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AGENDA (annotated)

Item	Title	Reference	Document
1	AGENDA AND TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU The Executive Board is invited to adopt the agenda and timetable of work and to approve the report of the Bureau.	Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	179 EX/1 Prov. Rev. 179 EX/2 179 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev. 179 EX/INF.5
2	APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 177th AND 178th SESSIONS The Executive Board is invited to approve the Summary Records of the 177th and 178th sessions.	Rule 23, para. 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	177 EX/SR.1-11 and Corr. and 178 EX/SR.1-2
3	Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board In this document, the Director-General informs the Members of the Executive Board on decisions taken since the 177th 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	179 EX/PRIV.1 and Add.
EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME			
4	Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Programme and Budget (33 C/5), and on results achieved in the previous biennium (2006-2007) (Draft 35 C/3) This report by the Director-General is intended to inform the Executive Board on progress in the execution of the programme and budget adopted by the General Conference, as well as on the results achieved in the previous biennium.	Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution 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) 162 EX/Dec.3.1.3 166 EX/Dec.3.1.1 (II) 169 EX/Dec.4.1 169 EX/Dec.6.6 172 EX/Dec.21 33 C/Res.92	179 EX/4 – Draft 35 C/3 (<i>Rev. for English only</i>) 179 EX/4 Add. 179 EX/INF.8 179 EX/INF.9 179 EX/INF.10 179 EX/INF.13 (<i>New Delhi Declaration, March 2008</i>) 179 EX/INF.16 179 EX/INF.17

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	Members of the Executive Board are invited to give their views on the Director-General's report in plenary.	174 EX/Dec.3 175 EX/Dec.4 (II) 175 EX/Dec.23	
	The Addendum to this report presents salient developments in field offices participation in United Nations common country programming processes and the main results achieved with regard to UNESCO's insertion in these processes.	176 EX/5 (V) 176 EX/Dec.29 34 C/Res.89 124 EX/Dec.6.1 and 167 EX/Dec.4.2 <i>(Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO)</i>	
5 ¹	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	169 EX/Dec.4.3 and 175 EX/Dec.23	179 E/5 Part I and Part II <i>(Rev. for English only)</i> 179 EX/5 Add. 179 EX/INF.3 <i>(drafting document 35 C/5)</i> 179 EXINF.4 Rev. <i>(Ahmedabad Declaration)</i> 179 EX/INF.8 179 EX/INF.9 179 EX/INF.10
	<i>Use of an Appointment of Limited Duration (ALD) for the post of Ethics Officer</i>	162 EX/Dec.3.1.2	
	<i>Preparations for drafting document 35 C/5</i>	169 EX/Dec.4.1	
	<i>Progress report on the review of the decentralization strategy and on UNESCO's efforts and challenges with respect to United Nations system-wide coherence</i>	171 EX/Dec.5 177 EX/Dec.6 (II) 34 C/Res.64	
	<i>Progress report on the integrated management information system</i>	176 EX/Dec.6 (II) 34 C/Res.89	
	<i>UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme</i>	176 EX/Dec.10	

¹ Item 5. Sub-item 177 EX/Decision 63 (Progress report on UNESCO's contribution to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon) is now reported under item 43.

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	<i>Furthering mutual understanding as well as respect for all people's religious and cultural values, and freedom of expression</i>	176 EX/Dec.23	
	<i>Intercultural dialogue between Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	176 EX/Dec.60	
	<i>Strengthening of UNESCO's ethical mission</i>	176 EX/Dec.61	
	<i>Progress report on the preparatory process for the 48th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE)</i>	177 EX/Dec.5 (II)	
	<i>Progress report on the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD)</i>	177 EX/Dec.9 34 C/Res.19	
	<i>Improved gender balance at senior management levels in the UNESCO Secretariat</i>	177 EX/Dec.50 34 C/Res.82	
	<i>Interim report on the situation of Iraqi refugee students in the Syrian Arab Republic</i>	177 EX/Dec.72	
	<i>Internal evaluation of the results achieved by Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA)</i>	34 C/Res.18	
	<i>Implementing the Almaty Declaration</i>	34 C/Res.34	
	<i>INF document submitted by India: Ahmedabad Declaration</i>	175 EX/Dec.55	
	This report is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of the progress achieved in the follow-up to the decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions.		
	179 EX/5 Part I focuses on the following issues:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. 176 EX/Decision 6 (II), 34 C/Resolution 89: Progress report on the integrated management information system II. 176 EX/Decision 10: UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme 		

