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## REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Item	Title	Reference	Document
1	<b>AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU</b>  The Executive Board is invited to adopt the agenda and timetable of work and to approve the report of the Bureau.	Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	177 EX/1 Prov. Rev. 177 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev. 177 EX/2 177 EX/INF.5
2	<b>APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 176th SESSION</b>  The Executive Board is invited to approve the Summary Records of the 176th session.	Rule 23, para. 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	176 EX/SR.1-10 and 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/SR
3	Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board  In this document, the Director-General informs the Members of the Executive Board on decisions taken since the 176th session regarding the appointment and extension of staff members at grade D-1 and above.	Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	177 EX/PRIV.1
<b>EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME</b>			
4	Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference  Document 177 EX/4 is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress in the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (33 C/5).  177 EX/4 Part I: This document contains the main results achieved during the first 18 months of the 2006-2007 biennium, corresponding to the expected results contained in document 33 C/5. In order to provide a more concise and strategic document of programme implementation, this	145 EX/Dec.5.1 (I) 157 EX/Dec.3.1 (I) 159 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I) 160 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I) 161 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I) 166 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (II) 169 EX/Dec.4.1 169 EX/Dec.6.6 172 EX/Dec.21 175 EX/Dec.4 (II) 175 EX/Dec.23 176 EX/Dec.4 (II,B) 176 EX/Dec.5 (V)	177 EX/4 Part I ( <i>Execution of the programme</i> ) 177 EX/4 Part II and Corr. ( <i>Management chart</i> ) 177 EX/INF.7 177 EX/INF.10 177 EX/INF.12 177 EX/INF.13 177 EX/INF.14 177 EX/INF.15

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	<p>report is limited to a synthesis of highlights by each Major Programme and by subprogrammes. Detailed information concerning results obtained at MLA level and for the cross-cutting projects on poverty eradication and ICTs can be obtained from the SISTER website at <a href="http://sister2006.hq.int.unesco.org/Sister/">http://sister2006.hq.int.unesco.org/Sister/</a></p> <p>No decision is required from the Board.</p>	176 EX/Dec.29	
	<p>177 EX/4 Part II: In accordance with the Appropriation Resolution for 2006-2007, the Director-General presents to the Executive Board a report on the adjustments to the approved appropriation for 2006-2007 arising from donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium, proposed transfers between appropriation lines arising from programme reorientation, and proposed transfers from Part IV of the budget to cover cost increases due to statutory factors and inflation.</p> <p>The document also presents the Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2006-2007 as at 30 June 2007.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board (para. 19) is invited to take note of the additional appropriation received of \$2.4 million, to approve the transfer of budgets related to programme reorientation, and the transfer of \$845,900 from Part IV, and finally to take note of the revised Appropriation Table.</p>		
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>169 EX/Dec.4.3 and 175 EX/Dec.23 172 EX/Dec.49 <i>(Issyk-Kul International Centre for the Dialogue among Cultures)</i> 174 EX/Dec.41 <i>(Follow-up to the Jakarta Declaration and the right to basic education)</i> 176 EX/Dec.5 (II) <i>(South-South cooperation in education)</i> 176 EX/Dec.38 <i>(Implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) Strategy in 2006-2007: follow-up to the annual report for 2006)</i></p>	<p>177 EX/5 and Add. 177 EX/INF.12 177 EX/INF.13 177 EX/INF.14</p>
	<p>177 EX/5: This document informs the 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, on the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) 174 EX/Decision 41: Follow-up to the Jakarta Declaration and the Right to Basic Education;</li> <li>(2) 176 EX/Decision 5 (II): South-South cooperation in education;</li> <li>(3) 172 EX/Decision 49: Issyk-Kul International Centre for the Dialogue among Cultures.</li> </ol> <p>No decision is required from the Board on 177 EX/5.</p> <p>177 EX/5 Add: This document informs the Board on 176 EX/Decision 38: (Implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) Strategy in 2006-2007: Follow-up to the annual report for 2006).</p> <p>No decision is required.</p>		

