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Item 6.3 Proposed terms of reference of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (... members)¹

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the important contribution made by non-governmental partners to the preparation and implementation of UNESCO's programme,
2. Taking into account the Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its 36th session, as well as the following resolutions adopted by the General Conference:
 - (a) 21 C/Resolution 7.11 concerning international non-governmental organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO and in which bodies or elements linked with the Taiwan authorities are still participating in the name of China;
 - (b) 26 C/Resolution 13.23, 28 C/Resolution 13.5 and 29 C/Resolution 64 on the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions;
 - (c) 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO;
3. Decides that in the light of 192 EX/Decision 16, Part VII, the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners will meet once a year as appropriate;
4. Also decides that the terms of reference of its Committee on Non-Governmental Partners shall be as follows:
 - (a) to continue improving its methods of work by, *inter alia*, carrying out thematic debates on the involvement of non-governmental partners in UNESCO's action in order to:
 - (i) encourage presentations by Members of the Committee, non-governmental partners and invited guest speakers on good practices and lessons learned at the international, regional, national and local levels for outreach to and partnership with non-governmental actors;
 - (ii) give further impetus to the involvement of youth in the work of NGOs;
 - (iii) strengthen coordination and cooperation between non-governmental partners and the National Commissions;

¹ For the period 2013-2015, the Committee had 22 members.

- (b) to examine once a year, at the spring session, matters within its competence relating to the establishment of relations between UNESCO and non-governmental organizations as stipulated in the above-mentioned Directives, and notably to consider any proposals that the Director-General may submit to the Executive Board for the establishment or renewal of associate partnerships with non-governmental organizations;
- (c) to ensure that the above-mentioned Directives continue to be implemented in a spirit of openness to the relevant actors of civil society, in particular, in those parts of the world where civil society remains isolated or fragile;
- (d) to examine all other relevant questions coming within the purview of the Executive Board in relation to UNESCO's cooperation with non-governmental partners in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the governing bodies.