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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1 **Agenda and timetable of work** (194 EX/1 and Corr. (*Arabic only*))

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in document 194 EX/1.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items of its agenda to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items **4.I, 5.I, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 27, 28, 29, 31** and **32**;
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items **4.II, 5.II and III, and 17.I, III, IV** and **V**;

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meeting:** items **4.III and IV, 7, 13, 15, 18, 22, 23, 25** and **30**.

(194 EX/SR.1)

2 **Approval of the summary records of the 192nd and 193rd sessions** (192 EX/SR.1-10; 193 EX/SR.1-2 and Corr.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 192nd and 193rd sessions.

(194 EX/SR.7)

3 **Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (194 EX/3 & Corr. (*English, French, Russian and Chinese only*) and Corr.2 (*French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic only*) and Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered documents 194 EX/3 & Corr. (*English, French, Russian and Chinese only*) and Corr.2 (*French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic only*) and Add. on major changes to the organizational structure of the Secretariat,
2. Takes note of the information contained therein, and requests the Director-General to take into consideration the debates that took place at its 194th session in order to further refine the design of the organizational structure.

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject in private meeting.

(194 EX/SR.6)

REPORTING ITEMS

- 4 Implementation of the Programme and Budget and results achieved in the previous biennium (2012-2013 – 36 C/5) (Draft 38 C/3)** (194 EX/4 Add. 2; 194 EX/4 Part I (A) and (B) (*online only*) and Add. 2; 194 EX/4 Part II; 194 EX/4 Part III; 194 EX/4 Part IV and Add.; 194 EX/4.INF-INF.5; 194 EX/PG/Recommendations; 194 EX/PG.INF; 194 EX/34; 194 EX/35; 194 EX/36)

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A

Content of the EX/4 document

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling recommendation 13 of 33 C/Resolution 92, and 33 C/Resolution 78, in which the General Conference requested the Executive Board to report to it at each session on the implementation of the current programme and budget (C/5), together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (C/3),
2. Also recalling 34 C/Resolution 89 inviting the Executive Board to “have a wider and more strategic assessment of the performance of the programmes, including the EX/4 document, by expressing its views progressively during the biennium through explicit decisions on the performance of individual programmes at the main line of action (MLA) level”,
3. Further recalling 184 EX/Decision 4, 186 EX/Decision 4, 191 EX/Decision 4 and 192 EX/Decision 4,
4. Having examined document 194 EX/4 Part I – Draft 38 C/3,
5. Welcomes the efforts to improve the structure of the report, the analytical approach and the quality of information and evidence presented therein, and recommends further improvement;
6. Recognizes the important work undertaken by the Secretariat to assert UNESCO’s leadership at the global and inter-agency levels in the core areas of its mandate, particularly in the preparation processes of the post-2015 development agenda;
7. Thanks the Director-General for her efforts and the measures taken to implement the programme and to achieve the 36 C/5 expected results despite significant budgetary cuts;
8. Notes the key achievements realized in all programme areas, and the progress made in reforming the Organization as a whole;
9. Requests the Director-General to transmit document 194 EX/4 Part I – Draft 38 C/3 to the General Conference at its 38th session for its examination.

(194 EX/SR.7)

B**New format for EX/4 documents**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 194 EX/4 Part I (A) and 194 EX/4 Add.2,
2. Recalling recommendation 13 of 33 C/Resolution 92, as well as 33 C/Resolution 78, and 34 C/Resolution 89,
3. Also recalling 184 EX/Decision 4, 186 EX/Decision 4, 191 EX/Decision 4 and 192 EX/Decision 4,
4. Further recalling UNESCO's commitment, in 190 EX/Decision 46, to publish programme information in line with an internationally-agreed United Nations transparency reporting standard,
5. Takes note of the summary findings of the IOS/BSP evaluation on results reporting as reflected in document 194 EX/4 Part I (A);
6. Welcomes the proposals outlined in documents 194 EX/4 Part I (A) and 194 EX/4 Add.2 as a starting point in a consultative process with Member States;
7. Decides, with a view to examining those proposals in greater detail, to convene, between Board sessions, meetings of the Preparatory Group, which shall work closely with the Secretariat to consider, *inter alia*:
 - (a) how to make reporting more efficient;
 - (b) how to ensure that UNESCO reporting meets the standards set by the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI);
 - (c) how to ensure that UNESCO's reporting feeds into UNESCO's forward-looking strategies and implementation plans, in terms of impact assessment, planning as well as format;
 - (d) the effective use of sunset clauses;
 - (e) how the reporting cycle can support the introduction of a more strategic organization of the Executive Board agenda over the C/5 quadrennial period to allow more in-depth discussion of each major programme;

and to propose changes to the format of reporting and any necessary changes to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, with the aim of developing proposals which may be implemented after its 195th session;
8. Invites Member States to make voluntary financial contributions to facilitate the above-mentioned meetings of the Preparatory Group.

(194 EX/SR.7)

II

Budgetary situation of the Organization for 2012-2013 (36 C/5) as at 31 December 2013 (unaudited), budget adjustments arising from donations and special contributions received, and Management Chart for programme execution in 2012-2013 (unaudited)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received during the period July-December 2013 and appropriated to the regular budget and the transfers made between appropriation lines, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 36th session (36 C/Resolution 111, paras. (b), (d) and (e)), in document 194 EX/4 Part II,

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2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of **\$2,228,040** which includes the adjustments made on donation and special contributions as indicated in Annex II of document 194 EX/4.INF.2;

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| | \$ |
| Part II.A – Education (ED) | 653,319 |
| Part II.A – Natural Sciences (SC) | 649,491 |
| Part II.A – Social and Human Sciences (SHS) | 97,167 |
| Part II.A – Culture (CLT) | 620,387 |
| Part II.A – Communication and Information (CI) | 21,460 |
| Part II.A – Field office implementation of decentralized programmes (BFC) | 123,730 |
| Part II.B – Programme-related services (Africa) | 9,975 |
| Part II.B – Programme-related services (BSP) | 52,511 |
| Total | <u>2,228,040</u> |

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in Annexes II, III and IV of document 194 EX/4.INF.2;

B

4. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which the Director-General may make transfers between appropriation lines up to an amount of 1% of the initial appropriation, and inform Members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of and reasons for such transfers,
5. Notes that the Director-General has made transfers between appropriation lines in support of UNESCO's participation in country-level programming exercises and for staff movements effected during the period July-December 2013 (net impact \$0), as detailed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of document 194 EX/4 Part II;
6. Takes note of the revised 36 C/5 Appropriation Table in Annex I of document 194 EX/4.INF.2;
7. Having examined the Director-General's report on the overall regular budget situation of the Organization for the 2012-2013 biennium (194 EX/4 Part II) following the closure of accounts,

8. Also takes note of the budgetary situation (unaudited) of the Organization for the 2012-2013 regular budget (36 C/5) as at 31 December 2013;