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6	<p data-bbox="233 297 727 362">Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the reform process</p> <p data-bbox="233 387 759 580">177 EX/6 Part I: The Director-General presents a progress report to the Executive Board on the implementation of the human resources policy framework, including the approved medium and long-term staffing strategy including the report to the General Conference (34 C/28) as per 176 EX/Decision 6 (I).</p> <p data-bbox="233 604 775 768">Decision required: The Executive Board invites the Director-General to report at its 180th session and to the General Conference at its 35th session on the implementation of the human resources policy framework and the approved medium- and long-term staffing strategy.</p> <p data-bbox="233 792 759 1010">177 EX/6 Part II: The purpose of this document is to submit to the Executive Board the main results of the first phase of the work of the Decentralization Review Task Force (November 2006-June 2007), with emphasis on urgent adjustments required, in particular to enable the Organization to participate actively in United Nations reform in the field.</p> <p data-bbox="233 1034 759 1117">Decision required: The Director-General is invited to submit a final report to the Executive Board at its 181st session.</p>	176 EX/Dec.6 (I, III)	<p data-bbox="1190 297 1406 362">177 EX/6 Parts I and II</p> <p data-bbox="1190 365 1382 394">177 EX/INF.12</p> <p data-bbox="1190 396 1382 425">177 EX/INF.13</p> <p data-bbox="1190 427 1382 456">177 EX/INF.14</p>
	<p data-bbox="233 1144 376 1173"><b>Education</b></p>		
7	<p data-bbox="233 1198 775 1330">Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) on the Institute's activities for 2006-2007</p> <p data-bbox="233 1368 759 1585">This report is intended to inform the Executive Board on the activities of IICBA during 2006-2007 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 (34 C/REP/6) is annexed to this document in conformity with the IICBA statutes.</p> <p data-bbox="233 1615 687 1644">Decision required: No decision is required.</p>	30 C/Res.8, Article IV(6) of its Statutes	177 EX/7 and Add. and Corr.
8	<p data-bbox="233 1668 759 1733">United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD) (2003-2012): progress report 2006-2007</p> <p data-bbox="233 1771 775 1912">The Director-General informs the Executive Board of the progress made in implementing the UNLD for the period 2006-2007, sets out plans for future action and outlines the challenges of UNESCO as coordinating agency for the Decade.</p> <p data-bbox="233 1942 775 2078">Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to conduct a mid-decade review of UNLD and to submit its results to the General Assembly. He is also requested to make available the outcomes of the regional</p>	169 EX/Dec.3.4.3 172 EX/Dec.9	177 EX/8

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	conferences in support of global literacy, as well as to continuously monitor the progress of the Decade and to submit a progress report to the 63rd UNGA session and to the 182nd session of the Executive Board.		
9	Progress report by the Director-General on the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)	172 EX/Dec.10	177 EX/9
	The Director-General informs the Executive Board on the activities launched during the first two years (2006-2007) of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD).		
	No decision required.		
	<b>Natural sciences</b>		
10	Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an institute on a partnership for environmental development (IPED) in Trieste, Italy, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO	171 EX/Dec.66	177 EX/10
	This report is intended to inform the Executive Board on the assessment by the UNESCO Secretariat of the feasibility of the proposal submitted by Italy on the creation of a category 2 institute on a partnership for environmental development (IPED) under the auspices of UNESCO. The report also contains the draft Agreement between UNESCO and Italy regarding the proposed category 2 institute.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference at its 34th session that it approve the establishment of the institute on a partnership for environmental development (IPED) in Trieste, Italy as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), in line with the principles and guidelines for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as adopted by the General Conference; and authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and Italy regarding the institute in accordance with the terms of the feasibility study and the Agreement annexed thereto.		
11	Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an IHP international centre of water for food security at Charles Sturt University in Australia, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	177 EX/11

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	<p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility study that was carried out concerning the establishment of the centre and presents a draft Agreement establishing the centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference that it establish the centre and authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement contained in Annex II to document 177 EX/11.</p>		
12 <sup>1</sup>	Number not attributed		
13	<p>Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an international research centre on karst in Guilin, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility study that was carried out concerning the establishment of an international research centre on karst in Guilin, People's Republic of China, and presents a draft Agreement establishing the centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board decision is sought for approval by the General Conference of the establishment of an international centre on karst in Guilin, China, which would authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China.</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	177 EX/13
14 <sup>2</sup>	Number not attributed		
15	<p>Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of a regional centre for water management research in arid zones in Pakistan, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility study that was carried out concerning the establishment of the centre and presents a draft Agreement establishing the centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	177 EX/15

<sup>1</sup> Item 12 "Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an institute for small island States in the Bahamas, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO" has been withdrawn as the Secretariat has not received all required information for the possible designation of the centre as a category 2 centre.

<sup>2</sup> Item 14 "Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an international centre for science and technology parks governance in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO" has been withdrawn as the Secretariat has not received all required information for the possible designation of the centre as a category 2 centre.

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	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference that it establish the centre and authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement contained in Annex II of document 177 EX/15.</p>		
16	<p>Report by the Director-General on a plan of action concerning UNESCO's participation in the implementation of the decision and declaration by the African Union Summit on Science, Technology and Scientific Research for Development (January 2007)</p>	176 EX/Dec.56	177 EX/16
	<p>The Declaration mentioned above calls on UNESCO to support the Member States, Regional Economic Communities and the African Union to implement the Summit decision on Science and Technology. At its 176th Session, the Executive Board, responding to a proposal from the African Group, adopted a decision requesting the Director-General to prepare a plan showing how UNESCO intends to contribute to the implementation of the Summit's Declarations. The present document contains the Director-General's proposals in this regard whereby he proposes that UNESCO focus on some select areas where the Organization has a comparative advantage, science, technology and innovation policy advice, capacity-building in science and technology, and science and technology education through teacher training, e-learning, and the ethics of science and technology.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to implement the proposals contained in document 177 EX/16 and invites him to submit a progress report on the implementation of the plan to the 180th session and to transmit this decision to the 34th session of the UNESCO General Conference.</p>		
	<p><b>Culture</b></p>		
17	<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>	175 EX/Dec.16	177 EX/17
	<p>In pursuance of 33 C/Resolution 45 inviting the Director-General "to submit to it at its next session a draft of the declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War after having convened an intergovernmental meeting to elaborate such a draft" and following 175 EX/Decision 16, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board for consideration such a draft declaration.</p>		

