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REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(annotated)

Item	Title	Reference	Document
1	AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU	Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	175 EX/1 Prov. Rev.2 175 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev. 175 EX/2 Rev. 175 EX/INF.11
	The Executive Board is invited to adopt the agenda and timetable of work and to approve the report of the Bureau.		
2	APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 174th SESSION	Rule 23, para. 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	174 EX/SR.1-10
	The Executive Board is invited to approve the Summary Records of the 174th session.		
	EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME		
3	Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the programme adopted by the General Conference	145 EX/Dec.5.1 (I) 157 EX/Dec.3.1 (I) 159 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I)	175 EX/4 Part I (Execution of the programme) 175 EX/4 Part II
	Document 175 EX/4 is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress in the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference.	160 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I) 161 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I) 166 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (II) 169 EX/Dec.4.1	(Management chart) 175 EX/INF.3
	Part I of the report contains the main results achieved during the first six months of the 2006-2007 biennium, corresponding to document 33 C/5. Members of the Executive Board are invited to give their views on the Director-General's report in plenary.	169 EX/Dec.6.6 172 EX/Dec.21	175 EX/INF.13 175 EX/INF.14 175 EX/INF.18 175 EX/INF.19

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3 (cont.)	Part II: the Director-General presents a report on the adjustments to the approved appropriation for 2006-2007 arising from donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium and his proposals for transfers from Part IV of the budget to cover increases in staff costs due to statutory factors. He also presents the Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2006-2007 as at 30 June 2006 based on the unaudited accounts. Decision required: the proposed decision invites the Executive Board to take note of the additional appropriation received, and to approve the transfer of funds from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget.		
4	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 This report is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress in the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions, on the following issues: (1) 174 EX/Decision 9: Progress made in South-South cooperation in the field of education; (2) 174 EX/Decision 39: UNESCO co-action programme; (3) 174 EX/Decision 48: Elaboration of an intersectoral action plan for the sustainable management of freshwater resources; (4) 174 EX/Decision 50: UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL); (5) 174 EX/Decision 18: Progress report of the Steering Group on Education Institutes and Centres. No decision is required. The Addendum to this report will report on the follow-up to 174 EX/Decision 4, Part II: Plan of Action for the Promotion of Dialogue among Peoples and UNESCO's contribution to international action against terrorism. A draft decision is proposed seeking the endorsement of the Executive Board for the Director-General's proposals.	169 EX/Dec.4.3 170 EX/Dec.7.5 172 EX/Dec.37 (Geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat) 33 C/Res.2 (Overall review committee for Major Programmes II and III) 174 EX/Dec.4 (II) (Plan of Action for the Promotion of the dialogue among peoples and UNESCO's contribution to international action against terrorism) 174 EX/Dec.9 (Progress made in South-South cooperation in the field of education) 174 EX/Dec.18 (Progress report of the Steering Group on Institutes and Centres) 174 EX/Dec.39 (UNESCO Co-Action	175 EX/5 and Add. 175 EX/INF.4 and Corr. 175 EX/INF.18 175 EX/INF.19

Programme)

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4 (cont.)		174 EX/Dec.48 (Elaboration of an intersectoral action plan for the sustainable management of freshwater resources) 174 EX/Dec.50 (Report by the Director-General on the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL))	
5	Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the reform process: staff policy The Director-General reports to the Executive Board on the implementation of the staff policy, including an update on the staffing situation and the implementation of the human resources policies already in place.	33 C/Res.75 (I)	175 EX/6 and Addenda 175 EX/INF.18 175 EX/INF.19
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the work accomplished and to invite the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the human resource policy framework and to report to it at its 176th session and, thereafter, to report to it, on an annual basis, at its autumn session.		
	Education		
6*	Number not attributed		
7	Report by the Director-General on the Global Action Plan to achieve the education for all (EFA) goals	174 EX/Dec.8	175 EX/8
	This document presents the improved version of the Global Action Plan (GAP) to achieve the EFA goals as well as an outline of the progress that has been made since the 174th session.		

Item 6 "Report by the Director-General on the state of academic freedom and institutional autonomy within the context of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel (1997)" has been postponed in the light of some recent developments that have been brought to the attention of the Secretariat, which will review the present document in order to elaborate it further for submission to the 176th session.

