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I Organization of the session

01 Credentials

At its 1st plenary meeting, held on Tuesday 5 November 2013, the General Conference, in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of its Rules of Procedure, set up a Credentials Committee for its 37th session, consisting of the following Member States: Bahrain, Cameroon, Canada, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Paraguay

On the report of the Credentials Committee or on the report of the Chairperson specially authorized by the Committee, the General Conference recognized as valid the credentials of:

(a) The delegations of the following Member States:

Afghanistan	Cyprus	Jordan
Albania	Czech Republic	Kazakhstan
Algeria	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Kenya
Andorra	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kiribati
Angola	Denmark	Kuwait
Argentina	Djibouti	Kyrgyzstan
Armenia	Dominican Republic	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Australia	Ecuador	Latvia
Austria	Egypt	Lebanon
Azerbaijan	El Salvador	Lesotho
Bahamas	Equatorial Guinea	Liberia
Bahrain	Eritrea	Libya
Bangladesh	Estonia	Lithuania
Barbados	Ethiopia	Luxembourg
Belarus	Fiji	Madagascar
Belgium	Finland	Malawi
Belize	France	Malaysia
Benin	Gabon	Mali
Bhutan	Gambia	Malta
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Georgia	Mauritania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Germany	Mauritius
Botswana	Ghana	Mexico
Brazil	Greece	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Brunei Darussalam	Grenada	Monaco
Bulgaria	Guatemala	Mongolia
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Montenegro
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco
Cabo Verde	Guyana	Mozambique
Cambodia	Haiti	Myanmar
Cameroon	Honduras	Namibia
Canada	Hungary	Nauru
Central African Republic	Iceland	Nepal
Chad	India	Netherlands
Chile	Indonesia	New Zealand
China	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Nicaragua
Colombia	Iraq	Niger
Comoros	Ireland	Nigeria
Congo	Israel	Norway
Cook Islands	Italy	Oman
Costa Rica	Jamaica	Pakistan
Côte d'Ivoire	Japan	Palau
Croatia		
Cuba		

Palestine	Seychelles	Tonga
Panama	Sierra Leone	Trinidad and Tobago
Papua New Guinea	Singapore	Tunisia
Paraguay	Slovakia	Turkey
Peru	Slovenia	Turkmenistan
Philippines	Solomon Islands	Tuvalu
Poland	Somalia	Uganda
Portugal	South Africa	Ukraine
Qatar	South Sudan	United Arab Emirates
Republic of Korea	Spain	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Republic of Moldova	Sri Lanka	United Republic of Tanzania
Romania	Sudan	United States of America
Russian Federation	Suriname	Uruguay
Rwanda	Swaziland	Uzbekistan
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Sweden	Vanuatu
Saint Lucia	Switzerland	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Syrian Arab Republic	Viet Nam
Samoa	Tajikistan	Yemen
San Marino	Thailand	Zambia
Saudi Arabia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Zimbabwe
Senegal	Timor-Leste	
Serbia	Togo	

(b) The delegations of the following Associate Members:

Anguilla
Aruba
Curaçao
Faroes
British Virgin Islands
Sint Maarten

(c) The following Observer:

Holy See

The following delegations have not presented credentials:

(a) Member States:

Antigua and Barbuda
Dominica
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Niue
São Tome and Principe

(b) Associate Members:

Cayman Islands
Macao (China)
Tokelau

(c) Observer:

Liechtenstein

02 Communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution

The General Conference,

Having considered the communications received from the Central African Republic, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Somalia invoking the terms of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution in order to obtain permission to take part in the voting at its 37th session,

Recalling the constitutional obligation of Member States to pay their contributions fully and on time,

Taking into account the history of payment of contributions in preceding years and previous requests for voting rights in the case of each of these Member States, as well as the measures proposed by them to eliminate their arrears,

1. *Considers* that the failure of Central African Republic, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau and Somalia to pay contributions for an amount exceeding the total due for the current year and the immediately preceding calendar year and/or instalments on payment plans is due to conditions beyond their control, *also considers* that the Islamic Republic of Iran has undertaken to pay the minimum required amount within a

week, and *decides* that these Member States may take part in the voting at the 37th session of the General Conference;

2. *Invites* the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 195th and 197th sessions and to the General Conference at its 38th session on the actual position concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions.

Resolution adopted at the 9th plenary meeting, on 9 November 2013.

03 Adoption of the agenda

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013, the General Conference, having considered the provisional agenda drawn up by the Executive Board (37 C/1 Prov. Rev.) adopted that document.

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6 Methods of work of the Organization

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- 6.2 Programme and timetable of work for the preparation and monitoring of the C/5 and C/4 documents
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7 Constitutional and legal questions

- 7.1 Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO
- 7.2 Administrative Tribunal: extension of its period of jurisdiction

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A. Preparation and adoption of new instruments

- 8.1 Preliminary study on the technical, legal and museological aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections
- 8.2 Preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects of the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage
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- 8.5 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education

- 8.3 Summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken to implement the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property
- 8.4 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace
- 8.5 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education

B. Monitoring existing instruments

- 9.1 Summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken to implement the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education
- 9.2 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
- 9.3 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers
- 9.4 Revision of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session in 1974

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- 12.4 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF) and introduction of the new governance structure

¹ This item (Implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor) was covered by item 11.2 (Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the year ended 31 December 2012, and report by the External Auditor – document 37 C/31) and by document 37 C/INF.8 "Report by the Director-General as at 31 May 2013 on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and his comments thereon".

13 Headquarters questions

- 13.1 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex

14 Director-General

- 14.1 Appointment of the Director-General

15 Elections

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16 38th session of the General Conference

- 16.1 Venue of the 38th session of the General Conference

04 Composition of the Bureau

On the report of the Nominations Committee, which had before it the proposals made by the Executive Board, and in accordance with Rule 29 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013, elected its Bureau¹ as follows:

President of the General Conference: Mr HAO Ping (China)

Vice-Presidents of the General Conference: the heads of the delegations of the following Member States:

Albania	Gabon	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Argentina	Germany	Serbia
Australia	Ghana	Slovakia
Austria	Indonesia	Sri Lanka
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	Switzerland
Brazil	Kenya	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Canada	Libya	Tunisia
Czech Republic	Morocco	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Netherlands	Yemen
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Dominican Republic	Oman	
France	Pakistan	
	Russian Federation	
	Saint Lucia	

Chairperson of the APX Commission:

Chairperson of the ED Commission:

Chairperson of the SC Commission:

Chairperson of the SHS Commission:

Chairperson of the CLT Commission:

Chairperson of the CI Commission:

Chairperson of the Legal Committee:

Chairperson of the Nominations Committee:

Chairperson of the Credentials Committee:

Chairperson of the Headquarters Committee:

Mr Matthew Sudders (United Kingdom)

Mr Abdulsalam El-Qallali (Libya)

Mr Phil Mjwara (South Africa)

Mr Gonzalo Abad (Ecuador)

Ms Dace Melbārde (Latvia)

Mr Anders Ahnlid (Sweden)

Mr Mohammad Kacem Fazelly (Afghanistan)

Ms Assel Utegenova (Kazakhstan)

Ms Hadidja Alim Youssouf (Cameroon)

Ms Lorena Sol de Pool (El Salvador)

¹ A complete list of elected officers of the General Conference is shown in Annex II to this volume.

05 Organization of the work of the session

At its 6th plenary meeting, on 7 November 2013, on the recommendation of the Bureau, the General Conference approved the plan for the organization of the work of the session submitted by the Executive Board (37 C/2 Prov. Rev.).

06 Admission to the 37th session of observers from non-governmental organizations¹

The General Conference,

Having examined the recommendation of the Executive Board (192 EX/Decision 23 (IV)),

Admits as observers at its 37th session, the foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO and the non-governmental organizations other than those with the status of official partner of UNESCO as follows:

A. Foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO

AMAR International Charitable Foundation
Arab Thought Foundation
Bariloche Foundation
Fundación Celeste
Centre for International Heritage Activities
Foundation for UNESCO - Education for Children in Need
Friends of Waldorf Education - Rudolf Steiner Schools
Global Foundation for Democracy and Development
Goi Peace Foundation
Green Cross International
Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation
Institute of Political Studies "S. Pio V"
Léopold Sédar Senghor Foundation
Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights
One Laptop per Child
Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation
South Asia Foundation
South-North Solidarity and Culture
UNESCO Centre of Catalonia
UNESCO Center of the Basque Country
World Anti-Doping Agency
World Association of Children's Friends
World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention
World Monuments Fund

B. Non-governmental organizations other than those with the status of official partners of UNESCO

International Drama/Theatre and Education Association (IDEA)
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
International League of Esperanto-Speaking Teachers (ILEI)
O.S.E.R. l'Afrique
Rehabilitation International (RI)
World Ocean Network
International Christian Union of Business Executives (UNIAPAC)
World Blind Union (WBU)

Resolution adopted at the 1st plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013.

¹ Resolution adopted at the 1st plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013.

II Tributes

07 Tribute to the President of the General Conference

The General Conference,

Mindful of the fact that H.E. Ms Katalin Bogyay concluded her term of office as President of the General Conference at the opening of the 37th session,

Noting with appreciation her steadfast commitment to equality and solidarity among the Member States of UNESCO,

Acknowledging her untiring efforts to create harmony within the House through maintaining open channels of communication among the Member States, and to promote gender equality, and the role of women in conflict resolution and reconciliation,

Recognizing her contribution to building trust between the different organs of UNESCO, and especially between the Member States and the Secretariat,

Recalling the importance she has attached to cultural diplomacy as a tool for advancing UNESCO's mandate around the world,

Emphasizing the singular contribution she has made to protecting and promoting cultural diversity, using art, poetry and music as means for bringing peoples together,

Conveys its high esteem and gratitude to H.E. Ms Katalin Bogyay for the invaluable services and contributions she has rendered to UNESCO.

Resolution adopted at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

08 Tribute to the Chairperson of the Executive Board

The General Conference,

Noting that Ms Alissandra Cummins will conclude her term of office as Chairperson of the Executive Board, which she has held since 11 November 2011, at the end of the 37th session of the General Conference,

Recognizing her enduring support for UNESCO's mandate in the fields of education, science, culture, and communication and information, her reaffirmation of the Organization's ethical role within the United Nations system, and her insightful advocacy for UNESCO's relevance in, *inter alia*, the cultural and documentary heritage, culture and sustainable development, small island developing States (SIDS), and the post-2015 international development agenda,

Acknowledging that the Executive Board, under Ms Cummins' able leadership, has been vigilant and responsive in addressing the unprecedented challenges faced by UNESCO owing to the serious budgetary shortfall for the 2012-2013 biennium, as well as in proactively monitoring the reform and restructuring of the Organization to ensure long-term sustainability and viability,

Further acknowledging the important efforts the Executive Board has made, under her guidance, *inter alia*, to oversee the transition of the Organization from a biennial to a quadrennial planning cycle, to identify programmatic priorities for the Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5) in case of a continued budgetary shortfall, and to conduct in a transparent and exemplary manner the procedures relating to the election of the Director-General,

Appreciating her role in reinforcing the use of intersessional and enhanced participation mechanisms to ensure wider consultation on the work of the Executive Board, including, *inter alia*, the examination of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5),

Commending her integrity, her transparent stewardship and her resilience in steering the Executive Board through a very difficult term of office,

Expresses its profound gratitude to Ms Alissandra Cummins for the invaluable services she has rendered to UNESCO.

Resolution adopted at the 18th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

III Elections

09 Appointment of the Director-General

The General Conference,

I

Having considered the Executive Board's proposal contained in document 37 C/NOM/3 concerning the appointment of the Director-General,

Acting in accordance with Article VI.2 of the Constitution,

Appoints Ms Irina Gueorguieva Bokova Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for a period of four years from 15 November 2013;

II

Approves the draft contract submitted to it by the Executive Board in document 37 C/40, establishing the terms of appointment, salary and allowances of the Director-General, as well as the statute relating to the Director-General annexed hereto.

ANNEX

Statute relating to the Director-General

Article 1

The Director-General is the chief administrative officer of the Organization. In the discharge of his duties he shall observe the provisions of the Constitution and any rules made by the General Conference and by the Executive Board, and shall give effect to the decisions of these two organs. In the context of Article VI of the Constitution, the Director-General is accountable to the General Conference and the Executive Board.

Article 2

If the Director-General dies or resigns, the Executive Board shall appoint an acting Director-General to serve until the following session of the General Conference.

Article 3

1. In the event of the Director-General being incapacitated, the Executive Board may grant him leave of absence on such conditions and for such a period as the Board may decide pending the following session of the General Conference; in such case, the duties of the Director-General shall be exercised by an acting Director-General appointed by the Executive Board.
2. If, in the opinion of the General Conference, the incapacity of the Director-General renders it impossible for him to continue to exercise his functions, the Conference shall request the Executive Board to make a new nomination, and shall proceed to a new election. In such circumstances, the Conference may grant to the former Director-General such indemnity as it deems proper.

Article 4

The Executive Board, by a vote of two-thirds of its Members, may suspend the Director-General on grounds of misconduct, or violation of the Constitution or the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference or of the Executive Board; in such case it may appoint an acting Director-General until the following session of the General Conference. If the General Conference endorses the decision of the Executive Board, the contract of the Director-General shall be terminated forthwith, and the Executive Board shall be requested to make a new nomination for appointment to the position of Director-General.

Resolution adopted at the 12th plenary meeting, on 12 November 2013.

010 Election of Members of the Executive Board

At the 13th plenary meeting, on 13 November 2013, the President of the General Conference announced the results of the election of Members of the Executive Board, held on the same day on the basis of the lists of candidates submitted by the Nominations Committee.

The following Member States were thus elected:

Albania	Estonia	Nepal
Algeria	Germany	Netherlands
Argentina	Guinea	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bangladesh	India	Sweden
Belize	Japan	Togo
Chad	Kuwait	Trinidad and Tobago
China	Mauritius	Turkmenistan
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Uganda
Egypt	Mozambique	Ukraine
El Salvador		

011 Election of members of the Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)

The General Conference

Elects, in accordance with Article III of the Statutes of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education as revised by the General Conference at its 37th session, the following Member States to be members of the Council of IBE until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Brazil	Mongolia
Greece	Oman
Latvia	South Africa

Note: The General Conference, in 37 C/Resolution 14, revised the Statutes of IBE, reducing the number of IBE Council members to 12. Consequently, six new members (one from each regional group) were elected at the 37th session.

The other members of the IBE Council, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Armenia	Honduras	Republic of Korea
Bahrain	India	Senegal
Bulgaria	Malaysia	Slovakia
Burkina Faso	Nigeria	Switzerland
China	Philippines	

Resolution adopted at the 12th plenary meeting, on 12 November 2013.

012 Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education

The General Conference,

Recalling Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,

Elects as a member of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission until the end of the 40th session of the General Conference:

Mr Hazem Atlam (Egypt)

Note: States Parties to the Protocol presented only one candidate for the six vacant seats at the 37th session of the General Conference. Therefore, in accordance with the interpretation of Article 7 of the 1962 Protocol agreed by the Meeting of States Parties to the Protocol (Paris, 7 and 8 October 2003), four members of the Commission whose term of office expires at the end of the 37th session of the General Conference will remain in office until the end of the 38th session. The remaining empty seats will be filled by election at the 38th session.

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

013 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS)

The General Conference,

Recalling Article 2, paragraph 1, of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport, as revised in 29 C/Resolution 19,

Elects the following Member States to be members of the Intergovernmental Committee until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Brazil	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Congo	Qatar
Denmark	Russian Federation
Germany	South Africa
Indonesia	Yemen

Note: The other members of the Intergovernmental Committee, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are

Azerbaijan	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Colombia	Jordan
Croatia	Turkey
Cuba	Zambia

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

014 Election of members of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB)

The General Conference,

Recalling Article II of the Statutes of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere, approved in 16 C/Resolution 2.313 and amended in 19 C/Resolution 2.152, 20 C/Resolution 36.1, 23 C/Resolution 32.1 and 28 C/Resolution 22,

Elects the following Member States to be members of the International Coordinating Council until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Algeria	Malaysia
Burkina Faso	Mexico
Cameroon	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
France	South Africa
Germany	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Kazakhstan	Yemen
Kuwait	

Note: The other members of the International Coordinating Council, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Belarus	Japan
Chile	Kenya
Costa Rica	Luxemburg
Côte d'Ivoire	Republic of Korea
Egypt	Thailand
Estonia	United Republic of Tanzania
Ghana	United Kingdom
Haiti	Ukraine
Honduras	Viet Nam
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	
Israel	

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

015 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)

The General Conference,

Recalling Article II of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme, approved in 18 C/Resolution 2.232 and amended in 20 C/Resolution 36.1, 23 C/Resolution 32.1, 27 C/Resolution 2.6 and 28 C/Resolution 22,

Elects the following Member States to be members of the Intergovernmental Council until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Brazil	Mexico
Burkina Faso	Namibia
China	Oman
Egypt	Republic of Korea
Greece	Slovenia

Indonesia
Japan

Turkey
United Kingdom

Note: The other members of the Intergovernmental Council, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Australia
Azerbaijan
Chile
Côte d'Ivoire
Dominican Republic
Germany
Haiti
Kenya
Kuwait
Madagascar
Mali

Mongolia
Netherlands
Pakistan
Poland
Russian Federation
Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Uruguay
Yemen

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

016 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme¹

The General Conference,

Recalling paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article II of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council for the Management of Social Transformations Programme, approved in 27 C/Resolution 5.2 and amended in 28 C/Resolution 22,

Elects the following Member States to be members of the Intergovernmental Council until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Bangladesh
Brazil
Cameroon
Canada
Czech Republic
Ecuador
Greece
Guinea
Hungary

Indonesia
Israel
Japan
Malaysia
Mexico
Norway
South Africa
Tunisia
United Arab Emirates

Note: The other members of the Intergovernmental Council, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Algeria
Argentina
Burkina Faso
China
Congo
Costa Rica
Honduras
Kenya
Lithuania

Libya
Madagascar
Mali
Slovakia
Sri Lanka
Spain
Thailand
Turkey

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

017 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)

The General Conference

Elects, in accordance with Article 11 of the Statutes of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC), the following Member States to be members of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Brazil
Côte d'Ivoire
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
Guatemala
Kenya
Lebanon

Lithuania
Madagascar
Nicaragua
Niger
Singapore
Slovakia
Togo
Turkey

Note: The other members of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Argentina
Cameroon
Canada
Denmark

Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Mexico

Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Thailand
Tunisia

Dominican Republic
India
Indonesia

New Zealand
Pakistan

United Republic of Tanzania
Zambia

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

018 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP)

The General Conference,

Recalling 20 C/Resolution 4/7.6/5, in which it approved the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation,

Elects, in accordance with Article 2, paragraphs 2 and 4, of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee, as amended in 28 C/Resolution 22, the following Member States to be members of the Committee until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Mali
Côte d'Ivoire	Mexico
Guatemala	Mongolia
Iraq	Republic of Korea
Lithuania	Sri Lanka

Note: The other members of the Intergovernmental Committee, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Afghanistan	Madagascar
Azerbaijan	Peru
Cameroon	Poland
Cyprus	Switzerland
Egypt	Syrian Arab Republic
Japan	Turkey

Following the agreement between Group V(a) and Group V(b) reached at the 36th session of the General Conference, one seat is transferred from Group V(a) to Group V(b) for a period of four years.

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

019 Election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 21 C/Resolution 4/11 in which it approved the setting up of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo,

Elects the following Member States to be members of the Executive Committee until the end of the 38th session of the General Conference:

Czech Republic	Sudan
Egypt	Switzerland
France	

Note: Group I presented only two candidates for the five vacant seats, Group II presented only one candidate for the two vacant seats and Groups III, IV and V (a) did not present any candidates for their two vacant seats.

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

020 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)

The General Conference

Elects, in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 2 of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication, as amended in 28 C/Resolution 22, the following Member States to be members of the Intergovernmental Council until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Afghanistan	Guatemala
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Bangladesh	Kazakhstan
Belarus	Madagascar
Brazil	Mongolia
Cuba	Pakistan
Denmark	Russian Federation
Ghana	Tunisia
Grenada	United Kingdom

Note: The other members of the Intergovernmental Council, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Algeria	Kenya
Azerbaijan	Netherlands
Burkina Faso	Niger
Congo	Norway
Côte d'Ivoire	Peru
Croatia	Poland
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Sweden
Dominican Republic	Togo
Gambia	Turkey
Honduras	United States of America
	Yemen

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

021 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)

The General Conference

Elects, in accordance with Article 2, paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4, of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme, the following Member States to be members of the Council until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Bahrain	Senegal
Botswana	Slovakia
China	Sudan
Guinea	Switzerland
Lithuania	Turkey
Russian Federation	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Note: The other members of the Intergovernmental Council, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Austria	Kazakhstan
Belgium	Mongolia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Niger
Grenada	Oman
Indonesia	Peru
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	United Republic of Tanzania
Israel	Uruguay

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

022 Election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)¹

The General Conference

Elects, in accordance with paragraph 1(a) of Article IV of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, approved in 30 C/Resolution 44, the following experts to be members of the Governing Board until 31 December 2017:

Mr Matthew Sudders (United Kingdom)
Ms Anna N. Majelantle (Botswana)
Mr Khalifa Al-Barwani (Oman)

Note: The other members of the Governing Board, who were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose terms of office expire on 31 December 2015, are Mr Pablo Tactuk (Dominican Republic), Mr R. Govinda (India), and Mr Azam Abdullaev (Uzbekistan).

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

023 Election of the members of the Legal Committee for the 38th session

The General Conference

Elects, in accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the following Member States to be members of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session until the beginning of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Czech Republic	Nicaragua
Egypt	Niger
El Salvador	Palestine
France	Qatar
Gabon	Russian Federation

Germany
Guatemala
Italy
Kenya

Sudan
United States of America
Uzbekistan

Note: *Group I presented only four candidates for the five vacant seats, Group III presented three candidates for the five vacant seats and Group IV did not present any candidate for the four vacant seats. Consequently, at its 37th session, the General Conference elected only 17 members to the Legal Committee for the 38th session of the General Conference.*

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

024 Election of members of the Headquarters Committee

The General Conference

Elects, in accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the following Member States to be members of the Headquarters Committee until the end of the 39th session of the General Conference:

Bangladesh	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Senegal
Kenya	Spain
Portugal	Sri Lanka
Qatar	Sudan

Note: *Group V(a) presented only two candidates for the three vacant seats. The remaining vacant seat will be open for election at the 38th session of the General Conference.*

The other members of the Headquarters Committee, which were elected at the 36th session of the General Conference and whose term of office expires at the end of the 38th session, are:

Albania	Gambia
Chile	Philippines
Côte d'Ivoire	Thailand
Democratic Republic of the Congo	United Kingdom
Egypt	Ukraine
El Salvador	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
France	

Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

025 Grouping of Member States for the purpose of elections to the Executive Board

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013, the General Conference, pursuant to the report of the Nominations Committee, approved the inclusion of Palestine in electoral Group V(b).

IV Medium-Term Strategy

1 **Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021, including the Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa, the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021, and the Operational Strategy on Youth**

The General Conference,

I

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 1,

Having examined the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4 and Corr.), presented by the Director-General, and the recommendations of the Executive Board thereon (37 C/11 and Corr.Rev.2 and Add.),

Reiterating the importance of and commitment to the two global priorities "Africa" and "gender equality"

Taking note of the relevant discussions in the commissions at the present session of the General Conference, as reported in the relevant oral and written reports drawn up by those commissions, as appropriate

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in documents 37 C/11 and Corr. Rev.2 and Add.;
2. *Adopts*, without prejudice to paragraphs 3 and 4 of this resolution, document 37 C/4, as amended by the Executive Board (documents 37 C/11 and Corr.Rev.2 and Add.) and, *taking into account* the resolutions adopted under this agenda item, *invites* the Director-General to prepare a revised version of document 37 C/4;
3. *Requests* the Executive Board to verify that the revised version of document 37 C/4, prepared by the Director-General, fully conforms to the resolutions of the General Conference;
4. *Notes* that any substantive amendments the Executive Board may propose as a result of such verification should be submitted to the General Conference at its 38th session;
5. *Approves* the Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa and the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 which strategically complement documents 37 C/4 and 37 C/5, and *requests* the Director-General, to submit to the Executive Board, once a year, an analytical and impact-oriented report within the framework of statutory reporting.;
6. *Endorses* the Operational Strategy on Youth for 2014-2021.

II

Elaboration of an action plan for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022)

Reaffirming the mission of UNESCO as the United Nations specialized agency which is to contribute to the building of peace and promotion of intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information,

Noting that intercultural dialogue plays a fundamental role in promoting a culture of peace and fostering mutual understanding, tolerance and respect among peoples from different cultural and religious backgrounds,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 40 of 10 November 2011 and United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/104 of 17 December 2012 proclaiming the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022) for which UNESCO has been designated as lead agency for the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind the outcomes of the international forum devoted to the official launch of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures held in Astana, Kazakhstan, in August 2013, which underlined the importance of the Decade for enhancing international activities aimed at promoting mutual understanding and respect for diversity, rights and equal dignity among peoples through intercultural dialogue and concrete activities,

1. *Calls upon* Member States and all intergovernmental, international and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the elaboration of an action plan for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures which shall complement strategic objective 6 of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) "Supporting inclusive social development, fostering intercultural dialogue for the rapprochement of cultures, and promoting ethical principles", as already initiated by the Director-General;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to finalize and present the action plan for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022) to the Executive Board at its 194th session.

