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## AGENDA OF THE PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION<sup>1</sup>

Item	Title	Reference	Document
<b>EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME</b>			
4	<p>Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference</p> <p>This report is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress achieved in the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference.</p> <p>182 EX/4 Part I of the report contains the main results achieved during the first 18 months of the 2008-2009 biennium, corresponding to document 34 C/5. In order to provide a more concise and strategic account of programme implementation, this report is limited to the following four items: (i) overall assessment of key results for the five major programmes and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics; (ii) UNESCO's contribution to operational policies and activities for development cooperation within the United Nations system; (iii) Progress Report on the implementation of the revised strategy for technical and vocational education and training (TVET); and (iv) Progress Report on the International Year of Planet Earth.</p> <p>182 EX/4 Part I Addendum informs the Members of the Executive Board of progress achieved in the implementation of the Intersectoral Platform on UNESCO's support to countries in Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster (PCPD) situations. The reporting nature of the document does not a priori entail decision-making.</p> <p>182 EX/INF.21. This information to 182 EX/4 Part I Add. provides budgetary information concerning the 9 thematic-based intersectoral platforms included in document 34 C/5 Approved. It does not include budgetary information on the three coordinating platforms -- Priority Africa,</p>	<p>Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution</p> <p>145 EX/Dec.5.1 (I)</p> <p>157 EX/Dec.3.1 (I)</p> <p>159 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I)</p> <p>160 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I)</p> <p>161 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I)</p> <p>162 EX/Dec.3.1.3</p> <p>166 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (II)</p> <p>169 EX/Dec.4.1</p> <p>169 EX/Dec.6.6</p> <p>172 EX/Dec.21</p> <p>175 EX/Dec.4 (II)</p> <p>175 EX/Dec.23</p> <p>176 EX/5 (V)</p> <p>176 EX/Dec.29</p> <p>177 EX/Dec.25 (I)</p> <p>34 C/Res.3, 21, 35, 39, 48, 65, 66, 67, 89</p> <p>179 EX/Dec.4</p> <p>179 EX/Dec.21</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.4 (I)</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.52</p> <p>181 EX/Dec.4 (I)</p>	<p>182 EX/4 Part I and Addenda (<i>Execution of the programme</i>)</p> <p>182 EX/INF.18</p> <p>182 EX/INF.19</p> <p>182 EX/INF.20</p> <p>182 EX/INF.21 Rev.</p> <p>182 EX/INF.23</p>

<sup>1</sup> The item numbers are those of the agenda of the Executive Board (182 EX/1 Prov. Rev.)

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	<p>Contribution to the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for SIDS, and Support to countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations -- as their role is to coordinate the totality of action of the Organization in their respective areas, but not to implement per se specific activities and action, as is the case for the thematic-based platforms. This document does not entail administrative or financial implications.</p> <p>The purpose of the document is to report in a holistic manner on the actions taken by the Board regarding the implementation of the Programme. As such it does not call for specific decision-making other than capturing accurately the decisions taken by the Board when considering the various items on which it deliberated. However, this does not exclude the eventual preparation of a draft resolution by Member States for consideration by the General Conference on the report of the Executive Board.</p>		
	<i>UNESCO's contribution to operational policies and activities for development cooperation within the United Nations system</i>	167 EX/Dec.8.1	182 EX/4 Part I
	<i>Progress report by the Director-General on the proclamation of 2008 as International Year of Planet Earth</i>	Proposed by the Director-General (ref. 33 C/Res.24)	182 EX/4 Part I
	<i>Progress on the implementation of the strategy for technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and the revised version of the strategy</i>	181 EX/Dec.8	182 EX/4 Part I 182 EX/INF.5
5	<p>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</p> <p><i>(Programme aspects)</i></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to inform the Members of the Executive Board of the progress achieved in the follow-up to the decisions and resolutions adopted by the Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions. It focuses on the following issues:</p>	169 EX/Dec.4.3 and 175 EX/Dec.23 169 EX/Dec.3.4.3	182 EX/5 182 EX/INF.18 182 EX/INF.19 182 EX/INF.20
	<i>I. Progress and achievements in 2008-2009 with regard to the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012)</i>	177 EX/Dec.8	182 EX/5 182 EX/INF.6
	<i>II. Staff salaries, allowances and benefits</i>	34 C/Res.80	
	<i>III. Progress made and results achieved in Implementation of the UNESCO strategy for</i>	179 EX/Dec.15 181 EX/Dec.15	182 EX/5 182 EX/INF.7

