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1	AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU	Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	181 EX/1 181 EX/2 181 EX/INF.1 181 EX/INF.4 181 EX/INF.14 181 EX/INF.27
2	APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 180th SESSION	Rule 23, para. 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	180 EX/SR.1-13 and Corr.
3	Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board The Director-General raises with Members of the Executive Board certain matters relating to staff at D-1 and above.	Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	181 EX/PRIV.1 181 EX/PRIV.2 181 EX/PRIV.3
EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME			
4	Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference This report is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress achieved in the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference. 181 EX/4 Part I contains the main results achieved during the first 12 months of the 2008-2009 biennium: (i) overall assessment of key results; (ii) recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system; and (iii) follow-up to the Conference of Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora (CIAD). The reporting nature of the document does not a priori entail decision-making.	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.21 175 EX/Dec.4 (II) 175 EX/Dec.23 176 EX/5 (V) 176 EX/Dec.29 177 EX/Dec.25 (I, II) 34 C/Res.3, 21, 35, 39, 48, 65, 66, 67, 89 179 EX/Dec.4	181 EX/4 Part I and Addenda (<i>Execution of the programme</i>) 181 EX/4 Part II (<i>Management chart</i>) 181 EX/INF.10 (<i>Cultural statistics</i>) 181 EX/INF.16 (<i>Regional declarations on higher education</i>) 181 EX/INF.17 (FOSRASUN) 181 EX/INF.21 181 EX/INF.22 181 EX/INF.23 181 EX/INF.24

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	<p>181 EX/4 Part I Add. reports on salient trends and developments in field offices' participation in United Nations country team activities and common country programming exercises and the main results achieved in this regard.</p>	<p>179 EX/Dec.21 180 EX/Dec.4 (I)</p>	
	<p>181 EX/4 Part I Add. 2. This addendum contains the UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2008-2013, called by the Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4).</p>		
	<p>181 EX/4 Part I Add. 3. This addendum informs the Executive Board of the main activities carried out in respect of the coordination and the monitoring of the action to benefit Africa, in accordance with the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4). It presents information concerning the coordination at the political level and the coordination of the regional and subregional action. It also contains a compendium of the activities undertaken by the programme sectors attached as an annex.</p>		
	<p>No decision is proposed.</p>		
	<p>181 EX/4 Part II: In accordance with the Appropriation Resolution for 2008-2009, the Director-General presents to the Executive Board:</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="316 1097 770 1227">(i) a report on the adjustments to the approved appropriation arising from donations and special contributions received since the last session of the Executive Board; <li data-bbox="316 1243 770 1294">(ii) a report on budget adjustments related to the reinforcement of IOC; <li data-bbox="316 1310 770 1496">(iii) proposed transfers between appropriation lines arising from organizational restructuring, revision of standard costs applicable to staff costs; utilization of the Reserve for Reclassifications and merit-based promotions; and <li data-bbox="316 1512 770 1646">(iv) proposed transfers from Part IV of the budget to cover increases in staff costs and in goods and services due to statutory and inflationary factors. 		
	<p>The document also presents the Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2008-2009 as at 31 December 2008 and a report on the operating costs incurred in 2008 for the Executive Board.</p>		
	<p>Decision required: the proposed decision in paragraph 28 invites the Executive Board to take note of the additional appropriation received and of the budget adjustments made between appropriation lines. It also invites the Executive Board to approve the requested transfers between appropriation lines, from the Reserve for Reclassifications/merit-based promotions and from Part IV.</p>		

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	<i>Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO</i>	124 EX/Dec.6.1 167 EX/Dec.4.2	
	<i>Operating costs of the Executive Board during the previous year by item of expenditure</i>	166 EX/Dec.5.2	
	<i>Conference of Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora (CIAD)</i>	34 C/Res.63	
5	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.4.3 175 EX/Dec.23	181 EX/5 and Addenda 181 EX/INF.21 181 EX/INF.22 181 EX/INF.23
	This document 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 Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions. It focuses on the following issues:		
	I. <i>Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and the status of implementation of approved/accepted recommendations of JIU reports</i>	129 EX/Dec.3.3.1 169 EX/Dec.7.2	
	II. <i>Regular progress report on the UNAIDS programme</i>	174 EX/Dec.6	
	III. <i>Reorientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia</i>	177 EX/Dec.30	
	IV. <i>Placing of the IHP International Centre of Water for Food Security (IC-Water) at Charles Sturt University in Australia as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO</i>	34 C/Res.27	
	V. <i>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 180 EX/Decision 5 (II) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem</i>	34 C/Res.47 180 EX/Dec.5 (II)	
	VI. <i>Progress made in carrying out the recommendations of the Overall Review Committee concerning the Implementation Plan for UNESCO's science programmes</i>	34 C/Res.55	
	VII. <i>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 60 and 180 EX/Decision 43 on a special post-conflict overall support programme in UNESCO's fields of competence for Côte d'Ivoire</i>	34 C/Res.60 180 EX/Dec.43	
	VIII. <i>Interim report on the situation of Iraqi refugee pupils and students in the Syrian Arab Republic</i>	179 EX/Dec.5 (III)	
	IX. <i>Regional conference on "Media, Education and Culture of Human Rights"</i>	179 EX/Dec.8 (II)	

