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Subject: **Intergovernmental meeting of experts aimed at finalizing a draft of a declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (UNESCO Headquarters, 27-30 June 2017)**

Sir/Madam,

By 38 C/Resolution 42, the General Conference, at its 38th session (November 2015), invited me to prepare a preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change. For its part, the Executive Board, by decision EX 199/Decision 5.I.B, invited me to convene an intergovernmental meeting of experts (Category II) aimed at finalizing the draft declaration, prior to the 39th session of the General Conference.

After one year of intense work and the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Expert Group at its session from 20 to 24 September 2016, held in Rabat, Morocco, as well as extensive consultations with Member States, a preliminary draft exists that will serve as a basis for the work of the intergovernmental meeting of experts.

Accordingly, I have pleasure in inviting your Government to designate one or more representatives to take part in the intergovernmental meeting that will be held from 27 to 30 June 2017 at UNESCO Headquarters, in Room XII (Fontenoy Building, entrance: 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris). Please find enclosed the Provisional Agenda and Provisional Rules of Procedure, together with the Preliminary Draft Declaration. The Secretariat will send you all other relevant documents in due course; these documents will also be available on the Internet (en.unesco.org/ethics-of-climate-change/meeting-june2017).

The working languages of the intergovernmental meeting of experts will be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The working documents will be distributed in these languages and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages during plenary sessions.

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As is customary for meetings of this category, the travel expenses and subsistence allowances of the designated participants will be borne by the government they represent.

I should be grateful if you would return the enclosed registration form, duly completed for each participant, by **12 May 2017**, to Ms Angela Melo, Director of the Division of Ethics, Youth and Sport, in the Sector for Social and Human Sciences (tel. + 33 1 45 68 38 17; e-mail: a.melo@unesco.org) with a copy to Adclimate@unesco.org. Any other correspondence concerning this meeting and any request for further information should be addressed to Ms Dafna Feinholz, Chief of the Section of Bioethics and Ethics of Science (e-mail: d.feinholz@unesco.org with a copy to Adclimate@unesco.org).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Irina Bokova
Director-General

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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO



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Intergovernmental Meeting for the Preparation of a Declaration of Ethical Principles in relation to Climate Change

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1 Opening statement by the Director-General, followed by statements from guest speakers
2. Election of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur
 - 2.1. Adoption of the agenda and timetable
3. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
4. The draft preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change
5. Promotion of a declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change
6. Closing of the meeting
 - 6.1 Discussion of the Report of the Rapporteur
 - 6.2 Closing statement
 - 6.3 Closure by the Chairperson

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**Tuesday, 27 June 2017**

8.45 a.m.-1.00 p.m.	Registration
10.00 a.m.	1. Opening of the meeting
10.05 a.m.	1.1 Opening statement by the Director-General, followed by statements from the guest speakers
11.00 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 a.m.	2. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur
	2.1 Adoption of the agenda and timetable
12.00 noon	3. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
12.30 p.m.	4. The draft preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change
1.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3.00 p.m.	4. The draft preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (continued)

Wednesday, 28 June 2017

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.	4. The draft preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (continued)
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Thursday, 29 June 2017

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.	4. The draft preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (continued)
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Friday, 30 June 2017

10.00 a.m.	4. The draft preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (continued)
1.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3:00 p.m.	5. Promotion of a declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change
3.30 p.m.	6. Closing of the meeting
	6.1 Discussion of the Report of the Rapporteur
	6.2 Closing statement by the Secretariat
	6.3 Closure by the Chairperson

MEETING DOCUMENTS

Agenda Item	Title	Document Reference
2	Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur	SHS/BIO/IGM-CC/2017/1
2.1	Provisional agenda and timetable	SHS/BIO/IGM-CC/2017/2
3	Rules of Procedure	SHS/BIO/IGM-CC/2017/3
4	Proposals for a draft preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (working document)	SHS/BIO/IGM-CC/2017/4
5	Promotion of a declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change	SHS/BIO/IGM-CC/2017/5
	General information leaflet	SHS/BIO/IGM-CC/2017/INF.1
	Preliminary text of a non-binding declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change (finalized text)	SHS/BIO/IGM-CC/2017/6

Additional documents available during the meeting:

World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) reports



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REGISTRATION FORM/FICHE D'INSCRIPTION