III

Silk Roads Online Platform

- Acknowledging* the importance of UNESCO's role in promoting intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace and non-violence,
- Referring* to United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/104 of 17 December 2012 proclaiming the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022),
- Also referring* to the outcome document adopted by the International Forum on the Great Silk Roads held in Almaty, Kazakhstan (14-16 October 2013) which proclaimed the continuation of the Silk Road Online Platform by UNESCO,
- Further referring* to strategic objectives 6 "Supporting inclusive social development, fostering intercultural dialogue for the rapprochement of cultures, and promoting ethical principles", 7 "Protecting, promoting and transmitting heritage" and 8 "Fostering creativity and the diversity of cultural expressions" of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4),
- Conscious* of the importance of promoting the heritage of the Silk Roads as pioneer routes of dialogue and exchange and the role that the UNESCO Silk Roads Online Platform plays in promoting the knowledge about the Silk Roads developed by UNESCO and its Member States,
- Considering* the role of the Silk Roads Online Platform in involving the local communities, and the academic, cultural, and artistic circles and youth of the countries traversed by the historical Silk Roads in a sustainable dialogue and exchange,
- Aware* that the Silk Roads Online Platform is entirely funded by extrabudgetary resources provided by Member States or private stakeholders, and has no impact on UNESCO's regular budget,
1. *Expresses* its satisfaction with the results achieved by the secretariat of the Silk Roads Online Platform thanks to the generous contributions of Kazakhstan and Germany;
 2. *Endorses* the outcome document of the 2013 International Forum on the Great Silk Roads which welcomes the creation this project, which is aimed at fostering dialogue and exchange between local communities along the historical Silk Roads and beyond;
 3. *Requests* the Director-General to carry out this project during the period covered by the Medium-Term Strategy (2014-2021), and to implement activities funded from extrabudgetary resources;
 4. *Encourages* Member States to continue to support this project by all appropriate means, and to mobilize partners and financial resources from the public and private sectors for the implementation of this project;
 5. *Also requests* the Director-General, under the auspices of UNESCO and in the context of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures, to continue to foster interdisciplinary research on the Silk Roads as a unique historical example of international cooperation and dialogue.

IV

General History of Africa

- Referring* to the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance, adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the African Union at Khartoum in 2006, which recognizes in its Preamble "*that the unity of Africa is founded first and foremost on its history*" and stipulates in Article 7 that "*African States agree on the need for reconstruction of the historical memory and conscience of Africa and the African Diaspora*" and consider "*that the general history published by UNESCO constitutes a valid basis for teaching the history of Africa and recommend its dissemination, including in African languages...*",
- Recalling* that the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) highlights the link between education and culture and stresses the need to improve the quality of educational content,
- Also recalling* decision EX.CL/Dec.492 (XV) Rev.1 of the Executive Council of the African Union, adopted in July 2009, which underlines the commitment of the African Union alongside UNESCO to the pedagogical use of the *General History of Africa* at all levels of education in Africa and to the updating of the collection through the drafting of a ninth volume,
- Further recalling* the decision of the fifth ordinary session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union (COMEDAF V), EX.CL/Dec.702 (XXI), adopted in April 2012, calling upon Member States of the African Union to contribute to the proposed fund for the implementation of the pedagogical use of the *General History of Africa*,
- Recalling* the Organization of African Unity-African Union (OAU-AU) Fiftieth Anniversary Solemn Declaration, adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, declaring their commitment to promoting and harmonizing the teaching of African history, values and pan-Africanism in all schools and educational institutions in Africa as part of advancing their African identity and Renaissance,
- Also recalling* 36 C/Resolution 44, which calls upon UNESCO Member States to continue to support this project by all appropriate means, and to mobilize partners and financial resources to enable the implementation of the activities of the second phase of the project, including the promotion and dissemination of the *General History of Africa* in education systems, mass media and cultural and creative industries, and the writing and publication of a ninth volume, to include the history of the African Diaspora and to reflect progress in African, Caribbean and Latin American historiography,
- Taking note* of the recommendations of the Scientific Committee for the project and the various meetings held by UNESCO in the framework of the project, in particular the first meeting of experts held in March 2009 on the occasion of the launch of the second phase of the project, and the meeting of experts on the ninth volume held at Addis Ababa in May 2013 on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Organization of African Unity – African Union,
1. *Congratulates* the UNESCO Secretariat on the progress made in the implementation of the second phase of the *General History of Africa*;

2. *Welcomes* the translation into Portuguese and the free access to the eight volumes of the *General History of Africa* on UNESCO websites;
3. *Also welcomes* the launch of work on a ninth volume of the *General History of Africa* with a view to updating the series, taking into consideration the latest research developments and major events that have occurred in Africa since the last volume in the series was published;
4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Member States that have contributed financially or in kind to the project, including Libya, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Angola and Burkina Faso;
5. *Emphasizes* the importance of this project for improving the quality of education and its contribution to mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue, and therefore *expresses its satisfaction* that the project is part of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa;
6. *Stresses* the need to link this project to the Slave Route project, with a view to undertaking joint activities in the framework of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly;
7. *Urges* Member States to provide the financial resources needed to ensure the continuity and implementation of the various components of the project on the pedagogical use of the *General History of Africa*, including the production of educational materials for countries in other regions, particularly those with citizens of African descent and historical ties with Africa;
8. *Encourages* the Director-General to continue cooperation with the African Union for the implementation of the project, and in particular for the integration of the *General History of Africa* into the curricula of African schools, training institutes and universities, especially the Pan-African University;
9. *Requests* the Director-General to take all the necessary measures to ensure the continuation and completion of the second phase of the project, including the pedagogical use of the *General History of Africa* and the drafting of the ninth volume;
10. *Invites* the Director-General to submit to it, at its 38th session, a report on the implementation of the second phase of the project and the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources from Member States and private-sector partners.

V

Reinforcing UNESCO's strategy on small island developing States

- Welcoming with satisfaction* the declaration by the United Nations of 2014 as the International Year of Small Island Developing States,
- Acknowledging* the distinctive contribution that UNESCO has made to the implementation of the follow-up to the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island States under the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) in such areas as tangible and intangible cultural heritage, natural heritage, climate change and education for sustainable development, and communication and information, among others,
- Appreciative* of the role that UNESCO is playing, particularly through the UNESCO Offices in Apia for the Pacific, in Kingston for the Caribbean and in Nairobi for the Indian Ocean, as well as its SIDS focal point unit at Headquarters and the Liaison Office in New York, in preparation for, and contribution to, the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States to be held in Apia on 1-4 September 2014,
- Anticipating* that the Apia Conference will: assess progress to date in the implementation of the Barbados [Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States](#) (1994), and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (2005); seek renewed political commitment by SIDS Member States and UNESCO by focusing on practical and pragmatic actions for further implementation; identify new and emerging challenges and opportunities for the sustainable development of SIDS and means of addressing them; and also identify priorities for the sustainable development of SIDS to be considered in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda,
- Seeking* to actively contribute to, and build on, the priorities and opportunities for SIDS to be defined by the Third International Conference in Apia, and ensure timely input to, and implementation of, the Organization's contribution to its outcomes before, and as soon as possible, after September 2014,
- Considering* the abolition of the UNESCO intersectoral platform on SIDS and the reduced human resources of the SIDS focal point unit,
- Having received* assurances from the Director-General as to the Organization's ability and resources to build on the principles of the Mauritius Strategy, with a view to deepening and renewing UNESCO's approach by developing cross-cutting and cross-scale approaches to reducing vulnerabilities and promoting the resilience of small island developing States in the face of global environmental and socio-cultural change, as expressed in paragraphs 19 and 65 of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4),
- Welcoming* the commitment, in the implementation of each of the major programmes for 2014-2017, to a special emphasis on small island developing States with a view to addressing their unique and particular vulnerabilities,
1. *Invites* the Director-General:
 - (a) to seize all relevant opportunities to associate UNESCO's activities for small island developing States during 2014, with the International Year of Small Island Developing States (2014), with the aim of raising awareness of the unique sustainable development challenges faced by this particular group of Member States, as well as to celebrate SIDS education, scientific and technological achievements in response to those challenges;
 - (b) to continue to provide support for the convening of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States to be held in Apia, Samoa, in September 2014, in particular through the UNESCO

Office for the Pacific in Apia, UNESCO's other SIDS field offices, and the coordinating SIDS focal point unit in Headquarters;

- (c) to ensure timely contribution from the SIDS Member States on the future priorities in the Organization's programme of work beyond 2014, in particular relating to tangible and intangible cultural heritage, natural heritage, climate change adaptation and mitigation, tourism, disaster risk reduction including, *inter alia*, early-warning systems of impending storms and tsunamis, education for sustainable development, and building knowledge societies;
- (d) to reflect the outcomes of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in the implementation of the Organization's Programme and Budget for 2014-2017, and to report thereon to the Executive Board at its 196th session;
- (e) to develop an action plan for implementing the outcome of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in the areas relevant to UNESCO's mandate, to be:
 - (i) developed in consultation with the subregional offices concerned, in particular the UNESCO Offices for SIDS of the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic Oceans and the Caribbean, coordinated by the dedicated SIDS focal point unit, and in consultation with all SIDS Member States;
 - (ii) prepared within six months after the Third International Conference in Apia;
 - (iii) inclusive of a package of strategic, highly visible, tangible actions and measurable indicators, addressing key issues within UNESCO's mandate including education for sustainable development, heritage protection, tourism, oceans, culture, youth, traditional knowledge and actions to address climate change, with quantifiable outcomes for SIDS;
 - (iv) adopted with an interregional SIDS focus, aimed at facilitating institutional capacity-building and the sharing of experience and best practices among SIDS of all regions;
- (f) to implement this action plan through highly decentralized activities in SIDS of the Pacific, Indian, and Atlantic Oceans and the Caribbean, taking full account of interdisciplinary connections between all major programmes and interregional linkages among SIDS worldwide;
- (g) to ensure, as far as is possible, within existing budgetary allocations, that the field offices concerned, and the coordinating SIDS focal point unit at Headquarters, are provided with the capacity and the human resources to begin delivering on this action plan from 2015;
- (h) to collaborate fully with the United Nations family of institutions, the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), and with other international and regional organizations, in contributing to timely follow-up to the Conference, while at the same time avoiding duplication.

VI

Slave Route project: Resistance, Liberty, Heritage

Recalling the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international, regional and national instruments that condemn all forms of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, colour, gender, language, religion or political opinion,

Recalling 27 C/Resolution 3.13, by which it established the intercultural and interregional Slave Route project,

Recalling 29 C/Resolution 40 proclaiming 23 August of each year International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition,

Recalling 30 C/Resolution 34 inviting the Director-General to increase the visibility of the project and to report regularly to the Executive Board on its implementation, particularly on any development concerning the question of declaring the slave trade and slavery crimes against humanity,

Recalling 172 EX/Decision 59 approving the Statutes of the International Scientific Committee for the Slave Route Project,

Recalling 181 EX/Decision 13 of the Executive Board approving the strategy defined for the Slave Route project,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 37, which modified the name of the Slave Route project by adding the subheading "Resistance, Liberty, Heritage" to the existing title "Slave Route project",

Commending the recognition of slavery and the slave trade as a crime against humanity at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, which took place in South Africa in 2001,

Considering the Declaration adopted by the Ibero-American Summit in November 2011, in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, which called on the countries concerned to step up the fight against discrimination against people of African descent, and to promote their social, economic, political and cultural inclusion, as well as the recommendations of the Conferences of Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora (CIAD), the first of which was held in Dakar, Senegal, in 2004 (CIAD I), and the second in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, in 2006 (CIAD II), and the Global African Diaspora Summit, held by the African Union in South Africa in May 2012,

Also considering the various decisions of the African Union concerning the African Diaspora and, in particular, the decision establishing the African Diaspora as the sixth region of Africa,

Bearing in mind the various resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly with a view to proclaiming the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024),

1. *Confirms* the importance of this project for the promotion of intercultural dialogue, reconciliation among nations, peace and living together, cultural diversity and the fight against racism and discrimination;
2. *Emphasizes* that this human tragedy has led to multiple and major transformations that have marked modern societies in different regions of the world and that cultural interactions have contributed to the diversity of the world and established a heritage common to all humanity;
3. *Congratulates* the Director-General for the progress made in the implementation of the Slave Route project: Resistance, Liberty, Heritage, which has contributed actively to the recognition by the United Nations of the slave trade and slavery as a crime against humanity, to the development of scientific research and

- educational materials on this tragedy, to the promotion of cultural heritage originating from this history, and to the preservation of oral and written archives and memorial sites and places;
4. *Requests* the Director-General to make every effort to ensure the continuity of this project, in particular the implementation of new orientations, in order to meet the expectations expressed in the General Assembly resolution proclaiming the International Decade for People of African Descent;
 5. *Also requests* the Director-General to elaborate and implement a programme of activities to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the project in the different regions of the world;
 6. *Calls upon* Member States to support this intersectoral and interdisciplinary project, which is at the heart of UNESCO's mission and to provide it with the necessary financial contributions to allow the continuation of its work, and in particular the activities planned for the celebration of its 20th anniversary and the launch of the International Decade for People of African Descent;
 7. *Encourages* Member States to:
 - (a) adopt national and even regional legislation recognizing the slave trade and slavery as a crime against humanity;
 - (b) organize meaningful activities as part of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Slave Route project and the launch of the International Decade for People of African Decent in 2015;
 - (c) integrate the teaching of this human tragedy into formal and non-formal education programmes;
 - (d) proclaim a national day for the recognition of the common heritage derived from the contribution made by people of African descent.

VII

Supporting the global citizenship agenda through education for democracy

Recognizing UNESCO's commitment to fostering global citizenship through education for peace and human rights, *Sharing* UNESCO's belief that education plays a fundamental role in human, social and economic development, *Welcoming* the unanimous adoption of United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/18 entitled "Education for Democracy",

Referring, in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) to strategic objective 2 "Empowering learners to be creative and responsible global citizens" and to paragraph 38, which states that "UNESCO will promote education that empowers learners to understand societal challenges and to develop effective and creative responses to them; contributing to the creation of peaceful, equitable and sustainable societies based on the principles of social justice and respect for human rights, gender equality, diversity and the environment; participate actively in democratic processes; and lead decent lives",

Also referring to strategic objective 3 "Advancing education for all (EFA) and shaping the future education agenda" and paragraph 43, which states that "UNESCO will inspire new ways of conceptualizing education and learning, their contribution to societal development and modalities for international cooperation in the area ...",

1. *Requests* the Director-General to support the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/18 within the framework of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021;
2. *Invites* UNESCO Member States to share and learn from good practices in designing and implementing curricula on civic and human rights education and education for democracy, and through existing modalities of cooperation in this field.

Resolution adopted on the report of the joint meeting of commissions at the 18th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

V Programme and Budget for 2014-2017

General Policy and Direction

2 General Policy and Direction

The General Conference

1. Authorizes the Director-General:

(a) to implement during the period 2014-2017 the following plan of action:

- (i) organize in the most cost-effective manner the 38th and 39th sessions of the General Conference (October-November 2015 and 2017) and eight to ten ordinary sessions of the Executive Board;
- (ii) provide for the functioning of the Directorate and the chapters comprising the Direction of the Organization;
- (iii) contribute to the running costs of the joint machinery of the United Nations system;

(b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$45,757,000 for the period 2014-2015;

2. Requests the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:

Governing bodies

- (1) Rational and cost-effectiveness of the governing bodies improved;
- (2) Services to Member States optimized;

Internal oversight

- (3) UNESCO's risk management, control, compliance and value-for-money mechanisms strengthened;
- (4) UNESCO's evaluation and results-based management culture strengthened through targeted evaluation activities and advisory services in support of improved organizational learning, programme implementation and accountability;
- (5) Accountability and adherence to UNESCO's rules and regulations strengthened;

International standards and legal affairs

- (6) The Organization's management and programme implementation in compliance with rules and regulations;

Ethics

- (7) Ethical working environment in the Organization established;

3. Also requests the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

Programmes

3 Major Programme I – Education

The General Conference

1. Authorizes the Director-General:

- (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017, the plan of action for Major Programme I, structured around the following three strategic objectives and corresponding three main lines of action, with a view to enhancing the contribution of education to peace and sustainable development, guided by the principles of a rights-based approach to education; promoting equity and social inclusion in and through education;

improving the quality of education and learning; and promoting a holistic approach to education encompassing all levels, pathways and modes of delivery;

- (b) to continue supporting the countries most at risk of not achieving the education for all (EFA) goals by the 2015 deadline, and advocate for the inclusion of education in the post-2015 global development agenda, by taking stock of progress and analysing new needs and challenges;
- (c) to contribute to the Organization's global priorities to promote gender equality and address the needs of Africa, paying particular attention to least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), and to meet the needs of young people and reach the unreached and most vulnerable segments of society, in recognition of the role of education in fostering positive social transformations, social inclusion and intercultural dialogue, in order to:

Strategic objective 1: Supporting Member States to develop education systems to foster high quality and inclusive lifelong learning for all

- (i) develop education systems that provide quality lifelong learning opportunities for all learners, at all levels and in all settings of education, by focusing on the following five thematic areas: developing effective policies and sector-wide plans; maintaining a holistic approach to education while giving priority to three subsectors – literacy, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education; addressing the acute shortage of qualified teachers as a key strategy to improve the quality of education; improving learning processes and monitoring of learning outcomes at various levels to provide more evidence about how learning takes place and the implications thereof for pedagogy and curricula; and promoting information and communication technologies (ICTs) and new modalities of interactive learning in education to improve access to knowledge, facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and ensure more effective lifelong learning;

Strategic objective 2: Empowering learners to be creative and responsible global citizens

- (ii) support Member States to promote values, attitudes and behaviours that support responsible global citizenship through effective education responses to contemporary challenges, recognizing the role education plays in developing learners' abilities to build a better future for themselves and the communities in which they live, by focusing on three thematic areas: education for peace and human rights, education for sustainable development (ESD), and health education;

Strategic objective 3: Advancing education for all (EFA) and shaping the future international education agenda

- (iii) continue to advocate for education among competing development priorities and lead the debate on EFA and the post-2015 education-related development agenda. UNESCO will steer international debate on critical issues and emerging challenges for education; coordinate EFA partners in a last 'big push' to accelerate progress towards EFA and facilitate equal partnerships and technical cooperation between developing countries and new donors; and continue efforts to build a broad coalition of partners for education to share knowledge and experiences among diverse stakeholders in education, including partnerships with civil society and academic institutions in Member States;

- (d) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$117,964,600 for the period 2014-2015;¹

2. *Requests the Director-General:*

- (a) to implement the various activities authorized by this resolution in such a manner that the expected results defined for the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, pertaining to Major Programme I are fully achieved;
- (b) to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:

Main line of action 1: Supporting Member States to develop education systems to foster high-quality and inclusive lifelong learning for all

- (1) National capacities strengthened to develop and implement policies and plans within a lifelong learning framework;
- (2) National capacities strengthened to scale up inclusive and gender-responsive quality literacy programmes;
- (3) Capacities of Member States strengthened to design and implement policies aiming at transforming TVET;
- (4) National capacities strengthened to develop evidence-based higher education policies to address the challenges of equity, quality, inclusion, expansion and mobility and accountability;
- (5) National capacities strengthened, including through regional cooperation, to develop and implement teacher policies and strategies so as to enhance the quality of education and promote gender equality;
- (6) Capacities of Member States strengthened to promote, monitor and assess the processes and outcomes of competency-based learning;
- (7) National capacities strengthened to develop and implement technology policies in education, particularly in teacher training and professional development;

Main line of action 2: Empowering learners to be creative and responsible global citizens

- (8) Member States integrate peace and human rights education components in education policies and practices;
- (9) Capacities of Member States strengthened to integrate ESD into education and learning, and ESD strengthened in the international policy agenda;

¹ These appropriations include allocations for the category 1 UNESCO education institutes.

- (10) Member States deliver good quality health education, HIV and comprehensive sexuality education that contribute to healthy lifestyles and gender equality;

Main line of action 3: Advancing education for all (EFA) and shaping the future international education agenda

- (11) Future education agenda and global education policies shaped, drawing on relevant research and foresight studies conducted by UNESCO and other institutions;
- (12) Implementation of the right to education and progress towards international education goals promoted and monitored, and policy dialogue informed by the evidence generated;
- (13) Political commitment for education reinforced in the global, regional and national development agendas, and cooperation modalities promoted;
- (c) to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities;
- (d) to undertake, during the period 2014-2017, a review of the main lines of action and their expected results, including those of the intergovernmental and international programmes and category 1 institutes pertaining to Major Programme I, and to propose their continuation, reorientation, including possible reinforcement, exit strategies or termination, based on clear evaluation criteria.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

4 UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)

The General Conference,

Acknowledging the report of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE) for the 2012-2013 biennium,

Recognizing the importance of maintaining the functional autonomy of IBE in order to ensure that it can provide services to the Member States in a proactive, flexible, effective and efficient way,

Welcoming the current process of implementation of the Strategy to make IBE the UNESCO's Centre of Excellence in Curriculum, adopted at the 36th session of the General Conference (36 C/Resolution 18),

1. *Emphasizes* the specialized contribution of the IBE to the fulfilment of the relevant strategic objectives and the thematic areas of Major Programme I, particularly with regard to curriculum development and management, research and policy development, and clearinghouse and information management, through:
 - (a) implementation of tailored training courses accredited by local regional academic institutions for curriculum decision-makers and practitioners, as well as the development of customized learning tools and training materials;
 - (b) expansion of technical assistance and advice to national curriculum agencies and specialists;
 - (c) enhancement of its curriculum-related knowledge research base, as well as its knowledge management and dissemination capacity;
 - (d) facilitation of evidence-based international policy dialogue aimed at fostering quality education for all and inclusive education policies and practices;
2. *Requests* the IBE Council acting in conformity with the Statutes of the Bureau and with this resolution, when approving the Bureau's budget, to:
 - (a) ensure that the objectives and activities of IBE correspond to UNESCO's strategic objectives, main lines of action and thematic areas of Major Programme I;
 - (b) support the programmes and projects of IBE with the aim of contributing to the achievements of the expected results of Major Programme I as listed in paragraph 6 below;
 - (c) strengthen the collaboration with the Director-General to mobilize the necessary human and financial resources so that the IBE may further accomplish its mission as a Centre of Excellence in Curriculum;
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to provide support to the IBE by granting a financial allocation under Major Programme I for a total amount of \$5,000,000 for the period 2014-2015;
4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Norwegian and Swiss authorities, Member States and other bodies and institutions that have contributed intellectually or financially to the activities of IBE and invites them to continue their support for 2014-2015 and beyond;
5. *Appeals* to Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to contribute financially and by other appropriate means to the effective application of the Bureau's activities in the service of Member States, in conformity with its mission as a Centre of Excellence in Curriculum, the thematic areas of Major Programme I and the strategic objectives of UNESCO for 2014-2021;
6. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically, to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports on the contribution of IBE to the achievement of the following expected results of Major Programme I:
 - (a) Capacities in Member States strengthened to promote, monitor and assess the processes and outcomes of competency-based learning (MLA 1 – expected result 6);
 - (b) Future education agenda and global education policies shaped, drawing on relevant research and foresight studies conducted by UNESCO and other institutions (MLA 3 – expected result 11).

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

5 UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)

The General Conference,

Acknowledging the report of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) for the 2012-2013 biennium,

Recognizing the important role of IIEP in the implementation of Major Programme I,

1. *Requests* the IIEP Governing Board, in accordance with the Institute's Statutes and the present resolution, when approving the Institute's budget for 2014 and 2015:
 - (a) to ensure that the objectives and activities of IIEP are in consonance with the strategic objectives and priorities and expected results of Major Programme I;
 - (b) to reinforce Member States' capacities for the planning, management and administration of education systems;
 - (c) to strengthen national, subregional and inter-regional training programmes in educational planning, administration, evaluation and monitoring in cooperation with the other UNESCO education institutes, as well as the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), and UNESCO field offices;
 - (d) to carry out research and studies aimed at the upgrading of knowledge in educational planning and management, and at the production, sharing and transfer of knowledge and the exchange of experiences and information in educational planning and administration among Member States;
 - (e) to execute operational projects in its field of competence;
2. *Authorizes* the Director-General to support the operation of the Institute by providing a financial allocation under Major Programme I of \$5,300,000 covering the period 2014-2015;
3. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Member States and organizations that have supported the Institute's activities through voluntary contributions and contractual agreements, as well as to the Argentinean and French Governments, which provide the Institute's premises free of charge and periodically finances their upkeep, and invites them to continue their support for 2014-2015 and beyond;
4. *Appeals* to Member States to grant, renew or increase their voluntary contributions, with a view to strengthening the activities of IIEP, in accordance with Article VIII of its Statutes, so that, with additional resources and its premises provided by the French and Argentinean Governments, it may better meet the needs of Member States in all thematic areas of Major Programme I;
5. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically, to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on IIEP's contribution to the achievement of the following expected result of Major Programme I:
 - (a) National capacities strengthened to develop and implement policies and plans within a lifelong learning framework (MLA 1 – expected result 1);
 - (b) Future education agenda and global education policies shaped, drawing on relevant research and foresight studies conducted by UNESCO and other institutions (MLA 3 – expected result 11).

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

6 UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)

The General Conference,

Acknowledging the report of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) for the 2012-2013 biennium,

Recognizing the role of UIL as one of UNESCO's key education institutes, with its contributions to UNESCO's functions (laboratory of ideas, standard setter, clearing house, capacity builder and catalyst for international cooperation) in its areas of expertise, and its efforts to reposition itself as a global centre of excellence for lifelong learning within the education arena,

Also recognizing the importance of the overarching concept of lifelong learning for UNESCO's education strategy as set out in document 37 C/4, and reiterating the commitment to the Belém Framework for Action adopted at the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI),

1. *Emphasizes and values* the important contribution of the UIL to the fulfilment of the relevant strategic objectives and priorities of Major Programme I, particularly with regard to promoting lifelong learning for all through advocacy, capacity development, research and networking, focusing on lifelong learning policies and strategies, literacy and basic skills, and adult learning and education;
2. *Requests* the Governing Board of UIL acting in conformity with the Statutes of the Institute and with the present resolution, when approving the Institute's budget for 2014-2015, to:
 - (a) ensure that the objectives and activities of the Institute correspond to UNESCO's strategic objectives and the priorities and lines of action of Major Programme I;
 - (b) consolidate and develop the programmes of UIL with the aim of contributing to achieving the expected results of Major Programme I as listed in paragraph 6 below;
 - (c) reinforce both the Institute's capacity as a global centre of excellence for lifelong learning and its specific responsibility in literacy and adult learning and education;
 - (d) take the necessary measures to follow up on the Belém Framework for Action and monitor implementation;
 - (e) continue to work with the Director-General to mobilize the necessary human and financial resources to enable UIL to accomplish its mission;

3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to provide support to UIL by granting a financial allocation under Major Programme I to a total amount of \$2,000,000 covering the period 2014-2015;
4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the German Government for its continuing support to UIL in making a substantial financial contribution and by providing its premises free of charge; and to other Member States and organizations, in particular to, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Government of Norway, the Danish International Development Assistance (Danida), and the Federal Government of Nigeria, which have contributed intellectually and financially to UIL activities, and invites them to continue their support for 2014-2015 and beyond;
5. *Appeals* to Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to grant or renew their financial and other appropriate contributions to enable UIL to contribute towards the priorities of Major Programme I and the strategic objectives of UNESCO for 2014-2021;
6. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies in the statutory reports on the contribution of the UIL to the achievement of the following expected result of Major Programme I:
 - (a) National capacities strengthened to develop and implement policies and plans within a lifelong learning framework (MLA 1 – expected result 1);
 - (b) National capacities strengthened to scale up inclusive and gender-responsive quality literacy programmes (MLA 1 – expected result 2);
 - (c) Future education agenda and global education policies shaped, drawing on relevant research and foresight studies conducted by UNESCO and other institutions (MLA 3 – expected result 11);
 - (d) The implementation of the right to education and progress towards international education development goals promoted and monitored, and policy dialogue informed by the evidence generated (MLA 3 – expected result 12).