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	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited either to recommend to the General Conference at its 34th session to adopt the Draft UNESCO Declaration of Principles Relating to Cultural Objects Displaced in Connection with the Second World War (“the Draft Declaration”) as contained in document 34 C/22 or to refer the Draft Declaration to the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation, for further consideration and study.</p>		
18 <sup>3</sup>	Number not attributed		
19	<p>Jerusalem and the implementation of 33 C/Resolution 50 and 176 EX/Decision 20</p>	<p>33 C/Res.50 176 EX/Dec.20</p>	<p>177 EX/19 and Add. 177 EX/INF.8</p>
	<p>This document is intended to inform the Executive Board on the progress made concerning UNESCO’s contribution towards the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular with regard to the preparation of an action plan for the preservation of this heritage.</p>		
	<p>An addendum, containing a draft decision, will be issued before the 177th session in order to inform the Members of the Board on recent developments related to this issue.</p>		
20	<p>Report by the Director-General on progress made in the implementation of the decision adopted by the Executive Board at the special plenary meeting held during its 176th session concerning Israeli archaeological excavations at the Mughrabi ascent in the Old City of Jerusalem</p>	<p>176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision</p>	<p>177 EX/20 and Add.</p>
	<p>This document presents a progress report on the implementation of the decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 176th session, during its Special plenary meeting regarding the Mughrabi ascent in the Old City of Jerusalem. It notably provides information on follow-up by the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee (Christchurch, June 2007) on this matter, as requested by 176 EX/Special plenary meeting/Decision.</p>		
	<p>An addendum, containing a draft decision, will be issued before the 177th session in order to inform the Members of the Board on recent developments related to this issue.</p>		

<sup>3</sup> Item 18 “Establishment of a UNESCO award in recognition of excellence in the fields of cultural and creative industries, and abolition of the UNESCO Crafts Prize” has been withdrawn because revised modalities for the proposed activity bring it under regulations and procedures that do not involve the Executive Board.

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21	<p>Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment in China of a world heritage training and research institute for the Asia and the Pacific region, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>The Director-General submits to the Executive Board a feasibility study on the establishment in China of a world heritage training and research institute for the Asia and the Pacific region as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO. A draft Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the People's Republic of China is contained in the Annex to document 177 EX/21.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to review the feasibility study and recommend to the General Conference to approve the establishment in China of the above-mentioned institute under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and authorize the Director-General to sign the relative Agreement with the Government of China.</p>	176 EX/Dec.62	177 EX/21
22 <sup>4</sup>	<p>Number not attributed</p> <p><b>Communication and information</b></p>		
23	<p>Reports on the implementation of the Information for All Programme (IFAP)</p> <p>This document is intended to inform the Executive Board on the implementation of the IFAP and the activities of the Intergovernmental Council during the period 2006-2007 which are annexed in the report to the General Conference (34 C/REP/16) in conformity with the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council.</p> <p>No decision is required.</p>	160 EX/Dec.3.6.1 (Article 10 of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council)	177 EX/23
24	<p>Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of a regional centre for information and communication technology in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>The Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain proposed to UNESCO to establish on its territory a regional centre for information and communication technology under the auspices of UNESCO and requested the Director-General's assistance in preparing the necessary documentation to be submitted to UNESCO's governing bodies. The present document consists of a report by the</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	177 EX/24

<sup>4</sup> Item 22 "Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an Ibero-American regional centre for dance, music, performing arts and audiovisual communication in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO" has been postponed at the request of the Dominican Republic in order for the governments concerned to finalize all details including technical aspects for such a centre



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	<p>Director-General assessing the feasibility of the proposal, supplemented by an annex containing the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain concerning the proposed Centre.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is encouraged to recommend to the General Conference at its 34th session to approve the establishment of the Regional Centre for Information and Communication Technology (CICT) in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and authorize the Director-General to sign the related Agreement presented in the annex to document 177 EX/24.</p>		
	<p><b>DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2008-2009 (34 C/5)</b></p>		
25	<p>Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5), and recommendations of the Executive Board</p> <p>This document contains the second version of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5). It is developed on the basis of the single budget scenario as requested by the Board at its 176th session, for which the Director-General has chosen as budget ceiling zero real growth \$648.3 million. The document incorporates certain adjustments in both volumes in the light of document 34 C/11 (Recommendations by the Executive Board on the draft 34 C/4) and discussions held at the 176th session of the Executive Board. The recommendations of the Drafting Group of the Executive Board (177 EX/PLEN/DR.1), which are before the Executive Board at the 177th session, have been prepared on the basis of the text contained in this second version. The Board will furthermore receive a Corrigendum to this second version of the 34 C/5, outlining a revised proposal by the Director-General, in the light of consultations he has held, for a budget ceiling of \$631 million. The document also identifies the programmatic impact of this budget level compared to the level of \$648.3 million.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is required to adopt the recommendations of its Drafting Group (177 EX/PLEN/DR.1), which then will become document 34 C/6 Addendum. It may also take a further decision regarding the budget level for document 34 C/5.</p>	Articles V and VI of the Constitution 176 EX/Dec.25	34 C/5 Draft 2nd version and Corrigenda 177 EX/PLEN/DR.1 177 EX/INF.12 177 EX/INF.13 177 EX/INF.14 177 EX/INF.18