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X.	<i>Implementation and follow-up of the intersectoral platforms</i>	179 EX/Dec.16 (I)	
XI.	<i>Extension of the African continental shelf</i>	179 EX/Dec.16 (II)	
XII.	<i>The Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands (ERAIFT) and UNESCO's action to promote the training of African specialists in the management of forests and natural resources in sub-Saharan Africa</i>	179 EX/Dec.16 (III)	
XIII.	<i>Contribution of UNESCO to the United Nations Secretary-General's report on human rights and cultural diversity</i>	179 EX/Dec.48	
XIV ¹			
XV.	<i>Measures taken to implement the recommendations by the External Auditor concerning the Office of Foresight</i>	180 EX/Dec.50 180 EX/Dec.51	
XVI.	<i>Special Account for the International Fund for the Promotion of Languages and Multilingualism: postponement of the examination of the revised version of its financial regulations</i>	180 EX/Dec.55	
XVII	<i>Specific proposals for the implementation of interdisciplinary and intersectoral programmes on the works of Rabindranath Tagore, Pablo Neruda and Aimé Césaire for a reconciled universal</i>	180 EX/Dec.58	181 EX/5 and Add.3
XVIII.	<i>Progress report on decentralization</i>	177 EX/Dec.6 (II) 34 C/Res.68 (II) 180 EX/Dec.6 (II)	181 EX/5 Add.2
XIX.	<i>Progress of work on UNESCO's efforts for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)²</i>	177 EX/Dec.9	181 EX/5 Add. 181 EX/INF.15
6	<p>Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the reform process</p> <p>This document presents a strategy for the implementation of geographical mobility in the Secretariat.</p> <p>Decision proposed: request the Director-General to implement the strategy and to report to it on progress at its 184th session.</p>	179 EX/Dec.31 (II)	181 EX/6 and Add. 181 EX/INF.21 181 EX/INF.22 181 EX/INF.23

¹ The sub-item on the preparation of a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War is now a separate item (181 EX/53).

² 177 EX/Decision 9 calls for regular reporting on DESD activities in the statutory EX/4 report and a biennial report at its 182nd session. At the request of Germany and Japan this sub-item has been added to item 5.

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Education			
7	Report by the Director-General and the Rector of the United Nations University on a plan of possible joint activities to be carried out in the 2010-2011 biennium	179 EX/Dec.6	181 EX/7 and Corr. (<i>French and Russian only</i>)
	The Director-General presents to the Executive Board a plan of possible joint activities for the 2010-2011 biennium.		
	Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to pursue his cooperation with the UNU in the areas listed in the plan and invite Member States to consider making extrabudgetary contributions in order to enable UNESCO and the UNU to carry out this plan.		
8	Report by the Director-General on a draft strategy for technical and vocational education and training (TVET)	179 EX/Dec.49	181 EX/8
	This document presents a draft strategy for UNESCO's work in the field of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) for 2010-2015.		
	Decision proposed: approve the draft strategy and request the Director-General to include information on progress achieved in his Reports to the Executive Board on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (EX/4).		
9	Report by the Director-General on a strategy concerning the role of languages in achieving education for all (EFA) in the context of sustainable development	Item proposed by the Director-General	181 EX/9 and Corr.
	The Director-General submits a strategy concerning the role of languages in achieving EFA in the context of sustainable development.		
	Decision proposed: encourage Member States to allocate funds for the implementation of national strategies on languages in order to achieve EFA, recommend that the Director-General include relevant elements of the strategy in the Programme and Budget in document 35 C/5, request him to open a special account for its implementation, and invite Member States to make contributions to that special fund.		

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Natural sciences			
10	<p>Report by the Director-General on the development and outcomes of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) during the first biennium of the Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4), and on measures to be taken to promote the services and efficiency of IBSP</p> <p>The Director-General analyses the activity of the IBSP during the 2008-2009 biennium, its challenges and limitations, and he proposes measures, to be taken within the new IBSP strategy of action, in order to foster the sustained development of the programme and its services in response to the needs of Member States in capacity-building in the basic sciences, science education and pertinent areas of policy advice.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Call for increased support for science and science education, invite the Director-General to encourage partnerships, and to submit to it at its 185th session a report on UNESCO's mandate for the basic sciences for submission to the General Conference at its 36th session.</p>	176 EX/Dec.11	181 EX/10
Social and human sciences			
11	<p>Report by the Director-General on a network of national authorities against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance</p> <p>The Director-General reports on the feasibility review process for the creation of a network of national authorities.</p> <p>Decision proposed: welcome the proposal and invite the Director-General to include it in document 35 C/5.</p>	180 EX/Dec.47	181 EX/11
Culture			
12	<p>Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47 and 180 EX/Decision 10</p> <p>This document aims at informing the Members of the Executive Board on the progress made concerning UNESCO's contribution to the preservation of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Action Plan for the safeguarding of this heritage.</p> <p>An addendum will be issued before the 181st session in order to inform the Members of the Board on recent</p>	34 C/Res.47 180 EX/Dec.10	181 EX/12 and Add.

