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PREMIÈRE SÉANCE

Vendredi 22 novembre 2013 à 10 h 15

Président temporaire: M. Hao (Chine, Président de la
Conférence générale)

puis : M. Amr (Égypte)

OPENING OF THE 193rd SESSION

Item 1: Opening of the 193rd session of the Executive Board by the President of the General Conference (Temporary Chair)

1. **The Temporary Chair** (Mr Hao – President of the General Conference) declared the 193rd session of the Executive Board open. He thanked the outgoing Board Members for their dedication and hard work in the pursuit of UNESCO's goals. He extended his warm congratulations to the new Members, wished them good luck, and looked forward to their contributions.

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

2. **The Temporary Chair**, seeing no objections, took it that the Board wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document 193 EX/1 Prov. Rev.

3. *It was so decided.*

Item 3: Election of the Chair of the Executive Board

4. **The Temporary Chair** informed the Members of the Executive Board that by a letter of 19 November, the Chair of the Arab States group had presented, on behalf of Group V(b), the candidature of Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr, Permanent Delegate of Egypt to UNESCO and representative of Egypt to the Executive Board, for the office of Chair of the Executive Board. He then read out paragraph 1 of Rule 10 and paragraph 1 of Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board relating to the election procedure.

5. **The Secretary** informed the Executive Board how the voting would proceed and read out Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

6.1 *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

6.2 *At the request of the Chair, Ms Katagun (Nigeria) and Mr Stranzl (Austria) acted as tellers, with the assistance of the Legal Adviser.*

6.3 *The result of the vote was as follows:*

Number of Members:	58
Number of Members absent:	1
Number of blank or invalid ballot papers:	1
Number of votes recorded:	56
Majority required:	29
In favour:	55
Against:	1
Abstentions:	0

6.4 Having obtained the required majority, Mr Amr was **elected** Chair of the Executive Board.

(Applause)

7.1 **The Temporary Chair in extenso:**

Madam Director-General, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen; dear Mr Amr, it is with great pleasure that I would like to congratulate you on your new position as the Chair of the Executive Board. With your vast

experience as a lawyer, lecturer, adviser, and over 10 years of active involvement in UNESCO's affairs, I have no doubt that you will excel in your new role and help to lead the Board through a challenging time. It is always encouraging to see such an experienced and distinguished professional assuming such an important position within UNESCO and I am looking forward to working with you.

7.2 The Executive Board plays a vital role within UNESCO, and with the budgetary restrictions that we face your task will be greater than ever. It is essential that we continue to strive for the greater visibility and efficiency of UNESCO's work around the world, and I feel that your appointment, along with the wonderful news concerning the re-election of the Director-General, has increased our chances of doing just that.

7.3 Mr Chair, Madam Director-General, dear colleagues, I am convinced that the opus formed by *hexie* (和谐) "**h**armony" in Chinese, the **h**uman empowerment of the Director-General and the enabling power of **h**uman laws of our Chair, will secure a successfully managed biennium. Once again, I would like to congratulate you on your new position and express my delight at the prospect of working with you. Thank you.

7.4 Mr Chair, as you are aware, in my capacity as President of the General Conference, I shall be sitting *ex officio* on the Board in an advisory capacity in the coming two years. I should like to assure you of my full support and I wish you every success in your work during the current session and for the future. I shall now give the floor to the Director-General, who wishes to congratulate our new Chair of the Executive Board.

8.1 **The Director-General in extenso:**

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to congratulate Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Egypt to UNESCO, on his election as Chair of the Executive Board. Your Excellency, I believe this election reflects your longstanding commitment to the objectives guiding UNESCO and to strengthening the Organization's ability to meet them. This reflects the leadership you have brought already to a number of spheres, from the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners, from bolstering UNESCO's action in safeguarding culture under attack, underwater and intangible cultural heritage, to protecting and promoting the diversity of cultural expressions. I believe this election reflects also the depth of your expertise in legal affairs, and your continuing engagement as Professor of Public International Law at Cairo University and with numerous publications in this area.

8.2 I recall clearly the statement you made at the 190th session of the Executive board, where you shared your vision of the stakes facing UNESCO and the need for the Organization to adapt to the new realities of our world – and, if you allow me, I wish to cite you.

(The Director-General continued in Arabic)

٨٠٣ السيدات والسادة، إن اليونسكو تقف اليوم في مقترق طرق، فمن ناحية عليها أن تحافظ على القيم والمثل العليا التي أنشئت من أجلها، وتعمل من ناحية أخرى مع عالم مفتوح يعتمد على وسائل الاتصال الحديثة، متجاوزة بذلك الحدود بشكلها التقليدي.

(8.3) **Mme Bokova** (Directrice générale)
in extenso (traduit de l'arabe) :

Mesdames et Messieurs, l'UNESCO est aujourd'hui à la croisée des chemins. Elle doit, d'une part, préserver les valeurs et les nobles principes qui ont présidé à sa création et, d'autre part, faire face à un monde ouvert, tributaire de moyens de communication modernes qui ignorent les frontières traditionnelles.

(The Director-General continued in English)

8.4 I believe that what you said is very important and I share the same vision. The stakes are very high indeed, and I look forward to working closely with you, in supporting the Executive Board and in taking forward the Medium-Term Strategy and Programme and Budget of this Organization.

9. **The Temporary Chair** thanked the Director-General and commended her on speaking in Arabic. He hoped she that would speak in Chinese on a subsequent occasion.

10. **El Sr. Pozomalo** (Ecuador), en nombre del grupo de América Latina y el Caribe (GRULAC), felicita al representante de Egipto por su nombramiento y le ofrece su colaboración en su gestión, que espera sea exitosa y redunde en beneficio del Consejo Ejecutivo, la UNESCO y sus Estados Miembros.

(10) **M. Pozomalo** (Équateur) félicite, au nom du groupe de l'Amérique latine et des Caraïbes (GRULAC), le représentant de l'Égypte pour sa nomination et lui offre sa collaboration dans la gestion du Conseil exécutif, dont il espère qu'elle sera couronnée de succès et qu'elle s'avèrera profitable au Conseil, à l'UNESCO et à ses États membres.

١١ تقدمت السيدة الطهوني (تونس)، باسم وفد بلدها، بأحر التهناني وأعظم التمنيات إلى السيد محمد سامح عمرو لنيله ثقة المجلس التنفيذي الكبيرة ولانتخابه رئيساً للمجلس. وأعربت عن ثقتها بحسن إدارته ورئاسته للمجلس التنفيذي المقرر بما يخدم منظمة اليونسكو العتيبة، وبما يجعلها في مقدمة منظمات الأمم المتحدة المتألقة. ووجهت السيدة الطهوني أحر التهناني إلى السيد هاو بينغ على انتخاب الدول الأعضاء له رئيساً للمؤتمر العام، وتمنت له التوفيق في تحقيق رسالته النبيلة. كما هنأت السيدة إيرينا بوكوفا على تجديد الدول لثقتها بشخصها لمواصله قيادة المنظمة في الفترة القادمة. وقالت إنه بقدر ما تكون الثقة كبيرة، بقدر ما تكون المسؤولية ثقيلة، معربة عن ثقتها بقدره السيدة بوكوفا على الوفاء بالمسؤولية التي أسندت إليها على أحسن وجه. وفي الختام، تمننت التوفيق للمديرة العامة وشكرتها على استخدامها الموفق للغة العربية، وتمنت كل التوفيق لليونسكو برئاسة الثالث المتألق للمنظمة.

(11) **Mme Tarhouni** (Tunisie) présente, au nom de la délégation de son pays, ses plus vives félicitations et ses vœux les plus sincères à M. Mohamed Sameh Amr, à qui le Conseil exécutif a témoigné toute sa confiance en l'élisant Président du Conseil. Elle est persuadée que l'efficacité avec laquelle M. Amr assurera la présidence du Conseil exécutif servira les intérêts de l'Organisation et placera celle-ci au premier rang des institutions des Nations Unies. Elle félicite chaleureusement M. Hao Ping, élu Président de la Conférence générale par les États membres, et lui souhaite plein succès dans sa noble tâche. Elle félicite également Mme Irina Bokova, à qui les États membres ont renouvelé leur confiance pour continuer de diriger l'Organisation durant la période à venir. Plus la confiance est grande, plus les

responsabilités sont lourdes, mais l'oratrice est convaincue que Mme Bokova a les capacités requises pour s'acquitter au mieux des responsabilités qui lui ont été confiées. Enfin, elle souhaite plein succès à la Directrice générale et la remercie de s'être si bien exprimée en arabe, et elle souhaite également plein succès à l'UNESCO sous la direction de ces trois remarquables personnalités.

12. **Mr Iqbal** (Pakistan) congratulated the Ambassador of Egypt on his new position as Chair of the Executive Board. The Board's new Chair was a professor, who would guide them intellectually, a diplomat with analytical ability and a leader who would advise the Board. His only request was that Mr Amr would not bill the Organization as a lawyer. He assured the Chair of the full cooperation and support of the Pakistani delegation.

13. **M. Sita-N'sadisi** (Angola) félicite le Président pour sa brillante élection et l'assure de l'appui total de l'Angola dans ses nouvelles fonctions. Ses hautes qualités permettront certainement de faire progresser la mise en œuvre de la Stratégie à moyen terme, ainsi que de renforcer l'équité et la solidarité tant désirées au sein de l'UNESCO.

14. **Mme Trimbach** (France) félicite chaleureusement le Président pour sa brillante élection et se dit persuadée qu'il saura conduire les travaux du Conseil exécutif avec doigté, impartialité et équité. Elle l'assure du soutien de la France et lui souhaite plein succès dans ses nouvelles fonctions essentielles pour le fonctionnement de l'Organisation.

15. **M. Doucoure** (Mali) félicite à son tour le Président nouvellement élu. Ce dernier pourra compter sur l'appui du Mali dans l'accomplissement de sa mission, pour laquelle il dispose de toutes les qualités requises si l'on en juge par les ressources dont il a fait preuve à la tête du Comité sur les partenaires non gouvernementaux.

١٦ تقدمت السيدة العلوي (المغرب) بالتهناني الحارة إلى رئيس المجلس التنفيذي، الدكتور محمد سامح عمرو، مندوب مصر لدى اليونسكو، وتمنت له كامل التوفيق والنجاح في مهامه الجديدة. كما وجهت التهناني إلى جميع الدول التي انتُخبت أعضاء في المجلس التنفيذي للفترة ٢٠١٣-٢٠١٧، وصرحت أن المملكة المغربية تجدد التزامها بالعمل سوياً مع الدول الأعضاء للمساهمة بصورة فعالة في أعمال المجلس التنفيذي.

(16) **Mme Alaoui** (Maroc) félicite chaleureusement M. Mohamed Sameh Amr, le Président du Conseil exécutif et représentant d'Égypte auprès de l'UNESCO, et lui souhaite plein succès dans ses nouvelles fonctions. Elle félicite également tous les États qui ont été élus membres du Conseil pour la période 2013-2017, et réaffirme que le Royaume du Maroc est déterminé à coopérer avec les États membres pour contribuer efficacement aux travaux du Conseil exécutif.

17. **Mr Zeldenrust** (Netherlands) congratulated Ambassador Amr on his election as Chair and expressed his delegation's full support to him in his new capacity as it was convinced of the new Chair's commitment to UNESCO and looked forward to working under his leadership.

18. **Mr Worbs** (Germany) joined previous speakers in congratulating Mr Amr on his election as Chair of the Executive Board. He had got to know Mr Amr during his former assignment as Deputy Permanent Delegate to UNESCO several years previously and was convinced that the good relations between their two countries and

their own personal friendship would continue to grow. He wished Mr Amr all the best for his important and responsible task and assured him that he could count on the support of the German delegation.

19. **尤先生** (中国) 代表中国对 Amr 先生当选新一届执行局主席表示祝贺。中方相信在执行局新主席领导下, 一定能在上一届执行局工作的基础上, 继续推进教科文组织的改革与发展。中国将全力支持执行局新主席的工作, 团结 58 个委员国和广大会员国, 为实现教科文组织的新任务做出贡献。

(19) **M. You** (Chine), en sa qualité de représentant de la Chine, félicite M. Amr pour son élection à la fonction de Président du Conseil exécutif. La Chine est convaincue que l'UNESCO, sous la direction du nouveau Président du Conseil exécutif, continuera à promouvoir la réforme et le développement, conformément aux travaux de la dernière session du Conseil exécutif. La Chine apportera tout son soutien à l'action du nouveau Président du Conseil exécutif et contribuera au nouveau mandat de l'Organisation, en collaboration avec les 58 États membres du Conseil et l'ensemble des États membres de l'UNESCO.

20. **Mr Killion** (United States of America) offered his sincere congratulations to Mr Amr. Delegates had kindly told him that in his capacity as Ambassador of the United States of America to UNESCO he had helped bring his country through a difficult time at the Organization. While he did not know whether that was true, he was convinced that Mr Amr had brought his own great country, Egypt, through a challenging time at UNESCO. Mr Amr had been a source of continuity and steady leadership, playing a constructive role at UNESCO and encouraging Member States to find consensus on difficult issues. There was a saying in the United States of America that "*Nixon went to China*" – the idea being that only a cold warrior could have brought the country into full diplomatic relations and partnership with China. He said that he hoped, just as Nixon had brought the United States of America to China, that Mr Amr could bring the Member States of UNESCO to consensus.