To be returned before 12 May 2017
À retourner avant le 12 mai 2017

Please use CAPITAL LETTERS/Prière d'écrire en MAJUSCULES

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr/M. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs/Mme <input type="checkbox"/> Ms	LAST NAME/NOM :	FIRST NAME/PRÉNOM :		
Country or organization represented/Pays ou organisation représenté(e):				
Official title in government or other institution/Fonction dans le pays or dans l'organisation :				
Postal address/Adresse postale :				
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Role in the delegation to the meeting/poste dans le delegation à la réunion :				
<input type="checkbox"/> Head of Delegation	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate Délégué	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Suppléant	<input type="checkbox"/> Adviser Conseiller	<input type="checkbox"/> Other : Autre :
Languages spoken/langues parlées :				
<input type="checkbox"/> English/anglais	<input type="checkbox"/> French/français	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish/espagnol		
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PPROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Provisional Rules of Procedure

I. Composition of the Meeting

Article 1: Participants

The participants shall be experts representing the governments of the Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO who have been invited to participate in accordance with the Executive Board's decision at its 200th session. They shall have the right to vote.

Article 2: Observers

Non-Member States of UNESCO, as well as the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and entities to be invited in conformity with the Executive Board's decision at its 200th session may participate in the work of the Meeting as observers, without the right to vote.

II. Organization of the Meeting

Article 3: Elections

The Meeting shall elect its Chairperson, four Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Article 4: Subsidiary Bodies

The Meeting may establish such working groups as are necessary for the conduct of its work. Each of these bodies shall elect its Chairperson and its Rapporteur.

The provisions of these Rules of Procedure shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Chair and to the discussions of the subsidiary bodies, in the absence of any decision to the contrary by them or by the Meeting, when the Rules of Procedure so permit.

Article 5: Duties of the Chairperson

1. The Chairperson shall open and close each Plenary session. He/she shall direct the discussions, ensure observance of these Rules, accord the right to speak to the representatives, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He/she shall rule on points of order and, subject to the present Rules, shall control the proceedings of each session and the maintenance of order.

2. Should the Chairperson find it necessary to be absent during the session or any part thereof, a Vice-Chairperson designated by him/her shall replace him/her. A Vice-Chairperson sitting as Chairperson shall share the same powers and responsibilities as the Chairperson.

3. The Chairpersons of the working groups shall have the same duties in respect of the bodies that they are required to chair.

III. Conduct of Business

Article 6: Publicity of Sessions

All Plenary sessions shall, unless the Meeting decides otherwise, be held in public.

Article 7: Order and Duration of Speeches

1. The Chairperson shall call upon participants in the order in which they signify their wish to speak.
2. To facilitate the conduct of business, the Chairperson may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker.
3. With the consent of the participants, the Chairperson may call upon an observer who has expressed his/her wish to speak.

Article 8: Points of Order

During a discussion, any participant may raise a point of order. Such points of order shall immediately be decided upon by the Chairperson. An appeal may be made against the ruling of the Chairperson. Such appeal shall be put to the vote immediately.

Article 9: Procedural Motions

Any participant may, at any time, move to the adjournment or closure of the debate or of the session. Such motions shall be immediately put to the vote in the following order:

- Suspension of the session;
- Adjournment of the session;
- Adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion;
- Closure of the debate on the item under discussion.

Article 10: Working Languages

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the working languages of the Meeting.

Article 11: Voting

1. Each Member State shall have one vote. Voting shall normally be by show of hands but any participant may request a vote by roll-call. Unless otherwise specified in the present Rules, the decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the participants present and voting. Nevertheless, in all matters, participants shall endeavour to take decisions by consensus.
2. For the purpose of the present Rules, the expression "participants present and voting" means participants casting an affirmative or negative vote. Participants abstaining from voting shall be considered as not voting.

IV. Secretariat of the Meeting

Article 12: Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Meeting and of its subsidiary bodies shall be provided by the UNESCO staff designated for this purpose by the Director-General.

Article 13: Duties of the Secretariat

1. It shall be the duty of the Secretariat to receive, translate and distribute documents, reports and resolutions, to provide for the interpretation of speeches made at the Meeting and to perform all other work necessary for the smooth functioning of the Meeting or of its subsidiary bodies.
2. The Secretariat may, at any time and upon the Chairperson's approval, make statements, either written or oral, at the Meeting or at its bodies, concerning any matter under consideration.

V. Adoption, Suspension and Amendment of the Rules of Procedure

Article 14: Adoption

The Present Rules of Procedure shall be adopted by a simple majority of the participants present and voting.

Article 15: Suspension

Any Rule of Procedure may be suspended by a decision taken by a two-thirds majority of the participants present and voting.

Article 16: Amendment

The present Rules of Procedure may be amended by a decision taken by a two-thirds majority of the participants present and voting.