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## AGENDA<sup>\*</sup> (annotated)

Item	Title	Reference	Document
1	<b>AGENDA AND TIMETABLE OF WORK</b>  The Executive Board is invited to adopt the agenda and timetable of work.	Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	176 EX/1 Prov. Rev. 176 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev. 176 EX/INF.7
2	<b>APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 175th SESSION</b>  The Executive Board is invited to approve the Summary Records of the 175th session.	Rule 23, para. 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	175 EX/SR.1-14
3	<b>Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board</b>  In this document, the Director-General informs the Members of the Executive Board on decisions taken since the 175th session regarding the appointment and extension of staff members at grade D-1 and above.	Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	176 EX/PRIV.1
<b>EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME</b>			
4	<b>Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference</b>  Document 176 EX/4 is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress in the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference.  Part I of the report contains the main results achieved during the first year of the 2006-2007 biennium, corresponding to document 33 C/5. In order to provide a more concise and strategic account of programme implementation, this report is limited to a synthesis of key results by major programme and by subprogrammes. Detailed information concerning results obtained at MLA (Main Line of Action) level can be obtained from the SISTER website at <a href="http://sister3.unesco.org">http://sister3.unesco.org</a> .  No decision is required from the Board.	145 EX/Dec.5.1 (I) 157 EX/Dec.3.1 (I) 159 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I) 160 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I) 161 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (I) 166 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (II) 169 EX /Dec.4.1 169 EX/Dec.6.6 172 EX/Dec.21 175 EX/Dec.4 (II) 175 EX/Dec.23 124 EX/Dec.6.1 and 167 EX/Dec.4.2	176 EX/4 Part I and Addenda ( <i>Execution of the programme</i> ) 176 EX/4 Part II ( <i>Management chart</i> ) 176 EX/INF.3 ( <i>United Nations reform</i> ) 176 EX/INF.10 176 EX/INF.13 176 EX/INF.15 176 EX/INF.17 Rev. 176 EX/INF.18

\* A special plenary meeting was held during the 176th session of the Executive Board on Monday afternoon, 16 April and Wednesday afternoon, 18 April 2007 to examine latest developments under way at the World Heritage site of the Old City of Jerusalem (Reference documents: 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/1; 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/INF.1; 176 EX/Special plenary meeting/DR.1).

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	<p>176 EX/4 Part I Addendum presents a succinct report on the implementation of the programme by decentralized field units in relation to national development goals as well as their contribution to United Nations country team activities and common country programming exercises.</p> <p>No decision is required from the Board.</p> <p>176 EX/4 Part I Addendum 2 summarizes UNESCO's activities in the areas of anticipation and foresight in 2006.</p> <p>No decision is required from the Board.</p> <p>176 EX/4 Part II. In accordance with the Appropriation Resolution for 2006-2007, the Director-General presents to the Executive Board a report on the adjustments to the approved appropriation for 2006-2007 arising from donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium, proposed transfer between appropriation lines related to restructuring of the organization and to utilization of the Reclassification Reserve, and proposed transfers from Part IV of the budget to cover cost increases due to statutory factors and inflation.</p> <p>The document also presents the Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2006-2007 as at 31 December 2006.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board (para. 24) is invited to take note of the additional appropriation received of \$1.9 million, to approve the transfer of budgets related to restructuring, the transfer of \$1.5 million from the Reclassifications Reserve and also the transfer of \$5,915,800 from Part IV, and finally to take note of the revised Appropriation Table.</p>	<p><i>(Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO)</i></p> <p>166 EX/Dec.5.2 <i>(Operating costs of the Executive Board during the previous year by item of expenditure)</i></p>	<p>176 EX/INF.19 176 EX/INF.21</p>
5 <sup>1</sup>	<p>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</p> <p>This report is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress in the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions, on the following issues:</p> <p>(1) 170 EX/Decision 6.3 and 171 EX/Decision 28: Progress on the 7th Consultation of Member States on the Implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (1960);</p> <p>(2) 174 EX/Decision 6: Progress report on UNESCO's Work on HIV and AIDS;</p> <p>(3) 175 EX/Decision 4 (III): South-South cooperation in education;</p> <p>(4) 175 EX/Decision 7: Results of the reorganization of the ED Sector;</p> <p>(5) 175 EX/Decision 16: Progress report on the preparation of a draft Declaration of Principles relating to Cultural Objects displaced in connection with the Second World War;</p> <p>(6) 175 EX/Decision 24: Reorientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia;</p> <p>(7) 33 C/Resolution 32: Granting of the status of regional institute under the auspices of UNESCO to the Instituto de</p>	<p>169 EX/Dec.4.3 and 175 EX/Dec.23 170 EX/Dec.6.3 and 171 EX/Dec.28 <i>(Progress on the 7th consultation of Member States; Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (1960))</i> 172 EX/Dec.38 33 C/Res.86 <i>(Medical Benefits Fund)</i> 33 C/Res. 5 and 175 EX/Dec. 9 <i>(6th International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI))</i> 33 C/Res.32 <i>(Institute of Pure and Applied Mathematics (IMPA) in Brazil)</i></p>	<p>176 EX/5 and Addenda 176 EX/INF.4 and Add. <i>(Medical Benefits Fund)</i> 176 EX/INF.14 (UIL) 176 EX/INF.20 (CONFINTEA VI) 176 EX/INF.17 Rev. 176 EX/INF.18 176 EX/INF.19</p>

<sup>1</sup> Item 5. Sub-item 172 EX/Decision 10 (UNESCO Action Plan for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development) has been withdrawn. A comprehensive progress report on the implementation of the DESD at the global level, as well as the results of UNESCO's contribution to the Decade, will be submitted to the 177th session.

