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**DECISIONS ADOPTED
BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS 193rd SESSION**

All the terms used in this collection of texts to designate the person discharging duties or functions are to be interpreted as implying that men and women are equally eligible to fill any post or seat associated with the discharge of these duties and functions.

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1 Opening of the session by the President of the General Conference (Temporary Chair)

The 193rd session of the Executive Board was opened on 22 November 2013 by Mr Hao Ping (China), President of the General Conference.

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2 Adoption of the provisional agenda (193 EX/1 Prov. Rev.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda for the session set out in document 193 EX/1 Prov. Rev.

(193 EX/SR. 1)

3 Election of the Chair of the Executive Board

The Executive Board elected Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr (Egypt) Chair.

(193 EX/SR. 1)

4 Election of the Vice-Chairs of the Executive Board

The Executive Board elected the following Members Vice-Chairs of the Board:

Netherlands
Albania
Ecuador
Bangladesh
Angola
United Arab Emirates

(193 EX/SR. 1)

5¹**6 Establishment of the permanent commissions and committees of the Executive Board and election of their Chairs (Programme and External Relations Commission (PX); Finance and Administrative Commission (FA); Special Committee (SP); Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR); Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP))**

I

Programme and External Relations Commission (PX)²

The Executive Board established the Programme and External Relations Commission, and elected Mr Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo (Mexico) Chair of that commission.

¹ Item withdrawn.

² In accordance with a decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 70th session (70 EX/Decision 3), all Members of the Board are members of this commission.

II

Finance and Administrative Commission (FA)²

The Executive Board established the Finance and Administrative Commission, and elected Mr Matthew Sudders (United Kingdom) Chair of that commission.

III

Special Committee (SP)

The Executive Board established the Special Committee, and elected Mr Amara Camara (Guinea) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 18 members for the 2014-2015 biennium:

Chair: Mr Amara Camara (Guinea)

Members: Dominican Republic
Egypt
El Salvador
Estonia
Guinea
Indonesia
Japan
Morocco
Netherlands
Spain
Sweden
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Uganda
Ukraine

IV

Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)

The Executive Board established the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and elected Ms Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 30 members for the 2014-2015 biennium:

Chair: Ms Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic)

Members: Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentina
Austria
Bangladesh
Brazil

China
Cuba
Czech Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
Estonia
Ethiopia
France
Germany
Italy
Kuwait
Malawi
Mauritius
Mexico
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Nepal
Pakistan
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
United Arab Emirates
United States of America

V

Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)

The Executive Board established the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners, and elected Mr Narayan Gopal Malego (Nepal) Chair of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 22 members for the 2014-2015 biennium:

Chair: Mr Narayan Gopal Malego (Nepal)

Members: Algeria
Austria
Belize
Brazil
Chad
China
Dominican Republic
France
Gambia
Germany
Indonesia
Italy
Kuwait
Mali
Morocco
Nepal
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Togo

Tunisia
Ukraine

(193 EX/SR. 2)

7 Terms of reference of the committees and of the Preparatory Group of the Executive Board (193 EX/DR 7.1 – 7.4)

I

Terms of reference of the Special Committee (SP) (18 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its previous decisions concerning the terms of reference of the Special Committee,
2. Decides that:
 - (a) the Special Committee shall comprise 18 members, that is to say three for each electoral group;
 - (b) in the light of 192 EX/Decision 16 (VII), the Special Committee will meet once a year as appropriate;
3. Also decides to refer to the Special Committee for consideration and the preparation of reports thereon:
 - (a) questions pertaining to the functioning of the Secretariat, in particular, those pertaining to evaluation, internal control, oversight and accountability systems and mechanisms;
 - (b) relations with the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), and reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit that are not referred to the commissions of the Executive Board;
 - (c) methods of work of the General Conference and the Executive Board, including those of their commissions and committees;
 - (d) any other questions that the Executive Board may refer to it.

