanese authorities;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it, when appropriate, as part of his general report under item 5 "Report of the Director-General on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions".

(181 EX/SR.13)

49 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/208 concerning the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (181 EX/49, 181 EX/INF.12; 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 181 EX/49 and 181 EX/20,
2. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 42, 180 EX/Decision 6 (II), and 180 EX/Decision 52,
3. Welcoming the active participation of UNESCO in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and UNESCO's increased cooperation with other specialized agencies, funds and programmes,
4. Noting the memoranda of understanding which UNESCO has concluded with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), which define areas in which the organizations can effectively collaborate in pursuit of national development objectives,
5. Further noting the evaluation by UNESCO's Internal Oversight Service (IOS) of UNESCO's participation in the eight pilot countries of the "Delivering as One" initiative (181 EX/20), and taking note with satisfaction of the consistent statements of the governments in the pilot locations that interactions with the United Nations system are becoming more effective, simpler, less time-intensive and less costly (181 EX/20, para. 14, and 181 EX/49, para. 10),
6. Recognizing the need to pursue the discussion and keep UNESCO's governing bodies informed of the participation of UNESCO in the United Nations system-wide reform, including the possibilities available for the Organization to align its planning cycle with the future quadrennial cycle of policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system starting from 2012, as proposed in United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/232 (see 181 EX/49, para. 5),
7. Recalling the importance of an effective decentralization system and structure to support UNESCO's operational activities within the United Nations system,
8. Noting with concern that a final report on an adjusted decentralization system and structure, building on the comprehensive action plan for the implementation of the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review requested by the Executive Board in 180 EX/Decision 6 (II), has not been presented,
9. Urges the Director-General to finalize the report on the adjusted decentralization system, aligned with the requirements of the United Nations reforms in the field, as already requested in 180 EX/Decision 6 (II), and to present that report to it at its 182nd session;
10. Also urges the Director-General to continue his active participation in the inter-agency efforts to coordinate and strengthen United Nations operational activities for development at the country, regional and Headquarters levels, taking into account the comparative advantage and specificity of the Organization, and the needs and priorities of the Member States concerned;
11. Invites the Director-General to follow up on the recommendations made in document 181 EX/20, and to implement the action plan contained in document 181 EX/49;

12. Further urges the Director-General to continue his efforts, together with the other United Nations institutions, to harmonize the business practices within the United Nations system, *inter alia* in the field of cost recovery, with a view to a more cost-efficient approach to operational activities for development, in order to strengthen programme delivery, taking into account the outcome of the intergovernmental work at the United Nations General Assembly concerning system-wide coherence;
13. Requests the Director-General to examine solutions that would not only allow for a full recovery of costs, but also enable potential administrative and support cost savings resulting from joint efforts and coordination with the rest of the United Nations system to accrue to development programmes, as recommended by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 62/208, taking into account the initial investment that UNESCO's participation in the reform process will require;
14. Also requests the General Conference at its 35th session, under agenda item **10.1**, Part II "Report of the Director-General to the General Conference on the decentralization process, in particular the active participation of the Organization in United Nations reform in the field", to initiate reflection on the request made by the United Nations General Assembly to specialized agencies regarding the alignment of their programming cycle with the new quadrennial cycle of policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
15. Further requests the Director-General to present to it at its 184th session a follow-up report on:
 - (a) the progress made in coordinating and strengthening joint United Nations operational activities for development at the country, regional and global levels;
 - (b) the progress made in harmonization of business practices in the United Nations system;
 - (c) cost-sharing of common administrative and support services;
 - (d) the strengthening of cost effectiveness and programme delivery.

(181 EX/SR.13)

50 Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 182nd session
(181 EX/INF.6 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/INF.6 Rev.,
2. Takes note of its content.

(181 EX/SR.12)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

51 Revision of the 1981 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States and the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific (181 EX/51; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/51,

2. Conscious that significant changes have taken place in higher education owing to globalization, there is therefore a need to respond to these new challenges by putting in place a new generation of conventions,
3. Reaffirming the importance of promoting academic mobility by facilitating mutual recognition of qualifications in higher education, as well as the importance of strengthening regional cooperation in higher education,
4. Acknowledging the important role UNESCO plays in this field, particularly through its six conventions and one recommendation on the mutual recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees in higher education,
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 35th session, adopt a resolution in which it:
 - (a) decides to convene, during the 2010-2011 biennium, two international conferences of States (category I), with a view to examination and adoption of amendments to the 1981 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States and the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific;
 - (b) authorizes the Executive Board to take appropriate measures, if any, for the successful convening of these conferences;
6. Requests the Director-General to include activities and budget for this purpose in the programme of work for the Organization and in the corresponding budget estimates (draft document 35 C/5).