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7 (cont.)	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to contribute ideas for further strengthening and implementing the Global Action Plan and suggestions for improving the GAP document to be presented to the 6th High-Level Group Meeting on EFA.		
8	Study on the effectiveness and feasibility of the literacy training method <i>Yo sí puedo</i>	174 EX/Dec.44	175 EX/9
	The Director-General presents a summary of the findings as well as the outcome and recommendations of the study on the effectiveness and feasibility of the literacy training method <i>Yo si puedo</i> .		
	Decision required: the Director-General is invited to carry out a comprehensive stocktaking of the different literacy approaches and methodologies in order to advise Member States appropriately, in recognition of their specific needs and circumstances, in achieving EFA Goal 4 and the objectives of the United Nations Literacy Decade.		
9	Convening of the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI) in 2009	33 C/Res.5	175 EX/10
	This document traces the history of the CONFINTEA series of international conferences on adult education and stresses the leadership role of UIL and the renewed relevance of adult learning for the attainment of the global challenges of EFA, MDGs, DESD and UNLD.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board invites the Director-General to convene the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI) in 2009, to decide on the venue and to seek extrabudgetary resources for the meeting.		
	Natural sciences		
10*	Number not attributed		

^{*} Item 10 "Establishment of the International Centre for Biological Sciences (CICB) in Venezuela under the auspices of UNESCO" has been postponed in order to finalize legal and operational aspects since the establishment of such a centre involves complex legal aspects requiring in-depth work and analysis.

Item	Title	Reference	Document
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11	Proposal for the establishment of an IHP regional centre for the scientific study on management of shared groundwater resources under the auspices of UNESCO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in Tripoli, Libya	Item proposed by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	175 EX/12 175 EX/INF.16
	The inclusion of this item has been requested pursuant to Resolution XV-10 adopted by the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO by which it noted Libya's proposal to establish a regional centre in Tripoli under the auspices of UNESCO to support cooperation among countries to develop their scientific knowledge.		
	It also requested UNESCO's assistance in preparing the documentation to be submitted to the governing bodies of UNESCO with a view to the establishment of this category 2 centre.		
	Decision required: The Director-General is invited to prepare a feasibility study for submission to the Executive Board at its 176th session and subsequently to the General Conference at its 34th session.		
12*	Number not attributed		
	Social and human sciences		
13	Progress report by the Director-General on the advisability of elaborating an international declaration on science ethics to serve as a basis for an ethical code of conduct for scientists	33 C/Res.39	175 EX/14
	This document contains the report by the Director-General informing the Member States on the activities of UNESCO, in cooperation with the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST), in order to pursue reflection on the question of science ethics, in conformity with 33 C/Resolutions 35 and 39.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board invites the Director-General to take appropriate action to carry out an overall appraisal of the implementation of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers and of the ethical aspects of the Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge, in order to assess their impact in Member States since their adoption.		

Item 12 "Statutes and financial regulations of the Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science" has been postponed in order to clarify and revise certain aspects of the document.

Item	Title	Reference	Document
	Culture		
14	Jerusalem and the implementation of 33 C/Resolution 50 and 174 EX/Decision 12	33 C/Res.50 174 EX/Dec.12	175 EX/15 and Add.
	This document is intended to inform the Executive Board on the progress made concerning UNESCO's contribution towards the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular with regard to the preparation of an action plan for the preservation of this heritage.		
	Decision required: The proposed decision will be submitted in an Addendum to the document, in the light of the decisions taken by the World Heritage Committee at the 30th session held in Vilnius from 8 to 16 July 2006 and of the recommendations of the second meeting of the International Committee of Experts on the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem which is to be held on 4 and 5 September 2006.		
15*	Number not attributed		
16	Progress 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	174 EX/Dec.43	175 EX/17
	This report informs about an intergovernmental meeting on the preparation of a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War which was held from 19 to 21 July at UNESCO.		
	Decision required: the Executive Board is asked to invite the Director-General to convene a second session of the meeting and submit a report thereon at its 176th session as well as to request Member States to provide extrabudgetary funds to cover the costs of this second meeting.		

Item 15 "Creation of a UNESCO seal of excellence for crafts" has been deferred to enable the Secretariat to consider all legal aspects relating to the creation of such a seal.