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9. Having examined documents 194 EX/4 Part II, 194 EX/4.INF.2 and 194 EX/4.INF.3,
10. Noting the continuing financial challenges faced by the Organization and the need for cost-effective running of the governing bodies,
11. Decides to:
- (a) suspend the budget allocated to the holding of thematic debates by the Executive Board;
 - (b) also suspend the budget allocated for travel by:
 - (i) representatives residing in Paris appointed by Members of the Executive Board for consultations with their government (Article I.1.1(b) of the Annex to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board);
 - (ii) a representative appointed by the Member, or of any other person specially appointed by the Board, to perform a mission on behalf of the Board (Article I.1.2 of the Annex to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board);
 - (c) further suspend travel and daily subsistence allowances allocated to representatives of Member States, except those representing least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS);
 - (d) invite the Director-General to continue to review the travel policy in order to purchase travel tickets at the lowest identifiable rates, and, wherever possible, to reduce contractual services costs, in particular travel agency costs;
 - (e) encourage Member States to continue to contribute voluntarily to the cost of interpretation and translation in the context of Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

(194 EX/SR.7)

III

Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO (IEE), and the implementation of the roadmap

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 102, 185 EX/Decision 18, 186 EX/Decisions 17 (I) and (II), 187 EX/Decisions 17 (I) and (II), 36 C/Resolution 104, 191 EX/Decision 16 (I), document 189 EX/15 Part I Add., 190 EX/Decision 34, 191 EX/Decision 26, and 192 EX/Decision 4 (III),
2. Having examined documents 194 EX/4 Part III, and 194 EX/4.INF,
3. Notes, with appreciation, the progress made by the Secretariat in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO (IEE), and the Director-General's action plan with respect to the operational aspects of the independent external evaluation of UNESCO; as well as the efforts being made by the Director-General to achieve the 18 roadmap targets;

4. Decides to consider (out of the 22 IEE recommendations and the 11 roadmap targets that were considered as still open and ongoing in 192 EX/Decision 4 (III)), the following seven IEE recommendations and planned actions and the following three roadmap targets as contained in document 194 EX/4.INF as completed in terms of IEE and roadmap follow-up and monitoring, given that necessary actions have been carried out, recommended change processes have been fully integrated into the regular systemic practices, or are an integral part of the ongoing reform and restructuring processes of the Organization: SD2 (i) (k) (o); SD 3 (b); SD4 (aa); SD 5 (b) (f), and roadmap targets 4, 11 and 18;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue implementing the recommendations and planned actions of all reform processes and initiatives that were put in place in the framework of the IEE follow-up and the roadmap;
6. Requests the Director-General to conclude the specific reporting on the IEE follow-up and roadmap and to report on the remaining fifteen IEE action items SD1 (f) (g) (j) (l) (m) (n); SD2 (e) (g) (p); SD 3 (d); SD4 (g) (t) (v) (y) (z) and the eight roadmap targets 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 that are considered as still ongoing and open and the related reform processes through the Director-General's EX/4 reports and other relevant Board documents or progress reports on specific matters.

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IV

State of progress of the reform of the field network

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 187 EX/Decision 33, 190 EX/Decision 31, 191 EX/Decision 24 and 192 EX/Decision 4 (IV),
2. Having examined documents 194 EX/4 Part IV and Add.,
3. Notes the progress achieved in phase 1 of the field reform focused on Africa;
4. Also notes that:
 - (a) the enhanced authority and accountability delegated to the field offices and the revised reporting lines within the entire field network as well as between field and Headquarters have been introduced;
 - (b) the reporting lines and the principles of the delegated authority to field offices need further clarification;
5. Further notes that the regional support platform will not be established during the 2014-2015 biennium;
6. Requests the Director-General to ensure an appropriate alternative mechanism that would carry out the functions initially foreseen for the regional support platform;
7. Also requests the Director-General to ensure the deployment of adequate human resources to field offices in Africa and to provide to it, at its 195th session, details, for each field office in Africa, on the number and functions of staff;
8. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 196th session on the sustainability of the current field network under the \$507 million expenditure plan, and

on the programme delivery capacities of the field offices within their respective available financial and human resources, as well as on the decentralization of programme resources from the programme sectors;

9. Requests the Director-General to ensure, ideally by its 195th session, but no later than the end of 2014, that all directors of field offices have signed performance agreements with clear objectives and targets, with consistent associated indicators.

(194 EX/SR.7)

- 5 **Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions** (194 EX/5 Part I and Add.-Add.2; 194 EX/5 Part II; 194 EX/5 Part III and Add.-Add.2 Rev.; 194 EX/5.INF; 194 EX/34; 194 EX/35)

I

Programme issues

A

Report of the United Nations University (UNU) Council and UNESCO-UNU Plan of Joint Activities for 2014-2017

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 194 EX/5 Part I (A),
2. Takes note of its content.

(194 EX/SR.7)

B

Sharing of good practices in education

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 39,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/5 Part I (B) "Sharing of good practices in education",
3. Acknowledging UNESCO's role in the compilation and sharing of good practices in education,
4. Stressing the necessity and importance of establishing a register of good practices in education that would contribute to ensuring stronger South-South and North-South-South cooperation, to making headway in achieving the unrealized education for all (EFA) goals, and to addressing post-2015 challenges in education,
5. Considering that the information contained in document 194 EX/5 Part I (B) constitutes a reference framework for the compilation, revision and updating of the UNESCO database of good practices in education,
6. Requests the Director-General to post on the UNESCO website updated information and reference materials concerning the register of good practices in education,

distinguishing governmental from non-governmental sectors, in order to promote the dissemination and exchange of such good practices, pursuant to 191 EX/Decision 39;

7. Also requests the Director-General to formulate a strategy in order to encourage the exchange of good practices in education and promote South-South and North-South-South cooperation in this field, in collaboration with UNESCO offices and institutes and in consultation with Member States, in accordance with 191 EX/Decision 39;
8. Further requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 196th session a separate report on the progress achieved thereon.

(194 EX/SR.7)

C

Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44 and 192 EX/Decision 5 (I)(D) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem¹

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 194 EX/5 Part I (C) and the annex to this decision,
2. Recalling previous decisions concerning “the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 195th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

ANNEX



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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

- Item 5** Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions – Part I, *Programme Issues* – Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44 and 192 EX/Dec.5 (I, D) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

¹ The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by consensus by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX).

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report of the Director-General (194 EX/5 Part I (C)),
2. Recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage, including the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the relevant provisions of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954 and its protocols, the Conventions for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972, the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,
3. Also recalling previous UNESCO decisions relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem, including 180 EX/Decision 5 (II), 189 EX/Decision 5 (II), 191 EX/Decision 5(I), 192 EX/Decision 5 (I.D) and decision 37 COM 7A.26 of the World Heritage Committee (Phnom Penh, 2013),
4. Taking note of the 12th Reinforced Monitoring Report and of all previous reports, together with their addenda prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
5. Deplores the fact that neither the reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls nor the meeting of experts on the Mughrabi Ascent have taken place despite the relevant Executive Board and World Heritage Committee (WHC) decisions: 189 EX/Decision 5(II), 189 EX/Decision 8, 191 EX/Decision 5 (I), 192 EX/Decision 5 (I.D), 191 EX/Decision 9 and WHC decision 34 COM 7A.20 (Brasilia consensus decision), and urges Israel to honour its commitments to implement the aforementioned decisions;
6. Recognizes the concerns raised, in this regard, about the decision by the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Commission on the town planning scheme for the Mughrabi Ascent, and the subsequent decision by Israel's National Council for Planning and Construction to adopt "an alternative plan for the Mughrabi Ascent", approved on 31 October 2010 by the aforementioned Commission;
7. Requests that, despite the decisions mentioned in paragraph 6 of this decision, the process for the design of the Mughrabi Ascent be inclusive of and accepted by all parties, in accordance with the obligations and duties of such parties as stipulated in the content of the conventions mentioned in paragraph 2 of this decision and in previous World Heritage Committee decisions.
8. Affirms, in this regard, that the UNESCO process for the follow-up of the design of the Mughrabi Ascent, which is aimed at finding an accepted and monitored solution concerning the Mughrabi Ascent, be coordinated among all parties concerned, in accordance with the spirit and content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions, recognizes the concerns raised regarding Israel's submission and the content of its plan for the Mughrabi Ascent referred to in paragraph 6 of this decision, and requests that the World Heritage Centre be proactive and follow closely, in the context of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism, the developments associated with this process and the evaluation of the Jordanian design received;
9. Reaffirms in this regard that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, shall be taken which affect the authenticity, integrity and cultural heritage of the site, in accordance with the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972, and the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954 and the relevant decisions of UNESCO's Executive Board and World Heritage Committee referred to above;
10. Reiterates its thanks to Jordan for its cooperation, urges Israel to cooperate with Jordanian Awqaf Department in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO Conventions for the protection of cultural heritage referred to above, and calls on Israel to facilitate access of Jordanian Awqaf experts with their tools and material to the site;
11. Expresses its concern regarding the continuous, intrusive Israeli archaeological demolitions, excavations and works in and around the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate despite World Heritage Committee decisions 36 COM 7A.23 and 37 COM 7A.26, and requests the Israeli authorities to end