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	<i>the UNESCO strategy for action on climate change and its enhanced plan of action</i>		
	IV. <i>Needs and challenges of introducing results-based budgeting (RBB) at UNESCO</i>	180 EX/Dec.21 (IV)	
	V. <i>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 181 EX/Decision 5 (III) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem</i>	34 C/Res.47 181 EX/Dec.5 (III)	
	VI. <i>Interim report on the action plan for the Slave Route project</i>	181 EX/Dec.13	
	VII. <i>Status of the renovation work at the UNESCO Fontenoy site</i>	181 EX/Dec.42	
	VIII. <i>Fundraising strategy and status report on pilot projects for the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education</i>	181 EX/Dec.54	
	<b>Education</b>		
7	Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) on the Institute's activities for 2008-2009  This report informs the Executive Board of the activities of IICBA during 2008-2009, which aimed at reinforcing national capacities within the framework of UNESCO's general policy and in particular in light of the Dakar Framework for Action. The report to the General Conference (35 C/REP/6) is annexed to this document in conformity with the IICBA statutes.  Decision proposed: Note the information provided.	30 C/Res.8 Article IV (6) of its Statutes	182 EX/7
8	Biennial report by the Director-General on UNESCO's efforts for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) including the Bonn Declaration and draft strategy  The Director-General reports on the progress made in the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) during the period 2008-2009.	177 EX/Dec.9 181 EX/Dec.5 (I)	182 EX/8 182 EX/INF.10

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	<p>Decision proposed: The Executive Board may wish to adopt the proposed draft decision in paragraph 31, which calls upon the Director-General, in close collaboration with all partners, to further develop the roadmap for the second half of the DESD, for presentation to the 66th session of the UNGA in autumn 2010.</p>		
9	<p>Report by the Director-General on external evaluation of the results achieved by the Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA)</p>	34 C/Res.18	182 EX/9
	<p>This document summarizes the main findings of the external evaluation of the Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA) and sets out recommendations for action.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: (i) invite the Director-General to implement the recommendations within the scope of the limited financial resources available to him; (ii) encourage Member States to consider making voluntary contributions to support the implementation of TTISSA.</p>		
10	<p>Report by the Director-General on achieving global education for all (EFA) by 2015, including the follow-up to and implementation of the recommendations of the meetings on education in Dakar, Geneva and Oslo and the impact of the current financial and economic crisis on the developing countries in their efforts to achieve the EFA goals</p>	180 EX/Dec.7 181 EX/Dec.57 181 EX/Dec.58	182 EX/10 182 EX/INF.14
	<p>The Director-General reports on the main obstacles and their causes to attaining the Dakar EFA goals by 2015 and alternative ways of improving UNESCO's efforts to achieve the EFA objectives including a preliminary report on the impact of the financial and economic crisis on the efforts of developing countries to achieve the EFA goals.</p>		
	<p>The Director-General also reports on the follow-up to and implementation of the recommendations of the meetings on education held in Dakar, Geneva and Oslo at the national, regional and international levels.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: Request the Director-General to report to it at its 185th session on international progress with regard to Education for All and UNESCO's contributions thereto.</p>		