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III.	176 EX/Decision 23: Furthering mutual understanding as well as respect for all people's religious and cultural values, and freedom of expression		
IV.	176 EX/Decision 60: Intercultural dialogue between Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean		
V.	177 EX/Decision 5(II): Progress report on the preparatory process for the 48th session of the Inter-national Conference on Education (ICE)		
VI.	177 EX/Decision 50, 34 C/Resolution 82: Improved gender balance at senior management levels in the UNESCO Secretariat		
VII.	177 EX/Decision 72: Interim report on the situation of Iraqi refugee students in the Syrian Arab Republic		
VIII.	34 C/Resolution 18: Internal evaluation of the results achieved by Teacher Training Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (TTISSA)		
IX.	34 C/Resolution 34: Implementing the Almaty Declaration		

No decision is required from the Board.

179 EX/5 Part II focuses on the following issues:

- I. 169 EX/Decision 4.1: Preparations for drafting document 35 C/5
- II. 171 EX/Decision 5, 177 EX/Decision 6 (II), 34 C/Resolution 64:
Progress report on the review of the decentralization strategy and on UNESCO's efforts and challenges with respect to United Nations system-wide coherence
- III. 176 EX/Decision 61: Strengthening of UNESCO's ethical mission
- IV. 177 EX/Decision 9, 34 C/Resolution 19: Further promotion of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable development

No decision is required from the Board.

179 EX/5 Add. This Addendum is to inform the Executive Board of the Director-General's intention to use an Appointment of Limited Duration (ALD) to fill the post of Ethics Officer (P-5) and to seek their endorsement to use the regular programme funds, on an exceptional basis, for this ALD contract.

Decision proposed: paragraph 7.

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Education			
6	United Nations University: report by the Council of the University and the Director-General's comments thereon	129 EX/Dec.3.2.1 174 EX/Dec.7	179 EX/6 Rev.
	This annual report is intended to inform the Executive Board on the work of the United Nations University (UNU) and on cooperation between UNESCO and the UNU during the period 2006-2007.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to review the relationship that has developed between UNU and UNESCO over the years and to express its support to the newly-appointed Rector of the University, as well as to invite the Director-General to communicate to the Chair of the Council of the UNU and to the new Rector the terms of this decision.		
Natural sciences			
7	Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an international centre on space technologies for cultural and natural heritage in Beijing, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	179 EX/7
	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.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to recommend to the General Conference at its 35th session to approve its establishment and to authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement.		
Social and human sciences			
8	Report by the Director-General on the progress of the commemorative activities and the review of the implementation of UNESCO's plan of action for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights	34 C/Res.38	179 EX/8 179 EX/INF.7 179 EXINF.14
	The Director-General informs the Executive Board on the progress of the commemorative activities for the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of		

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	Human Rights and submits a refined plan of action.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to approve the plan of action and to review its implementation.		
	Culture		
9	Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47, 177 EX/Decisions 19 and 20	177 EX/Dec.19 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision 177 EX/Dec.20 34 C/Res.47	179 EX/9 and Add.
	This document is intended to inform the Executive Board on the progress made concerning UNESCO's contribution to the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular with regard to the Action Plan for the preservation of this heritage and the follow-up of the works carried out at the Mughrabi ascent in the Old City.		
	An Addendum, containing the draft required decision, is foreseen.		
10	Report by the Director-General on a preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes from the programmes implemented by UNESCO related to this issue	176 EX/Dec.59	179 EX/10 179 EX/INF.6 and Corr.
	This document presents a progress report on the preparation of the preliminary study concerned.		
	Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the progress made in the preparation of the preliminary study required, to request the Director-General to continue to seek extrabudgetary funding and to report on the progress made in the preparation of the study to the Executive Board at its 180th session.		
11 ²	Item not attributed		

² Item 11 "Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of an institute for African culture and international understanding at the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library in Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO" has been withdrawn from the agenda to enable the Secretariat to have at its disposal all of the technical details needed to transmit the document within the required statutory time limits. It is therefore proposed that the discussion on this item be deferred to the 180th session of the Board.

