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Item	Title	Reference	Document
EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME			
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>181 EX/4 Part I contains the main results achieved during the first 12 months of the 2008-2009 biennium: (i) overall assessment of key results; (ii) recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system; and (iii) follow-up to the Conference of Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora (CIAD).</p> <p>The reporting nature of the document does not a priori entail decision-making.</p> <p>181 EX/4 Part I Add. reports on salient trends and developments in field offices' participation in United Nations country team activities and common country programming exercises and the main results achieved in this regard.</p> <p>181 EX/4 Part I Add. 2. This addendum contains the UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2008-2013, called by the Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4).</p> <p>181 EX/4 Part I Add. 3. This addendum informs the Executive Board of the main activities carried out in respect of the coordination and the monitoring of the action to benefit Africa, in accordance with the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4). It presents information concerning the coordination at the political level and the coordination of the regional and subregional action. It also contains a compendium of the activities undertaken by the programme sectors attached as an annex.</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</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, II)</p> <p>34 C/Res.3, 21, 35, 39, 48, 65, 66, 67, 89</p> <p>179 EX/Dec.5</p> <p>179 EX/Dec.21</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.4 (I)</p>	<p>181 EX/4 Part I and Addenda (<i>Execution of the programme</i>)</p> <p>181 EX/INF.10 (<i>Cultural statistics</i>)</p> <p>181 EX/INF.16 (<i>Regional declarations on higher education</i>)</p> <p>181 EX/INF.17 (FOSRASUN)</p> <p>181 EX/INF.21</p> <p>181 EX/INF.22</p> <p>181 EX/INF.23</p> <p>181 EX/INF.24</p>

¹ The item numbers are those of the agenda of the Executive Board (181 EX/1).

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	<i>Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO</i>	124 EX/Dec.6.1 167 EX/Dec.4.2	
	<i>Conference of Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora (CIAD)</i>	34 C/Res.63	
5	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 (Programme aspects) This document is intended 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:	169 EX/Dec.4.3 175 EX/Dec.23	181 EX/5 and Addenda 181 EX/INF.21 181 EX/INF.22 181 EX/INF.23
	I. <i>Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and the status of implementation of approved/accepted recommendations of JIU reports</i>	129 EX/Dec.3.3.1 169 EX/Dec.7.2	
	II. <i>Regular progress report on the UNAIDS programme</i>	174 EX/Dec.6	
	III. <i>Reorientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia</i>	177 EX/Dec.30	
	IV. <i>Placing of the IHP International Centre of Water for Food Security (IC-Water) at Charles Sturt University in Australia as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</i>	34 C/Res.27	
	V. <i>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 180 EX/Decision 5 (II) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem</i>	34 C/Res.47 180 EX/Dec.5 (II)	
	VI. <i>Progress made in carrying out the recommendations of the Overall Review Committee concerning the Implementation Plan for UNESCO's science programmes</i>	34 C/Res.55	
	VII. <i>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 60 and 180 EX/Decision 43 on a special post-conflict overall support programme in UNESCO's fields of competence for Côte d'Ivoire</i>	34 C/Res.60 180 EX/Dec.43	
	VIII. <i>Interim report on the situation of Iraqi refugee pupils and students in the Syrian Arab Republic</i>	179 EX/Dec.5 (III)	
	IX. <i>Regional conference on "Media, Education and Culture of Human Rights"</i>	179 EX/Dec.8 (II)	
	X. <i>Implementation and follow-up of the intersectoral platforms</i>	179 EX/Dec.16 (I)	