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11	<p>Report by the Director-General on a revised plan of joint activities with the United Nations University (UNU) for 2010-2011</p> <p>This document presents a revised plan of joint activities with the United Nations University.</p> <p>Decision required: (i) invite the Director-General to pursue his cooperation with UNU in the areas listed in the revised plan of joint activities, where such cooperation can be accommodated within the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), and with emphasis on the areas identified as priorities; and (ii) invite Member States to consider making extrabudgetary contributions in order to enable UNESCO and UNU to carry out their plan of joint activities for the 2010-2011 biennium.</p>	181 EX/Dec.7	182 EX/11
	<p><b>Natural sciences</b></p>		
12	<p>Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the UNESCO plan of action in support of the African Union Consolidated Plan of Action for Science and Technology</p> <p>Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's activities contributing to its Plan of Action for Science and Technology in Africa since its 177th session with particular emphasis on the flagship projects.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Request the Director-General to further support activities in the Plan that aim at improving science and technology in Africa, address the other components of the AU/CPA, and invite him to submit to it regular updated reports on the status of implementation and assessment of the impact of activities at national level and the establishment of the STI Observatory.</p>	180 EX/Dec.8	182 EX/12 and Corr.
13	<p>Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's participation in and contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity (2010)</p> <p>The document concerns UNESCO's response to Resolution 61/203 of the United Nations General Assembly declaring 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). UNESCO's plans in relation to the Organization's participation in and contribution to the year are presented in detail.</p>	Proposed by the Director-General	182 EX/13

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	<p>Decision proposed: Reflect the Executive Board's support for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity and approve UNESCO's IYB plans as presented in the document.</p>		
14	<p>Financial sustainability of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP), and the level of political support from the Member States</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p>	181 EX/Dec.10	182 EX/14
	<p>In pursuance of the Executive Board recommendation, this document assesses the political support to IBSP from Member States and the financial sustainability of the programme.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to undertake several actions aimed at the development of IBSP in the forthcoming years taking into consideration the evidence of strong political support to the programme from Member States. It also invites the Director-General to report on the strategic direction of IBSP at the 190th session of the Executive Board, in the context of the preparation of UNESCO's next Medium-Term Strategy.</p>		
	<p><b>Culture</b></p>		
15	<p>Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 181 EX/Decision 12</p>	34 C/Res.47 181 EX/Dec.12	182 EX/15 and Add.
	<p>This document informs the Executive Board on the progress made concerning UNESCO's contribution to the preservation of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Action Plan for the safeguarding of this heritage.</p>		
	<p>An addendum will be issued before the 182nd session of the Executive Board in order to inform the Board on recent developments related to this issue. This addendum will also contain a draft decision.</p>		
16	<p>Report by the Director-General on the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures in 2010, including a draft of an action plan for its preparation</p>	181 EX/Dec.52	182 EX/16
	<p>This document contains a report and the text of a draft action plan for the</p>		

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	<p>celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures for examination by the General Conference at its 35th session.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Recommends that the General Conference approve, at its 35th session, the preliminary action plan, together with the contents and recommendations made at the 182nd session of the Executive Board session and invites the Director-General to report to it at its 186th session on activities carried out to celebrate 2010, International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures.</p>		
	<p><b>Communication and information</b></p>		
17	<p>Reports on the implementation of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (2008-2009)</p> <p>In accordance with the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council for IFAP, the Director-General submits to the General Conference, through the Executive Board, a report on the implementation of IFAP, together with the report of the IFAP Council on its activities. Included in the report to the General Conference (35 C/REP/16).</p>	<p>160 EX/Dec.3.6.1 (Article 10 of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council) 180 EX/Dec.15</p>	182 EX/17
	<p>Decision proposed: Note the information provided.</p>		
	<p><b>Intersectoral programme activities</b></p>		
18	<p>Report by the Director-General on the proposal for the establishment of a cyber network for learning languages</p> <p>This document reports on the results of the work of the experts on the feasibility of establishing a Cyber Network for Learning Languages. It presents the conclusions of the International Expert Group Meeting, convened with the support of China, that took place in Beijing, 26-27 March 2009, the findings and the recommendations contained in the feasibility study, as well as the comments and observations by the Director-General on this proposal, including on the financial and administrative implications.</p>	180 EX/Dec.61	182 EX/18
	<p>Decision proposed: Invite the Director-General to take appropriate measures in order to facilitate, together with all concerned stakeholders, the fundraising process for the initial design and planning of such a platform, both from Member States and from private sector donors, and encourage all Member States to contribute to this initiative.</p>		

