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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 provisional agenda for the 160th session it would appear that the following item may be defined as a question that, in accordance with Rule 14, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, does 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 8.2 of the provisional agenda

**RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY
OF PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES (CPLP)
AND DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN UNESCO AND THAT ORGANIZATION
(160 EX/36 and Corr.)**

Suggested decision

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 160 EX/36 and Corr.,
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the initiatives taken by CPLP in which UNESCO was invited to participate;
3. Approves the draft cooperation agreement contained in Annex II to this document;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with the community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries and to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

Item 8.3 of the draft provisional agenda

**RELATIONS WITH THE SAHARA AND SAHEL OBSERVATORY (OSS)
AND DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN UNESCO AND THAT BODY
(160 EX/37)**

Suggested decision

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 160 EX/37,
2. Considering the desirability of establishing a framework for cooperation between UNESCO and the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) in areas of mutual interest concerning action to combat desertification,
3. Approves the draft cooperation agreement set out in Annex II to this document;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish formal relations with OSS and to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.