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

7 UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)

The General Conference,

Acknowledging the report of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) for the 2012-2013 biennium,

Welcoming the positive development of transforming IITE into cutting-edge research and policy advocacy centre in the field of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education during the biennium and *recognizing* the importance of maintaining the functional autonomy of the Institute in order to ensure that it can provide services to the Member States in a flexible, effective and efficient way,

1. *Emphasizes and values* the important contribution of IITE to the fulfilment of UNESCO's relevant strategic objectives and the priorities of Major Programme I, particularly with regard to policy advocacy, capacity development and knowledge services in the field of ICTs in education, through:
 - (a) evidence-based policy research, analytical studies and the collection and dissemination of best practices on the use of ICTs in education;
 - (b) provision of technical assistance, knowledge and information sharing with Member States on the application of ICTs in education, with particular emphasis on teachers;
2. *Requests* the Governing Board of IITE, in accordance with the Institute's Statutes and the present resolution, when approving the Institute's budget for 2014-2015, to:
 - (a) ensure that the objectives and activities of IITE correspond to UNESCO's strategic objectives and the priorities and main lines of action of Major Programme I;
 - (b) continue working with the Director-General to mobilize the necessary human and financial resources so that IITE may accomplish its mission;
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to support IITE by providing a financial allocation under Major Programme I of \$1,000,000 covering the period 2014-2015;
4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of the Russian Federation for its financial contribution and for providing the premises free of charge, and to the Member States and organizations that have supported the Institute's activities intellectually and financially, and *invites* them to continue their support in 2014-2015 and beyond;
5. *Appeals* to Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to contribute financially and by other appropriate means to the effective application of IITE activities in the service of Member States, in conformity with its mission, so that it may better contribute to the priorities of Major Programme I;
6. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies in the statutory reports on the contribution of IITE to the achievement of the following expected results of Major Programme I:
 - (a) National capacities strengthened to develop and implement technology policies in education, particularly in teacher training and professional development (MLA 1 – expected result 7);
 - (b) Future education agenda and global education policies shaped, drawing on relevant research and foresight studies conducted by UNESCO and other institutions (MLA 3 – expected result 11).

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

8 UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)

The General Conference,

Acknowledging the report of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) for the 2012-2013 biennium,

Recognizing the importance of maintaining the functional autonomy of the Institute in order to ensure that it can provide services to the Member States in a flexible, effective and efficient way,

Also recognizing the important role teachers play in providing quality education and meeting the needs of Member States, in particular in Africa, to develop national capacities to train, retain and manage quality teachers,

1. *Recommends* IICBA to play a key role in implementing Major Programme I's actions in favour of global priority Africa and contributing to the Priority Africa flagship programme in education;
2. *Emphasizes and values* the important contribution of IICBA to the fulfilment of UNESCO's relevant strategic objectives and the priorities of Major Programme I, particularly with regard to MLA 1 expected result 5 concerning improving the quality of education and the professional development of teachers through:
 - (a) support, focusing on both the development and the implementation of effective teacher policies, including through the UNESCO Strategy on Teachers and UNESCO initiative for teachers, and other UNESCO tools to improve the quality of teacher education curricula, qualification frameworks, gender analysis, and training of teacher trainers at all levels in innovative teacher development;
 - (b) capacity building of teacher-training institutions in management and quality assurance, in particular in the areas of ICT-enhanced teacher standards, the planning for ICTs in education strategies, development of ICTs and open and distance learning (ODL), and online certificate training programmes in teacher development;
 - (c) advocacy based on research and dissemination of research outputs through publications and policy dialogue, seminars and conferences, as well as through partnerships;
3. *Requests* the IICBA Governing Board, acting in conformity with the Statutes of the Institute and with the present resolution, when approving the Institute's budget for 2014-2015:
 - (i) to ensure that the objectives and activities of IICBA correspond to UNESCO's strategic objectives and the priorities and main lines of action of Major Programme I;
 - (ii) to consolidate and develop the programmes and projects of IICBA with the aim of contributing to the achievements of the expected results of Major Programme I as listed in paragraph 7 below;
 - (iii) to continue to work with the Director-General to mobilize the necessary human and financial resources so that IICBA can accomplish its mission;
4. *Authorizes* the Director-General to provide support to IICBA by granting a financial allocation under Major Programme I for a total amount of \$2,500,000 covering the period 2014-2015;
5. *Expresses* its gratitude to Member States and organizations that have contributed intellectually or financially to the activities of IICBA, and invites them to continue their support in 2014-2015 and beyond;
6. *Appeals* to Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to contribute financially and by other appropriate means to the effective execution of IICBA activities in the service of Member States, in conformity with their respective missions, the priorities of Major Programme I, the strategic objectives of UNESCO for 2014-2021, and the strategic plan of IICBA for 2011-2015;
7. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies in the statutory reports on the contribution of IICBA to the achievement of the following expected result of Major Programme I:
 - (a) National capacities strengthened, including through regional cooperation, to develop and implement teacher policies and strategies so as to enhance the quality of education and promote gender equality (MLA 1 – expected result 5);
 - (b) Future education agenda and global education policies shaped, drawing on relevant research and foresight studies conducted by UNESCO and other institutions (MLA 3 – expected result 11).

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

9 UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)

The General Conference,

Acknowledging the report of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) for the 2012-2013 biennium,

Recognizing the importance of maintaining the functional autonomy of the Institute in order to ensure that it can provide services to the Member States in a flexible, effective and efficient way,

Also recognizing the strategic role of IESALC in renewing higher education and in promoting scientific and technological development in the Member States of the Latin America and the Caribbean region,

1. *Invites* the Governing Board of IESALC to give priority in the Institute's programme to the following objectives:
 - (a) provide a regional platform for the promotion of inter-university cooperation, as well as collaboration among higher education institutions, in particular by facilitating active involvement of and intellectual partnerships among UNESCO Chairs on higher education in the region;
 - (b) addressing the challenges related to the internationalization of higher education in the region by monitoring and guiding future development of the 1974 Regional Convention on the recognition of higher education studies, diplomas, and degrees;

- (c) act as an information clearing-house and reference centre on the trends and challenges of higher education in the region, in particular with respect to the provision of higher education, including through information and communication technologies (ICTs);
- 2. *Also invites* the Governing Board to closely monitor strategic directions and programme implementation to ensure focus; to harmonize the orientations and activities of IESALC with those of UNESCO Headquarters along with those of the field offices in the region; and to take an active role in obtaining regional and international support for the Institute's projects;
- 3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to support the Institute by providing a financial allocation under Major Programme I for a total amount of \$2,200,000 for the period 2014-2015;
- 4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for its continuing support and for providing the premises of IESALC free of charge;
- 5. *Urges* Member States, international organizations, donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to grant or renew their support to enable IESALC to implement the programme activities envisaged for the 2014-2017 quadrennium;
- 6. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the contribution of IESALC to the achievement of the following expected results of Major Programme I:
 - (a) National capacities strengthened to develop evidence-based higher education policies to address the challenges of equity, quality, inclusion, expansion and mobility and accountability (MLA 1 – expected result 4);
 - (b) Future education agenda and global education policies shaped, drawing on relevant research and foresight studies conducted by UNESCO and other institutions (MLA 3 – expected result 11).

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

10 Revision of the International Standard Classification of Education: Fields of Education and Training (ISCED-F)

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/53,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 11 concerning the revision of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED),

Noting with satisfaction that in accordance with this resolution a thorough review of the fields of education and training has been undertaken and detailed proposals were presented and discussed with experts in classifications and submitted to all Member States for consideration, including ministries of education, labour and culture and national statistical offices,

- 1. *Approves* the revised version of the ISCED Fields of Education and Training contained in Annex I of document 37 C/53 as ISCED-F 2013;
- 2. *Invites* the Director-General:
 - (a) to provide training and capacity-building support to countries to enable them to adopt ISCED-F 2013 as appropriate in national and international data collection exercises in the future;
 - (b) to continue to review periodically the three classifications encompassed in ISCED (ISCED-P, ISCED-A and ISCED-F) to ensure that they are consistent with developments in the policies and structures of education and training, in order to reflect innovative policies at the national level designed to address contemporary challenges and inclusive social programmes in education; and, in this respect, to submit proposed major revisions, when appropriate, at future sessions;
 - (c) to submit biennial progress reports of the work accomplished to the Executive Board, the next being due at the 196th session.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

11 Education beyond 2015

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/56,

Recalling the Dakar Framework for Action and its six Education for All (EFA) goals, as well as Millennium Development Goals 2 and 3,

- 1. *Expresses* its satisfaction with the Director-General's efforts to continue to consult Member States and education stakeholders on the post-2015 education agenda through various fora;
- 2. *Recognizes* that the post-2015 education agenda should strive to ensure achievement 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. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Director-General, in collaboration with EFA partners, to promote an overarching goal on education. We, as Member States, commit ourselves to promoting such a goal based upon key principles of access, equity and quality, in the perspective of lifelong learning, during international discussions on the global education agenda;
- 4. *Invites* the Director-General to:
 - (a) facilitate the debate and continue to consult Member States and stakeholders in the development of the global objectives and targets as well as the development of a framework for action for education post-2015, including through the existing global and regional EFA and MDG coordination mechanisms, and regional consultations;

- (b) submit a report, which should include the results of this debate and progress in follow-up actions, to the Executive Board at its 194th session;
 - (c) also submit progress reports to subsequent Executive Board sessions until 2015;
5. *Requests* UNESCO to carry out efforts to ensure that the global education conference, which will be hosted by the Republic of Korea in spring 2015, will result in concrete recommendations and an approved framework of action on the post-2015 education agenda;
 6. *Also invites* the Director-General to lead the resulting actions in close collaboration with Member States and to promote the outcomes of this global education conference as an agreed position on education and as part of the global post-2015 development agenda to be adopted in the United Nations summit in September 2015.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

12 Follow-up of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development post-2014 – Global Action Programme

The General Conference,

Taking note of 190 EX/Decision 9 and 192 EX/Decision 6,

Also taking note of the strong support expressed by the Executive Board for the Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and its five priority action areas,

Having examined the proposal for a Global Action Programme on ESD as follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development after 2014 (37 C/57),

1. *Endorses* the Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development;
2. *Recognizes* the need for strong political support for the successful implementation of the Global Action Programme on ESD;
3. *Encourages* ministers of Member States and heads of United Nations agencies to participate in the UNESCO World Conference on ESD, which will review the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and discuss further promotion of ESD;
4. *Requests* the Director-General to bring the Global Action Programme on ESD to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly at its 69th session (2014) for consideration and appropriate action;
5. *Also requests* the Director-General to mobilize all UNESCO programme sectors and networks to enhance their contribution to ESD and engage with the preparations for the implementation of the Global Action Programme;
6. *Emphasizes* the need for collaboration and partnership with other relevant United Nations agencies and especially the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on sustainable consumption and production;
7. *Invites* Member States to support the adoption of the Global Action Programme by the United Nations General Assembly as a concrete contribution to the post-2015 development agenda.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

13 Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period

The General Conference,

Recalling 192 EX/Decision 7,

Having examined document 37 C/58 which presents a summary of the “Implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade” and the comments and observations of the Executive Board and the United Nations General Assembly thereon,

Taking note of the support expressed by the Executive Board and the United Nations General Assembly for UNESCO’s role as a key coordinator and catalyst in the promotion of literacy and literate environments for all and in elaborating a post-Decade literacy vision and agenda,

1. *Urges* the Director-General to continue her efforts to advocate for literacy, support Member States in scaling up literacy policies and programmes and enable UNESCO to play its role as global coordinator, underpinned by a holistic multi-pronged approach to literacy and the effective integration of literacy into the post-2015 agendas for education and development;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to continue consultations with Member States and development partners in order to put in place a multi-stakeholder partnership for literacy that would ensure long-term global literacy efforts;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to report on the progress achieved in her statutory reports to the Executive Board in 2014 and 2015.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

14 Revision of statutes of education-related category 1 institutes

The General Conference,

Having considered document 37 C/52,

Taking note of 191 EX/Decision 17 (I) and 192 EX/Decision 14 (II) on this issue,

Bearing in mind the different challenges encountered by the seven education-related category 1 institutes,

Recognizing the invaluable contribution of the education-related category 1 institutes to the achievement of UNESCO's priorities in education,

Acknowledging the efforts of both the Director-General and the category 1 institutes to further improve the latter's relevance and performance, and *expressing* its appreciation for the strong support and collaboration of the respective education-related category 1 institutes' governing bodies in this endeavour,

1. *Approves* the revisions to the statutes of the UNESCO education-related category 1 institutes as set out in the Annex to document 37 C/52, with the exception of those concerning the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC);
2. *Requests* the Director-General to transmit the revised statutes to the governing boards/council of the institutes concerned;
3. *Encourages* the Director-General to continue the Secretariat's efforts in supporting the work of the seven UNESCO education-related category 1 institutes, in close cooperation with the respective governing boards/council, with due consideration to the autonomy and accountability of the institutes;
4. *Also requests* the Director-General to provide to the Executive Board at its 195th session an update on the management of the education-related category 1 institutes, with a view to transmitting to the General Conference at its 38th session the relevant comments of the Executive Board;
5. *Requests* the Executive Board to review at its 194th session, with regard to IESALC, the issues raised in document 37 C/52, and *delegates* to the Board the authority to take such decisions as it may deem appropriate.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

15 Preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a global standard-setting instrument on the recognition of higher education qualifications

The General Conference,

Taking note of 191 EX/Decision 42,

Having examined the preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a global standard-setting instrument on the recognition of higher education qualifications (37 C/45),

1. *Recognizes* the benefits of a global normative instrument that will improve academic and professional mobility, enhance international cooperation in higher education, and represent a significant step forward towards global recognition and trust;
2. *Acknowledges* that such an instrument will provide a mechanism for assisting Member States to improve the quality of their higher education systems, in the context of contemporary transformations,
3. *Invites* the Director-General to initiate, in accordance with the applicable rules, the process of elaborating a global convention on the recognition of higher education qualifications, ensuring that its development will build upon and complement the regional conventions;
4. *Requests* the Director-General to undertake further comprehensive consultations with Member States and relevant stakeholders, in order to consider further key issues relating to the establishment of a global convention on the recognition of higher education qualifications;
5. *Also requests* the Director-General to continue to assist Member States in revising the existing regional conventions, as appropriate;
6. *Also invites* the Director-General to submit a preliminary report for Member States to it at its 38th session for consideration and decision on further action.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

16 Preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education

The General Conference,

Recalling that at its 19th session (Nairobi, 1976) it adopted the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education and *also recalling* 36 C/Resolution 13, by which it invited the Director-General to consider reviewing and updating the 1976 Recommendation,

Taking note of 191 EX/Decision 20 (II),

Having examined the preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1976 Recommendation (37 C/43),

1. *Decides* that the 1976 Recommendation should be revised to reflect contemporary educational, cultural, political, social and economic challenges, as set out in the Belém Framework for Action and to give renewed momentum to strengthening adult education;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to prepare such revision in consultation with the Member States and other stakeholders through various cost-effective measures, without convening the special committee referred to in Article 10, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution;
3. *Also invites* the Director-General to submit to it at its 38th session, a draft revised Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

17 Preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education

The General Conference,

Recalling that the Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education was adopted at its 12th session (1962), revised at its 18th session (1974) and revised further at its 31st session (2001),

Taking note of 190 EX/Decision 24 (III) and 191 EX/Decision 20 (III),

Having examined the preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 2001 Revised Recommendation (37 C/44),

1. *Decides* that the 2001 Revised Recommendation should be revised once more to reflect the new trends and issues in technical and vocational education and training;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to prepare such revision in consultation with the Member States and other stakeholders through various cost-effective measures, without convening the special committee referred to in Article 10, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution;
3. *Also invites* the Director-General to submit to it, at its 38th session, a draft revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

18 Self-evaluation of education for all in sub-Saharan Africa

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/COM.ED/DR.1 Rev.,

Recalling the draft resolution concerning the self-evaluation of EFA by the sub-Saharan African States discussed at the 36th session of the General Conference,

Bearing in mind that Africa and gender equality are the two global priorities of UNESCO for the UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy (2014-2021),

Taking into account the commitments made by the Dakar Forum in 2000 aimed at implementing the strategies with a view to reaching the EFA goals by 2015,

Noting with appreciation the major progress made by many countries, notably in Africa, to reach these goals, demonstrating a real political determination by the Member States in favour of EFA, which has been expressed by considerable budget efforts,

Noting however that in sub-Saharan Africa a number of countries will not be in a position to attain these goals and that it is important to help them catch up, notably by identifying the in-depth causes of these low performances,

Taking into account the need to undertake an assessment of EFA and the role of the other education subsectors before launching the "post-2015" phase through an anticipatory approach founded on data in the field by engaging the actors themselves,

Recognizing the leading role of UNESCO in the field of education and as world leader for EFA,

1. *Endorses* the self-evaluation initiative of EFA involving the organization of national and subregional consultations bringing together all the actors in the education communities (experts, field offices, specialized institutions) with the assistance of UNESCO, as well as personalities from other sectors and disciplines in order to broaden the perspective of EFA for development;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the initiative of UNESCO's Africa group and its desire to strengthen cooperation between the African Union, the Latin America and the Caribbean region, the Asia and the Pacific region, the European Union and UNESCO in favour of a holistic education strategy which includes all levels of education and addresses the development priorities of Africa,
3. *Invites* the Director-General to take into consideration the outcomes of the self-evaluation while preparing UNESCO's inputs to the United Nations' post-2015 development agenda;
4. *Also invites* the Director-General to provide technical assistance in the EFA self-evaluation process in sub-Saharan Africa at the national, subregional and regional levels through the combined participation of the central services, the field offices and the specialized institutes and centres of UNESCO;
5. *Expresses its gratitude* to all UNESCO Member States supporting this initiative, notably the Government of Lithuania, in its capacity as President of the Council of the European Union, for its political support for the EFA self-evaluation process and its generous invitation to host an international preparatory conference on post-2015 education in 2014;
6. *Invites* UNESCO Member States, governmental and non-governmental organizations, donor community, foundations and the private sector to contribute financially and by other appropriate means to the self-evaluation of EFA in sub-Saharan Africa.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

19 Establishment in Saudi Arabia, of the Regional Centre for Quality and Excellence in Education as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103, 190 EX/Decision 18 (II) and 192 EX/Decision 15 (II),

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part XI,

1. Welcomes the proposal of Saudi Arabia to establish, in its territory, a regional centre for quality and excellence in education in Saudi Arabia, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment, in Saudi Arabia, of the Regional Centre for Quality and Excellence in Education as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 192nd session (192 EX/15 (II));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

20 Establishment in Sirs El-Layyan, Egypt, of the Regional Centre for Adult Education (ASFEC) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 192 EX/Decision 15 (III),

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part XII,

1. Welcomes the proposal of Egypt to establish, in Sirs El-Layyan, a regional centre for adult education (ASFEC), as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr., and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment, in Sirs El-Layyan, Egypt, of the Regional Centre for Adult Education (ASFEC), as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 192nd session (192 EX/Decision 15 (III));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

21 Major Programme II – Natural Sciences

The General Conference,

1. *Authorizes the Director-General:*

- (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017, the plan of action for Major Programme II including the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), structured around six main lines of action, with special emphasis on Africa, gender equality, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), as well as youth and the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous peoples;
- (b) to resort also in the implementation of the plan of action for Major Programme II to South-South and North-South-South cooperation, as complementary modalities for delivery of the programme and to continue to develop partnerships with civil society, the private sector, organizations of the United Nations system, and other international organizations at all stages of programme development, in order to:

Strategic objective 4: Strengthening science, technology and innovation systems and policies – nationally, regionally and globally

- (i) assist in the creation and enhancement of enabling policy environments in Member States for science, technology and innovation for sustainable development including the strengthening of the science, policy and society interface to advance equity and social inclusion. This will include the mobilization of the full spectrum of sciences to advance sustainability science and to address complex and interlinked global challenges in a transdisciplinary way. Capacity-building for research and education in science and engineering will be advanced including through UNESCO institutes and centres, and targeted activities in collaboration with a wide range of public and private partners and with special emphasis on using the power of ICTs;

Strategic objective 5: Promoting international scientific cooperation on critical challenges to sustainable development

- (ii) promote the generation and sharing of knowledge in relation to natural resources, and capacity-building through international scientific collaboration for the protection and sustainable management of the ocean and coasts, terrestrial ecosystems, biodiversity, freshwater security and the rational management of the Earth's geological resources. Implementation will include, *inter alia*, the coordination of monitoring activities, the production of scientific assessments, catalyzing international collaborative projects, capacity-building, and the designation of site-specific examples of sustainable development. The promotion of disaster risk reduction related to natural hazards will be pursued, in particular through building capacity in early warning systems and assessments for tsunamis and other ocean-related hazards, floods and landslides to reduce risks and enhance preparedness and resilience;
- (c) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$62,404,100 including \$12,026,200 for IOC for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests the Director-General:*

- (a) to implement the various activities authorized by this resolution in such a manner that the expected results defined for the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, pertaining to Major Programme II are also fully achieved;
- (b) to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:

Main line of action 1: Strengthening STI policies, governance and the science-policy-society interface

- (1) STI policies and governance bolstered nationally, regionally and globally;
- (2) Science-policy interface enhanced and sustainability science both promoted and applied;
- (3) Mutual engagement of science with society reinforced to promote equity and inclusion of vulnerable groups, including SIDS and indigenous peoples;

Main line of action 2: Building institutional capacities in science and engineering

- (4) Capacity-building in research and education in the natural sciences enhanced, including through the use of ICTs;
- (5) Interdisciplinary engineering research and education for sustainable development advanced and applied;

Main line of action 3: Promoting knowledge and capacity for protecting and sustainably managing the ocean and coasts

- (6) Scientific understanding of ocean and coastal processes bolstered and used by Member States to improve the management of the human relationship with the ocean;
- (7) Risks and impacts of ocean-related hazard reduced, climate change adaptation and mitigation measures taken, and policies for healthy ocean ecosystems developed and implemented by Member States;
- (8) Member States' institutional capacities reinforced to protect and sustainably manage ocean and coastal resources;

Main line of action 4: Fostering international science collaboration for earth systems, biodiversity, and disaster risk reduction

- (9) Global cooperation in the ecological and geological sciences expanded;
- (10) Risk reduction improved, early warning of natural hazards strengthened and disaster preparedness and resilience enhanced;

Main line of action 5: Strengthening the role of ecological sciences and biosphere reserves

- (11) Use of biosphere reserves as learning places for equitable and sustainable development and for climate change mitigation and adaptation strengthened;

Main line of action 6: Strengthening freshwater security

- (12) Responses to local, regional and global water security challenges strengthened;
- (13) Knowledge, innovation, policies and human and institutional capacities for water security strengthened through improved international cooperation;

- (c) to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities;
- (d) to undertake, during the period 2014-2017, a review of the main lines of action and their expected results, including those of the intergovernmental and international programmes and category 1 institutes and centres pertaining to Major Programme II, and to propose their continuation, reorientation, including possible reinforcement, exit strategies or termination, based on clear evaluation criteria.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

22 UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE)

The General Conference,

Recognizing the increasing importance of water education and capacity-building in promoting research and training for the sound management of natural resources, and the role of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education therein,

Conscious that UNESCO-IHE, as an entirely extrabudgetary institute, has over the last ten years proven to be a successful model, one that is innovative and entrepreneurial in its approach to management and programme delivery,

1. *Invites* the Governing Board of UNESCO-IHE to maintain and strengthen the Institute's role as a leader in water education, capacity-building and research in order to:
 - (a) contribute towards increased capacity to effectively resolve water management problems at all scales for the benefit of developing countries and countries in transition;
 - (b) implement the various activities authorized by this resolution in such a manner that the expected results defined for the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, pertaining to Major Programme II are also fully achieved;
 - (c) identify opportunities to accommodate the needs of qualified young water professionals who apply to UNESCO-IHE but cannot be accepted due to lack of space;

- (d) use the existing UNESCO-IHE network of more than 60 partner institutes worldwide to share Master of Science (M.Sc.) education, capacity-building and research cooperation under strict quality control and in a coordinated manner;
2. *Requests* the Governing Board of UNESCO-IHE to report periodically to the governing bodies of UNESCO, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
 - (1) Sustainable development enhanced through water education and training, primarily in developing countries;
 - (2) Research capacity in the water sector increased, focusing on MDGs-related topics and primarily aimed at solving problems in developing countries;
 - (3) Capacity to support local water-related organizations increased.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

23 **Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)**

The General Conference,

Recognizing the important role of the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), as a category 1 UNESCO centre, in fostering capacities and knowledge in theoretical and applied physics, pure applied mathematics, in interdisciplinary areas including climate change, and disaster risk reduction, and in the new scientific fields at ICTP of renewable energy, quantitative biology and high-performance computing, with a special focus on developing countries, under Major Programme II,

