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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 170th 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 8.3 of the provisional agenda

**RELATIONS WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
OF THE FRANCOPHONIE (APF)
AND
DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNESCO
AND THAT REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY ORGANIZATION
(170 EX/30 and Corrigenda)**

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 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) in areas of mutual interest, and in the context of a reinforcement of the Organization’s new partnership with the parliamentary world,
3. Having examined document 170 EX/30 and Corrigenda,
4. Approves the cooperation agreement contained in the annex to this decision;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) and to sign that cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

ANNEX

DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

**THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

and

THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE FRANCOPHONIE

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as “UNESCO”), represented by its Director-General, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura

and

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie, represented by its President, Mr Mahamane Ousmane

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 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie works to promote peace, cooperation and the strengthening of solidarity among peoples and contributes to development and to the mutual knowledge of the cultures and civilizations of the peoples that it represents,

Bearing in mind the cooperation agreement concluded on 27 December 2000 between UNESCO and the International Organization of the Francophonie,

Referring to the Declaration adopted on 14 June 2003 in Ottawa by the participants in the Conference for the Promotion of Relations between UNESCO and Parliamentarians and the resolution calling for greater cooperation between UNESCO and parliamentary associations adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie at Niamey on 9 July 2003,

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, education and training, culture and communication, and the advancement of women in society,

Agree as follows:

Article I

Cooperation

1. UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie agree to cooperate through their competent bodies.

2. Such cooperation will concern matters relating to:
- democracy and respect for the rule of law;
 - human rights and public freedoms;
 - cultural and linguistic diversity;
 - education and training;
 - culture, communication and information technologies;
 - women's rights;
 - science and technology;
 - environmental protection.

Article II

Consultations

The competent bodies of UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie 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, in accordance with the applicable procedures, will invite the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie 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, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie, in accordance with the applicable procedures, will invite UNESCO to send observers to its session 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 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie will continuously exchange information and documents on matters of mutual interest.

Article V

Joint activities and technical cooperation

1. UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie may engage in joint cooperation in the form of technical meetings, public seminars, training courses, activities

specifically for youth and women, 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 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie.

Article VI

Execution of the Agreement

1. UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie will hold regular consultations on the conduct of activities relating to the execution of this Agreement.

2. The Director-General of UNESCO and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie may make 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 President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie.

2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent. Amendments to the Agreement shall enter into force one month after notification by UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie of their consent.

3. This Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite term; it may be denounced by UNESCO or the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie, 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 United Nations Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization

For the Parliamentary Assembly of the
Francophonie

Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General

Mahamane Ousmane
President