21. **Mme Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon), après avoir félicité le Président, remercie le groupe des États arabes d'avoir proposé une candidature de cette valeur et se félicite de collaborer à l'avenir avec l'éminent professeur de droit, diplomate et humaniste qui a brillamment dirigé le Comité sur les partenaires non gouvernementaux. Le Gabon se tient à ses côtés pour l'aider et apporter sa modeste contribution dans l'exercice de son nouveau mandat au sein de l'UNESCO, pour un monde pacifique et durable.

22. **Г-жа Митрофанова** (Российская Федерация) поздравляет г-на Амра в связи с его избранием Председателем Исполнительного совета и выражает уверенность в том, что имеющийся у него опыт и знание областей компетенции ЮНЕСКО позволяют ему с глубоким пониманием руководить Советом. Она рассчитывает на честную и независимую позицию нового Председателя в принятии решений по сложным вопросам и заверяет его в готовности прийти на помощь в любых непростых ситуациях.

(22) **Mme Mitrofanova** (Fédération de Russie) félicite M. Amr pour son élection à la fonction de Président du Conseil exécutif et exprime sa certitude que l'expérience et la connaissance des domaines de compétence de l'UNESCO qu'il possède lui

permettront de diriger le Conseil avec une compréhension profonde. Elle compte sur l'intégrité et l'indépendance du nouveau Président pour prendre des décisions sur des questions complexes et se déclare prête à lui apporter son assistance dans toutes les situations difficiles.

23. **Mr Oberoi** (India) congratulated Mr Amr on his election. The new Chair would bring all of his experience, skills and capabilities to bear on the tasks that lay ahead. In that connection, he could rely on the full support of the Indian delegation, the goodwill of UNESCO and the experience of the President of the General Conference and the Director-General. All in all, that was a good recipe for a wonderful two years ahead.

٢٤ هنا السيد الابراهيم (الكويت)، باسم دولة الكويت، ممثل مصر وتمنى له النجاح، مضيفاً أن شهادته فيه شخصياً قد تكون مجروحة بالنظر إلى العلاقات الخاصة القائمة بين الكويت ومصر. وذكر أنه من المهم إدراك أهمية الانسجام والتناغم مع الأمانة العامة والمجلس التنفيذي لأن المنظمة تمر بظروف صعبة. وتمنى بالتالي أن يكون التعاون مثمراً وأن يتحقق المزيد من أهداف منظمة اليونسكو الكبيرة. وأشار، تأييداً لما قاله مندوب الصين، إلى أنه من الأفضل دائماً أن يأتي العرب بمرشح واحد، وحباً الجزائر موجهاً إليها تحية كبيرة للدور الكبير الذي قامت به بتفهمها ودعمها لمندوب مصر. كما حباً الجمهورية الفرنسية، الدولة المضيفة للمقر، لدورها في دعم اليونسكو. وأشاد السيد الابراهيم بجملة قالها مندوب الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية عندما أشار إلى ما يعصف في منطقة الشرق الأوسط بقضايا السلام، موضحاً أن هذه القضية مهمة لأنه يوجد شباب في إسرائيل وشباب في فلسطين تجمعهم قيم مشتركة وقيم محبة للسلام. ووجه ختاماً دعوة إلى الجميع للتركيز على كل ما هو مشترك وعلى كل ما يجمع بين الناس، سواء أكان ذلك في الدولة الإسرائيلية اليهودية، أم في فلسطين، أم في كل المنطقة العربية، وكذلك في كل الديانات، لأن القواسم المشتركة هي الطريق المؤدي إلى النجاح.

(24) **M. Al-Ebraheem** (Koweït) félicite, au nom de l'État du Koweït, le représentant d'Égypte et lui souhaite plein succès, en ajoutant que son opinion à son égard est probablement rehaussée en raison des relations spéciales qui existent entre le Koweït et l'Égypte. Il est extrêmement important d'établir des relations harmonieuses avec le Secrétariat et le Conseil exécutif en raison de la période difficile que traverse l'Organisation. L'orateur espère que cette coopération sera fructueuse pour réaliser un plus grand nombre des grands objectifs de l'UNESCO et, souscrivant aux propos tenus par le représentant de la Chine, ajoute qu'il est toujours préférable que les pays arabes aient un seul candidat. C'est pourquoi il salue tout particulièrement l'Algérie pour le rôle important qu'elle a joué en comprenant et en appuyant le représentant de l'Égypte. Il salue également la République française, le pays hôte du Siège de l'Organisation, pour son soutien à l'UNESCO. Il souscrit aux propos tenus par le représentant des États-Unis d'Amérique, qui, se référant aux problèmes qui sapent la paix au Moyen-Orient, a expliqué que cette question était importante car il existait, en Israël et en Palestine, des jeunes épris de paix qui avaient des valeurs communes. Enfin, il invite tout un chacun à se concentrer sur ce qui est commun et ce qui unit les gens, que ce soit dans l'État juif d'Israël, en Palestine ou dans toute la région arabe, ou encore dans les différentes religions, les dénominateurs communs étant le moyen de parvenir au succès.

25. **Mr Magwira** (Malawi) congratulated the Ambassador of Egypt on his election to the position of

Chair of the Executive Board. Malawi was aware of the Ambassador's outstanding contributions to the Board's work and wished to assure Mr Amr of its support to him in his new appointment.

26. **Mr Malego** (Nepal) expressed heartfelt congratulations to Mr Amr on his well-deserved election to the position of Chair of the Executive Board. The Nepali delegation was confident that with Ambassador Amr's wise and able leadership he would guide the proceedings of the Board effectively and successfully. He assured Mr Amr and the Executive Board of Nepal's full support and cooperation to the Chair in the discharge of his responsibilities.

27. **Mr Boonyamalik** (Thailand) congratulated the new Members of the Executive Board on their election and said that Thailand looked forward to working closely with them during the following two years. He extended special congratulations to Mr Mohamed Amr on his election to the position of Chair. He was certain that Mr Amr's leadership would be of great value to the Organization and wished him every success during his term of office.

28. **Ms Kadare** (Albania) extended her sincere congratulations to her friend and colleague Ambassador Amr, and said that her delegation was looking forward to working under his leadership. He could always count on her delegation for close collaboration in the multiple challenges he was about to face.

29. **Mr Islam** (Bangladesh) joined other speakers in congratulating Ambassador Mohamed Sameh Amr of Egypt on his election to the position of Chair of the Executive Board. Mr Amr's long experience and great wisdom would infuse new dynamism and vitality into the work of the Executive Board. He assured the Chair of his delegation's full support to his initiatives.

30.1 **Ms Katagum** (Nigeria) warmly congratulated the new Members of the Executive Board on their election and the Director-General on her reappointment for a second term in office. She also extended Nigeria's warm and hearty congratulations to Mr Amr on his election to the exalted office of Chair of the Executive Board. She said that her delegation was confident that he would bring to bear his vast experience as a lawyer and diplomat, with the many years of hard work in international cooperation in the service of his great country, Egypt. The Organization was facing important challenges and uncertainties, particularly regarding financial sustenance, with rising expectations from the international community in the fulfilment of its responsibilities. She assured the Chair of Nigeria's support and cooperation as he undertook the onerous task at that moment in the Organization's history.

30.2 She also took the opportunity to pay tribute to the outgoing Secretary of the Board, Mr Michael Millward, quoting from his book of reflections and recollections: "*I took my duties as English reviser literally days after the United States of America's withdrawal had come into effect and the United Kingdom's one-year notice had started to run, early in 1985. How strange that, 26 years later, I should be commenting on those difficult days precisely at a time when the Organization is facing new problems whose similarity is striking*". Mr Millward was one of the few who had lived through it all. He had undertaken his assignments with great professionalism as an international civil servant, always helpful, always calm, and always finding an acceptable solution to every one of the Board's demands. She thanked the Secretary and wished him well in his new assignment.

31. **Mr Anthony** (Belize) extended hearty congratulations to the Ambassador of Egypt on his landslide victory. He said that since landing in Paris, he had found a friend in Mohamed Amr, who had inescapable charisma and wisdom. He also said that it was a pleasure for him to represent Belize, which had not served as a Member of the Executive Board since it joined UNESCO in 1982. He would cooperate fully with the Chair and contribute to the best of his ability. He would also need Mr Amr as a leader to guide him and looked forward to learning from everyone. Moreover, he extended his congratulations to all the new Members of the Executive Board.

32. **Mme Lomonaco** (Italie), félicitant à son tour le Président pour son élection, se dit convaincue qu'il s'acquittera de sa tâche avec succès et l'assure du plein soutien de l'Italie.

33. **Mr Budjaku** (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) congratulated Ambassador Amr on his election as Chair of the Executive Board. The overwhelming support from the Board and Group V(b) placed considerable responsibility on the new Chair to lead the Executive Board for the following two years. He was convinced that Ambassador Amr, with his knowledge, experience and energy, would lead the Board successfully in its tasks over the forthcoming biennium.

34. **M. Seddoh** (Togo) félicite le Président pour sa brillante élection et se dit persuadé qu'en cette période critique pour la vie de l'Organisation, ses qualités d'universitaire et de diplomate, ainsi que sa bonne connaissance de l'UNESCO, seront des atouts précieux pour mener à bien les travaux du Conseil exécutif. Il l'assure du soutien et de la collaboration du Togo.

35. **Ms Rampersad** (Trinidad and Tobago), speaking on behalf of her delegation, the Caribbean Community, which it currently chaired, and the Latin America and Caribbean group (GRULAC), congratulated the new Chair of the Executive Board and undertook to work with him to promote and expand the culture of peace in the minds of men and women. The outgoing Chair of the Executive Board, Ms Cummins, might be a hard act to follow, and she thanked the former Chair for having flown the flag of their region very high. Her delegation looked forward to benefitting from Mr Amr's knowledge and experience, and offered him its humble experiences of peacefully managing on a very small island the diversity of virtually all countries. In Trinidad and Tobago, multiculturalism was alive and well. She pledged to work with the Chair and the Board to promote UNESCO's vision with the Director-General for a new humanism.

٣٦ صرح السيد النعيمي (الإمارات العربية المتحدة) أن دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة تنضم إلى جميع الدول التي أعربت عن تهنئتها لسعادة الدكتور محمد سامح عمرو، مندوب جمهورية مصر في منظمة اليونسكو، وهنأ جميع الدول التي نجحت في الوصول إلى عضوية المجلس التنفيذي. وبصفته رئيساً لمجموعة الدول العربية، شكر جميع الدول التي أكدت رغبة مجموعة الدول العربية في تولي رئاسة المجلس التنفيذي في هذه المرحلة، كما هنأ رئيس المؤتمر العام على اختياره لهذا المنصب وأكد تهنئته للمديرة العامة.

(36) **M. Alneaimi** (Émirats Arabes Unis) dit que les Émirats Arabes Unis souhaitent se joindre à tous les États qui ont félicité M. Mohamed Sameh Amr, le représentant de la République arabe d'Égypte à l'UNESCO, et il félicite tous les États qui sont devenus membres du Conseil exécutif. En sa qualité de Président du groupe des États arabes, il remercie tous les pays qui ont appuyé la volonté du Groupe

arabe d'assurer la présidence du Conseil exécutif durant la période à venir. Enfin, il félicite le Président de la Conférence générale pour son élection à ce poste, ainsi que la Directrice générale.

37. **M. Koko** (Tchad) salue l'élection d'un homme d'expérience, ayant une connaissance approfondie de l'UNESCO, qui saura mettre ses nombreuses qualités au service du Conseil exécutif. Il assure au nouveau Président qu'il pourra, tout au long de son mandat, compter sur l'engagement, le soutien et la collaboration du Tchad.

38. **M. Bendjama** (Algérie) adresse ses chaleureuses félicitations au nouveau Président et l'assure de la coopération de l'Algérie. Riche de sa participation active aux travaux des organes directeurs de l'UNESCO, l'Algérie est résolue à continuer d'aider l'Organisation à faire face aux défis multiples qu'elle rencontre dans l'accomplissement de son mandat et à soutenir les efforts de réforme en cours afin de répondre aux besoins et priorités des États membres en dépit de graves difficultés budgétaires.

39. **Mr Badjie** (Gambia) congratulated Mr Amr on his overwhelming election as Chair of the Executive Board. The delegation of Gambia wished to commend him into the hands of the Almighty Allah to give him more wisdom, moral and physical strength to spearhead the affairs of the Executive Board over the forthcoming biennium.

40. **Mr Kupchyshyn** (Ukraine), as newly elected Member of the Executive Board and speaking on behalf of Group II, extended his warm and sincere congratulations to Ambassador Amr on his election to the Chair of the Executive Board. He assured Mr Amr that he could always count on Ukraine's full and friendly support and cooperation in fulfilment of his duties as Chair. He was certain that Mr Amr would bring all of his skills and experience to bear on the important tasks ahead in the activity of that important governing body of UNESCO.

41. **El Sr. de Barandica y Luxan** (España) se suma a los demás oradores en la felicitación al representante de Egipto. En una situación tan difícil como la actual, es muy importante tener al frente de la UNESCO a la Directora General y al frente del Consejo Ejecutivo al Embajador de Egipto, elegidos ambos casi por unanimidad. España brinda su colaboración al recién elegido Presidente del Consejo Ejecutivo y felicita a todos los países que han sido reelegidos y a los nuevos miembros del Consejo, en especial a aquellos más unidos a España por razones históricas o de vecindad.

(41) **M. de Barandica y Luxan** (Espagne) joint sa voix à celle des autres orateurs pour féliciter le représentant de l'Égypte. Dans une situation aussi difficile que la situation actuelle, il est très important d'avoir la Directrice générale à la tête de l'UNESCO et l'Ambassadeur de l'Égypte à celle du Conseil exécutif, tous deux ayant été élus quasiment à l'unanimité. L'Espagne offre sa collaboration au nouveau Président élu du Conseil exécutif et félicite tous les pays qui ont été réélus, ainsi que les nouveaux membres du Conseil, en particulier ceux dont les liens avec l'Espagne, pour des raisons historiques ou de proximité géographique, sont les plus forts.

