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**THE EMIR JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH PRIZE FOR
RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED**

SUMMARY

The Kuwaiti authorities have proposed to the Director-General the creation of a prize entitled “The Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled” to reward the activities of individuals, groups, organizations or specialized centres in fields relating to special needs education for the mentally disabled. The Executive Board is invited to approve the creation of this prize.

Decision required: paragraph 4.

1. In a letter dated 25 May 2001, the Minister of Education and Higher Education of Kuwait informed the Director-General of the intention of the Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah to propose the creation of a prize entitled “The Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled”. The purpose of the Prize is to reward the outstanding activities of individuals, groups, organizations or specialized centres in fields relating to special needs education for the mentally disabled. These activities should be consonant with UNESCO’s objectives and ideals, and be linked to the programmes that the Organization is carrying out in the above-mentioned fields. Under the Prize, \$500,000 will be placed at the disposal of the Director-General of UNESCO, who may use the interest generated by this fund, in accordance with the drafted statutes and financial regulations (Annex I and Annex II).

2. The draft statutes stipulate that the Prize shall be awarded every two years, preferably during the UNESCO General Conference, to honour eminent individuals, groups, organizations or

specialized centres in fields related to special needs education. The Prize shall be shared by two prizewinners, one from the Arab States, the other from a non-Arab country.

3. The draft financial regulations have been drawn up in conformity with the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for New Management and Monitoring Instruments that were approved in 161 EX/Decision 7.10.

4. In the light of the foregoing, the Executive Board may wish to adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/9 concerning the creation of the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled,
2. Considering that the objectives of the Prize are consonant with those of UNESCO, such as the objectives set out in the second and sixth paragraphs of the Preamble and in Article I, paragraph 2 (c), of the Constitution of UNESCO,
3. Expresses to the Government of Kuwait and to H.H. the Emir of Kuwait, Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, its deep gratitude for this initiative and for the generous offer of a fund amounting to \$500,000;
4. Approves the Statutes of the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education, as set out in Annex I to the present decision;
5. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for this Prize, as set out in Annex II to the present decision.

ANNEX I

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Statutes of the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Prize is to reward the activities of individuals, groups, organizations or specialized centres in fields relating to special needs education for the mentally disabled. These contributions shall be in keeping with UNESCO's policies and aims, while having a link with the programmes that the Organization is carrying out in this field, primarily educational and training programmes for this social category. The Prize is also intended to reward individuals and associations contributing to educational efforts for this social group.

2. Denomination and amount of the Prize

2.1 The Prize, consisting of a certificate and a sum of money, shall be entitled "The Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled".

2.2 The Director-General shall determine the amount of the Prize on the basis of the interest generated by investing the sum of \$500,000 offered for this purpose by the Government of Kuwait. This interest shall also be used for the settlement of the Prize's operating expenses in accordance with Article 3 of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled.

3. Periodicity

The Prize shall be awarded every two years, and shall be shared equally between a prizewinner from an Arab country and a prizewinner from a non-Arab country.

4. Conditions

The candidates (individuals, groups and foundations) shall have contributed to high-quality work in research and theoretical and practical studies relating to special needs education for the mentally disabled.

5. Selection of prizewinners

The prizewinners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the proposals that shall be made to him by a jury.

6. The Jury

6.1 The Jury shall consist of at least five members. The members, of different nationalities and having the requisite specialization and experience in this field, shall be appointed by the Director-General for a term of four years, and may be reappointed.

6.2 The Jury shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure, to be submitted to the Director-General for approval, and shall be assisted in the performance of its duty by a member of the Secretariat designated by the Director-General.

6.3 The Jury shall normally meet once every two years.

7. Nomination of candidates

Nominations shall be proposed to the Director-General of UNESCO by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by international non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with the Organization, each of which may designate one candidate.

8. Submission of nominations

8.1 The governments and international non-governmental organizations shall provide in support of each candidate a recommendation including:

- (a) a description of the candidate's work;
- (b) a summary of the outcome of the candidate's work;
- (c) a review of the way in which the candidate has contributed to the development of research in special needs education for the mentally disabled.

8.2 The nominations shall be accompanied by a biographical note.

9. Procedure for the awarding of the Prize

The names of the winners shall be announced every two years at a date set by the Director-General of UNESCO. The Director-General (or his representative) shall award the Prize at an official ceremony held for that purpose, to which he will invite the representatives of the Government of Kuwait.

ANNEX II

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Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled

Article 1 – Creation of the Special Account

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, a Special Account is hereby created for “The Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled”, hereafter referred to as the “Special Account”.
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose of the Special Account

The amounts deposited in the Special Account shall be invested, and the interest thus generated shall be used to finance the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (i) Donations from the Government of Kuwait, individuals, companies and other donors placed in the Special Account with the prior agreement of the Government of Kuwait;
- (ii) The interest generated by investing these donations credited to the Special Account.

Article 5 – Expenditure

The amounts paid to the winners of the Prize shall be deducted from the Special Account. The same shall apply to the Prize’s operating expenses, including expenses incurred for the organization of the meetings of the Jury responsible for selecting the winners. The expenditure shall not exceed 80% of the interest generated, the remaining 20% being added to the initial capital of the donation in order to offset inflation and currency fluctuations.

Article 6 – Accounts

- 6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.
- 6.2 Any unused balance at the end of the financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.

6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.

6.4 Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

Article 7 – Investments

7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.

7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

The Director-General shall decide upon the closure of the Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary, and inform the Executive Board accordingly.

Article 9 – General provision

Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.

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CORRIGENDUM

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Paragraph 3, should read as follows:

The draft financial regulations have been drawn up in conformity with the standard model text for the financial regulations of special accounts that was approved by 161 EX/Decision 7.10.