1. *Requests* the ICTP Steering Committee and Scientific Council, in accordance with the ICTP Statutes, host country agreements, and this resolution, when approving the Centre's budget for 2014-2015:
 - (a) to implement during the period 2014-2015, the plan of action for the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) structured around three lines of action, with special emphasis on Africa, gender equality, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), as well as youth;
 - (b) to resort also in the implementation of the plan of action for ICTP to South-South and North-South-South cooperation, as complementary modalities for delivery of the programme and to continue to develop partnerships with civil society, the private sector, organizations of the United Nations system, and other international organizations at all stages of programme development, in order to achieve the expected results listed below;
 - (c) to reinforce ICTP capacity for research, education and networking in the physical and mathematical sciences, as well as in new interdisciplinary areas, for the benefit of scientists from developing countries, ensuring that staff scientists remain at the forefront of their fields;
2. *Authorizes* the Director-General to support ICTP by providing a financial allocation for this purpose of \$1,015,000 for the period 2014-2015;
3. *Requests* the Director-General:
 - (a) to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
 - (1) ICTP scientific expertise in new research areas expanded through the promotion of interdisciplinary research and consolidation of the programmes in the new research fields of renewable energy, quantitative biology and high-performance computing;
 - (2) Capacity in basic sciences, in particular physics and mathematics, enhanced in developing countries through education and training of scientists;
 - (3) ICTP's and UNESCO's impact expanded through enhanced outreach activities, ICTP regional partner institutes created, regional activities funded by local institutions, and Internet-based techniques for scientific education and access to scientific knowledge improved;
 - (b) to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities;
4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Italian Government, and the Member States and other entities that have supported the Centre through voluntary contributions, and *invites* them to continue their support in 2014-2015 and beyond;
5. *Appeals* to Member States, international organizations, donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to provide or renew support to enable ICTP to implement and expand the activities envisaged herein.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

24 **Renewal of the Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education**

The General Conference,

Recalling its decision to create the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (31 C/Resolution 16),

Reiterating the importance of freshwater within UNESCO's programme and within the MDGs, and the role and responsibility of the Organization in providing the requisite education, training and capacity-development services needed by Member States,

Having considered document 37 C/54,

1. *Underscores* the importance of ensuring the long-term financial viability of the Institute, in order to ensure continuity of education and capacity development services of strategic importance to Member States;
2. *Expresses* once again its sincere appreciation to the Government of the Netherlands for its valuable financial support to the Institute, and *also thanks* other donors for their support;
3. *Recalls* that UNESCO-IHE operates entirely on extrabudgetary support;
4. *Recognizes* that this is a unique model within UNESCO which implies particular challenges;
5. *Authorizes* the Director-General to renew the revised Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands, before the expiry date of the current Agreement (31 December 2013), for a further period of three years (2014-2016) and to automatically extend the Agreement to 2018, provided that no cost or financial risk is incurred by the Organization and that the conditions stipulated in Article 5 of the Operational Agreement (second renewal) and set out in paragraph 8 of document 37 C/54 are met.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

25 Proclamation by the United Nations of 2015 as international year of light

The General Conference,

Recognizing the importance of light and optical technologies in everyone's life, and for the future development of society on many levels,

Stressing that enhanced global awareness of, and increased education in, the science and technologies of light is vital to address challenges such as sustainable development, energy, and community health, and to improve the quality of life in both developed and developing countries,

Considering that the applications of light science and technology are essential to existing and future advances in medicine, communications, entertainment and culture, and that light-based technologies directly respond to the needs of humankind by providing access to information and increasing societal health and well-being,

Noting that 2015 celebrates a series of important milestones in the history of the physics of light, specifically the great works on optics by Ibn al-Haytham 1,000 years ago, the notion of light as a wave proposed by Fresnel in 1815, the electromagnetic theory of light propagation proposed by Maxwell in 1865, the embedding of light in cosmology through general relativity in 1915, and the discovery of the cosmic microwave background in 1965,

Being aware that celebrating these discoveries in 2015 provides an unparalleled opportunity to highlight the continuous nature of scientific discovery in different contexts, with particular emphasis on promoting basic sciences education and capacity-building among young men and women, particularly in developing countries and emerging economies, including in Africa,

Also being aware that UNESCO will play a lead role in coordinating, promoting and implementing science and technologies of light activities at the national and regional levels around the world during this international year,

1. *Invites* the Director-General to support all efforts leading to the proclamation of 2015 as international year of light;
2. *Recommends* that the United Nations General Assembly, at its sixty-eighth session, adopt a resolution declaring 2015 as International Year of Light.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

26 UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative

The General Conference,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 31 on cooperation between UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network (GGN), 190 EX/Decision 5 (I) and 191 EX/Decision 5 (III),

1. *Endorses* 192 EX/Decision 9 of the Executive Board, without prejudice to any implications for the regular budget;
2. *Takes note* of document 37 C/46;
3. *Calls on* the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 194th session a report on possible ways to protect and strengthen brand recognition of biosphere reserves, world heritage properties, and proposed UNESCO global geoparks.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

27 Establishment in Montevideo, Uruguay, of the Regional Centre for Groundwater Management for Latin America and the Caribbean as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 190 EX/Decision 18 (V),

Also recalling Resolution XX-6 adopted at the 20th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in June 2012,

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part II,

1. Welcomes the proposal of Uruguay to establish in Montevideo a regional centre for groundwater management for Latin America and the Caribbean, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment in Montevideo, Uruguay, of the Regional Centre for Groundwater Management for Latin America and the Caribbean, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 190th session (190 EX/Decision 18 (V));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

28 Establishment in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, of the African Centre for Global Change and Water Resources Research as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 191 EX/Decision 14 (IV),

Also recalling Resolution XIX-6 adopted at the 19th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in July 2010,

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part III,

1. Welcomes the proposal of South Africa to establish in Pietermaritzburg an African centre for global change and water resources research, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr., and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, of the African Centre for Global Change and Water Resources Research as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 14(IV));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

29 Establishment in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, of the International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (I-WSSM) at the K-Water Institute as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 191 EX/Decision 14 (IX),

Also recalling Resolution XX-6 adopted at the 20th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in June 2012,

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part IV,

1. Welcomes the proposal of the Republic of Korea to establish at the K-Water Institute in Daejeon an international centre for water security and sustainable management as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment at the K-Water Institute in Daejeon, Republic of Korea of the International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 14 (IX));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

30 Establishment in Stockholm, Sweden, of the International Centre for Water Cooperation as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 191 EX/Decision 14 (X),

Also recalling Resolution XX-6 adopted at the 20th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in June 2012,

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part V,

1. Welcomes the proposal of Sweden to establish at the Stockholm International Water Institute an international centre for water cooperation as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Notes the deviations between, on the one hand, the draft agreement between UNESCO, the Government of Sweden and the Stockholm International Water Institute and, on the other hand, the model agreement for category 2 centres approved by the General Conference by 35 C/Resolution 103, as explained in the annex to document 191 EX/14 Part X;

3. Approves the establishment in Sweden of the International Centre for Water Cooperation as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 14(X));
4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement .

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

31 Establishment in Beijing, China, of the International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

*The General Conference,
Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 191 EX/Decision 14 (V),
Having examined document 37 C/18 Part VI,*

1. Welcomes the proposal of China to establish in Beijing an international knowledge centre for engineering sciences and technology, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment in Beijing, China, of the International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 14(V));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

32 Establishment in Aalborg, Denmark, of the Centre for Problem-Based Learning in Engineering Science and Sustainability as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

*The General Conference,
Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 191 EX/Decision 14 (VIII),
Having examined document 37 C/18 Part VII,*

1. Welcomes the proposal of Denmark to establish in Aalborg an Aalborg centre for problem-based learning in engineering science and sustainability as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment, in Aalborg, Denmark, of the Aalborg Centre for Problem-Based Learning in Engineering Science and Sustainability as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 14(VIII));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

33 Establishment in Langfang, China, of the International Centre on Global-Scale Geochemistry as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

*The General Conference,
Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 191 EX/Decision 14 (III),
Having examined document 37 C/18 Part VIII,*

1. Welcomes the proposal of China to establish in Langfang an international centre on global-scale geochemistry as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment in Langfang, China, of the International Centre on Global-Scale Geochemistry as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 14 (III));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

34 Establishment of the International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology (IIZIS), in Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, at the Sts Cyril and Methodius University as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

*The General Conference,
Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 191 EX/Decision 14 (II),
Having examined document 37 C/18 Part X,*

1. Welcomes the proposal of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to establish at the Sts Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje an international institute of earthquake engineering and engineering seismology (IZIIS) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment of the International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology (IZIIS), at the Sts Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 14(II));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

35 Establishment in Castellet i la Gornal, Spain, of the International Centre on Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 192 EX/Decision 15 (IV),

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part XIII,

1. Welcomes the proposal of Spain to establish in Castellet i la Gornal an international centre for Mediterranean biosphere reserves: two coastlines united by their culture and nature, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment in Castellet i la Gornal, Spain, of the International Centre for Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves: Two Coastlines United by their Culture and Nature as a category 2 centre, under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 192nd session (192 EX/15 (IV));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

36 Establishment in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, within the Iranian National Institute of Oceanography and Atmospheric Science (INIOAS), of the Regional Educational and Research Centre on Oceanography for Western Asia as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 192 EX/Decision 15 (IX),

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part XVII,

1. Welcomes the proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish in Tehran a regional educational and research centre on oceanography for Western Asia, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment, in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, within the premises of the Iranian National Institute of Oceanography and Atmospheric Science (INIOAS), of the Regional Educational and Research Centre on Oceanography for Western Asia, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 192nd session (192 EX/Decision 15(IX));
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

37 Major Programme III – Social and Human Sciences

The General Conference,

1. Authorizes the Director-General:

- (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017, the plan of action for Major Programme III structured around three main lines of action, with special emphasis on Africa, gender equality, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), as well as youth and the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous peoples;
- (b) to resort also in the implementation of the plan of action for Major Programme III to South-South and North-South-South cooperation, as complementary modalities for delivery of the programme and to continue to develop partnerships with civil society, the private sector, research institutions, organizations of the United Nations system, and other international organizations at all stages of programme development, in order to:

Strategic objective 6: Supporting inclusive social development, fostering intercultural dialogue for the rapprochement of cultures and promoting ethical principles

- (i) mobilize the social and human sciences to enable social transformations and intercultural dialogue conducive to social inclusion, poverty eradication, environmental resilience, elimination of discrimination, violence prevention and peaceful resolution and social responsibility with a forward looking and strategic approach through:
- strengthening the links between research and policy-making in relation to social transformation and cultural pluralism for sustainable inclusive social development including with the participation of youth and built on the long standing experience of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme;
 - supporting the development and implementation of fully inclusive human rights-based, gender-sensitive and socially-inclusive policies that promote the welfare of marginalized groups and those exposed to environmental vulnerability and the culture of peace and non-violence by reinforcing human and institutional capacities, at the national and municipal level, taking into account also issues related to access to information and new means of communication;
 - leading focused initiatives in education, the sciences, culture, communication and information that support the emergence of more inclusive and resilient societies and broad-based intercultural dialogue;
 - mobilizing foresight techniques, critical thinking, philosophy and humanities, to map out current and future needs in terms of inclusion and sustainability and to design innovative proposals for the development of public policies, bridging evidence-based and action-oriented research, policy-making and practice;
- (ii) further strengthen UNESCO's actions in bioethics and clarify the ethical, legal and societal implications of cutting-edge science, emerging technologies and their applications through an inclusive international dialogue, in particular by:
- fostering international, regional and national debate on bioethical issues through the work of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC), the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) and the UNESCO Chairs in bioethics and human rights, including monitoring emerging bioethical challenges in order to promote, if necessary, further normative actions and the creation of national bioethics committees;
 - promoting existing standard-setting instruments in the field of bioethics (Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, International Declaration on Human Genetic Data, Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights), and support Member States in their implementation;
 - ensuring, through education and awareness-raising, that relevant audiences are familiarized both with key ethical challenges and with the resources available to address them, in particular through the maintenance and development of the online Global Ethics Observatory (GEObs) with the assistance of IBC and the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) and the development and dissemination of appropriate ethics pedagogical materials;
 - promoting the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) as a forum for international expert discussion of scientific responsibility and the ethical, legal and societal aspects of science governance and sustainable development;
 - developing a comprehensive international ethical, legal and societal framework for science based on recognition and effective implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers and pursuing efforts towards its revision;
 - enhancing understanding of the emerging ethical, legal, environmental and societal implications of convergence between nanotechnologies, biotechnologies, information technologies and cognitive science;
- (iii) ensure a multidisciplinary and coordinated action by UNESCO on youth, in line with the UNESCO Operational Strategy on Youth for 2014-2021, in particular by:
- providing upstream policy advice and capacity development for the formulation or review of transversal and inclusive public policies on youth, favouring the equal participation of young women and men and in line with national needs;
 - fostering youth civic engagement and supporting youth-led or youth-focused initiatives enabling democratic participation, social innovation and community building;
 - coordinating the UNESCO-wide Youth Programme and ensuring a comprehensive UNESCO contribution to the United Nations collaborative work on youth guided by the Five-Year Action Agenda of the United Nations Secretary-General and the World Programme of Action for Youth;
- (iv) capitalize the potential of sport as a means in mobilizing sustainable development, social inclusion and ethical principles, working where appropriate, with the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) and its Permanent Consultative Council by:
- guiding national and international policy development in the areas of physical education and sport in coordination with United Nations agencies;
 - contributing to designing appropriate governance frameworks and carry out capacity building to safeguard the integrity of sport;
 - enacting national anti-doping policies in accordance with the 2005 International Convention against Doping in Sport, monitoring the convention's implementation and supporting capacity

- building at the national and regional levels through the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport;
- (v) coordinate the application of a human rights-based approach across all programmes and activities of the Organization and coordinate input to United Nations human rights mechanisms, such as the Universal Periodic Review, and to United Nations inter-agency processes, including the United Nations Development Group (UNDG);
- (c) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$33,197,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests the Director-General:*
- (a) to implement the various activities authorized by this resolution in such a manner that the expected results defined for the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, pertaining to Major Programme III are also fully achieved;
- (b) to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
- Main line of action 1: Mobilizing future-oriented research, knowledge and policy making to support social transformations, social inclusion and intercultural dialogue**
- (1) Future-oriented social science and humanities research on social transformations and intercultural dialogue enhanced through the uses of sustainability science as well as fully inclusive human rights-based and gender-sensitive initiatives to strengthen national social science policy and international scientific cooperation;
- (2) Focused initiatives in education, culture, the sciences, communication and information developed that support the emergence of more inclusive societies and greater intercultural dialogue;
- (3) Capacities of decision-makers, civil society organizations and other key stakeholders strengthened, to design and implement innovative proposals for the development of public policies in favour of social inclusion and intercultural dialogue, particularly targeting disadvantaged populations;
- Main line of action 2: Empowering Member States to manage the ethical, legal, environmental and societal implications of scientific and technological challenges with a view to achieving inclusive and sustainable social development**
- (4) Capacities of Member States strengthened to manage bioethical challenges arising from science and technology, operationalize universal bioethical principles, and engage fully in the global bioethical debate;
- (5) Ethical, legal and social implications of cutting-edge science, emerging technologies and their applications identified;
- Main line of action 3: Building policies through a participatory process with stakeholders in both the fields of youth and of sports; supporting youth development and civic engagement and promoting a human rights-based approach in UNESCO's programmes**
- (6) Capacities of Member States strengthened to design and implement multi-stakeholder and inclusive public youth policies, and young women and men engaged in community building and democratic processes;
- (7) Multi-stakeholder and inclusive public policies designed and implemented by Member States in the field of physical education, sports and anti-doping;
- (8) Human rights-based approach further integrated in activities across UNESCO's major programmes and in all the phases of programme cycle;
- (c) to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities;
- (d) to undertake, during the period 2014-2017, a review of the main lines of actions and their expected results, including those of the intergovernmental and international programmes pertaining to Major Programme III and to propose their continuation, reorientation, including possible reinforcement, exit strategies or termination, based on clear evaluation criteria.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SHS Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

38 Follow-up of the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V)

The General Conference,

Having examined documents 37 C/INF.14 and 37 C/INF.16,

Recognizing UNESCO's International Conferences of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS) held in Paris in 1976, Moscow in 1988, Punta del Este in 1999, Athens in 2004 and Berlin in 2013 as the most important worldwide platform for international sport policy development and international physical education policy development,

Recalling the fact that the recommendations issued by these conferences have contributed to strengthening the educational, cultural and social dimension of sport and physical education worldwide and have raised awareness for new developments as well as for global challenges for sport and physical education,

Convinced that quality physical education and access to sport for all constitute important prerequisites for individual and social development, an essential contribution to education, a major socio-economic factor and a bridge to foster peace and understanding between peoples,

Bearing in mind that political, social and cultural changes resulting from continuous progress in media and communication technologies create new opportunities worldwide for developing sport but also new challenges and responsibilities for sport organizations as well as governments with regard to safeguarding human rights in the world of sport,

Emphasizing that due to global threats to the integrity of sport, the international fight against doping, corruption and manipulation in sport requires the strong support of all UNESCO Member States, in particular through the implementation of the International Convention against Doping in Sport (2005) adopted at MINEPS IV and the Declaration of Berlin (2013) adopted by more than 120 UNESCO Member States at MINEPS V,

Welcoming the measures which UNESCO, its Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) and its Member States undertook to organize MINEPS V held in Berlin from 28 to 30 May 2013 with the generous support of the Federal Republic of Germany,

1. *Endorses* the commitments, recommendations and appeals included in the Declaration of Berlin;
2. *Invites* Member States to implement these recommendations and appeals;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to ensure a lead role for UNESCO in the follow-up process of MINEPS V by using the Declaration of Berlin as the key reference for future activities within the framework of UNESCO's anti-doping and sport programme, avoiding at the same time any additional financial obligations on the regular budget;
4. *Encourages* CIGEPS to support the follow-up process of the Declaration of Berlin and the monitoring of its implementation;
5. *Supports* the findings of MINEPS V and acknowledges the First Follow-Up Meeting for the Latin American and the Caribbean Region, supported by the Government of Colombia and held in Bogota on 18 and 19 October 2013 with regard to the revision of UNESCO's International Charter of Physical Education and Sport (1978);
6. *Also requests* the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board, at its 194th session, a report on the desirability of a revised Charter that should also ideally present a picture of the operational implications of such revision and *delegates* to the Executive Board the authority to determine if a revised Charter is desirable;
7. *Further requests* the Director-General, assisted by CIGEPS and in consultation with Member States and subject to availability of extrabudgetary funds, to prepare a draft text of a revised Charter to be submitted to the Executive Board at its 196th session, with a view its examination and adoption by the General Conference at its 38th session, provided that the Executive Board has determined, at its 194th session, that a revised Charter is desirable.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SHS Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

39 Proclamation by the United Nations of an international day of sports and physical activity

The General Conference,

Recalling 192 EX/Decision 38, by which the Executive Board welcomed and endorsed the recommendation of the Declaration of the United Nations' Third International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development to proclaim an "international day of sport and physical activity",

Welcoming the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly, at its 67th session on 23 August 2013, of resolution 67/296 proclaiming International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, to be celebrated on 6 April,

Also recalling resolution 67/17, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 November 2012, which recognizes the potential of sport to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, sustainable development and peace,

Reaffirming the fundamental principles enshrined in UNESCO's International Charter of Physical Education and Sport and in the Olympic Charter,

Recognizing the unique potential of sport to foster social inclusion,

1. *Invites* the Director-General to cooperate with the United Nations system, the relevant international organizations and national sports organizations, civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector and all other relevant stakeholders to observe and raise awareness of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace as outlined in document 37 C/60;
2. *Requests* the Director-General, in document 37 C/5, to place the contribution of UNESCO to the celebration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace in the context of the follow-up to the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V) and the implementation of the Declaration of Berlin;
3. *Stresses* that any additional activities that may arise from the celebration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace should be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funds;
4. *Also invites* the Director-General to report to it, at its 38th session, on the implementation of this resolution.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SHS Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

40 Revision of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session in 1974

The General Conference,

Recalling 189 EX/Decision 13(III), 190 EX/Decision 24(IV), and 192 EX/Decision 10,

Pursuant to Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution, Having examined document 37 C/59,

1. *Decides* that the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers should be revised to reflect the contemporary ethical and regulatory challenges relating to the governance of science and science-society relationship, taking account, *inter alia*, of the 1999 Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge and the 2005 Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, in order to provide a powerful and relevant statement of science ethics as the basis for science policies that would favour the creation of an institutional order conducive to the realization of Article 27, paragraph 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to prepare such a revision in consultation with Member States and other stakeholders over a period of four years from 2014 to 2017 through, to the extent possible, various cost-effective measures, in particular in the 2014-2015 biennium, and through mobilizing extrabudgetary funds in the order of \$120,000 in the 2016-2017 biennium; to submit to it at its 38th session a progress report on action undertaken to revise the 1974 Recommendation which should include, *inter alia*, proposals for financing the organization of a special committee consisting of technical and legal experts appointed by Member States, to which all Member States shall be invited as full participants (category II meeting) in order to enable the General Conference to take the formal decision on this issue; and to submit to it at its 39th session a draft of the revised Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers;
3. *Appeals* to Member States and potential donors for extrabudgetary funding to enable greater in-depth consultations on the proposed revision of the 1974 Recommendation and, in particular, the convening of a special committee consisting of technical and legal experts appointed by Member States (category II meeting) at least four months before the opening of the 39th session of the General Conference.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SHS Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

41 **Establishment in Chungju, Republic of Korea, of the International Centre of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO**

*The General Conference,
Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 191 EX/Decision 14 (VI),
Having examined document 37 C/18 Part IX,*

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Republic of Korea, to establish in Chungju an international centre of martial arts for youth development and engagement, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. *Approves* the establishment in Chungju, Republic of Korea, of the International Centre of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 14 (VI));
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SHS Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

42 **Major Programme IV – Culture**

*The General Conference,
1. Authorizes the Director-General:*

- (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017, the plan of action for Major Programme IV structured around two main lines of action, with special emphasis on Africa, gender equality, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), as well as youth and the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous peoples;
- (b) to resort also in the implementation of the plan of action for Major Programme IV to South-South and North-South-South cooperation, as complementary modalities for delivery of the programme, to continue to develop partnerships with civil society, the private sector, organizations of the United Nations system, and other international organizations at all stages of programme development, and to pursue advocacy for the role of culture as an enabler and driver of sustainable development with the view to integrating culture in the post-2015 development agenda, in order to:

Strategic objective 7: Protecting, promoting and transmitting heritage

- (i) protect and conserve the heritage in all its forms, and promote the wise and sustainable management thereof, in order to underscore the central role of heritage in promoting sustainable development, reconciliation and dialogue within and among countries, including through strengthened relationships with other relevant conventions such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention, as well as intergovernmental programmes such as the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and the Programme on Man and the Biosphere; specifically strengthen the implementation of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, and articulate international efforts needed to ensure its effective implementation and progressive development;

- (ii) pursue flagship initiatives on cultural interactions and intercultural dialogue such as the Slave Route project and the pedagogical use of UNESCO's general and regional histories, in particular the *General History of Africa*;
- (iii) promote the social and educational roles of museums as vectors for intercultural dialogue, including their key role in the fight against trafficking in cultural property, as well as develop their links with all the cultural conventions;
- (iv) provide children and youth with basic knowledge on heritage conservation and values, develop mutual understanding and networks among students and teachers and raise awareness among local communities about their heritage, including through a unified Heritage in Young Hands programme;

Strategic objective 8: Fostering creativity and the diversity of cultural expressions

- (v) strengthen the legal, policy and institutional environments that promote living heritage and creativity and support the diversity of cultural expressions, through the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage and support for the emergence of dynamic cultural and creative industries, particularly mechanisms that foster local production of cultural goods and services, the development of local markets and access to platforms for their distribution/exchange worldwide, thereby highlighting the role of cultural and creative industries in poverty alleviation through job creation and income generation, and providing further evidence of the link between culture and sustainable development in the post-2015 development agenda. Particular attention will be given to capacity-building in priority areas, including for youth. Attention will also be given to reinvigorating the international debate to improve socio-economic conditions for artists;
 - (c) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$54,121,700 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests the Director-General:*
- (a) to implement the various activities authorized by this resolution in such a manner that the expected results defined for the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, pertaining to Major Programme IV are also fully achieved;
 - (b) to report periodically to the governing bodies, in statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:

Main line of action 1: Protecting, conserving, promoting and transmitting culture, heritage and history for dialogue and development

- (1) Tangible heritage identified, protected, monitored and sustainably managed by Member States, in particular through the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention;
- (2) Policy dialogue promoted to combat illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property through enhanced, strengthened and more efficient international cooperation, including the implementation of the 1970 Convention and enhanced capacities of museums;
- (3) Global, strategic and forward-looking directions developed and applied through the effective implementation of the 1954 Convention and its two Protocols and multiplier effect achieved;
- (4) Global, strategic and forward-looking directions developed and applied through the effective implementation of the 2001 Convention and multiplier effect achieved;
- (5) Access to knowledge enhanced through the promotion of shared history and memory for reconciliation and dialogue;

Main line of action 2: Supporting and promoting the diversity of cultural expressions, the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage, and the development of cultural and creative industries

- (6) National capacities strengthened and utilized to safeguard the intangible cultural heritage, including indigenous and endangered languages, through the effective implementation of the 2003 Convention;
- (7) National capacities strengthened and utilized for the development of policies and measures to promote the diversity of cultural expressions, through the effective implementation of the 2005 Convention;
- (c) to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities;
- (d) to undertake, during the period 2014-2017, a review of the main lines of action and their expected results, including those of the intergovernmental and international programmes pertaining to Major Programme IV, and to propose their continuation, reorientation, including possible reinforcement, exit strategies or termination, based on clear evaluation criteria.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

43 Preliminary study on the technical, legal and museological aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections

The General Conference,

Having examined document 191 EX/8, containing a preliminary study of the technical, legal and museological aspects of the desirability of a new standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections,

Taking note of the conclusions of the Expert Meeting on the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 11-14 July 2012) that existing legal instruments are insufficient to cope with the new challenges relating to this matter,