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	<p>Matemática Pura e Aplicada (IMPA) in Brazil;            (8) 33 C/Resolution 34: Proposal for the establishment of an international centre for biological sciences in Venezuela under the auspices of UNESCO;            (9) 33 C/Resolution 90: Creation of category II institutes and centres and their contribution to strategic programme objectives.</p> <p>No decision is required from the Board.</p> <p>176 EX/5 Addendum: reports on the follow-up to 175 EX/Decision 57: UNESCO's role and the challenge of African migration and provides information on practical proposals in UNESCO's fields of competence to respond to the challenges of African migration and development, and increase intersectoral action in this area.</p> <p>Decision required: the Director-General is invited to further strengthen UNESCO's activities in its fields of competence in addressing the issues of international migration and development.</p> <p>176 EX/5 Addendum 2: reports on the follow-up to 174 EX/Decision 14 on "Progress in the development of a cross-sectoral capacity-building programme". It identifies the main intersectoral components that constitute a cross-sectoral capacity-building programme, involving all Programme Sectors of the organization. The document furthermore provides background information about the crucial role of various types of capacity-building in development and in UNESCO's programmes and in the United Nations at large.</p>	<p>33 C/Res.34  <i>(International Centre for Biological Sciences (CICB) in Venezuela)</i>            33 C/Res.90  <i>(Creation of category 2 institutes and centres and their contribution to strategic programme objectives)</i>            174 EX/Dec.6  <i>(UNESCO's work on HIV and AIDS)</i>            174 EX/Dec.14  <i>(Progress in developing programmes of cross-sectoral capacity-building)</i>            174 EX/Dec.50  <i>(Report on signing of host country agreement for UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL))</i>            175 EX/Dec.4 (III)  <i>(South-South cooperation in education)</i>            175 EX/Dec.7  <i>(Results of the reorganization of the Education Sector)</i>            175 EX/Dec.16  <i>(Progress report on the preparation of a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with WWII)</i>            175 EX/Dec.24  <i>(Reorientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia)</i>            175 EX/Dec.57  <i>(UNESCO's role and the challenge of African migration)</i></p>	
6	<p>Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the reform process</p> <p>Part I contains the report on the implementation of the staff policy reform, including a first review of the medium- and long-term staffing strategy.</p>	<p>171 EX/Dec.5 (I)            174 EX/Dec.5 (I, II)            175 EX/Dec.5</p>	<p>176 EX/6            Part I and Addenda and Part II            176 EX/INF.17 Rev.            176 EX/INF.18</p>

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	<p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take note of the work accomplished, to invite the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the medium- and long-term staffing strategy and to report to the General Conference at its 34th session, and to pursue the implementation of the human resource policy framework and to report to the Executive Board on an annual basis at its autumn session.</p>		176 EX/INF.19
	<p>Part II: contains the progress report on the implementation of the integrated management information system since April 2006.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: the Executive Board may wish to take note of the work accomplished so far, as well as the lessons learnt, and to call for voluntary contributions by Member States so as to enable the Secretariat to complete the integrated management information system as soon as possible, while placing this work in the framework of a long-term IT strategy. The next progress report would be provided for the 179th session of the Board.</p>		
7	<p>Report by the Director-General on the conclusions and recommendations of the expert team on the overall review of Major Programmes II and III</p>	33 C/Res.2	176 EX/7
	<p>In line with 33 C/Resolution 2, the overall review for Major Programmes II (Natural sciences) and III (Social and human sciences) was carried out by a team of scientific experts from Member States of all regions, constituted by the Director-General following consultations with the different Electoral Groups of the Organization, as well as members of the Secretariat.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference at its 34th session that it approve the broad thrusts of the Committee's recommendations 1-8, bearing in mind the Director-General's comments on the report.</p>		
	<p><b>Education</b></p>		
8	<p>Migration and education: quality assurance and mutual recognition of qualifications</p>	Item proposed by Norway	176 EX/8 176 EX/INF.16
	<p>This document emphasizes the need for recognition of qualifications in connection with migration linked to the new setting for higher education in a more globalized society. UNESCO is encouraged to play a major role in focusing on migration and education and to provide linkage between work on quality assurance and recognition of qualifications and the more general issue of migration and to strengthen work already done on regional conventions on the recognition of qualifications.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to include work on the issue of migration and recognition of qualifications in the 34 C/5 with the aim of facilitating the recognition of migrants' higher education qualifications and to appoint a working group that will develop, in cooperation with relevant regional organizations, institutions and stakeholders, a code of good practice on migration and the mutual recognition of qualifications in the field of education, based on accepted principles of quality assurance.</p>		