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12	<p data-bbox="288 271 754 371">Evaluation of the Nordic World Heritage Foundation and renewal of category 2 centre status</p> <p data-bbox="288 405 754 595">The Nordic World Heritage Foundation was granted the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO in 2004. The external evaluation of the Nordic World Heritage Foundation (NWHF) was carried out in view of a renewal of the category 2 centre status.</p> <p data-bbox="288 629 754 819">Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to note the results of the evaluation and to authorize the Director-General to renew the status of a category 2 centre of the Foundation by entering into an agreement with the Government of Norway.</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	179 EX/12
13 ³	<p data-bbox="288 853 754 887">Number not attributed</p> <p data-bbox="288 920 754 954">Communication and information</p>		
14	<p data-bbox="288 987 754 1111">Report by the Director-General on the strategic plan for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)</p> <p data-bbox="288 1144 754 1312">The Director-General informs the Executive Board on the preparation of the Strategic Plan for the Information for All Programme (IFAP) and outlines the strategic orientations of IFAP for the period covered by the Medium-Term Strategy 2008-2013.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1346 754 1514">Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to approve the strategic orientations of IFAP for the period 2008-2013 and to request the Director-General to take appropriate measures to implement the Strategic Plan.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1536 754 1603">Intersectoral programme activities</p>	177 EX/Dec.26	179 EX/14 and Add.
15	<p data-bbox="288 1626 754 1727">Report by the Director-General on a draft UNESCO strategy for action on climate change</p> <p data-bbox="288 1760 754 1919">This report contains the draft UNESCO strategy for action on climate change complemented by information on the scope of action foreseen under the relevant intersectoral platform launched under document 34 C/5.</p>	177 EX/Dec.61	179 EX/15

³ Item 13 “Innovative proposals for the financing of core function posts at the World Heritage Centre” has been postponed to enable further in-depth study and consultation with the World Heritage Committee.

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	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to approve the UNESCO strategy for action on climate change and to request the Director-General to report annually on the progress made and results achieved in the implementation of the UNESCO strategy.</p>		
16	<p>Report by the Director-General on the development and management of intersectoral platforms</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Director-General</p>	<p>179 EX/16</p>
	<p>This report is intended to inform and update the Executive Board on the development and management of the various intersectoral platforms in the framework of the implementation of the Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5).</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the document and to request the Director-General to submit the next progress report to the Executive Board in 2009.</p>		
17 ⁴	<p>Item not attributed</p>		
	<p>METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION</p>		
18	<p>Follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO</p>	<p>177 EX/Dec.31 34 C/Res.88</p>	<p>179 EX/18</p>
	<p>At its last session, the General Conference requested the President of the General Conference, the Executive Board and the Director-General to assess the impact of the recommendations of 33 C/Resolution 92 implemented to date, and to pursue the implementation of the remaining recommendations. It also requested that a consolidated report on the implementation of recommendations be presented to it at its 35th session.</p>		

⁴ Item 17, "Draft amendments to the General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize" has been postponed until the 180th session in order to allow consultations to be completed both among members of the Jury of the Prize and with representatives of the Funds-in-Trust donor.

