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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**REPORT BY THE BUREAU ON QUESTIONS
THAT DO NOT APPEAR TO REQUIRE DEBATE**

After examination of the revised provisional agenda for the 175th session, it would appear that the following items¹ may be defined as questions which, in accordance with Rule 14, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, do not appear to require debate.

In conformity with the same rule, however, it is still open to any Member to “request a discussion of any item for which the Bureau has recommended adoption of decisions without discussion”; “in that case, the item mentioned shall be discussed by the Board”.

Item 11 of the provisional agenda

**PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IHP REGIONAL CENTRE FOR THE
SCIENTIFIC STUDY ON MANAGEMENT OF SHARED GROUNDWATER RESOURCES
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO AND THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION (WMO) IN TRIPOLI, LIBYA (175 EX/12 AND 175 EX/INF.16)**

Proposed draft decision

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the importance of managing shared groundwater resources and science in the work of UNESCO,
2. Having examined document 175 EX/12,
3. Takes note of the important opportunities for cooperation mentioned in this document;
4. Requests the Director-General to prepare a feasibility study for submission to it at its 176th session and subsequently to the General Conference at its 34th session.

¹ The Executive Board had approved in plenary 5 October 2006 the withdrawal of item 19 “Proposal for the establishment of the International Children’s Centre (ARTEK) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category2)” (175 EX/20) from the Bureau’s report for examination by the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA).

Item 37 of the provisional agenda

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (175 EX/36)**

Proposed draft decision

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 175 EX/36,
2. Takes note of its content.

Item 43 of the provisional agenda

**RELATIONS WITH THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC)
AND DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
UNESCO AND THAT ORGANIZATION (175 EX/41)**

Proposed draft decision

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of the UNESCO Constitution,
2. Having examined document 175 EX/41,
3. Noting with satisfaction the existing cooperation between the East African Community (EAC) and UNESCO,
4. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the East African Community (EAC),
5. Taking note of the fact that the Secretary-General of that organization has approved the text of the draft cooperation agreement,
6. Approves the draft cooperation agreement which is reproduced in Annex II of this document;
7. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO, and to establish official relations with the East African Community (EAC).

ANNEX II

DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

The East African Community (hereinafter referred to as EAC), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO),

Considering that EAC has been established in order, inter alia, to give effect to the desire of its partner States for economic, political and social integration in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community to promote peace, stability and security in the region, to foster agricultural development and environmental protection, and to facilitate efforts in the region to ensure the integration of its partner States and people,

Considering that UNESCO was established for the purpose of advancing, through educational, scientific and cultural relations of the world's States, the objectives of international peace and common welfare of humankind,

Considering that UNESCO's programmes are aimed at making a positive contribution to sustainable human development through education, science, culture, communication and information,

Desirous of coordinating their perspective efforts in pursuit of the goals that are shared between them, in accordance with the Treaty establishing EAC and the Constitution of UNESCO,

Having regard to 175 EX/Decision (to be decided) by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 175th session,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Purpose

1. The purpose of this Agreement shall be to provide a framework of cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the two parties. Such cooperation shall encompass any matter pertaining to the fields of education, science, culture and communication concerning such similar tasks and activities as both organizations may pursue.

Article 2 – Cooperation

1. UNESCO and EAC shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for that purpose.

2. When circumstances so require, both organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities in the fields of common interests.

3. EAC shall inform UNESCO of any of its activities which may be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. EAC shall study any proposal submitted to it by UNESCO in its fields of competence with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

4. UNESCO shall inform EAC of any of its activities which may be of interest to the Partner States of EAC. UNESCO shall study any proposal submitted to it by EAC in its fields of competence with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

Article 3 – Reciprocal Representation

1. UNESCO may invite EAC to attend as observer the General Conference of UNESCO and meetings of the Executive Board whenever matters of common interest are discussed.

2. EAC may invite UNESCO to attend as observer the Conference of Heads of States and Government and the meetings of the Council of Ministers whenever matters of common interest are discussed.

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreements between the Secretary-General of EAC and the Director-General of UNESCO to ensure reciprocal representation of EAC and UNESCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which deal with matters of interest to their organization.

Article 4 – Joint EAC/UNESCO Commissions

1. EAC and UNESCO may refer to a joint commission any matter of common interest which may be deemed appropriate for reference thereto.

2. Any joint commission of this kind shall be composed of representatives appointed by both organizations, individually, the number to be appointed by each being determined by joint agreement.

3. Any such joint commission shall meet every two years and whenever deemed appropriate or necessary by both organizations. The reports of the joint commission shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of EAC and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

Article 5 – Exchange of Information and Documents

Subject to such measures as may be necessary to protect the confidentiality of particular documents, UNESCO and EAC shall exchange information and documents on all matters recognized by both organizations as being of common interest.

Article 6 – Execution of the Agreement

The Secretary-General of EAC and the Director-General of UNESCO shall, for the purpose of executing this Agreement, enter into any such additional arrangements as may prove desirable in the light of experience.

Article 7 – Review and Termination

1. This Agreement may be amended with the mutual written consent of both parties.

2. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six month's written notice to the other party. The termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.

Article 8 – Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon approval by respective competent organs of both organizations and signature by the Secretary-General of EAC and the Director-General of UNESCO.

This Agreement has been drawn up in two original copies in English Language, both being authentic.