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9	Report by the Director-General on an improved version of the Global Action Plan to achieve the EFA goals by 2015, and progress report on its implementation	175 EX/Dec.7	176 EX/9
	<p>This report presents the improved version of the Global Action Plan to achieve the Education for All (EFA) goals and a progress report on its implementation.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board, noting the improvements made to the GAP document, invites the Director-General to submit an initial report on the application of the Global Action Plan at country level to it at its 177th session.</p>		
10	Proposal by the Director-General on new strategic orientations for the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme	Item proposed by the Director-General	176 EX/10
	<p>This document presents a proposal on new strategic orientations for the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme to the Executive Board for approval.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take note of the Director-General's new strategic approaches.</p>		
	<b>Natural sciences</b>		
11	Report by the Director-General on the evaluation of the first phase of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP), and proposals regarding draft document 34 C/4 and draft document 34 C/5	172 EX/Dec.12	176 EX/11
	<p>The report, which will also be submitted to the General Conference at its 34th session, assesses the first phase of the IBSP based on consideration of the take-off of the programme in 2005, and the development of partnerships and lessons learnt so far. As the first phase of the IBSP will be terminated in 2007, the report also introduces principle elements of a new strategy proposed for the forthcoming phase of the programme within draft documents 34 C/4 and 34 C/5.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board invites the Director-General to take a number of actions for implementation of the strategy he proposed in document 176 EX/11 for the development of the IBSP activity in 2008-2013, and to submit to the 181st session of the Executive Board and then to the General Conference at its 35th session a report on the development and returns of the IBSP during 2008-2009.</p>		
12 <sup>2</sup>	Number not attributed		
13 <sup>3</sup>	Number not attributed		

<sup>2</sup> Item 12 "Statutes and financial regulations of the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science" has been withdrawn as statutes and financial regulations of existing UNESCO prizes revised in conformity with the standard models adopted by 171 EX/Decision 24 do not need to be submitted either to the Executive Board or the General Conference.

<sup>3</sup> Item 13 "Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an Institute on a Partnership for Environmental Development (IPED), in Trieste (Italy)" has been postponed to the 177th session of the Executive Board as the

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14	<p>Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of a regional centre for shared aquifer resources management in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p>	175 EX/Dec.11	176 EX/14
	<p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility study that was carried out concerning the establishment of the centre and presents a draft agreement establishing the centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p>Decision required: Recommends to the General Conference at its 34th session that it approve the establishment of a regional centre for shared aquifer resources management in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and authorizes the Director-General to sign the agreement presented in Annex II to document 176 EX/14.</p>		
15	<p>Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an international groundwater resources assessment centre in Utrecht, Netherlands, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p>	175 EX/Dec.53	176 EX/15
	<p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility study that was carried out concerning the establishment of the centre and presents a draft agreement establishing the centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p>Decision required: Recommends to the General Conference at its 34th session that it approve the establishment of an international groundwater resources assessment centre in Utrecht, the Netherlands, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and authorizes the Director-General to sign the agreements presented in Annexes II and III to document 176 EX/15.</p>		
16	<p>Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an international centre for South-South cooperation in science, technology and innovation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	176 EX/16
	<p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility study that was carried out concerning the establishment of the centre and presents a draft agreement establishing the centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference at its 34th session that it approve the establishment of the centre and authorize the Director-General to sign the agreement.</p>		

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17	<p>Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of a sustainable energy development centre in Moscow, Russian Federation, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility study that was carried out concerning the establishment of the centre and presents a draft agreement establishing the centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference at its 34th session that it approve the establishment of the centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the agreement.</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	176 EX/17 and Corr.
18 <sup>4</sup>	Number not attributed		
	<b>Culture</b>		
19	<p>Report by the Director-General on the place of religion in the programme on interfaith and interreligious dialogue and activities designed to promote respect for and dialogue among cultures</p> <p>This document reports on progress achieved in the examination of the place of religion in UNESCO's framework of action.</p> <p>Decision required: the Director-General is invited to continue reflection on the place of religion, under an interdisciplinary approach that fosters knowledge of and respect for all cultures.</p>	33 C/Res.49	176 EX/19
20	<p>Jerusalem and the implementation of 33 C/Resolution 50 and 175 EX/Decision 14</p> <p>This document is intended to inform the Executive Board on the progress made concerning UNESCO's contribution towards the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular with regard to the preparation of an action plan for the preservation of this heritage.</p> <p>An addendum will be issued before the 176th session of the Board in order to keep the Executive Board informed of recent developments related to the protection of the cultural heritage of the World Heritage site of the Old City of Jerusalem.</p>	33 C/Res.50 175 EX/Dec.14	176 EX/20 and Add. 176 EX/INF.11
21 <sup>5</sup>	Number not attributed		

<sup>4</sup> Item 18 "Amendments to the statutes and the financial regulations of the UNESCO Great Man-Made River International Water Prize for Water Resources in Arid Zones" has been withdraw as statutes and financial regulations of existing UNESCO prizes revised in conformity with the standards models adopted by 171 EX/Decision 24 do not need to be submitted either to the Executive Board or the General Conference.