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	Communication and information		
17	Report by the Director-General on the implications of the proclamation of a world day for audiovisual heritage	Item proposed by the Director-General	175 EX/18
	The document informs the Executive Board on the results of a public consultation on the outcomes and implications for UNESCO of the proclamation of a world day for audiovisual heritage following the adoption by the General Conference of 33 C/Resolution 53 and the adoption by the Intergovernmental Council of the Information for All Programme of two related proposals concerning the World Appeal for the Preservation of Audiovisual Heritage and the establishment of an International Archives Day. The Executive Board is invited to take note of the findings of the consultation and to request the Director-General to encourage appropriate actions to be		
	undertaken for the safeguarding of this fragile heritage of humanity.		
	Intersectoral programme activities		
18*	Number not attributed		
19	Proposal for the establishment of the International Children's Centre (ARTEK) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)	33 C/Res.65	175 EX/20
	The Director-General reports on consultations with the Government of Ukraine, since the 33rd session of the General Conference, regarding adjustments to the draft agreement for the designation of ARTEK as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO and submits a revised draft agreement.		

Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to approve the revised draft agreement contained in the annex to the document and to authorize the Director-General to sign the agreement with the Government of

Ukraine.

^{*} Item 18 "Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of the Issyk-Kul International Centre for the Dialogue among Cultures under the auspices of UNESCO" has been postponed in order to permit the authorities of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to transmit all the necessary elements pertaining to the establishment of a category 2 centre.

Item	Title	Reference	Document
20	Second Conference of Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, 12-14 July 2006	Item proposed by Brazil	175 EX/21 175 EX/INF.16
	This document concerns the follow-up to CIAD II conference and the Salvador Declaration for the fostering of mutual understanding and perspectives for cooperation for development between Africa and the Diaspora countries.		
	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to ask the Director-General to support the CIAD process and other initiatives that foster closer ties between Africa and the Diaspora and to take necessary measures to include in draft documents 34 C/4 and 34 C/5, appropriate budgetary provisions to support CIAD II follow-up activities.		
	DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2008-2013 (34 C/4) AND DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2008- 2009 (34 C/5)		
21	Preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5) 175 EX/22 Parts I and II contains both the results of the consultation process by the Director-General with a wide range of stakeholders concerning the preparation of	Articles V and VI of the Constitution 169 EX/Dec.4.1 169 EX/Dec.6.6 171 EX/Dec.5 (III) 171 EX/Dec.30 (II) 172 EX/Dec.12	175 EX/22 Part I (A) and Corr., (B) and (C) Part II (A) and Corr. and (B) and Corr. (French only)
	documents 34 C/4 and 34 C/5 and the preliminary proposals of the Director-General for both documents. Part I is a three-part document which transmits to the Members of the Executive Board: (a) the reports on the recommendations by the five regional consultations convened by the Director-General (34 C/5) (Part I A); (b) the analytic report and synthesis of the written comments and proposals of Member States and Associates (Part I B); (c) the analytic report and synthesis of the written views expressed by United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations (Part I C);	172 EX/Dec.38 33 C/Res.1 33 C/Res.2 33 C/Res.3 33 C/Res.95 174 EX/Dec.3 174 EX/Dec.4 174 EX/Dec.17	175 EX/INF.18 175 EX/INF.20
	No draft decision is proposed for Part I as these documents are intended to inform Members of the Executive Board about the results of the broad-based consultations.		
	Part II contains the preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning documents 34 C/4 and 34 C/5.		

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21 (cont.)	Part II (A) contains the preliminary programmatic proposals. No draft decision is proposed, as this item is addressed in Plenary and the PX Commission before being referred to a Drafting Group of the Executive Board, which is being tasked with the elaboration of a pertinent draft decision by the Board.		
	Part II (B) contains the preliminary proposals for the 34 C/5 Draft Budget which includes: a general description of the methods and techniques to be used in the preparation of the Draft 34 C/5 budget, a technical estimate of the budgetary requirements for the zero real growth option and the Director-General's proposals for the budget ceiling for 2008-2009 (34 C/5). There is no draft decision proposed as this will emanate from discussions by the FA Commission and be integrated into the draft decision proposed by the Drafting Group.		
	METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION		
22	Report by the Director-General on evaluations undertaken during the 2004-2005 biennium	32 C/5 174 EX/Dec.17	175 EX/23
	In accordance with the provisions of 174 EX/Decision 17, the Director-General hereby submits to the Executive Board a short report on some of the evaluations carried out in the 2004-2005 biennium, together with his comments.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the recommendations of the evaluations and to request the Director-General to implement in an appropriate manner recommendations which improve the programmes and services to which they relate.		
23	Follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92 (para. 5) concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO	33 C/Res.92 174 EX/Dec.20	175 EX/INF.5
	This item is on the agenda in conformity with 174 EX/Decision 20 by which the Executive Board welcomed the decision of the Chairperson of the Executive Board to consult, in writing, the Board Members on recommendations 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 22 of 33 C/Resolution 92 with a view to obtaining their comments before the 175th session of the Board and decided that the Special Committee would meet for two days immediately prior to the 175th and 176th sessions of the Executive Board for the consideration of the item on the follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92, paragraph 5, concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO.		

