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**DECISIONS ADOPTED
BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS 198th SESSION**

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

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

The 198th session of the Executive Board was opened on 20 November 2015 by Mr Stanley Mutumba Simataa (Namibia), President of the General Conference.

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2 Adoption of the provisional agenda (198 EX/1 Prov. Rev.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda for the session set out in document 198 EX/1 Prov. Rev.

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3 Election of the Chairperson of the Executive Board

The Executive Board elected Mr Michael Worbs (Germany) Chairperson.

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4 Election of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board

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

Sweden
Lithuania
Dominican Republic
Malaysia
South Africa
Morocco

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

I

Programme and External Relations Commission (PX)¹

The Executive Board established the Programme and External Relations Commission, and elected Mr Komlavi Francisco Seddoh (Togo) Chairperson of that commission.

II

Finance and Administrative Commission (FA)¹

The Executive Board established the Finance and Administrative Commission, and elected Ms Lorena Sol de Pool (El Salvador) Chairperson of that commission.

¹ In accordance with a decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 70th session (70 EX/Decision 3), all Members of the Board are members of this commission.

III

Special Committee (SP)

The Executive Board established the Special Committee, and elected Ms Samira Mohamed Moosa Al Moosa (Oman) Chairperson of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 18 members for the 2016-2017 biennium:

Chairperson: Ms Samira Mohamed Moosa Al Moosa (Oman)

Members: Brazil
Cameroon
Côte d'Ivoire
Dominican Republic
Egypt
Estonia
Italy
Japan
Kenya
Lebanon
Oman
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Serbia
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Spain
Sri Lanka
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

IV

Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)

The Executive Board established the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and elected Mr. M. Shahidul Islam (Bangladesh) Chairperson of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 30 members for the 2016-2017 biennium:

Chairperson: Mr. M. Shahidul Islam (Bangladesh)

Members: Albania
Algeria
Argentina
Bangladesh
China
Egypt
France
Germany
Ghana
Italy
Lithuania
Mexico
Morocco
Mozambique

Nepal
Netherlands
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Pakistan
Paraguay
Qatar
Russian Federation
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Senegal
Slovenia
Sudan
Uganda
Ukraine
United States of America
Viet Nam

V

Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)

The Executive Board established the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners, and elected Ms Besiana Kadaré (Albania) Chairperson of that committee.

The Executive Board decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 24 members for the 2016-2017 biennium:

Chairperson: Ms Besiana Kadaré (Albania)

Members: Albania
Algeria
Chad
China
El Salvador
France
Ghana
Greece
Guinea
Haiti
India
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Lebanon
Lithuania
Nicaragua
Oman
Qatar
Russian Federation
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Serbia
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Togo

6 Terms of reference of the committees of the Executive Board
(198 EX/DR 6.1 – 6.3)

I

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

The Executive Board,

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

II

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

The Executive Board,

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

- (c) to examine the report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers²;
2. Also recalling 104 EX/Decision 3.3, whereby it decided that the Committee would thenceforth be designated the “Committee on Conventions and Recommendations” and established the conditions and procedures for consideration of communications received by the Organization concerning cases and questions of violations of human rights within UNESCO’s fields of competence,
3. Renews the terms of reference mentioned above, and decides that the Committee will also consider all questions entrusted to the Executive Board concerning the implementation of UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments, in accordance with Article 18.1 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution, ensuring in particular the monitoring of the conventions and recommendations referred to, respectively, in the Annex to 177 EX/Decision 35 (II) as amended by 196 EX/Decision 20 and in 34 C/Resolution 87.

III

Terms of reference of the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) (24 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the important contribution made by non-governmental partners to the preparation and implementation of UNESCO’s programme,
2. Taking into account the Directives concerning UNESCO’s partnership with non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its 36th session, as well as the following resolutions adopted by the General Conference:
 - (a) 21 C/Resolution 7.11 concerning international non-governmental organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO, and in which bodies or elements linked with the Taiwan authorities are still participating in the name of China;
 - (b) 26 C/Resolution 13.23, 28 C/Resolution 13.5 and 29 C/Resolution 64 on the Directives concerning UNESCO’s relations with foundations and similar institutions;
 - (c) 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the recommendations of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO;
3. Decides that in the light of 192 EX/Decision 16 (VII), the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners will meet once a year, as appropriate;
4. Also decides that the terms of reference of its Committee on Non-Governmental Partners shall be as follows:
 - (a) to continue improving its methods of work by, *inter alia*, carrying out thematic debates on the involvement of non-governmental partners in UNESCO’s action in order to:

² Now the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART).

- (i) encourage presentations by Members of the Committee, non-governmental partners and invited guest speakers on good practices and lessons learned at the international, regional, national and local levels for outreach to and partnership with non-governmental actors;
 - (ii) give further impetus to the involvement of youth in the work of NGOs;
 - (iii) strengthen coordination and cooperation between non-governmental partners and the National Commissions;
- (b) to examine 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.

(198 EX/SR. 2)

7 Date of the 199th session of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies (198 EX/7.INF)

**199th session
4 April – 15 April 2016**

(10 working days/12 calendar days)

Bureau (BUR)	Monday 4, Wednesday 6 April and Wednesday 13 April
Special Committee (SP)	Wednesday 6 April
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)	Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 April
Plenary meetings (PLEN)	Thursday 7 and Friday 8 April, then Thursday 14 and Friday 15 April
Commissions (PX, FA, JOINT)	Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 April

N.B.: School holidays in the host country are scheduled from Saturday 16 April to Monday 2 May 2016 (Zone C – Paris, Créteil, Montpellier, Toulouse and Versailles).

Statutory deadline for the dispatch of Executive Board documents: Friday 4 March 2016

(198 EX/SR. 2)

8 Date of the first Executive Board meeting organised between regular formal Executive Board sessions on a trial basis (198 EX/8.INF)

The Executive Board decided that the first meeting would be held on Friday 19 February 2016.

(198 EX/SR. 2)

9. Tentative list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board in 2016-2017
(198 EX/9.INF)

The Executive Board took note of the tentative list given in document 198 EX/9.INF.

(198 EX/SR. 2)

10. Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (Security issues) (198 EX/10.INF)

The Executive Board took note of the report.

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