<sup>5</sup> Item 21 "Progress report by the Director-General on the preparation of a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War". The progress report on this question is addressed under item 5. A full report will be submitted to the 177th session of the Executive Board.

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<b>Communication and information</b>			
22	Consolidated report on the measures taken by Member States for the implementation of the Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace	33 C/Res.54	176 EX/22
	<p>The Director-General presents to the Executive Board, before its submission to the General Conference at its 34th session, a first consolidated report based on the analysis of replies from Member States, in accordance with the guidelines for drafting reports of this kind.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: the Executive Board invites the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference at its 34th session the report on measures taken by Member States for the implementation of the Recommendation, together with its observations and any observations the Director-General may wish to make.</p>		
<b>Intersectoral programme activities</b>			
23	Report on UNESCO action in favour of the respect for freedom of expression and respect for sacred beliefs and values and religious and cultural symbols	174 EX/Dec.46	176 EX/23
	<p>This document provides the follow-up to 174 EX/Decision 46 with a view to strengthening UNESCO's programmes and actions towards mutual understanding and respect for all peoples' religious and cultural values, and freedom of expression.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: the Director-General is invited to report on the implementation of innovative modalities of action, including the Power of Peace Network, for the purpose of furthering mutual understanding, at its 179th session.</p>		
<b>DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2008-2013 (34 C/4) AND DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2008-2009 (34 C/5)</b>			
24	Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) and recommendations of the Executive Board	Articles V and VI of the Constitution 171 EX/Dec.5 (III) 171 EX/Dec.30 (II) 172 EX/Dec.12 33 C/Res.1 33 C/Res.2 33 C/Res.3 174 EX/Dec.3 174 EX/Dec.4 174 EX/Dec.17 175 EX/Dec.20 175 EX/Dec.21 175 EX/Dec.41	34 C/4 Draft 176 EX/INF.17 Rev. 176 EX/INF.18 176 EX/INF.19 176 EX/INF.21
	<p>This document articulates the strategic vision and profile as well as the programmatic direction for UNESCO efforts in all its domains at the global, regional and country levels for the coming six years.</p>		



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25	<p>Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board</p> <p>This document contains the draft Programme and Budget for 2008- 2009. It is developed on the basis of the core scenario (zero-real growth) and contains programme and budget information about the implications of three other scenarios (real-growth; adjusted zero-nominal growth; and zero-nominal growth). This document is the first programme and budget during the period covered by the Organization's Medium-Term Strategy 2008-2013 (Draft 34 C/4). The revision concerns only Major Programme I (Education) and the corresponding budget data.</p>	<p>Articles V and VI of the Constitution  169 EX/Dec.4.1  169 EX/Dec.6.6  172 EX/Dec.12  172 EX/Dec.38  33 C/Res.2  33 C/Res.95  174 EX/Dec.3  174 EX/Dec.4  175 EX/Dec.20  175 EX/Dec.21  175 EX/Dec.22  175 EX/Dec.26  175 EX/Dec.41</p>	<p>34 C/5 Draft and Rev. of MPI and Add.  176 EX/INF.17 Rev.  176 EX/INF.18  176 EX/INF.19  176 EX/INF.21</p>
<b>METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION</b>			
26 <sup>6</sup>	Number not attributed		
27	<p>Report by the Director-General on the UNESCO Evaluation Policy and elaborated elements of the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy</p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of 175 EX/Decision 22, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board a report on the UNESCO Evaluation Policy and elaborated elements of the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy.</p> <p>Decision required: the proposed decision in paragraph 33 invites the Executive Board to endorse the UNESCO Evaluation Policy and to welcome the elaborated elements of the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy which contains the 34 C/4 Indicative Evaluation Plan, and requests the Director-General to implement the Evaluation Policy and Strategy, to allocate appropriate resources to the evaluation function and to report on the implementation of the Evaluation Strategy at its 180th session.</p>	175 EX/Dec.26	176 EX/27
28	<p>Comments by the Director-General on the evaluations undertaken during the 2006-2007 biennium and the cost-effectiveness of the programmes evaluated during the period of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4)</p> <p>The Director-General submits to the Executive Board a summary report on some of the evaluations carried out in the 2006-2007 biennium, together with his comments. He also submits to the Executive Board an addendum reporting on the cost-effectiveness of the programmes evaluated during the period of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4).</p>	<p>33 C/5  175 EX/Dec.22</p>	176 EX/28 and Add.

<sup>6</sup> Item 26 "Summary report by the Director-General on the cost-effectiveness of the programmes evaluated during the period of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4)" has been merged with item 28 concerning evaluations undertaken as it refers specifically to the cost-effectiveness of programmes evaluated and will figure as an addendum to document 176 EX/28.