(181 EX/SR.13)

52 Preparation of an action plan to prepare the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2010) (181 EX/52 Rev.; 181 EX/INF.14 Rev.; 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind United Nations General Assembly resolutions 62/90 of 17 December 2007 and 63/22 of 13 November 2008,
2. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 46,
3. Having examined document 181 EX/52 Rev.,
4. Emphasizing that the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures should contribute to practical actions in all sectors and at all levels of society with a view to promoting tolerance, understanding, cooperation, and interreligious and intercultural exchanges,
5. Invites the Director-General to elaborate the draft of an action plan to prepare the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures in 2010, and to submit it to the General Conference at its 35th session;
6. Also invites the Director-General to ensure funding for the celebration of the International Year through cooperation with extrabudgetary sources of funding within the framework of the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011;
7. Calls upon all Member States to contribute extrabudgetary resources to fund the action plan for the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures;

8. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 182nd session a report and a draft of the above-mentioned action plan, and to do his utmost to seek extrabudgetary funds to support UNESCO's celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures.

(181 EX/SR.13)

53 Report by the Director-General on the preparation of a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War
(181 EX/53 and Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 43, which, among other things, invited the Director-General to convene an intergovernmental meeting of experts (to be funded from extrabudgetary funds) to explore further the possibility of arriving at a consensus recommendation on the basis of the text adopted in March 2007, to be submitted to the General Conference at its 35th session,
2. Having examined documents 181 EX/53 and Add.,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the intergovernmental meeting of experts for their efforts to arrive at a consensus on all provisions of the text of the draft declaration;
4. Expresses its gratitude to the Director-General for his thorough and accurate report in document 181 EX/53 Add., on the outcome of the 17-18 March 2009 intergovernmental meeting of experts;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session the contents of documents 181 EX/53 and Add. and submit for decision Annex III of document 181 EX/53 Add..

(181 EX/SR.13)

54 Status of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education (181 EX/54, 181 EX/INF.14 Rev.; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 7, 174 EX/Decision 9, 175 EX/Decision 4 (III) and 176 EX/Decision 5 (II) regarding the establishment of a South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education,
2. Further recalling 179 EX/Decision 29, in which it took note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for South-South Cooperation in Education,
3. Thanks the Director-General for the support for the establishment of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education, and for the establishment within the Secretariat of a focal point for South-South cooperation;
4. Notes with satisfaction the finalization of the terms of reference for the management of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education and the establishment of a Steering Committee to manage the Fund, as well as the pilot projects, according to the priorities decided by the Group of 77 and China;
5. Welcomes the first meeting of the Steering Committee held on 19 January 2009;

6. Further welcomes the contributions made by the Member States to the Fund, which thus far have been solely from the developing countries;
7. Requests the Director-General to issue a fresh appeal to all Member States to provide voluntary contributions to the Fund, since the governance mechanism for administering the Fund is now in place, and to update the UNESCO website accordingly;
8. Calls upon all Member States which are in a position to do so to strengthen their support for South-South cooperation and for triangular cooperation;
9. Invites the Secretariat to develop, as a matter of urgency, a fundraising strategy for the Fund, to be presented to it at its 182nd session;
10. Further invites the Director-General to report back to it at its 182nd session on the progress achieved in the execution by the Secretariat of the pilot projects proposed on the basis of priorities decided by the Group of 77 and China, and to present a status report on the Fund.

(181 EX/SR.13)

55 Information and communication technologies for sustainable development (181 EX/55 and Add., 181 EX/INF.14 Add.; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) at its two phases held in Geneva and Tunis,
2. Further recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/202 and its provisions concerning development and in particular the recognition of major impediments that developing countries face in accessing new technologies, such as insufficient resources, infrastructure, education, capacity investment and connectivity, and issues related to technology ownership, standards and flows,
3. Noting that cultural diversity is the common heritage of humankind and that the information society should be founded on and stimulate respect for cultural identity, cultural and linguistic diversity, traditions and religions, and foster dialogue among cultures and civilizations,
4. Further noting that the information society is founded on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and should fully respect and uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
5. Stressing that information and communication strategies should be geared to strengthening cultural diversity, and also should facilitate freedom of expression and the dialogue among civilizations,
6. Emphasizing the importance of efficient use of the media and information and communication technologies (ICTs) in promoting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other internationally agreed development goals,
7. Taking note with concern of the continued imbalances and inequalities in the field of information and communication, which are being further aggravated by the current world crises, affecting development prospects, particularly those of developing countries,