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<b>METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION</b>			
26	Comments by the Director-General on evaluations undertaken during the 2006-2007 biennium	33 C/5 172 EX/Dec.22 175 EX/Dec.22 176 EX/Dec.28	177 EX/26
	<p>In accordance with the provisions of 176 EX/Decision 28, the Director-General hereby submits to the Executive Board a short report on some of the evaluations carried out in the 2006-2007 biennium, together with his comments.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the recommendations of the evaluations, and request the Director-General to implement in a timely manner recommendations which improve the programmes and services to which they relate.</p>		
27	Report by the Director-General on the updated and revised version of the UNESCO 34 C/4 Indicative Evaluation Plan (2008-2013)	176 EX/Dec.27	177 EX/27
	<p>The Director-General submits a paper containing an updated and revised version of the 34 C/4 indicative evaluation plan (2008-2013).</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to examine the revisions made in response to 176 EX/Decision 27 and endorse the proposed 34 C/4 indicative evaluation plan.</p>		
28	Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the strategy and the development of the overall situation with regard to UNESCO prizes	171 EX/Dec.24	177 EX/28
	<p>Pursuant to 171 EX/Decision 24, paragraph 7, the Director-General reports on the implementation of the overall strategy adopted by the Executive Board in 2005 and on the overall situation with regard to UNESCO prizes in 2007. A full list of UNESCO prizes is annexed to the document.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board expresses its gratitude for the progress achieved, invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts, decides to abolish officially four UNESCO prizes and requests the Director-General to take the appropriate administrative steps to give effect to this decision.</p>		

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29	<p>Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the guidelines and criteria for category 2 institutes and centres adopted in 33 C/Resolution 90</p> <p>The Director-General submits in the document a draft strategy for future engagement with institutes and centres under UNESCO's auspices (category 2). This document is complemented by 177 EX/INF.16 containing fact sheets about the programmatic, managerial and financial characteristics of the 28 category 2 centres.</p> <p>Decision required: a draft decision is proposed seeking the approval of the strategy and proposing its transmittal to the General Conference for approval action.</p>	176 EX/Dec.5 (III)	177 EX/29 177 EX/INF.9 177 EX/INF.16
30	<p>Report by the Director-General on the reorientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia</p> <p>This report is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress achieved in the reorientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to encourage the Director-General to continue monitoring the operations of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia and to bring to its attention any other significant issues regarding the Brasilia Office as part of his general report under item 5 "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>	175 EX/Dec.24	177 EX/30
31	<p>Follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92, concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO</p> <p>The Executive Board will examine both the reports by the Executive Board and by the Director-General with regard to the follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92, contained in document 177 EX/31 and presented recommendation by recommendation. It will also examine Recommendation 8 of the above-mentioned resolution.</p>	33 C/Res.92 176 EX/Dec.29	177 EX/31
<b>MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS</b>			
32	<p>Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon</p> <p>Under 104 EX/Decision 3.3, adopted in 1978, which sets out the procedure for examining the communications received by the Organization</p>	104 EX/Dec.3.3	177 EX/CR/HR and Addenda 177 EX/3 PRIV.

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	relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence, the Board will examine, in private meeting, the report of the CR Committee thereon.		
33	Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: nominations and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon	12 C/B Protocol Articles 2.3 and 5 of the Protocol	177 EX/33 and Add. and Corr.
	The Director-General communicates to the Executive Board the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the above-mentioned Protocol for the purpose of the election of three members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission by the General Conference at its 34th session.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to transmit to the General Conference the list of nominees, with such suggestions as it may consider necessary.		
34 <sup>5</sup>	Number not attributed		
35	Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments	174 EX/Dec.21 176 EX/Dec.33	177 EX/35 Parts I and II
	At the request of the Executive Board, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations is required to submit to it proposals to strengthen and improve the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments.		
	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take a decision on any proposals that may be submitted to it by the Committee.		
36	Results of the seventh consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (1960)	170 EX/Dec.6.3 171 EX/Dec.28	177 EX/36
	This document presents the results of the seventh consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education, covering the period 2000-2005 and continuing challenges being faced by Member States. The document also includes actions foreseen regarding the organization, on the sidelines of the 34th session of the General Conference, of a		

<sup>5</sup> Item 34 "Opportunity of a revised Recommendation on the Conservation of Historic Urban Landscapes" has been withdrawn in view of the legal deadline (90 days) requested to issue a study regarding the opportunity of revising an existing Recommendation. Consequently, it is proposed that this item be postponed to the 179th session of the Executive Board.