such excavations and works in conformity with this decision and the relevant UNESCO conventions for the protection of cultural heritage;

12. Deplores the recent construction by Israel of a platform in the Burāq (Western Wall) Plaza, in violation of its obligations under the conventions referred to above, and requests Israel to remove the structure built, immediately restore the site to its original character, and refrain from taking any further unilateral steps which jeopardize the site, and its integrity and authenticity;
13. Expresses its concern regarding the Israeli authorities' admittance of provocative religious-extremist groups and uniformed forces into the al-Aqṣà Mosque compound (also known as the al-Haram ash-Sharīf compound) through the Mughrabi Gate, and regrets the systematic violations of the sanctity of the compound and the continued interruption of the freedom of worship therein;
14. Affirms in this regard, the need to protect and safeguard the authenticity, integrity and cultural heritage of the al-Aqṣà Mosque compound;
15. Expresses its thanks to the Director-General for her attention to the sensitive situation in the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem, and calls on the Director-General to facilitate the meeting of experts as well as confidence-building measures by dispatching the necessary expertise to assess possible damage incurred through the conduct of recent Israeli works on the site;
16. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 195th session a progress report thereon.

(194 EX/SR.7)

D

Follow-up to the UNESCO reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls and the UNESCO experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent²

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 194 EX/5 Part I (D),
2. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 5(I), 191 EX/Decision 9, 192 EX/Decision 5 (I) (D), 192 EX/Decision 11 and 192 EX/Decision 42, as well as World Heritage Committee decision 34 COM/7A.20,
3. Decides to implement paragraph 11 of decision 34 COM/7A.20 adopted by the World Heritage Committee in Brasilia at its 34th session as follows:
 - **(a) Phase I:** the dispatch, on an agreed date prior, at least 10 days, to the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee, of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICCROM/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls to assess, as a first phase, the 18 sites included in the Action Plan as pilot sites;

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The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 34 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 21 abstentions:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belize, Brazil, Chad, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Gabon, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kuwait, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Spain, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom.

Against: United States of America.

Abstentions: Albania, Angola, Czech Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Germany, Japan, Malawi, Montenegro, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine.

Absent: Gambia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

- **(b) Phase II:** the dispatch, on an agreed date, of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICCROM/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, to assess, as second phase, the major monumental complexes designated in the Action Plan (i.e. al-Haram ash-Sharif, the Citadel, the Western Wall, the Holy Sepulchre and the City Walls);
- 4. Invites all parties concerned to participate in the experts meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent, to be held at UNESCO upon an agreed date prior, at least 10 days, to the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee;
- 5. Requests that the report and recommendations of the mission as well as the report of the technical meeting on the Mughrabi Ascent in Paris, be presented to the parties concerned before the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee;
- 6. Takes note of the technical adjournment of the five Middle East items on the agenda of its 194th session and their inclusion in the agenda of its 195th session;
- 7. Also invites all parties concerned to facilitate the implementation of the above-mentioned UNESCO joint mission;
- 8. Thanks the Director-General for her continuous efforts to implement the above-mentioned UNESCO joint mission and all related UNESCO decisions and resolutions;
- 9. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 195th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

(194 EX/SR.7)

E

Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 194 EX/5 Part I (E),
2. Thanks the Director-General for the additional information provided on the harmonization of the 30 expected results of the six flagship programmes with the five major programmes and on the roles, responsibilities and relations of the various entities of the Secretariat and of the various stakeholders at the continental level;
3. Takes note of the additional information, and requests the Director-General to include it in the final text of the revised operational strategy for Priority Africa as adopted by the General Conference at its 37th session;
4. Also requests the Director-General to report to it, in her periodic reports to the governing bodies, on the implementation of Priority Africa and on the relevant flagship programmes.

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F

**Recent decisions and activities of the organizations
of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 194 EX/5 Part I Add.,
2. Takes note of its content.

(194 EX/SR.7)

G

UNESCO global geoparks initiative

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 26 on the further examination of the parameters of a possible UNESCO global geoparks initiative,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/5 Part I Add.2,
3. Notes the progress made by the working group on a global geoparks initiative;
4. Invites the Director-General to convene further meetings of the working group on a global geoparks initiative, and to report to it at its 195th session on the progress achieved.

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II

Management issues

A

[Schedule and workload of Executive Board sessions]

The Executive Board decided to postpone this sub-item to the 195th session, in accordance with 192 EX/Dec.16 (VII) paragraph 5 (e): see the footnote in document 194 EX/1.

B

Publication and distribution plan 2014-2015

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 31,
2. Considering the introduction of results-based budgeting (RBB) in UNESCO,
3. Welcomes the publication and distribution plan for 2014-2015, which provides budget information for each planned publication;
4. Invites the Director-General to include in her future publication and distribution plans information about each publication's purpose, cost, distribution and expected impact, in particular for the global reports;

5. Also invites the Director-General to distribute publications to Member States digitally in the first instance, in an easily printable format, unless a Member State requests otherwise;
6. Further invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of this decision in her future reports on publications.

(194 EX/SR.7)

III

Human resources issues

- A. **Annual report (2013) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC):
Report by the Director-General**
- B. **Feasibility study on introducing a new health insurance scheme**
- C. **Staff movements (appointments, transfers, redeployments) and separations**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 114 EX/Decision 8.5, 22 C/Resolution 37 and 37 C/Resolution 83,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/5 Part III,
3. Takes note of its content;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and to take into account its report.