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19	<p>Review by the Executive Board of the methods of work and the terms of reference of the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters</p>	178 EX/Dec.10	179 EX/19 and Add. and Add. Corr. and Add.2
	<p>At its 178th session, the Executive Board decided that the methods of work and the terms of reference of the Group of Experts on financial and administrative matters will remain as defined in 144 EX/Decision 6.10 on a temporary basis, and will be reviewed by the Executive Board at its 179th session. Document 179 EX/19 contains background information and document 179 EX/19 Add. presents a synthesis of the replies received by the Chairman following his request for comments and suggestions addressed to the Members of the Executive Board.</p>		
20	<p>Report by the Director-General on evaluations completed during the 2006-2007 biennium</p>	33 C/5 177 EX/Dec.26	179 EX/20 and Corr.
	<p>In accordance with the provisions of 177 EX/Decision 26, the Director-General hereby submits to the Executive Board a report on some of the evaluations carried out in the 2006-2007 biennium, together with his comments.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to take note of the recommendations of the evaluations, to request the Director-General to implement in a timely manner recommendations which improve the programmes and services to which they relate and to continue to report to it on evaluations undertaken.</p>		
21	<p>Report by the Executive Board on the implementation of document 34 C/5 with results achieved in the previous biennium (35 C/3)</p>	33 C/Res.78 (para. 4) 33 C/Res.92 (R.13) 177 EX/Dec.46 (II) 34 C/Res.89	179 EX/21
	<p>At the 34th session of the General Conference, the Executive Board submitted for the first time its report to address 33 C/Resolution 78 and 33 C/Resolution 92 by which the General Conference requested the Executive Board to present at each session of the General Conference a report on the implementation of the current Programme and Budget (C/5) together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (C/3).</p>		
	<p>The General Conference by 34 C/Resolution 89 made recommendations to the Board on the process of evaluating the</p>		

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	implementation of the programme and budget as well as on the process of the preparation of C/5, C/6, C/3 and EX/4 documents. The Executive Board at its 179th session will start reflecting on the modalities for implementing this resolution.		
22	Report by the Executive Board on its own activities, including its methods of work: the format of its reporting to the General Conference	30 C/Res.81 156 EX/Dec.5.5 177 EX/Dec.46 (I)	179 EX/22
	By 177 EX/Decision 46 Part I, the Executive Board decided to review at its 179th session the format of its reporting to the General Conference.		
	MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS		
23	Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon	104 EX/Dec.3.3	179 EX/CR/HR and Addenda 179 EX/3 Priv.
	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.		
24	Report of the seventh meeting of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education	171 EX/Dec.27 177 EX/Dec.37	179 EX/24
	This document is intended to inform on the main outcomes of the 7th meeting of the Joint Expert Group held in December 2007 which was devoted to follow-up of the results of the Seventh Consultation on the implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education, with a focus on non-discrimination and equality of educational opportunities in education.		
	Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to consider suggestions and recommendations made by the Joint Expert Group for		

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	<p>follow-up action and to invite the Joint Expert Group to continue its consultations related to monitoring the progressive achievement of the right to education with a focus on normative bases of inclusive approaches to education and to report to the Executive Board at its 181st session.</p>		
25	<p>Proposal by the Director-General for the preparation of a revised recommendation concerning the safeguarding and contemporary role of historic areas</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Director-General</p>	179 EX/25
	<p>The Director-General reports on the preliminary study that was undertaken concerning a revision of the 1976 <i>Recommendation concerning the Safeguarding and Contemporary Role of Historic Areas</i> to address new challenges in the conservation of historic urban landscapes.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to welcome the proposal for the preparation of a revised Recommendation and to recommend that the General Conference decide at its 35th session (2009) to authorize the Director-General to initiate the process of preparation of a revised text.</p>		
26	<p>Draft amendments to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee for the Regional Education Project for Latin America and the Caribbean (PRELAC)</p>	34 C/Res.16	179 EX/26
	<p>At its 34th session, the General Conference authorized the Executive Board to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session for final review and approval, amendments developed by the Ministers of Education of PRELAC to the statutes of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee for the Regional Education Project for Latin America and the Caribbean (PRELAC).</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to approve the proposed amendments to the statutes and submit them to the General Conference at its 35th session for final review and approval.</p>		
	GENERAL CONFERENCE		
27	<p>Organization of the work of the 35th session of the General Conference</p>	<p>Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference 22 C/Res.22</p>	179 EX/27
	<p>At its 178th session, the Executive Board decided to inscribe this item on the agenda</p>		