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	<i>XI. Extension of the African continental shelf</i>	179 EX/Dec.16 (II)	
	<i>XII. The Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands (ERAIFT) and UNESCO's action to promote the training of African specialists in the management of forests and natural resources in sub-Saharan Africa</i>	179 EX/Dec.16 (III)	
	<i>XIII. Contribution of UNESCO to the United Nations Secretary-General's report on human rights and cultural diversity</i>	179 EX/Dec.48	
	<i>XIV²</i>		
	<i>XV. Measures taken to implement the recommendations by the External Auditor concerning the Office of Foresight</i>	180 EX/Dec.50 180 EX/Dec.51	
	<i>XVI. Special Account for the International Fund for the Promotion of Languages and Multilingualism: postponement of the examination of the revised version of its financial regulations</i>	180 EX/Dec.55	
	<i>XVII Specific proposals for the implementation of interdisciplinary and intersectoral programmes on the works of Rabindranath Tagore, Pablo Neruda and Aimé Césaire for a reconciled universal</i>	180 EX/Dec.58	181 EX/5 and Add.3
	<i>XVIII. Progress report on decentralization</i>	177 EX/Dec.6 (II) 34 C/Res.68 (II) 180 EX/Dec.6 (II)	181 EX/5 Add.2
	<i>XIX. Progress of work on UNESCO's efforts for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development³</i>	177 EX/Dec.9	181 EX/5 Add. 181 EX/INF.15
Education			
7	Report by the Director-General and the Rector of the United Nations University on a plan of possible joint activities to be carried out in the 2010-2011 biennium <i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i> The Director-General presents to the Executive Board a plan of possible joint activities for the 2010-2011 biennium.	179 EX/Dec.6	181 EX/7 and Corr. <i>(French and Russian only)</i>

² The sub-item on the preparation of a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War is now a separate item (181 EX/53).

³ 177 EX/Decision 9 calls for regular reporting on DESD activities in the statutory EX/4 report and a biennial report at its 182nd session. At the request of Germany and Japan this sub-item has been added to item 5.

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	<p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to pursue his cooperation with the UNU in the areas listed in the plan and invite Member States to consider making extrabudgetary contributions in order to enable UNESCO and the UNU to carry out this plan.</p>		
8	<p>Report by the Director-General on a draft strategy for technical and vocational education and training (TVET)</p>	179 EX/Dec.49	181 EX/8
	<p>This document presents a draft strategy for UNESCO's work in the field of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) for 2010-2015.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: approve the draft strategy and request the Director-General to include information on progress achieved in his Reports to the Executive Board on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (EX/4).</p>		
9	<p>Report by the Director-General on a strategy concerning the role of languages in achieving education for all (EFA) in the context of sustainable development</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	181 EX/9 and Corr.
	<p>The Director-General submits a strategy concerning the role of languages in achieving EFA in the context of sustainable development.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: encourage Member States to allocate funds for the implementation of national strategies on languages in order to achieve EFA, recommend that the Director-General include relevant elements of the strategy in the Programme and Budget in document 35 C/5, request him to open a special account for its implementation, and invite Member States to make contributions to that special fund.</p>		
	<p>Natural sciences</p>		
10	<p>Report by the Director-General on the development and outcomes of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) during the first biennium of the Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4), and on measures to be taken to promote the services and efficiency of IBSP</p>	176 EX/Dec.11	181 EX/10
	<p>The Director-General analyses the activity of the IBSP during the 2008-2009 biennium, its challenges and limitations, and he proposes measures, to be taken within the new IBSP strategy of action, in order to foster the sustained development of the programme and its services in</p>		

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	<p>response to the needs of Member States in capacity-building in the basic sciences, science education and pertinent areas of policy advice.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Call for increased support for science and science education, invite the Director-General to encourage partnerships, and to submit to it at its 185th session a report on UNESCO's mandate for the basic sciences for submission to the General Conference at its 36th session.</p>		
	<p>Social and human sciences</p>		
11	<p>Report by the Director-General on a network of national authorities against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance</p>	180 EX/Dec.47	181 EX/11
	<p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility review process for the creation of a network of national authorities.</p> <p>Decision proposed: welcome the proposal and invite the Director-General to include it in document 35 C/5.</p>		
	<p>Culture</p>		
12	<p>Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 180 EX/Decision 10</p>	34 C/Res.47 180 EX/Dec.10	181 EX/12 and Add.
	<p>This document aims at informing the Members of 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 181st session in order to inform the Members of the Board on recent developments related to this issue. This addendum will also contain a draft decision.</p>		
13	<p>Reports by the Director-General on the Slave Route project</p>		181 EX/13 Part I and Add., Part II 181 EX/INF.5
	<p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>The Director-General reports on the work and proceedings of the restructured International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route project and presents a long-term strategy aimed at reinforcing the project.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Only document 181 EX/13 Part II contains a decision that asks the Board to: (i) take note of the reports; (ii) appreciate the efforts of the</p>		