(194 EX/SR.7)

PROGRAMME MATTERS

- 6 Education beyond 2015** (194 EX/6; 194 EX/6.INF; 194 EX/PX/Recommendations; 194 EX/PG.INF; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 194 EX/6 and 194 EX/6.INF,
2. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 11, which stipulates that the post-2015 education agenda should strive to ensure completion of the goals set out in the EFA framework and be relevant to all countries, while providing flexibility to cater to the education priorities of each country with respect to their diversity of situations,
3. Supports the proposed overarching global education goal “Ensure equitable and inclusive quality education and lifelong learning for all by 2030”, which is in line with the Member States’ commitment to promote an overarching goal on education based on the principles of access, equity and quality in the perspective of lifelong learning, as expressed in 37 C/Resolution 11;
4. Also supports the idea that the proposed priority areas be promoted in the post-2015 education agenda, notably: early childhood care and education (ECCE), basic education, youth and adult literacy, upper secondary and tertiary education, skills for work and life, quality, relevant and inclusive teaching and learning, and financing of education;

5. Requests the Director-General to:
 - (a) continue to consult with Member States and the other education for all (EFA) convening agencies and partners in refining the proposed targets and identifying/developing corresponding and related indicators;
 - (b) transmit a joint proposal consisting of the recommendation by the Steering Committee together with the present decision to the 2014 Global EFA Meeting (Oman, May 2014) for its review and opinion thereon;
 - (c) forward the outcomes of the 2014 Global EFA Meeting through the United Nations Secretary-General to the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations General Assembly for its consideration in the development of the post-2015 agenda;
 - (d) distribute the outcome document of the 2014 Global EFA Meeting to all Member States for their consideration in order to facilitate their preparations for the global and regional consultations on the post-2015 education agenda, leading up to the World Education Forum 2015 (Republic of Korea);
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 195th session a progress report on this matter.

(194 EX/SR.7)

7 Revision of the Statutes of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) (194 EX/7; 194 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 191 EX/Decision 17 and 37 C/Resolution 14,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/7 and Annex,
3. Recognizing the need to implement immediate measures to strengthen the performance and delivery of the education-related category 1 institutes,
4. Approves the proposed amendments to the statutes of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) as contained in the Annex to document 194 EX/7;
5. Requests the Director-General to transmit the revised statutes to the IESALC Governing Board;
6. Also requests the Director-General to include an update on the management of IESALC in the report she is to submit to it at its 195th session on the management of the education-related category 1 institutes.

(194 EX/SR.7)

[8 UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative]

A progress report relating to this item was included under item 5: see the footnote in document 194 EX/1.

9 Desirability of the revision of the UNESCO International Charter of Physical Education and Sport (194 EX/9; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 38 and resolution 2014/3 of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS),
2. Having examined document 194 EX/9,
3. Decides that it is necessary to revise the UNESCO International Charter of Physical Education and Sport, adopted by the General Conference at its 20th session in 1978 and amended at its 26th session in 1991;
4. Requests the Director-General, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funding:
 - (a) to carry out expert consultations on the revision of the Charter;
 - (b) to convene a meeting of experts representing all parts of the world to draw up a preliminary draft revised charter;
 - (c) to consult Member States in writing on a draft revised charter;
 - (d) to convene an extraordinary session of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) to make a recommendation to the Director-General on a draft revised charter incorporating written comments submitted by Member States;
5. Also requests the Director-General, subject to the completion of the procedures mentioned in paragraph 4 above, to submit to it at its 196th session a report on the progress of the revision of the Charter together with a final draft revised charter.

(194 EX/SR.7)

10 Action Plan for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022) (194 EX/10; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 46, 35 C/Resolution 47, 36 C/Resolution 40, 37 C/Resolution 1 (II) and the United Nations General Assembly resolutions 62/90, 63/22, 66/226, 67/104 and 68/126,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/10 and its annexes,
3. Reaffirming the imperative need to consolidate and intensify dialogue among cultures in order to create, at the national, regional and global levels, an environment conducive to respect for cultural diversity, human rights and mutual understanding, in line with the principles that lie at the heart of the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO,
4. Also recalling UNESCO's long and rich experience in developing and increasing the links between peoples, cultures and civilizations in order to build the defences of peace in the minds of men and women,
5. Expresses its appreciation for the draft action plan for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022) presented by the Director-General, after

consultation with Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant partners maintaining official relations with UNESCO;

6. Approves the draft action plan drawn up by the Director-General, and invites her to finalize it in the light of the comments made by the Executive Board;
7. Welcomes the creation of a Special Account for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022), and urges the Director-General to pursue her efforts to build awareness among all partners and to mobilize extrabudgetary funding in order to attain the goals of the International Decade;
8. Invites all Member States and relevant organizations and institutions, when developing their own agenda, to draw on this action plan and its principles, with a view to enhancing their commitment to intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace;
9. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 197th session a report on the implementation of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022).

(194 EX/SR.7)

11 Jerusalem and the implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44 and 192 EX/Decision 11³
(194 EX/11; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 194 EX/11 and the annex to this decision,
2. Recalling previous decisions concerning “Jerusalem”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 195th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

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United Nations
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194 EX/PX/DR.11.1
PARIS, 8 April 2014
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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 11 Jerusalem and the implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44 and 192 EX/Decision 11

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

³ The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by consensus by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX).

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 194 EX/11,
2. Recalling resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on Jerusalem, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their Additional Protocols, the 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its related Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
3. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the distinctive character of East Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
4. Regrets the absence of progress in the implementation of previous UNESCO decisions concerning Jerusalem, particularly 185 EX/Decision 14, and reiterates its request to the Director-General to appoint, as soon as possible, a permanent and eminent expert(s) to be stationed in East Jerusalem to report on a regular basis about all the aspects covering all UNESCO fields of competence in the City of East Jerusalem;
5. Reaffirms the requirement to implement promptly and fully the above-mentioned decisions, and urges the Israeli authorities to facilitate their implementation, in conformity with the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
6. Deplores the failure of Israel to cease its persistent excavations and works in East Jerusalem, and reiterates its request to the Israeli authorities to prohibit all such works, in conformity with the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
7. Also deplores the continuous Israeli unilateral measures and practices, as well as the settlers' incursions in East Jerusalem, which dangerously and irreversibly affect the city's distinctive religious, cultural, historical and demographic character, and urges the Israeli authorities to take the necessary measures to end these abuses;
8. Thanks the Director-General for her efforts to implement previous UNESCO decisions on Jerusalem, and asks her to maintain and reinvigorate such efforts;
9. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the 195th session of the Executive Board and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(194 EX/SR.7)

12 Implementation of 192 EX/Decision 12 on “The two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem”⁴ (194 EX/12; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 194 EX/12 and the annex to this decision,
2. Recalling previous decisions concerning “The two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 195th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

⁴ The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by consensus by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX).

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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 12 Implementation of 192 EX/Dec.12 on “The two Palestinian sites of al-Ḥaram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāḥ Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem”

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 194 EX/12,
2. Recalling UNESCO decisions on the two Palestinian sites in al-Khalīl/Hebron and in Bethlehem, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their Additional Protocols (1977), the 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its related Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972); also recalling the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970),
3. Reaffirming that the two concerned sites located in al-Khalīl/Hebron and in Bethlehem are an integral part of Palestine,
4. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the Palestinian cultural heritage, shall in any way affect the relevant Security Council and United Nations resolutions and decisions on the legal status of Palestine,
5. Expresses its deep concern over the ongoing Israeli construction of private roads for settlers and a separation wall inside the Old City of Hebron, which dangerously and irreversibly affect the city’s distinctive religious, cultural, historical, and demographic character, and urges the Israeli authorities to end these violations, in compliance with provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
6. Regrets the denial of freedom of movement and freedom of access to places of worship due to the above-mentioned Israeli violations and restrictions;
7. Also regrets the Israeli authorities’ refusal to comply with 185 EX/Decision15 concerning this item, and urges them to act in accordance with that decision;
8. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the 195th session of the Executive Board, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

(194 EX/SR.7)

13 UNESCO Prizes (194 EX/13 Part I Rev. and Corr; 194 EX/13 Parts II and III; 194 EX/36)**I****Revised strategy**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 24, 185 EX/Decision 38, 189 EX/Decision 16, 190 EX/Decision 17 and 191 EX/Decision 12,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/13 Part I Rev. and Corr.,
3. Noting the decision of the donors of the two prizes proposed for phasing out,
4. Decides to phase out the UNESCO-Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights and the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education;
5. Also decides that this item be included in the agenda of its 195th session.