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	<p>meeting of the States Parties to the Convention as well as other Member States.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to transmit the document to the General Conference at its 34th session for consideration and follow up decision and to recommend that the General Conference invites the Director-General to initiate the eighth consultation of Member States.</p>		
37	<p>Report on the fifth and sixth meetings of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education (November 2006, May 2007)</p> <p>This report is intended to inform the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and the Executive Board on the outcomes of the fifth and sixth meetings of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education, which examined various dimensions of the Right to Primary Education Free of Charge for All: Ensuring Compliance with International Obligations.</p> <p>Decision required: The Director-General is requested to take appropriate action as a follow-up to recommendations made by the Joint Expert Group and the Joint Expert Group is encouraged to continue its work on the issues of key importance for the realization of the right to education and to report to the Executive Board at its 179th session.</p>	175 EX/Dec.29	177 EX/37
38	<p>Examination by the Executive Board of the new report by Member States and other States Parties on measures taken in application of the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970)</p> <p>Pursuant to 15 C/Resolution 12.2 and 32 C/Resolution 38, the Executive Board has before it a report on measures taken by Member States in application of the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970). The document sets the overall framework for the report. Annex I describes the methodology used and Annex II contains a summary of the reports received.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and the States Parties to the Convention, and to make a number of recommendations. It might also propose that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution contained therein.</p>	32 C/Res.38	177 EX/38

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<b>GENERAL CONFERENCE</b>			
39	<p>Revised provisional agenda of the 34th session of the General Conference</p> <p>It is incumbent upon the Executive Board to prepare the revised provisional agenda of the General Conference on the basis of the provisional agenda (34 C/1 Prov.) and the list of supplementary items drawn up pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. Items whose inclusion arises from decisions taken by the Board at its 177th session will equally and automatically be included in the revised provisional agenda.</p>	<p>Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference 33 C/Res.92</p>	177 EX/39
40	<p>Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the 34th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Director-General presents to the Executive Board proposals for the attribution of the supplementary items on the agenda to the various subsidiary organs of the General Conference.</p>	<p>Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference 33 C/Res.92</p>	177 EX/40
41	<p>Venue of the 35th session of the General Conference</p> <p>Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference provides that on the proposal of the Executive Board, the General Conference, during its ordinary session, shall fix the venue of the next session. Any Member State may invite the General Conference to hold a session in its territory. All such invitations shall be communicated to the Director-General at least <i>six weeks</i> before the opening date of the current session (Rule 3).</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to make its recommendations to the General Conference in regard to the venue of the 35th session of the General Conference (2009) on the basis of the information contained in document 177 EX/41.</p>	<p>Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference</p>	177 EX/41
42	<p>Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 34th session of the General Conference</p> <p>Pursuant to Rule 29 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference elects at each session a President and a number of Vice-Presidents not exceeding 36, on the proposal of the Nominations Committee. In accordance with Rule 35, the Committee submits the list of nominations for the offices of President and of Vice-Presidents of the General Conference at the 34th session, after receiving a report from the Executive Board on the subject.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to draw up the recommendations that it will submit to the General Conference in respect of</p>	<p>Rules 26, 29 and 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference</p>	177 EX/INF.3

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	<p>nominations to the offices of President and of Vice-Presidents of the General Conference at the 34th session.</p>		
43	<p>Submission of nominations for the offices of Chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 34th session of the General Conference</p>	176 EX/Dec.37	177 EX/INF.4
	<p>Pursuant to 29 C/Resolution 87 (1.22) and 160 EX/Decision 6.1.2, the Executive Board, at the first session of the second year of the biennium, draws up for submission to the General Conference its recommendations on the offices of chairpersons of commissions and committees of the Conference. At its 176th session, the Executive Board decided to postpone its recommendations on the subject to its 177th session.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to draw up for submission to the General Conference its recommendations on the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the Conference at its 34th session.</p>		
44	<p>Admission to the 34th session of the General Conference of observers from international non-governmental organizations (other than those maintaining formal relations), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations as well as from other international non-governmental organizations</p>	<p>Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference 176 EX/Dec.36</p>	177 EX/44 and Add.
	<p>The Director-General submits to the Executive Board for approval the list of non-governmental organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO, foundations and similar institutions and international non-governmental organizations not maintaining official relations which have expressed a wish to be represented at the 34th session of the General Conference.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take a decision on the admission to the 34th session of the General Conference of non-governmental organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO and to make a recommendation to the General Conference concerning the admission to the 34th session of foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations as well as other international non-governmental organizations.</p>		

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45	<p>Recommendation of the Executive Board concerning communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C.8(c) of the Constitution and voting rights</p> <p>In its 33 C/Resolution 92.R.9, the General Conference decided that “the communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, 8(c) of the Constitution should be examined by the Executive Board at its session immediately preceding the General Conference in order to allow the Conference to decide on voting rights, upon the recommendations of the Executive Board, at the opening of the session”. The Executive Board includes the report to the General Conference (34 C/12).</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference if it considers that the failure of the Member States concerned to pay contributions for an amount exceeding the total due for the current year and the immediately preceding calendar year and/or instalments on payment plans is due to conditions beyond their control and if these Member States may vote at the 34th session of the General Conference.</p>	33 C/Res.92	177 EX/45 and Addenda
46	<p>Report by the Executive Board on its own activities in 2006-2007, including its methods of work</p> <p>177 EX/46 Part I: in accordance with Article V.B.6(b) of the Constitution, as well as 156 EX/Decision 5.5, paragraph 6.C(a), and 30 C/Resolution 81, while taking into consideration appropriate Recommendations of 33 C/Resolution 92, the Executive Board reports to the General Conference on its own activities in 2006-2007.</p> <p>177 EX/46 Part II: pursuant to 33 C/Resolution 78 and 176 EX/Decisions 29 and 53, the Executive Board also reports to the General Conference on the implementation of document 33 C/5 together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (34 C/3).</p>	<p>30 C/Res.81 156 EX/Dec.5.5 33 C/Res.78 33 C/Res.92 174 EX/Dec.3 176 EX/Dec.29 176 EX/Dec.53</p>	<p>177 EX/46 Part I <i>(Activities in 2006-2007, including its methods of work)</i> 177 EX/46 Part II <i>(Report on the implementation of 33 C/5 with results achieved in the previous biennium (34 C/3))</i></p>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS</b>			
47	<p>Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 2006 for the financial period ending 31 December 2007</p> <p>In accordance with Financial Regulation 12.10, the Executive Board examines the interim financial report and supporting unaudited financial statements prepared by the Director-General pursuant to Financial Regulation 11.2.</p>	Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations	177 EX/47