Taking into consideration the new challenges that have emerged and the new approaches concerning the protection and promotion of museums and collections, and the economic, social, educational and scientific roles of museums, and their role in the fight against the traffic in cultural property,

Recalling that, in a rapidly changing world, UNESCO, in cooperation with the International Council of Museums (ICOM), should play a leading role in articulating principles and guidelines to support Member States in developing and strengthening their museum policies, in all forms, including scientific research, taking into consideration the needs and aspirations of local communities,

Invites the Director-General to prepare, under extrabudgetary funding, in close cooperation with ICOM, and in consultation with the Member States, a preliminary text of a new non-binding standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of various aspects of the role of museums and collections, to complement existing standard-setting instruments, in the form of a recommendation, and to submit the text to it at its 38th session.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

44 Jerusalem and the implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43

The General Conference,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 43, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), 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), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage,

Affirming that nothing in the present resolution, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of 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,

Having examined document 37 C/16,

1. *Expresses* its sincere thanks to the Director-General for her sustained efforts for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in compliance with 35 C/Resolution 49 of the General Conference, and *reiterates its concern* as to the obstacles and practices, unilateral or otherwise, affecting the preservation of the distinctive character of the Old City of Jerusalem;
2. *Thanks* international donors for their generous contributions to the UNESCO Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, and *calls upon* Member States and the international donor community to further support, through extrabudgetary funding, activities aimed at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular in the context of the Action Plan;
3. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Director-General for the progress made in the implementation of conservation, restoration and training activities in the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular with regard to the development of an architectural heritage conservation institute in partnership with the Welfare Association, thanks to a financial contribution from the European Commission, the successful establishment of the Al-Aqsa Centre for the Restoration of Islamic Manuscripts in al-Ashrafiya Madrasa, and the refurbishment and revitalization of the Islamic Museum of al-Haram ash-Sharif, thanks to the generous financial contribution from Saudi Arabia;
4. *Recognizes* the concerns raised about the Israeli archaeological excavations and works in the "Old City and on both sides of the walls" of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls;
5. *Invites* the Director-General to pursue her efforts with the parties concerned for the safeguarding of the outstanding universal value of the Old City of Jerusalem;

Recalling that this item is included in the agenda of the 194th session of the Executive Board,

6. *Invites* the Director-General to present to it at its 38th session a progress report on the implementation of the UNESCO Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, and *decides* to inscribe this item on the agenda of its 38th session.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

45 UNESCO's association with the World Performing Arts Capital

The General Conference,

Considering that the United Nations have recognized culture as an enabler for creative industry, a driver for sustainable development and an integral element in the culture of peace, as enshrined in United Nations General Assembly resolution 66/208, and reaffirmed in the Hangzhou Declaration,

Reiterating the historical importance of the performing arts (theatre, dramatic arts, dance, musical performances and related disciplines) for humanity, their value for promoting understanding, tolerance and dialogue and as intangible heritage enriching our world, and the need to preserve, promote and innovate within the framework of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions,

Recalling that UNESCO and the International Theatre Institute (ITI) have developed a powerful and longstanding partnership in the field of creativity and the arts, since ITI's establishment under the auspices of UNESCO in 1948, relentlessly pursuing its mission to promote international exchange of knowledge and practice in

the domain of the performing arts, and continuously seeking to use the power of the performing arts as an indispensable bridge-builder for inclusion, international understanding and peace,

Recalling also that for more than six decades ITI has collaborated with UNESCO on its worldwide activities such as World Theatre Day and International Dance Day, including work to foster the growth of performing arts sectors in Africa and developing countries, to improve the status of artists, especially women, and to strengthen the role of theatre for social cohesion, especially in conflict and post-conflict situations,

Confident that the selection of a city by ITI and its affiliated organizations in partnership with UNESCO, designated as World Performing Arts Capital for one year can provide incentive and encouragement for the dynamic application of culture for peace and sustainable development,

Emphasizing that the city chosen and the international professional associations involved would need to make a special effort throughout the year to conduct significant activities in that place, emphasizing training and education in the performing arts and providing cultural services to vulnerable groups to promote social cohesion and transformation as well as encouraging diverse artistic expressions,

1. *Endorses* this initiative and *invites* UNESCO's Member States and the Secretariat to work with the International Theatre Institute (ITI) as coordinator for the application of standard selection criteria in a spirit of public-private partnership for the continued creative growth of the theatrical profession and arts education with linkages to and synergies with all regions of the world,
2. *Notes* that the proclamation of World Performing Arts Capital will not have financial implications for UNESCO, nor a significant impact in terms of in-kind contributions,
3. *Urges* the Director-General to ensure the Organization's moral and intellectual support for the design and implementation of this project.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

46 Proposal for the establishment, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo of a regional centre for arts and culture as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103,

Having examined document 37 C/COM.CLT/DR.3,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Argentina to establish, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo in Buenos Aires, a regional centre for arts and culture, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
2. *Invites* the Executive Board to examine, at its 194th session, the corresponding draft agreement and to approve, if it deems it appropriate to do so, the establishment, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo, of a regional centre for arts and culture, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
3. *Also invites* the Executive Board to authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

47 Establishment in Dehradun, India, of the Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia and the Pacific Region as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 192 EX/Decision 15 (V),

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part XIV,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of India to establish in Dehradun a centre for world natural heritage management and training for the Asia and the Pacific region as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. *Approves* the establishment in Dehradun, India, of the Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia and the Pacific Region as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 192nd session (192 EX/15 (V));
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

48 Establishment in Algiers, Algeria, of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Africa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 192 EX/Decision 15 (VI),

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part XV,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of Algeria to establish in Algiers a regional centre for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage in Africa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of

- institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. Approves the establishment in Algiers, Algeria, of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Africa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 192nd session (192 EX/Decision 15 (VI));
 3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

49 Major Programme V – Communication and Information

The General Conference

1. Authorizes the Director-General:

- (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017 the plan of action for Major Programme V, structured around two main lines of action, with special emphasis on Africa, gender equality, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), as well as youth and the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous peoples;
- (b) to resort also in the implementation of the plan of action for Major Programme V to South-South and North-South-South cooperation as complementary modalities for delivery of the programme and to continue to develop partnerships with civil society, the private sector, organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations at all stages of programme development, in order to:

Strategic objective 9: Promoting freedom of expression, media development, and access to information and knowledge

- (i) actively raise awareness of and build an international campaign to support and promote freedom of expression and access to information offline and online, as inalienable human rights. This will be accomplished through, among others, World Press Freedom Day (3 May), the awarding of the UNESCO-Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize and other relevant local, regional and international events. The free flow of information will also be promoted by working closely with governments, media, civil society and other stakeholders to design and implement related policies and legislative frameworks. These efforts will be complemented through the strengthening and reinforcing of self-regulation-based media accountability systems and efforts aimed at the adoption of professional and ethical standards in the media;
- (ii) lead international efforts to protect journalists by coordinating the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity and implementing the UNESCO Work Plan thereon, contributing information relevant to UNESCO's mandate in the framework of the Universal Periodic Review process of the United Nations Human Rights Council, and sensitizing governments and media to the role of journalists in building healthy democracies and the importance of ensuring their safety;
- (iii) support the development of an environment that encourages free and independent media, particularly in countries in transition and post-conflict situations. This will be accomplished through the promotion of journalism education, supporting the creation and growth of independent institutions and encouraging governments to develop a relevant media-enabling environment;
- (iv) promote media pluralism, including through World Radio Day celebrations (13 February), and work with community media, including community radio, to adopt programming guidelines for ensuring the representation of women and youth;
- (v) foster increased gender equity in media content and management by partnering with media institutions to apply and promote the Gender-Sensitive Indicators for Media (GSIM). The Organization will strengthen alliances with media partners to promote and develop mechanisms such as the Women Make the News initiative;
- (vi) empower citizens, particularly the youth, to access and harness the vast amounts of information and knowledge, by encouraging the adoption and integration of the media and information literacy (MIL) training curricula into national policies and strategies, and fostering relationships with youth organizations and other partners to promote the benefits of increased MIL competencies;
- (vii) support free, independent and pluralistic media in all Member States, *inter alia*, through the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC);
- (viii) strengthen and promote global media development by conducting assessments of national media based on UNESCO's Media Development Indicators (MDIs);
- (ix) reinforce capacities of journalists, journalism educators and their institutions, based on the UNESCO model curricula as a model for institutional excellence in this area, while encouraging the training of women journalists. Promote sustainable development by enhancing the abilities of journalists to report on science, development and democratic governance;
- (x) empower Member States to bridge the digital divide and address issues of accessibility by supporting the development of policy frameworks on universal access to information, information and communication technology (ICTs) and open solutions including, among others, the Open Educational Resources (OER) initiative and the Open Access Strategy, and encourage Member States to implement national policies relating to the Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace;
- (xi) foster universal access to information and knowledge resources available to Member States through the use of ICTs, by means of new media and information literacy (MIL) initiatives and the development of electronic alternative means (and tools) for continuing and lifelong education

- including broadband-enhanced ICTs, mobile devices and open solutions, especially targeting teachers, researchers, information professionals and scientists;
 - (xii) contribute to the building of knowledge societies, including through the implementation of the decisions of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), and supporting the Information for All Programme (IFAP) by strengthening the implementation and outreach of its priority areas, particularly in Africa and in small island developing States (SIDS);
 - (xiii) strengthen the Memory of the World Programme and further position it as the global mechanism for seeking solutions to the challenges of preservation of the documentary heritage, including in digital or digitized forms, and be at the forefront of evolving trends and developments in this area;
 - (xiv) reinforce the Memory of the World Programme by increasing human and financial resources and implement the Action Plan for Strengthening the Memory of the World Programme adopted by the Executive Board at its 191st session, with due consideration to the existing budgetary constraints;
 - (c) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$32,714,600 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests* the Director-General:
- (a) to implement the various activities authorized by this resolution in such a manner that the expected results defined for the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, pertaining to Major Programme V are fully achieved;
 - (b) to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:

Main line of action 1: Promoting an enabling environment for freedom of expression, press freedom and journalistic safety, facilitating pluralism and participation in media, and supporting sustainable and independent media institutions

- (1) The environment for freedom of expression, press freedom, journalistic safety and self-regulation strengthened, for both online and offline media platforms, and especially in post-conflict countries and countries in transition, through favourable policies and practices;
- (2) Pluralistic media institutions facilitated, including by adoption of gender-sensitive policies and through support for strengthened community media policy and practice, while citizens, and particularly youth, are empowered through enhanced media and information literacy (MIL) competencies;
- (3) Independence and sustainability of national media institutions bolstered, through innovative, policy-relevant, knowledge-enhancing International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) projects and through capacity-building for journalists and journalism schools;

Main line of action 2: Enabling universal access and preservation of information and knowledge

- (4) The Open Solutions for Knowledge Societies programme (open educational resources, open access, free and open source software, open training platform, open data and Open Cloud) and ICT accessibility, including for the disabled, and for all languages, promoted in Member States;
- (5) Documentary heritage in all its forms preserved through a strengthened Memory of the World Programme;
- (6) Member States supported in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and universal access to information enhanced, including through the Information for All Programme (IFAP);
- (c) to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities;
- (d) to undertake during the period 2014-2017 a review of the main lines of action and their expected results, including those of the intergovernmental and international programmes pertaining to Major Programme V, and to propose their continuation, reorientation, including possible reinforcement, exit strategies or termination, based on clear evaluation criteria.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

50 Report on the review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (2008-2013)

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/51 "Report on the review of the implementation of the intergovernmental Information for All Programme Strategic Plan (2008-2013)",

1. *Commends* the Information for All Programme (IFAP) Intergovernmental Council and its Bureau for their contribution to the preparation of this review;
2. *Takes note* of the fact that 52 Member States have provided substantive inputs to the review process;
3. *Confirms* its commitment to the global goal of universal access to information and knowledge for all, and to the priorities of the Information for All Programme;
4. *Also takes note* of the opinions expressed by Member States and *acknowledges* the findings and the conclusions of the review process;
5. *Invites* Member States and all concerned stakeholders to take into consideration the findings of the IFAP review in the process of the elaboration and implementation of their respective national policies, programmes and strategies for building equitable and inclusive knowledge societies;
6. *Urges* Member States to strengthen their participation in and contribution to the Information for All Programme.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

51 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes

The General Conference,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 56, which requested the Director-General to reinforce UNESCO's leading role in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) process,

Acknowledging the growing importance and impact of information and communication technology for development in all UNESCO's fields of competence,

Underscoring the importance of multi-stakeholder participation in the World Summit on the Information Society follow-up process,

Recognizing the results achieved at the first UNESCO-hosted WSIS+10 review event,

1. *Endorses* the Final Statement adopted at the first UNESCO-hosted WSIS+10 review event in February 2013;
2. *Invites* Member States and other partners to promote the Final Statement as a contribution to the overall WSIS+10 review;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to:
 - (a) continue building on UNESCO's comparative, interdisciplinary advantage by facilitating intersectoral activities in the field of inclusive knowledge societies for sustainable development;
 - (b) reinforce further UNESCO's leading role in the World Summit on the Information Society process by contributing actively, *inter alia*, to the ongoing WSIS review process;
 - (c) submit a report to it at its 38th session on the implementation of World Summit on the Information Society outcomes for a debate on the Organization's post-2015 WSIS involvement.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

52 Internet-related issues including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/61,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 57, 190 EX/Decision 5 (III) and 192 EX/Decision 40,

Taking into account the essential role of UNESCO's mandate in the area of the ethical dimensions of the information society and the several events, studies, publications, reports and other activities related to the subject advanced by the Organization since 1995,

Noting the report of the Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes contained in document 37 C/55 and the Final Statement adopted at the first UNESCO-hosted WSIS+10 review event in February 2013,

Bearing in mind that the Final Statement invites all stakeholders to protect the privacy and foster dignity to which everyone is entitled in cyberspace and encourages international and interdisciplinary reflection and debate on the ethical challenges of emerging technologies and the information society,

Committed to the full implementation in cyberspace of the human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Reaffirming the rights contained in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, including the right to freedom of expression and the right not to be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence, and the right to enjoy protection of the law against such interference or attacks, in accordance with Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Articles 17 and 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Taking note of the report by the United Nations Special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (A/HRC/23/40),

Also recalling United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 20/8 on "The promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet", affirming that the same rights that people have offline must also be protected online,

Also noting that privacy is essential to protect journalistic sources, which enable a society to benefit from investigative journalism, to strengthen good governance and the rule of law, and that such privacy should not be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference,

Further noting that, due to the transboundary nature of data flow, challenges regarding cyberspace are to be addressed at the national, regional and global levels through an inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogue,

Stressing UNESCO's role in the international multi-stakeholder debate concerning Internet-related issues, including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and the ethical dimensions of the information society,

1. *Requests* the Director-General to prepare a comprehensive study of the Internet-related issues within the mandate of UNESCO, including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy, and ethical dimensions of the information society, containing possible options for future actions through convening an inclusive multi-stakeholder process which includes governments, private sector, civil society, international organizations and the technical community, to inform her report to the General

- Conference at its 38th session on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes;¹
2. *Requests* that this process be open to all Member States and benefit from UNESCO's accumulated knowledge and past experience of these issues, and involve the relevant existing fora;
 3. *Also requests* the Director-General to inform Member States on a regular basis of the progress of the above-mentioned process, including the Executive Board at its 196th session;
 4. *Calls upon* Member States to engage fully in this process and to make every effort, including through extrabudgetary contributions, to finance additional meetings or other activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

53 Preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/48,

Recalling 191 EX/Decision 11 (II),

Also recalling UNESCO's Charter on the Preservation of Digital Heritage of 2003,

1. *Takes note* of the findings of the preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to submit to it at its 38th session a draft recommendation on preservation and access to documentary heritage, including digital heritage;
3. *Appeals* to Member States and potential donors for extrabudgetary funding to enable more in-depth consultations on the elaboration of the proposed draft recommendation.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

54 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Media and Information Literacy Recommendations

The General Conference,

Recognizing that the achievement of UNESCO's vision of knowledge societies is dependent on moving beyond information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure and access toward building the capacity of all citizens to participate actively and effectively in emerging knowledge societies,

Noting that the IFLA Media and Information Literacy Recommendations were endorsed by the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP) at its seventh session,

Also noting the Philippines' Chairmanship of the Intergovernmental Council Bureau's Working Group on Media and Information Literacy,

Recognizing that media and information literacy (MIL) is essential for lifelong learning and is a prerequisite for sustainable development,

Also recognizing that MIL is a means for achieving the goal of universal and equitable access to information and knowledge,

1. *Commends* IFLA for its efforts in developing the Media and Information Literacy Recommendations;
2. *Invites* Member States to endorse the Media and Information Literacy Recommendations;
3. *Also invites* Member States to take the Media and Information Literacy Recommendations into consideration during the planning of future strategies, policies and initiatives on education, lifelong learning, literacy, and other areas which will contribute to building a knowledge society.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

55 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability

The General Conference,

Recognizing that having access to knowledge and information is essential for social inclusion, employment and cultural and political participation,

Also recognizing that the achievement of UNESCO's vision of knowledge societies is dependent on building the capacity of all human beings to participate actively and effectively in emerging knowledge societies,

Recalling the Declaration of Principles of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and in particular action lines C2, C3, C7 and C8 of the Geneva Plan of Action,

Also recalling Articles 9, 21 and 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which state that persons with disabilities have a right to access information and knowledge,

Noting that the adoption of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled

¹ This process does not constitute any stage of the multi-stage procedure for the elaboration, examination, adoption and follow-up of declarations, charters and similar standard-setting instruments adopted by the General Conference and not covered by the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution as set out in Annex G of the Basic Texts, unless Member States decide otherwise.

provides the necessary legal framework for international sharing and cooperation in creating access to information,

Further recognizing that libraries, publishers and information service providers play a pivotal role in making information accessible, in particular in providing books, knowledge and information in accessible formats,

Also noting that the growing availability of digital information and the use of digital technologies, including the emergence of e-books, provide an opportunity for the print disabled to participate in knowledge societies at the same time, cost and quality as other members of society,

1. *Commends* IFLA for its efforts in developing the Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability;
2. *Invites* Member States to endorse the Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability;
3. *Also invites* Member States to take the Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability into consideration during the planning of future strategies, policies and initiatives.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

56 Establishment in Eugene, Oregon, United States of America, of the International Institute for Intercultural Dialogue and Conflict-Sensitive Reporting (IIDCSR) as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 192 EX/Decision 15 (VIII),

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part XVI,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the United States of America to establish an international institute for intercultural dialogue and conflict-sensitive reporting (IIDCSR) at the University of Oregon, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr., and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. *Takes note* of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study contained in document 192 EX/15 Part VIII;
3. *Also takes note* of the proposed institute's deviations from the criteria and guidelines set out in documents 35 C/22 and Corr. and 190 EX/18 Part I;
4. *Approves* the establishment in Eugene, Oregon, United States of America, of the International Institute for Intercultural Dialogue and Conflict-Sensitive Reporting (IIDCSR) at the University of Oregon, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 192nd session (192 EX/Decision 15 (VIII));
5. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement with the Government of the United States of America and the joint statement of intent with the University of Oregon.

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

UNESCO Institute of Statistics

57 UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS)

The General Conference,

Taking note of the reports of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) for 2012 and 2013,

1. *Requests* the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics to ensure that the Institute's programme focuses on the following priorities, with special emphasis on the needs of Africa, gender equality, youth, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) as well as the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous peoples, in order to:
 - (a) improve the relevance and quality of UNESCO's international database by developing new statistical concepts, methodologies and standards in education, science, culture and communication; promoting the collection and production of quality statistics and indicators in a timely manner, and strengthening communication with Member States and cooperation with field offices and partner agencies and networks;
 - (b) support Member States and reinforce their capacities in developing national strategies by: providing training in data collection and use; disseminating technical guidelines and tools, and providing expert advice and support to in-country statistical activities;
 - (c) support the development of policy analysis in Member States by: providing relevant training on data analysis; conducting analytical studies in partnership with international specialists; disseminating best practices and analytical reports to a wide audience, and regularly reporting on the dissemination and use of UIS statistics;
 - (d) address the issue of education quality and the assessment of learning outcomes by serving as a clearing house for information in this field while promoting cooperation and convergence among existing international initiatives regarding student assessment;
 - (e) implement the 2011 International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) and the revised ISCED fields of education and training, which will be subject to approval by the General Conference;

- (f) continue successful collaboration with various agents within the international statistical landscape, including the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) and others;
2. *Authorizes* the Director-General to support the UNESCO Institute for Statistics by providing a financial allocation of \$9,200,000 for the period 2014-2015;
 3. *Invites* Member States, international organizations, development and donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to contribute financially or by other appropriate means to the implementation and expansion of the activities of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics;
 4. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:

Main line of action 1: Development of education indicators and promotion of data use and analysis

- (1) More relevant and timely education statistics and indicators produced;
- (2) Appropriate methodologies and standards in the field of education statistics developed, maintained and refined;
- (3) Capacities of national statisticians strengthened in the production and use of national and comparative education data;
- (4) Use and analysis of education statistics promoted;

Main line of action 2: Development of international statistics on education outcomes

- (5) A common framework to produce comparative analysis and international monitoring of progress in learning outcomes used by the international education community;

Main line of action 3: Development of international statistics on science, technology and innovation; culture, communication and information

- (6) Timely statistical information and analysis on research and development and innovation statistics made available to Member States;
- (7) Timely and policy-relevant statistical information and analysis of cultural statistics made available to Member States;
- (8) Timely and policy-relevant statistical information and analysis on communication statistics made available to Member States;

Main line of action 4: Reinforcement of cross-cutting statistical activities

- (9) Quality of data produced by UIS constantly monitored and improved;
- (10) Access to and use of UIS data made easier, more efficient and better adapted to users' requirements.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

Field – Management of field offices

58 Management of field offices

The General Conference

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:
 - (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017 the plan of action in order to:
 - (i) pursue the implementation of the strategy for the reform of UNESCO's field network and its adaptation to the demands of United Nations system-wide coherence at the country level in line with any relevant resolution adopted by the General Conference at its 37th session, and to ensure increased accountability of field offices;
 - (ii) take appropriate measures to provide administrative guidance to field offices and ensure targeted reinforcement of those involved in United Nations joint programming, including alternative arrangements in countries where UNESCO has non-resident status;
 - (iii) monitor the overall performance of field offices through joint reviews with the sectors and services concerned;
 - (iv) ensure the performance assessments of all directors and heads of field offices, and coordinate their overall staffing;
 - (v) manage, administer and monitor the implementation of field offices' operating expenditures, and reinforce their administrative capacities through support, training and assessment of staffing needs;
 - (vi) act as central coordinating and monitoring entity for the safety and security of UNESCO personnel and premises in the field and manage the corresponding budget, and participate in the further development and enhancement of common field security policies and directives within the United Nations security management system;
 - (b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$89,953,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to report to the governing bodies periodically, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected result:
 - Field presence strategy further implemented;

3. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013

Programme-related services

59 Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa

The General Conference

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:

- (a) to implement the plan of action during the period 2014-2017, ensuring the consistency and complementarity of initiatives to benefit Africa, in order to:
- (i) strengthen the monitoring, coordination and encouragement of action to benefit Africa;
 - (ii) promote monitoring and future-oriented reflection activities to a greater extent in respect of Africa's development challenges, opportunities and problems;
 - (iii) strengthen further the strategic partnership with African Member States, the African Union Commission, subregional economic communities, civil society, the private sector and the specialized agencies so that they may participate in the Organization's action to a greater extent by making substantive, technical and financial contributions thereto;
 - (iv) broaden and bolster, on the basis of comparative advantages, the complementarity of action with other United Nations system agencies, funds and programmes active in Africa;
 - (v) mobilize extrabudgetary contributions to Priority Africa flagship programmes;
 - (vi) coordinate the implementation of the six Priority Africa flagship programmes;
 - (vii) organize and mobilize, in pursuit of the culture of peace, a network in support of the "Make Peace Happen" campaign initiated by the African Union;
 - (viii) support, in that regard, specific initiatives by local stakeholders;
 - (ix) organize and lead a network of values-research institutions and endogenous conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms;

- (b) to allocate for this purpose a sum of \$8,339,000 for the 2014-2015 period;

2. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:

- (1) Impact of UNESCO's programmes in Africa enhanced and strengthened by means of improved identification of the continent's priority development requirements and joint/shared implementation, in particular with the African Union, other United Nations system agencies and/or a network of bilateral and multilateral partners comprising civil society and the private sector, in order to support initiatives and flagship projects for global priority Africa;
- (2) Regional organizations, Member States and civil society in Africa mobilized for the culture of peace and supporting the African Union's "Make Peace Happen" campaign;

3. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

60 Coordination and monitoring of action to implement gender equality

The General Conference

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:

- (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017 the Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 (GEAP II) – developed in accordance with the relevant decisions of the governing bodies and informed by the findings and recommendations of the external evaluation of the implementation of priority gender equality through a consultative and participatory process – ensuring the consistency and complementarity of efforts to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women through a coordinating and monitoring mechanism, in order to:

- (i) support senior management of the Secretariat and governing bodies in strengthening UNESCO's normative and policy frameworks and strategic documents on gender equality and the empowerment of women;
- (ii) lead and coordinate UNESCO's programming efforts to promote gender equality with a systematic focus on strengthening commitment, competence and capacity for the effective implementation of this priority in planning, programming, implementation and monitoring/evaluation with concrete impact at the field level;
- (iii) further strengthen and institutionalize the United Nations-endorsed two-pronged approach to gender equality: gender-specific programming, focusing on women's and men's social, political and