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	<p>Decision required (176 EX/28): the proposed decision invites the Executive Board to take note of the recommendations of the evaluations, and to request the Director-General to implement in an appropriate manner recommendations which improve the programmes and services to which they relate.</p> <p>Decision required (176 EX/28 Add.): the proposed decision requests the Director-General to take the necessary steps to enhance results-based management culture and practice throughout the Organization to ensure sound cost-effectiveness analyses in the future and also requests the Director-General to ensure that future evaluations include cost-effectiveness analyses, where and when appropriate.</p>		
29	<p>Follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92 (para. 5) concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO</p> <p>At its last session, the Executive Board requested the Special Committee (175 EX/Decision 23), in consultation with the President of the General Conference, to meet and debate Recommendations 6, 7, 8, 10 and 13 of 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the General Conference at the 176th session of the Executive Board. Documents 175 EX/Decision 23 and 33 C/Resolution 92 are reproduced in the document.</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	174 EX/Dec.20 175 EX/Dec.23	176 EX/29
30	<p>Methods of work of the Organization</p> <p>At its last session, the Executive Board requested the Director-General (175 EX/Dec.51) to develop a document for its 176th session outlining the present rules, regulations and practices concerning the designation of members to delegations to the Executive Board of UNESCO and to similar bodies within the United Nations system generally, and, in that regard, to consult the Members of the Executive Board in this process.</p> <p>The document contains a synthesis of the replies received from Members of the Board in this regard, together with the information orally provided by the Legal Adviser at the last session during the debate in the Special Committee (Annex I) and replies received from three Members of the Board who explicitly requested that their letters reproduced <i>in extenso</i> be annexed to the document (Annex II). It also contains replies received from four agencies of the United Nations System (Annex III).</p> <p><b>MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS</b></p>	175 EX/Dec.51	176 EX/30
31	<p>Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon</p> <p>Under 104 EX/Decision 3.3, adopted in 1978, which sets out the procedure for examining the communications received by the Organization relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence, the Board will examine, in private meeting, the report of the CR Committee thereon.</p>	104 EX/Dec.3.3	176 EX/CR/HR and Add. 176 EX/3 PRIV.

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32	<p>Report by the Director-General on the ninth session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), and report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon</p> <p>This report summarizes the analysis of major issues affecting the current status of teaching personnel worldwide at all levels of education by the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART).</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to provide its observations on the report, if any, and to request the Director-General to communicate the Joint Committee's report to Member States and their and other relevant international organizations having relations with UNESCO, and to encourage them to continue to intensify their efforts to improve the status of the teaching profession.</p>	169 EX/Dec.3.4.1	176 EX/32
33	<p>Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments</p> <p>At the request of the Executive Board, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations is required to submit to it proposals to strengthen and improve the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take a decision on any proposals that may be submitted to it by the Committee.</p>	174 EX/Dec.21 175 EX/Dec.28	176 EX/33 Parts I and II
<b>GENERAL CONFERENCE</b>			
34	<p>Preparation of the provisional agenda of the 34th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Executive Board is responsible for the preparation of the provisional agenda of the General Conference. Items stemming from decisions taken by the Board at its 176th session as well as any other proposed by Member States, Associate Members or the Director-General within the statutory deadline (one hundred days before the opening of the session) will be included in the provisional agenda, to be communicated to Member States ninety days before the opening of the session.</p>	Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference 33 C/Res.92 (R.7, R.10)	176 EX/34
35	<p>Draft plan for the organization of the work of the 34th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Director-General submits to the Executive Board a draft plan for the organization of the work of the 34th session of the General Conference. Document 34 C/2 – organization of the work of the session – will be prepared on the basis of the decisions taken by the Board therein.</p>	Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference 33 C/Res.92 (R.8, R.9)	176 EX/35 and Corr.

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36	<p>Invitations to the 34th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Executive Board examines the list of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (formal relations) that will be invited to the 34th session of the General Conference and takes a decision in respect of the non-Member States that will be invited to send observers.</p>	Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference	176 EX/36 and Add.
37	<p>Submission of nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 34th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Executive Board is required to propose candidates for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 34th session of the General Conference. The list of Member States whose nationals were chairpersons of commissions and committees of the General Conference at the last five sessions has been annexed to document 176 EX/INF.5.</p>	160 EX/Dec.6.1.2	176 EX/INF.5
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS</b>			
38	<p>Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) Strategy in 2006-2007: Annual Report 2006</p> <p>In accordance with 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10, the Director-General presents the report on "Implementation of the Internal Oversight Service Strategy in 2006-2007: Annual Report 2006", which he fully endorses.</p> <p>Decision required: the proposed decision invites the Executive Board to note the contributions made by IOS to improving the management of the Organization and the Director-General's commitment to take action in response to issues raised in this report and to take further action on issues raised in 174 EX/28 (174 EX/Dec.29) where improvements are still needed.</p>	160 EX/Dec.6.5 164 EX/Dec.6.10 174 EX/Dec.28	176 EX/38 and Corr.
39	<p>Report by the External Auditor on the procedures used to hire consultants for the restructuring of the Education Sector</p> <p>In conformity with 175 EX/Decision 5, the External Auditor is presenting to the Executive Board his report on the procedures used to hire consultants for the restructuring of the Education Sector.</p>	175 EX/Dec.5	176 EX/39 176 EX/INF.12
40	<p>Progress report by the Director-General on the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)</p> <p>This document is a progress report which updates the Executive Board on developments in UNESCO and the United Nations system regarding the transition to IPSAS. It contains information on the IPSAS project implementation approach and organization, timelines and estimated costs together with funding options.</p>	171 EX/Dec.34 175 EX/Dec.33	176 EX/40