(194 EX/SR.7)

II

**Renewal of the UNESCO-King Sejong Literacy Prize
for the Promotion of Literacy in Multilingual Contexts**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 131 EX/Decision 5.2.8 by which it established the UNESCO-King Sejong Literacy Prize for the Promotion of Literacy in Multilingual Contexts,
2. Taking into consideration 191 EX/Decision 12 concerning the approval and implementation of the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and Its Constituent Criteria, as well as the evaluation of UNESCO Prizes prepared by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the recommendations contained therein (document IOS EVS/PI/114),
3. Having examined document 194 EX/13 Part II concerning the proposed renewal of the UNESCO-King Sejong Literacy Prize for the Promotion of Literacy in Multilingual Contexts, the proposed amendments to the current Statutes of the Prize and the Financial Regulations of the Prize as contained in Annexes I and II to document 194 EX/13 Part II,
4. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO-King Sejong Literacy Prize as set out in Annex II to document 194 EX/13 Part II;
5. Decides to renew the UNESCO-King Sejong Literacy Prize for the Promotion of Literacy in Multilingual Contexts for a period of six years, and approves the amendments to the Statutes of the Prize as set out in Annex I to document 194 EX/13 Part II.

(194 EX/SR.7)

III

**Renewal of the L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science"
and revision of the Statutes of the Prize**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the signature, on 29 September 1999, of the partnership agreement between UNESCO and L'Oréal concerning the establishment of a prize for women in science, and 165 EX/Decision 9.4, by which it approved the Statutes of the L'Oréal-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science",
2. Taking into consideration 191 EX/Decision 12 concerning the approval and implementation of the Revised Overall Strategy for UNESCO Prizes and its Constituent Criteria, as well as the evaluation of all UNESCO prizes prepared by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the recommendations contained therein (document IOS/EVS/PI/114),
3. Having examined document 194 EX/13 Part III concerning the L'Oréal-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science", intended to reward and promote the contribution and role of women in science,
4. Considering that the objectives of the L'Oréal-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science" are in line with those of UNESCO, as set out under strategic objective 4 of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) and main line of action 1 of Major Programme II of the Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5) as well as in the UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021,
5. Approves the renewal of the L'Oréal-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science", for a period of six years, as well as the Statutes of the Prize as contained in Annex I of document 194 EX/13 Part III;
6. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the L'Oréal-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science", as set out in Annex II of document 194 EX/13 Part III.

(194 EX/SR.7)

14 UNESCO's participation in the preparations for the post-2015 development agenda
(194 EX/14; 194 EX/14.INF; 194 EX/14.INF.2; 194 EX/PG/Recommendations;
194 EX/PG.INF; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 194 EX/14, 194 EX/14.INF and 194 EX/14.INF.2,
2. Reaffirming 191 EX/Decision 6 and 192 EX/Decision 8,
3. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 64,
4. Welcomes and supports the initiatives and activities undertaken by the Director-General mentioned in document 194 EX/14.INF.2 in relation to the integration of education, the sciences, culture, communication and information as well as the two global priorities Africa and gender equality into the United Nations post-2015 development agenda;

5. Invites the Director-General to present an updated and comprehensive report to it at its 195th session on the Organization's engagement and on further developments regarding the elaboration of the United Nations post-2015 development agenda.

(194 EX/SR.7)

15 Evaluation of UNESCO's association with the celebration of anniversaries (194 EX/15; 194 EX/PG/Recommendations; 194 EX/PG.INF; 194 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 159 EX/Decision 7.5, 166 EX/Decision 9.3, 179 EX/Decision 37, 186 EX/Decision 32 and 191 EX/Decision 32, paragraph 8,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/15,
3. Notes with regret the lack of geographical balance in the anniversaries with which UNESCO associates itself, and the under-representation of women in those anniversaries;
4. Also notes the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) finding that the estimated cost of the anniversaries programme has grown to between \$1.5 and \$2.2 million;
5. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 195th session a revised anniversaries programme, with a view to improving impact, including methodology, funding, geographical and gender balance, monitoring and evaluation, periodicity, and other relevant criteria;
6. Decides to suspend the gathering of proposals for the celebration of anniversaries until a new anniversaries programme is recommended by the Executive Board to the General Conference at its 38th session.

(194 EX/SR.7)

INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

16 Category 1 institutes and centres (194 EX/16; 194 EX/35)

Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article V.1 (e) of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) (30 C/Resolution 44) and 191 EX/Decision 13 (I),
2. Having examined the report by the UIS Governing Board on the activities of the Institute since April 2013 (194 EX/16),
3. Takes note of the achievements of the Institute over the past months and the fact that financial and administrative implications clearly fall within the parameters of the current C/5 document;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the UIS Governing Board;

5. Invites the UIS Governing Board to report to it at its 196th session.

(194 EX/SR.7)

17 Category 2 institutes and centres (194 EX/17 Parts I and III-V; 194 EX/34)

I

Report on category 2 institutes and centres

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its 192 EX/Decision 15 (I) and 37 C/Resolution 93,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/17 Part I,
3. Takes note of its content.

(194 EX/SR.7)

[II]

**[Establishment, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo in Buenos Aires, Argentina,
of a regional centre for arts and culture]**

The Executive Board decided to withdraw this sub-item: see the footnote in document 194 EX/1.

III

**Modification of the agreement between Germany and UNESCO
for the establishment, in Germany, of the International Centre on Water Resources
and Global Change**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 25 and 181 EX/Decision 17 (II),
2. Taking into account document 181 EX/17 Part II,
3. Having examined document 194 EX/17 Part III,
4. Notes the circumstances necessitating certain changes in the draft agreement approved by the General Conference at its 35th session (35 C/Resolution 25) as well as the deviations between the draft agreement between UNESCO and the government of the host country of the International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change, reflected in document 194 EX/17 Part III, and the model agreement for category 2 institutes and centres approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(194 EX/SR.7)

IV

Renewal of the agreement between Peru and UNESCO concerning the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Latin America (CRESPIAL)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 46 and 37 C/Resolution 93,
2. Taking into account document 37 C/18 Part I and its attachments,
3. Having examined document 194 EX/17 Part IV and its annex,
4. Notes the Director-General's recommendation that the designation of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Latin America (CRESPIAL) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO should be renewed;
5. Also notes the deviations between the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Peru and the model agreement for category 2 institutes and centres approved by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 93;
6. Decides to renew the designation of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Latin America (CRESPIAL) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
7. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(194 EX/SR.7)

V

Revised agreement for the establishment, in Sri Lanka, of the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 15 and 189 EX/Decision 23,
2. Noting the agreement approved by the Executive Board at its 189th session as contained in the Annex of document 189 EX/23,
3. Also recalling 37 C/Resolution 93, which requested the Director-General to apply the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO contained in the Annex to document 37 C/18 Part I to all proposals for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres,
4. Having examined document 194 EX/17 Part V,
5. Also noting the modifications to the agreement, proposed by Sri Lanka,
6. Further noting the deviations of the proposed agreement between UNESCO and Sri Lanka on the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development as reflected in document 194 EX/17 Part V from the model agreement for category 2 institutes and centres approved by the General Conference in its 37 C/Resolution 93,
7. Takes into consideration the comments of the Director-General on the proposed modifications and the replies by the representatives of Sri Lanka;

8. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the agreement subject to receiving appropriate written assurances concerning the autonomy and subregional scope of the Centre and its alignment with UNESCO's programmatic priorities.