42. **La Sra. Sol de Pool** (El Salvador) felicita también en nombre de su país al representante de Egipto. Siendo el nuevo Presidente del Consejo Ejecutivo un educador, y dada la militancia de El Salvador en los temas de educación, le pide ayuda para mantener el liderazgo de la

UNESCO en ese campo en el sistema de las Naciones Unidas, conforme a lo decidido por la Conferencia General.

(42) **Mme Sol de Pool** (El Salvador) félicite également, au nom de son pays, le représentant de l'Égypte. Compte tenu du militantisme d'El Salvador dans le domaine de l'éducation et du fait que le nouveau Président du Conseil exécutif est un éducateur, elle sollicite son aide pour maintenir le leadership de l'UNESCO en la matière dans le système des Nations Unies, conformément à ce qu'a décidé la Conférence générale.

43. **Mr Sudders** (United Kingdom) congratulated Mr Amr on his election as Chair and said that he looked forward to his leadership. He said that in 1988, for the first time, an Egyptian had won the Nobel Prize for Literature, and one of his favourite quotes from that novelist was: "You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions"; he could well have been referring to UNESCO's new Chair. He also congratulated the new Members of the Executive Board and said that he looked forward to working with them, just as he would miss the outgoing Members of the Board.

44. **Ms von Zweigbergk** (Sweden) said that the Swedish delegation joined all the other speakers in their sincere congratulations to Mr Amr on his election as Chair of the Executive Board, and looked forward to working with him.

45. **M. Blackburn** (Délégué permanent du Canada auprès de l'UNESCO), prenant la parole en vertu de l'article 30, paragraphe 3, du Règlement intérieur, félicite à son tour le nouveau Président, dont il salue la compétence et l'attachement à l'Organisation, et l'assure de l'appui du Groupe I. Après lui avoir adressé tous ses vœux de succès, il conclut en citant l'ancien Président des États-Unis, John F. Kennedy, qui déclarait : « *Ne négocions jamais avec nos peurs, mais n'ayons jamais peur de négocier* ».

46.1 **Mr Aldrees** (Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO), speaking in accordance with Rule 30, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure said that, as a former Vice-Chair of the Executive Board he wished to say a few additional words that he had not said during the previous session.

(The speaker continued in Arabic)

٤٦,٢ شكر السيد الدريس (المملكة العربية السعودية) جميع الدول التي أيدت التصويت لسعادة ممثل مصر، السيد عمرو. وصرح أنه ليس من المبالغة القول إن انتخاب السيد عمرو هدية تقدمها مجموعة الدول العربية إلى اليونسكو انطلاقاً من ثققتها بكفاءته الأكاديمية والدبلوماسية ومن إيمانها بأنه سيخدم المنظمة من خلال المجلس التنفيذي مثلما تحب جميع الدول الأعضاء، لا فقط الدول العربية. ونوه السيد الدريس بأنه يقدم مداخلته باسمه وباسم سعادة مندوب اليمن الدائم، السيد أحمد الصياد، الذي اتفق معه على أن يتحدث نيابة عن بلديهما اختصاراً للوقت. وذكر أن المجلس التنفيذي يحتاج بلا شك إلى أشخاص ذوي قدرات مميزة لكي يدار بكل الحكمة والهدوء والروية التي يأملها ويطلبها المجلس من السيد عمرو. وتابع بالقول إن السيد عمرو صديق عزيز ولكنه أيضاً شخصية عارفة بمنظمة اليونسكو منذ سنوات عديدة. وصرح أن الرئيس الجديد سيواجه مشكلة واحدة فقط هي أنه لن يجد إلى جانبه، خلال الفترة القادمة، السيد مايكل ميلوارد الذي سيغادر المقر قريباً. وأضاف أنه متأكد من أن اليونسكو قادرة على أن تأتي بكفاءات شبيهة بالكفاءات التي أبداها السيد ميلوارد خلال السنوات الماضية. وفيما يخص اللغة العربية، أشار إلى أنه انتخب للمجلس التنفيذي رئيس عربي وأن

الدول الأعضاء تدرك أنه كي يكون ثمة سهولة في تمرير القرارات، يُستحسن أن تجيد اللغة العربية لدغدغة مشاعر الرئيس الجديد، مثلما فعلت السيدة بوكوفا التي ذكر أنها أجادت اللغة العربية في مداخلتها. وأكد السيد الدريس مرة أخرى أن المملكة العربية السعودية وبرنامج الأمير سلطان لدعم اللغة العربية في اليونسكو يوجهان دعوة إلى كل المندوبين الدائمين للاتحاق ببرنامج تعليم اللغة العربية في اليونسكو مجاناً، على حساب المملكة العربية السعودية، مثلما فعلت السيدة بوكوفا والسيد ميلوارد ومندوبية البرازيل الدائمة ومندوبية الغابون الدائمة وختاماً، وجّه إلى الجميع دعوة من المملكة العربية السعودية للاتحاق بالبرنامج المذكور.

(46.2) **M. Aldrees** (Arabie saoudite) remercie tous les pays qui ont appuyé la candidature du représentant de d'Égypte, M. Amr. Il n'est pas exagéré de dire que l'élection de M. Amr est un cadeau offert à l'UNESCO par le groupe des États arabes, qui, du fait de sa confiance dans les capacités académiques et diplomatiques de M. Amr, sait pertinemment que celui-ci servira l'Organisation dans le cadre du Conseil exécutif en répondant aux attentes de tous les États membres, et pas seulement des pays arabes. L'orateur précise qu'il s'exprime en son nom propre et au nom du Délégué permanent du Yémen, M. Ahmed Sayyad, avec qui il a convenu de faire une déclaration au nom de leurs deux pays afin de gagner du temps. Le Conseil a certainement besoin de personnalités – comme M. Amr – dotées de capacités élevées qui permettent de diriger le Conseil avec la sagesse, le calme et le discernement voulus. M. Amr est à la fois un ami cher et une personnalité qui connaît l'UNESCO depuis de nombreuses années. Celui-ci devra toutefois faire face à une difficulté, à savoir l'absence à ses côtés, pendant la période à venir, de M. Michael Millward, qui quittera sous peu le Siège'. L'UNESCO est cependant capable de trouver des compétences analogues à celles dont M. Millward a fait preuve ces dernières années. En ce qui concerne la langue arabe, les membres du Conseil exécutif, qui ont élu à leur tête un président arabe, ont probablement conscience qu'il serait préférable, pour faciliter l'adoption des décisions, qu'ils maîtrisent la langue arabe pour faire plaisir au nouveau président, à l'instar de Mme Bokova, qui a parfaitement manié la langue arabe lors de son allocution. L'Arabie saoudite et le Programme du Prince Sultan pour la promotion de la langue arabe à l'UNESCO invitent tous les délégués permanents à s'inscrire gratuitement au programme d'enseignement de la langue arabe à l'UNESCO, aux frais de l'Arabie saoudite, comme l'ont fait Mme Bokova, M. Millward et les déléguées permanentes du Brésil et du Gabon. Pour conclure, l'orateur, au nom de l'Arabie saoudite, invite tout le monde à s'inscrire à ce programme.

47. **The Temporary Chair** invited H. E. Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr to take the seat of Chair of the Board.

(Applause)

Mr Amr (Egypt) took the Chair.

٤٨,١ السيد عمرو (مصر) (رئيس المجلس التنفيذي) النص الكامل:

السيد رئيس المؤتمر العام، السيدة المدير العام، السيدات والسادة الزملاء الأفاضل أعضاء المجلس التنفيذي، السيدات والسادة سفراء الدول والمندوبين الدائمين وأعضاء الوفود، السيدات والسادة الحضور، اسمحو لي أن أعبر لكم جميعاً عن شكري وامتناني وسعادتني البالغة لثقتكم الغالية بأن عهدتم اليوم لي تولي منصب رئيس المجلس التنفيذي لمنظمة التربية والثقافة والعلوم (اليونسكو). ويأتي انتخابي اليوم امتداداً لدعمكم لبلادي مصر،

إحدى الدول المؤسسة لليونسكو، في الانتخابات التي أجريت خلال الدورة السابعة والثلاثين للمؤتمر العام والتي تعكس العلاقة الوثيقة بين مصر واليونسكو والعلامات الفارقة فيها والتي كانت بمثابة النقاط المنيرة على خارطة عمل هذه المنظمة منذ السنوات الأولى لعملها، ويأتي في مقدمتها مشروع أبو سنبل العظيم وإعادة إحياء مكتبة الإسكندرية والحفاظ على العديد من مواقع التراث ذات القيمة العالمية الفريدة والموجودة على أرض مصر. وأود بهذه المناسبة أن أعبر عن خالص الشكر للمجموعة العربية باليونسكو والدول العربية الأعضاء بالمجلس التنفيذي لدعمهم لترشيح مصر لي لتولي هذه المهمة. وبذلك أشرف بأن أكون سادس عربي وثالث مصري يتولى هذه المهمة منذ تاريخ نشأة المنظمة. كما أعبر بشكل خاص عن اعتزازي لكلمات التهنية التي عبر عنها السيد هاو بينغ، رئيس المؤتمر العام، والتي لها تقدير خاص في نفسي، وانتهاز هذه الفرصة لتهنئة سيادته على نجاحه باقتدار في إدارة جلسات المؤتمر العام خلال دورته السابعة والثلاثين، والتي اختتمت أعمالها هذا الأسبوع. وإنني على ثقة كبيرة بأننا سوف نضع أيدينا في أيدي بعض ونعمل سوياً خلال العامين القادمين بما يحقق الخير لهذه المنظمة. أيضاً أشعر بسعادة بالغة لما عبر عنه زملائي أعضاء المجلس من كلمات رقيقة دخلت إلى قلبي وعكست صدق مشاعرهم ودعمهم لي لتولي هذا المنصب

٤٨,٢ . كما يسعدني في مستهل عملي اليوم أن أهني السيدة المدير العام السيدة إيرينا بوكوفا على تجديد الدول الأعضاء لثقتهم فيها وإعادة انتخابها لتتولى مهمة قيادة هذه المنظمة لمدة أربع سنوات. وإنني على يقين إنها سوف تتمكن بما لديها من خبرة في العمل على تنفيذ خطتها لتطوير مهام هذه المنظمة وتحسين دورها، معرباً لسيادتها في بداية فترة ولايتها الثانية عن استعدادي التام – وبطبيعة الحال استعداد أعضاء المجلس – لتقديم كافة سبل الدعم والمساعدة لتحقيق أهدافنا المشتركة والارتقاء بدور هذه المنظمة لتحقيق آمال شعوبنا. وأشكرها على كلمتها الرقيقة التي أدلت بها منذ دقائق عقب انتخابي رئيساً لهذا المجلس. وشكر خاص على الاقتباس الذي قدمته باللغة العربية الذي أشرف بأن أتحديث بها

٤٨,٣ . ولا يفوتني أن أوجه رسالة شكر وتقدير للسيدة أليساندرا كومينز على نجاحها في إدارة أعمال هذا المجلس خلال فترة العامين الماضيين، حيث أظهرت خلال فترة توليها لرئاسة المجلس التنفيذي حكمة كبيرة وقدرة على الاستيعاب للموضوعات المختلفة وجهودها التي لم تنقطع للتوصل إلى توافق في الآراء بين أعضاء المجلس متمنياً لسيادتها كل التوفيق والسداد في مهامها المستقبلية.

٤٨,٤ السيدات والسادة أعضاء المجلس، لقد عهدت الدول الأعضاء لهذا المجلس الموقر كجهاز حاكم ورقابي بمهمة سامية تتمثل في العمل على ضمان تنفيذ المنظمة لأهدافها ووظائفها النبيلة بشكل كامل وفعال. إنني أؤمن بمهمة ودور هذه المنظمة العريقة التي تشكل القوة الفكرية للمجتمع الدولي. وأؤمن بمكانتها الرائدة بين كافة وكالات وهيئات الأمم المتحدة في مجالات اختصاصها وعملها. وأؤمن بدورها في العمل على بناء وتكوين الإنسان والسعي لضمان تقدمه وتنمية قدراته باعتباره – أي الإنسان – هو حجر الزاوية لصون السلام والمحرك للتعاون بأشكاله المختلفة بين الأمم، كما أؤمن بدور المنظمة ومسؤولياتها للحفاظ على الثقافات المختلفة ونشرها والتعريف بها والعمل على ضمان تعددها واهتمامها بالأبعاد الأخلاقية في الموضوعات التي تتصل بمجالات عملها واهتمامها بالأنشطة التي تهدف لتمكين الشباب والمرأة والعمل على بناء مجتمع المعلومات والمعرفة وتعزيز حرية التعبير وانسياب الأفكار الخلاقة عبر الحدود.

٤٨,٥ علينا كأعضاء المجلس التنفيذي أن نضمن أن ميثاق اليونسكو سيبقى المنارة التي نهتدي بها ومصدر الإلهام والمحرك الأساسي لأعمالنا علينا أن نسخر كافة جهودنا حتى نجتاز التحديات التي تتعرض لها المنظمة في المرحلة الحالية علينا أن نستشرف سوياً ما سوف تحتاجه الأجيال القادمة لنضمن استمرار المنظمة في أداء مهامها النبيلة ودورها المتميز.