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<b>Institutes and centres</b>			
19	Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute	30 C/Resolution 44 Article V.1(e) of the Statutes 180 EX/Dec.20	182 EX/19
	This document presents the major activities and strategic decisions undertaken by the UIS since its last report to the 180th session of the Executive Board.		
	Decision proposed: Request the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations of the UIS Governing Board and invite the UIS Governing Board to report to it at its 185th session.		
20 <sup>2</sup>	Report by the Director-General on feasibility studies for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO		182 EX/20 Parts II-XIII
	<i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i>		
	Customary practice is for the Executive Board to examine the establishment of a category 2 institute or centre once the feasibility study has been carried out.		
	The Director-General reports on the feasibility study and presents a draft Agreement.		
	Decision proposed: Recommend to the General Conference at its 35th session to approve its establishment and to authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement.		
	182 EX/20 Part II: Proposal for the establishment in the Philippines of a lifelong learning centre for sustainable development in South-East Asia, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	176 EX/Dec.55	
	182 EX/20 Part III: Proposal for the establishment at the Kolomenskoye Museum in Moscow of a regional museum centre for capacity-building in museum studies, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	

<sup>2</sup> Sub-item 20, Part I, "Proposal for the establishment in Turkey of a regional centre for international training and research on sediment, isotope and erosion techniques, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO" has been postponed by the Government of Turkey until the feasibility study is completed.



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	182 EX/20 Part IV: Proposal for the establishment of an international centre for integrated water resources management (ICIWaRM) hosted by the Institute for Water Resources (IWR) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria (Virginia), United States of America, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	
	182 EX/20 Part V: Proposal for the establishment in the Syrian Arab Republic of a regional centre concerning early childhood development, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	
	182 EX/20 Part VI: Proposal for the establishment in South Africa of an African World Heritage fund, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	
	182 EX/20 Part VII: Proposal for the establishment in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, of a regional research centre for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in West and Central Asia, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	
	182 EX/20 Part VIII: Proposal for the establishment in Sofia, Bulgaria, of a regional centre for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in South-Eastern Europe, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	
	182 EX/20 Part IX and Add.: Proposal for the establishment in Zacatecas, Mexico, of a regional World Heritage institute, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	
	182 EX/20 Part X and Add.: Proposal for the establishment in Reykjavik, Iceland, of an international language centre, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	
	182 EX/20 Part XI: Proposal for the establishment in Indonesia of an Asia Pacific centre for ecohydrology (APCE) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	
	182 EX/20 Part XII: Proposal for the establishment in Isfahan, Islamic Republic of Iran, of a regional centre	Sub-item proposed by the Director-General	

