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RENEWAL AND REVIEW OF CATEGORY 2 INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

Regional Centre for Education Planning (RCEP) in the United Arab Emirates

SUMMARY

The present document informs the Board on the progress made in the evaluation and renewal of the Regional Centre for Education Planning (RCEP) in the United Arab Emirates as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.

1. The Regional Centre for Education Planning (RCEP) was established as a category 2 centre under UNESCO's auspices in accordance with 32 C/Resolution 11 (2003). The third corresponding agreement between the Government of the United Arab Emirates and UNESCO entered into force on 7 September 2012 for a period of four years.
2. Preparations for conducting the renewal review assessment of the Centre in line with the revised Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for category 2 institutes and centres (37 C/Resolution 93) are under way. On the basis of the recommendations stemming from the evaluation, provisions for bringing into conformity a new agreement to the present Strategy is also required. Additional time is therefore needed to ensure that the renewal review assessment process is conducted thoroughly and to allow for negotiations on a draft agreement between the parties.
3. Under these circumstances, the current agreement will be extended until the end of May 2017, following the formal procedure with the exchange of letters between the concerned parties, providing sufficient time for the review assessment process, and ensuring that the Centre can remain operational under the auspices of UNESCO up to that period.
4. The results and recommendations of the evaluation will be presented to the Executive Board at its 201st session for it to examine a full-fledged document and a final agreement, and take its decision on the renewal of the Centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

