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Item 1 of the agenda

**REPORT BY THE BUREAU ON QUESTIONS  
THAT DO NOT APPEAR TO REQUIRE DEBATE**

After examination of the provisional agenda for the 166th session, it would appear that the following items may be defined as questions which, in accordance with Rule 14, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, do not appear to require debate.

In conformity with the same rule, however, it is still open to any Member to “request a discussion of any item for which the Bureau has recommended adoption of decisions without discussion”; “in that case, the item mentioned shall be discussed by the Board”.

Item 3.3.2 of the agenda

**INVITATIONS TO THE MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR FINALIZING THE INTERNATIONAL  
DECLARATION ON HUMAN GENETIC DATA  
(166 EX/8 and CORR.)**

Proposed decision

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind its decision to convene a meeting of government experts (category II) responsible for finalizing the international declaration on human genetic data (165 EX/Decision 3.4.2, para. 9),
2. Having examined the Director-General’s proposal concerning invitations to the meeting of government experts (166 EX/8 and Corr.),
3. Decides
  - (a) that invitations to participate in the meeting of government experts responsible for finalizing the international declaration on human genetic data, with the right to vote, will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
  - (b) that invitations to send observers to the meeting of government experts will be sent as indicated in paragraph 8 of document 166 EX/8;

- (c) that an invitation to send observers to the meeting of government experts will be sent to Palestine, as indicated in paragraph 9 of document 166 EX/8;
- (d) that invitations to send representatives to the meeting of government experts will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system referred to in paragraph 10 of document 166 EX/8;
- (e) that invitations to send observers to the meeting of government experts will be sent to the international governmental and non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 11 of document 166 EX/8;
- (f) that the Director-General is authorized to issue any additional invitation that he may deem conducive to the work of the group of government experts, notifying it accordingly.

Item 3.2.4 of the agenda

**PROPOSAL FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNESCO/UNICEF  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
(166 EX/10)**

Proposed decision

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 3.2.2, in which it authorized the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education to discuss its future at its eighth meeting in the light of alternative positive collaborative arrangements between the two organizations and to make recommendations thereon, subject to a similar resolution adopted by the UNICEF Executive Board,
2. Having examined document 166 EX/10,
3. Bearing in mind the discussion and recommendation of the Committee on 25 November 2002 (Annex III of document 166 EX/10), and in view also of the decision taken by the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session 2003, 15 January 2003,
4. Decides therefore to dissolve the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education.

Item 9.4 of the agenda

**RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SAHELO-SAHARAN STATES (CEN-SAD)  
AND DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNESCO AND THIS ORGANIZATION  
(166 EX/43)**

Proposed decision

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/43,

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the state of cooperation existing between the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and UNESCO;
3. Approves the draft cooperation agreement which is annexed to this decision;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

## ANNEX

### **DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY OF SAHELO-SAHARAN STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

The Community of Sahelo-Saharan States, hereinafter referred to as CEN-SAD, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter referred to as UNESCO,

Considering that CEN-SAD was established in order, *inter alia*, to give effect to the desire of its Member States for economic, cultural, political and social integration in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Treaty establishing the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States, to promote peace, stability and security in the Sahelo-Saharan region, and to foster joint efforts in the region to secure the integration of its States and its peoples,

Considering that UNESCO has a constitutional mission to advance, through the educational, the scientific and the cultural relations of the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and of the common welfare of humankind for which the United Nations was established and which its Charter proclaims,

Desirous of coordinating their respective efforts in pursuit of the goals which are shared between them, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Treaty of CEN-SAD and the Constitution of UNESCO,

Having regard to ... EX/Decision ..., adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its ... session,<sup>1</sup>

Having regard to the decision taken by (governing body of CEN-SAD) (place and date),<sup>1</sup>

Have agreed as follows:

### **ARTICLE I COOPERATION**

1. UNESCO and CEN-SAD shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for that purpose.
2. Such cooperation shall encompass any matter pertaining to the field of education, science and culture and concerning such similar tasks and activities as both organizations may pursue.

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<sup>1</sup> To be completed.

**ARTICLE II**  
**CONSULTATION**

1. The competent bodies of both organizations shall consult each other regularly on all matters mentioned in Article I which are of common interest.
2. When circumstances so require, both organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities in fields of common interest.
3. CEN-SAD shall inform UNESCO of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. CEN-SAD shall study any proposal submitted to it by UNESCO in such areas with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.
4. UNESCO shall inform CEN-SAD of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of CEN-SAD. UNESCO shall study any proposal submitted to it by CEN-SAD in such areas with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

**ARTICLE III**  
**RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION**

1. UNESCO may invite CEN-SAD to attend as observer the General Conference of UNESCO and meetings of the Executive Board whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
2. CEN-SAD may invite UNESCO to attend as observer the Conference of Heads of State and meetings of the Executive Council (Council of Ministers) whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement between the Secretary-General of CEN-SAD and the Director-General of UNESCO to ensure the reciprocal representation of CEN-SAD and UNESCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices and which deal with matters of interest to the other organization.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**JOINT CEN-SAD/UNESCO COMMISSIONS**

1. CEN-SAD and UNESCO may refer to a joint commission any matter of common interest which may be deemed appropriate for reference thereto.
2. Any joint commission of this kind shall be composed of representatives appointed by both organizations, individually, the number to be appointed by each being determined by agreement between them.
3. The joint commission shall meet every two years and whenever deemed appropriate or necessary by both organizations. The reports of the joint commission shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of CEN-SAD and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

**ARTICLE V**

**EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS**

Subject to such measures as may be necessary to protect the confidentiality of particular documents, UNESCO and CEN-SAD shall exchange information and documents on all matters recognized by both organizations as being of common interest.

**ARTICLE VI**

**EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT**

The Secretary-General of CEN-SAD and the Director-General of UNESCO shall, for the purpose of executing this Agreement, enter into any such additional arrangements as may prove desirable, in the light of experience.

**ARTICLE VII**

**REVIEW AND EXAMINATION**

1. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of both parties.
2. Either of the parties may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party. The denunciation of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the normal execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Agreement shall enter into force upon approval by the respective competent organs of both organizations and signature by the Secretary-General of CEN-SAD and the Director-General of UNESCO.

Done in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

In Two Original Copies

For the community of Sahelo–Saharan States

For the United Nations Educational,  
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