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	<p>for science park and technology incubator development, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p>		
	<p>182 EX/20 Part XIII<sup>3</sup>: Proposal for the establishment at Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, of a regional centre for the living arts in Africa, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p>	<p>Sub-item proposed by the Director-General</p>	
	<p><b>DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 (35 C/5)</b></p>		
21	<p>Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board</p>	<p>Articles VB.6(a) and VI of the Constitution Financial regulations Articles 3.4, 3.6 and 3.7</p>	<p>35 C/5 Draft Rev. 182 EX/INF.18 182 EX/INF.19 182 EX/INF.20 182 EX/INF.23</p>
	<p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p>	<p>Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, Articles 80 and 81</p>	
	<p>Following consideration of the Director-General's draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), the Executive Board adopted its comments and recommendations thereon in 181 EX/Decision 18, which has become document 35 C/6.</p>	<p>181 EX/Dec.5 (II) 181 EX/Dec.7 181 EX/Dec.8 181 EX/Dec.11 181 EX/Dec.18 181 EX/Dec.23 181 EX/Dec.41 (I) 181 EX/Dec.51</p>	
	<p>In it, the Board took note of the budget ceiling of US \$671 million which the Director-General had proposed, representing a zero-real growth (ZRG) approach, and of the budgeting techniques. Nevertheless, the Board requested the Director-General to reinforce priority programmes, in particular those relating to Africa, and to further rationalize expenditure linked to Parts I and III of the Draft Programme and Budget. After the Board adopted document 35 C/6, the Director-General had indicated to the Board that he would prepare a revised version of the Draft Programme and Budget, with recosting adjustments in line with the latest IMF figures and with scaled down expenditure levels for Parts I and III. At the same time he indicated that it would not be possible for him to respond to the call for a reinforcement of priority programmes, in particular those relating to Africa, beyond the strengthening he had already proposed in draft document 35 C/5.</p>		
	<p>Accordingly, the Director-General is submitting to the Board the entire draft document 35 C/5 Rev, with its two volumes</p>		

<sup>3</sup> 182 EX/20 Part XIII. The sub-item on the proposal for the establishment at Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, of a regional centre for the living arts in Africa, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO has been added to item 20.

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and the accompanying technical note. With two exceptions, no programmatic changes have been made in this revised document. There is no change in the number or order of paragraphs, especially in Volume 2 of the 35 C/5 Rev. The programmatic and strategic components are therefore preserved as are the expected results for all activities when compared to the original Draft 35 C/5. Thus, the policy and programmatic recommendations by the Executive Board in document 35 C/6 remain fully valid and unaffected by this revision.

The revised draft programme and budget before the Board has a budget ceiling of US \$653 million representing a nominal increase of US \$22 million over the 34 C/5 Approved, i.e. a 3.5% nominal growth. Reaching this budget ceiling entailed a cut higher than would have been required by the mere technical adjustments associated with ZRG. This larger reduction was reached through the reduction of budgetary provisions in Part III. Furthermore, the total recosted amounts have been accordingly reduced by US \$10 million, and the amounts of Parts I and III have been pared down by a combined amount of US \$8 million, with a total reduction of US \$18 million compared to the earlier Draft 35 C/5. Thus, the budget envelope has been reduced to an amount below ZRG.

The Executive Board may wish to consider endorsing the budget envelope proposed by the Director-General and to convey its recommendation in an addendum to document 35 C/6.

## **METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION**

24	Report by the Director-General on evaluations completed in 2009 and preliminary scenarios for an external evaluation of UNESCO	34 C/5 177 EX/Dec.26 181 EX/Dec.19	182 EX/24
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*(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)*

The document provides summary reports on three evaluations completed in 2009, together with comments from the Director-General, and presents possible scenarios for a comprehensive, external evaluation of UNESCO.

Decision proposed: Note the recommendations of the three evaluations and invite the Director-General to implement recommendations in a timely

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	<p>manner. In addition, request the Director-General to initiate an evaluation following one of the scenarios.</p>		
25	<p>Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the overall strategy and overall situation with regard to UNESCO prizes</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p>	<p>171 EX/Dec.24 177 EX/Dec.28</p>	182 EX/25
	<p>The Director-General reports on the implementation of the overall strategy and overall situation with regard to UNESCO prizes every two years. This document presents the second report of 2009. Its annexes contain the summary list and biennial calendar of UNESCO prizes.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Decide to abolish officially four prizes, decide on the minimum amount awarded to each prize-winner, decide that a feasibility study be carried out before any proposal for a new prize and that candidatures be submitted by the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO. Also emphasize the importance of strengthening the impact and visibility of the prizes in order to improve the image and prestige of the Organization and ask the Director-General to continue to report to it every two years and take the appropriate administrative measures to follow up this decision.</p>		
26	<p>Reports by the Executive Board on its activities and on programme implementation</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Special Committee and the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions (182 EX/26 Part II))</i></p>	<p>30 C/Res.81 156 EX/Dec.5.5 33 C/Res.92 180 EX/Dec.25 180 EX/Dec.26 181 EX/Dec.23</p>	<p>182 EX/26 Part II <i>(Report on the implementation of document 34 C/5 with results achieved in the previous biennium (35 C/3))</i></p>
	<p>The Board is required to finalize both parts of its Reports to the General Conference. A draft of Part II is submitted by the Secretariat as per the Board's decisions on this matter at its 180th and 181st sessions.</p>		

