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**REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNESCO CONFUCIUS PRIZE FOR
LITERACY
AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
AT ITS HUNDRED-NINETIETH SESSION**

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Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy is to reward the activities of outstanding individuals, governments or governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in literacy serving rural adults and out-of-school youth, particularly women and girls. The objective of the Prize is in conformity with UNESCO's policies and is related to the programme of the Organization in its pursuit of Education for All (EFA). These meritorious efforts are intended to enhance the Organization's work within the framework of the Literacy Initiative for Empowerment (LIFE) and the United Nations Literacy Decade.

Article 2 – Designation, amount and periodicity of the Prize

1. The Prize shall be entitled "UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy".
2. The Prize shall be funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China, and shall consist of a recurrent payment of US \$150,000 per year. The Prize shall consist of an amount of US \$20,000 for each of the three prizewinners, and a study visit to project sites in China, to be jointly decided upon by the Government of China and UNESCO, and organized by China's National Commission for UNESCO, for the winners of the UNESCO Confucius Prize. The invitation to participate in the study visits will be extended to the prizewinners of the King Sejong Literacy Prizes, after consultation and agreement with the donors.
3. All funds received and the interest accrued thereon shall be kept in a special interest-bearing account for the Prize (see Financial Regulations in Annex II).
4. The full staff support and operating/management costs of the Prize, including all costs relating to the award ceremony, public information activities including the production and dissemination of publicity materials, estimated at US \$90,000, shall be fully covered by the Government of the People's Republic of China. To this end, the Director-General shall determine a mandatory overhead cost amount to be applied and charged against the funds in the Special Account, which is to be established under the Financial Regulations of the Prize.
5. The Prize shall be awarded annually, on an initial basis of five years.

Article 3 – Qualifications of candidates

Candidates shall have made a significant contribution to literacy work serving rural adults and out of-school youth, particularly women and girls. Prizes may

be conferred upon individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations.

Article 4 – Selection of the prizewinners

The three prizewinners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made by a jury.

Article 5 – Jury

1. The Jury shall consist of five independent members, of different nationalities and gender, appointed by the Director-General for a period of three years. Representatives and alternatives of Members of the Executive Board cannot be appointed as jurors. Jurors involved in a real or potential conflict of interest shall excuse themselves from further deliberations or be asked by the Director-General to do so. The Director-General may replace members of the Jury for reason.

2. The Jury shall elect its own Chair and Deputy Chair. Members shall receive no remuneration for their work, but will receive allowances for travel and accommodation, where required. A quorum of three jurors present will be required for jury deliberations to proceed. The working language for deliberations by the Jury shall be English.

3. The Jury shall conduct its business and deliberations in conformity with these Statutes, and shall be assisted in the performance of its task by a member of the UNESCO Secretariat designated by the Director-General. Decisions shall be taken by consensus to the extent possible, and otherwise by secret ballot until a simple majority is obtained. A member shall not take part in a vote concerning a nomination from his or her country.

4. The Jury shall meet once every year.

5. The Jury shall send an assessment of nominations and accompanying recommendations to the Director-General of UNESCO no later than seven days after the completion of the deliberations of the Jury.

Article 6 – Nomination of candidates

1. When UNESCO has received the funding of the Prize, as indicated in Article 2 above, the Director-General of UNESCO shall officially invite the submission of nominations to the secretariat of the Prize by 30 April every year from the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, as well as from the international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal consultative relations with the Organization and active in relevant fields covered by the Prize.

6.2 Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO. Each government or international NGO is entitled to nominate up to three candidates per year. A self-nomination cannot be considered.

3. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, in English or French, inter alia:
- (a) a description of the nominee's background and achievements;
 - (b) a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance submitted for consideration;
 - (c) a description of the nominee's contribution to the Prize's objectives.

Article 7 – Procedure for awarding the Prize

1. The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General at an official ceremony held for that purpose either at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris or in China on the occasion of International Literacy Day (8 September). It may be held in any other country as deemed appropriate by the Director-General for a particular year. UNESCO shall present to the prizewinners a check for the amount of the Prize as well as a diploma and a medal. UNESCO shall officially announce the names of the prizewinners.
2. If a work being rewarded has been carried out by more than two persons, the Prize shall be awarded to them jointly.
3. The work produced by a person since deceased shall not be considered for the Prize. If, however, a prizewinner dies before he or she has received the Prize, then the Prize may be presented posthumously.
4. Should a prizewinner decline the Prize, the Jury shall submit a new proposal to the Director-General.

Article 8 – Sunset clause – mandatory renewal of the Prize

1. After an initial period of five years, the Director-General of UNESCO, together with the donor, shall undertake a review of all aspects of the Prize, and decide on its continuation or termination. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board of UNESCO of the results of this review.
2. In case of termination of the Prize, the use of any unspent balance of funds shall be determined by the Director-General, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Prize.

Article 9 – Appeals

No appeals shall be allowed against the decision of UNESCO with regard to the award of the Prize. Proposals received for the award of the Prize may not be divulged.

Article 10 – Amendments to the Statutes of the Prize

Any amendment to the present Statutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

**FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR
THE UNESCO CONFUCIUS PRIZE FOR LITERACY
(AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS
HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION
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Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

1. In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, hereinafter referred to as the Special Account.
2. The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

The amounts deposited in the Special Account shall be used to finance the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy and its operational and related costs.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) donations from the Government of the People's Republic of China placed in the Special Account with the prior agreement of the Government of the People's Republic of China;
- (b) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the purpose of the Special Account;
- (c) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative expenses specifically relating to it.

Article 6 – Accounts

1. The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.

2. Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
3. The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.
4. Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

Article 7 – Investments

1. The Director-General may make short-term investments of amounts standing to the credit of the Special Account.
2. Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

The Director-General shall decide upon the closure of the Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary, and inform the Executive Board accordingly. The Director-General shall decide about the use of any unspent balance of funds.

Article 9 – General provision

Unless otherwise provided in these Financial Regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.