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	<p>early in the biennium, notably in the light of discussions and lessons learned during the 34th session of the General Conference related to the Executive Board's responsibilities in the preparation of General Conference sessions. This document provides information in particular on the advancement of the work of the Informal Group of the President of the General Conference in this area. A substantive decision is not sought at this stage, however.</p>	33 C/Res.92	
	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS</p>		
28	<p>Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) at the closure of accounts as at 31 December 2007 (unaudited), budget adjustments arising from donations and special contributions received and management chart for programme execution in 2006-2007 based on the closed accounts (unaudited) No. 41</p>	<p>33 C/Res.96 166 EX/Dec.5.2 <i>(operating costs Executive Board and General Conference)</i> 177 EX/Dec.4 (II)</p>	179 EX/28 and Corr.
	<p>This document presents the unaudited budgetary situation for the 2006-2007 regular budget at the closure of accounts, the report on the adjustments to the approved appropriation for 2006-2007 arising from donations and special contributions received since the 177th session of the Executive Board and the Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2006-2007 as at 31 December 2007.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the additional appropriation received of \$1.5 million and the revised Appropriation Table for 2006-2007 (33 C/5), and also to take note of the budgetary situation of the Organization for 2006-2007 at the closure of accounts as at 31 December 2007.</p>		
29	<p>Financial Regulations of Special Accounts</p>	Financial Regulation 6.7	179 EX/29
	<p>In accordance with Article 6.7 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations, the Director-General is submitting, for consideration by the Executive Board, a set of financial regulations governing the operation of a number of special accounts showing for each of them deviations from the standard model text contained in document 161 EX/Decision 7.10.</p>		

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	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the annexed financial regulations for these special accounts.</p>		
30	<p>Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) strategy in 2006-2007: annual report 2007</p>	164 EX/Dec.6.10	179 EX/30
	<p>The 2007 IOS Annual Report sets out the strategies and activities of IOS in 2007 and summarizes significant oversight findings, recommendations and action taken.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the contributions made by IOS and of the further actions that need to be taken by the Secretariat to improve accountability and governance and to request the Director-General to initiate those actions.</p>		
31	<p>Follow-up to the recommendations of the External Auditor and performance audits</p>	<p>Article 12 of the Financial Regulations 177 EX/Dec.30 177 EX/Dec.53</p>	179 EX/31 (Parts I-III)
	<p>The document has been submitted by the External Auditor in application of Article 12.4 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO and comprises three parts: Part I includes the report on publication activities and implementation of the Staff Rotation Policy, Part II is the follow-up report on recommendations made in 176 EX/39 on contracting procedures in the Education Sector, Part III deals with the follow-up to the recommendations made on the UNESCO Brasilia Office at the request of the Executive Board at its 177th session.</p>		
	<p>No decision is required.</p>		
	<p>Part I <i>(performance audits 2006-2007)</i></p>		
	<p>Part II <i>(UNESCO's procurement policies and procedures)</i></p>		
	<p>Part III <i>(UNESCO Office in Brasilia)</i></p>		
32	<p>Annual report (2007) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): report by the Director-General</p>	<p>114 EX/Dec.8.5 22 C/Res.37 176 EX/Dec.41</p>	179 EX/32 and Add.
	<p>The Director-General is asked to submit ICSC annual reports to the Executive Board.</p>		

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	<p>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.</p>		
33	<p>Report by the Director-General on the use of consultant and fee contracts by the Secretariat</p>	<p>171 EX/Dec.35 176 EX/Dec.42</p>	179 EX/33
	<p>The Director-General is asked to submit a report to the Executive Board on the Secretariat's use of consultant and fee contracts.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is asked to take note of the data and the 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 at its 181st session.</p>		
34	<p>Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex</p>	<p>170 EX/Dec.7.7 177 EX/Dec.55 34 C/85</p>	179 EX/34
	<p>The report informs the Executive Board on managing the UNESCO complex: progress achieved in Belmont Plan renovation work, feasibility of financing the Miollis/Bonvin renovation, modifications to the rental scales for offices and recycling issues.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note that the renovation plan will encounter additional delays and costs, to also note that currently there was no feasible option for financing the Miollis/Bonvin renovation, to take note of the revised rental scale for offices in the Miollis building, starting 1 January 2009, and of the decision by the Headquarters Committee to authorize the Director-General to transfer from the Headquarters Utilization Fund to the Special Account for restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters, all income from letting offices in Miollis, which is beyond the running and maintenance costs. The Director-General is requested to apply all necessary measures aimed at recovering arrears of Permanent Delegations renting offices in Miollis.</p>		

