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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 1 Agenda, timetable of work, report of the Bureau and election of the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)** (189 EX/1 Prov. Rev.; 189 EX/2; 189 EX/INF.1)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 189 EX/1 Prov. Rev. and 189 EX/INF.1.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items of its agenda to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items **5, 7, 8, 9, 18 Part III, 19** and **20**;
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items **14, 15 Parts II and III** and **17**;

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meetings:** items **4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15 Part I and Add.-Add.3, 16, 18 Part II, 21, 23** and **24**.

(189 EX/SR.1)

- 2 Approval of the summary records of the 187th and 188th session** (187 EX/SR.1-8 Prov.; 188 EX/SR. 1-2 Prov.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 187th and 188th sessions.

(189 EX/SR.6)

- 3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (189 EX/PRIV.1)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(189 EX/SR.5)

REPORTING ITEMS

- 4 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Programme and Budget and on results achieved in the previous biennium (2010-2011 – 35 C/5) (37 C/3 Draft)** (189 EX/4 (*multilingual annex online*); 189 EX/4 Add. (*online; cluster and national offices*) (Add. Rev. *English and French only*) and Add. 2 (*financial information*); 189 EX/INF.10; 189 EX/INF.11; 189 EX/INF.12; 189 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

A. Content of the report

1. Recalling recommendation 13 of 33 C/Resolution 92, and 33 C/Resolution 78, in which the General Conference requested the Executive Board to report to it at each session on the implementation of the current Programme and Budget (C/5), together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (C/3),
2. Further recalling 34 C/Resolution 89 inviting the Executive Board to have a wider and more strategic assessment of the performance of the programmes, including the EX/4 document, by expressing its views progressively during the biennium through explicit decisions on the performance of individual programmes at the main-line-of-action level,

3. Having examined document 189 EX/4 –37 C/3 Draft and document 189 EX/INF.10 summarizing the debate of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Group,
4. Thanks the Director-General for her presentation of key achievements, challenges and lessons learned and proposals for the way forward for each of the five major programmes and the two global priorities, as well as the new presentation of financial information on the resources used to implement the Programme and Budget;
5. Stresses that the work on the EX/4 format and content should continue to be driven by 184 EX/Decision 4 and 186 EX/Decision 4, which call for more impact-and-evidence-based analysis;
6. Invites the Director-General to pursue her reflection, in close collaboration with Member States, taking into account the debate of the Executive Board at its 189th session, specifically on the global leadership of UNESCO in its areas of competence, notably in the context of the preparation of the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals (MDG) agenda;
7. Reiterates the importance of UNESCO's international and intergovernmental programmes in achieving the mission and objectives of the Organization;
8. Also invites the Director-General to include the results of her reflections in her preliminary proposals for documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5;

B. Format of the report

9. Recalling 176 EX/Decision 29, 34 C/Resolution 89, 184 EX/Decision 4, 186 EX/Decision 4, and document 179 EX/4 Part II –35 C/3 Draft,
10. Reiterating its commitment to results-based management (RBM) as a vital tool for evidence-based strategic decision-making by the governing bodies,
11. Underlining the contribution expected from the C/3 document in terms of accountability for results and financial and administrative transparency, and as a tool for the planning of future programme cycles,
12. Recognizing that document 189 EX/4 – 37 C/3 Draft builds on the continued efforts to strengthen reporting on the performance of the programme in response to 34 C/Resolution 89,
13. Invites the Director-General to pursue her efforts to ensure a more analytical, self-critical, evidence-based, research-based and impact-oriented reporting which:
 - (a) establishes clear linkages between the results achieved and the MLAs and expected results in the C/5 document, paying particular attention to capacity-building at the national level, and making good use of the complementary empirical evidence provided in the programme evaluations conducted by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS);
 - (b) uses a more coherent approach across all sectors and the two global priorities;
 - (c) includes a section on the results achieved by the programme-related and corporate services in the main printed document of future EX/4 documents, at least on an annual basis;
 - (d) includes analytical reporting on achievements, challenges and opportunities covering UNESCO's entire action towards the two global priorities;

14. Also invites the Director-General to:

- (a) renew the past practice of providing validation from the Internal Oversight Service on the results achieved in the previous biennium, and to present in the C/3 document the findings and conclusions of the Internal Oversight Service that are relevant for the reinforcement of results-based monitoring and reporting;
- (b) continue to address the challenges relating to results-based management identified by the Internal Oversight Service in documents 35 C/3 and 36 C/3, and to present to it at its 190th session a time-bound action plan for implementing the recommendations of the Internal Oversight Service in order to enhance monitoring and reporting.

(189 EX/SR.7)

5 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions
(189 EX/5; 189 EX/INF.10; 189 EX/INF.12; 189 EX/28; 189 EX/30)

I

Preparations for drafting the Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 189 EX/5 on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and General Conference, and in particular concerning preparations for drafting the Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5),
2. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 17 (III.A) relating to the review of the consultation process for the preparation of the C/4 and C/5 documents, the findings of the independent external evaluation of UNESCO (185 EX/18) and related decisions and resolutions, in particular 36 C/Resolution 112,
3. Aware that the programming of the Organization needs to be based on a full evaluation of the results of the programme of the previous biennium and the most inclusive evaluation of the ongoing implementation of the programme adopted for the current biennium;
4. Further aware of the review of all flagship programmes proposed by the Director-General in her roadmap (189 EX/15 Part I Add.);
5. Mindful that, in order to draw maximum benefit from the lessons learned from such evaluations and reviews, the consultation process for the preparation of the C/4 and C/5 documents needs to be revisited,
6. Invites the Director-General to consult with key partners, including agencies of the United Nations system, on UNESCO's possible contribution and added value to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, with a view to further clarifying UNESCO's role and function in documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5;
7. Requests the Director-General, taking into account 36 C/Resolution 104 and 36 C/Resolution 112, to present to it at its 190th session her preliminary proposals for the next Programme and Budget;

8. Decides, taking into account the preliminary proposals presented by the Director-General, and its own decision in this regard, that:
 - (a) a new questionnaire, which includes both quantitative and qualitative aspects, shall be sent to Member States, National Commissions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in March/April 2012, with a request that each Member State should submit a single reply on behalf of both its government and its National Commission;
 - (b) the Director-General shall prepare her preliminary proposal for document 37 C/5 based on the responses to the questionnaire as well as on 36 C/Resolution 112;
 - (c) regional consultations of Member States and National Commissions shall be held after completion of the questionnaire;
 - (d) the results of the regional consultations shall be submitted for consideration at its 190th session.