II

Terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) (30 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 98 EX/Decision 9.6 (II), whereby it defined, in paragraph 12, the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in Education, namely:
 - (a) to examine periodic reports by Member States on their implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education,
 - (b) to examine communications addressed to UNESCO in connection with specific cases alleging a violation of human rights in education, science and culture,

- (c) to examine the report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers,³
2. Also recalling 104 EX/Decision 3.3, whereby it decided that the Committee would thenceforth be designated the “Committee on Conventions and Recommendations” and established the conditions and procedures for consideration of communications received by the Organization concerning cases and questions of violations of human rights within UNESCO’s fields of competence,
 3. Further recalling its decision, for this biennium, to evaluate and review the methods of work of the Committee as set forth in 192 EX/Decision19,
 4. Renews the terms of reference mentioned above, and decides that the Committee will also consider all questions entrusted to the Executive Board concerning the implementation of UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments, in accordance with Article 18.1 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution, ensuring in particular the monitoring of the conventions and recommendations referred to, respectively, in Part II of 177 EX/Decision 35 and in 34 C/Resolution 87.

III

Terms of reference of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)

(22 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the important contribution made by non-governmental partners to the preparation and implementation of UNESCO’s programme,
2. Taking into account the Directives concerning UNESCO’s partnership with non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its 36th session, as well as the following resolutions adopted by the General Conference:
 - (a) 21 C/Resolution 7.11 concerning international non-governmental organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO, and in which bodies or elements linked with the Taiwan authorities are still participating in the name of China;
 - (b) 26 C/Resolution 13.23, 28 C/Resolution 13.5 and 29 C/Resolution 64 on the Directives concerning UNESCO’s relations with foundations and similar institutions;
 - (c) 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO;
 - (d) 34 C/Resolution 59 concerning the Executive Board’s sexennial report on the contribution made to UNESCO’s activities by international non-governmental organizations;

³ Now the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART).

3. Decides that in the light of 192 EX/Decision 16 (VII), the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners will meet once a year, as appropriate;
4. Also decides that the terms of reference of its Committee on Non-Governmental Partners shall be as follows:
 - (a) to continue improving its methods of work by, *inter alia*, carrying out thematic debates on the involvement of non-governmental partners in UNESCO's action in order to:
 - (i) encourage presentations by Members of the Committee, non-governmental partners and invited guest speakers on good practices and lessons learned at the international, regional, national and local levels for outreach to and partnership with non-governmental actors;
 - (ii) give further impetus to the involvement of youth in the work of NGOs;
 - (iii) strengthen coordination and cooperation between non-governmental partners and the National Commissions;
 - (b) to examine matters within its competence relating to the establishment of relations between UNESCO and non-governmental organizations, as stipulated in the above-mentioned Directives, and notably to consider any proposals that the Director-General may submit to the Executive Board for the establishment or renewal of associate partnerships with non-governmental organizations;
 - (c) to ensure that the above-mentioned Directives continue to be implemented in a spirit of openness to the relevant actors of civil society, in particular, in those parts of the world where civil society remains isolated or fragile;
 - (d) to examine all other relevant questions coming within the purview of the Executive Board in relation to UNESCO's cooperation with non-governmental partners in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the governing bodies.

IV

Mandate of the Preparatory Group of the Executive Board

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 186 EX/Decision 17 (I), section IV, paragraph 52, in which it decided to establish at its 188th session, on an experimental basis, an Ad Hoc Group with enhanced participation by all UNESCO Member States, to support the preparation of the two plenary commissions of the Executive Board,
2. Referring to the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group to the Executive Board at its 192nd session on the evaluation of the Group contained in document 192 EX/AHPG.INF, as well as to the oral report of Group's Chair,
3. Decides to establish the Preparatory Group, composed of the following 17 Members of the Executive Board for the 2014-2015 biennium:

Group I	France, Netherlands and Sweden
Group II	Czech Republic and Russian Federation
Group III	Brazil, Cuba and El Salvador
Group IV	Japan, Pakistan and Republic of Korea

Group V(a) Gabon, Namibia and Nigeria
 Group V(b) Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia

4. Decides further that the terms of reference and the methods of work of the Preparatory Group shall be as set out below, in accordance with the Annex to 186 EX/Decision 17 (I):

I. Terms of reference of the Preparatory Group

1. The purpose of the Preparatory Group is to support the preparation of the work of the two plenary commissions of the Executive Board in their consideration of agenda items attributed to them for examination. To that end, it shall examine a limited number of items determined in advance through consultations between the Chairs of the Executive Board, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA), and the Preparatory Group so as to assist in the preparation of the Executive Board's discussions.
2. The items to be considered may include, *inter alia*, following the examination of information and documentation supplied by the Secretariat, the following:
 - (a) examination of information provided by the Director-General on the execution of the programme and on related budget issues (contained in the EX/4 document), including intersectoral and extrabudgetary activities, as well as evaluations and the related policy recommendations;
 - (b) preparations for and follow-up to major conferences and world reports, as required;
 - (c) analysis of challenges and recommendations, as required, and how to address them through the ongoing programme implementation and in the planning of the future programme cycle;
 - (d) preparation of substantive input to the draft report of the Executive Board to the General Conference on the implementation of the C/5 document (document C/9).

II. Composition

3. The Preparatory Group shall comprise 18 Board Members (3 from each electoral group), with enhanced participation by all UNESCO Member States.

III. Chairship

4. The Preparatory Group shall elect at its first meeting, for the whole biennium, a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members.,

IV. Working methods

5. The dates of the meetings of the Preparatory Group shall be determined so as to ensure that the results of its work are transmitted to Members of the Executive Board 10 working days before the opening of the session.
6. The duration of the Preparatory Group's meetings before each session shall be determined by the Board, taking into account the general organization of its work and the related budgetary allocations, but shall not normally exceed three days.
7. The working languages of the Preparatory Group shall be English and French.

8. The States Members of the Executive Board designated as members of the Preparatory Group which do not have a permanent delegation in France may request financial assistance to facilitate their participation in the work of the Group.
9. Concerning questions falling within its competence, the Preparatory Group may invite representatives of international organizations and relevant official partners, as well as qualified individuals.
10. Observers shall be accorded full and equal participation rights, except for the adoption of recommendations.
11. The Chair of the Preparatory Group may be asked to report to the Bureau of the Executive Board, should the Bureau see fit, in order to assist it in carrying out its duties in the preparation of the sessions of the Executive Board. The Chair of the Preparatory Group shall not be a member of the Bureau of the Executive Board.

(193 EX/SR. 2)

GENERAL MATTERS

8 **Invitations to the International Conference of States for the Revision of the 1981 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States** (193 EX/8)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 14, in which the General Conference authorized the Executive Board and the Director-General to take appropriate measures for the organization of the International Conference of States to examine and adopt amendments to the 1981 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States,
2. Having examined document 193 EX/8,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the International Conference of States to examine and adopt amendments to the 1981 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States will be sent to all Member States in the Africa region, as well as to the States Parties to the Convention, in accordance with paragraph 6 of document 193 EX/8;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO not invited under paragraph 7 of document 193 EX/8;
 - (c) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph 8 of document 193 EX/8;
 - (d) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraphs 9 and 10 of document 193 EX/8;

4. Authorizes the Director-General to send out any other invitations she may deem useful for advancing the work of the Conference, and requests her to notify the Executive Board thereof;
5. Expresses its sincere appreciation to the authorities of Ethiopia for offering to host this important meeting, and to China and Norway for their generous support, and invites other Member States to support the Conference;
6. Requests the Director-General to recommend that the Member States ensure that the International Conference considers the question of follow-up to the revised 1981 regional Convention.

(193 EX/SR. 2)

9 Dates of the 194th session of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies (193 EX/9.INF)

194th session

2 April – 15 April 2014

(10 working days/14 calendar days)

Bureau	Wednesday 2 April and Friday 4 April
Special Committee	To be determined
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	2, 3 and 4 April
Committee on Non-Governmental Partners	To be determined
Plenary meetings	Monday 7 April and Tuesday 8 April then Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 April
Commissions	Wednesday 9 April to Friday 11 April

N.B.: School holidays in the host country are scheduled from 12 April to 28 April 2014 (Zone C – Paris and suburbs):

Preparatory Group: 17 – 19 March 2014

Statutory deadline for the dispatching of Executive Board documents: Friday 7 March 2014

10 Tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2014-2015 (193 EX/10.INF)

The Board took note of the tentative list given in document 193 EX/10.INF