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	developments related to this issue. This addendum will also contain a draft decision.		
13	<p>Reports by the Director-General on the Slave Route project</p> <p>The Director-General reports on the work and proceedings of the restructured International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route project and presents a long-term strategy aimed at reinforcing the project.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Only document 181 EX/13 Part II contains a decision that asks the Board to: (i) take note of the reports; (ii) appreciate the efforts of the Director-General for the elaboration of a long-term strategy for the project; and (iii) invite him to search for the necessary means to ensure the implementation of this strategy.</p>	<p>172 EX/Dec.59 (Article 11 of the Statutes)</p>	<p>181 EX/13 Part I and Add., Part II 181 EX/INF.5</p>
	Part I: Report by the Director-General on the proceedings of the International Scientific Committee for the Slave Route Project, together with an evaluation of its work		
	Part II: Report by the Director-General on the project document for the Slave Route project	180 EX/Dec.14	
14	<p>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 of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue</p> <p>The Director-General presents to the Executive Board 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 of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue.</p> <p>Decision proposed: decide to inscribe the examination of this matter on the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference under the heading: "Integrated follow-up to the implementation of existing standard-setting instruments and policies on languages, especially in relation to the protection of indigenous and endangered languages"; invite the Director-General to submit a</p>	<p>179 EX/Dec.10 180 EX/Dec.11</p>	181 EX/14

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	<p>strategy to the General Conference at its 35th session; and recommend that the General Conference decide to continue reflection on the possible drafting of a new standard-setting instrument for languages, and to pursue operational and intersectoral activities in this field.</p> <p>Intersectoral programme activities</p>		
15	<p>Report by the Director-General on a detailed plan of action for the UNESCO strategy for action on climate change</p> <p>This document presents a plan of action detailing activities planned around strategic objectives for the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change.</p> <p>Decision proposed: approve the Plan of Action.</p>	179 EX/Dec.15	181 EX/15
	<p>Institutes and centres</p>		
16	<p>Report by the Director-General on a draft integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>Pursuant to 180 EX/Decision 18, the Director-General invited Member States by circular letter (CL/3862) to submit their written comments on the Draft Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), contained in document 180 EX/18, for further discussion by the Executive Board at its 181st session. The responses received are contained in the corresponding document.</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	180 EX/Dec.18	181 EX/INF.13
17 ³	<p>Report by the Director-General on feasibility studies for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>Customary practice is for the Executive Board to examine the establishment of a category 2 institute or centre once the feasibility study has been carried out.</p>		181 EX/17 Parts I-X

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Item 17. The following proposals have been withdrawn from the provisional agenda of the 181st session:

- The proposal for the establishment of an international centre for integrated water resources management (ICIWaRM) hosted by the Institute for Water Resources (IWR) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States of America, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO has been postponed to the 182nd session.
- The proposal for the establishment at the Kolomenskoye Museum in Moscow of a regional museum centre for capacity-building in museum studies, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO has been postponed to the 182nd session.

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	The Director-General reports on the feasibility study and presents a draft Agreement.		
	Decision proposed: recommend to the General Conference at its 35th session to approve its establishment and to authorize the Director-General to sign the Agreement.		
	181 EX/17 Part I: Proposal to establish an international BIOmics training centre in Rehovot, Israel, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part II: Proposal for the establishment of an international centre on water resources and global change in the Federal Republic of Germany, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part III: Proposal for the establishment of an international centre on coastal ecohydrology in Portugal, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part IV: Proposal for the establishment of HidroEx – international centre for education, capacity-building and applied research in water, in Frutal, State of Minas Gerais, Federative Republic of Brazil, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part V: Proposal for the establishment in China of an international training centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	179 EX/Dec.44 180 EX/5	
	181 EX/17 Part VI: Proposal for the establishment in the Republic of Korea of an international information and networking centre for intangible cultural heritage centre in the Asia-Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	179 EX/Dec.46 180 EX/5	
	181 EX/17 Part VII Rev. and Corr. and 181 EX/INF.20: Proposal for the establishment in Japan of an international research centre for intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific region, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	180 EX/5	

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	181 EX/17 Part VIII: Proposal for the establishment in Bahrain of an Arab regional centre for world heritage (ARC-WH), as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part IX: Proposal for the establishment in Praia, Cape Verde, of a West Africa institute for international research on regional integration and social transformations, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
	181 EX/17 Part X: Proposal for the establishment in Brazil of a regional heritage management training centre, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General	
DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 (35 C/5)			
18	<p>Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board</p> <p>Pursuant to Articles V.B.6(a) and VI.3(a) of the Constitution, the Draft Programme and Budget prepared by the Director-General (contained in document 35 C/5), has been drawn up on the basis of recommendations contained in 180 EX/Decision 21. It will be submitted to the General Conference for consideration at its 35th session, together with the recommendations of the Executive Board thereon (35 C/6).</p>	<p>Articles V and VI of the Constitution</p> <p>169 EX/Dec.4.1</p> <p>172 EX/Dec.38</p> <p>33 C/Res.95</p> <p>177 EX/Dec.27</p> <p>34 C/Res.54</p> <p>34 C/Res.55</p> <p>34 C/Res.59</p> <p>34 C/Res.84</p> <p>34 C/Res.89</p> <p>34 C/Res.92</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.21</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.25</p>	<p>35 C/5 Draft</p> <p>181 EX/INF.21</p> <p>181 EX/INF.22</p> <p>181 EX/INF.23</p> <p>181 EX/INF.25</p> <p>181 EX/INF.26</p>
METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION			
19	<p>Report by the Director-General on evaluations completed during the 2008-2009 biennium</p> <p>The paper provides summary reports on three evaluations completed in 2008 together with comments from the Director-General.</p> <p>Decision proposed: note the recommendations and invite the Director-General to implement recommendations in a timely manner.</p>	<p>34 C/5</p> <p>177 EX/Dec.26</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.27</p>	181 EX/19