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	Decision required: To transmit to the 34th session of the General Conference the decision adopted by the Executive Board after consideration of document 34 C/30 at its 177th session after noting the use of the unspent balance of unliquidated obligations.		
48	Report by the Director-General on the actual position concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions	33 C/Res.02 175 EX/Dec.35	177 EX/48 and Add.
	According to 31 C/Resolution 53 (III) the existing incentive scheme to encourage prompt payment of contribution expires on 31 December 2007. In 33 C/Resolution 02 and 175 EX/Decision 35, the Director-General was invited to report to the Executive Board on the actual position concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions including the report to the General Conference (34 C/32).		
	Decision Required: The Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference on the future of the incentive scheme.		
49 <sup>6</sup>	Number not attributed		
50	Report by the Director-General on the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat	170 EX/Dec.7.5 172 EX/Dec.37	177 EX/50
	In accordance with 172 EX/Decision 37, the Director-General presents a report to the Executive Board on the situation of geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat as of 1 June 2007 and since June 2000 including the report to the General Conference (34 C/36) as per 33 C/Resolution 84.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board invites the Director-General to provide an information note on the situation of geographical distribution and gender balance of staff at its 180th session and to submit to it a full report at its 182nd session.		
51	Progress report by the Director-General on extrabudgetary resources and activities	167 EX/Dec.8.1 <i>(UNESCO's contribution to operational policies and activities for development cooperation within the United Nations system)</i> 166 EX/Dec.8.7 33 C/Res.92	177 EX/51
	The document provides yet another report on progress in the further elaboration and implementation of the Director-General's Action Plan on improved management of UNESCO's extrabudgetary activities, also seen in the light of the ongoing United Nations reform efforts under		

<sup>6</sup> Item 49 "Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) Strategy in 2006-2007: follow-up to the annual report for 2006" will be reported on under item 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".

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	<p>the “Delivering as One” concept. The document also outlines the main results of the triennial comprehensive policy review (TCPR) of the United Nations system’s operational activities as discussed in ECOSOC in July 2007.</p> <p>Decision required: The draft decision proposes to take note of the information provided, and to invite the Director-General to pursue his efforts with regard to the Action Plan, and to UNESCO’s role in international development cooperation.</p>	<p>174 EX/Dec.26 175 EX/Dec.36 176 EX/Dec.43</p>	
52	<p>Report by the Director-General on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken</p> <p>In accordance with Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations and 175 EX/Decision 33, the Director General reports on the status of implementation of recommendations made by the former External Auditor in her long form report on the accounts of UNESCO for the 2004-2005 biennium, as well as the status of implementation of the recommendations made during her second mandate covering the period of 2000-2005.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board may note the status of implementation and request further follow-up.</p>	<p>Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations 175 EX/Dec.33</p>	177 EX/52
53	<p>Report by the Director-General on progress in implementing 176 EX/Decision 39 and the External Auditor’s recommendations concerning UNESCO’s procurement policies and procedures</p> <p>This document addresses the various steps taken to date to implement recommendations made on internal control and monitoring mechanisms, the role of the Comptroller and Administrative Officers, comprehensive training and refresher programmes as well as further development of appropriate disciplinary measures under Staff Regulations and Rules.</p> <p>An update has been provided on the impact of the restructuring of the Education Sector.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to encourage the Director-General to continue to improve the control environment through policy development, streamlining of processes and training of staff on financial management and ethical conduct.</p>	176 EX/Dec.39	177 EX/53

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54	<p>Report by the External Auditor on the management of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia</p> <p>This document is submitted by the External Auditor pursuant to Article 12.4 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO</p> <p>It does not contain a draft decision.</p>	Article 12.4 of the Financial Regulations	177 EX/54
55	<p>Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex</p> <p>This report approved by the Headquarters Committee in its session of 4 July 2007 informs the Executive Board (before its submission to the General Conference), on the follow-up of decisions on managing the UNESCO complex. It presents the latest progress of work of the Belmont Plan, an overview of the maintenance and conservation programme of UNESCO's Headquarters buildings and proposals for financing additional costs of renovation and long-term maintenance and conservation of Headquarters. The report also contains information on discussions with the Headquarters Committee on revising the rental scales, with a view to achieving full cost recovery as requested by the Executive Board.</p> <p>Decision required: The Board is invited to take note of the progress achieved in managing the UNESCO complex and the implementation of the Belmont Plan; the Director-General is invited to identify resources for financing additional costs of the renovation plan; the draft decision recommends to the General Conference to authorize using for that purpose the unspent balance from the previous biennium; the Director-General is invited to prepare proposals for financing the renovation of the Miollis/Bonvin buildings; the Director-General is requested to apply all necessary measures aimed at recovering arrears of Permanent Delegations renting offices in Miollis.</p>	175 EX/Dec.38 176 EX/Dec.44 (I)	177 EX/55
56	<p>Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance</p> <p>The Director-General submits this document which reports on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board takes note of the information contained in the document.</p>	33 C/Res.60	177 EX/56

