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ESTABLISHMENT OF CATEGORY 2 INSTITUTES AND CENTRES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT IN DHAKA, BANGLADESH, OF THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AS A CATEGORY 2 INSTITUTE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part II.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to establish the International Mother Language Institute (IMLI) in Dhaka as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in November 2014 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part II, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Institute of the status of a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part II describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Institute, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of Bangladesh in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part II on the proposed establishment of the International Mother Language Institute (IMLI), in Dhaka, Bangladesh, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this institute under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part II) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said institute the status of a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh concerning the establishment and operation of the Institute.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part II,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part II,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to establish the International Mother Language Institute in Dhaka as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the International Mother Language Institute (IMLI), in Dhaka, Bangladesh, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part II);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding Agreement concerning the establishment of the International Mother Language Institute (IMLI) as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART III

ESTABLISHMENT IN SHENZHEN, CHINA, OF A HIGHER EDUCATION INNOVATION CENTRE AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part III.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of China to establish the International Centre for Higher Education Innovation in Shenzhen as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in June 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part III, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part III describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of China in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part III on the proposed establishment of the International Centre for Higher Education Innovation in Shenzhen, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part III) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part III,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part III,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of the People's Republic of China to establish the International Centre for Higher Education Innovation in Shenzhen as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the International Centre for Higher Education Innovation in Shenzhen, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part III);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding Agreement concerning the establishment of the International Centre for Higher Education Innovation as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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ESTABLISHMENT OF CATEGORY 2 INSTITUTES AND CENTRES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

PART IV

ESTABLISHMENT IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, OF AN AFRICAN REGIONAL CENTRE FOR ECOHYDROLOGY AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part IV.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Ethiopia to establish an African Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (ARCE) in Addis Ababa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a UNESCO mission was undertaken in June 2015 as part of the evaluation of the feasibility of establishing the proposed Centre, which would specialize in and provide support to regional research and cooperation in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development within the context of the ecohydrology theme of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO. A draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Ethiopia has been prepared in conformity with the standard model agreement indicated in document 37 C/18 Part I and is available on the Natural Sciences web pages for consultation.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part IV, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part IV describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part IV on the proposed establishment of an African Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (ARCE) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part IV) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Ethiopia concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part IV,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part IV,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Ethiopia to establish in Addis Ababa an African Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (ARCE) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, of an African Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (ARCE) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part IV);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding Agreement concerning the establishment of an African Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (ARCE) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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ESTABLISHMENT OF CATEGORY 2 INSTITUTES AND CENTRES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

PART V

ESTABLISHMENT IN KIGALI, RWANDA, OF AN EAST AFRICA INSTITUTE FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH AS A CATEGORY 2 INSTITUTE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part V.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Rwanda to establish an East Africa Institute for Fundamental Research based on Activities Associated with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Kigali as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, consultation was held with the Rwandan Ministry of Education, as well as with the National Science and Technology Commission and a mission to Rwanda was undertaken to evaluate the feasibility of the proposal. A draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Rwanda has been prepared in conformity with the standard model agreement indicated in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part V, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Institute of the status of a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part V describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the institute, in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part V on the proposed establishment of an East Africa Institute for Fundamental Research based on Activities Associated with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), in Kigali, Rwanda, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Institute under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part V) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the establishment of an East Africa Institute for Fundamental Research based on Activities Associated with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), in Kigali, Rwanda, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Rwanda concerning the establishment and operation of the Institute.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16, Part V,

Having examined document 38 C/18, Part V,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Rwanda to establish in Kigali an East Africa Institute for Fundamental Research based on Activities Associated with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment in Kigali, Rwanda, of an East Africa Institute for Fundamental Research based on Activities Associated with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part V);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of an East Africa Institute for Fundamental Research as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART VI

ESTABLISHMENT IN KINSHASA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, OF THE REGIONAL POST-GRADUATE TRAINING SCHOOL ON INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF TROPICAL FORESTS AND LANDS AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VI.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to establish the existing Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands (ERAIFT) in Kinshasa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in June 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VI, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO to the School. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part VI describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of ERAIFT as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In addition, and in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I, relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, document 197 EX/16 Part VI describes the deviations from the model agreement of the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part VI, on the proposal of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to grant to the existing Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands (ERAIFT) in Kinshasa the status of 940a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I, relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this school under UNESCO's auspices.

3. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part VI) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the establishment of the existing ERAIFT as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo concerning the establishment and operation of the School.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VI,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part VI,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to establish the existing Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands (ERAIFT) in Kinshasa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Notes* the divergences between the model agreement for category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO contained in document 37 C/18 Part I and the draft agreement between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and UNESCO as explained in Annex III to document 197 EX/16 Part I;
3. *Approves* the establishment of the Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part VI);
4. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART VII

ESTABLISHMENT IN EL-QANATER, EGYPT, OF A CENTRAL LABORATORY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MONITORING (CLEQM) AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VII.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Egypt for the establishment of the Central Laboratory for Environmental Quality Monitoring (CLEQM) at El-Qanater, Egypt, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and pursuant to the comprehensive and integrated strategy for category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO (37 C/18 Part I), approved by the General Conference (37 C/Resolution 93), an experts fact finding mission visited Egypt (13-19 November 2014), in coordination with the Delegation of Egypt, and with UNESCO Office in Cairo.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VII, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the CLEQM of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part VII describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the CLEQM as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part VII on the proposal for the designation of the Central Laboratory for Environmental Quality Monitoring (CLEQM) at El-Qanater, Egypt, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place the CLEQM under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part VII) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the designation of the Central Laboratory for Environmental Quality Monitoring at El-Qanater, Egypt as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VII,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part VII,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Egypt to designate the Central Laboratory for Environmental Quality Monitoring in El-Qanate as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the Central Laboratory for Environmental Quality Monitoring in El-Qanater, Egypt, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part VII);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Central Laboratory for Environmental Quality Monitoring as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART VIII

ESTABLISHMENT IN KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT, OF A WATER RESEARCH CENTRE, AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VIII.

Background: Following a proposal by the State of Kuwait to designate the Water Research Centre at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in Kuwait City as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, an experts' fact finding mission visited Kuwait (5 and 6 July 2015), in coordination with KISR, and with the UNESCO Office in Cairo. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VIII, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part VIII describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of the State of Kuwait. In addition, and in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, document 197 EX/16 Part VIII describes the deviations from the model agreement of the draft agreement between UNESCO and the State of Kuwait

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part VIII on the proposed establishment of the Water Research Centre at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in Kuwait City as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16, Part VIII) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the State of Kuwait concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part VIII,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part VIII,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of the State of Kuwait to designate the Water Research Centre at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in Kuwait City as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Notes* the divergences between the model agreement for category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO contained in document 37 C/18 Part I and the draft agreement between UNESCO and the State of Kuwait as explained in the annex to document 197 EX/16 Part VIII;
3. *Approves* the establishment of the Water Research Centre at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in Kuwait City, Kuwait, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part VIII);
4. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Water Research Centre at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART IX

ESTABLISHMENT IN ABBOTTABAD, PAKISTAN, OF A REGIONAL WATER RESEARCH CENTRE ON HYDROLOGY OF HEADWATER CATCHMENTS AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part IX.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Pakistan to establish the Regional Water Research Centre on Hydrology of Headwater Catchments at the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology in Abbottabad as a UNESCO category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in July 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part IX, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the establishment of the Centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part IX describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part IX on the proposed establishment of the Regional Water Research Centre on Hydrology of Headwater Catchments at the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology in Abbottabad, Pakistan, as a UNESCO category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part IX) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to establish in Abbottabad, Pakistan, the Regional Water Research Centre on Hydrology of Headwater Catchments at the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, and to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Pakistan concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part IX,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part IX,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Pakistan to establish in Abbottabad, Pakistan, the Regional Water Research Centre on Hydrology of Headwater Catchments at the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the Regional Water Research Centre on Hydrology of Headwater Catchments in Abbottabad, Pakistan, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part IX);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Regional Water Research Centre on Hydrology of Headwater Catchments at the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART X

ESTABLISHMENT IN KARACHI, PAKISTAN, OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part X.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Pakistan to establish in Karachi an International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a UNESCO mission was undertaken in June 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part X, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part X describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of Pakistan. In addition, and in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, document 197 EX/16 Part X describes the deviations from the model agreement of the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Pakistan.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part X on the proposed establishment of the International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) in Karachi, Pakistan, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part X) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Pakistan concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part X,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part X,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Pakistan to establish in Karachi an International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Notes* the divergences between the model agreement for category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO contained in document 37 C/18 Part I and the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Pakistan as explained in the annex to document 197 EX/16 Part X;
3. *Approves* the establishment of the International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) in Karachi, Pakistan, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part X);
4. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Pakistan concerning the establishment of the International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XI

ESTABLISHMENT IN TEHRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF WATERSHED AND BIO-RESOURCES IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID REGIONS AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XI.

