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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 164th session, it would appear that the following items may be defined as questions which, in accordance with Rule 14, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, do 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 3.3.1 of the provisional agenda

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE ENTRY INTO OPERATION
OF THE UNESCO-IHE INSTITUTE FOR WATER EDUCATION
(164 EX/11)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 16,
2. Having examined document 164 EX/11,
3. Takes note of its content.

Item 5.3 of the provisional agenda

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL RULES GOVERNING
THE AWARDING OF PRIZES FOR MERITORIOUS WORK IN LITERACY**
(164 EX/24 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/24 Rev.,
2. Approves the amendments to the General Rules Governing the Awarding of Prizes for Meritorious Work in Literacy as underlined in the Annex to this decision.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF
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2. Official name of each prize

Each prize will be given an official name, to be settled by mutual agreement between the donor and the Director-General.

3. Prizes and honourable mentions

Such prizes, the amounts of which will be fixed by the donors, may be awarded each year. The amount of a prize not awarded in a particular year may be attributed in one of the three years immediately following the year in question as an additional prize. A few candidates may also be awarded honourable mentions in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 6.

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4. Selection of prizewinners

The selection of institutions, organizations and individuals to whom prizes will be awarded shall be made by a jury of at least five persons of different nationalities, appointed by the Director-General for a minimum period of two years. The jury may adopt its own Rules of Procedure. A staff member of UNESCO may be appointed by the Director-General to serve as secretary of the jury.

5. Eligibility

The prizes are open to institutions, organizations or individuals displaying outstanding merit and achieving particularly effective results in literacy and post-literacy activities and their integration in basic education programmes.

6. Criteria for award of prizes

The prizes, which will be indivisible, will be awarded in conformity with the following criteria:

- a) institutions, organizations or individuals must have carried out literacy or post-literacy activities:
 - (i) by direct teaching; or
 - (ii) by organizing literacy programmes at the national or local level; or
 - (iii) by promoting support from the public; or

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Prizewinners shall be designated by the Director-General on the recommendation of a jury.

5. Jury

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) by producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programmes; or (v) by carrying out research in fields related to literacy (methods, languages, evaluation, social sciences, etc.); or (vi) by carrying out special surveys of primary importance for literacy planning; or (vii) by offering youth the possibility of taking part in literacy activities; (viii) by carrying out non-formal educational activities of a social, cultural, economic or political nature, in which literacy and related literacy activities (such as radio and television programmes, publications and the press, etc.) are integrated. <p>(b) in addition, the following criteria will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the duration of the activity, which must be sufficient to permit an assessment of results and proof of success obtained; (ii) the contribution to the basic objectives of the educational system of the country; (iii) the contribution to local and national development; (iv) the value of the activities as an example to stimulate further similar action; (v) the impact of the action carried out with a view to mobilizing new resources for literacy programmes; (vi) the contribution to the understanding and development of the national society and culture; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) by producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programmes; or (v) by carrying out research in fields related to literacy (methods, languages, evaluation, social sciences, etc.); or (vi) by carrying out special surveys of primary importance for literacy planning; or (vii) by offering youth the possibility of taking part in literacy activities; (viii) by carrying out non-formal educational activities of a social, cultural, economic or political nature, in which literacy and related literacy activities (such as radio and television programmes, publications and the press, etc.) are integrated. <p>(b) in addition, the following criteria will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the duration of the activity, which must be sufficient to permit an assessment of results and proof of success obtained; (ii) the contribution to the basic objectives of the educational system of the country; (iii) the contribution to local and national development; (iv) the value of the activities as an example to stimulate further similar action; (v) the impact of the action carried out with a view to mobilizing new resources for literacy programmes; (vi) the contribution to the understanding and development of the national society and culture; |
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- (vii) the contribution to the appreciation of other cultures and to international understanding.

7. Selection and submission of candidatures

Candidates for the prizes will be proposed to the Director-General of UNESCO by governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions and by international non-governmental organizations specializing in education, which have consultative, associate or mutual information status with UNESCO, and each of which may nominate one candidate.

Arrangements for selection, suited to national conditions, may include:

- (i) the announcement of the prizes;
- (ii) the establishment of a committee or committees for the selection of candidates at the national level;
- (iii) the submission of candidatures to the Director-General of UNESCO.

8. Submission of candidatures

Governments and international non-governmental organizations shall supply, in support of each candidature, a recommendation covering not more than five standard pages and including:

- (i) a description of the activities carried out;
- (ii) an account of the results achieved;
- (iii) an evaluation on the basis of the criteria mentioned above; and
- (iv) the appraisal of the committee responsible for the final selection at the national level.

- (vii) the contribution to the appreciation of other cultures and to international understanding.

8. Selection of candidates and submissions of nominations

Each Government (through its National Commission or Permanent Delegation) or international non-governmental organization maintaining formal or operational relations with UNESCO is entitled to nominate only two candidates per year.

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- (iii) the submission of candidatures to the Director-General of UNESCO.

9. Submission of nominations

In support of each nomination, Governments and international non-governmental organizations shall supply, by 30 April of each year, a recommendation covering not more than five standard pages (1,600 words) in English or French, and including:

- (i) a description of the activities carried out;
- (ii) an account of the results achieved;
- (iii) an evaluation on the basis of the criteria mentioned above; and
- (iv) the appraisal of the committee responsible for the final selection at the national level.

9. The last date for submission of candidatures to the Director-General shall be 30 June of each year.
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Item 7.5 of the provisional agenda

**RELATIONS WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION
ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS (CMS)
AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(164 EX/14)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/14,
2. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,
3. Approves the draft Memorandum of Understanding;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish formal relations with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of UNESCO.