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<b>RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL INTER- GOVERNMENTAL AND NON- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>			
57	<p>Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions</p> <p>This document contains the agenda of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations, which covers two days of meetings and comprises sectoral thematic presentations, a round table on the role and place of NGOs in developing countries and open forum on UNESCO's action in cooperation with NGOs in small island developing States. The document also contains the Director-General's final recommendation on UNESCO's relations with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA).</p>	<p>Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations, Section VI</p> <p>172 EX/Dec.43 176 EX/Dec.45</p>	177 EX/57
	<p>Decision required: The Board is invited to encourage the continued improvement of the NGO Committee's working methods. To sustain the revitalization of the NGO Committee, the Executive Board is invited to grant it a second day of work on a permanent basis. Lastly, the Board will be required to decide, in the light of the recommendation of the Director-General, on the resumption by UNESCO of official relations with WFUCA.</p>		
58	<p>Appeals by Member States concerning their proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2008-2009</p>	<p>159 EX/Dec.7.5 166 EX/Dec.9.3</p>	177 EX/58 and Add.
	<p>Pursuant to 159 EX/Decision 7.5, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board the appeals lodged by Member States concerning their proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2008-2009.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to authorize the Director-General to revise the criteria and procedures for consideration of the proposals by the Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated and to submit them to it for decision at its 179th session; to recommend that the General Conference approve the list of proposed anniversaries deemed admissible by the Director-General, following the appeals lodged by the Member States concerned, which will be added to the 55 anniversaries already approved for 2008-2009 and listed in 176 EX/Decision 47.</p>		

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59	<p>Relations with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and that regional organization</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	177 EX/59
	<p>The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has expressed the wish to establish official relations with UNESCO.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: In accordance with Article XI, paragraph 1 of the Constitution of UNESCO, the Director-General submits the question to the Executive Board for approval of a draft Memorandum of Understanding between SAARC and UNESCO.</p>		
60	<p>Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO</p>	167 EX/Dec.8.5 172 EX/Dec.47 33 C/Res.69	177 EX/60
	<p>This item has been on the agenda of the governing bodies since 1989. By 33 C/Resolution 69, the General Conference decided to place this item on the agenda of its 34th session.</p>		
	<p>It is suggested that the Executive Board submits its decision to the General Conference, inscribing this item on the agenda of the Executive Board's 182nd session, as well as on the agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference.</p>		
<b>GENERAL MATTERS</b>			
61	<p>Thematic debate: Facing the multidisciplinary challenges of knowledge societies and global climate change: UNESCO's contributions to United Nations reform at the regional and country levels</p>	169 EX/Dec.4.2 175 EX/Dec.23	177 EX/INF.6
	<p>The item is on the agenda in conformity with 169 EX/Decision 4.2 and 175 EX/Decision 23 whereby a thematic debate, led by internationally renowned figure(s), shall be organized once a year on themes related to UNESCO's programme activities and which provides for an actual exchange of opinions among the Member States, with a view to contributing to the work of the Executive Board.</p>		
62	<p>Implementation of 33 C/Resolution 70 and 176 EX/Decision 49 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories</p>	33 C/Res.70 176 EX/Dec.49	177 EX/62
	<p>This document is presented in compliance with 176 EX/Decision 49. It summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO, since the 176th session of the Board, in providing assistance to the</p>		

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	<p>Palestinian people and its educational and cultural institutions, as well as to such institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan.</p> <p>Decision required: The Director-General intends to submit an addendum to the present document before the 177th session of the Board.</p>		
63	<p>Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's contribution to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon</p> <p>This document is presented in compliance with 176 EX/Decision 50. It summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO, since the 176th session of the Board, in providing assistance in favour of reconstruction and development in Lebanon within the Organization's fields of competence.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to encourage the Director-General to intensify his efforts as circumstances on the ground will permit.</p>	176 EX/Dec.50	177 EX/63
64	<p>Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq</p> <p>This report summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO since the 175th session of the Executive Board in implementing assistance in favour of Iraq.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to encourage the Director-General to give full support to the Iraqi Government in its implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media programmes and to reinforce UNESCO's efforts to address the most urgent humanitarian needs of populations most affected by the crisis. It also invites the Director-General to present a report thereon at its 180th session.</p>	175 EX/Dec.46	177 EX/64
65	<p>Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute</p> <p>This document presents the major activities and strategic decisions undertaken by UIS since its last report to the 175th session of the Executive Board.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to examine the report in question and invite the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations of the UIS Governing Board. The UIS Governing Board will report to the 180th session of the Executive Board.</p>	30 C/Res.44 Article V.1(e) of the Statutes 175 EX/Dec.48	177 EX/65

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### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

