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**IMPLEMENTATION OF 186 EX/DECISION 12
ON “THE TWO PALESTINIAN SITES OF AL-HARAM AL-IBRAHIMI/
TOMB OF THE PATRIARCHS IN AL-KHALIL/HEBRON
AND THE BILÂL BIN RABÂH MOSQUE/RACHEL’S TOMB IN BETHLEHEM”**

SUMMARY

This document is presented pursuant to 186 EX/Decision 12, including this item in the agenda of the 187th session of the Executive Board.

No decision is proposed.

1. During the 184th session of the Executive Board, a proposed new item on “the two Palestinian sites of al-Haram al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalil/Hebron and the Bilâl bin Râbâh Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem” was submitted to it at the request of some Member States, in relation to the recent decision of the Israeli authorities to include the two above-mentioned sites located in Hebron and Bethlehem in Israel’s National Heritage Programme.
2. The Executive Board adopted 184 EX/Decision 37 postponing the examination of this item until its 185th session where, despite considerable efforts, no consensus could be reached, and 185 EX/Decision 15 was adopted following a roll-call vote. At its 186th session, the Executive Board recalled its previous decision and decided to include this item in the agenda of the 187th session.
3. There is no recent development to report on this issue.