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20	<p>Biennial evaluation report on the activities and results of all UNESCO decentralized bodies</p> <p>The paper provides the findings from the evaluation of the eight “Delivering as One” pilots, called for in document 34 C/5 Annex V.</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	30 C/Res.83 (I) 174 EX/Dec.18	181 EX/20
21	<p>Follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92 and 34 C/Resolution 88 concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO</p> <p>The Board continues its examination of follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 32, as called for in 34 C/Resolution 88. It is required to review progress in implementation of outstanding recommendations and determine whether or not they should be considered ongoing or closed.</p>	33 C/Res.92 34 C/Res.88 180 EX/Dec.22	181 EX/INF.7
22	<p>Report by the Director-General on the criteria for holding private meetings</p> <p>The Director-General summarizes the situation in the light of the results of the consultation conducted by the Chairman of the Board and of his survey of practice in other agencies and submits proposals accordingly for possible changes to the Rules of Procedure.</p>	180 EX/Dec.23	181 EX/22
23	<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> <p>As requested, the Director-General presents a preliminary draft of the report that the Executive Board is required to prepare for the General Conference. The draft is submitted as a working paper.</p>	30 C/Res.81 156 EX/Dec.5.5 33 C/Res.92 34 C/Res.89 180 EX/Dec.25	181 EX/23 181 EX/SP/2 and Corr. (<i>English only</i>)
24	<p>Accountability framework concerning management performance and transparency in the Secretariat</p> <p>The Executive Board is required by the General Conference to examine available options and modalities, which are summarized in the document submitted.</p>	33 C/Res.07	181 EX/24 181 EX/PRIV/INF.1
25	<p>Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the nomination of the Director-General of the Organization</p> <p>At its 180th session, the Executive Board examined the procedure to be followed for the nomination of the Director-General of the Organization in 2009 contained in</p>	Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	181 EX/25

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	<p>document 180 EX/28, it being understood that the Bureau will propose a new drafting of subparagraph (d) of paragraph 6 of document 180 EX/28 taking into account the various comments made at the 180th session. It was also agreed that the Bureau would make proposals on the form and the duration of the interviews of the candidates and on the order of interviews. This is the purpose of document 181 EX/25.</p> <p>Decision proposed: approve the procedure contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this document.</p>		
	<p>MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS</p>		
26	<p>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</p>	104 EX/Dec.3.3	181 EX/CR/HR and Add. 181 EX/CR/2 (<i>Methods of work</i>)
	<p>Pursuant to 104 EX/Decision 3.3 adopted in 1978, setting out the procedure for the examination of communications received by the Organization relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in the fields of competence of UNESCO, the Board is invited to examine, in private meeting, the report of the CR Committee on the subject.</p> <p>181 EX/CR/2. At the 180th session of the Executive Board, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations decided to continue the examination of its methods of work at the present session.</p> <p>Decision proposed: note the improvements made by the Committee to its procedural practice.</p>		
27	<p>Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments</p>	180 EX/Dec.31	181 EX/27
	<p>Pursuant to 180 EX/Decision 31, the Secretariat provides additional information on measures to be taken in order to implement UNESCO's standard-setting instruments adopted by the Executive Board at its 177th session.</p> <p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to ensure implementation of these new procedures by the programme sectors responsible for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations.</p>		

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28	<p data-bbox="288 271 758 439">Report on the eighth and ninth meetings of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education</p> <p data-bbox="288 456 751 651">This document is intended to inform on the main outcomes of the eighth and ninth meetings of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education, devoted to “Inclusive Dimensions of the Right to Education”.</p> <p data-bbox="288 667 756 913">Decision proposed: request the Director-General to take appropriate action as a follow-up to the recommendations made by the Joint Expert Group, invite the Joint Expert Group to continue its consultations related to examination of key issues within its broad mandate of monitoring the right to education, and to report to it at its 184th session.</p>	171 EX/Dec.27 179 EX/Dec.24	181 EX/28
29	<p data-bbox="288 936 735 1104">Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the conservation of the historic urban landscape</p> <p data-bbox="288 1122 751 1290">This document presents a proposal for a standard-setting instrument concerning the conservation of the historic urban landscape, accompanied by a preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects thereof.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1305 751 1796">Decision proposed: include this item on the provisional agenda of the General Conference at its 35th session, invite the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session the above-mentioned preliminary study together with the relevant observations and decisions of the Executive Board thereon and recommend that the General Conference decide at its 35th session to continue action aimed at drawing up a new standard-setting instrument on the conservation of the historic urban landscape, through a new standard-setting instrument in the form of a recommendation entitled “Recommendation on the Conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape”.</p>	179 EX/Dec.25	181 EX/29