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| 66                                   | <p>Proposal for the establishment of an international centre on hydroinformatics for integrated water resources management at Itaipu Binacional, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p>  | <p>Item proposed by the Director-General</p>   | <p>177 EX/66</p>                             |
| <b><i>[Annotation to follow]</i></b> |   |  |  |
| 67                                   | <p>Proposal for the establishment of a regional centre for underwater archaeology in Zadar, Croatia as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>It is proposed to establish a regional centre for underwater archaeology in Zadar, Croatia, under the auspices of UNESCO. The proposed centre will be an independent organizational unit of the Croatian Conservation Institute which is a scientific and professional institution founded by Croatia and whose main purpose is to carry out conservation and restoration activities and education. It is stated that the Republic of Croatia will provide, through the Ministry of Culture the necessary funds for the functioning of the Centre while the funds for accomplishing particular programmes should ideally be provided from different sources, depending on the type of programme or project.</p>  | <p>Item proposed by Croatia</p>                | <p>177 EX/67 and Add.</p>                    |
| 68                                   | <p>Proposal for the establishment of a water centre for sustainable development in Central America and the Caribbean in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>It is proposed to establish a water centre for sustainable development in Central America and the Caribbean in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, under the auspices of UNESCO. The aim of this centre is to promote and develop technologies, methodological tools and research to support the integrated management of water resources as a key element of sustainable development at country and regional level. The proposed centre aims at encouraging and developing scientific research in water sciences, facilitating synergies between researchers and promoting South-South cooperation. The Bureau of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) at its meeting of June 2007 took note of the proposed centre and its planned scope for the sustainable development of water resources and regional action. It is stated that the proposed centre will abide by the strategy for UNESCO water centres.</p> | <p>Item proposed by the Dominican Republic</p> | <p>177 EX/68 and Corr.<br/>177 EX/INF.11</p> |

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	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to begin study of this proposal in accordance with document 33 C/19 and the guidelines of the strategy for category 1 and 2 UNESCO water centres.</p>		
69	<p>Proposal for the establishment of an institute for African culture and international understanding at the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library in Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	177 EX/69
	<p>It is proposed to establish an institute for the African culture and international understanding in Abeokuta, Nigeria, under the auspices of UNESCO. The institute proposed by Nigerian authorities in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with UNESCO in April 2007 aims to study, evaluate, inventory, exhibit and disseminate all relevant material related to Africa's cultural heritage – both tangible and intangible – and its diasporas. It is stated that the Government of Nigeria will provide and raise the funds for the functioning of the institute.</p>		
70	<p>Commemorative activities for the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Auroville, an international township</p>	Item proposed by India	177 EX/70 and Add. 177 EX/INF.11
	<p>UNESCO has been involved from the very inception of this project, which was founded in Auroville in South India in February 1968, when the youth of 124 Member States participated in this ceremony by depositing some soil from their countries in the foundation urn to symbolize the coming together of the nations of the world. Since then, the Executive Board and the General Conference have adopted decisions to commemorate the establishment of this township. The 25th anniversary of the township in 1994, the 30th anniversary of the township in 1998 and the 35th anniversary of the township in 2004 were commemorated in UNESCO with the support of UNESCO's Culture Sector and Member States of UNESCO.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The draft decision seeks recognition by the Executive Board of the value of such civilizing experiences as an invaluable and integral part of the commonly shared human experience, and invites the Director-General of UNESCO to take steps to strengthen the association of UNESCO, and in particular its Culture Sector, with Auroville in the context of the commemorative activities at its 40th anniversary.</p>		
71	<p>Creation of a network of national authorities to support migrants who are victims of discrimination and xenophobia</p>	Item proposed by Uruguay	177 EX/71 177 EX/INF.11
	<p>Based on different regional initiatives launched after the approval by the General Conference in</p>		



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	<p>2003 (32nd session) of an integrated strategy to combat racism, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in UNESCO's fields of competence, a Coalition of Latin American and Caribbean Cities against racism, discrimination and xenophobia was formed under the leadership of the city of Montevideo (Uruguay) and a ten-point plan of action was approved. It is proposed that UNESCO launch the national counterpart of this initiative through the creation of a network of national authorities to support migrants who are victims of discrimination and xenophobia.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to include in document 34 C/5 arrangements for the creation of the aforesaid network, which shall operate independently once its strategy has been formulated and implemented, but which shall continue to receive technical assistance from the Organization. The Director-General should also ensure that this project, which shall have a duration of two years once adopted by the General Conference at its next session, is financed by extrabudgetary funds, which shall be used mainly for the creation and coordination of the network.</p>		
72	<p><b>Situation of Iraqi refugee students in the Syrian Arab Republic</b></p> <p>The item is included in order to draw the attention of the international community to the situation of Iraqi refugees, and in particular, pupils and students, in the Syrian Arab Republic. The Syrian Arab Republic's education system is having to absorb a growing number of pupils and students in basic, secondary and higher education, which is provided virtually free of charge.</p> <p>Decision required: The Board is invited to request the Director-General, on the one hand, to dispatch a mission to study and assess the situation of these students, in coordination with the educational institutions concerned in the Syrian Arab Republic, and on the other hand, to submit to it a report containing recommendations and practical measures to sensitize the international community so that it may provide the necessary and urgent aid to the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.</p>	Item proposed by the Syrian Arab Republic	177 EX/72 177 EX/INF.11
73	<p><b>Celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</b></p>	Item proposed by Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay, Venezuela	177 EX/73