- economic empowerment as well as transforming norms of masculinity and femininity, and mainstreaming gender equality considerations in all policies, programmes and initiatives;
 - (iv) assist programmes in addressing deepening inequalities when gender intersects with other factors such as socio-economic status, ethnicity, age and location and taking into consideration regional specificities;
 - (v) help improve collection and analysis of sex-disaggregated data to support evidence-based policy-making and programming;
 - (vi) build a knowledge base for the effective implementation of this priority through a comprehensive framework for monitoring and impact assessment of UNESCO's efforts that support gender equality in policies and programmes through analyses of the actions and attainment of results identified by the programme sectors, field offices and institutes in biennial programme and budget documents and in the Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 (GEAP II);
 - (vii) provide strategic and technical guidance for gender mainstreaming in six critical areas: accountability; results-based mainstreaming for gender equality; monitoring and reporting; gender budgeting; capacity development, and coherence, coordination and knowledge and information management;
 - (viii) provide strategic leadership and backstopping concerning UNESCO's participation in the United Nations work and reform processes pertaining to gender equality and the empowerment of women at the global, regional and country levels, including the post-2015 reflection processes;
 - (ix) ensure and monitor the prioritization of the global priority gender equality at all stages of programming and at all programme levels, for both regular and extrabudgetary activities;
 - (x) further improve staff capacities to effectively mainstream gender equality into operations through ongoing capacity development and training for all staff at all levels;
 - (xi) continue to strengthen the skills and competence of the Gender Focal Point Network to ensure improved management and delivery of both gender mainstreaming and gender-specific programming across programme sectors, field offices and institutes;
 - (xii) provide technical advice to the Bureau of Human Resources Management (HRM) on gender-responsive human resources and staff policies, including equal career opportunities for staff and appropriate working arrangements to balance work and life while gradually increasing the representation of women at decision-making levels within the Secretariat to achieve gender parity by 2015, and monitor gender parity in the Secretariat;
 - (xiii) ensure the visibility of UNESCO's actions in this area through systematic and visible reporting/communication of gender equality results through a communications plan implemented with the support of relevant services;
 - (xiv) coordinate and strengthen existing partnerships and networks and develop new and innovative ones – both internal and external – through advocacy for and engagement in policy dialogue for championing the rights of girls and women, gender equality and the empowerment of women both within the Secretariat and with other stakeholders, including UNESCO networks and Chairs, National Commissions, civil society organizations, particularly women's groups, academia and the private sector;
 - (xv) consult and collaborate with relevant United Nations agencies, particularly UN Women, and other multilateral and bilateral organizations to forge partnerships and engage in actions to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women;
 - (xvi) represent UNESCO in meetings and conferences organized by United Nations agencies, multilateral and bilateral organizations and civil society organizations on issues pertaining to gender equality and the empowerment of women;
 - (xvii) represent UNESCO at sessions of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Commission on the Status of Women (CSW);
 - (xviii) lead UNESCO's contribution to United Nations interagency work on gender equality and women's empowerment in UNESCO domains;
- (b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$2,217,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
- (1) Systematic and comprehensive contribution to gender equality and women's empowerment ensured in UNESCO's areas of expertise in pursuing its two overarching objectives of lasting peace and sustainable development with improved capacity;
 - (2) UNESCO positioned as a visible actor at the international, regional and country levels in promoting gender equality in all its fields of competence, including through advocacy, networking and innovative partnerships;
 - (3) Equal career opportunities for staff and parity at the decision-making level promoted by UNESCO's organizational culture;
3. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

61 UNESCO's response to post-conflict and post-disaster situations

The General Conference

1. Authorizes the Director-General:
 - (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017 the plan of action in order to:
 - (i) coordinate UNESCO's responses to post-conflict and post-disaster situations, and serve as focal point for corresponding inter-agency mechanisms;
 - (ii) monitor and develop the relevant management and administrative infrastructures and mechanisms in support of UNESCO's responses to post-conflict and post-disaster situations, in close coordination with United Nations bodies at the international, regional and country levels;
 - (b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$1,914,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. Requests the Director-General:
 - (a) to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
 - (1) Coordination and planning of post-conflict and post-disaster strategic responses ensured, including through efficient and timely provision of field support, adequate staffing and administrative support mechanisms;
 - (2) Effective contribution to and integration into United Nations post-crisis coordination mechanisms, including joint needs assessments ensured;
 - (3) UNESCO post-conflict projects funded through multi-donor and other post-conflict appeals and funding modalities;
 - (4) Support to national disaster-preparedness capacities delivered and conflict prevention and peace building capacities provided in alignment with national and United Nations planning frameworks, and clear linkages established between relief, recovery and sustainable development phases;
 - (b) to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

62 Strategic planning, programme monitoring and budget preparation

The General Conference

1. Authorizes the Director-General:
 - A. to implement during the period 2014-2017 the plan of action in order to:
 - (a) prepare the Organization's biennial Budget for 2016-2017 and the quadrennial Programme for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) in line with the guidance provided by the governing bodies, and the Director-General's directives and on the basis of the principles of results-based planning, programming and budgeting transparency, efficiency and rationalization;
 - (b) monitor the implementation of the Medium-Term Strategy (37 C/4) through the programme and budget documents;
 - (c) analyse work plans from all Secretariat units to ensure conformity with the decisions of the governing bodies concerning document 37 C/5, the Director-General's directives and the requirements of results-based programming, budgeting, management, monitoring and reporting;
 - (d) monitor the implementation of the approved programme and its work plans through regular reviews to assess progress towards the expected results, and report thereon periodically to the governing bodies in the context of the statutory reports;
 - (e) participate in, provide input to and assist major programmes and field offices in contributing substantively to United Nations inter-agency processes concerned with United Nations reform and programme issues at the global, regional and country levels, in particular those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and its subsidiary bodies, and strengthen staff capacities in this regard;
 - (f) prepare and follow up the work of High Panels established by the Director-General;
 - (g) pursue the implementation of the Director-General's Action Plan on improved management of UNESCO's extrabudgetary funds by:
 - (i) programming activities for extrabudgetary support through the Complementary Additional Programme (CAP) corresponding to the priorities of the regular programme in document 37 C/5;
 - (ii) implementing and refining, as needed, the Organization's resource mobilization strategy with a wider recourse to thematic funding approaches;
 - (iii) further developing and coordinating the implementation of public-private sector partnerships, in consultation with National Commissions;
 - (iv) developing innovative financing approaches for sector-specific activities;
 - (v) strengthening the implementation and monitoring of extrabudgetary activities, especially through capacity-building of staff members;
 - (h) provide programmatic backstopping and supervision to field offices and their directors in the Arab, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America and Latin America and the Caribbean regions;

- (i) monitor, in close cooperation with the Africa Department and the Division for Gender Equality in the Office of the Director-General, the programme activities benefiting Africa and gender equality as the two global priorities of the Organization;
 - (j) promote South-South and North-South-South cooperation; support the least developed countries (LDCs), small island developing States (SIDS), the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous peoples, countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations and countries in transition as well as middle-income countries;
 - (k) ensure that the principles of the results-based management and budgeting approach and a risk management approach are gradually implemented with regard to expected results and, to the extent possible, the impact of the Organization's activities, and provide necessary training, capacity-building support and backstopping for staff and Member States;
 - (l) provide leadership to the new Procurement Committee;
- B. to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$7,916,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
 - (1) Programming, monitoring and reporting functions carried out in line with UNESCO's results-based management and budgeting approach and in compliance with the strategic orientations and the programming framework and priorities set by the governing bodies and the Director-General;
 - (2) Volume of extrabudgetary resources increased and channels and methods for resource mobilization enhanced and diversified to include public-private sector partnerships and innovative financing approaches;
 - (3) UNESCO's programmatic contribution in the context of the United Nations reform and United Nations inter-agency cooperation articulated and strengthened at the country, regional and global levels;
 3. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

63 Organization-wide knowledge management

The General Conference

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:
 - (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017 the plan of action in order to implement an effective knowledge and information management systems (KIMS) strategy of the Organization based on user needs in order to support knowledge creation, capture, retention and sharing throughout the Organization, and to support effective and efficient decision-making at all levels of the Organization and to enhance organizational learning;
 - (b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$5,048,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected result:

Strategy for knowledge management and information and communication technology implemented;
3. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013

VI General resolutions

64 UNESCO participation in the preparations for a post-2015 development agenda

The General Conference,

Welcoming the discussions held at its plenary meetings devoted to the Leaders' Forum on 'UNESCO mobilizing for and contributing to the post-2015 agenda through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information', which are reflected in document 37 C/INF.5,

Having examined documents 37 C/64, 37 C/INF.5 and 37 C/INF.13,

Recalling 192 EX/Decision 8 which recognized "*that it is important for UNESCO to contribute to shaping the post-2015 development agenda, to reflect first of all the pivotal importance of education, as well as the contributions of the sciences, culture, and communication and information*",

1. *Invites* the Director-General and UNESCO Member States to continue to engage actively at the global, regional and national levels in the processes of elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, by promoting the key areas of UNESCO's mandate in line with the following guiding principles and decisions:

I – Education

Recalling the historic lead role of UNESCO in the field of education, which it must continue to ensure,

Having examined document 37 C/56,

Recalling the Dakar Framework for Action and its six Education for All (EFA) goals, as well as Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2 and 3,

1. *Expresses* its satisfaction with the Director-General's efforts to continue to consult Member States and education stakeholders on the post-2015 education agenda through various fora;
2. *Recognizes* that the post-2015 education agenda should strive to ensure achievement 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 the diversity of their situations;
3. *Notes* with appreciation the efforts of the Director-General, in collaboration with EFA partners, to promote an overarching goal on education. [We, as Member States, commit ourselves to promoting such a goal based upon key principles of access, equity and quality, in the perspective of lifelong learning, during international discussions on the global education agenda];
4. *Invites* the Director-General to:
 - (a) facilitate the debate and continue to consult Member States and stakeholders on the development of the global objectives and targets as well as the development of a framework for action for education post-2015, including through the existing global and regional EFA and MDG coordination mechanisms, and regional consultations;
 - (b) submit a report, which should include the results of this debate and progress in follow-up actions, to the Executive Board at its 194th session;
 - (c) also submit progress reports to subsequent Executive Board sessions until 2015;
5. *Requests* UNESCO to carry out efforts to ensure that the global education conference, which will be hosted by the Republic of Korea in spring 2015, will result in concrete recommendations and an approved framework for action on the post-2015 education agenda;
6. *Also invites* the Director-General to lead the resulting actions in close collaboration with Member States and to promote the outcomes of this global education conference as an agreed position on education and as part of the global post-2015 development agenda to be adopted at the United Nations summit in September 2015.

II – Natural sciences

1. *Emphasizes* the critical role of science in the post-2015 development agenda, in particular with regard to water, the ocean, biodiversity and climate change, and the importance of capacity building in the sciences and of international scientific cooperation in effectively addressing sustainable development challenges;
2. *Highlights* the importance of a strengthened science-policy-society interface in the post-2015 development agenda;
3. *Welcomes* the decision of the United Nations Secretary-General to entrust UNESCO with hosting the Secretariat of the Scientific Advisory Board, funded from extrabudgetary resources.

III – Social and human sciences

1. *Recommends* that the important role of the social and human sciences in addressing the complexity of social transformations and the challenges of inclusive social development be fully reflected in the post-2015 development agenda;
2. *Also recommends* that the role of youth as agents and subjects of social and economic transformations be duly taken into account.

IV – Culture

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General to pursue advocacy for the role of culture as an enabler and driver of sustainable development with a view to integrating culture in the post-2015 development agenda;
2. *Highlights* the role of cultural and creative industries in poverty alleviation through job creation and income generation, providing further evidence of the link between culture and sustainable development in the post-2015 development agenda.

V – Communication and information

1. *Recommends* that the importance of promoting freedom of expression and universal access to knowledge and its preservation - including, among others, through free, pluralistic and independent media, both offline and online – as indispensable elements for flourishing democracies and to foster citizen participation be reflected in the post-2015 development agenda;
2. *Recognizes* the driving role that information and communication technology (ICT), in particular broadband, play in building knowledge societies, and in bridging the knowledge divide beyond 2015.

1. *Expresses* its appreciation of the Director-General's efforts to continue to advance UNESCO's priorities and *thematic competences*;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 195th session with an update of the Organization's engagement and further developments regarding the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, and to report to the General Conference at its 38th session on the decisions taken by the United Nations General Assembly and their possible implications for document 37 C/5, as well as document 37 C/4 in view of its rolling character.

Resolution adopted on the report of the Joint Meeting of Commissions at the 18th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

65 Admission of Anguilla as an Associate Member of UNESCO

At its first plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013, the General Conference *decided* to admit Anguilla as an Associate Member of the Organization.

66 Report by the Director-General to the General Conference on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by non-governmental organizations

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/29,

Considering that partnership with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is fundamental in the pursuit of UNESCO's mandate, and that their contribution is a crucial element for formulating, implementing, monitoring and promoting UNESCO projects and programmes,

Recalling that cooperation with NGOs is based on Article XI of UNESCO's Constitution and is governed by the Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations (36 C/Res. 108), which constitute the framework for its implementation,

1. *Appreciates* the efforts made to effectively implement the Directives, to strengthen communication between Member States, the Secretariat and NGOs, and to promote greater geographical diversity, both in the network of NGOs in official partnership as well as in their collective cooperation with UNESCO;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to continue pursuing this line of action to reach out to civil society partners in cooperation with National Commissions for UNESCO and in conformity with the comprehensive partnership strategy;
3. *Welcomes* the new mobilization of NGOs in their collective action and *invites* the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee to continue its efforts in the direction of refocusing its action on the Organization's priorities;
4. *Entrusts* the Executive Board with taking stock of the results of the mapping exercise of official partnerships with NGOs launched in 2013 with a view to the preparation of the quadrennial report to be submitted to the General Conference at its 38th session.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

67 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories

The General Conference,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 81, 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 UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its Additional Protocols,

Having examined document 37 C/17,

Also recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in order to satisfy the right to education for all, and to meet the need for Palestinians to have safe access to the education system,

Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflicts,

1. *Supports* the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81, and *requests* her to do everything possible to ensure it is fully implemented in the framework of the Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5);
2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in the occupied Palestinian territory, and *appeals* to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
3. *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, and *invites* her to strengthen UNESCO's financial and technical assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address new needs and problems resulting from recent developments;
4. *Also thanks* the Director-General for UNESCO's response to the situation in the Gaza Strip and for the initiatives that have already been implemented with the generous financial support of Member States and donors, in particular Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser al Missned, First Lady of Qatar and UNESCO Special Envoy for Basic and Higher Education, and *calls upon* the Director-General to further expand the early recovery programme, within the Organization's fields of competence;
5. *Expresses* its continuing concern at any actions undermining the cultural and natural heritage, and cultural and educational institutions, as well as at any impediments which prevent Palestinian and all other 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 the present resolution;
6. *Encourages* the Director-General to continue to reinforce her action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage;
7. *Invites* the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO's fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students both from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources, and *thanks* Saudi Arabia for its generous contribution in this regard;
8. *Requests* the Director-General to follow closely the implementation of the recommendations of the eighth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee (4-5 March 2008), especially in Gaza, and to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee;
9. *Encourages* the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, and *expresses the hope* that the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will succeed, and that a just and comprehensive peace will be brought about speedily, in accordance with the Constitution of UNESCO and the United Nations resolutions on this matter, particularly the relevant Security Council resolutions;
10. *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 resolution;
 - (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;
11. *Recalling* that this item is inscribed on the agenda of the 194th session of the Executive Board, decides to include this item in the agenda of the 38th session of the General Conference.

Resolution adopted on the report of the ED and CLT Commissions at the 16th and 17th plenary meetings respectively, on 19 and 20 November 2013.

68 Celebration of anniversaries in 2014-2015

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/15,

1. *Encourages* the Member States of all regions to make proposals that will ensure improved geographical distribution and gender balance, by also selecting eminent women, as far as possible, according to the criteria approved by the governing bodies;
2. *Decides* that UNESCO will be associated in 2014-2015 with the celebration of the anniversaries in the Annex to this resolution;
3. *Also decides* that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations shall be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme.

ANNEX

- (1) 600th anniversary of the foundation of al-Thaâlibiya School, heart of the Casbah of Algiers and centre of cultural influence in the Maghreb (1414) (Algeria)

- (2) 100th anniversary of the death of Sheikh Abdelkader al-Medjāwī, astronomer, reformer and defender of the Arabic language (1848-1914) (Algeria)
- (3) 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Alawi Sufi order, a school for tolerance and interreligious social interaction (1914) (Algeria)
- (4) 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Lazarev Institute of Oriental Languages (1815) (Armenia, with the support of the Russian Federation)
- (5) 150th anniversary of the birth of Toros Toramanian, architect and archaeologist (1864-1934) (Armenia)
- (6) 400th anniversary of the birth of Archbishop Voskan Yerevantsi (Voskan Vardapet) Ghlichents, publisher and linguist (1614-1674) (Armenia)
- (7) 100th anniversary of the birth of Ilyas Afandiyev, writer and playwright (1914-1996) (Azerbaijan)
- (8) 1,100th anniversary of the death of Ahmad Al-Bardiji, philosopher and scholar (834-914) (Azerbaijan)
- (9) 250th anniversary of the birth of Michał Kleofas Ogiński, composer, writer and diplomat (1765-1833) (Belarus, Lithuania, Poland)
- (10) 200th anniversary of the birth of Iosif Goshkevich, scientist and diplomat (1814-1875) (Belarus with the support of Japan and Russian Federation)
- (11) 200th anniversary of the birth of Adolphe Sax, inventor and creator of the “saxophone” family of instruments (1814-1894) (Belgium)
- (12) 100th anniversary of the birth of Dorival Caymmi, composer and singer (1914-2008) (Brazil)
- (13) 50th anniversary of the death of Brazilian modernist artists Anita Malfatti, painter (1889-1964) and Cecília Meireles, poet (1901-1964) (Brazil)
- (14) 100th anniversary of the birth of Antônio Houaiss, writer and teacher (1915-1999) (Brazil)
- (15) 100th anniversary of the birth of Grande Otelo, actor and composer (1915-1993) (Brazil)
- (16) 100th anniversary of the death of Augusto dos Anjos, poet (1884-1914) (Brazil)
- (17) 100th anniversary of formal education in Brunei Darussalam (Brunei Darussalam)
- (18) 100th anniversary of the birth of Boris Christoff, opera singer (1914-1993) (Bulgaria)
- (19) 100th anniversary of the death of Peyo Yavorov, poet and playwright (1878-1914) (Bulgaria)
- (20) 1,200th anniversary of the birth of Saint Methodius (815-885), creator, with his brother Cyril, of the first Slavic alphabet (Bulgaria, with the support of Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
- (21) 100th anniversary of the birth of Professor Tzvetana Romanska, ethnographer (1914-1969) (Bulgaria)
- (22) 50th anniversary of the Cook Islands Library and Museum Society (1964) (Cook Islands)
- (23) 50th anniversary of the intellectual career of Professor Zadi Zaourou, politician and writer (1938-2012) (Côte d'Ivoire)
- (24) 200th anniversary of the birth of Josip Juraj Strossmayer, statesman and humanist (1815-1905) (Croatia, with the support of Montenegro and Serbia)
- (25) 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Mažuranić, poet (1814-1890) (Croatia)
- (26) 100th anniversary of the death of Antun Gustav Matoš, poet and writer (1873-1914) (Croatia)
- (27) 400th anniversary of the publishing of the book *Machinae novae* (New Machines) by the inventor Faust Vrančić (1615) (Croatia)
- (28) 500th anniversary of the foundation of the first towns in Central and Eastern Cuba (Cuba)
- (29) 100th anniversary of the death of Carlos J. Finlay, scientist (1833-1915) (Cuba)
- (30) 200th anniversary of the birth of Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda, writer (1814-1873) (Cuba)
- (31) 100th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Feijóo Rodríguez, writer (1914-1992) (Cuba)
- (32) 100th anniversary of the birth of Costas Montis, poet (1914-2004) (Cyprus)
- (33) 100th anniversary of the birth of Bohumil Hrabal, writer (1914-1997) (Czech Republic)
- (34) 50th anniversary of the death of Gonzalo Zaldumbide, writer (1882-1965) (Ecuador)
- (35) 150th anniversary of the birth of Jean Sibelius, composer (1865-1957) (Finland)
- (36) 100th anniversary of the birth of Marguerite Duras, writer (1914-1996) (France)
- (37) 100th anniversary of the birth of Romain Gary, writer (1914-1980) (France)
- (38) 100th anniversary of the death of Akaki Tsereteli, poet and writer (1840-1915) (Georgia)
- (39) 100th anniversary of the death of Paul Ehrlich, physician (1854-1915) (Germany)
- (40) 150th anniversary of the birth of Max Weber, sociologist and philosopher (1864-1920) (Germany)
- (41) 100th anniversary of the death of August Macke, painter (1887-1914) (Germany)
- (42) 250th anniversary of the birth of Johann Gottfried Schadow, sculptor (1764-1850) (Germany)
- (43) 400th anniversary of the death of Doménikos Theotokopoulos (known as El Greco – “the Greek”), painter, sculptor and architect (1541-1614) (Greece and Spain)
- (44) 200th anniversary of the birth of Miklós Ybl, architect (1814-1891) (Hungary)
- (45) 100th anniversary of the death of Ödön Lechner, architect (1845-1914) (Hungary)
- (46) 150th anniversary of the death of Ignác Semmelweis, physician (1818-1865) (Hungary)
- (47) 200th anniversary of the birth of Flóris Rómer, archaeologist and professor (1815-1889) (Hungary)
- (48) 600th anniversary of the compilation of *Maqased al-Alhan*, a work in the field of musicology (c. 1414) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (49) 800th anniversary of the compilation of *Fawa'ih al-Jamal wa Fawatih al-Jalal*, work of philosophy and mysticism (c. 1214) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (50) 800th anniversary of the birth of Fakr-al-Dīn Ebrāhīm Erāqī, poet and Sufi (c. 1214-1289) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (51) 700th anniversary of the birth of Mīr Sayyid 'Alī Hamadānī (1314-1385), mystic and poet (Islamic Republic of Iran and Tajikistan, with the support of India and Pakistan)
- (52) 1350th anniversary of the death of al-Khansa, poetess (575- 664) (Jordan)
- (53) 100th anniversary of the birth of Ilyas Yesenberlin, writer (1915-1983) (Kazakhstan)
- (54) 100th anniversary of the birth of Shaken Aimanov, film-director and actor (1914-1970) (Kazakhstan)

- (55) 50th anniversary of the death of Sheikh Abdullah Al-Jabir Al-Sabah, educational reformer (1895-1965) (Kuwait)
- (56) 200th anniversary of the birth of Janis Cimze, composer (1814-1881) (Latvia)
- (57) 150th anniversary of the birth of the writers Rainis (1865-1929) and Aspazija (1865-1943) (Latvia)
- (58) 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Courland (also Kurzeme) Society for Literature and Art (1815) (Latvia)
- (59) 300th anniversary of the birth of Gothards Frīdrihs Stenders, writer (1714-1796) (Latvia)
- (60) 300th anniversary of the birth of Kristijonas Donelaitis, writer (1714-1780) (Lithuania)
- (61) 700th anniversary of the introduction of the Sora-be alphabet, used by the Malagasy population (Madagascar)
- (62) 200th anniversary of the official creation of the National Archives of the Republic of Mauritius (1815) (Mauritius)
- (63) 100th anniversary of the birth of Octavio Paz, writer (1914-1998) (Mexico)
- (64) 100th anniversary of the birth of Tsevegmid Dondogiin, educator, writer, scientist and politician (1915-1991) (Mongolia)
- (65) 450th anniversary of the death of Blessed Hosanna of Kotor (1493-1565) (Montenegro with the support of Croatia)
- (66) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mihailo Lalić, writer (1914-1992) (Montenegro with the support of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia)
- (67) 400th anniversary of the death of Rashid Ibn Omairah, physician (?-1615) (Oman)
- (68) 50th anniversary of the publication of the novel *Todas las Sangres* (All the Bloods) by José María Arguedas (1964) (Peru)
- (69) 100th anniversary of the birth of Andrzej Panufnik, composer (1914-1991) (Poland)
- (70) 100th anniversary of the birth of Tadeusz Kantor, artist (1915-1990) (Poland)
- (71) 200th anniversary of the birth of Oskar Kolberg, ethno-musicologist (1814-1890) (Poland)
- (72) 200th anniversary of the death of Jan Nepomucen Potocki, writer (1761-1815) (Poland)
- (73) 300th anniversary of the death of Prince Constantin Brâncoveanu, patron of culture and the arts (1654-1714) (Romania)
- (74) 150th anniversary of the birth of Elena Văcărescu, writer (1864-1947) (Romania)
- (75) 50th anniversary of the death of George (Gogu) Constantinescu, scientist (1881-1965) (Romania)
- (76) 50th anniversary of the death of Tudor Vianu, literary and art critic, philosopher and writer (1898-1964) (Romania)
- (77) 250th anniversary of the foundation of the State (formerly Imperial) Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg (1764) (Russian Federation)
- (78) 2,000th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Derbent, Republic of Dagestan, Russian Federation (2015) (Russian Federation)
- (79) 200th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail Lermontov, poet and painter (1814-1841) (Russian Federation)
- (80) 300th anniversary of the foundation of the Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (1714) (Russian Federation)
- (81) 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir William Arthur Lewis, economist, Nobel prize laureate (1915-1991) (Saint Lucia)
- (82) 150th anniversary of the birth of Jovan Cvijić, geographer (1865-1927) (Serbia)
- (83) 100th anniversary of the death of Stevan Mokranjac, composer (1856-1914) (Serbia)
- (84) 200th anniversary of the birth of Josif Pančić, scientist (1814-1888) (Serbia, with the support of Croatia)
- (85) Mihajlo Pupin: 100th anniversary of the beginning of a new era in the broadcasting of radio waves – Creating a world of telecommunications (1915) (Serbia with the support of the United States of America)
- (86) 300th anniversary of the birth of Edmund Pascha, composer (1714-1772) (Slovakia)
- (87) 150th anniversary of the birth of Jozef Murgaš, scientist (1864-1929) (Slovakia)
- (88) 200th anniversary of the birth of L'udovit Štúr, codifier of the Slovak language, publisher and writer (1815-1856) (Slovakia)
- (89) 100th anniversary of the birth of Ediriweera Sarachchandra, philosopher, writer and diplomat (1914-1996) (Sri Lanka)
- (90) 1,500th anniversary of the foundation of the Abbey of Saint-Maurice (Valais, Switzerland) (515) (Switzerland)
- (91) 100th anniversary of the birth of Farid el-Atrash, musician (1915-1974) (Syrian Arab Republic)
- (92) 50th anniversary of the death of Sami al-Shawa, musician (1889-1965) (Syrian Arab Republic)
- (93) 600th anniversary of the birth of Abd ar-Rahman Jami, poet, philosopher and humanist (1414-1492) (Tajikistan)
- (94) 3,000th anniversary of the foundation of the town of Hisor (Tajikistan)
- (95) 100th anniversary of the birth of Ziyodullo Shahidi, composer (1914-1985) (Tajikistan)
- (96) 100th anniversary of King Prajadhipok of Siam's commencement of service in Thailand and anniversary of the 10th Asian cycle of his birth (1914) (Thailand)
- (97) 150th anniversary of the birth of Her Majesty Queen Sri Bajairindra (1864-1919) (Thailand)
- (98) 100th anniversary of the birth of Princess Prem (Ngarmchit) Purachatra (1915-1983) (Thailand)
- (99) 450th anniversary of the death of Matrakçı Nasuh, scientist (1480-1564) (Turkey)
- (100) 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts (1914) (Turkey)
- (101) 100th anniversary of the death of Ismail Gaspıralı, journalist and publisher (1851-1914) (Turkey, with the support of Ukraine)
- (102) 50th anniversary of the death of Halide Edip Adivar, teacher and social philosopher (1884-1964) (Turkey)
- (103) 200th anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko, poet (1814-1861) (Ukraine)
- (104) 150th anniversary of the birth of Pavlo Grabovsky, poet (1864-1956) (Ukraine)

- (105) 150th anniversary of the birth of Mykhaylo Kotsyubynsky, writer (1864-1913) (Ukraine)
- (106) 200th anniversary of the birth of Mykhailo Verbytsky, composer (1815-1870) (Ukraine)
- (107) 150th anniversary of the death of Andrés Bello López, humanist (1781-1865) (Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)
- (108) 250th anniversary of the birth of Nguyễn Du, poet (1765-1820) (Viet Nam).