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**MATTERS RELATING TO  
NORMS, STATUTES AND  
REGULATIONS**

33	Revision of the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC)	Proposed by the Director-General	182 EX/33
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*(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)*

The General Conference, by adopting the Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5), authorized the Director-General to revise the operational mechanisms pursuing similar objectives to those of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005 Convention) such as the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC). For that purpose, in accordance with Article 5.B.15 of the Statutes of the Fund, the Director-General submits for examination to the Executive Board his proposed amendments to the Statutes of the Fund.

Decision proposed: Take note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture and recommend to the General Conference that it approve at its 35th session the amendments to the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture.

**RELATIONS WITH MEMBER  
STATES, INTERGOVERN-  
MENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND  
INTERNATIONAL NON-  
GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS**

51	Appeals by Member States concerning their proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2010-2011	159 EX/Dec.7.5 166 EX/Dec.9.3 181 EX/Dec.45	182 EX/51
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The Director-General submits to the Executive Board the revised proposals of Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2010-2011.

Decision recommended: Recommend to the General Conference that it approve the list of proposals, revised and considered admissible by the Director-General, for

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	<p>anniversaries for 2010-2011, to be added to the list of anniversaries already approved by it at its 181st session (181 EX/Decision 45).</p>		
	<b>GENERAL MATTERS</b>		
53	<p>Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq</p>	180 EX/Dec.48	182 EX/53
	<p>This document summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO since the 180th session of the Board in implementing assistance in favour of Iraq.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Encourage the Director-General to continue giving full support to the Iraqi Government in its implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media programmes; invite the Director-General to continue monitoring the implementation of the ICC and to present a further report to the Executive Board at its 185th session.</p>		
54	<p>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 and 181 EX/Decision 47 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories</p>	34 C/Res.58 181 EX/Dec.47	182 EX/54
	<p>Report on progress made since the 181st session in providing assistance to the Palestinian people and their educational and cultural institutions, as well as to such institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan.</p> <p>Decision proposed: The Director-General intends to issue an addendum to the present document before the 182nd session of the Board.</p>		
55	<p>Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza</p>	181 EX/Dec.59	182 EX/55
	<p>Report on progress made since the 181st session concerning the reconstruction and development of the Gaza Strip.</p> <p>Decision proposed: The Director-General intends to issue an addendum to the present document before the 182nd session of the Board.</p>		

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<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS</b>			
56	<p>Reflection on climate change and ethics</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	182 EX/56 and Corr. 182 EX/INF.16
	<p>The document supports the value of the work of UNESCO in the area of environmental ethics as applied to climate change and highlights the need for additional information and further consultations on the development of an ethical framework of principles in relation to climate change.</p> <p>Decision proposed: to request the Director-General, after consultation, to present to the Executive Board at its 184th session a report on the desirability of preparing a draft universal declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change.</p>		
57	<p>Revision of the statutes of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p>	Item proposed by the Director-General (Ref. 154 EX/Decision 3.4.2.)	182 EX/57 182 EX/INF.17
	<p>Revision of the Statutes of COMEST to expand its membership and Bureau and to increase the frequency of ordinary sessions.</p> <p>Decision proposed: adopt the amendments of the Statutes of COMEST and take note of the financial implications.</p>		
58	<p>Amendments to the Regulations of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p>	Item proposed by the Director-General (Ref. 151 EX/Dec. 3.4.2)	182 EX/58 Rev.
	<p>Consideration of the amendments to the Regulations of the UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize which partially depart the standard model text adopted by the Board by 171 EX/Decision 24.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Approve the amended General Regulations of the Prize and take note of the revised Financial Regulations of the Prize.</p>		