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RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS			
35	<p>Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions</p> <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: an Open Forum on the "Alliance of Civilizations"; a Round Table on the "Role of the Media in fostering dialogue and mutual understanding"; a discussion on "History and stories of partnership between UNESCO and NGOs"; procedural matters pertaining to the admission, reclassification and renewal of relations with NGOs and foundations. The present document also informs on other issues relating to cooperation with NGOs.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of various decisions taken by the Director-General concerning official relations with NGOs and foundations, to admit one NGO to formal associate relations and to renew formal associate and consultative relations with 15 NGOs.</p>	<p>Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations (Sections I.1; IV. 4.1; VI.1 and VI.2) and Foundations and similar institutions (Article II.3)</p> <p>174 EX/Dec.31 176 EX/Dec.46 177 EX/Dec.57 34 C/Res.59</p>	179 EX/35
36	<p>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</p> <p>In accordance with Article 11 of the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), the Director-General transmits five 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 180th session on the status of implementation of those recommendations.</p>	<p>129 EX/Dec.3.3.1 169 EX/Dec.7.2 176 EX/Dec.48</p>	179 EX/36

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37	<p>Report by the Director-General on proposed revised criteria and procedures for consideration of the proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated</p> <p>The Director-General submits to the Executive Board the proposed revised criteria and procedures for consideration of the proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to approve the amendment to the criteria for consideration of the proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated, and to encourage Member States of all regions to make proposals with a view to improving geographical distribution and gender balance, and to be more selective in making these proposals in order to enhance the quality, the representativeness and the visibility of this programme.</p>	177 EX/Dec.58	179 EX/37
38	<p>Proposals by the Director-General concerning a special post-conflict overall support programme in UNESCO's fields of competence for Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>This document presents the Director-General's proposals on the strategy and activities envisaged by the Organization in order to meet the specific needs of Côte d'Ivoire, in accordance with 34 C/Resolution 60 concerning the preparation of a special post-conflict overall support programme in UNESCO's fields of competence for that country.</p> <p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the preliminary activities identified, to approve the strategy proposed, and to request the Director-General to submit the programme.</p>	34 C/Res.60	179 EX/38
GENERAL			
39	<p>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 and 177 EX/Decision 62 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories</p>	177 EX/Dec.62 34 C/Res.58	179 EX/39 and Add.

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	<p>This document summarizes progress made by UNESCO, since the 177th session of the Executive Board, in providing assistance to the Palestinian people and their educational and cultural institutions, as well as to such institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan. The Director-General intends to submit an addendum to the present document before the 179th session of the Board including the required decision.</p>		
40	<p>Report by the Director-General on the updating of the evaluation of the anticipation and foresight programme</p>	34 C/Res.54(VI)	179 EX/40
	<p>This paper sets out the actions taken and actions planned by the Secretariat, in particular the Office of Foresight, for each of the recommendations contained in the July 2006 evaluation of the UNESCO Anticipation and Foresight Programme.</p> <p>No decision is required by the Executive Board.</p>		
41	<p>Proposals by the Executive Board on the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 1 concerning recommendations for the rolling Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) and the future procedure for consideration by the General Conference regarding the Draft Medium-Term Strategies of UNESCO</p>	31 C/Res.1 34 C/Res.1	179 EX/41
	<p>This document is intended to assist the Executive Board in its reflection on the manner in which it may wish to develop recommendations on the rolling strategy and on future procedure with regard to the Draft Medium-Term Strategies of UNESCO.</p> <p>No decision is required by the Executive Board.</p>		
42	<p>Report by the Director-General on UNESCO and United Nations reform, in particular efforts and challenges with respect to United Nations system-wide coherence</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	179 EX/42 179 EX/INF.11
	<p>This document contains a comprehensive status report on the various processes of United Nations reform and on UNESCO's positions and involvement therein.</p>		