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	Decision required: the Executive Board recommends the adoption of IPSAS at the 34th session of the General Conference for the financial period to commence on 1 January 2010 and the examination of any relevant amendments in the Financial Regulations presented by the Secretariat at the 35th session of the General Conference.		
41	Annual report (2006) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): report by the Director-General	114 EX/Dec.8.5 22 C/Res.37 32 C/Res.70 33 C/Res.83 174 EX/Dec.28	176 EX/41
	The Director-General is asked to submit ICSC annual reports to the Executive Board.		
	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take note of the document and to invite the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in ICSC's work and take due account of the results of its work.		
42	Report by the Director-General on the use of consultant and fee contracts by the Secretariat	171 EX/Dec.35 175 EX/Dec.5	176 EX/42 and Add.
	The Director-General is asked to submit his report to the Executive Board on the Secretariat's use of consultant and fee contracts every two years.		
	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take note of the data and analyses set out in the report and to invite the Director-General to submit his next report on the use of consultant and fee contracts to its 181st session.		
43	Progress report by the Director-General on extrabudgetary resources and activities	166 EX/Dec.8.7 33 C/Res.92 175 EX/Dec.36	176 EX/43 176 EX/INF.9
	The Director-General's report provides information on progress achieved in the further elaboration and implementation of the Action Plan on improved management of extrabudgetary activities in accordance with the agreed time line. It also responds to the Board's call for information on the policies governing the use of self-benefiting funding arrangements, and the potential value to the Organization.		
	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take note of the information provided, and to urge the Director-General to pursue further follow-up action.		
44	Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex	170 EX/Dec.7.7 175 EX/Dec.38	176 EX/44
	This report by the Director-General is intended to inform the Executive Board of the follow-up to decisions on managing the UNESCO complex. It presents the progress of restoration work under the Belmont Plan for the Fontenoy site, information on the advancement of priority works at the Miollis/Bonvin site and information on the implementation of the new strategy for maintenance and management of UNESCO's Headquarters buildings. The report contains the new rental scale, with a view to full cost recovery, on revenue-generating activities and an update on security measures under implementation.		

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	<p>Decision required: the Board takes note of the progress achieved under the Belmont Plan and in managing the UNESCO complex, invites the Director-General to continue reporting on the advancement of works at the Miollis/Bonvin site, takes note of the revised rental scale for conference rooms, exhibitions and cultural events, and reiterates its request to the Director-General to apply all necessary measures resulting from the contracts for the letting of office space to Permanent Delegations.</p>		
	<p><b>RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b></p>		
45	<p>Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions</p>	<p>Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations (Sections V.3 and VI) and foundations (Articles I and II) 174 EX/Dec.31 175 EX/Dec.40</p>	176 EX/45
	<p>Within the framework of the continued revitalization and strengthening of the role of the NGO Committee, the agenda of the two-day session comprises a Round Table on Regional Cooperation between UNESCO and NGOs; an Open Forum on Cooperation with National Commissions for UNESCO as well as procedural matters pertaining to reclassification and admissions to official relations of NGOs and foundations.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to admit to formal consultative relations the World Fellowship of Buddhists and to take note of various decisions taken by the Director-General concerning official relations with NGOs. The Board is also invited to grant the NGO Committee an additional working day during the 177th session to continue the dialogue in an effort to further strengthen tripartite cooperation with Member States, NGOs and the Secretariat.</p>		
46	<p>Sexennial report of the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) (2001-2006)</p>	<p>Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations (Section V) 174 EX/Dec.31 175 EX/Dec.22 175 EX/Dec.40</p>	176 EX/46 176 EX/INF.6
	<p>In accordance with Section V.3 of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations, the General Conference receives, every six years, a report by the Executive Board on the contributions made to UNESCO's activities by organizations maintaining formal relations with it. The report is accompanied by an information document containing consolidated reports prepared by the NGOs, evaluations by the sectors with regard to the implementation of framework agreements concluded with 11 NGOs maintaining formal relations, and a brief assessment of UNESCO's cooperation with foundations and similar institutions.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt a resolution containing recommendations aimed at reinforcing cooperation between UNESCO and NGOs.</p>		