(189 EX/SR.7)

II

Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 and 187 EX/Decision 5 relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem¹

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 189 EX/5,
2. Recalling previous decisions, including 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision, decision 34 COM 7A.20 of the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session (Brasilia, 2010), and 187 EX/Decision 5 concerning the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem,
3. Also recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage, including in the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the relevant provisions of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972, the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,
4. Reaffirming the purpose and spirit of the professional encounter at the technical level on 13 January 2008, as well as the follow-up meeting on 24 February 2008,
5. Noting the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Reinforced Monitoring Reports and its Addendum prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
6. Recognizes the concerns raised in this regard about the decision by the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Commission on the town planning scheme for the Mughrabi Ascent, and the subsequent decision by Israel's National Council for Planning and Construction to adopt "an alternative plan for the Mughrabi Ascent", approved on 31 October 2010 by the above-mentioned Commission;

¹ Adopted by consensus.

7. Requests that, despite the decisions mentioned in paragraph 6, the process for the design of the Mughrabi Ascent be inclusive of all parties concerned, in accordance with obligations and duties of such parties as stipulated in the content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions;
8. Reaffirms in this regard, that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, should be taken which will affect the authenticity and integrity of the site, in accordance with the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972 and the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954;
9. Notes the request made by the World Heritage Committee in previous decisions, and requests, in this regard, the Israeli authorities to continue full cooperation with all concerned parties, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts;
10. Acknowledges receipt of the Jordanian design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent, submitted to the World Heritage Centre on 27 May 2011, and thanks Jordan for its cooperation in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO conventions for the protection of cultural heritage;
11. Affirms, in this regard, that the UNESCO-initiated process for follow-up to the design of the Mughrabi Ascent, which is aimed at proactively facilitating an accepted and monitored solution concerning the Mughrabi Ascent among all parties concerned, be coordinated with all such parties, in accordance with the spirit and content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions;
12. Acknowledges in this regard, the concerns raised regarding Israel's submission and content of its plan for the Mughrabi Ascent, referred to in paragraph 6, and requests the World Heritage Centre to be proactive and follow closely, in the context of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism, the developments associated with this process;
13. Also notes with satisfaction the access provided by Israel to the Mughrabi Ascent for Jordanian and Waqf experts on 23 May, 8 August and 28 November 2010, and reiterates its request that Israel continue the cooperation commenced with all parties concerned, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts to enable agreement on, and implementation of, a final design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent among all parties concerned;
14. Further notes in this regard, reports of preliminary discussions between Jordan and Israel concerning the Mughrabi Ascent, which stipulate, *inter alia*, that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, shall be taken on the site in accordance with paragraph 8 above, and the necessity of an accepted design and implementation thereof among all parties concerned; and welcomes the recognition by the parties concerned of the need for coordination on this issue;
15. Expresses its thanks to the Director-General for the action she is taking to facilitate the dialogue and professional exchanges between all the parties concerned;
16. Reiterates the call of the Director-General to organize a follow-up meeting of experts as soon as possible, once the parties concerned have reached agreement;
17. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon at its 190th session.

6 Reports by the Director-General on specific matters (189 EX/6 Parts I and II; 189 EX/INF.10, 189 EX/30)

I

**Recent decisions and activities of the organizations
of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling paragraph 3 of 103 EX/Decision 6.1-6.2, 124 EX/Decision 6.1 and 167 EX/Decision 4.2,
2. Having examined document 189 EX/6 Part I,
3. Takes note of the content of the report by the Director-General on the recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of interest to the work of UNESCO;
4. Invites the Director-General to integrate into the 37 C/4 and 37 C/5 process ways for UNESCO to follow up on relevant United Nations system decisions;
5. Also invites the Director-General to include in her next report to it at its 191st session on this item information on the results of the independent evaluation of United Nations system delivering as one and possible follow-up within UNESCO.

(189 EX/SR.7)

II

**Preparation of the Third International Congress
on Technical and Vocational Education and Training**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 6 (III),
2. Takes note of document 189 EX/6 Part II;
3. Welcomes the efforts of the Director-General to ensure the successful preparation of the Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Shanghai, 13-16 May, 2012);
4. Further welcomes the initiative of the Director-General to consult Member States and relevant stakeholders on the draft outcome document well in advance of the Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET);
5. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 190th session the conclusions of the Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) when discussing the preliminary report on the mid-term review of the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

(189 EX/SR.7)

7 Reports by the governing bodies of UNESCO intergovernmental programmes and category 1 institutes (189 EX/7; 189 EX/INF.4; 189 EX/28)

I

**Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)
on the activities of the Institute**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article V.1 (e) of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) (30 C/Resolution 44) and 182 EX/Decision 19,
2. Having examined the report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics on the activities of the Institute since April 2011 (189 EX/7),
3. Takes note of the achievements of the Institute over the past months, and of the fact that their financial and administrative implications clearly fall within the parameters of document 35 C/5;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics;
5. Invites the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics to report to it at its 191st session.

II

Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) on programmes implemented in 2010-2011 and 2012-2013

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 189 EX/INF.4,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(189 EX/SR.6)

PROGRAMME MATTERS

8 Jerusalem and the implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 and 187 EX/Decision 11 (189 EX/8, 189 EX/28)

After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) recommended by a vote taken by roll-call that the Executive Board adopt the following decision, with 34 votes in favour, 1 vote against (United States of America) and 15 abstentions; details of the vote are annexed to the summary record of the sixth plenary meeting of the Executive Board (189 EX/SR.6), at which the oral report of the PX Commission was presented.

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 189 EX/8,

2. Welcomes the admission of Palestine as Member State of UNESCO;
3. Recalls its previous decision 185 EX/Decision 14 concerning Jerusalem and World Heritage Committee decision 34 COM 7A.20 concerning the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls;
4. Regrets the lack of progress in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 14 and World Heritage Committee decision 34 COM 7A.20;
5. Asks the Director-General to maintain her efforts to implement 185 EX/Decision 14 and World Heritage Committee decision 34 COM 7A.20;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report at its 190th session, and decides to include this item in the agenda of its 190th session.

(189 EX/SR.6)

9 Implementation of 187 EX/Decision 12 on “the two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem” (189 EX/9; 189 EX/28)

After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) recommended by a vote taken by roll-call that the Executive Board adopt the following decision, with 39 votes in favour, 1 vote against (United States of America) and 12 abstentions; details of the vote are annexed to the summary record of the sixth plenary meeting of the Executive Board (189 EX/SR.6), at which the oral report of the PX Commission was presented:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 189 EX/9,
2. Welcomes the admission of Palestine as Member State of UNESCO;
3. Reaffirms its previous decision 185 EX/Decision 15 concerning “the two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem”;
4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 190th session.

(189 EX/SR.6)

Institutes and centres

10 Category 2 institutes and centres (189 EX/INF.5)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 189 EX/INF.5,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(189 EX/SR.7)

METHODS OF WORK

11 Follow-up to the independent external evaluation of UNESCO and monitoring by the Executive Board: report by the Director-General on progress in the implementation of recommendations (189 EX/11; 189 EX/INF.6; 189 EX/INF.10; 189 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 102, 185 EX/Decision 18, 186 EX/Decision 17 (I and II), 187 EX/Decision 17 (I and II), and 36 C/Resolution 104,
2. Having examined documents 189 EX/11 and 189 EX/INF.6,
3. Further recalling the need for close and systematic monitoring by the Executive Board of the follow-up to the independent external evaluation of UNESCO and to the relevant Executive Board decisions and General Conference resolutions,
4. Takes note of the progress made by the Secretariat in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO, and the Director-General's action plan with respect to the operational aspects of the report of the independent external evaluation of UNESCO;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue implementing the recommendations and planned actions;
6. Also invites the Director-General to present to it at its 190th session an updated version of the useful oversight table contained in document 189 EX/INF.6, including clear criteria for establishing when the implementation of a decision has been completed;
7. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 190th session a report on progress in the implementation of the recommendations and planned actions contained in documents 186 EX/17 Parts I and II, respectively, with particularly elaborate and specific information on the concrete steps taken and progress made in order to (see relevant points in the table in document 189 EX/INF.6):
 - (a) propose detailed terms of reference and clear methods of work for the drafting group on the C/4 and C/5 documents (1 e), and ensure that draft decisions relating to the C/4 and C/5 documents are agreed in the relevant commissions of the Executive Board prior to consideration by the drafting group (4 p);
 - (b) recommend criteria for introducing new and maintaining existing programmes funded from the regular programme or from extrabudgetary sources (1 f);
 - (c) introduce results-based budgeting (1 j);
 - (d) introduce systematic programme reviews (1 l), monitor low-performing programmes separately (1 m), and conduct systematic evaluations of programmes (1 n);
 - (e) review and propose new consultation processes for the C/4 and C/5 documents (1 h)
 - (f) carry out a review of all partnership agreements with United Nations partners (1 o);
 - (g) define responsibilities, roles and expected outcomes of all organizational entities, including category 1 institutes (2 b);

- (h) make better use of information meetings by allowing, through consultations with regional groups, Member States to identify periodically the subjects that they would like to discuss (4 d);
 - (i) develop a draft policy framework for strategic partnerships (5 a).
8. Endorses the proposal made by the Director-General, after consultations with the President of the General Conference and the Chair of the Executive Board, to institute meetings between the heads of the three institutional organs of UNESCO at regular intervals, or at the request of any one of the three heads, to identify differences in expectations, duplications of functions and other difficulties in the interaction between the governing bodies and the Secretariat, in order to improve their working relations and enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Organization, and decides that the functioning of this mechanism shall be transparent and that the outcome of the meetings shall be duly reported to the General Conference and the Executive Board respectively.

(189 EX/SR.7)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

12 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (189 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.2; 189 EX/CR/2; 189 EX/27)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(189 EX/SR.5)

13 Implementation of standard-setting instruments (189 EX/13 Parts I, II and III; 189 EX/27)

I

General monitoring

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II), 34 C/Resolution 87, 180 EX/Decision 31, 181 EX/Decision 27, 182 EX/Decision 31, 184 EX/Decision 20, 185 EX/Decision 23 (I), 186 EX/Decision 19 (I) and 187 EX/Decision 20 (I) relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 189 EX/13 Part I and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon contained in document 189 EX/27,
3. Urges Member States once again to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO regarding periodic reports on the action taken on conventions and recommendations;
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure the implementation of the new legal framework, including an analysis of current trends, by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and

recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;

5. Decides to continue consideration of the matter at its 190th session.

(189 EX/SR.5)

II

Action plan for the review of the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that at its 19th session (Nairobi, 1976) the General Conference adopted the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education,
2. Also recalling that at its 27th session (Paris, 1993) the General Conference invited the Director-General to continue to ensure the functioning of the permanent reporting system for monitoring the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education,
3. Further recalling 36 C/Resolution 13, in which the General Conference invited the Director-General to consider reviewing and updating the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education so as to reflect contemporary educational, cultural, political, social and economic challenges as set out in the Belém Framework for Action,
4. Having examined the action plan for the review of the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education set out in document 189 EX/13 Part II, and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (189 EX/27),
5. Mindful of the lengthy process to review and modernize the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education,
6. Requests the Director-General to continue the process of reviewing and updating as presented, and to submit a preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education to it at its 191st session, with a view to the submission of that preliminary study to the General Conference at its 37th session.

(189 EX/SR.5)

III

1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I) and 187 EX/Decision 20 (I),
2. Having examined document 189 EX/13 Part III and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon contained in document 189 EX/27,

3. Urges Member States once again to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution (*Basic Texts*, Ch. F) regarding the submission of reports on the implementation of recommendations adopted by the General Conference, including, specifically, the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers;
4. Taking note of the view expressed by certain Member States that the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers might be more effective if revised, supplemented or replaced by an updated framework taking account of contemporary ethical and regulatory challenges relating to the governance of science, possibly on the basis of the principles expressed in the 1999 Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge and in the 2005 Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights,
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 190th session an expanded and consolidated report on the application of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, taking account of national contributions received later than 15 January 2012, so that it might be transmitted to the General Conference at its 37th session, together with the comments of the Executive Board;
6. Requests the Director-General to include in that report proposals for a consultation process to assess the desirability of reviewing and updating the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, based on consultation with Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, and relevant national and regional bodies, with the active involvement of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST).

(189 EX/SR.5)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

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- 14 Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) at the closure of accounts as at 31 December 2011 (unaudited), budget adjustments rising from donations and special contributions received and management chart for programme execution in 2010-2011 based on the closed accounts (unaudited)** (189 EX/14 and Corr. (*French only*); 189 EX/29)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium and appropriated to the regular budget, and the transfers made between appropriation lines, as well as the proposed transfers from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 35th session (35 C/Resolution 106, paras. 2(b), (d) and (e)), in document 189 EX/14,

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2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$1,333,673 as follows:

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Part II.A – Major Programme I	325,060
Part II. A. – Major Programme II	130,594
Part II. A. – Major Programme III	286,915
Part II. A. – Major Programme IV	325,134
Part II. A. – Major Programme V	55,296
Part I.B – Direction (ODG/HGA)	1,152
Part I.B – Division for Gender Equality (ODG/GE)	7,598
Part III.B – Field management and coordination (indirect costs for field offices)	201,924
Total	1,333,673

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraphs 24 and 25 of document 189 EX/14 Part B;

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4. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution, by virtue of which the Director-General may make transfers between appropriation lines up to an amount of 1% of the initial appropriation, and inform Members of the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action, of the details of and reasons for such transfers,
5. Notes that the Director-General has made transfers between appropriation lines in support of human resources projects (recruitment, career management and competency self-assessment tools), as detailed in Annex I of document 189 EX/14;
6. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table contained in Annex I of document 189 EX/14;
7. Also having examined the Director-General's report on the budgetary situation of the Organization for the 2010-2011 regular budget at the closure of accounts (189 EX/14),
8. Also takes note of the budgetary situation of the Organization for the 2010-2011 regular budget (35 C/5) at the closure of accounts as at 31 December 2011;

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9. Having examined document 189 EX/14 Annex II,
10. Notes with appreciation the savings realized in biennium 2010-2011 as a result of measures implemented by the Director-General pursuant to 184 EX/Decision 17 and 185 EX/Decision 20;
11. Encourages the Director-General to pursue the implementation of these measures and of the relevant recommendations of the independent external evaluation of UNESCO adopted in 36 C/Resolution 104;
12. Calls on Member States to review the cost-effectiveness of the governing bodies, with a view to reducing the running costs of the Executive Board without affecting its working tools or its efficiency, and given the critical financial situation, decides to:
- (a) suspend the budget allocated to the holding of thematic debates by the Executive Board for the 2012-2013 biennium,

- (b) suspend for the 2012-2013 biennium the budget allocated for travel by:
 - (i) representatives residing in Paris appointed by Members of the Executive Board for consultations with their government (Article I.1.1(b) of the Annex to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board);
 - (ii) a representative appointed by the Member, or of any other person specially appointed by the Board, to perform a mission on behalf of the Board (Article I.1.2 of the Annex to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board);
 - (c) also suspend travel and daily subsistence allowances allocated to representatives of Member States, except those representing developing countries;
 - (d) strongly encourage developing countries' representatives to forego the travel and daily subsistence allowances allocated to them; and thank the representative of Burkina Faso for having set a good example during the past biennium;
 - (e) align henceforth Executive Board representatives' travel and subsistence allowances with those of the Secretariat;
 - (f) invite the Director-General to review the travel policy in order to purchase travel tickets at the lowest identifiable rates, and, wherever possible, to reduce contractual services costs in particular travel agency costs;
 - (g) encourage Member States to continue voluntarily contributing to the cost of language interpretation and translation during the course of the biennium in the context of Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board;
13. Invites the Director-General, in the light of the current challenging financial situation, to present to it at its 190th session detailed proposals for further reducing the running costs of the management of the governing bodies, without jeopardizing the quality of the work, based upon the concrete experience of the implementation of 184 EX/Decision 17 and 185 EX/Decision 20 and also the discussions at its 189th session.

(189 EX/SR.5)

- 15 Financial situation of the Organization and its implications for the implementation of the 36 C/5** (189 EX/15 Part I and Add.-Add.3; 189 EX/15 Part II; 189 EX/15 Part III Rev. ; 189 EX/INF.10; 189 EX/INF.12; 189 EX/29; 189 EX/30)

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Report by the Director-General on the cash flow situation of the Organization

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 93 (II),
2. Having examined document 189 EX/15 Part I,
3. Takes note of the efforts made by the Director-General to improve the cash flow situation of the Organization;

4. Requests to the Director-General to report to it at its 190th session on the financial situation of the Organization.

(189 EX/SR.7)

II

Report by the Director-General on the current situation, and roadmap for the implementation of document 36 C/5

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 189 EX/15 Part I Add.,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the effective actions taken to cope with the cash flow problem at the close of the 2010-2011 biennium;
3. Takes note with concern of the impact of the current budget reduction on programmes and reform initiatives, and appreciates the initial efforts to improve strategic focus and organizational design in certain core programme areas of document 36 C/5;

Roadmap

4. Welcomes the core principles for action guiding the roadmap outlined by the Director-General for the implementation of document 36 C/5 and the establishment of targets, while underscoring the importance of ensuring sharper programme focus on areas of recognized comparative advantage and on lead roles in the multilateral field;
5. Expresses concern that the linear cuts made across all major programmes and cuts affecting other programmes risk compromising the Organization's leadership in core priority programme areas;
6. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) ensure that the objectives outlined in the roadmap are fully integrated into the major programmes' ongoing efforts to improve strategic focus and organizational design in core programme areas of document 36 C/5;
 - (b) adopt a clearly prioritized phased approach for the implementation of document 36 C/5;
 - (c) take all possible measures to maintain the same ratio between activity and staff costs as set out in document 36 C/5 Approved;
7. Fully supports the objective of implementing phase 1 of the field reform in Africa by the end of 2013, and urges that adequate resources be provided without compromising the normal functioning of the current field network in other regions;

Contributions and extrabudgetary funds

8. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for her efforts to mobilize additional resources through the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund for UNESCO Priority Programmes and Reform Initiatives under Documents 35 C/5 and 36 C/5 and other extrabudgetary funds, and calls on her to step up these efforts;
9. Expresses its thanks to Member States which have paid their 2012-2013 contributions ahead of time, to those which have already contributed to the Special Emergency Fund

, and to Member States and individuals who are supporting the Organization in other ways in this time of need;

10. Urges the Member States to pay their contributions;
11. Encourages the Member States of UNESCO to increase their support to the Organization in the coming months through voluntary contributions to the Special Emergency Fund, voluntary contributions to priority programmes, in-kind contributions, zero-interest loans, authorization of flexible use of existing donations, and other possible means, and recalls the need for extrabudgetary resources to serve the objectives of the Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (document 36 C/5);
12. Underlines the importance of improving the utilization of extrabudgetary resources and ensuring that they fully serve the objectives and priorities of the Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (document 36 C/5) as adopted by the General Conference;

Human resources

13. Invites the Director-General to make every effort to contain staff costs, and to refrain from replacing retiring staff and from filling vacant posts to the maximum extent possible;
14. Also invites the Director-General to abolish or redefine posts, where appropriate, with a view to shifting resources to priority areas;
15. Further invites the Director-General to devote enhanced attention to the human resources management strategy in the implementation of the roadmap;
16. Also invites the Director-General to include in the first progress review of the human resources management strategy, to be presented to its 190th session, proposals for adapting the strategy in the light of the present circumstances, while paying particular attention to:
 - (a) the development of a more flexible policy on contracts;
 - (b) the possible need to review the current Staff Regulations and Staff Rules at the 37th session of the General Conference;
 - (c) the strengthening of UNESCO's field presence;
 - (d) innovative staff training and learning approaches, performance evaluation, career development and mobility;

Administrative costs

17. Expresses its full support to the Director-General in her efforts to review, restructure and improve all administrative mechanisms with a view to reducing administrative expenditure, and to making further efficiency gains by restructuring the Administration and improving processes while shifting more resources to the approved programme and maintaining programme delivery;
18. Requests the Director-General to submit proposals to it at its 191st session, based on consultations with Member States, for improving the cost-effectiveness and working methods of, *inter alia*, the governing bodies, and for reducing the costs associated with the governance of UNESCO's conventions, international and intergovernmental programmes, and category 1 institutes;

19. Encourages Member States to promote the use of international and intergovernmental programmes as key tools for achieving UNESCO's mission, and as guides for Member States to monitor the Organization's programmes and to maintain its effectiveness.

Follow-up

20. Welcomes the Director-General's intention to monitor the situation closely on a quarterly basis, in order to optimize the use of UNESCO's resources and maximize its focus on core programme priorities, and requests the Director-General to hold information meetings periodically to inform Member States of the evolving situation, as well as to provide a status report to it at its 190th session on:
- (a) progress towards the achievement of the specified targets,
 - (b) savings achieved and transferred to the programme,
 - (c) additional proposals for efficiency gains in all administrative services;
21. Invites the Director-General in preparing for the next Medium-Term Strategy (37 C/4) and the forthcoming 4-year Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5), to engage in reflection on future scenarios for the structure, size and competencies of the Secretariat;
22. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 190th session a discussion paper on the definition and classification of costs which could be used for the preparation of document 37 C/5 and for subsequent reporting.

(189 EX/SR.7)

III

Findings of the Working Group set up by the General Conference at its 36th session on the need to increase the level of the Working Capital Fund on a voluntary basis

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 93,
2. Stressing that the prompt payment of assessed contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and Article 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Organization,
3. Having examined the report of the Working Group on the Level of the Working Capital Fund established by the General Conference at its 36th session,
4. Noting that, thanks to the early receipt of assessed contributions from some Member States, UNESCO's current cash flow situation is better than anticipated at the 36th session of the General Conference,
5. Considering that:
 - (a) the Working Capital Fund, which is an interest-free loan from Member States, is intended to provide finance for expenditure against the approved budget of the Organization (C/5 document), pending the receipt of assessed contributions from Member States;

- (b) the Working Capital Fund should only be used to bridge short-term cash flow difficulties owing to temporary arrears in assessed contributions, and not to finance budget shortfalls or cover chronic or long-lasting arrears, for which policy decisions by the governing bodies must be sought;
 - (c) the current level of the Working Capital Fund is comparable to that of other United Nations agencies, and has been adequate thus far given historical patterns of receipt of assessed contributions;
 - (d) this level may be insufficient to address exceptional cash flow difficulties and, therefore, that other mechanisms might be considered in such cases;
 - (e) an appropriate level for the Working Capital Fund should be determined, in the light of a number of related internal and external factors affecting the vulnerability of the Organization, including the mechanisms at its disposal to cope with cash-flow difficulties;
 - (f) a review of the Working Capital Fund should be based on a thorough assessment of the financial situation and reliable projections of the cash-flow situation,
6. Decides to maintain the level of the Working Capital Fund for 2012-2013 at \$30 million, as established in 36 C/Resolution 93 (II), paragraph 1 (a);
 7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 191st session, a report containing a review by the External Auditor of the appropriate level of the UNESCO Working Capital Fund on a long-term basis, with a view to forwarding its recommendations thereon to the General Conference at its 37th session;
 8. Recalls the invitation to Member States to make voluntary advances to the Working Capital Fund for a renewable two-year period, as decided by the General Conference in 36 C/Resolution 93 (II) paragraph 2;
 9. Requests the External Auditor to submit to it a report on the appropriate level of the UNESCO Working Capital Fund on a long-term basis;
 10. Approves the payment to the External Auditor of additional fees for a maximum amount of \$10,000, for carrying out the audit provided for in paragraph 9 above;
 11. Expresses its appreciation to the Member States that have already paid their assessed contributions for 2012;
 12. Urges Member States which have not yet paid their assessed contributions to fulfil their financial obligations towards the Organization;
 13. Requests the Director-General to present to it, at each of its sessions during the 2012-2013 biennium, an updated list of Member States which have paid their assessed contributions and have made voluntary advances to the Working Capital Fund;
 14. Encourages Member States to contribute to the Special Emergency Fund in order to facilitate the full implementation of UNESCO's Approved Programme and Budget for 2012-2013.

IV

Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund for UNESCO Priority Programmes and Reform Initiatives under Documents 35 C/5 and 36 C/5

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Articles 6.5 and 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 189 EX/15 Part III Rev.,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund for UNESCO Priority Programmes and Reform Initiatives under Documents 35 C/5 and 36 C/5 as annexed to document 189 EX/15 Part III Rev.;
4. Requests the Director-General to report to it, at each of its sessions, on contributions from donors and partners, allocations, and on the use of contributions to the Special Emergency Multi-Donor Fund.

(189 EX/SR.6)

Management issues

16 Internal Oversight Service (IOS): annual report 2011 (189 EX/16; 189 EX/INF.7; 189 EX/INF.10; 189 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10,
2. Having examined documents 189 EX/16 and 189 EX/INF.7,
3. Endorses the biannual evaluation plan for 2012-2013;
4. Welcomes the role of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) in the functioning of the Organization and with respect to the follow-up to the independent external evaluation of UNESCO;
5. Recalls the roles of the governing bodies as described in the evaluation policy and strategy (176 EX/27), notably in relation to the examination and follow-up on the findings of evaluations;
6. Recognizes that these roles are not properly fulfilled at present, and highlights the need to determine which evaluations require discussion by the Executive Board and/or the General Conference;
7. Takes note of the recommendations contained in the report of the Oversight Advisory Committee;
8. Invites the Director-General to revise the evaluation policy (176 EX/27) for the period 2014-2021, in particular in relation to the role of the Executive Board to "endorse, on a six-yearly basis, the UNESCO evaluation strategy", taking into consideration the change from 6 to 8 years in the planning cycle of UNESCO's Medium Term Strategy (C/4);
9. Requests the Director-General to continue her efforts to ensure that all Internal Oversight Service recommendations which do not require a decision by the Executive

Board and/or the General Conference are fully implemented within a reasonable time frame, and also requests the Director-General to report regularly on the status of such implementation, in a manner which enables the Executive Board to ensure proper follow-up to evaluations relating to policy, strategy and programmes;

10. Further requests the Director-General to continue to maintain an effective oversight function, to report annually on Internal Oversight Service strategies and activities, significant oversight recommendations and their impact, and to provide her own comments on evaluation findings and actions taken to address and implement such recommendations;
11. Also requests the Director-General, in her future reports on Internal Oversight Service evaluations, to clearly identify the recommendations that require a decision by the Executive Board and/or the General Conference;
12. Further requests the Director-General to revise the existing global strategy for UNESCO prizes, taking into account the Internal Oversight Service evaluation of UNESCO's prizes, the elements contained in 185 EX/Decision 38, and the debate thereon at the 189th session, with a view to submitting the revised strategy to it at its 190th session;
13. Decides to include in the agenda of its 190th session an item on category 2 institutes/centres, taking into account the relevant evaluations, audits and related fact sheets on established category 2 institutes and centres (189 EX/INF.5);
14. Notes with interest the outcome of the review of the cooperation of UNESCO's Secretariat with National Commissions, and endorses the setting-up of an open-ended tripartite working group composed of representatives of Permanent Delegations, National Commissions and the Secretariat to follow up on that review;
15. Requests that the forthcoming regional consultations of Member States and National Commissions produce proposals concerning the remit and terms of reference of the open-ended tripartite working group for consideration by the Executive Board at its 190th session;
16. Requests the open-ended tripartite working group to submit to it at its 191st session recommendations to enhance UNESCO's longstanding cooperation with the National Commissions.

(189 EX/SR.7)

17 Follow-up to recommendations by the External Auditor: recruitment and end-of-service procedures, and the status of agreed separation packages (189 EX/17; 189 EX/INF.10; 189 EX/29)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 30 (IV),
2. Having examined document 189 EX/17,
3. Takes note of its contents.

(189 EX/SR.6)

GENERAL

- 18 Relations with Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental partners** (189 EX/18 Part I; 189 EX/NGP/2 and Corr. (*English only*); 189 EX/18 Part II; 189 EX/18 Part III and Add. and Part III Corr.; 189 EX/18 Part IV; 189 EX/2; 189 EX/25; 189 EX/28 and Corr.; 189 EX/30)

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Relations with non-governmental partners

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 174 EX/Decision 31, 185 EX/Decision 33, 186 EX/Decision 17 (I and II), 188 EX/Decision 12 and 36 C/Resolution 108,
2. Having examined documents 189 EX/18 Part I and 189 EX/NGP/2,
3. Appreciates the continued efforts of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) to strengthen cooperation with NGOs in the various fields of UNESCO's competence and at the international, regional and national levels;
4. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions on the admission to consultative status of the 284 UNESCO non-governmental organization partners listed in Annex I of document 189 EX/25;
5. Also takes note of the Director-General's decisions on the admission to consultative status of 21 new non-governmental organizations listed in Section III of document 189 EX/NGP/2;
6. Further takes note of the Director-General's decisions on the establishment of official relations with three new foundations listed in Section IV of document 189 EX/NGP/2;
7. Decides to admit to associate status the 63 UNESCO NGO partners listed in Annex II of document 189 EX/25.

(189 EX/SR.5)

II

Universal Forum of Cultures – Naples 2013: draft framework agreement between UNESCO and the Fondazione Forum Universale delle Culture Napoli 2013

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 45,
2. Having examined document 189 EX/18 Part II,
3. Taking into consideration the great significance of the previous editions of the Universal Forum of Cultures (Barcelona 2004, Monterrey 2007, and Valparaiso 2010), and recalling the close links between the objectives of the Universal Forum of Cultures and those of UNESCO,
4. Approves the framework agreement between UNESCO and the Fondazione Forum Universale delle Culture Napoli 2013 (Foundation for the Universal Forum of Cultures – Naples 2013) proposed in the Annex to document 189 EX/18 Part II;

5. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the Framework Agreement on its behalf;
6. Requests the Fondazione Forum Universale delle Culture Napoli 2013 to finalize, as soon as possible, and in close cooperation with UNESCO, the action plan for the Universal Forum of Cultures – Naples 2013.

(189 EX/SR.7)

III

Invitations to the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the announcement made by the Director-General at the 186th session of the Executive Board in May 2011 that she intended to convene a meeting of the States Parties to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property in order to review its mechanisms and implementation, and to give it fresh impetus in order to combat more effectively trafficking in cultural property,
2. Also recalling 187 EX/Decision 43,
3. Having examined documents 189 EX/18 Part III and Add. and Part III Corr.,
4. Takes note of the list, submitted by the Director-General, of the invitations to observers that she deems conducive to the work of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention, as contained in document 189 EX/28 Corr.;
5. Acknowledges the need for Member States to have sufficient time to propose additional observers, including persons from States which are not Parties to the Convention in the categories listed in the Annex to document 189 EX/18 Part III (who have not already been invited pursuant to paragraph 4 (subparagraphs (a) to (d)) of 187 EX/Decision 43) so that the geographical distribution of the said list may be as equitable as possible;
6. Invites Member States to transmit such information to the Secretariat by 15 May 2012;
7. Invites the States Parties to the 1970 Convention, at their meeting in June 2012, to consider and approve the final list of observers.

(189 EX/SR.6)

IV

Invitations to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the recommendations of the 2011 plenary session of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS),

2. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V),
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate with the right to vote in the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to all the States mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 189 EX/18 Part IV;
 - (c) that invitations to send representatives to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the organizations of the United Nations system listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Annex to document 189 EX/18 Part IV;
 - (d) that invitations to send observers to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the international governmental and non-governmental organizations listed in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Annex to document 189 EX/18 Part IV;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the institutions and foundations mentioned in paragraph 6 of the Annex to document 189 EX/18 Part IV;
 - (f) that invitations to send observers to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the international organizations listed in paragraph 7 of the Annex to document 189 EX/18 Part IV;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to extend any other invitations that she may deem useful for the work of the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport, informing the Executive Board accordingly.

(189 EX/SR.4)

19 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 and 187 EX/Decision 41 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (189 EX/19, 189 EX/28)

After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) recommended, by a vote taken by roll-call, that the Executive Board adopt the following decision, with 39 votes in favour, 1 vote against (United States of America) and 13 abstentions; details of the vote are annexed to the summary record of the sixth plenary meeting of the Executive Board (189 EX/SR.6), at which the oral report of the PX Commission was presented:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 189 EX/19,

2. Welcomes the admission of Palestine as Member State of UNESCO;
3. Recalls its previous decision 185 EX/Decision 36 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories;
4. Notes the slow progress in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 36;
5. Thanks the Director-General for the initial progress achieved in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 36, and invites her to maintain her efforts to fully implement that decision;
6. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report at its 190th session, and decides to include this item in the agenda of its 190th session.

189 EX/SR.6

20 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 187 EX/Decision 42 (189 EX/20; 189 EX/28)

After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) recommended, by a vote taken by roll-call, that the Executive Board adopt the following decision, with 39 votes in favour, 1 vote against (United States of America) and 13 abstentions; details of the vote are annexed to the summary record of the sixth plenary meeting of the Executive Board (189 EX/SR.6), at which the oral report of the PX Commission was presented:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 189 EX/20,
2. Welcomes the admission of Palestine as Member State of UNESCO;
3. Recalls its previous decision 185 EX/Decision 37 concerning the reconstruction and development of Gaza;
4. Notes the slow progress in the implementation of the 185 EX/Decision 37;
5. Thanks the Director-General for the initial progress achieved in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 37, and invites her to maintain her efforts to fully implement that decision;
6. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report at its 190th session, and decides to include this item in the agenda of its 190th session.