٤٨,٦ علينا دوماً أن نبذل كل ما في طاقتنا ووسعنا للحفاظ على تقاليدنا المستقرة لتبني قرارات هذا المجلس بتوافق الآراء بما يحافظ على روح العائلة

الواحدة المتفاهمة ولنضرب نموذجاً للعالم بقدرتنا على تحقيق التفاهم والتعاون المشترك في أجواء تتسم بالإيجابية للوصول إلى غاياتنا المشتركة علينا أن نسعى دائماً وبشكل حثيث لتعزيز كافة صور التعاون مع سكرتارية المنظمة لتابعة تنفيذ القرارات التي تم تبنيها من المؤتمر العام خلال دورته الأخيرة وكافة القرارات التي تبناها هذا المجلس في دوراته السابقة. ولي هنا أن أقتبس ما جاء على لسان السيدة المديرية العامة بالجلسة الختامية للمؤتمر العام حين قالت: "إن الهدف الرئيسي للسكرتارية هو خدمة الدول الأعضاء بما فيه الصالح العام للمنظمة".

٤٨.٧ علينا أن نفتح أبواب ونوافذ هذه المنظمة على العالم الخارجي ونجدد الدعوة للتعاون مع باقي الهيئات والوكالات التابعة لمنظمة الأمم المتحدة ومنظمات المجتمع المدني والشركاء غير الحكوميين والأكاديميين والخبراء باعتبارهم جميعاً شركاء في مسيرة التنمية وبما لهم من دور أساسي لا غنى عنه لتحقيق أهداف ووظائف اليونسكو.

(48.1) **M. Amr (Égypte)** (Président du Conseil exécutif) *in extenso* (traduit de l'arabe) :

Monsieur le Président de la Conférence générale, Madame la Directrice générale, Mesdames et Messieurs les membres du Conseil exécutif, Mesdames et Messieurs les Ambassadeurs, délégués permanents et membres des délégations, permettez-moi de vous adresser à tous mes remerciements et ma profonde gratitude pour la grande confiance que vous m'avez témoignée aujourd'hui en me confiant la présidence du Conseil exécutif de l'UNESCO. Mon élection est le prolongement du soutien que vous avez apporté à mon pays, l'Égypte, un membre fondateur de l'Organisation, lors de la 37^e session de la Conférence générale. Ce soutien reflète la relation étroite qui existe entre l'Égypte et l'UNESCO ainsi que les faits marquants qui y sont associés et qui sont autant d'événements phares de l'action de l'Organisation durant les premières années. Au premier rang de ces réalisations figurent le projet d'Abou Simbel, la renaissance de la Bibliothèque d'Alexandrie et la préservation de nombreux sites du patrimoine qui se trouvent en Égypte et qui revêtent une valeur universelle unique. Je saisis cette occasion pour remercier chaleureusement le Groupe arabe à l'UNESCO et les pays arabes membres du Conseil exécutif, qui ont appuyé la candidature de l'Égypte pour que j'occupe ce poste important. Cet honneur fait de moi la sixième personnalité arabe – et la troisième personnalité égyptienne – à exercer cette fonction depuis la création de l'Organisation. Je voudrais tout particulièrement remercier le Président de la Conférence générale, M. Hao Ping, pour ses mots de félicitation, qui ont une résonance particulière pour moi, et le féliciter à mon tour pour l'efficacité avec laquelle il a dirigé les séances de la 37^e session de la Conférence générale, qui a achevé ses travaux cette semaine. Je suis totalement confiant que nous unirons nos efforts et travaillerons ensemble durant les deux années à venir pour servir les intérêts de l'Organisation. Je tiens en outre à dire la profonde joie qu'ont suscités en moi les aimables propos tenus par les membres du Conseil, des propos qui m'ont fait chaud au cœur et qui reflètent la sincérité des sentiments de leurs auteurs et leur soutien en faveur de ma candidature.

(48.2) Avant d'entamer les travaux prévus pour aujourd'hui, je souhaite féliciter la Directrice générale, Mme Irina Bokova, à qui les États membres ont renouvelé leur confiance en la réalisant pour diriger l'Organisation pendant les quatre années à venir. Je suis persuadé que son expérience lui permettra

d'assurer la mise en œuvre de son plan visant à réformer le fonctionnement et à renforcer le rôle de l'Organisation. C'est pourquoi je tiens à l'assurer, alors qu'elle s'apprête à débiter son second mandat, de ma volonté résolue et, bien entendu, de la volonté des membres du Conseil de l'appuyer par tous les moyens et de l'aider à atteindre nos objectifs communs et à promouvoir le rôle de l'UNESCO en vue de répondre aux espoirs de nos peuples. Je la remercie d'ailleurs pour les aimables paroles qu'elle a prononcées il y a quelques minutes après mon élection à la présidence du Conseil, et je la remercie tout particulièrement pour la citation qu'elle a lue en arabe, une langue que j'ai l'honneur de parler.

(48.3) Je voudrais en outre adresser mes remerciements et ma gratitude à Mme Alissandra Cummins, qui a dirigé avec succès les travaux du Conseil exécutif durant ces deux dernières années et qui, en tant que Présidente du Conseil, a démontré sa grande sagesse et sa capacité à traiter des questions diverses en déployant d'incessants efforts pour parvenir à un consensus entre les membres du Conseil. Je lui souhaite plein succès dans ses futures fonctions.

(48.4) Mesdames et Messieurs, les États membres siégeant au Conseil exécutif, qui est un organe directeur et de surveillance, ont pour mission de veiller à ce que l'ensemble des fonctions et des nobles objectifs de l'Organisation soient assurés d'une manière efficace. Je crois au rôle et en la mission de notre auguste Organisation, qui représente la force intellectuelle de la communauté internationale. Je crois également au rôle de chef de file de l'UNESCO, parmi les autres institutions et organismes des Nations Unies, dans ses domaines d'activité et de compétence. Je crois en outre en sa mission qui consiste à œuvrer en faveur du développement et de l'épanouissement de l'être humain et ainsi qu'à garantir son progrès et le renforcement de ses capacités en tant qu'élément essentiel pour la promotion de la paix et vecteur de la coopération – sous toutes ses formes – entre les nations. Enfin, je crois au rôle et aux responsabilités de l'Organisation consistant à préserver, propager et faire connaître les différentes cultures et à garantir leur multiplicité, ainsi qu'en la nécessité, pour l'Organisation, de s'intéresser aux dimensions éthiques des questions relevant de ses domaines d'action et aux activités visant à promouvoir l'autonomisation des femmes et des jeunes, l'édification de la société de l'information, le renforcement de la liberté d'expression, et la diffusion des idées créatives au-delà des frontières.

(48.5) En tant que membres du Conseil exécutif, il nous incombe de veiller à ce que l'Acte constitutif de l'UNESCO demeure le phare qui guide notre action, la source de notre inspiration et le principal moteur de nos activités. Nous devons unir nos efforts pour surmonter les défis que rencontre actuellement l'Organisation, et il nous faut définir ensemble les besoins des générations futures pour que l'UNESCO puisse continuer à remplir sa noble mission et son rôle essentiel.

(48.6) Nous devons constamment faire tout notre possible pour maintenir la pratique établie qui consiste à adopter les décisions du Conseil par consensus, une pratique qui permet de préserver l'esprit de famille et de démontrer au monde entier notre

capacité de nous comprendre et de coopérer dans un climat positif en vue de la réalisation de nos objectifs communs. Nous devons nous employer sans relâche à renforcer toutes les formes de coopération avec le Secrétariat de l'Organisation pour assurer le suivi des résolutions adoptées par la Conférence générale à sa 37^e session et de toutes les décisions adoptées par le Conseil exécutif à sa dernière session. À ce sujet, je voudrais citer la Directrice générale, qui, à la séance de clôture de la Conférence générale, a déclaré : « *Le Secrétariat a pour principal objectif de servir les États membres, et ce dans l'intérêt général de l'Organisation* ».

(48.7) L'Organisation se doit d'ouvrir ses portes et ses fenêtres sur le monde extérieur et de lancer un nouvel appel à la coopération aux autres institutions et organismes du système des Nations Unies, aux organisations de la société civile, aux partenaires non gouvernementaux, aux milieux académiques et aux experts, car ils sont tous nos partenaires dans le processus de développement et ils jouent un rôle essentiel et indispensable dans la réalisation des objectifs et de la mission de l'UNESCO.

(The Chair continued in English)

48.8 Dear Members of the Board, at its 37th session the General Conference laid out the foundation for our work for the coming years. We so often use the word crossroads to describe a crucial juncture, but if there was ever a moment so worthy of this term, it is certainly now. The challenges ahead in implementing the tasks and mandates entrusted to us by the General Conference are immense. But with sustained effort and, first and foremost, stronger political will, I am confident that we shall succeed in our task.

48.9 We have managed to agree on priorities in the midst of an extremely difficult financial situation, witnessing a significantly reduced cash flow for the next biennium, but its real impact is in regard to UNESCO's programmes and activities. It is regrettable that at a time when the peoples of the world, especially in Africa, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), were expecting more of us in order to meet their needs and aspirations, UNESCO has been forced to do less, not more. This is why our efforts aimed at rectifying this situation should not cease. On the contrary, I believe that solutions remain possible.

48.10 The extent to which UNESCO shall contribute to the elaboration of the United Nations' post-2015 development agenda is crucial for its own relevance and future role. In this respect, the Executive Board has already provided its guidance and the Secretariat has been active. It was also indeed timely for the General Conference's policy debate to select this issue as its theme of discussion for the Leaders' Forum. The debate was rich and pertinent. I trust that the wealth of ideas expressed at the Forum will inform our future work in this regard.

48.11 In education, the next few years shall be vital in defining the progress made in achieving the education for all (EFA) goals, and for determining our future course of action, in relation to both the post-2015 education agenda and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda. In this vein, I am glad to note that the goal of "ensuring quality education and lifelong learning for all by 2030" has emerged as a proposed overarching goal from the consultations jointly led by UNESCO and UNICEF.

48.12 Similarly, we need to meet the imperative of carrying forward the role identified by UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy of harnessing science for development, including by strengthening the science-policy-society interface in the context of the post-2015 development agenda. Among other areas that warrant mention, I find the high level of priority accorded to freshwater and ocean sciences to be relevant and timely. In addition, the importance of renewable energy in meeting the challenges of today cannot be overemphasized, as highlighted by the Director-General earlier this week.

48.13 Social and human sciences always underpin our efforts aimed at achieving lasting peace and sustainable development. The debate held during the General Conference has further proved this point. Moreover, it is important to note the significant role that human-rights based approaches play in tackling profound societal changes, persistent poverty, discrimination, increasing inequalities and social exclusion.

48.14 In the area of culture, the General Conference considered that it is necessary to strengthen the implementation of all six conventions that constitute the Organization's standard-setting framework in this field, for both heritage and creativity. The 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property figures prominently in this regard. It also recognized the social, economic and environmental impact of culture. This will help guide our future work.

48.15 Last but not least, I look forward to continuing and upgrading our important work in promoting freedom of expression, Internet-related issues and multilingualism, as well as UNESCO's contribution to and leading role in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) +10 review process.

(The Chair continued in French)

48.16 Mesdames et Messieurs, chers collègues, je m'engage à travailler avec tous les États membres de l'UNESCO, le Secrétariat et tous les autres partenaires. Je m'engage aussi à ne ménager aucun effort afin de créer un terrain d'entente et de compréhension mutuelle et d'être toujours disponible et à l'écoute des différentes opinions. Enfin, je souhaite le plein succès à nos futurs travaux et à la réalisation de nos objectifs et de nos rêves communs pour un monde meilleur. Encore une fois, je vous remercie de votre confiance et de votre soutien.

(Applaudissements)

Item 4: Election of the Vice-Chairs of the Executive Board

49. **The Chair** said that the electoral groups had achieved consensus in nominating the following candidates for election as Vice-Chairs of the Executive Board: Netherlands (Group I), Albania (Group II), Ecuador (Group III), Bangladesh (Group IV), Angola (Group V(a)), United Arab Emirates (Group V(b)).

50. *The Netherlands, Albania, Ecuador, Bangladesh, Angola and United Arab Emirates were elected Vice-Chairs of the Executive Board by acclamation.*

51. **The Chair** congratulated the Vice-Chairs on their election and invited them to address the Executive Board.

52. **Mr Zeldenrust** (Netherlands) (Vice-Chair for Group I), thanking the Members of the Board for their confidence, said that he very much looked forward to

working with them under the leadership of the new Chair and he would do his utmost to contribute to enhancing the Board's governance processes, with a results-based approach, in order to make it function as effectively as possible.

53.1 **M. Sita-N'sadisi** (Angola) (Vice-Président pour le Groupe V(a)), saluant le talent et les qualités des personnes à la tête des trois organes directeurs de l'UNESCO, se dit confiant qu'ils permettront de mener à bien, dans la sérénité, les travaux du Conseil pour l'exercice biennal à venir. Il remercie également les États membres du groupe Afrique qui ont désigné l'Angola comme Vice-Président du Conseil exécutif et salue le travail accompli par Djibouti à ce poste au cours de l'exercice écoulé. L'Angola mesure les responsabilités qui sont désormais les siennes, notamment en ce qui concerne la préparation des contributions des pays africains aux travaux des différents comités et commissions du Conseil.