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47	Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2008-2009 with which UNESCO could be associated	159 EX/Dec.7.5 166 EX/Dec.9.3	176 EX/47 and Rev. (Spanish only) and Corr. (French and Russian only)
	<p>Pursuant to 159 EX/Decision 7.5, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2008-2009.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference that it approve the list of anniversaries proposed for 2008-2009 and endorsed by the Director-General and that it modify the selection criteria and the procedure for consideration of proposals for the celebration of anniversaries, as from the next biennium.</p>		
48	Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and the status of implementation of approved/accepted recommendations of Joint Inspection Unit reports	129 EX/Dec.3.3.1 169 EX/Dec.7.2 174 EX/Dec.33	176 EX/48
	<p>In accordance with Article 11 of the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), the Director-General transmits four new JIU reports to the Executive Board for consideration, accompanied by his own comments and observations. The Annex to the document includes the recommendations of previous JIU reports of relevance to UNESCO with the status of implementation and the Director-General's commitments on further action to be taken on those recommendations.</p> <p>Decision required: the proposed decision invites the Director-General to ensure follow-up of the implementation of approved/accepted recommendations of JIU reports, and to report to the Executive Board at its 179th session on the status of implementation of those recommendations.</p>		
<b>GENERAL MATTERS</b>			
49	Implementation of 33 C/Resolution 70 and 175 EX/Decision 47 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories	33 C/Res.70 175 EX/Dec.47	176 EX/49 and Add.
	<p>The Director-General informs the Executive Board of progress achieved by UNESCO since the 175th session of the Executive Board in providing assistance to educational and cultural institutions in favour of the Palestinian people, as well as in the occupied Syrian Golan.</p> <p>Decision required: the proposed decision will be submitted in an addendum to the document.</p>		
50	Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's contribution to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon	175 EX/Dec.54	176 EX/50
	<p>This document is presented in compliance with 175 EX/Decision 54. It summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO, since the 175th session of the Board, in providing assistance in favour of reconstruction and development in Lebanon within the Organization's fields of competence.</p>		

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	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to strengthen support to the Lebanese Government in the formulation and implementation of programmes within UNESCO's fields of competence, in the context of the reconstruction process.		
51	Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 177th session	103 EX/Dec.3.2.1	176 EX/INF.8
	<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS</b>		
52	Presentation of the World Forum on Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development, Trieste, Italy, 10-12 May 2007	Item proposed by Italy	176 EX/52 176 EX/INF.16
	This item is put on the agenda, on the proposal of Italy, with a view to informing the Executive Board on the holding of a "World Forum on Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development" in collaboration with UNESCO (Trieste, May 2007). The Forum will address issues such as the relationship between academia and industry, the role of governments in research and innovation, and the impact of research and innovation on society in relation to the education, science and innovation nexus, the contribution of knowledge to development. Focus will be made also on specific subjects such as education, energy, environment, and health, with a focus on sustainable development. In addition, it is intended that the Forum constitute a platform for the presentation of initiatives that deserve further support, or for the development of new programmes, aimed at the reduction of the North-South technological gap. A special session will be devoted to Africa, following the decision of the African Union to focus in 2007.		
	No decision is required.		
53	Report by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the implementation of document 33 C/5 together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (34 C/3)	33 C/Res.78 174 EX/Dec.3	176 EX/53
	This item is on the agenda to give effect to both 33 C/Resolution 78 (para. 4) and 174 EX/Decision 3 (para. 7). 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. By its 174 EX/Decision 3, the Executive Board agreed to report to the General Conference raising pertinent issues arising from the outcome of the dialogue on the execution of the programme and budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5 Approved).		
54	Regular budget contribution by UNESCO to the International Bureau of Education (IBE) for 2008-2009	Item proposed by India and Switzerland	176 EX/54 176 EX/INF.16
	The Council of the IBE at its last meeting in January 2007 unanimously requested that the question of the decrease of the budget of the IBE be submitted to the Executive Board at its next session.		



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	<p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to strengthen the administrative and substantive capacity and role of the IBE in areas of its competence and to maintain, in at least the next biennium, the present level of contribution.</p>		
55	<p>Proposal for the establishment of a UNESCO lifelong centre for sustainable development in South-East Asia as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>It is proposed to establish a UNESCO centre for lifelong learning for sustainable development in South-East Asia in support of the World Declaration on Education for All; the centre should provide and assist lifelong learners and providers in the South-East Asian subregion. The document mentions that UNESCO is not expected to have any financial nor legal obligation to the centre. The establishment of the centre is considered as supportive of UNESCO's programmes and objectives, especially in accordance with the goals and aspirations of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. The document contains in Annex V a draft agreement thereon between the Government of the Philippines and UNESCO.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to prepare a feasibility study for submission to it at its 177th session and subsequently to the General Conference at its 34th session.</p>	Item proposed by the Philippines	176 EX/55 176 EX/INF.16
56	<p>Implementation by UNESCO of the decisions taken by the African Union Summit on Science, Technology and Scientific Research for Development, held in Addis Ababa in January 2007</p> <p>During the African Union Summit held in Addis-Ababa in January 2007, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union called on UNESCO and other organizations to support the Member States, regional economic communities and the African Union to implement the Summit Declaration on Science and Technology. This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of Gabon on behalf of the Africa Group at UNESCO and was proposed by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take note of the African Union call on UNESCO to support the African Union and Member States to implement the Summit Declaration on Science and Technology. The Executive Board is also invited to request the Director-General to prepare a plan of action on how UNESCO will participate in this implementation for submission to it at its 177th session and subsequently, to the General Conference at its 34th session.</p>	Item proposed by Gabon on behalf of the African Group	176 EX/56 and Add. and Corr. 176 EX/INF.16
57	<p>Ibero-American Regional Centre for Dance, Music, Performing Arts and Audiovisual Communication, Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)</p> <p>The Governments of the Dominican Republic and Spain propose to establish an Ibero-American regional centre for dance, music, performing arts and audiovisual communication in Santo-Domingo (Dominican Republic) under the auspices of UNESCO as a category 2 centre.</p>	Item proposed by the Dominican Republic and Spain	176 EX/57 and Corr. 176 EX/INF.16