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	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to continue strengthening UNESCO's involvement in country-level programming activities and to report periodically on developments and results achieved through these processes.</p>		
43	<p>Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's contribution to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon</p>	177 EX/Decision 63	179 EX/43 and Corr. (French only)
	<p>This summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO, since the 177th session of the Executive Board, in providing assistance in favour of reconstruction and development in Lebanon within the Organization's fields of competence.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to encourage the Director-General to intensify his efforts as circumstances on the ground will permit and to bring to its attention any significant progress regarding UNESCO's contribution to reconstruction and development of Lebanon, as part of his general report under item 5 " Report of 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>ADDITIONAL ITEMS</p>		
44	<p>Proposal for the establishment of an Asia-Pacific regional centre for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage in China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p>	Item proposed by China	179 EX/44
	<p>It is proposed to establish in China an Asia-Pacific regional centre for the research and safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage under the auspices of UNESCO. The proposed centre will be a non-profit and independent institution which will mainly serve UNESCO Member States in the Asia and the Pacific region. It is stated that UNESCO will not be legally or financially responsible for the centre. It is suggested that UNESCO provide support in the form of expert consultation and technical assistance.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: Bearing in mind that two Member States, namely China and the Republic of Korea, have submitted proposals to establish regional category 2 centres for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in Asia and the Pacific, the Executive Board is invited to request the</p>		

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	<p>Director-General to carry out a feasibility study on the proposed centre in line with the criteria for category 2 institutes (33 C/Resolution 90) and to present the results of the study which should indicate clearly the respective specializations of each centre, if possible at the 180th session of the Executive Board.</p>		
45	<p>Invitations to the 6th International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI)</p> <p>Pursuant to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, the Director-General submits proposals to the Executive Board for the decision it must take concerning invitations to the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (Brazil, May 2009).</p> <p>Decision required: the Executive Board is invited to decide on the categories of States and organizations, foundations, aid agencies and similar institutions who will be invited to participate with the right to vote or to send observers or representatives to the Conference.</p>	<p>Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings organized by UNESCO</p>	179 EX/45 and Add.
46	<p>Proposal for the establishment of an Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific region in the Republic of Korea, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>This proposal is submitted by the Republic of Korea to begin the process of establishing the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Centre for Asia and the Pacific region under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2 centre) in the Republic of Korea. The Centre will be an autonomous and non-profit organization under Korean law to serve the Member States of UNESCO and support the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia and the Pacific region. It is stated that the Government of the Republic of Korea will take necessary measures to ensure that the Centre receives all the financial resources needed for its operation. It is expected that UNESCO will contribute its valuable expertise to the centre's task of safeguarding ICH.</p> <p>Decision required: Bearing in mind that two Member States, namely China and the Republic of Korea, have submitted proposals to establish regional category 2 centres for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in Asia and the Pacific, the</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Republic of Korea</p>	179 EX/46