53.2 L'orateur poursuit en soulignant que l'exercice biennal 2014-2015 devra être marqué par le renouvellement de l'engagement de tous les États membres en faveur des idéaux de l'Organisation ainsi que par la volonté d'assurer avec succès la mise en œuvre de la Stratégie à moyen terme de l'UNESCO, y compris la Stratégie opérationnelle révisée pour la priorité Afrique, le Plan d'action pour la priorité Égalité des genres et la Stratégie opérationnelle pour la jeunesse, malgré les contraintes financières qui freinent les ambitions de l'Organisation. Le groupe Afrique devra œuvrer au renforcement du leadership de l'UNESCO et soutenir les apports spécialisés de l'Organisation aux grands débats internationaux sur l'édification de la paix, le développement durable, l'inclusion sociale, le rapprochement des cultures, le dialogue interculturel et la protection du patrimoine mondial.

53.3 M. Sita-N'sadisi ajoute que l'Afrique sera particulièrement attentive à la question sensible de l'affectation des ressources financières et humaines afin que les bureaux hors Siège puissent tenir efficacement leur rôle sur le terrain. L'Afrique plaidera également pour un approfondissement des valeurs que représentent l'éducation, la culture, les sciences, la technologie et la communication en tant que facteurs d'un développement durable et inclusif. À l'approche de l'échéance fixée pour la réalisation des Objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement (OMD), le groupe Afrique se félicite de la démarche de la Directrice générale visant à nouer des partenariats stratégiques avec l'Union africaine afin de faire valoir ses priorités spécifiques dans l'agenda pour le développement durable post-2015. L'Afrique prône le devoir de solidarité et défend les fondements d'une équité qui permette de garantir une meilleure représentation géographique au sein du Secrétariat et des organes de gestion des Conventions de l'Organisation.

54. **Mr Islam** (Bangladesh) (Vice-Chair for Group IV) congratulated the Chair and Vice-Chairs on their election and expressed his sincere thanks to the Members of the Board for electing Bangladesh as Vice-Chair for the newly constituted Executive Board, and especially the Member States of the Asia and the Pacific group (ASPAC) for their confidence in nominating Bangladesh. As Vice-Chair for the ASPAC group, he would endeavour to reflect the views and concerns of the group in the work of the Executive Board and to promote consensus and cooperation with all Board Members. He expressed particular appreciation and respect for Mr Oberoi, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of India, who had

worked highly efficiently as Vice-Chair for Group IV in the past years. He said that it was a good time to be on the Bureau with the new Medium-Term Strategy for the forthcoming eight years, a new Programme and Budget for the upcoming four years and a re-elected Director-General with vast experience in running the Organization. The Director-General was aware of the Member States' demands and concerns, which she was making every effort to reflect through the work of the Organization, both in terms of its global leadership and its service delivery at the national level.

55. **El Sr. Pozomalo** (Ecuador) (Vice-Présidente por el Grupo III) expresa la determinación de su país de trabajar de consuno con el GRULAC, el Presidente y la Secretaría para que el Consejo pueda cumplir los objetivos trazados por la Conferencia General en su 37ª reunión.

(55) **M. Pozomalo** (Équateur) (Vice-Président pour le Groupe III) exprime la détermination de son pays à travailler de concert avec le GRULAC, le Président et le Secrétariat afin que le Conseil puisse atteindre les objectifs fixés par la Conférence générale à sa 37^e session.

56. **Ms Kadare** (Albania) (Vice-Chair for Group II) expressed sincere thanks to the members of Group II for producing a clean slate, which had allowed a small country such as Albania to be elected. She gave special thanks to the former Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Ms Husseinova, who, as Chair of Group II, had played a constructive role in reaching consensus. She was aware of the responsibility of her new role and would do her best to meet the Executive Board's expectations. Finally, she congratulated the former Vice-Chair of the Executive Board for Group II, Slovakia, who had done an excellent job, as well as all the newly-elected Vice-Chairs with whom she looked forward to working with closely.

٥٧ شكر السيد النعيمي (الإمارات العربية المتحدة) مجموعة الدول العربية على اختيارها لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة لتولي أحد مناصب نائب رئيس المجلس التنفيذي، كما شكر أعضاء المجلس على تأكيد هذا الاختيار. وأعرب عن اعتقاده بأن أعضاء المجلس التنفيذي سيتعاونون بقوة في هذه الفترة من أجل الوصول إلى الحوكمة والنجاح في كل مهام المجلس. وشكر السيد النعيمي نائب الرئيس السابق، ممثل المملكة العربية السعودية، على ما قام به خلال السنتين الماضيتين وتعهده بمواصلة الجهود التي بذلها في المجلس. وأكد، نظراً إلى أن رئيس المجلس التنفيذي ينتمي إلى مجموعة الدول العربية، أنه سيعمل جاهداً من أجل التوفيق باعتدال وتصميم وتعقل بين ما يطرح من قضايا، وبخاصة ما يتعلق بالقضايا العربية، ولا سيما قضية فلسطين، خدمةً لقيم منظمة اليونسكو السامية الساعية إلى السلام. وختم بالقول إن المرحلة القادمة ستشهد تعاوناً مثمراً من أجل قيم هذه المنظمة.

(57) **M. Alneaimi** (Émirats Arabes Unis) remercie le groupe des États arabes d'avoir choisi les Émirats Arabes Unis pour occuper un des postes de vice-président du Conseil exécutif, et il remercie également les membres du Conseil d'avoir confirmé ce choix. Il est persuadé que les membres du Conseil exécutif coopéreront en permanence dans la période à venir afin d'assurer la gouvernance du Conseil et de permettre à celui-ci de s'acquitter de toutes ses fonctions avec succès. L'orateur remercie le précédent vice-président, à savoir le représentant de l'Arabie saoudite, pour ce qu'il a fait ces deux dernières années, et s'engage à poursuivre les efforts déployés par son prédécesseur au sein du Conseil. Étant donné que le Président du Conseil exécutif appartient au groupe des États arabes, l'orateur

s'évertuera, avec modération, détermination et pondération, à concilier les différentes questions à l'examen, notamment celles qui concernent le monde arabe et en particulier la question de Palestine, et ce afin de servir les nobles valeurs de l'Organisation, qui œuvre pour la paix. Enfin, il affirme que la période à venir sera marquée par une coopération fructueuse, l'objectif étant de défendre les valeurs de l'Organisation.

58. **The Chair** invited the newly elected Vice-Chairs to review with him, after the present meeting, the results of their consultations concerning the offices of Chairs of the commissions and committees as well as their membership. He reminded them that according to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Chairs of the commissions and committees should be the representative (not an alternate) of the Member State concerned.

GENERAL MATTERS

Item 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)

59.1 **Mr Tang** (Assistant Director-General for Education) said that the Director-General had submitted to the Board for approval proposals concerning invitations to 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, also known as the Arusha Convention. UNESCO had seven regional conventions recognizing university degrees to ensure the quality of higher education and facilitate the mobility of academics in a globalized world. The text of the Arusha Convention had been revised in collaboration with the African Union, and the General Conference had decided, at its 36th session, to convene an international conference of States to adopt the revised text. Throughout the past biennium, UNESCO had worked to mobilize funds and identify a host country to organize that important conference. In August 2013, UNESCO had received confirmation from the Ethiopian Government of its agreement to host the conference in Addis Ababa in 2014. The Governments of China and Norway had committed substantive financial contributions to make the conference possible. The action had been initiated under the personal instruction and guidance of the Director-General, who wished to make the Organization a platform where countries of the South, such as China, and of the North, such as Norway, could join hands and support education development, particularly higher education development in Africa. It would be an excellent example of South-North-South triangular cooperation. On behalf of the Director-General, Mr Tang thanked China and Norway for their generous support and said that he hoped other countries would join their efforts.

59.2 Invitations to category I conferences were decided by the Executive Board. The Director-General had proposed that all UNESCO Member States of the African region and State Parties to the Convention be invited to participate with the right to vote; other Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO could send observers; organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO had concluded mutual representation

agreements could send representatives; and organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO had not concluded mutual representation agreements as well as other IGOs, NGOs and foundations could also send observers to the conference. UNESCO had received a request from the European Union to be invited as an observer and the Director-General had no objection thereto. The draft decision contained in paragraph 11 of document 193 EX/8 sought endorsement from the Executive Board of the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to the international conference of States.

60. **M. Seddoh** (Togo) remercie la Directrice générale de cette initiative, dont il se félicite, car la révision de la Convention régionale de 1981 sur la reconnaissance des études et des certificats, diplômes, grades et autres titres de l'enseignement supérieur dans les États d'Afrique revêt une importance capitale pour l'enseignement supérieur en Afrique. Rappelant qu'une version révisée de la Convention était prête depuis 2006, il remercie les Gouvernements de la Chine, de la Norvège et de l'Éthiopie de leur soutien à l'organisation de cette importante réunion, qui permettra enfin d'examiner le nouveau texte. Il souhaite toutefois que la Conférence ne se limite pas à l'adoption d'un texte révisé, mais qu'elle prévoie un mécanisme de mise en œuvre et de suivi de la Convention. Par ailleurs, il s'étonne de ne pas voir figurer l'Organisation internationale du Travail (OIT) parmi les organismes des Nations Unies qu'il est proposé d'inviter. Compte tenu de la collaboration étroite qui a toujours existé entre l'UNESCO et l'OIT, notamment dans le cadre des recommandations concernant la condition du personnel enseignant, il serait hautement souhaitable que cette organisation participe à la Conférence.

61. **Mr Haile** (Ethiopia) said that his country was honoured to host the International Conference of States for the revision of the Arusha Convention and encouraged all African States to participate in the Conference at the highest level. He thanked UNESCO for organizing the event and expressed special appreciation to the Governments of China and Norway for their valuable support.

62. **Ms Katagun** (Nigeria) endorsed the comments made by Togo and supported the inclusion of the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the European Union in the invitation to the Conference. Her delegation was particularly pleased that the Conference would take place, as it would help to encourage and facilitate staff and student mobility within the region. She suggested amending paragraph 3, subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d) of the draft decision contained in document 193 EX/8, as they all started with the same phrase and could be merged into a single subparagraph.

63. **M. Sita-N'sadisi** (Angola) remercie la Directrice générale de cette initiative qui était d'autant plus attendue que la mise en œuvre de la Convention en vigueur était entrée dans une certaine léthargie. Il ne doute pas qu'une actualisation du texte de la Convention permettra de valoriser cet instrument et remercie l'Éthiopie, qui accueillera cette importante réunion, avec l'appui de la Norvège et de la Chine. Enfin, l'orateur se rallie à la position du Togo qui souhaite que la Conférence définisse un mécanisme de suivi visant à assurer la mise en œuvre efficace de la Convention.

64. **Mme Tarhouni** (Tunisie) se joint aux félicitations et remerciements des orateurs précédents concernant cette initiative qui s'inscrit pleinement dans le cadre de la

priorité Afrique. Elle souligne l'importance d'une application pleine et effective de la Convention pour la mobilité des diplômés de l'enseignement supérieur dans les États d'Afrique. Par ailleurs, remerciant le Secrétariat pour le document présenté, elle tient toutefois à préciser que l'Organisation de la Conférence islamique, qui figure parmi les institutions qu'il est proposé d'inviter, s'appelle désormais « Organisation de la coopération islamique ».

65. **M. Doucoure** (Mali) félicite à son tour la Directrice générale pour cette initiative qui verra enfin le jour en 2014 et qui s'inscrit pleinement dans le cadre de la priorité Afrique. Celle-ci est en effet pertinente dans la mesure où l'Afrique compte des systèmes d'enseignement supérieur à plusieurs vitesses. La Convention devrait permettre d'y remédier et d'assurer une plus grande mobilité des enseignants et des étudiants. Il convient également de remercier l'Éthiopie, qui accueillera la Conférence, ainsi que la Chine et la Norvège.

66. **Ms Rampersad** (Trinidad and Tobago), while endorsing the proposal, said that she wished to comment on the absence of significant elements of the African Caribbean Diaspora within the proposal and suggested that the composition of those invited be broadened to accommodate related organizations and groups, in view of the Caribbean region's close ties with Africa and the desire to make the education system more culturally relevant to the peoples of the Caribbean region.

67. **尤先生** (中国) 称中国认为 1981 年《非洲各国承认高等教育学历和证书、文凭、学位及其它资格的地区公约》是一项重要公约。中国认为这样的公约对于推动非洲国家地区乃至世界其他国家地区的高等教育的交流合作具有重要意义。中方支持教科文组织召开这样的会议，并愿意提供必要协助。

(67) **M. You** (Chine) souligne l'importance que la Chine accorde à la Convention régionale sur la reconnaissance des études et des certificats, diplômes, grades et autres titres de l'enseignement supérieur dans les États d'Afrique (1981). La Chine reconnaît la valeur d'une telle convention pour l'échange et la collaboration dans le domaine de l'enseignement supérieur entre les États et les régions d'Afrique, ainsi que d'autres parties du monde. La Chine soutient la tenue de cette conférence par l'UNESCO et s'engage à lui fournir l'assistance nécessaire.

68. **Mme Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon) se félicite de cette initiative visant à réviser le texte d'une Convention devenue obsolète. Elle s'associe aux interventions des représentants du Togo et de la Chine, ainsi que de Trinité-et-Tobago qui a proposé l'ajout de la diaspora africaine parmi les observateurs invités. Ceci étant dit, le Gabon souhaite rappeler qu'il existe un Conseil africain et malgache pour l'enseignement supérieur (CAMES) qui mériterait lui aussi d'être invité à cette Conférence. Par ailleurs, l'oratrice rappelle que l'un des éléments moteurs du développement de l'Afrique sera la formation des jeunes, mais que cette formation ne sera véritablement efficace que si elle s'accompagne d'un mécanisme de suivi, comme l'a souligné le représentant du Togo. Il faudra également faire en sorte que l'éducation et la formation en Afrique soient en adéquation avec l'emploi. Tous ces éléments devront être pris en compte par la Conférence.

