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## **International Scientific Committee for the UNESCO History Project**

### **Statutes**

#### Article I      Establishment

1. An International Scientific Committee for the UNESCO History Project, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, is hereby established by the Director-General.
2. In the performance of its tasks, the Committee shall be guided by CL/3710 of 30 April 2004<sup>i</sup>, in particular with regard to the definition of the objectives of the UNESCO History Project, hereinafter referred to as the Project.

#### Article II      Functions

The Committee shall guide and supervise the implementation of the Project. This shall, in particular, include:

- (a) considering proposals on the development of the Project;
- (b) taking appropriate actions to achieve the objectives of the Project;
- (c) reviewing and assessing the activities and achievements of the Project;
- (d) promoting participation of scientific networks and communities as well as other interested parties, such as the National Commissions for UNESCO, in the implementation of the Project;
- (e) facilitating national, regional and international activities aiming at advancing the objectives of the Project;
- (f) seeking the necessary resources for the implementation of the Project;
- (g) deciding on the allocation of the extrabudgetary funds that will be collected in the Special Account for the UNESCO History Project<sup>ii</sup>;
- (h) taking all appropriate measures to encourage and disseminate knowledge about historical research on the Organization.

#### Article III      Members

1. The Committee shall be composed of no more than twelve regular members, who will be appointed by the Director-General in their personal capacity.
2. Members of the Committee shall be recognized specialists in the field of history of international relations or related disciplines. They shall come from different regions and cultures of the world and reflect a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches and views.

3. The terms of office of members shall be five years. Terms of office of members may be renewed. In the event of death or resignation of a member of the Committee, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the rest of the term.
4. Representatives of the International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (ICPHS), the International Social Science Council (ISCC), the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the History Club of the Association of Former UNESCO Staff (AFUS) shall be invited to participate in the sessions of the Committee as observers.
5. The Director-General shall be represented on the Committee.

#### Article IV Sessions

1. The Director-General shall normally convene the Committee once a year.
2. The Committee shall endeavour to arrive at its decisions by consensus. In the event of a vote being taken, each member of the Committee shall have one vote.

#### Article V Elections

At each of its sessions, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson, who shall remain in office until the following session.

#### Article VI Travel

The travel and subsistence expenses of the members when attending sessions of the Committee shall normally be borne by UNESCO, in accordance with the provisions of its travel rules.

#### Article VII Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the UNESCO Archives Unit.

#### Article VIII Organization and reporting

1. The agenda for the sessions of the Committee shall be drawn up by the Director-General.
2. After each session, the Committee shall present a report on its work. This report shall include information on the situation of the Special Account mentioned above, Article II (b).

#### Article IX Termination and Statutes

Termination of the Committee and amendment of the Statutes may be made by the Director-General on his own initiative, or following proposals from the Committee.

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<sup>i</sup> Cf. <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/ulis/circulars/cl3710.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> Cf. <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001400/140006e.pdf>