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	<p>Executive Board is invited to request the Director-General to carry out a feasibility study on the proposed centre in line with the criteria for category 2 institutes (33 C/Resolution 90) and to present the results of the study which should indicate clearly the respective specializations of each centre, if possible at the 180th session of the Executive Board.</p>		
47	<p>Proposal for the proclamation by the United Nations of 2011 as an international year of chemistry</p>	<p>Item proposed by Ethiopia</p>	<p>179 EX/47 and Add. 179 EX/INF.7</p>
	<p>It is proposed to support the initiative of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) in favour of the proclamation by the United Nations of 2011 as the International Year of Chemistry. As International Year may only be proclaimed by the United Nations, Ethiopia is taking the lead role in bringing this request to the United Nations General Assembly, understanding that a significant number of other United Nations Member States will support this initiative.</p> <p>Decision required: It is proposed that the Executive Board invite the Director-General to support all efforts leading the United Nations General Assembly to declare 2011 the International Year of Chemistry; the Executive Board is also invited to recommend to the General Conference to adopt, at its 35th session, a resolution on this subject.</p>		
48	<p>Follow-up to the Non-Aligned Movement Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity (Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, 3-4 September 2007)</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Islamic Republic of Iran</p>	<p>179 EX/48 and Add. and Add. Corr.</p>
	<p>The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity which was held in Tehran on 3 and 4 September adopted the "Tehran Declaration and Programme of Action on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity" which is contained in document 179 EX/48. This Declaration includes the NAM Ministerial Meeting's decision to establish a "NAM centre for human rights and cultural diversity" in Tehran.</p>		
	<p>The draft decision contained in the addendum to document 179 EX/48 proposes to the Executive Board that it requests UNESCO to cooperate, to the extent possible, with the NAM Centre for Human Rights and Cultural Diversity in Tehran on the promotion of respect for cultural diversity and human rights. It also invites the Executive Board to inscribe an</p>		

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	<p>item on “Human Rights and Cultural Diversity” on the agenda of the 181st session and to request the Director-General to present to it a report on UNESCO’s activities relating to human rights and cultural diversity.</p>		
49	<p>A UNESCO strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training</p> <p>Technical and vocational education and training (TVET), the importance of which was stressed by the Ministerial Round Table on Education and Economic Development at the 34th session of the General Conference of UNESCO, is an integral part of UNESCO’s mandate in education. Document 34 C/5 mentions TVET as a key sub-sector and document 34 C/4 indicates that TVET will be one of the areas where UNESCO will focus its action in Africa. TVET needs thorough strategic planning and good coordination of all parts of UNESCO that are involved in TVET, as well as with other institutions active in the field.</p> <p>Decision required: the draft decision contained in document 179 EX/49 Add proposes to the Executive Board that it request the Director-General to draw up a succinct and operable strategy to support TVET in the Member States, to present to it at its 180th session an outline of this strategy and to submit the draft strategy to its 181st session.</p>	Item proposed by Germany	179 EX/49 and Add. 179 EX/INF.7
50	<p>Progress on the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)</p> <p>The Africa World Heritage Fund (AWHF) was formally launched in May 2006 after the approval by the sixth ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union. It is established as a trust under South African legislation. Document 179 EX/50 contains an information note on the progress achieved so far by the AWHF. The Board of the AWHF takes this opportunity to appeal through the Executive Board to all Member States of UNESCO to continue their support of AWHF.</p> <p>No decision is required.</p>	Item proposed by South Africa	179 EX/50 179 EX/INF.7

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51	<p data-bbox="288 271 727 405">Progress report by the Director-General on the application of the Global Action Plan to achieve the EFA goals by 2015</p> <p data-bbox="288 443 746 577">In accordance with 176 EX/Decision 9, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board an initial report on the application of the Global Action Plan, including at the country level.</p> <p data-bbox="288 607 746 965">Decision required: The Executive Board is invited to encourage the full application of the GAP and its supportive tool UNESS by United Nations Country Teams in relevant countries. It is further invited to request the Director-General to promote alignment of multilateral assistance for EFA through existing mechanisms and to include a report on these steps in the progress reports on EFA and UNESCO's contribution thereto to be submitted to the 180th session of the Board and to the General Conference at its 35th session.</p>	176 EX/Dec.9	179 EX/51 179 EX/INF.12
52	<p data-bbox="288 994 743 1290">Report by the Director-General on progress made in the implementation of the decision adopted by the Executive Board at the special plenary meeting held during its 176th session concerning Israeli archaeological excavations at the Mughrabi Ascent in the Old City of Jerusalem</p>	Item proposed by Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia	179 EX/52 179 EX/9 and Add.
53	<p data-bbox="288 1328 735 1424">Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 180th session</p>	103 EX/Dec.9	179 EX/INF.15