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30	<p>Report by the Director-General on allegations received by the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)</p> <p>This interim report is intended to inform the Executive Board of CEART's work progress in examining allegations received from teacher organizations on non-observance by governments of the Recommendations' provisions.</p> <p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to communicate the interim report to the Governments of Australia, Ethiopia and Japan and to the National Tertiary Education Union of Australia, the Ethiopian Teachers' Association, Education International and teachers' organizations in Japan that participated in meetings with the CEART fact-finding mission in April 2008, and to invite them to take the necessary follow-up action as recommended in the report.</p>	<p>143 EX/Dec.7.1.1 154 EX/Dec.4.4</p>	<p>181 EX/30 181 EX/INF.11</p>
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GENERAL CONFERENCE			
32	Preparation of the 35th session of the General Conference		181 EX/32 Part I, Part II and Corr. and Part II Add., Part III and Corr. (<i>Chinese only</i>)
	<p>181 EX/32 Part I: Preparation of the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Executive Board is responsible for the preparation of the provisional agenda of the General Conference. Items stemming from decisions taken by the Board at its 181st session, as well as any other items proposed by Member States, Associate Members or the Director-General within the statutory deadline (one hundred days before the opening of the session) will be included in the provisional agenda, to be communicated to Member States 90 days before the opening of the session.</p>	<p>Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference 33 C/Res.92 180 EX/Dec.32</p>	<p>181 EX/INF.3 181 EX/INF.19</p>
	<p>181 EX/32 Part II: Draft plan for the organization of the work of the 35th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Director-General submits to the Executive Board a draft plan for the organization of the work of the 35th session of the General Conference. This draft plan has been drawn up in the light of the recommendations made by the</p>	<p>Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference 33 C/Res.92 180 EX/Dec.32</p>	

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Item 31 "Amendments to the Regulations of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize" has been postponed.

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	<p>of the recommendations made by the Board in 180 EX/Decision 32 and of the main conclusions of the Report by the President of the General Conference on the organization of the work of the Conference. Document 35 C/2 – Organization of the work of the session – will be prepared on the basis of the decisions taken by the Board therein.</p>		
	<p>181 EX/32 Part III: Invitations to the 35th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Executive Board examines the list of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (formal relations) that will be invited to the 35th session of the General Conference and takes a decision in respect of the non-Member States that will be invited to send observers.</p>	<p>Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference</p>	
	<p>181 EX/INF.3: Submission of nominations for the offices of Chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 35th session of the General Conference</p> <p>The Executive Board is required to propose candidates for the offices of Chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 35th session of the General Conference. The list of Member States whose nationals were Chairpersons of commissions and committees of the General Conference at the last five sessions has been annexed to document 181 EX/INF.3.</p>	<p>160 EX/Dec.6.1.2 180 EX/Dec.32</p>	
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS</p>			
33	<p>Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) strategy in 2008-2009: annual report 2008</p>	<p>160 EX/Dec.6.5 164 EX/Dec.6.10 176 EX/Dec.38</p>	181 EX/33
	<p>The 2008 IOS Annual Report sets out the strategies and activities of IOS in 2008 and summarizes significant oversight findings, recommendations and action taken. The report also presents the terms of reference for a standing Oversight Advisory Committee in draft format.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: take note of the contributions made by IOS, recommend to the General Conference at its 35th session, given the significance of internal oversight to the good governance of UNESCO, that it approve the establishment of the Oversight Advisory Committee and its terms of reference.</p>		

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34	<p>Progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken</p>		
	<p>Part I: Report by the Director-General on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken</p>	<p>Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations 180 EX/Dec.40 (I)</p>	181 EX/34 Part I
	<p>Pursuant to Article 12 of the Financial Regulations and 180 EX/Decision 40 (I), the Director-General submits an updated report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor in the detailed Auditor's report on UNESCO's accounts for the 2006-2007 financial period and in the report on the performance audits undertaken in the 2006-2007 biennium and in 2008.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: take note of progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor.</p>		
	<p>Part II: Additional analyses by the External Auditor</p>	<p>Article 12.4 of the Financial Regulations 180 EX/Dec.40 (I)</p>	181 EX/34 Part II
	<p>Pursuant to Article 12 of the Financial Regulations and 180 EX/Decision 40 (I), the External Auditor submits a detailed analysis of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of his detailed report on UNESCO's accounts for the 2006-2007 financial period, and the reports on the performance audits undertaken in the 2006-2007 biennium and in 2008.</p>		
	<p>No decision is proposed.</p>		
35	<p>Report by the External Auditor on the management of the UNESCO Office in Beijing</p>	<p>Article 12.4 of the Financial Regulations</p>	181 EX/35
	<p>Pursuant to Article 12 of the Financial Regulations, the External Auditor submits his audit report on the Beijing Cluster Office.</p>		
	<p>No decision is proposed.</p>		
36	<p>Progress report by the Director-General on the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and proposed amendments to the financial regulations</p>	180 EX/Dec.34	181 EX/36
	<p>In accordance with 180 EX/Decision 34, the Director-General is submitting, for examination by the Executive Board, a progress report on the implementation of the action plan including proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations.</p>		