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

69 Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The General Conference,

Emphasizing its strong condemnation of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, which constitutes an offence and a serious threat to human dignity and physical integrity, human rights and development,

Expressing its serious concern that, despite sustained measures taken at the international, regional and national levels, trafficking in persons remains one of the gravest crimes facing the international community and requires a more concerted collective and comprehensive international response,

Recognizing the need to continue fostering a global partnership against trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of slavery,

Noting efforts and initiatives taken by the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) to enhance cooperation and coordination between United Nations agencies and other international organizations to combat trafficking in persons, including implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons,

Recalling the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, which provided the universally accepted definition of trafficking in persons,

Also recognizing the significance of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/293 of 30 July 2010, and *underlining* its importance in achieving the full and effective implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

Also recalling the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the appraisal of the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, held on 13 and 14 May 2013 at United Nations Headquarters,

Stressing the role of education in raising awareness about the prevention of trafficking in persons, and the need to promote education, in particular human rights education, and human rights learning as a sustainable way of preventing trafficking in persons,

Further recognizing that promotion of universal respect for human rights, the rule of law and the fundamental dignity of an individual will minimize demand for trafficked persons and will facilitate access of trafficked persons to necessary protection, and assistance,

1. *Reaffirms* that broad international cooperation between Member States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations is essential for effectively countering the threat of trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of slavery;
2. *Welcomes* UNESCO's contribution to the global efforts in combating trafficking in persons, including development of culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention programmes, taking into account the socio-cultural backgrounds of vulnerable and at-risk populations, using appropriate channels of communication;
3. *Invites* Member States and other stakeholders mentioned in the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons to continue to contribute thereto, particularly as a means of securing the full and effective implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, including by means of strengthening cooperation and improving coordination among themselves in achieving that goal and, *inter alia*, promoting and considering, as a priority, ratification of or accession to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and other relevant international instruments, as well as enacting national legislation that mandates legal protection to trafficked persons;
4. *Requests* the Director-General to continue to intensify, within existing resources, UNESCO's participation in the activities of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) to combat trafficking in persons, including activities related to the implementation of the Global Plan of Action;
5. *Invites* the Director-General to reinforce UNESCO's role in prevention of trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of slavery through education, communication and media including promoting universal respect for human rights, the rule of law and the fundamental dignity of each individual.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

70 Proclamation of 2016 as international year of global understanding (IGYU)

The General Conference,

Taking account of 192 EX/Decision 39,

Having examined document 37 C/63,

Noting that global understanding contributes to reducing the potential for regional conflicts, and helps to advance peace at the local, national and global levels,

Acknowledging that the core elements of the international year of global understanding objectives are research, education and information,

Being aware that the year 2016 provides an opportunity to highlight the need for international and transdisciplinary scientific collaboration to attain global sustainability,

1. *Invites* the Director-General to support all efforts leading the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 2016 as international year of global understanding.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

VII Support for Programme Execution and Administration

71 External relations and public information

The General Conference

1. *Requests* the Director-General to examine ways and means to further rationalize the financial resources allocated to Part II.B.6 of document 37 C/5, while striking a necessary balance between the means to strengthen cooperation with Member States, institutional partners and official cooperation networks and those required to increase the visibility of these actions; *invites* her, accordingly, to optimize, as far as possible, the use of available resources by increasing the efficiency of current services and by reducing expenditures related to travel and contractual services, and to report to the governing bodies periodically on potential cost savings in the above-mentioned areas;
2. *Authorizes* the Director-General:
 - A. to implement during the period 2014-2017 the plan of action in order to:
 - (a) consolidate relations with Member States:
 - (i) develop and maintain relations with Member States, Associate Members, observers and territories;
 - (ii) monitor relations with the host country;
 - (iii) provide protocol assistance to UNESCO's diplomatic community and members of the Secretariat;
 - (iv) encourage non-Member States to join the Organization;
 - (v) cooperate with Permanent Delegations and with established groups of Member States to provide them with necessary support;
 - (vi) pay particular attention to the special needs of least developed countries (LDCs), small island developing States (SIDS) and post-conflict and post-disaster countries;
 - (vii) organize and coordinate information and consultation meetings with Permanent Delegates on issues of strategic importance and priority activities;
 - (viii) provide orientation seminars to new permanent delegates;
 - (ix) provide relevant customized information to Members States online;
 - (b) enhance cooperation with National Commissions:
 - (i) strengthen competences and operational capacities of National Commissions through training seminars and workshops for new Secretaries-General and other officials;
 - (ii) strengthen National Commissions' partnerships with civil society networks, including NGOs and UNESCO Clubs and Centres;
 - (iii) strengthen communications with and between National Commissions;
 - (c) strengthen relations with the United Nations system, international governmental and non-governmental organizations:
 - (i) participate actively in intergovernmental bodies and inter-agency mechanisms;
 - (ii) proactively engage in areas where UNESCO has been given special responsibilities, i.e. United Nations Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative, Scientific Advisory Board, and Oceans Compact and the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity;
 - (iii) review all memorandums of understanding signed with United Nations agencies and other IGOs with a view to assessing results achieved, prioritizing relationships and updating agreements as necessary;
 - (iv) monitor and assess partnerships with NGOs through the establishment of an effective and sustainable mechanism;
 - (v) improve the effectiveness, efficiency and inclusiveness of the collective cooperation mechanism with the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee;
 - (d) improve the visibility and image of UNESCO by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) reinforcing collaboration with news and information media and providing an increased range of materials, including new templates for press releases, on the Organization's priorities and activities, sensitizing journalists to the full range and complexity of issues dealt with by the Organization;

- (ii) promoting media opportunities for UNESCO leaders and experts;
 - (iii) monitoring and qualitatively and quantitatively analysing media coverage;
 - (iv) establishing a network of Public Information Officers in field offices;
 - (v) reorienting audiovisual services to produce short, compelling content for social media;
 - (vi) collecting and producing high-quality informative video materials and photographs for distribution;
 - (vii) enhancing the quality and relevance of publications in traditional, print and online media;
 - (viii) extending the remit of the Publications Board to include field offices, and focusing on electronic publishing and "print-on-demand" material;
 - (ix) rolling-out an open access policy to provide current, future and past content in an available format compatible with the concept;
 - (x) introducing a new global partnership for the distribution of for-sale items, including a new pricing policy geared towards affordable publications for least developed countries ;
 - (xi) providing a one-stop online delivery platform (E-Library) for free and for-sale items;
 - (xii) improving book and gift shop services tailored to customers' needs;
 - (xiii) finalizing and consolidating an overall integrated web platform creating synergies between UNESCO.org, UNESCO.int and UNESCOMMUNITY, to reach a broad range of audiences and to provide tailored information to specific stakeholders;
 - (xiv) improving capacity to utilize and maximize social media, especially to reach out to youth;
- B. To allocate for this purpose an amount of \$24,579,000 for the period 2014-2015;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to report in the statutory reports on the achievement of the following expected results:
- (1) Cooperation with Member States increased, particularly through their Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and the established groups of Member States at UNESCO; better access to information tools and material provided; quality of online content improved;
 - (2) Contribution of National Commissions to the implementation and review of UNESCO's programmes at different levels improved and made more effective through regular consultations, interactions and capacity-building activities;
 - (3) UNESCO's involvement in the United Nations system enhanced and its lead role in key areas emphasized; cooperation with intergovernmental organizations reinforced in UNESCO areas of competence, especially through memorandums of understanding; networks of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO revitalized, renewed and widened, and its visibility increased;
 - (4) UNESCO's activities and priorities given increased and more positive coverage in leading national and international media outlets inducing better knowledge of UNESCO's mission and mandate by the media;
 - (5) Visibility of UNESCO enhanced through increased use of UNESCO's audiovisual materials (including videos and photos) by social media, mainstream television and other multimedia information sources;
 - (6) Shift to open access publishing for UNESCO-produced content ensured; publications programme enhanced through strategic publishing projects with key partners; UNESCO branding and merchandizing capacities improved, with a better evaluation of the impact of UNESCO's name and logo, and an improved strategy for their use;
 - (7) Dissemination of knowledge and information facilitated via the integrated web content management platform;
4. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

72 Participation Programme and Fellowships Programme

The General Conference

A – Participation Programme

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1. *Authorizes* the Director-General to implement, during the period 2014-2017, the Programme of Participation in the activities of Member States, in accordance with the following principles and conditions:
- A. Principles**
- 1. The Participation Programme is one of the means employed by the Organization to achieve its objectives, through participation in activities carried out by Member States or Associate Members, or by territories, organizations or institutions, in its fields of competence. This participation is designed to strengthen the partnership between UNESCO and its Member States and make that partnership more effective through a sharing of contributions.
 - 2. Under the Participation Programme, priority will be given to proposals submitted by least developed countries (LDCs), developing countries, post-conflict and post-disaster countries, small-island developing States (SIDS), countries in transition and middle-income countries.
 - 3. Member States with high annual GDP per capita as established by the World Bank are invited to refrain from submitting requests.

4. Requests shall be submitted to the Director-General by the Member States through the National Commissions for UNESCO or, where there is no National Commission, through a designated government channel.
5. The projects or action plans submitted by the beneficiaries under the Participation Programme must relate to the priorities of the Organization, in particular to the major programmes, interdisciplinary projects, and activities to benefit Africa, youth and gender equality, as well as activities of the National Commissions for UNESCO with a specific reference to the paragraph of document 37 C/5 corresponding to the activity. It is understood that no financing will be provided for supplies and equipment which are not directly linked to operational works within the framework of these projects or for the recurrent costs of the beneficiary organizations.
6. Each Member State may submit seven requests or projects, which must be numbered in an indicative order of priority from one to seven. Requests or projects from national non-governmental organizations will be included in the quota submitted by each Member State.
7. The indicative order of priority laid down by the Member State may only be changed by the National Commission itself and before the start of the approval process. Member States must include at least one gender-equality project among their first four priorities.
8. International non-governmental organizations in an official partnership with UNESCO, of which the list is established by the Executive Board, may submit up to two requests under the Participation Programme for projects with subregional, regional or interregional impact, provided that their request is supported by at least the Member State where the project is to be implemented and another Member State concerned by the request. In the absence of supporting letters, no such requests may be considered.
9. *Submissions:*
 - (a) requests should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than the following deadlines: 28 February 2014 for Africa, small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs), and 31 August 2014 for all other eligible countries, except for requests for emergency assistance or a regional project, which may be submitted at any time in the biennium (equivalent deadlines will apply for the following financial cycle);
 - (b) requests should, wherever possible, be submitted in electronic form, with a view to moving to exclusively electronic submissions in due course.
10. The Secretariat shall inform Member States of the receipt of their requests within 45 days of the deadlines of 28 February and 31 August of the corresponding years, and subsequently of the response by the Director-General to the requests as soon as possible.
11. *Beneficiaries.* Assistance under the Participation Programme may be accorded to:
 - (a) Member States or Associate Members, upon request through their National Commissions or, where there is no National Commission, through a designated government channel, to promote activities of a national character. For activities of a subregional or interregional character, requests are submitted by the National Commissions of the Member States or Associate Members on whose territory they are to take place; these requests must be supported by at least two other National Commissions of participating Member States or Associate Members. For activities of a regional character, requests are limited to three per region and must be submitted by one Member State or a group of Member States. Such requests must be supported by at least three Member States (or Associate Members) concerned, and will not come within the quota of seven requests submitted by each Member State; they will be evaluated and screened by the Secretariat in accordance with the procedure established for the processing of requests submitted under the Participation Programme;
 - (b) a non-self-governing or trust territory, upon the request of the National Commission of the Member State responsible for the conduct of the territory's external relations;
 - (c) international non-governmental organizations in an official partnership with UNESCO as defined in paragraph 8 above.
12. *Forms of assistance.* The applicant chooses the form of assistance, and may request either:
 - (a) a financial contribution; or
 - (b) implementation by UNESCO at Headquarters or in the field. In both cases, assistance may take the following forms:
 - (i) the services of specialists and consultants, not including staff costs and administrative support;
 - (ii) fellowships and study grants;
 - (iii) publications, periodicals and documentation;
 - (iv) equipment (for operational programme purposes in accordance with the list of benchmarks annexed to the Participation Programme circular letter of the Director-General sent at the beginning of each biennial budget cycle);
 - (v) conferences, meetings, seminars and training courses: translation and interpretation services, participants' travel costs, the services of consultants, and other services deemed necessary by all concerned (not including those of UNESCO staff members).
13. *Total amount of assistance.* Whichever of the above forms of assistance is requested, the total value of the assistance provided for each request shall not be in excess of \$26,000 for a national project or activity, \$35,000 for a subregional or interregional project or activity, and \$46,000 for a regional project or activity. The financial provision made by the applicant must be sufficient to implement the activity satisfactorily. The activity must be executed and all funds disbursed in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Organization. The expenditures must be made according to the distribution of the budget as approved by the Director-General and communicated to Member States in the letter of approval.

14. *Approval of requests.* When deciding upon a request, the Director-General shall take into account:
- (a) the total amount approved by the General Conference for the Participation Programme;
 - (b) the assessment of the request made by the relevant sector(s);
 - (c) the recommendation of the Intersectoral Committee on the Participation Programme chaired by the Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information (ADG/ERI) and responsible for screening the Participation Programme requests, which are to be in conformity with the well-established criteria, procedures and priorities;
 - (d) the contribution that such participation can effectively make to the attainment of Member States' objectives in UNESCO's fields of competence, and within the framework of the major priorities of the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Programme and Budget (C/5) approved by the General Conference, with which participation must be closely linked;
 - (e) the need to establish an equitable balance in the distribution of funds, by giving priority to Africa, least developed countries (LDCs), gender equality and youth as well as developing countries and countries in transition and small island developing States (SIDS), which need to be mainstreamed throughout all programmes. In this regard, an appropriate selection criterion such as annual GDP per capita, established by the World Bank and/or the scale of assessment of Member States' contributions to UNESCO, is to be considered by the Secretariat since, in general, the funds requested by Member States by far exceed those available. In addition, the Secretariat will establish the relevant financial ceilings, to be communicated to Member States, based on their status as LDCs, SIDS, developing countries or middle-income countries. Member States with high annual GDP per capita, as established by the World Bank, are invited to refrain from submitting requests;
 - (f) the need to ensure that funding for each project approved is, as far as possible, allocated no later than 30 days before the date set for the start of the implementation of the project concerned, and in accordance with the conditions laid down in paragraph B.15(a).
15. *Implementation:*
- (a) the Participation Programme will be implemented within the biennial programme of the Organization, of which it forms an integral part. The implementation of the activities set out in a request is the responsibility of the Member State or other applicant. The request submitted to the Director-General must show specific scheduled commencement and termination dates for the implementation of projects, cost estimates (in United States dollars) and promised or expected funding from the Member States or private institutions;
 - (b) the results of the Participation Programme will be made known with a view to the planning and implementation of the Organization's future activities. The activity reports and sexennial reports, submitted after the completion of each project by Member States, will be used by the Secretariat to evaluate the Participation Programme's impact and results in Member States and its consistency with the objectives and priorities set by UNESCO. An evaluation by the Secretariat may also be undertaken while the project is being carried out; the list of beneficiaries submitting reports late will be transmitted to the governing bodies;
 - (c) the use of UNESCO's name and logo for the activities approved under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the directives approved by the governing bodies, will give this programme a higher profile when it is carried out at the national, subregional, regional or interregional levels, and the beneficiaries will report on the results recorded in this way.

B. Conditions

16. Assistance under the Participation Programme will be provided only if the applicant, when sending in the written requests to the Director-General, accepts the following conditions. The applicant shall:
- (a) assume full financial and administrative responsibility for implementing the plans and programmes for which participation is provided; in the case of a financial contribution, submit to the Director-General, at the close of the project, an itemized statement accounting for the activities executed (financial report in United States dollars) and certifying that the funds allocated have been used for the implementation of the project, and return to UNESCO any balance not used for project purposes. This financial report must be submitted by 30 March 2016 at the latest. It is understood that no new financial contribution will be paid until the applicant has submitted all the requisite financial reports or returned the contributions paid out. The financial reports shall be signed by the competent authority and certified by the Secretary-General of the National Commission. Also, given the need for proper accountability, all the additional supporting documents necessary shall be kept by the applicant for a period of five years after the end of the biennium concerned and provided to UNESCO or the auditor upon written request. In certain exceptional cases or in unavoidable circumstances, the Director-General may decide on the most appropriate way to handle requests, in particular through implementation by a field office concerned, provided that she duly informs the Executive Board;
 - (b) undertake to provide on a compulsory basis, together with the financial report mentioned in subparagraph (a) above, a detailed activity report on the results of the projects financed and their usefulness for the Member State or States and UNESCO; in addition, a sexennial report on the impact of the Participation Programme shall be prepared by each beneficiary on a cycle aligned with the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4);
 - (c) pay, where participation is accorded in the form of study grants, the cost of the grantees' passports, visas, medical examinations and salaries while they are abroad, if they are in receipt of a salary; help them to find suitable employment when they return to their countries of origin in accordance with national regulations;

- (d) maintain and insure against all risks any property supplied by UNESCO, from the time of its arrival at the point of delivery;
- (e) undertake to cover UNESCO against any claim or liability resulting from the activities provided for in this resolution, except where it is agreed by UNESCO and the National Commission of the Member State concerned that such claim or liability arises from gross negligence or wilful misconduct;
- (f) grant to UNESCO, with regard to activities to be carried out in connection with the Participation Programme, the privileges and immunities set out in the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.

C. Emergency assistance

17. Criteria for according emergency assistance by UNESCO:

- (a) Emergency assistance may be accorded by UNESCO when:
 - (i) there are insurmountable circumstances nationwide (earthquakes, storms, cyclones, hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons, landslides, volcanic eruptions, fires, droughts, floods or wars, etc.), which have catastrophic consequences for the Member State in the fields of education, science, culture or communication and which it cannot overcome on its own;
 - (ii) multilateral emergency assistance efforts are being undertaken by the international community or the United Nations system;
 - (iii) the Member State requests UNESCO to provide emergency assistance, in accordance with (i) and (ii) above, in the fields of its competence, through its National Commission or an established government channel;
 - (iv) the Member State is prepared to accept the Organization's recommendations in the light of the present criteria;
- (b) UNESCO emergency assistance should be restricted to the Organization's fields of competence and should only begin once the threat to life has been overcome and the physical priorities have been met (food, clothing, shelter and medical assistance); it shall also take account of the policy followed in support of countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations;
- (c) UNESCO emergency assistance should be concentrated on:
 - (i) assessing the situation and the basic requirements;
 - (ii) providing expertise and formulating recommendations on resolving the situation in its fields of competence;
 - (iii) helping to identify outside funding sources and extrabudgetary funds;
 - (iv) the urgent needs as identified by the Member States in the case of emergency assistance in cash or kind;
- (d) no administrative support or personnel costs shall be financed through emergency assistance;
- (e) the total budget for any emergency assistance project shall not exceed \$50,000; it may be supplemented by extrabudgetary funds identified for this purpose or other sources of funding;
- (f) emergency assistance shall not be provided if the Member State's request may be met within the ordinary Participation Programme;
- (g) emergency assistance shall be provided in coordination with other United Nations agencies.

18. Procedures to be followed when providing emergency assistance:

- (a) faced with an emergency situation, a Member State, through its National Commission or the designated government channel, will identify, as appropriate, its needs and the type of assistance it requires from UNESCO, within UNESCO's fields of competence; a specific form will be available for the submission of this type of request; a provisional budget as well as pro forma invoices in case of equipment should be provided;
- (b) the Director-General shall then inform the Member State, through the National Commission or established channel, of her decision;
- (c) when appropriate, and in agreement with the Member State, a technical assessment mission will be sent to appraise the situation and report to the Director-General;
- (d) the Secretariat shall report to the Member State on the assistance and the amounts it envisages providing and the follow-up, if any, which could be considered; the total value of the assistance provided shall not be in excess of \$50,000;
- (e) in the case of goods or services to be supplied by UNESCO, there shall be no international competitive bidding if the situation requires urgent action;
- (f) an evaluation report and a financial report shall be submitted by the Member State after completion of the project.

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2. Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to communicate without delay, in order to enhance the presentation, follow-up and evaluation of the projects submitted under the Participation Programme, to the National Commissions for UNESCO or, where there is no National Commission, through the designated government channel, the reasons for modifying or denying the requested amounts;
- (b) to inform the National Commissions, or where there is no National Commission, the designated government channel, of all projects and activities undertaken by international non-governmental organizations in their respective countries with support from the Participation Programme;
- (c) to provide to the Executive Board at every autumn session a report containing the following information:

- (i) a list of applications for contributions from the Participation Programme received in the Secretariat;
 - (ii) a list of the projects approved under the Participation Programme and those under emergency assistance, together with the amounts approved to finance them, and any other costs and support connected with them;
 - (iii) with regard to international non-governmental organizations, a list drawn up along the same lines as that provided for in (ii) above;
 - (d) to ensure that the percentage of the Participation Programme funds for emergency assistance, international non-governmental organizations and regional activities does not exceed 7%, 5% and 3% respectively of the allocated amount for the Participation Programme for a given biennium;
 - (e) to seek extrabudgetary funds to supplement the emergency assistance programme for 2014-2015 as needed;
 - (f) to identify ways and means of strengthening the Participation Programme in the forthcoming biennium for the benefit of the least developed countries (LDCs), developing countries, post-conflict and post-disaster countries, small island developing States (SIDS) and countries in transition.
3. *Requests* the Director-General to report in the statutory reports on the achievement of the following expected result:
- Programme management significantly improved to ensure greater transparency, strengthen accountability mechanisms, promote the Organization's image, increase the impact of its action and give effective priority to Africa and to other priority target countries (LDCs, SIDS and post-conflict and post-disaster countries).

B – Fellowships Programme

1. Authorizes the Director-General to implement, during the period 2014-2017, the plan of action in order to:
 - (i) contribute to the enhancement of human resources and national capacity building in areas that are closely aligned to UNESCO's strategic objectives and programme priorities, through the award and administration of fellowships;
 - (ii) negotiate cost-sharing arrangements either in cash or in kind with interested donors to fund fellowships through co-sponsored fellowship programmes;
 - (iii) explore possibilities of strengthening the Fellowships Programme through partnerships with civil society and non-governmental organizations;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to report in the statutory reports on the achievement of the following expected result:
 - Thematic areas aligned to strategic objectives of the Organization. Fellowship beneficiaries (in particular from Africa and LDCs) empowered in programme priority areas through sharing of knowledge and upgrading of skills at the graduate and postgraduate levels.