69. **El Sr. Muñoz Ledo** (México) apoya la iniciativa de que se haya incluido este importante tema en el orden del día y propone que en el proyecto de decisión se añada

un párrafo para agradecer al Gobierno de Etiopía su ofrecimiento de acoger esa reunión.

(69) **M. Muñoz Ledo** (Mexique) salue l'initiative de l'inscription de ce point important à l'ordre du jour et propose d'ajouter un paragraphe dans le projet de décision pour remercier le Gouvernement de l'Éthiopie de sa proposition d'accueillir cette réunion.

70. **Ms Ithete** (Namibia) congratulated Mr Amr on his election as Chair of the Executive Board. She said that, while Egypt belonged to the Arab States group, her delegation took pride in the fact that it was also was one of the great African nations. Concerning the invitations to the International Conference of States, she endorsed the initiative and said that she was glad that the Board was discussing the Conference in a timely manner so that preparations for it could get under way. She thanked Norway and China for their support and hoped that other Member States, including African Member States, would follow suit.

71. **The Director-General** thanked all Board Members for their appreciation of and support for her initiative. She said that the initiative went to the heart of Priority Africa and education, both higher education and the quality of education; it also addressed important issues such as youth, mobility of students and professors, competitiveness and sustainable development of African countries. All the valuable drafting proposals made by Member States to improve the invitations would be incorporated. She expressed her appreciation to Ethiopia for hosting the event and thanked China and Norway for their joint support for the Conference.

72. **The Chair** said that the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the European Union (EU) would be added to the list of observers. In addition, Mexico had proposed adding a new paragraph 5 to the decision, which he invited the Secretary of the Board to read out.

73. **The Secretary in extenso:**

New paragraph 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*".

74. **尤先生** (中国) 感谢主席和其他代表提议把中国和挪威作为资助国列入。教育助理总干事唐度先生刚刚表示除中国和挪威以外，也欢迎其他国家加入支持和帮助召开这次会议。因此他建议将行文改为“感谢中国、挪威和其他国家支持这次会议”。

(74) **M. You** (Chine) remercie le Président et les représentants des autres États pour leur recommandation d'inscrire la Chine et la Norvège en tant qu'États coparrainants. M. Tang Qian, Sous-Directeur général pour l'éducation, invite d'autres États à rejoindre la Chine et la Norvège dans leur soutien et leur assistance à cette conférence. Il recommande donc de modifier le texte comme suit : « remercie la Chine, la Norvège et d'autres États pour leur soutien à cette conférence »

75. **The Chair** suggested adding to paragraph 5 of the draft decision, just after "China and Norway", the words "as well as other countries for their generous support".

76. **Mme Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon), se référant à la proposition du représentant du Togo, propose d'ajouter un paragraphe demandant à la

Conférence de mettre en place un mécanisme de suivi qui permettrait d'évaluer les suites données à ses travaux.

77. **The Legal Adviser** said that normally, under such conventions, consultative organs such as follow-up mechanisms were set up by the Member States of the convention, and therefore the place to suggest the establishment of a follow-up mechanism was at the conference.

78. **Mme Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon) insiste, compte tenu de l'importance que revêt la Convention, pour que la mise en place d'un mécanisme de suivi soit mentionnée dans la décision.

79. **La Directrice générale** considère qu'il s'agit d'une question importante qui reflète les préoccupations de nombreux autres représentants. Elle souhaite toutefois dissiper la confusion qui entoure cette proposition. Il convient tout d'abord d'éclaircir un point : est-il question d'un mécanisme de suivi de la Convention ou de la Conférence ? Dans le premier cas, il existe deux possibilités. Certaines Conventions se dotent elles-mêmes d'un mécanisme de suivi pour assurer leur mise en œuvre, comme l'a indiqué la Conseillère juridique, tandis que d'autres comptent uniquement sur l'Assemblée générale de leurs États parties. Dans le deuxième cas, la question est de savoir à qui il appartient de mettre en place un tel mécanisme. Attend-t-on quelque-chose du Secrétariat ou s'agit-il plutôt d'un point à inscrire à l'ordre du jour de la Conférence ? La Directrice générale demande donc à la représentante du Gabon de préciser sa proposition.

80. **Mme Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon) remercie la Directrice générale de ces éclaircissements et précise qu'elle souhaite la mise en place d'un mécanisme de suivi de la Conférence qui permette à tous les participants d'évaluer la suite donnée à leurs travaux.

81. **The Chair** said that the Secretariat had taken note of the point raised by Gabon and would work on the wording of a new paragraph to ensure that those concerns were reflected in a way that could be implemented in the future.

82. **Ms Ithee** (Namibia) said that she wished to return to the newly drafted paragraph 5 of the proposed decision in document 193 EX/8, as it was unusual to thank Member States that had not yet made a contribution. She suggested changing the paragraph to invite or encourage other Member States to make contributions.

83. **The Chair** said that the Secretariat had amended paragraph 5 accordingly and invited the Secretary of the Board to read out the proposed amendment.

84. **The Secretary in extenso:**

New paragraph 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, while inviting other Member States also to support it*".

85. **The Chair** said that the Secretariat would work on paragraph 6 of the draft decision during the lunch break in order to reflect the concerns of Gabon and the draft decision would be proposed for adoption in the afternoon meeting.

Tribute to Mr Michael Millward, Secretary of the Executive Board and Secretary of the General Conference

86. **Mr Oberoi** (India), supported by **Mr Palacios** (Cuba) and **Ms Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon), said that he wished to place on record the appreciation of the Indian delegation for the work carried out over the years by the Secretary of the Board, Mr Michael Millward, in keeping the Executive Board moving and alive and ensuring that proceedings were conducted smoothly. As it was Mr Millward's last Board meeting in his capacity as Secretary, he suggested that a decision be drafted to pay tribute to Mr Millward.

87. **M. Doucoure** (Mali) se déclare surpris par la nouvelle du départ du Secrétaire du Conseil et souhaite lui aussi que l'on trouve un moyen de lui rendre hommage.

88. **Mr Killion** (United States of America) joined his colleagues in expressing deep admiration for the work of Mr Millward, whom he considered to be an institution within UNESCO. He said that the services rendered to the Organization and its governing bodies by Mr Millward over so many years needed to be formally recognized.

89. **El Sr. Pozomalo** (Ecuador) rinde homenaje al Secretario saliente del Consejo Ejecutivo.

(89) **M. Pozomalo** (Équateur) rend hommage au Secrétaire sortant du Conseil exécutif.

٩٠ صرح السيد النعيمي (الإمارات العربية المتحدة) أنه يضم صوته إلى صوت الهند وعدد من الدول الأخرى ليؤكد قدرات السيد مايكل ميلوارد. وأعرب، بصفته رئيساً لمجموعة الدول العربية، عن تأييد هذه المجموعة لمشروع القرار وعن تمسكها بإمكانيات السيد ميلوارد وقدراته.

(90) **M. Alneaimi** (Émirats Arabes Unis) se joint aux représentants de l'Inde et d'un certain nombre d'autres pays pour saluer les compétences de M. Michael Millward et, en tant que Président du Groupe arabe, déclare que son groupe approuve le projet de décision et tient à rendre hommage aux compétences et capacités de M. Millward.

The meeting rose at 1.00 p.m.

DEUXIÈME SÉANCE

Vendredi 22 novembre 2013 à 15 h 10

Président : M. Amr

GENERAL MATTERS (*continued*)

Item 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 (*continued*) (193 EX/8)

1. **The Chair** invited the Secretary to read out the amendment to the draft decision in paragraph 11 of document 193 EX/8, relating to Gabon's proposal for including a follow-up mechanism.
2. **The Secretary in extenso:**
New paragraph 6: "Requests the Director-General to recommend to Member States to ensure that the International Conference will consider a follow-up mechanism to the implementation of the revised 1981 Regional Convention".
3. **Mme Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon) remercie le Président et salue sa volonté de prendre en compte les différents points de vue. Elle remercie une nouvelle fois la Directrice générale des éclaircissements apportés sur cette question, ainsi que le Secrétariat des efforts déployés pour formuler un texte satisfaisant.
4. **The Chair**, seeing no objections, took it that the Executive Board wished to approve new paragraphs 5 and 6 of the draft decision contained in paragraph 11 of document 193 EX/8.
5. *It was so decided.*
6. **The Chair**, seeing no objections, took it that the Board wished to adopt the draft decision contained in paragraph 11 of document 193 EX/8, as amended.
7. *It was so decided.*

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Item 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)

8. **The Chair** reminded the Executive Board that all Members of the Board were automatically members of the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) and of the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA), as decided by the Board at its 70th session (70 EX/Decision 3). He then invited the Secretary of the Board to read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by each electoral group to serve on the Special Committee (SP), composed of 18 members in accordance with 122 EX/Decision 9.2.
9. **The Secretary in extenso:**
Group I: Netherlands, Spain, Sweden. Group II: Estonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine. Group III: Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Trinidad and Tobago. Group IV: Indonesia, Japan,

Thailand. Group V(a): Guinea, Togo, Uganda. Group V(b) Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia.

10. **The Chair** invited the Secretary of the Board to read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by each electoral group to serve on the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which had had 30 members during the 2012-2013 biennium.
11. **The Secretary in extenso:**
Group I: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, United States of America. Group II: Albania, Czech Republic, Estonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro. Group III: Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico. Group IV: Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand. Group VI(a): Angola, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique. Group V(b): Algeria, Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, United Arab Emirates.
12. **The Chair** invited the Secretary of the Board to read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by each electoral group to serve on the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP), which had had 23 members during the 2012-2013 biennium.
13. **The Secretary in extenso:**
Group I: Austria, France, Germany, Italy. Group II: Russian Federation, Ukraine. Group III: Belize, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis. Group IV: China, Indonesia, Nepal, Republic of Korea. Group V(a): Chad, Gambia, Mali, Togo. Group V(b): Algeria, Kuwait, Morocco, Tunisia.
14. **The Chair**, seeing no objections, took it that the Board agreed to approve the membership of the permanent committees.
15. *It was so decided.*
16. **The Chair** said that if he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board agreed to suspend Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, in accordance with Rule 67, so that it could elect the chairs of the commissions and committees by acclamation.
17. *It was so decided.*
18. **The Secretary in extenso:**
Chair of the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX), Mr Muñoz-Ledo (Mexico). Chair of the Financial and Administrative Commission (FA), Mr Sudders (United Kingdom). Chair of the Special Committee (SP), Mr Camara (Guinea). Chair of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), Ms Chatardová (Czech Republic). Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP), Mr Malego (Nepal).
19. **The Chair** said that, if he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board agreed to elect the nominees, as read out by the Secretary of the Board, by acclamation.
20. *It was so decided.*
21. **The Chair**, congratulating the chairs of the two commissions and three committees of the Executive Board on their election, said that he looked forward to meeting the newly-formed Bureau soon to discuss issues relating to their future work together.

Item 7: Terms of reference of the committees and of the Preparatory Group of the Executive Board; proposed terms of reference of the Special Committee (SP), of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners – NGP, and mandate of the Preparatory Group of the Executive Board (193 EX/DR.7.1 – 7.4)

22.1 **The Chair** said that the proposed terms of reference of the Special Committee set out in document 193 EX/DR.7.1 were identical to those adopted by the Board at its 188th session, with the addition of a reference to 192 EX/Decision 16 (VII), adopted by the Board when it had considered the schedule and workload of Board sessions. It had been decided that the SP Committee and the NGP Committee would meet once a year, as appropriate. The proposed terms of reference of the CR Committee set out in document 193 EX/DR.7.2 were identical to those adopted by the Board at its 188th session, except that the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education was not mentioned since its mandate had been terminated by 190 EX/Decision 25. The proposed terms of reference of the NGP Committee set out in document 193 EX/DR.7.3 were identical to those adopted by the Board at its 187th session under 187 EX/Decision 36, with two additions: the first, a reference to the relevant resolutions of the General Conference relating to the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions; and the second, as for the terms of reference of the Special Committee, a reference to 192 EX/Decision 16 (VII), by which the Executive Board had decided that the NGP Committee would meet once a year, as appropriate.

22.2 He then invited the Board to adopt, one by one, the draft decisions on the terms of reference of the Special Committee (193 EX/DR.7.1), the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (193 EX/DR.7.2) and the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (193 EX/DR.7.3). If he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board wished to adopt the terms of reference of the Special Committee contained in document 193 EX/DR.7.1.

23. *It was so decided.*

24. **El Sr. Palacios** (Cuba) propone que se incluya un nuevo párrafo 4 en el proyecto de decisión 193 EX/DR 7.2, a saber: "*Decide también seguir evaluando y examinando los métodos de trabajo del Comité tal y como se estipula en la Decisión 192 EX/19*".

(24) **Mr Palacios** (Cuba) proposed including a new paragraph 4 in draft decision 193 EX/DR 7.2, along the lines of: "*Also decides to continue evaluating and reviewing the working methods of the Committee as stipulated in 192 EX/Decision 19*".

25. **Mr You** (China), **Mr Haile** (Ethiopia), **Ms Chowdhury** (Bangladesh), **Mr Filmus** (Argentina), **M. Sita-N'sadisi** (Angola), **Ms Faxas** (Dominican Republic), **Ms Sol de Pool** (El Salvador), **Ms da Rocha** (Brazil), **Ms Ossakedjombou-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon), **Mr Camara** (Guinea), **Mr Doucoure** (Mali), **Mr Rahal** (Algeria), **Mr Pozomalo** (Ecuador), **Mr Oberoi** (India) and **Ms Mufti** (Pakistan) supported the amendment proposed by Cuba.

26. **Mr Sudders** (United Kingdom), supported by **Mr Killion** (United States of America), **Ms Kadare** (Albania), **Mr Puglisi** (Italy), **Mr Zeldenrust** (Netherlands),

Mr Budjaku (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), **Mr Poncet** (France), **Ms Siim** (Estonia), **Mr Worbs** (Germany), **Ms Chatardová** (Czech Republic), **Ms Raznatović** (Montenegro) and **Ms von Zweigbergk** (Sweden), said that the decision referred to by the representative of Cuba would lead to the review in any case. Therefore, he did not support the proposed amendment because it was peculiar to include a perpetual review in the terms of reference of a committee, and would set an undesirable precedent.

27. **Mr Stranzl** (Austria) said that he supported the remarks by the United Kingdom. A very fragile consensus had been reached when revising the text for the terms of reference of the CR Committee; he saw no reason to add the new wording proposed by Cuba. A consensus might be reached if the paragraph began "*Recalling 192 EX/Decision 19*".

28. **Mr Doyle** (Saint Kitts and Nevis) said that he had no desire to vex his distinguished colleagues of the Latin America and Caribbean group, but that he wished to support the compromise proposed by Austria for the wording of the paragraph in the interest of the efficient running of the CR Committee's agenda and in order to avoid duplication.

29. **The Chair** asked the representative of Cuba whether he might consider as acceptable the compromise suggested by Austria for the wording of the paragraph, so that the Board could find consensus in order to adopt the terms of reference of the CR Committee contained in document 193 EX/DR.7.2.

30. **El Sr. Palacios** (Cuba) poniendo de relieve la falta de argumentos que observa en la oposición a su propuesta, recuerda que el mandato será únicamente para el bienio, no perpetuo. La modificación que propone se ampara en la Decisión 192 EX/19 adoptada por consenso y, aún antes, en la Decisión 149 EX/5.2, a cuyo párrafo pertinente da lectura. Mantiene su propuesta, que cuenta además con un apoyo mayoritario.

(30) **Mr Palacios** (Cuba), highlighting the lack of arguments in opposition to his proposal, recalled that the terms of reference were only for the biennium, not forever. The amendment that he had proposed came under 192 EX/Decision 19, adopted by consensus and, even earlier, under 149 EX/Decision 5.2, whose relevant paragraph he read out. He maintained his proposal, which, furthermore, had the support of the majority.

31. **The Chair** requested further proposals from the Members of the Board in order to reach consensus on the matter.

32. **Mme da Rocha** (Brésil) considère que rien n'empêche de faire figurer l'amendement proposé dans le projet de décision étant donné que personne ne semble s'y opposer sur le fond et que seul le fait de répéter les termes d'une décision déjà adoptée soulève quelques réticences.

33. **尤先生** (中国) 认为古巴不是建议执行局增加职权, 这本来就是执行局职权范围内的问题。尤先生认为第一, 现在我们面临的很多形势都发生了变化, 执行局的职责应根据需要做适当调整; 第二, 我们应对 CR 委员会讨论的问题及其重点和方法是否合适进行评估和研究。他指出尤其是在当今国际形势变化的情况下, 我们应该与时俱进, 根据新的情况, 解决新的问题。

- (33) **Mr You** (China) said that he understood that Cuba was not suggesting that the Executive Board expand the CR Committee's terms of reference, as the issue fell within the current terms of reference. Firstly, the Executive Board should adjust the terms of reference according to changes in the current situation, and secondly, it should consider and evaluate the usefulness of the subjects of the CR Committee's discussions, and the Committee's focus and methods. With the evolving international situation, it was important to keep pace with the times and resolve new problems in the context of new situations.
34. **Ms Sock** (Gambia) said that in light of the further explanation provided by Cuba, her delegation supported his proposal.
35. **Mme Chatardová** (République tchèque) souscrit à la proposition du représentant de l'Autriche qui suggère, puisque l'amendement présenté par Cuba n'apporte rien de nouveau, de ne faire qu'un simple rappel à la décision déjà adoptée à ce sujet.
36. **El Sr. Muñoz Ledo** (México) apoya la propuesta de Cuba e indica que quizá podría añadirse "*con miras a encontrar un pronto arreglo*" al final del párrafo propuesto. De esta forma se evitarían las dudas sobre la duración del mandato.
- (36) **Mr Muñoz Ledo** (Mexico) endorsed the proposal by the representative of Cuba and said that perhaps the wording "*with a view to prompt settlement*" could be added at the end of the proposed paragraph, in order to dispel any doubts over the length of the terms of reference.
37. **Mr Killion** (United States of America) said that the Board had clearly reached an impasse, with a number of Members in favour of the Cuban proposal and a number of Members against. The wording of the terms of reference had already been difficult to agree upon in the first place. While he understood the point that Cuba wished to make, he hoped that the Executive Board could note that point and move forward to adopting the wording that had been previously agreed.
38. **El Sr. Palacios** (Cuba) propone una mejora del párrafo, que procede a leer en inglés: "*Also decides, for the next biennium, to keep evaluating and examining the working methods of the Committee, as stated in 192 EX/Decision 19*". Con esta formulación quedaría claro que la propuesta es únicamente para el bienio.
- (38) **Mr Palacios** (Cuba) proposed an improvement of the paragraph, which he read out in English: "*Also decides, for the next biennium, to keep evaluating and examining the working methods of the Committee, as stated in 192 EX/Decision 19*". That wording should make it clear that the proposal was only for the biennium.
39. **Mr Sudders** (United Kingdom) said that if the representative of Cuba was willing to omit the word "*keep*", that would take away the perpetual nature of the evaluation, and he could perhaps then agree to its addition to the terms of reference.
40. **El Sr. Palacios** (Cuba) no tiene inconveniente, siguiendo la propuesta del Reino Unido, en eliminar la palabra "*keep*".
- (40) **Mr Palacios** (Cuba) had no objection to the proposal by the representative of the United Kingdom to delete the word "*keep*".
41. **Mr Sudders** (United Kingdom) requested that 192 EX/Decision 19 be read out in order to make sure that the wording of the proposed new paragraph for 193 EX/DR.7.2 was satisfactory.
42. **The Chair** read out paragraph 6 of 192 EX/Decision 19 as follows: "*Considering that it could be necessary to continue evaluating and reviewing the aforementioned working methods of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in order to agree through consultations on clearer rules and procedures to improve the work and effectiveness of the Committee*".
43. **Mr Sudders** (United Kingdom) said that his preference, if the Board would accept it, would be to take the Cuban wording omitting the word "*keep*" and the Austrian proposal to place the reference in the preamble, "*Recalling 192 EX/Decision 19*".
44. **The Chair** said that he wished to keep the spirit of consensus that had been achieved when approving 192 EX/Decision 19 – paragraph 6 of which the representative of Cuba wished to refer to in the terms of reference of the CR Committee – and therefore asked the Board whether it could consider as acceptable the proposal by Cuba, as amended by the United Kingdom and Austria.
45. **Mr Worbs** (Germany) said that the Board had heard many proposals and amendments, and requested that the final version be read out slowly so as to enable the Board to decide whether to adopt it.
46. **The Chair** said that, in order to be consistent with 192 EX/Decision 19 and to reflect the proposals of both Cuba and Austria, he proposed the following new paragraph to document 193 EX/DR.7.2: "*Also decides, for the next biennium (2014-2015), to evaluate and review the methods of work of the Committee as enshrined in 192 EX/Decision 19*".
47. **Mr Killion** (United States of America), seconded by **Ms Kadare** (Albania), said, sensing a near consensus, that he was concerned that the Board might appear to be deciding something and then deciding the same thing again, as if it was lacking confidence in its own decisions. He suggested replacing the words "*Also decides*" with "*Recalls the decision*".
48. **Mr Oberoi** (India) said that for the current and future meetings, it would be useful to have on-screen projection of the text under discussion. He likened the current exercise to playing chess blindfolded in a dark room. He was nonetheless beginning to see the sense of where the Board was going with the draft decision.
49. **The Chair** thanked India for his suggestion, and said that the current session was a one-day event at which such amendments had not been expected. In the future he would make sure that there was on-screen projection in the plenary. He thanked the Board Members for their patience as they were nearing a consensus.
50. **El Sr. Palacios** (Cuba) se opone a que el párrafo propuesto se incluya en el preámbulo, por lo que pide que empiece con la palabra "*Recuerda*" y que figure como párrafo 4 de la parte dispositiva.
- (50) **Mr Palacios** (Cuba) argued against including the proposed paragraph in the preamble, requesting that the paragraph start with the word "*Recalls*" and appear as paragraph 4 of the operative part of the decision.

51. **The Chair** said that if he saw no objections to placing a paragraph worded “*Also recalling its decision, for this biennium, to evaluate and review the methods of work of the Committee as set forth in 192 EX/Decision 19*”, between paragraphs 2 and 3, he would take it that the Board wished to adopt the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations contained in document 193 EX/DR.7.2 as amended.

52. *It was so decided.*

53. **The Chair** invited the Board to comment on the terms of reference of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners contained in document 193 EX/DR.7.3.

54. **Mr Monji** (Japan) proposed a small technical change to paragraph 4, subparagraph (b), to delete “*once a year, at the spring session*”, owing to the terms of paragraph 3, which said that the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners would meet “*once a year as appropriate*”.

55. **Mme Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon) propose de supprimer, à la fin du paragraphe 3 du projet de décision, l'expression « *s'il y a lieu* », qui pourrait laisser entendre que le Comité sur les partenaires non gouvernementaux pourrait ne pas se réunir du tout certaines années.

56. **The Chair** said that at the 192nd session of the Executive Board, it had been decided, on his proposal, to add the wording “*as appropriate*”, so as not to close the door to the possibility of holding more than one meeting per year, should the Bureau so decide. As far as he had understood from the Secretary, there was a discrepancy between the English language version and the French translation.

57. **Mme Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe** (Gabon) propose alors, pour plus de clarté, de remplacer « *s'il y a lieu* » par « *en tant que de besoin* ».

58. **Mr Doyle** (Saint Kitts and Nevis) proposed an amendment to paragraph 4, subparagraph (a), referring to “*improving its methods of work by, inter alia, carrying out thematic debates*”, by adding “*and choice*” after “*methods of work*”. His concern was in regard to paragraph 4, subparagraph (b) referring to “*proposals that the Director-General may submit to the Executive Board for the establishment or renewal of associate partnerships with non-governmental organizations*”, because notwithstanding that paragraph, it had struck him during his term of office on the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners that there was a lack of NGOs with any experience or oversight of issues associated with the Caribbean region. There were a number of very notable absences from the list of NGOs, for example Oxfam, which was not a local or regional NGO but had a compelling international reach in terms of defending and raising important economic and social issues associated with small island developing States in the Caribbean, which did not always have the institutional capacity to raise those issues at the World Trade Organization and other specialized United Nations organizations. He therefore proposed referring to the choice of renewal of NGO partners in the decision.

59. **The Chair** said that if the representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis had no written draft amendment to propose, the Secretariat could take note of his point and consider it for the future work of the NGP Committee. If he saw no objections, he would take it that the Executive

Board wished to adopt the terms of reference of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners contained in document 193 EX/DR.7.3, as amended in the French version.

60. *It was so decided.*

61.1 **The Chair**, turning to the mandate of the Preparatory Group of the Executive Board (193 EX/DR.7.4), recalled that, by means of 186 EX/Decision 17, the Board had decided to establish, on an experimental basis, an ad hoc group with enhanced participation by all UNESCO Member States to support the preparation of the work of the two plenary commissions of the Board and comprising 18 Board Member (three from each electoral group). The Ad Hoc Preparatory Group had met throughout the biennium under the chairship of Ms Vera Lacoecilhe (Saint Lucia), who had undertaken a review of its functioning based on questionnaires sent to all Member States and a debate during a meeting of the Group. She had concluded that the responses to the review overwhelmingly confirmed the utility of the group and called for its institutionalization, proposing that it be ad hoc no more.

61.2 The recommendations resulting from the review and the proposed mandate of the Preparatory Group were contained in document 193 EX/DR.7.4. It reflected in particular the need for a partial institutionalization of the Group and for an enhanced link with the Executive Board as such; thus, pursuant to paragraph 11 of the draft decision, the Chair of the Preparatory Group might be asked to report to the Bureau, a practice that had already been followed in the previous biennium.

61.3 If he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board wished to adopt the Preparatory Group's mandate, as contained in document 193 EX/DR.7.4.

62. *It was so decided.*

63. **The Chair** invited the Secretary of the Board to read out the list of the Members of the Board who would compose the Preparatory Group in 2014-2015.

64. **The Secretary in extenso:**

Group I – France, Netherlands, Sweden; Group II – Czech Republic, Russian Federation; Group III – Brazil, Cuba, El Salvador; Group IV – Japan, Pakistan, Republic of Korea; Group V(a) – Gabon, Namibia, Nigeria; Group V(b) – Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia.

65. **The Chair** said that, if he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board wished to elect the 17 members of the Preparatory Group as read out by the Secretary.

66. *It was so decided.*

67. **Mr Sudders** (United Kingdom) asked whether there was some mechanism by which, should Group II feel able to fill its remaining seat on the Preparatory Group then it could do so.

68. **The Chair** said that as he understood it, should Group II feel able to fill the remaining seat of the Preparatory Group then it could do so before the forthcoming spring session of the Executive Board. He invited the Secretary to explain the procedure according to the practices of the Board.