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For the
East African Community
(EAC)

For the
United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization
(UNESCO)

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Amb. Juma V. Mwapachu
Secretary-General

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Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General

Item 44 of the provisional agenda

**RELATIONS WITH THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC
AND MONETARY UNION (WAEMU)
AND DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
UNESCO AND THAT ORGANIZATION**

Proposed draft decision

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of the UNESCO Constitution,
2. Having examined document 175 EX/42,
3. Noting with satisfaction the existing cooperation between the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and UNESCO,
4. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU),
5. Taking note of the fact that the President of the Commission of that organization has approved the text of a possible draft cooperation agreement,

6. Approves the draft cooperation agreement reproduced in Annex II to the aforesaid document;
7. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the Cooperation Agreement on behalf of UNESCO, and to establish official relations with the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU).

ANNEX II
DRAFT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
**THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
(UNESCO)**
AND
**THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION
(WAEMU)**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as “UNESCO”),

and

the West African Economic and Monetary Union (hereinafter referred to as “WAEMU”),

Considering that UNESCO was established to advance, through the educational, scientific and cultural relations of the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and the common welfare of humanity,

Considering that WAEMU was established to promote the economic and social development of Member States by harmonizing their legislation, unifying their domestic markets and implementing common policies in the key sectors of their economies,

Considering that UNESCO may, under Article XI of its Constitution, cooperate with other specialized intergovernmental organizations and agencies whose interests and activities are related to its purposes,

Considering that WAEMU may, under Articles 13 and 84 of its Constitution, enter into cooperation agreements with international organizations,

Recalling the Ouagadougou Declaration (Burkina Faso) of 5 March 2003 establishing the Forum of the Regional and Sub-Regional African Organisations in support of cooperation between UNESCO and NEPAD (FOSRASUN),

Noting the agreement between UNESCO and the African Union signed at Khartoum on 24 January 2006,

Having regard to 175 EX/Decision adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 175th session,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 Cooperation

1. UNESCO and WAEMU shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for that purpose.
2. Such cooperation shall encompass, *inter alia*, the following fields:
 - (i) education;
 - (ii) human resources;
 - (iii) basic sciences, engineering and technology;
 - (iv) human and social sciences;
 - (v) culture;
 - (vi) communication and information;
 - (vii) natural resource management;
 - (viii) the environment;
 - (ix) culture of peace;
 - (x) dialogue among civilizations;
 - (xi) youth and women;
 - (xii) subregional and regional integration;
 - (xiii) the fight against poverty;
 - (xiv) pandemics and epidemics, in particular HIV/AIDS.
3. Activities shall be carried out consistently with those existing between UNESCO and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Article 2 Consultation

1. The competent bodies of both organizations shall consult each other regularly on all matters mentioned in Article I which are of common interest.
2. When circumstances so require, both organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most suitable means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities in fields of common interest.
3. UNESCO shall inform WAEMU of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of WAEMU. UNESCO shall study any proposal submitted to it by WAEMU in those fields with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.
4. WAEMU shall inform UNESCO of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. It shall study any proposal submitted to it by UNESCO in those fields with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

Article 3 Reciprocal representation

UNESCO and WAEMU may each invite the other organization to meetings when matters of common interest are discussed.

Article 4
Joint WAEMU/UNESCO commission

1. UNESCO and WAEMU may refer any matter of common interest to a joint commission, should they deem it appropriate.
2. Any joint commission of this kind shall be composed of representatives appointed jointly. The total number of representatives to be appointed shall be determined by specific agreements between both organizations.
3. Any such joint commission shall meet every two years and whenever deemed appropriate or necessary by both organizations. The reports of the joint commission shall be communicated to the Director-General of UNESCO and to the President of the WAEMU Commission.

Article 5
Exchange of information and documents

UNESCO and WAEMU agree to exchange documents relating to their fields of cooperation, subject to such measures as may be taken to protect the confidentiality of particular documents.

Article 6
Joint activities and projects

1. UNESCO and WAEMU may, by mutual agreement, carry out joint activities in the interest of their respective Member States. To that end, they shall agree on the nature and form of such activities and on the commitments, in particular financial commitments, of each of the parties.
2. The two organizations shall coordinate their activities for the implementation of joint projects.

Article 7
Execution of the Agreement

1. The Director-General of UNESCO and the President of the WAEMU Commission shall consult each other regularly on matters relating to this Agreement.
2. The Director-General of UNESCO and the President of the WAEMU Commission may, if necessary, agree to additional administrative provisions for the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8
Amendment and denunciation

1. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of both parties.
2. Either of the parties may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party. The denunciation of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.
3. Any dispute arising from the validity, interpretation and/or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably.

Article 9
Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it has been signed by the appointed representatives of both organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Director-General of UNESCO and the President of the WAEMU Commission, have signed this Agreement in two copies in French, both versions being authentic.

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For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization
(UNESCO)

For the West African Economic and
Monetary Union (WAEMU)

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Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General

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Soumaïla Cisse
President of the Commission

Item 53 of the provisional agenda

**PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IHP INTERNATIONAL
GROUNDWATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT CENTRE (IGRAC) IN THE
NETHERLANDS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO (175 EX/48 AND 175 EX/INF.16)**

Proposed draft decision

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the importance of water resources management in the work of UNESCO,
2. Having examined document 175 EX/48,
3. Takes note of the important opportunities for cooperation mentioned in this document;
4. Requests the Director-General to prepare a feasibility study for submission to its 176th session and subsequently to the General Conference at its 34th session.