(194 EX/SR.7)

MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (37 C/4)

18 Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (194 EX/18 & Corr.-Corr.2; 194 EX/PG/Recommendations; 194 EX/PG.INF; 194 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 194 EX/18 & Corr.-Corr.2, 194 EX/PG/Recommendations and 194 EX/PG.INF,
2. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 1, in which the Executive Board was requested to verify that the revised version of document 37 C/4 fully conformed to the resolutions of the General Conference,
3. Validates the revised version of document 37 C/4 with the amendment to paragraph 55, which should read "... restoration and rehabilitation, **as well as geosciences**, and to strengthen the interface..."

(194 EX/SR.7)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

19 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 (194 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.2; 194 EX/CR/2)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject.

(194 EX/SR.7)

20 Methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (194 EX/20; 194 EX/CR/2; 194 EX/33)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 192 EX/Decision 19 and 193 EX/Decision 7 (II),
2. Having examined document 194 EX/20 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (194 EX/33),
3. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, it being understood that the working group set up pursuant to 192 EX/Decision 19 will commence its work on the eve of the meeting of the CR Committee at the 195th session of the Executive Board.

(194 EX/SR.6)

21 Implementation of standard-setting instruments – General monitoring (194 EX/21; 194 EX/33)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I) and (II), 34 C/Resolution 87, 180 EX/Decision 31, 181 EX/Decision 27, 182 EX/Decision 31, 184 EX/Decision 20, 185 EX/Decision 23 (I), 186 EX/Decision 19 (I), 187 EX/Decision 20 (I), 189 EX/Decision 13 (I), 190 EX/Decision 24 (I), 191 EX/Decision 20 (I) and 192 EX/Decision 20 (I) relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/21 and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (194 EX/33),
3. Requests the Secretariat to revise the document on the general monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments in the light of the debates that have taken place in the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon;
4. Decides to resume consideration of this item at its 195th session.

(194 EX/SR.7)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

22 Internal Oversight Service (IOS): Annual report 2013 (194 EX/22; 194 EX/PG/Recommendations; 194 EX/PG.INF; 194 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/22,
3. Commends the role of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) in the functioning of the Organization and with respect to the follow-up to the independent external evaluation of UNESCO;
4. Welcomes the recommendations contained in the report of the Oversight Advisory Committee, and requests the Director-General to ensure their full implementation;
5. Also welcomes the intention of the Oversight Advisory Committee to provide the Director-General with suggestions regarding its ongoing role, and also requests the Director-General to submit proposals to it at its 195th session, including, *inter alia*, on the reporting lines of the Oversight Advisory Committee;
6. Further welcomes the recently completed evaluation of the standard-setting work of the Culture Sector, and invites the Director-General to facilitate the development of action plans addressing the evaluation recommendations, and to convene a working group of States Parties to address those recommendations of relevance to the cultural conventions;
7. Further requests the Director-General to continue her efforts to ensure that all Internal Oversight Service recommendations are properly implemented within a reasonable

time frame, in consultation with the governing bodies of the cultural conventions, as necessary, and without prejudice to the conclusions of the working group;

8. Requests the Director-General to continue to maintain an effective oversight function, and to report annually on Internal Oversight Service strategies and activities, on significant oversight recommendations and their impact, as well as on actions taken by the Director-General to address and implement these recommendations.

(194 EX/SR.7)

23 New audits by the External Auditor (194 EX/23 Part I & Corr.; 194 EX/23 Parts II and IV; 194 EX/23.INF; 194 EX/23.INF.2; 194 EX/36)

I

**Audit of the UNESCO Cluster Office in Moscow
to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 194 EX/23 Part I,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of recommendations in her report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(194 EX/SR.7)

II

**Audit of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States and Office
in Beirut**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 194 EX/23 Part II,
2. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report;
3. Expresses its concern at the scale of the challenges facing the Beirut office, and invites the Director-General to strengthen it in order to enable it to deliver its mandate;
4. Also invites the Director-General to report on progress achieved in the implementation of recommendations in her report on the follow-up to all recommendations made by the External Auditor.

(194 EX/SR.7)

[III]

[Audit of the governance and financial reporting of the UNESCO category 1 institutes]

This sub-item was postponed at the request of the External Auditor: see the footnote in document 194 EX/1.

IV

Audit of the management of UNESCO Headquarters premises

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 86,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/23 Part IV,
3. Expresses its satisfaction to the External Auditor for the high quality of his report, and the recommendations contained therein;
4. Takes particular note of paragraph 57 of the report;
5. Requests the Director-General, with the guidance of the Headquarters Committee, to reconsider the list of individuals or entities eligible for rental of office space, and to take steps to secure a return on the available office space (recommendation 8);
6. Also requests the Director-General to design and implement accurate, analytical budgetary reporting and monitoring of the upkeep, maintenance and conservation of the Headquarters buildings by site and by type of operation, including the possibility of presenting separate financial statements in respect of the administration of the rented offices of permanent delegations and other eligible entities;
7. Further requests the Director-General to undertake analyses and studies pertaining to the setting of rental charges, ensuring that the calculation and information provided to the Headquarters Committee guarantees a self-sustaining mechanism for the Organization, and bearing in mind that there should be no impact on the regular programme (recommendation 9);
8. Requests the Director-General to apply strictly the rules concerning arrears or non-payment of rent by external tenants (recommendation 10) and provide options to the Headquarters Committee for more stringent sanctions;
9. Considering that assessed contributions are based on a variable scale, whereas the rent for office space is based on a fixed scale, decides not to include rental arrears in the calculation of arrears leading to loss of voting rights at the General Conference;
10. Invites the Director-General to report to it, at its 197th session, on progress achieved in the implementation of recommendations 1-8 and 12-16 in her report on the follow-up to the recommendations made by the External Auditor;
11. Bearing in mind 37 C/Resolution 96, decides to inscribe an item on the agenda of the General Conference at its 38th session entitled "Mandate of the Headquarters Committee" (recommendation 11), and invites the Headquarters Committee to provide its advice thereon;
12. Invites the External Auditor to continue his work on the matter, and to discuss it with the Headquarters Committee when doing so.

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RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS

[24 Relations with non-governmental partners]

The Executive Board decided to postpone this item to its 195th session, in accordance with 192 EX/Dec.16 (VII) paragraph 5 (e): see the footnote in document 194 EX/1.

25 Draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID) (194 EX/25 Rev.; 194 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Welcoming the information meeting between the Board of Directors of the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID) and UNESCO Permanent Delegates that was held at UNESCO Headquarters on 22 January 2014, at the initiative of the Director-General and the Permanent Delegate of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO,
2. Having examined document 194 EX/25 Rev. and in particular the draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue contained in the Annex to that document,
3. Supports the areas of cooperation proposed in paragraph 3 of document 194 EX/25 Rev. and the contribution such cooperation may have for the promotion of intercultural dialogue, within the framework of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022) and beyond;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue , and invites the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board six months prior to the expiration of the memorandum of understanding a review of the results achieved with a view to deciding about its extension.