(189 EX/SR.6)

21 UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences (189 EX/INF.13; 189 EX/30)

After considering this item, the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) and the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) recommended by a vote taken by roll-call that the Executive Board adopt the following decision, with 33 votes in favour, 18 votes against and 6 abstentions; details of the vote are annexed to these decisions:

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind that the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, at the 34th session of the General Conference, proposed that UNESCO establish a prize for the purpose of rewarding projects and activities of an individual or institutions which have contributed, through research in the life sciences, to improving the quality of human life,
2. Recalling that the Executive Board, in 180 EX/Decision 57, accepted this initiative, and expressed its appreciation to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for promoting the first international prize for research in life sciences by Africa,
3. Recognizing with deep respect the scientific community's significant role and contribution to the work of UNESCO in all regions of the world,
4. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 57, 185 EX/Decision 47 and 187 EX/Decision 48,
5. Considering that the African Heads of State and Government, after their meeting on 30 June and 1 July 2011, transmitted to UNESCO their support for the Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences,
6. Also considering the proposal by the Government of Equatorial Guinea, which states that if the use of the name of the President poses a problem, it would agree to the title of the Prize being amended to read "UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences",
7. Approves, in conformity with Article 10 of the Statutes of the Prize the amendment of the title of the Prize, to read "UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences";
8. Urges the Director-General to implement 180 EX/Decision 57 as amended.

(189 EX/SR.7)

22 Dates of the 190th session and provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 190th session (189 EX/INF. 8; 189 EX/INF.9)

190th session
(Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies*)

(3 to 18 October 2012)

(12 working days/16 calendar days)

Bureau	Wednesday 3 and Friday 5 October
Special Committee (SP)	To be determined
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)	To be determined
Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)	To be determined
Plenary meetings (Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 October, then Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 October)	Monday 8 to Thursday 18 October
Commissions (Thursday 11 to Tuesday 16 October)	

* Specific dates for the meetings of the subsidiary bodies will be decided upon during the course of the consultations concerning the organization of the work of the session.

Ad Hoc Preparatory Group: 17-20 September 2012

The Executive Board took note of document 189 EX/INF.9 (Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 190th session).

(189 EX/SR.7)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

23 Proposal for the establishment in Sri Lanka of a South Asian centre for teacher development as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO (189 EX/23; 189 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the 36 C/Resolution 15,
2. Welcoming the proposal of Sri Lanka, which is in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,
3. Recalling the importance of the positive contribution of category 2 centres to UNESCO's priorities and potential international or regional impact,
4. Having examined document 189 EX/23 and its Annex on the proposal for the establishment in Sri Lanka of a South Asian centre for teacher development as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
5. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation and North-South-South cooperation in the field of teacher education and development,
6. Considering the positive observations and conclusions of the feasibility study,

7. Approves the establishment of the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development in Meepe, Sri Lanka, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
8. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Sri Lanka.

(189 EX/SR.7)

24 Response of UNESCO to the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic (189 EX/24; 189 EX/30)

After considering this item, the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) and the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) recommended, by a vote taken by roll-call, that the Executive Board adopt the following decision, with 35 votes in favour, 8 votes against and 14 abstentions; details of the vote are annexed to these decisions:

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of the fundamental principles of UNESCO contained in the preamble to its Constitution, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and all other relevant human rights instruments,
2. Recalling that “The purpose of the Organization is to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, gender, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations” (Constitution, Article I.1),
3. Reaffirming UNESCO’s essential role in ensuring education for all, in protecting the cultural, historical and natural heritage of humanity, and in facilitating the free flow of ideas,
4. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions 66/176 and 66/253, also recalling Human Rights Council resolutions S/16-1, S/17-1, S/18-1 and A/HRC/19/L.1Rev.1, and further recalling League of Arab States resolution 7446 dated 12 February 2012,
5. Extremely concerned with the continuous deterioration of the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, and with the violent repression affecting civilians, including children, students and journalists,
6. Strongly condemns the continued widespread and systematic violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms by the Syrian authorities, in all UNESCO’s fields of competence;
7. Urges the Syrian authorities to immediately put an end to all human rights violations, to protect their population, particularly children and students, to restore freedom of expression and communication, and to protect heritage;
8. Invites the Director General to report on the implementation of the present decision and on the consequences of the current situation concerning UNESCO’s activities and tasks;

9. Invites UNESCO, when the situation on the ground so allows, to take all possible measures within its fields of competence in order to resume its essential role, particularly in education, freedom of expression, communication, and the protection of heritage.

(189 EX/SR.7)

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Thursday 8 March 2012

At the private meeting held on 8 March 2012, the Executive Board considered items **3** and **12**.

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the general situation regarding staff and the decisions that she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

12 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

(189 EX/SR.5)

ANNEX

Details of the votes in the joint meeting of the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) and the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) on the draft decisions on items 21 and 24

Item 21: UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences (189 EX/INF.13)

Draft decision in document 189 EX/FA/PX/DR.9

For: Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

Against: Afghanistan, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Grenada, Indonesia, Italy, Monaco, Montenegro, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Abstentions: Barbados, Haiti, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand.

Absent: Uzbekistan.

Item 24: Response of UNESCO to the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic (189 EX/24)

Draft decision in document 189 EX/FA/PX/DR.10

For: Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Congo, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Grenada, Haiti, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Tunisia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Against: Belarus, China, Cuba, Russian Federation, Mali, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe.

Abstention: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, India, Namibia, Pakistan, Thailand, Viet Nam.

Absent: Uzbekistan.