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24	Report by the Director-General on the re-orientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia	174 EX/Dec.19	175 EX/24 175 EX/INF.6
	This report is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress in implementing the action plan for the reorientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia.		
	Decision required: the Director-General is invited to pursue his efforts and to report back to the Executive Board at its 177th session.		
25	Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's activities in Sudan	Item proposed by the Director-General	175 EX/25
	As a follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 66, the report summarizes progress achieved since the 33rd session of the General Conference in implementing assistance for the reconstruction and reconciliation in Sudan, as part of the United Nations joint efforts, and presents strategic perspectives for UNESCO's strengthened assistance to Sudan.		
	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to authorize the Director-General to establish a UNESCO National Office in Sudan, with main premises in Khartoum and an antenna in Juba (Southern Sudan), and to call upon Member States to provide extrabudgetary resources for scaling up UNESCO's assistance in the country.		
26	Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy	165 EX/Dec.5.3	175 EX/26
	The Director-General hereby submits to the Executive Board a review of the implementation of the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy and proposes a longer-term Evaluation Strategy.		
	Decision required: The proposed decision invites the Executive Board to welcome the review of the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy, and requests the Director-General to take the necessary steps to implement the proposed long-term Evaluation Strategy.		

Item	Title	Reference	Document
	MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS	I .	
27	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	104 EX/Dec.3.3	175 EX/CR/HR and Addenda 175 EX/3 PRIV.
	Under 104 EX/Decision 3.3, adopted in 1978, which sets out the procedure for examining the communications received by the Organization relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence, the Board will examine, in private meeting, the report of the CR Committee thereon.		
28	Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments	174 EX/Dec.21	175 EX/27 Part I
	At the request of the Executive Board, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations is required to submit proposals to strengthen and improve the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments.		Part II and Corr. (English, Russian and Arabic only)
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take a decision on any proposals submitted to it by the Committee.		
29	Report of the fourth meeting of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education (2006)	172 EX/Dec.26	175 EX/28
	This document presents the Report by the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education, at its fourth meeting, organized on 12 and 13 May 2006. It contains several important recommendations and suggestions made by the Joint Expert Group.		
	Decision required: The Director-General is requested to take appropriate action as a follow-up to the recommendations made by the Joint Expert Group, and the Joint Expert Group is encouraged to continue its work and to report to the Executive Board at its 177th session.		
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)	154 EX/Dec.4.4	175 EX/29
	This interim report is intended to inform the Executive Board of CEART's work progress in examining allegations received from teacher organizations on non-observance by governments of the Recommendations' provisions.		

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30 (cont.)	Decision required: The Executive Board may wish to invite the Director-General to communicate the interim report to the Government of Japan and ZENKYO (All Japan Teachers and Staff Union) and request them to take the necessary follow-up action as recommended in this report.		
	GENERAL CONFERENCE		
31	Dates of the 34th session of the General Conference	Rule I, para. 2, of the Rules of Procedure of	175 EX/30
	The Director-General fixes the opening date of each session of the General Conference after consulting the Members of the Executive Board. In this document, the Director-General proposes two dates as options for the 34th session of the General Conference.	the General Conference	
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to indicate its preferences as to the dates of the 34th session of the General Conference		
	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS		
32	Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) after the closure of accounts as at 31 December 2005, and Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2004-2005 based on the closed accounts	32 C/Res.85	175 EX/31 175 EX/INF.15
	As is customary at the closure of the financial period, the Director-General provides herein a report on the budgetary situation of the Organization for the 2004-2005 biennium. The Director-General also presents to the Executive Board the Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2004-2005 based on the closed accounts.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is requested to take note of the transfers made between appropriation lines to close the accounts for 2004-2005.		
33	Financial report and audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 2005 and report by the External Auditor	Article 12 of the Financial Regulations 171 EX/Dec.34	175 EX/32 and Corr. (English only) and Add. 175 EX/INF.7 175 EX/INF.8
	The financial report includes the report of the Director-General on the accounts of UNESCO, the opinion of the External Auditor, the financial statements and notes thereof, together with accompanying schedules and annexes for the financial period ended 31 December 2005. The External Auditor's report in 175 EX/32 Add. contains their long-form report together with the written comments of the Director-General.		