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	<p>Decision proposed: submit the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations contained in document 181 EX/36 Annex I to the 35th session of the General Conference for consideration and approval and also requests the Director-General to review and revise the Financial Rules and present them to it at its 184th session for its approval in accordance with the Financial Regulations Article 15.2.</p>		
37	<p>Annual report (2008) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): report by the Director-General</p>	<p>114 EX/Dec.8.5 22 C/Res.37 179 EX/Dec.32</p>	181 EX/37 and Add.
	<p>The Director-General is asked to submit ICSC annual reports to the Executive Board.</p> <p>Decision proposed: take note of the document, invite the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in ICSC's work and to take due account of the results of its work.</p>		
38	<p>Report by the Director-General on progress in the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities: the cost recovery policy</p>	180 EX/Dec.37	181 EX/38
	<p>The Director-General provides a progress report on the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities. This document provides an update on developments in UNESCO's cost recovery policy and on the efforts to harmonize cost recovery policies of organizations within the United Nations system.</p> <p>Decision proposed: take note of the developments highlighted in the report and invite the Director-General to present to it at its 182nd session the results of the HLCM-UNDG Joint Study, the results of UNESCO's 2008 cost measurement study and any resulting developments to UNESCO's cost recovery policy.</p>		
39	<p>Report by the Director-General on the revised Publication and Distribution Plan 2008-2009</p>	180 EX/Dec.40 (I)	181 EX/39 and Corr.
	<p>The Director-General presents a revised Publication and Distribution Plan 2008-2009 and reports in particular on the progress made on distribution policy and the evaluation of staff capacity to ensure quality publications.</p> <p>Decision proposed: Request the Director-General to submit to it at its 184th session, a progress report together with the Publications and Distribution Plan 2010-2011.</p>		

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40	<p>Report by the Director-General on the use of individual consultant and fee contracts by the Secretariat</p> <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 proposed: note the data and the analyses set out in the report and invite the Director-General to submit his next report on the use of consultant and fee contracts at an appropriate future session.</p>	<p>171 EX/Dec.35 176 EX/Dec.42 179 EX/Dec.33</p>	<p>181 EX/40 and Corr. (<i>English, French, Russian, Spanish and Chinese only</i>) and Add.</p>
41	<p>Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex</p> <p>The report informs the Executive Board on managing the UNESCO complex: progress of renovation work of the Belmont Plan for the Fontenoy site, information on long-term maintenance and conservation of UNESCO's Headquarters buildings, with an emphasis on the Miollis/Bonvin site, update on the Task Force on security matters and an overview on managing the Works of Art collection.</p> <p>Decision proposed: note the progress achieved in the Belmont Plan and management of the UNESCO complex, further note the establishment of the Task Force on security matters as well as 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, sub-account Miollis, all income from letting offices in Miollis, which is beyond the running and maintenance costs.</p>	<p>170 EX/Dec.7.7 177 EX/Dec.55 34 C/Res.76 179 EX/Dec.34</p>	<p>181 EX/41 181 EX/INF.18</p>
42	<p>Report by the External Auditor on the renovation of the UNESCO Fontenoy site</p> <p>In accordance with 179 EX/Decision 34, the External Auditor submits to the Executive Board his report on the reasons for the cost overruns on the renovations done on the Fontenoy site and his conclusions regarding the contracts awarded and their degree of conformity with existing procedures.</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	<p>179 EX/Dec.34</p>	<p>181 EX/42</p>

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43	<p>Procedure to be followed for appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairman and Alternate Chairman of the Appeals Board</p> <p>This document explains the practice followed by the Executive Board to appoint the Chairman and Alternate Chairman of the Appeals Board.</p> <p>Decision proposed: invite the Chairman, to propose to it, after consultation with the Vice-Chairpersons and the Director-General, a Chairman and alternate Chairman for the Appeals Board for a four-year term, commencing on 1 January 2010.</p>	Statutes of the Appeals Board (para. 2(a))	181 EX/43
<p>RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS</p>			
44	<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: a round table on the role of NGOs in the normative process in the field of culture; a Forum opened on possible activities by development stakeholders, including NGOs and civil society in the current context of multifaceted world crisis; procedural matters pertaining to the admission, reclassification and renewal of official relations with NGOs and foundations. The document also informs of other issues relating to cooperation with NGOs.</p> <p>Decision proposed: admit three NGOs to formal associate relations and renew formal relations with 48 NGOs and networks and take note of the Director-General's decisions to admit 11 NGOs to operational relations and to renew official relations with two foundations.</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.59 178 EX/Dec.13</p>	181 EX/44 181 EX/ONG/2
45	<p>Proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries in 2010-2011 with which UNESCO could be associated</p> <p>Pursuant to 159 EX/Decision 7.5, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2010-2011.</p>	<p>159 EX/Dec.7.5 166 EX/Dec.9.3 176 EX/Dec.47 179 EX/Dec.37</p>	181 EX/45 and Add. 181 EX/INF.8