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58	<p>Decision required: It is proposed that the Executive Board invites both governments of Spain and of the Dominican Republic to submit a feasibility study on this proposal with a view to examining the possibility of placing this centre under the auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p><b>Use of languages in intergovernmental meetings at UNESCO</b></p> <p>Reference is made to 33 C/Resolution 91 of the General Conference "Use of languages in UNESCO", which added to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, two new articles on the use of the working languages in category 1 and 2 meetings for which working languages shall be Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, French, English and Russian.</p> <p>Decision required: taking into account that the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage is of a representative character and belongs to category 2 intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of States convened by UNESCO, the Executive Board is invited to call upon this Committee to work in the spirit of 33 C/Resolution 91 and to consider an amendment to its Rules of Procedure so that the six working languages are included.</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Dominican Republic on behalf of the Member States of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC) of UNESCO</p>	<p>176 EX/58</p>
59	<p><b>Preparation of a convention for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages</b></p> <p>It is proposed that an international convention be drawn up to codify good practices and the most appropriate rules for protecting indigenous and endangered languages. Dozens of languages die out every year, and the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage deals with languages only as a medium for the intangible cultural heritage and not with languages for their own sake.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Venezuela</p>	<p>176 EX/59 176 EX/INF.16</p>
60	<p><b>Intercultural dialogue between African and Latin America and the Caribbean</b></p> <p>This item refers to the proposed South-South Cultural Forum project. The intercultural dialogue between Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean involves the identification and implementation of activities related to important cultural events in the identity development process of these peoples, such as the creation of a network of intellectuals to promote the strengthening of skills; the search for convergence factors and the development of a joint interregional agenda; the identification of studies already conducted and the development of educational material to support this rapprochement.</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Dominican Republic</p>	<p>176 EX/60 and Rev. (Rev. in Arabic only) 176 EX/INF.16</p>

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61	<p data-bbox="209 288 786 322"><b>Strengthening of UNESCO's ethical mission</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 353 861 792">The development of "principles, practices and ethical norms relevant for social change and scientific and technological development" (175 EX/Decision 21, paragraph 44(f)) is identified as one of the Organization's key roles under the strategic programme objectives of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4). This type of activity is not new to the Organization since rotating bioethics conferences have already been held. Similarly, regional consultations on ethics in cyberspace have already been initiated with a view to drawing up a universal code of ethics for the information society. These activities and their follow-up call for, <i>inter alia</i>, the establishment of a network of intellectuals to promote capacity-building; the formulation of a common regional agenda; the identification of studies already taken; and the production of educational material conducive to such a convergence.</p> <p data-bbox="209 813 868 947">Decision required: The Executive Board is asked to invite the Director-General, <i>inter alia</i>, to take measures to ensure that UNESCO directs its efforts towards the promotion of ethical standards as well as to draw up a draft plan of action thereon for consideration at the 177th session of the Executive Board.</p>	Item proposed by the Dominican Republic	176 EX/61 Rev. (Rev.2 in English, Russian, Arabic and Chinese only) 176 EX/INF.16
62	<p data-bbox="209 987 871 1115"><b>Proposal for the establishment in China of a world heritage training and research institute for the Asia and the Pacific region (category 2), under the auspices of UNESCO.</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 1149 871 1395">It is proposed to establish a World Heritage Training and Research Institute in China for the Asia and the Pacific region under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as already presented to the World Heritage Committee. It will be established under Chinese law to serve the Asian and the Pacific States Parties to the World Heritage Convention and the Member States of UNESCO. The overarching objective of the institute is to build the region's capacity in respect of world heritage protection, management and research.</p> <p data-bbox="209 1429 871 1615">Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to carry out a feasibility study on the proposed category 2 institute in line with the criteria for category 2 institutes adopted by the General Conference at its 33rd session and to present the results of such a feasibility study to the 177th session of the Executive Board for its consideration.</p>	Item proposed by the People's Republic of China	176 EX/62 176 EX/INF.16