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59	<p>Celebration of the bicentenary of the independence processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>This item has been placed on the agenda in order to request the Director-General to consult Member States of Latin America and the Caribbean with a view to celebrate at UNESCO Headquarters, in 2010, the bicentenary of the independence of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and to place this item on the agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference.</p>	Item proposed by Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	182 EX/59
60	<p>Proposal for the establishment of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), India, as a category 1 institute of UNESCO</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>The Government of India submits in collaboration with UNESCO a proposal for the establishment of a category I institute.</p> <p>Decision proposed: the Executive Board may wish to adopt the proposed draft decision in paragraph 27, which recommends that the General Conference approve the proposal and take the necessary steps to include reference to the proposed institute in the draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011.</p>	Item proposed by India and the Director-General	182 EX/60 and Add.
62	<p>Strengthening of the Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and Portugal and Spain</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>The purpose of this request by Colombia is to broaden the thematic competencies of CERLALC within UNESCO, and has no financial implications. It seeks explicitly to strengthen UNESCO's support for CERLALC through intersectoral collaboration.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Invites the Director-General, in accordance with document</p>	Item proposed by Colombia	182 EX/62 Rev.



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	<p>181 EX/66 Add. Rev., paragraph 16, subparagraph B.3.1 (“UNESCO’s programme sectors shall prepare specific sector strategies for engagement and interaction with relevant category 2 centres and institutes on specific themes”), to strengthen the intersectorality of reciprocal support for CERLALC and to increase joint programmes; Urges the Director-General to take the necessary measures to strengthen the intersectorality of UNESCO’s cooperation with CERLALC, and requests him to devise new strategies for UNESCO’s collaboration and visibility in areas in which CERLALC offers a high degree of expertise and added value.</p>		
63	<p>Strengthening of the International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC/UNESCO)</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>In view of the key role played by IESALC in contributing to the development and transformation of higher education in Latin America and the Caribbean, its cooperation with the region’s governments and educational institutions and close collaboration with the Santiago-based UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education (OREALC) and considering the valuable contributions of IESALC to the preparations for the World Conference on Higher Education and to the organization of the Regional Conference on Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CRES), it is proposed that the Director-General be invited to take the necessary measures to reinforce the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) from the operational and budgetary point of view for the 2010-2011 biennium, while ensuring respect for the Institute’s intellectual, administrative and functional autonomy and to submit to the Executive Board at its 184th session a report on the implementation of the measures adopted to strengthen IESALC and on its results.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Cuba and the Dominican Republic</p>	<p>182 EX/63 182 EX/INF.17</p>

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65	<p>Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's cooperation with Haiti</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>(annotation to follow)</p>	Item proposed by Haïti	182 EX/65
66	<p>International Programme on Engineering Science</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>An "International Engineering Programme" is proposed as a priority programme of UNESCO. The main goals of the Programme are to promote engineering education, capacity-building and applications for poverty eradication and sustainable development and the other Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This proposal responds to calls from Member States regarding the need to strengthen engineering around the world, and strengthen the engineering programme at UNESCO in order to assist Member States in this process.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Recommend that the General Conference, at its 35th session, adopt a resolution by which it requests the Director-General to conduct a study regarding a feasibility examination by UNESCO for the establishment of an International Engineering Programme, and submit a comprehensive report to the Executive Board at its 185th session (Autumn 2010).</p>	Item proposed by South Africa	182 EX/66