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	<p>Decision proposed: recommend that the General Conference approve the list of proposed anniversaries deemed admissible by the Director-General for 2010-2011.</p>		
	GENERAL MATTERS		
46	<p>Thematic debate: UNESCO's role as the lead agency for education for all (EFA) and coordination among convening agencies, with special emphasis on progress on EFA in Africa</p>	<p>169 EX/Dec.4.2 175 EX/Dec.23 180 EX/Dec.7</p>	181 EX/INF.9
	<p>The corresponding document provides general information and elements for the thematic debate of this session of the Executive Board. It offers a background for conducting the debate, suggesting some key challenges for EFA and providing information on how UNESCO is supporting Member States to respond to them.</p>		
	<p>No decision is proposed.</p>		
47	<p>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 and 180 EX/Decision 44 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories</p>	<p>34 C/Res.58 180 EX/Dec.44</p>	181 EX/47 and Add.
	<p>Report on progress made since the 180th session in providing assistance to the Palestinian people and their educational and cultural institutions, as well as to such institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: the Director-General intends to issue an addendum to the present document before the 181st session of the Board. This addendum will also contain a draft decision.</p>		
48	<p>Report by the Director-General on progress made in the comprehensive programme of assistance for Lebanon's reconstruction</p>	180 EX/Dec.49	181 EX/48
	<p>This document summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO, since the 180th session of the Board, in providing assistance in favour of the reconstruction and development in Lebanon within the Organization's fields of competence.</p>		
	<p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to report to it at its 182nd session, as part of his general report "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>		

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49	<p>Report by the Director-General on the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/208 concerning the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system</p> <p>The Director-General presents a report and action plan on the implementation of the relevant recommendations of United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/208 concerning the 2007 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR) of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	180 EX/Dec.52	181 EX/49 181 EX/INF.12
50	<p>Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 182nd session</p>	103 EX/Dec.9	181 EX/INF.6
ADDITIONAL ITEMS			
51	<p>Revision of the 1981 Convention on the recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees in higher education in the African States and the 1983 Convention on the recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees in higher education in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>The Director-General submits to the Executive Board a proposal aimed at setting in motion the revision of the regional conventions on the mutual recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees in higher education in Africa and in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>Decision proposed: recommend to the General Conference to adopt a resolution to convene two international conferences of States (category 1) to examine and adopt amendments to the two Conventions, authorize the Executive Board to take appropriate measures, if any, for the successful convening of the conferences; and request the Director-General to include in draft document 35 C/5, activities and budget to this effect.</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	181 EX/51

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52	<p>Preparation of an action plan to prepare the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2010)</p> <p>Pursuant to 34 C/Resolution 46 adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO, and resolutions A/RES/62/90 of 17 December 2007 and A/RES/63/22 of 13 November 2008, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, 2010 has been proclaimed "International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures"; UNESCO has been invited, in consultation with Member States, and through extrabudgetary resources, to play a leading role in the preparations.</p> <p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to draw up an action plan in preparation for the International Year, and to provide for funding (extrabudgetary resources) in document 35 C/5 and submit to it at its 182nd session a progress report on the plan thus requested.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and Ukraine</p>	<p>181 EX/52 Rev. 181 EX/INF.14</p>
53	<p>Report by the Director-General on the preparation of a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War</p> <p>The Director-General informs the Executive Board of the organization of a third session of the intergovernmental meeting of experts on the draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War (UNESCO, 17-18 March 2009).</p> <p>No decision is proposed.</p>	180 EX/Dec.12	181 EX/53 and Add.
54	<p>Status of the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund in Education</p> <p>The Fund to strengthen South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Education is now established; the terms of reference have been mutually approved and the governance mechanisms are now in place with the establishment of a steering committee for the management of the Fund/Programme.</p> <p>Decision proposed: (i) request the Director-General to issue a fresh appeal to all Member States to provide voluntary contributions to the Fund; (ii) call upon all Member States to strengthen their support for South-South cooperation as well as Triangular cooperation; (iii) invite the Secretariat to urgently develop a fund-raising strategy for the Fund to be presented to it at its 182nd session; (iv) invite the Director-General to report</p>	<p>Item proposed by Algeria, Benin, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Thailand</p>	<p>181 EX/54 181 EX/INF.14</p>