8. Underlining the role of UNESCO to facilitate access to information and ICTs, and to promote the development of communications in favour of Member States, in particular of developing countries, to counter the ever-increasing challenges of a globalized world,
9. Recognizing the positive impact of ICTs on sustainable development,
10. Further recognizing the important role of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) and the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) in bridging the digital divide, and in preserving cultural diversity, human rights and access to pluralistic, free and independent sources of information, and calling for their continual strengthening and support to fulfil their mandates in this field,
11. Invites the Director-General to take appropriate measures with a view to reducing the existing digital divide in knowledge and technologies in the field of information and communication to build an inclusive knowledge society and to promote ICTs for sustainable development;
12. Requests the Director-General, in preparing submissions for the United Nations Secretary-General's report to be presented at the 65th session of the General Assembly, to report to it at its 184th session on UNESCO's progress at the international and regional levels in implementing the relevant action lines of the World Summit on the Information Society, including the measures taken by UNESCO to reduce the existing digital divide;
13. Further requests the Director-General, during the preparation of his regular biennial report on the communications for development programmes in the United Nations system, which is to be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly, to submit a report to the Executive Board at its corresponding spring session on the activities undertaken by UNESCO in this area, taking into account the contributions of the Member States in this regard.

(181 EX/SR.13)

56 Institution of a UNESCO/Juan Bosch prize for the promotion of social science research in Latin America and the Caribbean (181 EX/56; 181 EX/INF.14 Add.2; 181 EX/66)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind that the Government of the Dominican Republic, with the support of the Latin America and the Caribbean group (GRULAC), and in coordination with the Permanent Delegations of Cuba, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Costa Rica, is proposing the establishment of a UNESCO/Juan Bosch prize for the promotion of social science research in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be awarded every two years for the best thesis in the social sciences written by young people in the region,
2. Considering that this proposal is consistent with UNESCO's objectives and policies, and ties in with overarching objective 3 "Addressing emerging social and ethical challenges" of the Medium-Term Strategy 2008-2013, and with strategic programme objective 7 "Enhancing research-policy linkages on social transformations",
3. Further considering that the proposed prize complies with the new strategy and criteria for UNESCO prizes set out in document 171 EX/19, in accordance with 171 EX/Decision 24,
4. Having examined document 181 EX/56,
5. Expresses its deep gratitude to the countries supporting and collaborating in this initiative, in particular the Government of the Dominican Republic for its generous offer

of a donation of \$125,000, which will cover all ordinary operational costs relating to this prize for three biennia;

6. Approves the Statutes of the UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize for the Promotion of Social Science Research in Latin America and the Caribbean, as set out in Annex I to document 181 EX/56;
7. Takes note of the Financial Regulations that govern the Special Account established for this Prize, as set out in Annex II to document 181 EX/56;
8. Urges Member States and other donors to support this initiative and thus strengthen UNESCO's programmes in the field of research in the social sciences.

(181 EX/SR.13)

57 The global economic and financial crisis and its effects on education (181 EX/57; 181 EX/INF.14 Add.; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 15, 174 EX/Decision 9, 174 EX/Decision 10 and 180 EX/Decision 7,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/57,
3. Expresses serious concern over the worldwide financial and economic crisis, which is adversely affecting the financing of all UNESCO sectors, in particular education and the achievement of the Dakar goals,
4. Reiterating in this regard the conclusions and recommendations of the 48th session of the International Conference on Education, which emphasized that funding for education should be a top priority, and that the financial crisis should not serve as a pretext for reducing the allocation of resources to education at either the national or the international levels,
5. Calls upon national governments to allocate adequate domestic resources to education, and upon development partners to fulfil their previous pledges, which, as underlined in the Oslo Declaration in December 2008, would lead to a significant increase in financing for developing countries, which would in turn mitigate the impact of the global financial crisis;
6. Notes with satisfaction that the governance mechanisms for the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education are in place, and calls upon development partners to consider contributing to the Programme/Fund;
7. Underlines the importance of the debt-for-education swap mechanisms;
8. Invites the Director-General to elaborate a fundraising strategy aimed at calling upon donors to contribute to the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education;
9. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 182nd session a preliminary report, coordinating, as appropriate, with United Nations and other relevant international organizations, on the impact of the current financial and economic crisis on the efforts of developing countries to achieve the EFA goals;
10. Further requests the Director-General to present to it at its 184th session a concise and analytical report on this matter.

