

**38TH SESSION - UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE
DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU**

CI COMMISSION

Date	Wednesday, 11 November	Room	Room XI
N° meeting	4	Hour	From: 3 p.m. To: 4:30 p.m.
Chairperson(s)	Dr. Abdulla El Reyes	Country	United Arab Emirates

SUMMARY OF DEBATE

Items examined	Item 6.1 – Draft recommendation on preservation and access to documentary heritage including digital heritage (38 C/24)		
Debate no	5	Debate status	Continuation and End
Related documents	38 C/24		
DRs examined	DR contained in paragraph 10 of document 38 C/24.		
Countries that took floor	The Netherlands, Paraguay, Mexico, Lebanon		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson, Dr. Abdulla El Reyes (United Arab Emirates), opened the session and proposed to continue on Item 6.1 – Draft recommendation on preservation and access to documentary heritage including digital heritage (38 C/24).</p> <p>The Chairperson gave the floor to the Netherlands, Paraguay, Mexico, and Lebanon.</p> <p>Dr Abdulla El Reyes invited the representative of the Director-General, Indrajit Banerjee, Director of the Knowledge Societies Division, to respond to statements raised by the representatives of the Member States.</p> <p>The Chairperson invited the delegates to examine the resolution contained in paragraph 10 of document 38 C/24.</p> <p>The Commission decided to recommend to the General Conference to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>Dr. Abdulla El Reyes brought to a close Debate 5 and suggested moving on to Debate 6 on item 7.2 – Third consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (38 C/28).</p>		

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Items examined	Item 7.2 – Third consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (38 C/28 + 38 C/LEG/3)		
Debate no	6	Debate status	Start and End
Related documents	38 C/28, 38 C/LEG/3		
DRs examined	DR contained in paragraph 4 of document 38 C/LEG/3		
Countries that took floor	Brazil, Mexico, Ukraine, Latvia, Paraguay, Lithuania, Colombia, Grenada, Russian Federation, Swaziland, India, Cuba, Argentina, Uruguay		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson, Dr. Abdulla El Reyes (United Arab Emirates), opened Debate 6 and informed the representatives of Member States about document 38 C/LEG/3, which formally amended the draft resolution contained in paragraph 33 of document 38 C/28. Dr Abdulla El Reyes invited the representative of the Director-General, Indrajit Banerjee, Director of the Knowledge Societies Division, to introduce item 7.2.</p> <p>In accordance with the procedures adopted in 2007 for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided (177 EX/Decision 35 (I)), the Governing Bodies have adopted a multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of these standard-setting instruments, including the Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (2003).</p> <p>Pursuant to 36/Resolution 58 and in compliance with the timetable for 2014-2017 of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations of the Executive Board (CR) on the implementation of these standard-setting instruments (195 EX/Decision 15) and 197 EX/Decision 20 (VII), the Director-General submitted to the 38th session of the General Conference the third consolidated report on the implementation of this Recommendation.</p> <p>The Chairperson opened the floor to the representatives of Member States for their</p>		

	<p>comments.</p> <p>The following countries took the floor: Brazil, Mexico, Ukraine, Latvia, Paraguay, Lithuania, Colombia, Grenada, Russian Federation, Swaziland, India, Cuba, Argentina, and Uruguay.</p> <p>The representative of the Director-General, Mr Getachew Engida, replied to the statements made by the representatives of Member States.</p> <p>The Chairperson of CI Commission invited the delegates to examine the resolution contained in paragraph 4 of document 38 C/LEG/3. The draft resolution was recommended to the General Conference for its adoption.</p> <p>Dr. Abdulla El Reyes brought to a close Debate 6 and suggested moving on to Debate 7 on item 4.4.</p>
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Items examined	<p>Item 4.4 - Establishment of the Category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO: Proposal for the establishment in Kuwait City, Kuwait, of a global centre for excellence for the empowerment of persons with disabilities through information and communication technologies (ICT)</p>		
Debate no	7	Debate status	Start and End
Related documents	38 C/18 Part XXII		
DRs examined	DR contained in paragraph 3 of document 38 C/18 Part XXII.		
Countries that took floor	Kuwait		
Summary of debate	<p>Following a proposal by the Government of Kuwait to establish in Kuwait City a Global Centre for Excellence (GCE) for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission to Kuwait was undertaken in 2014 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.</p> <p>Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXII, document 38 C/18 Part XXII contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Dr. Abdulla El Reyes (United Arab Emirates) informed the representatives of Member States that item 4.4 will be examined without debate.</p> <p>The representative of the Director-General, Mr Getachew Engida took the floor.</p> <p>The Chairperson invited the delegates to examine the resolution contained in paragraph 3 of document 38 C/18 Part XXII. The draft resolution was recommended for adoption by the General Conference.</p> <p>Afterwards, Kuwait took the floor.</p> <p>Dr. Abdulla El Reyes brought to a close Debate 7 and suggested moving on to Debate 8 on item 4.10.</p>		

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Items examined	Item 4.10 - The New Delhi Declaration on Inclusive ICTs for Persons with Disabilities: Making Empowerment a Reality		
Debate no	8	Debate status	Start and End
Related documents	38 C/48		
DRs examined	DR contained in paragraph 12 of document 38 C/48.		
Countries that took floor	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Colombia, Brazil, Egypt, and Ecuador.		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson, Dr. Abdulla El Reyes (United Arab Emirates) informed the representatives of Member States that item 4.4 will be examined without debate and announced that he will give exceptionally the floor to the representatives of Member States who want to comment.</p> <p>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland took the floor to comment on document 38 C/48. The following countries also made their comments: Colombia, Brazil, Egypt, and Ecuador.</p> <p>The representative of the Director-General, Mr Getachew Engida took the floor and informed the Commission CI about the outcomes and achievements of the first international conference, entitled "From Exclusion to Empowerment: Role of Information and Communication Technologies for Persons with Disabilities", organized by UNESCO and hosted by the Government of India from 24 to 26 November 2014, in New Delhi, India.</p> <p>The representative of the Director-General also replied on the issues raised by the delegates. Mr Engida invited the representatives of Member States to see a short video of Stephen Hawkins, which highlights how technologies have enabled him to continue to communicate and work.</p> <p>The Chairperson invited the delegates to examine the resolution contained in paragraph 12 of document 38 C/48, in order to ensure that UNESCO's mandate and priorities figure prominently in taking forward the 2030 sustainable development agenda and beyond. The draft resolution was recommended to the General Conference for its adoption.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked all the representatives of Member States for their contributions. He closed Debate 8 at 4:30 p.m. and announced that the examination and adoption of the Report of the Communication and Information Commission (CI) will take place during the Plenary session on 17 or 18 November 2015.</p>		