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33 (cont.)	Decision required: The Executive Board is required under Financial Regulation 12.10 to examine the final audited accounts and reports of the External Auditor and forward them to the General Conference with such comments as it deems appropriate.		
34	Report by the External Auditor on follow-up to recommendations from prior reports This document presents the report of the External Auditor on the status of implementation of the audit recommendations made during her second mandate	Article 12 of the Financial Regulations	175 EX/33
	covering the period of 2000-2005. Decision required: The Executive Board invites the Director-General to take prompt action to implement those recommendations where further action is needed.		
35	Report by the Director-General on the status of contributions of Member States and of payment plans	33 C/Res.02	175 EX/34 and Add.
	This annual report informs the Executive Board on the status of contributions and the cash flow at 30 June 2006; it also provides information on all the payment plans approved by the General Conference.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to express its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the year 2006 and to those that have made efforts to reduce their arrears of contributions in response to appeals, recall that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States, and appeal to Member States in arrears on payment plans to settle their outstanding instalments and regular assessed contributions.		
36	Report by the Director-General on the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities	97 EX/Dec.7.2 167 EX/Dec.8.1 166 EX/Dec.8.7 171 EX/Dec.41 33 C/Res.92 174 EX/Dec.26	175 EX/35
	In response to 166 EX/Decision 8.7, the document describes UNESCO's extrabudgetary activities during 2005, and the main overall trends in the funding and orientation of these activities. The document also, in response to 174 EX/Decision 26, provides an update on the further elaboration and implementation of the Action Plan for improved management of extrabudgetary funds as presented to the Executive Board for information at its 174th session, including detailed information on the current considerations of UNESCO's new policies for cost recovery and overheads on extrabudgetary activities. Finally, the document outlines UNESCO's main contributions to the operational activities of the United Nations system.		

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36 (cont.)	Decision required: the draft decision proposes that the Board take note of the information provided, and furthermore invites the Director-General to pursue the course of action outlined in the document to continue enhancing UNESCO's extrabudgetary action.		
37	Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance	33 C/Res.60	175 EX/36
	The Director-General submits this document which reports on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board takes note of the information contained in the document.		
38	Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex	172 EX/Dec.40 174 EX/Dec.29	175 EX/37 and Add. and Add. Corr. (French
	This report is intended to inform the Executive Board on the follow-up of decisions on managing the UNESCO complex. It presents the progress of restoration work for the Fontenoy site, information on the financing of priority works at the Miollis/Bonvin site and an update on security measures under implementation.		only)
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the progress of works and management of the UNESCO complex, invites the Director-General to continue reporting on works at the Miollis/Bonvin site and reiterates its request to the Director-General to apply without exception all necessary measures resulting from the contract for the letting office space to Permanent Delegations.		
39	Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	175 EX/PRIV.1
	In this document, the Director-General informs the Members of the Executive Board on decisions taken since the 174th session regarding the appointment and extension of staff members at grade D-1 and above.		

ItemTitleReferenceDocument

RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

40 Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions

The Director-General has prepared this document on the methods of work of the NGO Committee in the framework of the continued revitalization of its role, the reclassification and admissions in official relations of NGOs and foundations and the progress made in the preparation of the Sexennial Report of the Executive Board (2001-2006).

Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to grant the Committee one additional working day at the 176th session to continue the dialogue, thus further strengthening the cooperation with civil society. Additionally, the Executive Board is invited to admit to formal consultative relations the Academia Europaea and take note of various decisions of the Director-General concerning official relations with NGOs.

Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations (Sections V.3 and VI) and foundations (Articles I and II) 174 EX/Dec.31

175 EX/38 and Corr. Rev.

41 UNESCO's cooperation with African subregional and regional organizations

UNESCO's cooperation with African regional and subregional organizations has, in recent years, reached unprecedented levels. The follow-up of this aspect of cooperation with Africa, in particular the decisions of the African Union Summit (Khartoum, January 2006), must no doubt be taken into consideration in preparing the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5). In this connection, the Director-General therefore wishes to present to the Members of the Executive Board the situation and prospects of such cooperation.

Decision required: The Executive Board invites the Director-General to continue and strengthen UNESCO's cooperation with the regional organizations. It urges him to take into account this important aspect of our cooperation with Africa in preparing the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5).

Item proposed by the 175 EX/39 Director-General 175 EX/INF.17

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42	Implementation of 33 C/Resolution 68 concerning the strengthening of cooperation with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau	33 C/Res.68	175 EX/40
	Under 33 C/Resolution 68 concerning the strengthening of cooperation with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, the General Conference requested the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board, at its 175th session, a mid-term report on the implementation of the resolution. The Director-General thus submits to the Executive Board a report on the activities currently under way and planned for that country. The strengthened cooperation with Guinea-Bissau has been implemented in accordance with the Organization's strategy for countries in a post-conflict situation.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board invites the Director-General to continue and strengthen UNESCO's cooperation with Guinea-Bissau, in particular through the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources.		
43	Relations with the East African Community (EAC) and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization	Item proposed by the Director-General	175 EX/41 and Corr. (French only)
	In accordance with the Constitution, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board, for approval, a draft cooperation agreement with the East African Community (EAC).		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to authorize the Director-General to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO and to establish official relations with the East African Community (EAC).		
44	Relations with the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization	Item proposed by the Director-General	175 EX/42
	In accordance with the Constitution, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board, for approval, a draft cooperation agreement with the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU).		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to authorize the Director-General to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO and to establish official relations with the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU).		

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	GENERAL MATTERS		
45	Thematic debate: In the age of globalization, UNESCO as a specialized agency of the reforming United Nations system: challenges, roles and functions at the global, regional and country levels	169 EX/Dec.4.2	175 EX/INF.9 and Add.
	This item is on the agenda in conformity with 169 EX/Decision 4.2, paragraph (b), which stipulates that a thematic debate, led by an internationally renowned figure on themes of particular relevance to the Organization, shall be organized during the second Executive Board session of the first year of the biennium.		
	No decision is required.		
46	Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq	172 EX/Dec.52	175 EX/43
	This document summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO, since the 172nd session of the Board, in implementing assistance in favour of Iraq.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to encourage the Director-General to reinforce the Organization's efforts to foster reconstruction and reconciliation in Iraq.		
47	Implementation of 33 C/Resolution 70 and 174 EX/Decision 35 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories	174 EX/Dec.35	175 EX/44 and Add.
	The Director-General informs the Executive Board of progress achieved by UNESCO, since the 174th session of the Executive Board in providing assistance to educational and cultural institutions in favour of the Palestinian people, as well as in the occupied Syrian Golan.		
	Decision required: The proposed decision will be submitted in an addendum to the document.		
48	Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute	30 C/Res.44 Article V.1(e) of the Statutes	175 EX/45
	This annual report is intended to inform the Executive Board on the work of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) during the period 2005-2006.	172 EX/Dec.54	
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the achievements of the Institute in the last year and to invite the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics. It also further invites the UIS Governing Board to report to it at its 177th session.		

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49	Provisional list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board at its 176th session	103 EX/Dec.3.2.1	175 EX/INF.10
	ADDITIONAL ITEMS		
50	Arts education: The follow-up to the Lisbon World Conference	Item proposed by Portugal	175 EX/13 175 EX/INF.16
	The inclusion of this item has been requested in order to take into account the positive outcome of the "World Conference on Arts Education" held in Lisbon, Portugal, in March 2006, which stressed the need to promote partnerships for implementing arts education programmes at national, regional and international levels within the Dakar framework.		
	Decision required: It is indicated that the draft decision has no direct financial implications for UNESCO. UNESCO is invited to continue to foster and advocate arts education and to ensure its integration into EFA plans, as well as within the action of the Education for Sustainable Development Decade; Member States are invited to support and follow up the Lisbon conference; it also proposed to recommend that the General Conference take into account the follow-up to the World Conference on Arts Education and support future conferences, namely the offer made by the Republic of Korea to host the second World Conference in Seoul.		
51	Methods of work of the Organization The initiative for this document is based on Recommendation 20 of 33 C/Resolution 92 whereby the General Conference requested the Executive Board to review its working methods in order to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness, and recalls 26 C/Resolution 19.3 which amended the nature of the representation of the Executive Board through amendment of Articles V and VII of its Constitution.	Item proposed by Afghanistan, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan	175 EX/46 175 EX/INF.16
	Decision required: the Board is invited to entrust to an open-ended inter-session working group of the Executive Board the task of examining the Rules of Procedure of the Board in between the two sessions, i.e. 175th and 176th sessions, so that its report and recommendations could be examined by the Executive Board at its 176th session.		

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52	Proposal for the establishment of a UNESCO Observatory on Women, Sport and Physical Education	Item proposed by Greece	175 EX/47 175 EX/INF.16
	The inclusion of this item has been requested following the adoption by the 4th International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS IV) of a recommendation welcoming the proposal by Greece to establish a UNESCO Observatory on Women, Sport and Physical Education at the Greek Secretariat General of Sport.		
	Decision required: It is indicated that the draft decision has no financial implications for UNESCO. The Executive Board is invited to recommend that the General Conference, at its 34th session, approve the establishment of a UNESCO Observatory on Women, Sport and Physical Education; authorize the Director-General to appoint to the Steering Group of the Observatory one member; and authorize the Director-General to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Observatory, as appropriate.		
53	Proposal for the establishment of the IHP International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) in the Netherlands under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Netherlands	175 EX/48 175 EX/INF.16
	The inclusion of this item has been requested pursuant to Resolution XIV-11 adopted by the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO by which it noted that the Netherlands is considering establishing an international groundwater resources assessment centre (IGRAC) under the auspices of UNESCO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).		
	Decision required: The Director-General is invited to prepare a feasibility study for submission to the Executive Board at its 176th session and subsequently to the General Conference at its 34th session.		
54	Contribution to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon	Item proposed by Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen	175 EX/49
	[Annotation to follow]		

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55	Convening of the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Education in 2007 in Ahmedabad, India In the framework of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD), India is proposing that the 4th International Conference on Environmental Education be organized in Ahmedabad, India, in November 2007; 2007 would mark 30 years of	Item proposed by India	175 EX/50 and Corr. 175 EX/INF.16
	completion of the First International Conference on Environmental Education held in Tbilisi, Georgia, in October 1977.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to: welcome the initiative taken by the Government of India; call upon Member States, international organizations and other agencies to contribute financially and by other appropriate means to the organization of this conference; invite the Director-General to pursue consultations in this regard with a view to raising extrabudgetary funds and authorize him to take all necessary measures to ensure UNESCO's participation as co-sponsor of this conference.		
56	UNESCO Medal in honour of Mawlana Jalal- ud-Din Balkhi-Rumi	Item proposed by Afghanistan and	175 EX/11 Rev.
	The inclusion of this item is requested in the context of 33 C/Resolution 63 by which the General Conference decided that UNESCO be associated with the celebration of 63 anniversaries in 2006-2007, among which is the 800th anniversary of the birth of Mawlana Balkhi-Rumi. It is proposed to honour one of the greatest humanists, philosophers and poets who belong to humanity in its entirety by issuing a UNESCO Medal in his name.	Egypt	
	Decision required: UNESCO is invited to issue in 2007 a commemorative medal on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the birth of Mawlana Balkhi-Rumi.		
	The question of immigration from sub-Saharan Africa: What role for UNESCO?	Item proposed by Senegal on behalf of	175 EX/16
	The inclusion of this item has been requested so that a debate could be held on the subject, which UNESCO, in accordance with its mandate and ethical mission, should be required to address, in particular, by strengthening its subprogrammes on technical and vocational education for sub-Saharan Africa. It is also proposed that a Special Fund administered by UNESCO be established to finance study grants and complementary training which would be funded by a symbolic levy of one euro on each transfer made by African communities established in Europe.	the African Group	

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Decision required: The Director-General is invited, first, to consider practical arrangements for convening under the auspices of UNESCO an African youth forum in West Africa and, second, to establish a working group to study the issue of the Special Fund mentioned above. Member States and donors are also requested to cooperate fully with the Director-General in the execution of the decision. The Director-General is requested to report to the Executive Board at its 176th session.