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	<p>back to the same session on the progress achieved on the Pilot projects that would be proposed on the basis of priorities decided by the G77 and China and a status report on the Fund.</p>		
55	<p>Information and communication technologies for sustainable development</p> <p>One of the Organization's priorities in the field of information and communication is the monitoring of the lines of action envisaged in the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action of the World Summit on the Information Society. It is appropriate to lay emphasis on the importance of information and communication technologies and of the development of science and technology not only in eradicating illiteracy but also in combating poverty and exclusion. The media's contribution and use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) are needed more urgently than ever before to promote the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).</p> <p>Decision proposed: invite the Director-General: (i) to take the appropriate measures with a view to reducing the existing digital divide in knowledge and technologies in the field of information and communication to build an inclusive knowledge society and promote ICTs for sustainable development; (ii) in preparing submissions for the United Nations Secretary's report to be presented at the 65th session of the General Assembly, to report to it at its 184th session on UNESCO's progress at the international and regional levels to implement the relevant action line of the World Summit Information Society; (iii) to present to the Board his report on communications for development programmes in the United Nations system before its submission to the United Nations General Assembly.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Algeria, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Madagascar, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</p>	<p>181 EX/55 and Add. 181 EX/INF.14</p>
56	<p>Institution of a UNESCO/Juan Bosch prize for social science research in Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>[Annotation to follow]</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Dominican Republic and all the other Member States of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC) of UNESCO</p>	<p>181 EX/56</p>

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57	<p>The global economic and financial crisis and its effects on education</p> <p>In the context of the global financial and economic crisis which currently threatens the world stability and the development of peoples, which will have an enormous impact on the education programmes promoted and implemented by UNESCO, it is essential to seek mechanisms that would help to ease the hardship that will be faced by the least developed and most disadvantaged countries. UNESCO has considered it appropriate to support an increase in funding for education, especially in those countries which have not achieved the EFA goals; the Organization has also reaffirmed the importance of continuing to mobilize the other agencies of the United Nations system and the international community in order to foster South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation and to promote the priorities of the Education Sector. It is thus imperative to take steps to deal with the adverse effect of the crisis on education.</p> <p>Decision proposed: the Executive Board is invited to call upon development partners to fulfil their previous pledges, to take note with satisfaction that the governance mechanisms for the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund are in place, and to call upon development partners to consider contributing to the Fund; the Director-General is invited to elaborate a fund-raising strategy that would call upon donors to fulfil their earlier pledges and would encourage new contributions to the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education; and to present to the Board at its 182nd session a preliminary report on the impact of the current financial and economic crisis on the developing countries in their efforts to achieve the EFA goals, and another concise and analytical report in this respect for its 184th session.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Cuba and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</p>	<p>181 EX/57 181 EX/INF.14</p>
58	<p>Monitoring and implementation of the recommendations of the meetings on education held in Dakar, Geneva and Oslo</p> <p>The 2009 Global Monitoring Report on Education for All shows that the Dakar and related millennium goals are far from being achieved despite the great efforts made. Three major meetings were held on the subject during the biennium now drawing to a close and others have been scheduled up to the next session of the General Conference. Important recommendations were adopted at the three meetings mentioned above and it is necessary to capitalize on the discussions held.</p>	<p>Item proposed by Algeria, Benin, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal. Saint Vincent</p>	<p>181 EX/58 and Add. 181 EX/INF.14</p>

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	Decision proposed: invite the Director-General to submit to it at its 182nd session a concise analytical report on the follow-up to and the implementation, at the national, regional and international levels, of the recommendations of the meetings in question; and to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session an analytical report focused on results relating to progress achieved in education for all.	Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	
59	<p data-bbox="276 577 767 640">Contribution to the reconstruction and development of Gaza</p> <p data-bbox="276 658 767 1205">The Arab Group at UNESCO has requested that an item be placed on the agenda of the 181st session on "contribution to the reconstruction and development of Gaza, in view of the role assigned to UNESCO as a leading organization of the United Nations system; the negative consequences of the Israeli aggression; whether in regard to human rights violations or repercussions on vital educational infrastructure such as educational and teaching institutions (schools-institutes-universities); adverse social and psychological effects on both students and teachers; great losses sustained at archaeological sites in the Gaza Strip; and the burden faced by UNESCO and the Member States in dealing with the consequences of Israeli aggression".</p> <p data-bbox="276 1223 767 1249">Draft decision to follow.</p>	Item proposed by Egypt and Lebanon on behalf of the Member States of the Arab States Group to UNESCO	181 EX/59 Rev. 181 EX/INF.14
60	<p data-bbox="276 1267 767 1402">Relations with the Arab Maghreb Union and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization</p> <p data-bbox="276 1420 767 1637">Within the framework of UNESCO's cooperation with the African regional organizations, the Director-General wishes to establish official ties of cooperation with the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) and, to this end, submits a draft cooperation agreement to the Executive Board for approval.</p> <p data-bbox="276 1655 767 1760">Decision proposed: to authorize the Director-General to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO and to establish official relations with AMU.</p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	181 EX/60
61 ⁵	N.B. Pursuant to the procedure adopted on an experimental basis on the recommendation of the Bureau of the Executive Board during the 180th session, documents for information are being circulated at the request of Member States.		

⁵ Item 61 "Results achieved by the Republic of Bolivia in eradicating illiteracy as a potentially valuable experience in UNESCO'S efforts during the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012)" was withdrawn by Cuba on behalf of Bolivia, Dominican Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). A draft decision has been proposed under item 58.