Background: Following a proposal by Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the establishment in Tehran of an International Centre for the Integrated Management of Watershed and Bio-Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in June 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XI, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XI describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XI on the proposed establishment of an International Centre for the Integrated Management of Watershed and Bio-Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions in the Islamic Republic of Iran as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XI) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XI,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XI,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish the International Centre for the Integrated Management of Watershed and Bio-Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions in Tehran as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the International Centre for the Integrated Management of Watershed and Bio-Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XI);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the International Centre for the Integrated Management of Watershed and Bio-Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XII

ESTABLISHMENT IN CHIANG MAI, THAILAND, OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN ASTRONOMY AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XII.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government Thailand to establish in Chiang Mai an International Training Centre in Astronomy as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a UNESCO mission was undertaken in January 2014, to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XII, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XII describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of Government of Thailand in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XII on the proposed establishment of the International Training Centre in Astronomy in Chiang Mai, Thailand, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XII) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Thailand concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

2. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XII,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XII,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Thailand to establish in Chiang Mai an International Training Centre in Astronomy as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the International Training Centre in Astronomy in Chiang Mai, Thailand, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XII);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the International Training Centre in Astronomy as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XIII

ESTABLISHMENT IN HANOI, VIET NAM, OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF PHYSICS AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIII.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Viet Nam for the establishment of the International Centre of Physics, at the Viet Nam Academy of Science and Technology in Hanoi as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a mission to Viet Nam was undertaken to evaluate the feasibility of the proposed Centre. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIII, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XIII describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of Viet Nam in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XIII on the proposed establishment of the Viet Nam International Centre of Physics, at the Viet Nam Academy of Science and Technology in Hanoi, Viet Nam, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIII) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Viet Nam concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIII,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XIII,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Viet Nam to establish the Viet Nam International Centre of Physics, at the Viet Nam Academy of Science and Technology in Hanoi as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the Viet Nam International Centre of Physics, at the Viet Nam Academy of Science and Technology in Hanoi, Viet Nam, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIII);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Viet Nam International Centre of Physics, at the Viet Nam Academy of Science and Technology as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XIV

ESTABLISHMENT IN HANOI, VIET NAM, OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE TRAINING IN MATHEMATICS AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIV.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Viet Nam for the establishment of the Viet Nam International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics as a category 2 centre, under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission to Viet Nam was undertaken in June 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIV, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XIV describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of the Government of Viet Nam in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XIV on the proposed establishment of the Viet Nam International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics in Hanoi, Viet Nam, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses the feasibility of the Centre in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIV) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16, Part XIV,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XIV,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Viet Nam to establish the Viet Nam International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics in Hanoi as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the Viet Nam International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics in Hanoi, Viet Nam, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIV);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Viet Nam International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics as a category 2 centre, under the auspices of UNESCO.



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ESTABLISHMENT IN BEIJING, CHINA, OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XV.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of China to establish an International Centre for Engineering Education in Beijing as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in March 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XV, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XV describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of the Government of China in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XV on the proposed establishment of the International Centre for Engineering Education in Beijing, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XV) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XV,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XV,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of China to establish the International Centre for Engineering Education in Beijing as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the International Centre for Engineering Education in Beijing, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XV);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the International Centre for Engineering Education as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XVI

ESTABLISHMENT IN BEIJING, CHINA, OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS ASIA-PACIFIC AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVI.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of China for the creation in Beijing of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics Asia-Pacific (ICTP-AP) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken to China to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVI, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XVI describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of China in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XVI on the proposed establishment of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics Asia-Pacific (ICTP-AP), in Beijing, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVI) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China concerning the establishment and operation of the centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVI,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XVI,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of China to establish the International Centre for Theoretical Physics Asia-Pacific (ICTP-AP) in Beijing as a category 2 centre, under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics Asia-Pacific (ICTP-AP), in Beijing, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVI);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics Asia-Pacific (ICTP-AP) as a category 2 centre, under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XVII

ESTABLISHMENT IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH (SAIFR) AS A CATEGORY 2 INSTITUTE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVII.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Brazil for the establishment in Sao Paulo of the South American Institute for Fundamental Research as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVII, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Institute of the status of a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XVII describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Institute, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of the Government of Brazil. In addition, and in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board was informed of deviations from the model agreement in the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Brazil, which may be viewed on the Natural Sciences website at:
http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/Deviation_Brazil_197ExB.pdf.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XVII on the proposed establishment of the South American Institute for Fundamental Research, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Institute under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVII) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Institute the status of a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Brazil concerning the establishment and operation of the Institute.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVII,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XVII,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Brazil to establish the South American Institute for Fundamental Research in Sao Paulo as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Notes* the divergences between the model agreement for category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO contained in document 37 C/18 Part I and the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Brazil;
3. *Approves* the establishment of the South American Institute for Fundamental Research, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVII);
4. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the South American Institute for Fundamental Research as a category 2 institute, under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XVIII

ESTABLISHMENT IN TUXTLA GUTIÉRREZ, MEXICO, OF A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVIII.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Mexico for the establishment of a Regional Centre for Advanced Training and Research in Mathematics, Physics, Energy and Environment at the Meso-American Institute for Science (MAIS), in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, State of Chiapas, Mexico, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in May 2014 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVIII, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XVIII describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of Mexico in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XVIII on the proposed establishment of the Regional Centre for Advanced Training and Research in Mathematics, Physics, Energy and Environment, in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, Mexico, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVIII) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Mexico concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

2. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVIII,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XVIII,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Mexico to establish the Regional Centre for Advanced Training and Research in Mathematics, Physics, Energy and Environment in Tuxtla Gutiérrez as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the Regional Centre for Advanced Training and Research in Mathematics, Physics, Energy and Environment, in Tuxtla Gutiérrez Chiapas, Mexico, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XVIII);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Regional Centre for Advanced Training and Research in Mathematics, Physics, Energy and Environment as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XIX

ESTABLISHMENT IN THESSALONIKI, GREECE, OF A CENTRE ON INTEGRATED AND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIX.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Greece to establish in Thessaloniki a Centre on Integrated and Multi-disciplinary Water Resources Management, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in June 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIX, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XIX describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of Greece. In addition, and in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, document 197 EX/16 Part XIX describes the deviations from the model agreement of the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Greece.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XIX on the proposed establishment of the Centre on Integrated and Multi-disciplinary Water Resources Management in Thessaloniki, Greece, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIX) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Greece concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIX,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XIX,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Greece to establish in Thessaloniki the Centre on Integrated and Multi-disciplinary Water Resources Management as a Category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Notes* the divergences between, on the one hand, the draft agreement between UNESCO, the Government of Greece and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and on the other hand, the model agreement for category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO contained in document 37 C/18 Part I as explained in the annex to document 197 EX/16 Part XIX;
3. *Approves* the establishment of the Centre on Integrated and Multi-disciplinary Water Resources Management in Thessaloniki, Greece, as a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XIX);
4. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Centre on Integrated and Multi-disciplinary Water Resources Management as a Category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XX

ESTABLISHMENT IN YAOUNDÉ, CAMEROON, OF A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN MICROSCIENCE AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XX.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Cameroon to establish in Yaoundé a Centre of Excellence in Microscience under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission was undertaken in January 2014 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XX, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XX describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of Cameroon in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XX on the proposed establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Microscience, in Yaoundé, Cameroon, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XX) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Cameroon concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XX,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XX,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Cameroon to establish in Yaoundé a Centre of Excellence in Microscience as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the Centre of Excellence in Microscience in Yaoundé, Cameroon, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XX);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Centre of Excellence in Microscience as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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PART XXI

ESTABLISHMENT IN BEIJING, CHINA, OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR CREATIVITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXI.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of China for the establishment in Beijing of the International Centre for Creativity and Sustainable Development (ICCSA) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a study was undertaken in July 2015 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXI, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XXI describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of China in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XXI on the proposed establishment of the International Centre for Creativity and Sustainable Development (ICCSA) in Beijing, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXI) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXI,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XXI,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of China to establish in Beijing an International Centre for Creativity and Sustainable Development (ICCSA) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the International Centre for Creativity and Sustainable Development (ICCSA) in Beijing, China, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXI);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the International Centre for Creativity and Sustainable Development (ICCSA) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.



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ESTABLISHMENT IN KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT, OF A GLOBAL CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT) AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

OUTLINE

Source: 37 C/Resolution 93 and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXII.

Background: Following a proposal by the Government of Kuwait to establish in Kuwait City a Global Centre for Excellence (GCE) for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, a technical mission to Kuwait was undertaken in 2014 to assess its feasibility. The evaluation of the proposal was carried out in conformity with the criteria outlined in document 37 C/18 Part I.

Purpose: Following 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXII, the present document contains a draft resolution for the approval of the granting to the Centre of the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. For reference, document 197 EX/16 Part XXII describes the proposal and reviews the prerequisites for the establishment of the Centre, and provides the scientific and institutional rationale behind the proposal of Kuwait in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. The Executive Board, at its 197th session, considered document 197 EX/16 Part XXII on the proposed establishment in Kuwait City, Kuwait, of the Global Centre for Excellence (GCE) for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Having examined the above document, which describes the proposal and analyses its feasibility in accordance with the guidelines contained in document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, the Executive Board welcomed the proposal to place this Centre under UNESCO's auspices.

2. The Executive Board subsequently recommended (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXII) that the General Conference, at its 38th session, approve the proposal to grant to the said Centre the status of a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO; and that it authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Kuwait concerning the establishment and operation of the centre.

3. In view of the above, the General Conference may consider the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93, and 197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXII,

Having examined document 38 C/18 Part XXII,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Kuwait to establish in Kuwait City the Global Centre for Excellence (GCE) for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is to be done in conformity with document 37 C/18 Part I relating to the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
2. *Approves* the establishment of the Global Centre for Excellence (GCE) for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Kuwait City, Kuwait, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 197th session (197 EX/Decision 16 Part XXII);
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement concerning the establishment of the Global Centre for Excellence (GCE) for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO.