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**REPORT BY THE BUREAU ON QUESTIONS
THAT DO NOT APPEAR TO REQUIRE DEBATE**

After examination of the provisional agenda for the 171st session, it would appear that the following item may be defined as a question which, in accordance with Rule 14, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, does not appear to require debate.

In conformity with the same rule, however, it is still open to any Member to “request a discussion of any item for which the Bureau has recommended adoption of decisions without discussion”; “in that case, the item mentioned shall be discussed by the Board”.

Item 51 of the provisional agenda

**RELATIONS WITH “UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS” (UCLG)
AND DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNESCO
AND THAT ORGANIZATION**

(171 EX/51)

Proposed draft decision

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of the UNESCO Constitution and in conformity with 151 EX/Decision 9.4,
2. Considering the desirability of establishing a framework for cooperation between UNESCO and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) in areas of mutual interest, and in the context of a reinforcement of the Organization’s partnership with civil society and its elected representatives,
3. Having examined document 171 EX/51,
4. Approves the draft cooperation agreement with the organization United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) set out in Annex III and invites the Director-General to sign it.

ANNEX III
DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT
between
the
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
and
UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization
(hereinafter referred to as “UNESCO”),

and

United Cities and Local Governments
(hereinafter referred to as “UCLG”),

represented by its Director-General,
Mr Koïchiro Matsuura

represented by its Presidents,
Mr Bertrand Delanoë,
Mr Smangaliso Makhathshwa

Considering that UNESCO was established to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that UCLG, a new world organization, works to promote peace, democracy and citizenship, democratic urban governance and decentralization, cooperation among cities and solidarity and contributes to sustainable development and the enhancement of the status of cultural diversity in urban settings,

Taking into account the vital role of local government as a force for the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the commitment of UCLG to renew and deepen its partnership with the United Nations and the global community,

Referring to the Local Government Declaration to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, adopted in 2002 in Johannesburg by the mayors, leaders and representatives of cities and local governments of the world and their international and national associations,

Aware of the interest of the Final Declaration of the congress establishing UCLG adopted on 5 May 2004 in Paris by the mayors, decision-makers and representatives of the cities and local governments of the world,

Reaffirming the importance of the “Agenda 21 of culture – A commitment of cities and local governments in favour of cultural development”, adopted on 8 May 2004 in Barcelona by the mayors, decision-makers and representatives of the cities and local governments of the world,

Desiring to cooperate with a view to the achievement of their common aims, in particular with regard to the promotion of democracy and human rights, respect for cultural and linguistic diversity, local development, education and training, culture and communication, and the advancement of women in society,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Cooperation

1. UNESCO and UCLG agree to cooperate through their competent bodies.
2. Such cooperation will chiefly concern matters relating to:
 - local democracy and urban governance;
 - human rights and the fight against all forms of discrimination;
 - dialogue for peace;
 - urban policies and a right to the city;
 - the protection of cultural diversity and cultural development;
 - the identification and enhancement of cultural and heritage resources;
 - support for cultural creativity;
 - research on culture, urban policies and local development;
 - education and training;
 - the information society;
 - women’s rights;
 - science and technology;
 - environmental protection.
3. Such cooperation will aim in particular at strengthening the practices of decentralized cooperation, between cities of the North and the South and among cities of the South, so as to promote a new form of international cooperation.

ARTICLE II

Consultations

The competent bodies of UNESCO and UCLG will hold regular mutual consultations on matters of common interest to the two organizations. When circumstances so require, the two organizations will hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities under this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Reciprocal representation

1. UNESCO will invite UCLG, in accordance with the applicable procedures, to send observers to sessions of the General Conference and to other meetings that it may convene, when matters of mutual interest are under consideration.
2. For its part, UCLG will invite UNESCO, in accordance with the applicable procedures, to send observers to its governing bodies and to other meetings that it may convene, when matters of mutual interest are under consideration.

ARTICLE IV

Exchange of information and documents

Subject to provisions that may be necessary to preserve the confidential nature of particular documents, UNESCO and UCLG will continuously exchange information and documents on matters of mutual interest.

ARTICLE V

Joint activities and technical cooperation

1. UNESCO and UCLG may engage in joint cooperation in the form of technical meetings, public seminars, training courses, activities specifically for youth, women and the most deprived, thematic projects and support measures for particular regions or countries.
2. Technical and financial arrangements for the design and implementation of such projects will be determined by the relevant bodies of UNESCO and UCLG.

ARTICLE VI

Execution of the Agreement

1. UNESCO and UCLG will hold regular consultations on the conduct of activities relating to the execution of this Agreement.
2. The Director-General of UNESCO and the Presidents of UCLG may make such additional administrative arrangements as may be necessary to implement this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

Entry into force, amendment and term of the Agreement

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Director-General of UNESCO and the Presidents of UCLG.
2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent. Amendments to the Agreement shall enter into force one month after notification of approval by the competent bodies of UNESCO and UCLG.

3. This Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period; it may be denounced by UNESCO or by UCLG provided that six months' notice thereof is given in writing.

Signed on at in four copies, two in French and two in English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the United Nations Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization

For United Cities and Local Governments

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