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GENERAL MATTERS**26 Dates of the 195th session and provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 195th session (194 EX/26.INF; 194 EX/26.INF.2)****Dates of the 195th session**

(Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

(15 to 30 October 2014⁵)

(12 working days/16 calendar days)

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| Bureau | Wednesday 15 and Friday 17 October |
| Special Committee (SP) | Thursday 16 October |
| Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) | Wednesday 15 p.m. to Friday 17 October |
| Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) | Friday 17 October |
| Plenary meetings | Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 then, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 October |
| Commissions | Wednesday 22 to Monday 27 October |

Preparatory Group: 1 – 3 October 2014

Working group on the methods of work of the CR Committee: Tuesday 14 October 2014

The Executive Board took note of document 194 EX/26.INF.2 (Provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 195th session).

(194 EX/SR.7)

27 Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 67 and 192 EX/Decision 33 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories⁶ (194 EX/27; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 194 EX/27 and the annex to this decision,
2. Recalling previous decisions concerning “Educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 195th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

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⁵ These dates are subject to change as the session may be extended by one day.

⁶ The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by consensus by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX).

Item 27 Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 67 and 192 EX/Decision 33 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 67 and 185 EX/Decision 36 as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 4 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the Hague Convention (1954) and its Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),
2. Having examined document 194 EX/27,
3. Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflict,
4. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 and 185 EX/Decision 36, and requests her to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented;
5. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in Palestine, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
6. Thanks the Director-General for the results that have been obtained in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities;
7. Invites the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address new needs;
8. Expresses its continuing concern about the harmful impact of the Separation Wall and other practices on the activities of cultural and educational institutions, as well as obstacles resulting therefrom which prevent Palestinian schoolchildren and students from being an integral part of their social fabric and from exercising fully their right to education, and calls for the observance of the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions, particularly 185 EX/Decision 36,
9. Notes with deep concern the Israeli authorities' censorship of the Palestinian curricula of schools and universities in East Jerusalem, and urges them to immediately halt such censorship;
10. Regrets the Israeli order to close for two weeks, in May 2013, the Hakawati Theatre in East Jerusalem, which was supposed to host, during that period, an international festival of puppets for children;
11. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce her action in favour of the protection, reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage, and invites her to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO's fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students;
12. Requests the Director-General to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestine Committee;
13. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts she is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;

- (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and adequate assistance to the educational and cultural institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
 - (c) to dispatch an expert to assess and evaluate the needs of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, to report to the Director-General before the 195th session of the Executive Board;
14. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 195th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(194 EX/SR.7)

28 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 192 EX/Decision 34⁷ (194 EX/28; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 194 EX/28 and the annex to this decision,
2. Recalling previous decisions concerning “the reconstruction and development of Gaza”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 195th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

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Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 192 EX/Decision 34

DRAFT DECISION

Submitted by: Algeria, Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 194 EX/28,
2. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their additional Protocols (1977), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), and the relevant recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage and on the right to education,

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The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by consensus by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX).

3. Also recalling 185 EX/Decision 37,
4. Noting with deep concern the slow progress in the reconstruction of schools and other cultural heritage sites in the Gaza Strip that were damaged during the 2008-2009 war and the November 2012 war,
5. Deeply regrets the damaging impact of the November 2012 war on UNESCO fields of competence in Gaza, where 280 education facilities were damaged, affecting approximately 250,000 students, as reported in document 191 EX/35, as well as the severe damage inflicted to one cultural heritage site of the Palestinian Tentative List, the Port of Anthedon (the old port of Gaza);
6. Affirms, in this regard, that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites should not be involved and/or targeted in military conflicts;
7. Deplores the continuous Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip, which harmfully affects the free and sustained movement of personnel and humanitarian relief items for the successful implementation of UNESCO reconstruction projects, as well as the injury of children, the attacks on schools, and the denial of access to education, as reflected in document 190 EX/39;
8. Thanks Member States and donors for their generous financial contributions to the UNESCO projects for Gaza, and invites Member States, international organizations and relevant international, national and private institutions to provide further assistance in this regard through extrabudgetary funding;
9. Thanks the Director-General for initiatives that have already been implemented in the field of education, and for the safety of media professionals, and calls upon her to continue her involvement actively in the reconstruction of its damaged educational and cultural heritage components;
10. Requests the Director-General to organize an information meeting to provide Member States with an update on the outcome of the projects conducted in the Gaza Strip-Palestine;
11. Decides to include this item in its agenda at its 195th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(194 EX/SR.7)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

29 Language teaching in education systems (194 EX/29 and Add.; 194 EX/DG.INF; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that multilingualism contributes to achieving the objectives set out in the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO, and to fostering dialogue and mutual understanding, a spirit of tolerance, respect for identities and cultures, and cooperation among nations, and that education plays a fundamental role in achieving these objectives,
2. Acknowledging that the needs of a multilingual and multicultural world can only be met by substantially increasing the ability of individuals to communicate with each other, across linguistic and cultural boundaries, and that this objective requires the implementation of ambitious and proactive language and educational policies,
3. Recalling the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity of 2 November 2001, which highlights the importance of “encouraging linguistic diversity [...] at all levels of education, wherever possible, and fostering the learning of several languages from the earliest age” as well as “promoting through education an awareness of the positive value of cultural diversity and improving to this end both curriculum design and teacher education”,

4. Also recalling the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions of 20 October 2005, which states that “linguistic diversity is a fundamental element of cultural diversity”, and reaffirms “the fundamental role that education plays in the protection and promotion of cultural expressions”,
5. Further recalling 30 C/Resolution 12 “Implementation of a language policy for the world based on multilingualism”, and taking into consideration the specific mission that has been entrusted to UNESCO, within the United Nations system, of fostering peace, economic, cultural and individual development through cooperation, education and the promotion of cultural and linguistic pluralism, reaffirms the following principles:
 - (a) Linguistic diversity is a common good of humankind; it falls primarily to education to provide the broadest possible access to several languages;
 - (b) Learning and mastering several languages develops intercultural understanding and the spirit of tolerance; this contributes to the economic, social and cultural development of societies by promoting exchanges, cooperation and international mobility, which should be made available to all categories of the population, especially the younger generations;
6. Calls for additional efforts to implement educational policies promoting multilingualism by diversifying and raising awareness of the range of languages taught in appropriate educational establishments, encouraging both children and parents to learn several languages, and enhancing students’ language skills;
7. Encourages Member States to take appropriate steps to promote the teaching of mother-tongue languages;
8. Invites Member States to endeavour to promote the teaching of at least two languages in addition to the main language of instruction within their respective educational systems;
9. Also encourages Member States to work to improve the quality of language teaching, including by means of training language teachers, developing teaching materials, promoting exchanges between the education systems of different States, and encouraging the use of digital technologies in the training of language teachers and students;
10. Also invites Member States to endeavour to further develop existing indicators for the measurement, certification and mutual recognition of language levels, in order to facilitate educational and professional mobility, particularly among younger generations;
11. Further encourages Member States to promote the safeguarding and enhancement of their linguistic heritage by promoting the teaching and the use of indigenous languages, where they exist.