69. **The Secretary** confirmed that it was indeed possible to add the last member of the initially foreseen 18-strong committee as long as the election of that

nominee was formalized in a plenary meeting of the Executive Board.

GENERAL MATTERS (*continued*)

Item 9: Proposed dates for the 194th session of the Executive Board and tentative dates for the 195th, 196th, 197th and 198th sessions (193 EX/9.INF)

70. **The Chair** said that the dates for the subsequent sessions of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies in 2014-2015 contained in document 193 EX/9.INF were purely indicative and, as foreseen in Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, could be modified, if necessary, by the Chair. The document also took into account the debate held by the Special Committee at the 192nd session of the Board on the “schedule and workload of the Executive Board” and the corresponding decision (192 EX/Decision 16 (VII)).

71. **Mr Worbs** (Germany) said that while the proposal was in line with previous practices, experience showed that the first Board session following the General Conference lacked substance because it took place too early in the biennium. He proposed either omitting the session altogether, or holding it slightly later, for example in May.

72. **The Chair** said that he himself had raised the question earlier that day with the Secretariat and he had been told that there were too many meetings in May and that the Members of the Board would be preparing for the World Heritage Committee session in June. Furthermore, the agenda for the forthcoming session was full, with a number of issues prepared by the General Conference and matters raised at the 192nd session of the Board not yet reflected in the documents available. The dates proposed were therefore the best available. He noted the request by the representative of Germany, however, and should other possibilities arise, he would consult with the Bureau and keep the Board informed of any changes.

73. **El Sr. Palacios** (Cuba) expresa su sorpresa por la posibilidad de que el Consejo no se reúna en la fecha prevista y recuerda la ingente labor que este tendrá en su reunión de primavera, aludiendo al documento 193 EX/INF.10 en el que se mencionan temas muy importantes, como la reforma de la Organización, y entre los que cabe destacar el Programa Memoria del Mundo. Quiere que la reunión del Consejo se celebre en la fecha propuesta.

(73) **Mr Palacios** (Cuba) expressed his surprise at the suggestion that the Executive Board might not meet as scheduled, and recalled the tremendous amount of work that it would have at its spring session, referring to document 193 EX/INF.10, which included important matters such as the reform of the Organization, and the Memory of the World Programme. He requested that the proposed dates for the Executive Board session be upheld.

74. **Mr Sudders** (United Kingdom) said that he fully agreed with the representative of Cuba and with the dates proposed for the forthcoming session. He suggested, however, that in the future, the document containing the proposed dates of forthcoming session should include the statutory dates for the production of the documents for each session, so as to facilitate the work of the Member States and of the Secretariat.

75. **The Chair** said that the suggestion by the representative of the United Kingdom would be taken into consideration.

76. **Ms Mufti** (Pakistan), fully supporting Cuba and the United Kingdom, said that it was essential to be well prepared; there were important agenda items to be examined at the forthcoming session, such as the post-2015 outlook for education for all (EFA).

77. **Mr Stranzl** (Austria) said that since the decision had been made to hold meetings of the Special Committee (SP) and of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) once a year, it was not clear from document 193 EX/9.INF whether those meetings would be held at the spring or autumn session; he wondered whether that would be decided by the Executive Board or the Bureau.

78. **The Chair** said that the Bureau would consider the matter in light of the agenda and if there were only one SP meeting and one NGP meeting for the coming year, it was more likely to be at the autumn session, although that had still not been decided.

79. **The Chair** said that if he saw no objections, he would take it that the Board wished to take note of document 193 EX/9.INF for information purposes.

80. *It was so decided.*

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

81. The Chair said that the tentative list, by subject, of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2014-2015, contained in document 193 EX/10.INF, did not include questions arising from resolutions just adopted by the General Conference at its 37th session but included the decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its previous sessions. The list was submitted for information purposes; it was not exhaustive and the Board Members could propose items for inclusion in the agenda throughout the biennium.

82. **La Sra. Sol de Pool** (El Salvador) está de acuerdo con Cuba en lo que respecta a la gran cantidad de trabajo que tendrá el Consejo Ejecutivo en su reunión de primavera y recuerda los distintos puntos que habrán de ser incluidos en el orden del día, entre ellos la consulta de la Directora General en virtud del Artículo 59 del Reglamento.

(82) **Ms Sol de Pool** (El Salvador) agreed with the representative of Cuba with regard to the considerable amount of work that the Executive Board would have at the spring session and recalled the various items that should be included in the agenda, including the Director-General's consultation under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure.

83. **La Sra. Faxas** (República Dominicana), refiriéndose a la lista de asuntos que deberán tratarse, señala que no hay ninguno relativo a las ciencias sociales y, habida cuenta entre otras cosas de los debates sobre la creación de un centro y sobre el papel del sector pertinente que tuvieron lugar en la 37ª reunión de la Conferencia General, pide a la Secretaría que no deje de incluir esta temática, independientemente de lo que se diga al respecto en el EX/4.

(83) **Ms Faxas** (Dominican Republic), referring to the list of matters to be addressed, said that none of them concerned the social sciences and, in view of

the discussions during the 37th session of the General Conference on the creation of a centre and the role of the relevant sector, she asked the Secretariat to include the theme in the agenda, regardless of what was said about it in the EX/4 document.

84. **The Chair**, in response to remarks made by the representative of the Dominican Republic, said that the list in document 193 EX/10.INF included items that had been agreed on and decided by the Executive Board during previous sessions and some, but not all, of the issues decided by the General Conference at its 37th session. Any other issues to be added would reflect either what had been decided by the General Conference or proposals by Board Members.

85. **Mr Doyle** (Saint Kitts and Nevis), thanking the Chair for his useful explanations, proposed an item that had not been decided by the General Conference but had been the subject of a draft resolution submitted by his delegation to the General Conference at its 37th session, calling the Director-General to strengthen the work programme in relation to small island developing States (SIDS) and, in the light of the future international conference on SIDS taking place in Palau in September 2014, to submit her proposals to the Board as to the input she would provide at that conference and a UNESCO action plan in response to the post-2015 needs of SIDS, addressing issues such as TVET, climate change, adaptation and mitigation, among others. Not wishing to add to the full agenda, he simply wished to remind the Executive Board that the SIDS would be raising the issue in a constructive manner ahead of the 196th session.

86. **Ms Ithete** (Namibia) called attention to an error on page 5 of the English language version of document 193 EX/10.INF under "Institutes and Centres": the date for the report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa on the Institute's activities should be changed from 2004-2005 to 2014-2015.

87. **The Chair** said that the Secretariat would correct the mistake.

88. **Mr Zeldenrust** (Netherlands) said that, being new to the Board, he had consulted the Rules of Procedure to find out how to propose an item for inclusion in the tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board but had had difficulty finding that information. He therefore requested help from the Secretariat on the matter.

89. **The Secretary** explained that Member States would in due course receive a draft agenda and that all Member States, even non-Board Members, could propose the addition of items to the agenda.

90. **La Directora General** aclara un punto mencionado por la representante de El Salvador respecto a las consultas que debe mantener con el Consejo Ejecutivo al menos cada dos años. Dichas consultas se han celebrado con mayor frecuencia de lo previsto en el Reglamento debido a la reestructuración y la situación financiera de la UNESCO y asegura que, en cualquier caso, habrá consultas sobre diversos temas, además de sobre los nombramientos, en sesión privada, y el plan de reestructuración de la Secretaría, que someterá al Consejo.

(90) **The Director-General** clarified a point made by the representative of El Salvador concerning the consultations that should be held with the Executive

Board at least once every two years. Such consultations had been held more frequently than provided for in the Rules of Procedure owing to the restructuring and the financial situation of UNESCO. She gave assurances that, in any event, there would be consultations on various themes, in addition to those on appointments, in private meetings, and the plan for the restructuring of the Secretariat, which would be submitted to the Executive Board.

91. **The Chair** said that all points expressed by the Members of the Board would be taken into account. The first of the two Executive Board information meetings in 2014 had been scheduled for 12 February 2014, and its theme would be decided by the Bureau. Seeing no objections, he took it that the Board accepted that date.

92. *It was so decided.*

Tribute to Mr Michael Millward, Secretary of the Executive Board and Secretary of the General Conference (continued)

93. **The Chair in extenso:**

Dear colleagues, this morning, many of you spoke about the good work done by our Secretary, Mr Millward, who is leaving us to take up interesting duties carrying forward UNESCO's agenda in assisting the Maghreb countries and based in Rabat. It gives me pleasure on behalf of you all to place officially on the record of the Executive Board deep gratitude for his services to the governing bodies of UNESCO, both as Secretary of the Executive Board and Secretary of the General Conference, and wish him well in his future responsibilities. Mr Millward has asked me to emphasize that his contribution is part of the effort of a team and our gratitude should necessarily be extended to all members of that team, among whom he particularly wishes to mention Ms Mercedes Torcat, Executive Assistant of so many Chairs of the Executive Board, who is retiring at the end of this month. We also wish her well in her retirement.

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94. **Mr Killion** (United States of America) said that he wished to say goodbye to his dear colleagues on the Executive Board and in the Secretariat. Being Ambassador to such a great and indispensable organization had been a great privilege and the opportunity of a lifetime and he had enjoyed collaborating, and duelling, with his fellow ambassadors. UNESCO was a vital organization that was worth fighting for, full of life and passion; of the many things you could say about UNESCO, you could never say that UNESCO was boring. He hoped to see his colleagues in the future, in Geneva, New York or perhaps even back in Paris one day.

٩٥ أعرب الرئيس عن أسفه لمغادرة ممثل الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية الصديق في الوقت الذي يتسلم فيه هو مهامه بوصفه رئيساً للمجلس التنفيذي، كما أعرب عن أسفه لمغادرة السيد مايكل ميلورد، أمين المجلس التنفيذي، في وقت صعب تمر به المنظمة، وتمنى له التوفيق. ثم أعرب عن ثقته بوجود فريق ذي كفاءة سيواصل المسيرة وسيساعد المجلس في أداء مهامه. وتوجه إلى ممثل الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية مرة أخرى لضرب المثل المصري القائل إن من يشرب من نهر النيل يرجع إليه مرة أخرى، وبالمثل فإن من يشرب من ماء الينوسكو يرجع إليها مرة أخرى، وضرب مثلاً على ذلك ما جرى معه شخصياً، إذ إنه عمل في المنظمة لمدة تزيد على عشر سنوات ثم غادرها وعاد إليها سفيراً لبلده لديها. ورأى أن هناك دوماً لدى الجميع شعوراً بالحنين إلى المنظمة بعد مغادرتها، فلا ينساها أي منهم، بل يبقون على اتصال بها

ويتابعون أخبارها، فهي تظل في نظرهم منظمة راقية تتمثل رسالتها في نشر الثقافة والقيم. وقال إن يوم توليه رئاسة المجلس التنفيذي لفترة العامين المقبلة يمثل مناسبة عزيزة على قلبه لأنه حظي فيها بثقة أعضاء المجلس. وأعرب عن تفاؤله بتحقيق الكثير من النجاح بفضل العمل المشترك مع جميع الأطراف المعنية، واستشهد بالمناقشات التي انتهت بسرعة كبيرة إلى توافق في الآراء، معرباً عن ثقته بأن هذا النهج هو الذي سيؤسس عمل المجلس التنفيذي وعمل مكتبه على حد سواء. وأكد استعداداته التام والدائم للتعاون الوثيق مع جميع الدول الأعضاء في المنظمة – سواء أكانت أعضاء في المجلس التنفيذي أم لا – ومع الأمانة، وعلى رأسها المديرية العامة، السيدة إيرينا بوكوفا، التي قال إنه يكن لها كل الاحترام والتقدير. وأعرب في الختام عن شكره للجميع وعن أمله في أن يكون ذلك اليوم بداية لعامين من العمل المشترك يدا بيد لتحقيق مصلحة المنظمة التي تعيش في قلوب كل الذين يعملون فيها.

(95) **The Chair** expressed his regret at the departure of his friend, the representative of the United States of America, at a time when he himself was taking up his duties as Chair of the Executive Board. He also expressed regret at the departure of Mr Michael Millward, Secretary of the Executive Board, when the Organization was going through a difficult period, and he wished Mr Millward every success. He was confident that the team in place was efficient and would continue to move forward and assist the Board in the performance of its duties. Addressing the representative of the United States of America again, he quoted the Egyptian saying that whoever drank from the River Nile would return to it once more. Likewise, whoever drank from the waters of UNESCO was bound to return to it again. He

personally was an example of that, as he had worked for UNESCO for more than ten years, then left it, and had subsequently returned as his country's ambassador to the Organization. He had noted that there was always a sense of nostalgia for the Organization among those who had left it: none of them forgot it; rather they remained in contact and followed its news because it remained for them a noble Organization that fulfilled its mission of disseminating culture and values. The day that he had become Chair of the Executive Board for the following biennium was an occasion dear to his heart because he had had the trust of the Members of the Board. He was optimistic that much success would be achieved thanks to the joint efforts of all the parties concerned, and referred to the discussions that had concluded rapidly in consensus. He was confident that that approach would facilitate the work of both the Executive Board and its Bureau. He stood ready to engage in full, constant and close cooperation with all the Organization's Member States, regardless of whether they were Members of the Board, as well as with the Secretariat and its head, the Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova, to whom he expressed his wholehearted respect and appreciation. In conclusion, he thanked everybody and expressed the hope that the day in hand was the start of two years of joint work, hand in hand, to serve the interests of the Organization, which lived in the heart of all those who worked in it.

The meeting rose at 4.50 p.m.



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