(181 EX/SR.13)

58 Monitoring and implementation of the recommendations of the meetings on education held in Dakar, Geneva and Oslo (181 EX/58 and Add.; 181 EX/INF.14 Rev.; 181 EX/68 Part II)

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The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 174 EX/Decision 8, 176 EX/Decision 9, 34 C/Resolution 11, 179 EX/Decision 51 and 180 EX/Decision 7,
2. Having examined documents 181 EX/58 and Add.,
3. Further recalling the conclusions and recommendations of the 2009 *EFA Global Monitoring Report*,
4. Taking note with concern of the delays reported by many countries in reaching the Dakar goals,
5. Reaffirming the need to accelerate progress towards the education for all (EFA) goals and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and to provide the requisite financing,
6. Emphasizing the importance of the role that UNESCO must play as lead agency for coordinating EFA and the Global Action Plan within the United Nations system,
7. Also reaffirming the importance of quality, equity and inclusion, priorities highlighted in the recommendations of the Seventh Meeting (Dakar, 11-13 December 2007) and of the Eighth Meeting (Oslo, 16-18 December 2008) of the High-Level Group on Education for All,
8. Further reaffirming the importance of the broadened concept of inclusive education as underlined by the International Conference on Education at its 48th session (Geneva, 25-28 November 2008),
9. Taking note of the Bonn Declaration following the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (Bonn, 31 March – 2 April 2009),
10. Further taking note of the results of the International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA) meetings, and looking forward to the decisions to be taken at the next meeting in Belém, Brazil,
11. Noting the common denominator of the recommendations of these three meetings, which points to the need for fundamental priorities which are the responsibility of Member States, such as quality, equity and inclusion
12. Emphasizing the importance of building in a concerted way on the debates held during the aforementioned three meetings and on the conclusions reached by them,
13. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 182nd session a concise analytical report on the follow-up to and implementation of the recommendations of these meetings at the national, regional and international levels;
14. Requests the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session an analytical and results-based report on progress made with respect to education for all;

15. Calls upon donor countries to cooperate with host countries, where necessary, to facilitate the participation of the greatest possible number of developing countries in international meetings on education.

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The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 7,
2. Having considered documents 181 EX/58 and Add.,
3. Bearing in mind the commitment made within the Dakar Framework for Action to achieve “a 50% improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women, and equitable access to basic and continuing education for all adults”,
4. Considering that Bolivia declared itself to be an “illiteracy-free territory” on 20 December 2008 with the support of Cuba and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the context of South-South cooperation in education, and recalling the importance of strengthening such cooperation,
5. Congratulates the authorities and the people of Bolivia on their highly successful efforts to combat illiteracy and on their significant contribution to the achievement of the education for all (EFA) goals and those of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012);
6. Requests the Director-General to compile and disseminate this method as an example of best practices for the benefit of such countries as may desire to use it.

(181 EX/SR.13)

59 Contribution to the reconstruction and development of Gaza (181 EX/59 Rev.; 181 EX/INF.14 Rev.; 181 EX/68 Part III)

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 its 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 document 181 EX/59 Rev.,
3. Having also examined documents 181 EX/47 and Add.,
4. Noting with deep concern the very heavy toll suffered by Palestinian civilians and 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 damage 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, and thanks him for the initiatives that have already been taken, in particular the participation in the joint rapid needs assessment conducted by the United Nations agencies in Gaza, the identification of humanitarian assistance priorities as reflected in the six UNESCO projects retained in the United Nations Flash Appeal for Gaza, and the opening of a UNESCO project antenna in Gaza City;
9. 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;
10. 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;
11. Thanks Finland and Japan 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;
12. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 182nd session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(181 EX/SR.13)

60 Relations with the Arab Maghreb Union and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (181 EX/60; 181 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of UNESCO's Constitution,
2. Having examined document 181 EX 60,
3. Noting with satisfaction the cooperation existing between the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) and UNESCO,
4. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the Arab Maghreb Union,
5. Noting that the Secretary-General of the Arab Maghreb Union has approved the text of a possible draft cooperation agreement,
6. Approves the draft cooperation agreement contained in Annex II to document 181 EX/60;
7. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO, and to establish official relations with the Arab Maghreb Union.

(181 EX/SR.1)

[61 Results achieved by the Republic of Bolivia in eradicating illiteracy as a potentially valuable experience in UNESCO's efforts during the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012)]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 181 EX/1.

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcements concerning the private meetings held on Monday 20 April and Wednesday 29 April 2009

At the private meetings held on the following dates, the Executive Board considered the following items: Monday 20 April – item **3**, and Wednesday 29 April – items **26** and **24**.

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 180th session regarding the appointments and extensions of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular budget of the Organization.

The Executive Board approved the Director-General's request to exceed by two the established 34 C/5 ceiling in respect of the total number of posts at grades D-1 and above, that is, from 103 to 105 regular programme established posts.

In conformity with 31 C/Resolution 56, the Director-General consulted the Board on the appointment of the new Legal Adviser of the Organization and Director of the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs.

(181 EX/SR.5)

26 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.

(181 EX/SR.10)

24 Accountability framework concerning management performance and transparency in the Secretariat

See 181 EX/Decision 24.

(181 EX/SR.11)