(194 EX/SR.7)

30 The role of foresight and evaluation in UNESCO’s new programmatic and strategic context (194 EX/30 and Add.; 194 EX/DG.INF; 194 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Acknowledging the new programming cycle (four years instead of two) and strategic cycle (eight years instead of six), which started with document 37 C/5 for the period 2014-2017 and with document 37 C/4 for the period 2014-2021, and which make it

imperative to establish more regular and systematic evaluations to better anticipate challenges for the Organization,

2. Recalling that, in its synthesis report (document 185 EX/18) and its full evaluation report (document 185 EX/18 Add.), the independent external evaluation team recommended a renewal strategy built on five strategic directions: (1) increasing UNESCO's focus; (2) positioning UNESCO closer to the field; (3) strengthening participation in the United Nations; (4) strengthening governance; and (5) developing a partnership strategy,
3. Noting that the prioritization of UNESCO's programme activities, decided at its 5th special session (see 5 X/EX/Decisions) and adopted at the 37th session of the General Conference, requires UNESCO to be more proactive and more attuned to the problems emerging worldwide in its fields of competence,
4. Reaffirming the need for UNESCO to contribute to the preparation, elaboration and implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, and to strengthen its leadership role in its fields of competence (see *inter alia* documents 37 C/56, 37 C/64, 191 EX/6, 192 EX/8, 194 EX/6 and 194 EX/14),
5. Recognizing the need to strengthen organizational capacity in programme evaluation and strategic foresight in order to:
 - (a) support Member States in improving their capacity to respond to emerging and future global challenges and risks in the Organization's fields of competence;
 - (b) better adapt UNESCO's activities to current, emerging and future challenges;
 - (c) renew the Organization's programmes, whether to enable them to evolve or to terminate those whose continuation is no longer justified;
 - (d) improve accountability;
 - (e) be constantly flexible, creative, innovative, proactive and responsive in programme planning and implementation,
6. Requests the Director-General to take adequate measures to ensure the integration of foresight and evaluation in the assistance provided to Member States in capacity-building for policy formulation, review and reforms in the fields of competence of the Organization;
7. Also requests the Director-General to provide to it at its 195th session an analytical assessment of the situation, together with recommendations concerning the links between strategy, programming, evaluation and foresight which should form an integral part of the proposed new format and cycle of regular reporting on programme implementation, and which addresses, among other things, the following points:
 - (a) the role of foresight and evaluation in positioning UNESCO closer to the field and strengthening the capacities of the Member States to meet the new global challenges in its fields of competence;
 - (b) the role of foresight and evaluation in improving results-based budgeting (RBB) and results-based management (RBM);
 - (c) integration of the results of foresight and evaluation into the activity reports (EX/4 and C/3 documents);

- (d) the role of foresight in UNESCO's contribution to the formulation of the post-2015 agendas.

(194 EX/SR.7)

31 UNESCO at 70 and future prospects (194 EX/31; 194 EX/DG.INF; 194 EX/35 Add.)

I

UNESCO: future prospects

The Executive Board,

1. Emphasizing the importance and continued relevance of UNESCO in the world of today, and of its mandate to achieve lasting peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, and communication and information,
2. Bearing in mind that the year 2015 will be a landmark in the history of the Organization, coinciding with events which are crucial for the values that it holds, in particular, the adoption of the United Nations post-2015 development agenda in all its aspects, and other major events with which UNESCO will be associated in 2015,
3. Stressing the need to prepare UNESCO fully to mark these events and contribute to the respective processes in the most effective manner,
4. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions 68/188 and 68/3,
5. Also recalling 190 EX/Decision 7 (I), 191 EX/Decision 6, 192 EX/Decision 8, and 37 C/Resolution 64,
6. Having considered document 194 EX/14 on UNESCO's participation in the preparations for the United Nations post-2015 development agenda,
7. Decides to:
 - (a) make full use of UNESCO's wealth of expertise and of its role as an intellectual and cultural hub wielding immense potential in addressing global contemporary challenges in the areas covered by its mandate, and accordingly to organize in 2014 and 2015 a series of events and debates within the framework of the initiative entitled "UNESCO: Future Prospects", with the participation of eminent personalities and high officials of national and international bodies and agencies, with a view to enriching UNESCO's contribution to the events mentioned in paragraph 2 above;
 - (b) entrust its Chair, in consultation with the President of the General Conference and the Director-General, with the organization of this series of events and debates;
8. Decides further that these events shall be financed from extrabudgetary sources;
9. Invites all Member States and all UNESCO partners to contribute to this process;
10. Also invites its Chair to present the main ideas and conclusions of the various events to the General Conference at its 38th session.

II

Celebration of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Emphasizing the importance and continued relevance of UNESCO in the world of today, and of its mandate to achieve lasting peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information,
2. Bearing in mind that the year 2015 will be a benchmark in the history of the Organization, its 70th anniversary coinciding with important events for the values that it holds, in particular, the adoption of the United Nations post-2015 development agenda,
3. Stressing the need to fully prepare UNESCO to mark these events and contribute to the respective processes in the most effective manner,
4. Recalling 190 EX/Decision 7 (I), 191 EX/Decision 6, 192 EX/Decision 8, and 37 C/Resolution 64,
5. Having considered document 194 EX/14 on UNESCO's participation in the preparations for the United Nations post-2015 development agenda,
6. Requests the Director-General to:
 - (a) prepare an action plan on arrangements for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO;
 - (b) submit the action plan to the Executive Board at its 195th session;
 - (c) mobilize to that end all the actors and partners in the UNESCO community.

(194 EX/SR.7)

32 Follow-up by UNESCO of the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine)⁸ (194 EX/32; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of the fundamental principles of UNESCO contained in the preamble to its Constitution and in all relevant human rights instruments,
2. Reaffirming UNESCO's essential role in ensuring education for all, in protecting the cultural, historical and natural heritage of humanity, and in facilitating the free flow of ideas,
3. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014,

⁸ The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 28 votes in favour, 4 vote against and 20 abstentions:
In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Austria, Belize, Chad, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America.
Against: Brazil, China, Cuba, Russian Federation.
Abstentions: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, India, Kuwait, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia.
Absent: Gambia, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates.

4. Takes note of the information presented by Ukraine with regard to the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine) in the main fields of UNESCO competence;
5. Expresses deep concern that the growing presence of Russian military forces poses serious threats to equal access to education and freedom of expression for the residents of Crimea, and places Crimea's cultural heritage in danger,
6. Invites the Director-General to follow up on the situation in Crimea in the fields of UNESCO's competence and report back to it at its 195th session on the latest developments.

(194 EX/SR.7)

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcement concerning the private meetings held on Monday 14 April and Tuesday 15 April 2014

At the private meetings held on the following dates, the Executive Board considered the following items of its agenda:

Monday 14 April: item 3;
Tuesday 15 April: item 19.

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (194 EX/PRIV.1 Rev. and Add.; 194 EX/PRIV.2; 194 EX/PRIV.3)

1. In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board on the general situation regarding staff at grade D-1 and above and the decisions she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.
2. In conformity with 159 EX/Decision 4.1, paragraph 3, the Director-General consulted the Board on the appointment of the Legal Adviser of the Organization and Director, Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs. In accordance with the practice established since the 160th session, she also consulted the Board on the appointment of the Director, Office of Internal Oversight (IOS), informed it of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) recommendations regarding this position, and requested the Board's support in their implementation.

(194 EX/SR.6)

19 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 (194 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.2; 194 EX/CR/2)

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

(194 EX/SR.7)