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	<p>Director-General for the elaboration of a long-term strategy for the project; and (iii) invite him to search for the necessary means to ensure the implementation of this strategy.</p>		
	<p>Part I: Report by the Director-General on the proceedings of the International Scientific Committee for the Slave Route Project, together with an evaluation of its work</p>	<p>172 EX/Dec.59 (Article 11 of the Statutes)</p>	
	<p>Part II: Report by the Director-General on the project document for the Slave Route project</p>	<p>180 EX/Dec.14</p>	
14	<p>Report by the Director-General on a preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue</p>	<p>179 EX/Dec.10 180 EX/Dec.11</p>	181 EX/14
	<p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p>		
	<p>The Director-General presents to the Executive Board a preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: decide to inscribe the examination of this matter on the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference under the heading: "Integrated follow-up to the implementation of existing standard-setting instruments and policies on languages, especially in relation to the protection of indigenous and endangered languages"; invite the Director-General to submit a strategy to the General Conference at its 35th session; and recommend that the General Conference decide to continue reflection on the possible drafting of a new standard-setting instrument for languages, and to pursue operational and intersectoral activities in this field.</p>		

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Intersectoral programme activities			
15	Report by the Director-General on a detailed plan of action for the UNESCO strategy for action on climate change	179 EX/Dec.15	181 EX/15
This document presents a plan of action detailing activities planned around strategic objectives for the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change.			
Decision proposed: approve the Plan of Action.			
Institutes and centres			
16	Report by the Director-General on a draft integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO	180 EX/Dec.18	181 EX/INF.13
<i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i>			
Pursuant to 180 EX/Decision 18, the Director-General invited Member States by circular letter (CL/3862) to submit their written comments on the Draft Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), contained in document 180 EX/18, for further discussion by the Executive Board at its 181st session. The responses received are contained in the corresponding document.			
No decision is proposed.			
17 ⁴	Report by the Director-General on feasibility studies for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO		181 EX/17 Parts I-X
<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.			

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Item 17. The following proposals have been withdrawn from the provisional agenda of the 181st session:

- The 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, United States of America, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO has been postponed to the 182nd session.
- The 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 has been postponed to the 182nd session.

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	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.		
	181 EX/17 Part I: Proposal to establish an international BIOmics training centre in Rehovot, Israel, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part II: Proposal for the establishment of an international centre on water resources and global change in the Federal Republic of Germany, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part III: Proposal for the establishment of an international centre on coastal ecohydrology in Portugal, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part IV: Proposal for the establishment of HidroEx – international centre for education, capacity-building and applied research in water, in Frutal, State of Minas Gerais, Federative Republic of Brazil, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part V: Proposal for the establishment in China of an international training centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	179 EX/Dec.44 180 EX/5	
	181 EX/17 Part VI: Proposal for the establishment in the Republic of Korea of an international information and networking centre for intangible cultural heritage centre in the Asia-Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	179 EX/Dec.46 180 EX/5	
	181 EX/17 Part VII Rev. and Corr. and 181 EX/INF.20: Proposal for the establishment in Japan of an international research centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	180 EX/5	

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	181 EX/17 Part VIII: Proposal for the establishment in Bahrain of an Arab regional centre for world heritage (ARC-WH), as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part IX: Proposal for the establishment in Praia, Cape Verde, of a West Africa institute for international research on regional integration and social transformations, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part X: Proposal for the establishment in Brazil of a regional heritage management training centre, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 (35 C/5)			
18	<p>Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board</p> <p><i>(Programme aspects)</i></p> <p>Pursuant to Articles V.B.6(a) and VI.3(a) of the Constitution, the Draft Programme and Budget prepared by the Director-General (contained in document 35 C/5), has been drawn up on the basis of recommendations contained in 180 EX/Decision 21. It will be submitted to the General Conference for consideration at its 35th session, together with the recommendations of the Executive Board thereon (35 C/6).</p>	<p>Articles V and VI of the Constitution</p> <p>169 EX/Dec.4.1</p> <p>172 EX/Dec.38</p> <p>33 C/Res.95</p> <p>177 EX/Dec.27</p> <p>34 C/Res.54</p> <p>34 C/Res.55</p> <p>34 C/Res.59</p> <p>34 C/Res.84</p> <p>34 C/Res.89</p> <p>34 C/Res.92</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.21</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.25</p>	<p>35 C/5 Draft</p> <p>181 EX/INF.21</p> <p>181 EX/INF.22</p> <p>181 EX/INF.23</p> <p>181 EX/INF.25</p> <p>181 EX/INF.26</p>
METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION			
19	<p>Report by the Director-General on evaluations completed during the 2008-2009 biennium</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>The paper provides summary reports on three evaluations completed in 2008 together with comments from the Director-General.</p> <p>Decision proposed: note the recommendations and invite the Director-General to implement recommendations in a timely manner.</p>	<p>34 C/5</p> <p>177 EX/Dec.26</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.27</p>	181 EX/19

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20	<p>Biennial evaluation report on the activities and results of all UNESCO decentralized bodies</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>The paper provides the findings from the evaluation of the eight “Delivering as One” pilots, called for in document 34 C/5 Annex V.</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	30 C/Res.83 (I) 174 EX/Dec.18	181 EX/20
MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS			
29	<p>Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the conservation of the historic urban landscape</p> <p>This document presents a proposal for a standard-setting instrument concerning the conservation of the historic urban landscape, accompanied by a preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects thereof.</p> <p>Decision proposed: include this item on the provisional agenda of the General Conference at its 35th session, invite the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session the above-mentioned preliminary study together with the relevant observations and decisions of the Executive Board thereon and recommend that the General Conference decide at its 35th session to continue action aimed at drawing up a new standard-setting instrument on the conservation of the historic urban landscape, through a new standard-setting instrument in the form of a recommendation entitled “Recommendation on the Conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape”.</p>	179 EX/Dec.25	181 EX/29
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS			
33	<p>Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) strategy in 2008-2009: annual report 2008</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>The 2008 IOS Annual Report sets out the strategies and activities of IOS in 2008 and summarizes significant oversight findings, recommendations</p>	160 EX/Dec.6.5 164 EX/Dec.6.10 176 EX/Dec.38	181 EX/33

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	<p>and action taken. The report also presents the terms of reference for a standing Oversight Advisory Committee in draft format.</p> <p>Decision proposed: take note of the contributions made by IOS, recommend to the General Conference at its 35th session, given the significance of internal oversight to the good governance of UNESCO, that it approve the establishment of the Oversight Advisory Committee and its terms of reference.</p>		
39	<p>Report by the Director-General on the revised Publication and Distribution Plan 2008-2009</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p>	180 EX/Dec.40 (I)	181 EX/39 and Corr.
	<p>The Director-General presents a revised Publication and Distribution Plan 2008-2009 and reports in particular on the progress made on distribution policy and the evaluation of staff capacity to ensure quality publications.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Request the Director-General to submit to it at its 184th session, a progress report together with the Publications and Distribution Plan 2010-2011.</p>		
	<p>RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS</p>		
45	<p>Proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries in 2010-2011 with which UNESCO could be associated</p>	<p>159 EX/Dec.7.5 166 EX/Dec.9.3 176 EX/Dec.47 179 EX/Dec.37</p>	<p>181 EX/45 and Add. 181 EX/INF.8</p>
	<p>Pursuant to 159 EX/Decision 7.5, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2010-2011.</p> <p>Decision proposed: recommend that the General Conference approve the list of proposed anniversaries deemed admissible by the Director-General for 2010-2011.</p>		

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GENERAL MATTERS			
47	<p>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 and 180 EX/Decision 44 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories</p> <p>Report on progress made since the 180th 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 181st session of the Board. This addendum will also contain a draft decision.</p>	34 C/Res.58 180 EX/Dec.44	181 EX/47 and Add.
48	<p>Report by the Director-General on progress made in the comprehensive programme of assistance for Lebanon's reconstruction</p> <p>This document summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO, since the 180th session of the Board, in providing assistance in favour of the reconstruction and development in Lebanon within the Organization's fields of competence.</p> <p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to report to it at its 182nd session, as part of his general report "Report of 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>	180 EX/Dec.49	181 EX/48
49	<p>Report by the Director-General on the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/208 concerning the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>The Director-General presents a report and action plan on the implementation of the relevant recommendations of United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/208 concerning the 2007 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR) of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	180 EX/Dec.52	181 EX/49 181 EX/INF.12

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

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| 51 | <p>Revision of the 1981 Convention on the recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees in higher education in the African States and the 1983 Convention on the recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees in higher education in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>The Director-General submits to the Executive Board a proposal aimed at setting in motion the revision of the regional conventions on the mutual recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees in higher education in Africa and in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>Decision proposed: recommend to the General Conference to adopt a resolution to convene two international conferences of States (category 1) to examine and adopt amendments to the two Conventions, authorize the Executive Board to take appropriate measures, if any, for the successful convening of the conferences; and request the Director-General to include in draft document 35 C/5, activities and budget to this effect.</p> | Item proposed by the Director-General | 181 EX/51 |
| 52 | <p>Preparation of an action plan to prepare the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2010)</p> <p><i>(Item to be examined by the Joint Meeting of the PX and FA Commissions)</i></p> <p>Pursuant to 34 C/Resolution 46 adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO, and resolutions A/RES/62/90 of 17 December 2007 and A/RES/63/22 of 13 November 2008, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, 2010 has been proclaimed "International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures"; UNESCO has been invited, in consultation with Member States, and through extrabudgetary resources, to play a leading role in the preparations.</p> <p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to draw up an action plan in preparation for the International Year, and to provide for funding (extrabudgetary resources) in document 35 C/5 and submit to it at its 182nd session a progress report on the plan thus requested.</p> | Item proposed by Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and Ukraine | 181 EX/52 Rev.
181 EX/INF.14 |

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53	<p>Report by the Director-General on the preparation of a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War</p> <p>The Director-General informs the Executive Board of the organization of a third session of the intergovernmental meeting of experts on the draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War (UNESCO, 17-18 March 2009).</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	180 EX/Dec.12	181 EX/53 and Add.
54	<p>Status of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund in Education</p> <p>The Fund to strengthen South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Education is now established; the terms of reference have been mutually approved and the governance mechanisms are now in place with the establishment of a steering committee for the management of the Fund/Programme.</p> <p>Decision proposed: (i) request the Director-General to issue a fresh appeal to all Member States to provide voluntary contributions to the Fund; (ii) call upon all Member States to strengthen their support for South-South cooperation as well as Triangular cooperation; (iii) invite the Secretariat to urgently develop a fund-raising strategy for the Fund to be presented to it at its 182nd session; (iv) invite the Director-General to report back to the same session on the progress achieved on the Pilot projects that would be proposed on the basis of priorities decided by the G77 and China and a status report on the Fund.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Algeria, Benin, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Thailand</p>	<p>181 EX/54 181 EX/INF.14</p>
55	<p>Information and communication technologies for sustainable development</p> <p>One of the Organization's priorities in the field of information and communication is the monitoring of the lines of action envisaged in the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action of the World Summit on the Information Society. It is appropriate to lay emphasis on the importance of information and communication technologies and of the development of science and technology not only in eradicating illiteracy but also in combating poverty and exclusion. The media's contribution and use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) are needed more urgently than ever before to promote the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).</p>	<p>Item proposed by Algeria, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Madagascar, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</p>	181 EX/55 and Add.

