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## Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme (34 C/5) (01 January 2008 – 31 December 2009)

### **International Standards and Legal Affairs**

**Part I – General policy and direction**  
**I.B – Direction**

Paragraph 00603

**Chapter 6 – International Standards and Legal Affairs**

Regular budget: Activities (rounded to \$ thousand)	
Planned: \$ 197	Actual: \$ 187

34 C/5 Expected results	Achievements	Challenges/ lessons learned	Cost-effectiveness	Sustainability
<p>Quality legal advice to the Organization and its governing bodies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check on the conformity of documents drafted for the 179th, 180th, 181st and 182nd sessions of the Board and preparation of the working documents of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR).</li> <li>• Provision of immediate legal advice during the Bureau, plenaries and meetings of the committees and commissions at the 179th, 180th, 181st and 182nd sessions and of the Board.</li> <li>• Secretariat of the CR Committee provided by the Office at the 179th, 180th, 181st and 182nd sessions and celebration of the 30th anniversary of the 104 EX/3.3 procedure at the 180th session of the Board.</li> <li>• Provision of legal advice in the context of the proceedings of the informal working group on the organization of the General Conference, in particular on the relations between the three organs of the Organization.</li> <li>• Check on the conformity of documents drafted for the 35th session of the General Conference and preparation of the working documents for the Legal Committee, the Credentials Committee and the Nominations Committee.</li> <li>• Provision of immediate legal advice during the Bureau, plenaries and meetings of the committees and commissions of the 35th session of the General Conference.</li> <li>• Secretariat of the Legal Committee and the Credentials Committee provided by the Office during the 35th session of the General Conference.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LA must face a growing demand for its services, while continuing to provide quality service.</li> </ul>		
<p>Effective protection of the Organization's rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiatives regarding reminders about privileges and immunities in response to legal proceedings notified to the Organization, including those notified to the field offices.</li> <li>• Contribution to protecting the name and logo of UNESCO on the conclusion of draft agreements, in particular with private partners in the framework of sponsorship arrangements and extrabudgetary funding.</li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in the drafting of a wide range of agreements concluded by the Organization with the Member States and intergovernmental organizations, and also with private partners in the context of the award of contracts.</li> <li>• Representation of the Organization before the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO in defence of its interests in disputes with staff members and defence of several cases before the Appeals Board, in addition to legal advice provided to assist the Director-General in settling current litigation.</li> <li>• Representation of the Organization to defend its interests in the context of disputes arising from contracts or other disputes under private law in which UNESCO is involved.</li> <li>• Verification of the strict application of internal rules and procedures concerning the Organization's activities and staff, by providing extensive legal advice to central services such as ADM and HRM.</li> </ul>			
<p>Internal rules of the Organization relating to activities, funds and property of UNESCO revised and improved to enhance the protection of its interests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active participation in and provision of legal advice to the central services during the revision of Volumes I and II of the Administrative Manual.</li> <li>• Ongoing assistance to HRM to improve the formulation of administrative circulars.</li> </ul>			
<p>Informed legal advice on the establishment and operation of the intergovernmental bodies in charge of the implementation of conventions and newly established bodies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous legal assistance:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- at the 17th session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and at the 32nd and 33rd sessions of the World Heritage Committee;</li> <li>- at the 2nd session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, and the 3rd and 4th ordinary sessions and the 2nd and 3rd extraordinary sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>- at the 2nd session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, the 2nd and 3rd ordinary sessions and the 1st and 2nd extraordinary sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions;</li> <li>- at the 2nd session of Conference of States Parties to the International Convention Against Doping in Sport;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- at the 1st and 2nd ordinary sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage.</li> </ul>			