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	<p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General: (i) to take the appropriate measures with a view to reducing the existing digital divide in knowledge and technologies in the field of information and communication to build an inclusive knowledge society and promote ICTs for sustainable development; (ii) in preparing submissions for the United Nations Secretary's report to be presented at the 65th session of the General Assembly, to report to it at its 184th session on UNESCO's progress at the international and regional levels to implement the relevant action line of the World Summit Information Society; (iii) to present to the Board his report on communications for development programmes in the United Nations system before its submission to the United Nations General Assembly.</p>		
56	<p>Institution of a UNESCO/Juan Bosch prize for social science research in 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>[Annotation to follow]</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Dominican Republic and all the other Member States of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC) of UNESCO</p>	181 EX/56
57	<p>The global economic and financial crisis and its effects on education</p> <p>In the context of the global financial and economic crisis which currently threatens the world stability and the development of peoples, which will have an enormous impact on the education programmes promoted and implemented by UNESCO, it is essential to seek mechanisms that would help to ease the hardship that will be faced by the least developed and most disadvantaged countries. UNESCO has considered it appropriate to support an increase in funding for education, especially in those countries which have not achieved the EFA goals; the Organization has also reaffirmed the importance of continuing to mobilize the other agencies of the United Nations system and the international community in order to foster South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation and to promote the priorities of the Education Sector. It is thus imperative to take steps to deal with the adverse effect of the crisis on education.</p> <p>Decision proposed: the Executive Board is invited to call upon development partners to fulfil their previous pledges, to take note with satisfaction that the governance mechanisms for the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund are in place, and to call upon development partners to consider contributing to the Fund; the</p>	<p>Item proposed by Cuba and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</p>	181 EX/57

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	<p>Director-General is invited to elaborate a fund-raising strategy that would call upon donors to fulfil their earlier pledges and would encourage new contributions to the South-South Cooperation Programme/ Fund for Education; and to present to the Board at its 182nd session a preliminary report on the impact of the current financial and economic crisis on the developing countries in their efforts to achieve the EFA goals, and another concise and analytical report in this respect for its 184th session.</p>		
58	<p>Monitoring and implementation of the recommendations of the meetings on education held in Dakar, Geneva and Oslo</p> <p>The 2009 Global Monitoring Report on Education for All shows that the Dakar and related millennium goals are far from being achieved despite the great efforts made. Three major meetings were held on the subject during the biennium now drawing to a close and others have been scheduled up to the next session of the General Conference. Important recommendations were adopted at the three meetings mentioned above and it is necessary to capitalize on the discussions held.</p> <p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to submit to it at its 182nd session a concise analytical report on the follow-up to and the implementation, at the national, regional and international levels, of the recommendations of the meetings in question; and to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session an analytical report focused on results relating to progress achieved in education for all.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Algeria, Benin, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</p>	<p>181 EX/58 and Add. 181 EX/INF.14</p>
59	<p>Contribution to the reconstruction and development of Gaza</p> <p>The Arab Group at UNESCO has requested that an item be placed on the agenda of the 181st session on "contribution to the reconstruction and development of Gaza, in view of the role assigned to UNESCO as a leading organization of the United Nations system; the negative consequences of the Israeli aggression; whether in regard to human rights violations or repercussions on vital educational infrastructure such as educational and teaching institutions (schools-institutes-universities); adverse social and psychological effects on both students and teachers; great losses sustained at archaeological sites in the Gaza Strip; and the burden faced by UNESCO and the Member States in dealing with the consequences of Israeli aggression".</p> <p>Draft decision to follow.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Egypt and Lebanon on behalf of the Member States of the Arab States Group to UNESCO</p>	<p>181 EX/59 181 EX/INF.14</p>

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⁵ Item 61 "Results achieved by the Republic of Bolivia in eradicating illiteracy as a potentially valuable experience in UNESCO'S efforts during the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012)" was withdrawn by Cuba on behalf of Bolivia, Dominican Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). A draft decision has been proposed under item 58.