C – Appropriation for the Participation Programme and Fellowships Programme

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:
 - (a) to allocate for the period 2014-2015 for the Participation Programme an amount of \$15,897,000 for direct programme costs;
 - (b) to allocate also for the period 2014-2015 for the Fellowships Programme an amount of \$900,000 to honour UNESCO obligations under cost-sharing arrangements with donors in the framework of the co-sponsored fellowships programmes;
 - (c) to allocate further for the period 2014-2015 for staff and operating costs of the Participation Programme and Fellowships Programme unit an amount of \$2,008,000.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

73 Management of support services

The General Conference

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:
 - (a) to implement during the period 2014-2017 the plan of action aimed at providing support for the effective implementation of UNESCO's programmes and at ensuring the appropriate management of the common support services, namely:
 - (i) management and coordination of support services and procurement;
 - (ii) management of information systems and communications;
 - (iii) management of conferences, languages and documents;
 - (iv) management of facilities, security and safety;
 - (b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$58,577,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to pursue her efforts aimed at reinforcing security arrangements at Headquarters as set out in 185 EX/Decision 30 and in accordance with the recommendations of the Headquarters Committee;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
 - (1) Greater efficiencies and value for money achieved;

- (2) Programme delivery enabled;
 - (3) Multilingualism and quality assurance of interpretation, translation and document services ensured;
 - (4) Safe, secure, ergonomic, and more accessible work environment ensured;
4. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

74 Human resources management

The General Conference

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:
- (a) to continue to implement during the period 2014-2017 the plan of action in order to:
 - (i) assess periodically the progress made in the implementation of the human resources management strategy for 2011-2016, adjusting its action plan, as and if required, in line with organizational priorities and financial and human resources allocated;
 - (ii) update and implement the geographical mobility policy, to address the Organization's programme and staffing needs, and effectively support the field network reform;
 - (iii) pursue the implementation of human resources policies, and revise them as required, to ensure that they effectively enable and support UNESCO's programme operations, paying special attention to the improvement of geographical distribution and gender balance as well as the need for harmonization with the United Nations common system;
 - (iv) implement innovative and relevant learning and development programmes with particular emphasis on the enhancement of managerial, leadership and partnership competencies;
 - (v) promote a culture of results-oriented management ensuring engagement and exchange in support of performance management;
 - (vi) support the financial stability of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF) by implementing best industry practice mechanisms, as approved by the MBF Governing Board;
 - (b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$32,023,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
- (1) Action plan for the human resources management strategy for 2011-2016 implemented;
 - (2) Culture of deliverables within performance management fostered in support of programme delivery and career development;
 - (3) Effective and financially sound social security schemes for staff ensured;
3. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

75 Financial management

The General Conference

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:
- (a) to implement the plan of action during the period 2014-2017 in order to undertake regular budget monitoring, keep proper books of accounts, and conduct treasury and financial control functions effectively and efficiently in compliance with the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules;
 - (b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$14,855,000 for the period 2014-2015;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievements of the following expected results:
- (1) Informed decision-making improved by building capacity for financial management;
 - (2) Shift from a culture of control to accountability ensured, rendering programme delivery autonomous and with increased confidence in the Organization's ability to implement a robust internal control environment;
 - (3) Capacity strengthened by building centres of financial management competence in proximity to where UNESCO's operations are implemented, with cost-effective processes and reduced administrative time;
3. *Also requests* the Director-General to report, in her six-monthly statutory reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

VIII Administrative and financial questions

Financial questions

76 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2011, and report by the External Auditor

*The General Conference,
Recalling Article 12.10 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
Having examined document 37 C/30,*

1. *Expresses* its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his excellent work;
2. *Notes* the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements give a fair view of the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2011, as well as of the financial performance, the cash flow and the comparison of budget and actual amounts for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2011, in conformity with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
3. *Takes note* of the status of the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations and *requests* the Director-General to take the necessary steps to implement any recommendations that had not yet been implemented;
4. *Receives and accepts* the report of the External Auditor and the audited consolidated financial statements of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2011.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

77 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the year ending 31 December 2012 and report by the External Auditor

*The General Conference,
Recalling Article 12.10 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
Having examined documents 37 C/31 and 37 C/INF.8,*

1. *Expresses* its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his excellent work;
2. *Notes* the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements give a fair view of the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2012, as well as of the financial performance, the cash flow and the comparison of budget and actual amounts for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2012, in conformity with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
3. *Receives and accepts* the report of the External Auditor and the audited consolidated financial statements of UNESCO for the year ending 31 December 2012;
4. *Takes note* of the status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations and *requests* the Director-General to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations that had not yet been implemented;

Noting the comments of the External Auditor on the accounts and financial situation of UNESCO,

5. *Requests* the External Auditor to provide the Executive Board and the General Conference with assistance in the preparation of the next budget, to be included as part of a budget orientation debate.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

78 Scale of assessments and currency of Member States' contributions

The General Conference,

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Scale of assessments

Recalling Article IX of the Constitution, which stipulates in paragraph 2 that the General Conference shall approve and give final effect to the budget and to the apportionment of financial responsibility among the States Members of the Organization,

Considering that the scale of assessments for Member States of UNESCO has always been based on that of the United Nations, subject to the adjustments necessitated by the difference in membership between the two organizations,

Resolves that:

- (a) the scale of assessments of Member States of UNESCO for the years 2014 and 2015 shall be calculated on the basis of the scale of assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 67th session; the UNESCO scale shall be established with the same minimum and maximum rates, all the other rates being adjusted to take into account the difference in membership between the two organizations in order to derive a UNESCO scale of 100%;
- (b) if the United Nations General Assembly revises the scale for 2014 and 2015 at the 68th or subsequent sessions, the revised scale will be adopted by UNESCO;
- (c) new Members depositing their instruments of ratification after 6 November 2013 and Associate Members shall be assessed in accordance with the formula set forth in 26 C/Resolution 23.1;
- (d) rates of assessment for Member States shall be rounded off to the same number of decimal places as in the United Nations scale; rates of assessment for Associate Members shall be rounded off to one additional decimal place, as necessary, in order to allow the effective reduction to 60 per cent of the minimum rate of assessment for Member States stipulated in 26 C/Resolution 23.1.

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Currency of assessment and payment of contributions

Having examined the report of the Director-General on the currency of contributions of Member States (37 C/32), *Recalling* Article 5.6 of the Financial Regulations, which stipulates that "Contributions to the budget shall be assessed partly in United States dollars and partly in euros in a proportion to be determined by the General Conference and shall be paid in these or other currencies as decided by the General Conference ...",

Mindful of the need to reduce the exposure of the Organization to adverse currency fluctuation during 2014-2015,

1. *Resolves*, in respect of contributions for the years 2014 and 2015, that:

- (a) contributions to the budget shall be assessed on the basis of the approved scale of assessments as follows:
 - (i) in euros: 57% of the budget calculated at the constant rate of \$1 equal to €0.869;
 - (ii) in United States dollars – the remaining 43% of the amount of contributions to be paid by Member States;
- (b) contributions shall be paid in the two currencies in which they are assessed; nevertheless payment of the amount assessed in one currency may be made, at the choice of the Member State, in the other currency of assessment; unless the amounts assessed are received simultaneously and in full in the currencies in which they are assessed, credit shall be given against contributions due in proportion to the amounts assessed in both currencies, by the application of the United Nations operational rate of exchange between the United States dollar and the euro on the date on which the contribution is credited to a bank account of the Organization;
- (c) contributions to be assessed in euros for the financial period that remain unpaid at the time of assessment of contributions for the subsequent financial period shall be considered as due and payable in United States dollars thereafter, and for this purpose shall be converted into United States dollars using the euro rate of exchange, that is most beneficial to the Organization, by reference to the following four options:
 - (i) the constant rate of exchange used to calculate the euro portion of assessed contributions for the biennium;
 - (ii) the average United Nations operational rate of exchange for the euro during the biennium;
 - (iii) the United Nations operational rate of exchange for the euro applicable in January of each year of the biennium;
 - (iv) the United Nations operational rate of exchange for the euro applicable in December of the second year of the biennium;
- (d) arrears of contributions from previous financial periods and arrears converted into annual instalments considered as due and payable in United States dollars, but received in a currency other than the United States dollar, shall be converted into United States dollars at either the most favourable rate which UNESCO can obtain for conversion of the currency in question into United States dollars on the market on the date on which the amount is credited to a bank account of the Organization, or at the United Nations operational rate of exchange on the same date, whichever is more beneficial to the Organization;
- (e) when contributions are received in advance in euros for subsequent financial periods, such advance contributions shall be converted into United States dollars at the operational rate of exchange ruling on

the date when payment is credited to a bank account of the Organization; all contributions received in advance shall be held in the name of the contributor in United States dollars, and credit shall be given against contributions due for the subsequent financial period in dollars and euros, in the proportion determined by the General Conference, using the operational rate of exchange prevailing on the date of dispatch of letters of assessment for the first year of the following financial period;

Considering nevertheless that Member States may find it desirable to discharge part of their contributions in the currency of their choice,

2. *Also resolves that:*

- (a) the Director-General is authorized, upon request from a Member State, to accept payment in the national currency of the Member State if she considers that there is a foreseeable need for that currency in the remaining months of the calendar year;
- (b) when accepting national currencies, the Director-General, in consultation with the Member State concerned, shall determine that part of the contribution which can be accepted in the national currency, taking into account any amounts requested for payment of UNESCO coupons; the Member State concerned must make a global proposal in that case;
- (c) in order to ensure that contributions paid in national currencies will be usable by the Organization, the Director-General is authorized to fix a time limit for payment, in consultation with the Member State concerned, after which contributions would become payable in the currencies mentioned in paragraph 1 above;
- (d) acceptance of currencies other than the United States dollar or the euro is subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) currencies so accepted must be usable, without further negotiation, within the exchange regulations of the country concerned, for meeting all expenditure incurred by UNESCO within that country;
 - (ii) the rate of exchange to be applied shall be the most favourable rate which UNESCO can obtain for the conversion of the currency in question into United States dollars at the date at which the contribution is credited to a bank account of the Organization; after translation into United States dollars, credit shall be given against contributions for 2014-2015 where appropriate in proportion to the amounts assessed in United States dollars and euros, in the manner specified in paragraph 1 above;
 - (iii) if, at any time within the 12 months following the payment of a contribution in a currency other than the United States dollar or the euro, there should occur a reduction in the exchange value or a devaluation of such currency in terms of United States dollars, the Member State concerned may be required, upon notification, to make an adjustment payment to cover the exchange loss pertaining to the unspent balance of the contribution; to the extent that the Director-General considers that there is a foreseeable need for that currency in the remaining months of the calendar year, she is authorized to accept the adjustment payment in the national currency of the Member State;
 - (iv) if, at any time within the 12 months following the payment of a contribution in a currency other than the United States dollar or the euro, there should occur an increase in the exchange value or a revaluation of such currency in terms of United States dollars, the Member State concerned may require the Director-General, upon notification, to make an adjustment payment to cover the exchange gain pertaining to the unspent balance of the contribution; such adjustment payments will be made in the national currency of the Member State;
- (e) paragraphs (a) and (b) of Part I notwithstanding, the specific amount of contributions to the regular budget from each Member State, pursuant to Article IX.2 of the Constitution, shall remain unchanged during the biennium 2014-2015;

3. *Further resolves that any differences due to variations in the rates of exchange or to bank charges not exceeding \$100 relating to the last payment against contributions due for the year in question, shall be posted to the profit and loss account.*

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

79 Collection of Member States' contributions

The General Conference,

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Having examined the report of the Director-General on the collection of Member States' contributions (37 C/33 and Add.),

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 02 concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions,

Having taken note of the up-to-date information provided during the debate of the APX Commission at its 37th session,

1. *Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the financial period 2012-2013 and to those which have made efforts to reduce their arrears in response to appeals;*
2. *Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and Article 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Organization;*
3. *Strongly supports the approaches the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;*

- Concerned by the financial situation of the Organization as a result of the non-payment of assessed contributions by Member States and the severe implications thereof for the delivery of regular programme activities and for the Organization's reliance on extrabudgetary funding sources;
4. *Urgently appeals* to those Member States which are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay and, where appropriate, to settle their outstanding annual instalments at the earliest possible time as well as their regular assessed contributions;
 5. *Notes in particular* the failure of four Member States to pay on time the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in annual instalments;
 6. *Urges* Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of assessed contributions, to inform her, as promptly as possible, of the probable date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution in order to facilitate her management of the Organization's treasury function;
 7. *Urgently appeals* to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their regular contributions, mandatory advances to the Working Capital Fund, and instalments under payment plans to pay their arrears without delay, bearing in mind:
 - (a) the risk of loss of voting rights that may otherwise ensue at the 37th session of the General Conference,
 - (b) that prompt payment will enable the Organization to sustain its programmes and plan the budget for its 2014-2015 biennium in rational fashion;
 8. *Authorizes* the Director-General to negotiate and contract, as an exceptional measure, short-term loans on the best terms available, when it becomes necessary, to enable the Organization to meet its financial commitments during 2014-2015, and to limit the periods and amounts of internal and external borrowing to the strict minimum, with a view to phasing out external borrowing as soon as possible and requests the Director-General to report thereon, as appropriate.

II

Collection of contributions – Central African Republic

Having been advised of the desire of the Government of the Central African Republic to find an acceptable solution for settlement of arrears of contributions due,

1. *Notes* the amount outstanding of \$142,934 as at 8 November 2013 (including the balance due of \$108,367 under the payment plan approved at its 32nd session) after translation of the amount due in euros into United States dollars at the constant rate of exchange;
2. *Accepts* the proposal as set forth by the Government that the amount outstanding shall be paid in six annual instalments as follows: five equal instalments of \$23,822 from 2014 to 2018 and one instalment of \$23,824 in 2019, all payable by 30 June of each year;
3. *Decides* that payments of contributions received from the Central African Republic during the second year of each biennium shall be credited first against annual instalments due, secondly to the Working Capital Fund, and then to the contributions due in the order in which the Member was assessed;
4. *Calls upon* the Government of the Central African Republic to ensure that the assessed contributions due which are not under the payment plan are paid promptly on a regular basis;
5. *Requests* the Director-General to report to it at each forthcoming ordinary session on the implementation of this resolution.

Collection of contributions – Comoros

Having been advised of the desire of the Government of the Comoros to find an acceptable solution for settlement of arrears of contributions due,

1. *Notes* the amount outstanding of \$478,204 as at 8 November 2013 (including the total balance of \$464,468 under the payment plan approved at its 35th session) after translation of the amount due in euros into United States dollars at the constant rate of exchange;
2. *Accepts* the proposal as set forth by the Government that the amount outstanding shall be paid in two equal annual instalments of \$239,102 in 2014 and 2015, all payable by 30 June of each year;
3. *Decides* that payments of contributions received from the Comoros during the second year of each biennium shall be credited first against annual instalments due, secondly to the Working Capital Fund, and then to the contributions due in the order in which the Member was assessed;
4. *Calls upon* the Government of the Comoros to ensure that the assessed contributions due which are not under the payment plan are paid promptly on a regular basis;
5. *Requests* the Director-General to report to it at each forthcoming ordinary session on the implementation of this resolution.

Collection of contributions – Guinea-Bissau

Having been advised of the desire of the Government of Guinea-Bissau to find an acceptable solution for settlement of arrears of contributions due,

1. *Notes* the amount outstanding of \$395,776 as at 8 November 2013 (including the balance due of \$367,546 under the payment plan approved at its 33rd session) after translation of the amount due in euros into United States dollars at the constant rate of exchange;
2. *Accepts* the proposal as set forth by the Government that the amount outstanding shall be paid in six annual instalments as follows: five equal instalments of \$65,963 from 2014 to 2018 and one instalment of \$65,961 in 2019, all payable by 30 June of each year;
3. *Decides* that payments of contributions received from Guinea-Bissau during the second year of each biennium shall be credited first against annual instalments due, secondly to the Working Capital Fund, and then to the contributions due in the order in which the Member was assessed;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of Guinea-Bissau to ensure that the assessed contributions due which are not under the payment plan are paid promptly on a regular basis;
5. *Requests* the Director-General to report to it at each forthcoming ordinary session on the implementation of this resolution.

III

Recalling resolution 36 C/87 in which the General Conference adopted the discount method for prompt payment for a trial period of four years starting from 1 January 2012;

1. *Highlights* for the importance for the Organization of implementing such an incentive system for the prompt payment of contributions, the abolition of which could exacerbate the cash-flow situation;
2. *Decides*, in view of the cash-flow situation of the Organization, to postpone the distribution of the \$4 million available under the previous incentive scheme of the 2010-2011 biennium until 1 January 2016.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

80 Working Capital Fund: level and administration

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/34 and taking note of the recommendation of the Director-General,

1. *Resolves* that:
 - (a) the authorized level of the Working Capital Fund for 2014-2015 shall be fixed at \$30 million, and the amounts to be advanced by Member States shall be calculated according to the rates assigned to them under the scale of assessments approved by the General Conference for 2014-2015;
 - (b) a new Member State shall be required to make an advance to the Working Capital Fund, calculated as a percentage of the authorized level of the Fund, in accordance with the percentage assigned to it under the scale of assessments applicable at the time it becomes a Member;
 - (c) the resources of the Fund shall be assessed and paid in United States dollars; these resources shall normally be held in United States dollars, but the Director-General shall have the right, with the agreement of the Executive Board, to alter the currency or currencies in which the Fund is held in such a manner as she deems necessary to ensure the stability of the Fund and the smooth functioning of the split-level assessment system; if such an alteration should be agreed, an appropriate exchange equalization account should be established within the Fund to record translation gains and losses on exchange;
 - (d) the Director-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with Article 5.1 of the Financial Regulations, such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;
 - (e) the Director-General is authorized to advance during 2014-2015 sums not exceeding in total \$500,000 at any one time, to finance self-liquidating expenditures, including those arising in connection with trust funds and Special Accounts; these sums are advanced pending availability of sufficient receipts from trust funds and Special Accounts, international bodies and other extrabudgetary sources; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as rapidly as possible.
2. *Invites* Members States to continue making voluntary advances to the Working Capital Fund to complement the level of the Working Capital Fund;
3. *Consequently decides* to amend Article 6 of the Financial Regulations by adding a new sentence at the end of paragraph 6.2 as follows:

"In addition, Member States may make voluntary advances to the Working Capital Fund at any time. Such advances shall be refunded upon request by the Member State concerned."

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013

81 Income and expenditure plan based on the expected cash flow for 2014-2015

At its 15th plenary session the General Conference endorsed the \$507 million expenditure plan as contained in document 37 C/5 Add. 2 Rev.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

Staff questions

82 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/35,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in that document;
2. *Decides* to amend Regulation 9.5 as follows:

Regulation 9.5

"Staff members who became participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund before 1 January 1990 shall retire on the last day of the month in which they reach the age of 60; staff members who became participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund between 1 January 1990 and 31 December 2013 inclusive shall retire on the last day of the month in which they reach the age of 62; staff members who became participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund on or after 1 January 2014 shall retire on the last day of the month in which they reach the age of 65. When the Director-General considers it to be in the interest of the Organization, he/she may authorize extension of these limits in specific cases."

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

83 Staff salaries, allowances and benefits

The General Conference,

Having examined the report of the Director-General on staff salaries, allowances and benefits (37 C/36),

Having taken into consideration the implementation of the most recent recommendations and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly and the International Civil Service Commission relating to the salaries, allowances and other benefits of staff of organizations which participate in the United Nations common system of salaries, allowances and conditions of service,

Noting the possibility that the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) may, on its own initiative and by virtue of the authority conferred upon it by Article 10 of its Statute, adopt, decide or recommend to the United Nations General Assembly measures affecting staff salaries, allowances and benefits,

1. *Endorses* the measures already taken by the Director-General pursuant to the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations General Assembly and the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), as set out in document 37 C/36;
2. *Authorizes* the Director-General to continue to apply to the staff of UNESCO measures of this kind that might be adopted either by the United Nations General Assembly or, by virtue of the authority conferred upon it, the International Civil Service Commission;
3. *Invites* the Director-General to report to the Executive Board on measures of this kind and, if there are budgetary difficulties in applying these, to submit proposals to the Board for approval.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

84 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for 2014-2015

The General Conference,

Having examined document 37 C/37,

1. *Takes note* of the report by the Director-General on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;
2. *Appoints* the representatives of the following six Member States to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015:

As members

Brazil

Kenya

Malaysia

As alternates

Chile

Italy

Sudan

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

85 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF) and introduction of the new governance structure

The General Conference,

Having examined documents 37 C/38 and Add. and Add.2,

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in these documents with regard to the governance structure revisions and decides to amend the Rules of the Medical Benefits Fund as set out in Part 3 of document 37 C/38 Add.;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to present a report on the full financial implications of moving to a 60:40 cost-sharing formula, including for the after-service health insurance (ASHI) liability, to the Executive Board at its 195th session;
3. *Envisages* the possibility of establishing a charge of 1% of total staff costs across all funding sources with effect from 1 January 2016 as funding for ASHI liability in respect of active staff members, subject to the continuing application of a realistic lapse factor as part of the budgeting techniques;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to continue improving the management of the Fund;
5. *Also invites* the Director-General to report to it at its 38th session on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

Headquarters questions

86 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex

The General Conference,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 100, 36 C/Resolution 101 and 190 EX/Decision 33,

Having examined document 37 C/39 Parts I and II Rev. and Add.,

1. *Expresses its gratitude to the Headquarters Committee and to its Chairperson, H.E. Ms Lorena Sol de Pool, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of El Salvador, for the action taken and the results achieved between the 36th and 37th sessions of the General Conference;*
2. *Takes note of the progress achieved in managing the UNESCO complex and the maintenance and conservation of Headquarters buildings;*
3. *Also takes note of the risk assessment for UNESCO buildings maintenance and conservation developed in the context of the current financial situation of the Organization;*
4. *Invites the Director-General to provide, in the report on managing the UNESCO complex submitted to the Executive Board at its 195th session, a progress report on the development of the Capital Master Plan options;*
5. *Endorses the decision of the Headquarters Committee to allow the Director-General to rent office space available in buildings VI and VII (Bonvin site) to Permanent Delegations and upon availability to NGOs, IGOs, United Nations bodies and other international organizations whose status and activities entitle them to the allocation of space at Headquarters;*
6. *Further takes note of the request of the Headquarters Committee to the Director-General to begin without further delay the construction of a forward security post at the main Fontenoy entrance by using the funds that have already been transferred to the Special Account for Strengthening the Security of UNESCO Premises Worldwide and allocated for this purpose by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 97;*
7. *Takes note with concern of the increased cost of the project in the interim and also takes note of the decision of the Headquarters Committee to finance the additional \$538,000 from the Headquarters Utilization Fund;*
8. *Reiterates the request to the Director-General to apply all necessary measures required by the contracts on letting office space to Permanent Delegations, including the redistribution of offices from those delegations which do not meet their contractual obligations;*
9. *Also reiterates the invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters;*
10. *Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 38th session, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex.*

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

IX Constitutional and legal questions

87 Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO

At its fifteenth plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013, the General Conference *adopted*, on the sixth report of the Legal Committee (37 C/81), the amendments to its Rules of Procedure and to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO contained in the Annex to this resolution.

ANNEX

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE	
CURRENT TEXT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE LEGAL COMMITTEE
Rule 6	
<p>5. The Executive Board shall before each session of the General Conference include in the appropriate list the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity¹ which are to be invited to send observers to that session. The Director-General shall notify the liberation movements which appear on this list of the convening of the session and shall invite them to send observers.</p> <p>6. The Executive Board shall before each session of the General Conference include Palestine in the appropriate list for it to send observers to that session. The Director-General shall notify Palestine of the convening of the session and shall invite it to send observers.¹</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p> <p>1. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>	<p>5. The Executive Board shall before each session of the General Conference include in the appropriate list the African liberation movements recognized by the African Union Organization of African Unity¹ which are to be invited to send observers to that session. The Director-General shall notify the liberation movements which appear on this list of the convening of the session and shall invite them to send observers.</p> <p>6. The Executive Board shall before each session of the General Conference include Palestine in the appropriate list for it to send observers to that session. The Director-General shall notify Palestine of the convening of the session and shall invite it to send observers.¹</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p> <p>1. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>
Rule 9	
<p>1. The provisional agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Board on the basis of items submitted, pursuant to Rule 10, not later than one hundred days before the opening of the session.</p> <p>2. It shall be communicated to the Member States and Associate Members no later than ninety days before the opening of the session.</p>	<p>1. <u>In the light of Rule 10, the provisional agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Board on the basis of items submitted, pursuant to Rule 10, not later than one hundred days before the opening of the session. at its first ordinary session of the year in which the General Conference is held.</u></p> <p>2. It shall be communicated to the Member States and Associate Members no later than ninety days before the opening of the session. <u>as soon as possible after the closure of the that Executive Board session.</u></p>
Rule 12	
<p>Supplementary items</p> <p>1. Any Member State or Associate Member may, at least six weeks before the date fixed for the opening of</p>	<p>Supplementary items</p> <p>1. Any Member State or Associate Member may, at least six eight weeks before the date fixed for the opening of</p>

<p>session, request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda</p>	<p>the session, request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda</p>
<p><u>Rule 57</u></p>	
<p>Circulation and safe keeping of records and sound recordings 1. The verbatim records referred to in the preceding rule shall be circulated to delegations as soon as possible, to enable them to send in their corrections to the Secretariat within forty-eight hours. 2. At the end of the session, the verbatim records, duly corrected, shall be distributed to all Member States and Associate Members, and to non-Member States and organizations invited to the session, as provided in Rule 53.</p>	<p>Circulation and safe keeping of records and sound recordings 1. The <u>draft</u> verbatim records referred to in the preceding rule shall be circulated made available to delegations as soon as possible, to enable them to send in their corrections to the Secretariat within forty-eight hours. 2. At the end of the session, The verbatim records, duly corrected, shall be distributed to all Member States and Associate Members, and to non-Member States and organizations invited to the session, as provided in Rule 53-, <u>before the first ordinary session of the Executive Board of the year in which the next session of the General Conference is held.</u></p>
<p><u>Rule 67</u></p>	
<p>Liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity¹ Observers for African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer. 1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>	<p>Liberation movements recognized by the <u>African Union Organization of African Unity</u>¹ Observers for African liberation movements recognized by the <u>African Union</u> Organization of African Unity may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer. 1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>
<p><u>Rule 68</u></p>	
<p>Palestine² Observers for Palestine may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer. 2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>	<p><u>Palestine²</u> Observers for Palestine may make oral or written statements in plenary meetings and in meetings of committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs, with the consent of the presiding officer. 2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>
<p><u>Rule 80</u></p>	
<p>Admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget 1. Draft resolutions proposing the adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget may only relate to those parts of the Draft Programme and Budget which are concerned with the policies and the main lines of work of the Organization and which require decisions of the General Conference, including the Appropriation Resolution and the other proposed resolutions in the Draft Programme and Budget. Specific criteria may be elaborated by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the General Conference. 2. Draft resolutions covered by paragraph 1 of this rule shall be submitted in writing and shall reach the Director-General at least forty-five days before the opening of the session of the General Conference; the Director-General shall communicate them, with such notes as he may deem appropriate, to Member States and Associate Members at least twenty days before the opening of the session.</p>	<p>Admissibility criteria for draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget 1. Draft resolutions proposing the adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget may only relate to those parts of the Draft Programme and Budget which are concerned with the policies and the main lines of work of the Organization and which require decisions of the General Conference, <u>namely the</u> including the Appropriation Resolution and the other proposed resolutions in the Draft Programme and Budget. Specific criteria may be elaborated by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the General Conference. 2. Draft resolutions covered by paragraph 1 of this rule shall be submitted in writing and shall reach the Director-General at least forty-five days six weeks before the opening of the session of the General Conference; the Director-General shall communicate them, with such notes as he may deem appropriate, to Member States and Associate Members at least twenty days before the opening of the session. <u>3. Draft resolutions with financial implications for the Organization's regular budget should clearly identify the Part and, where appropriate, the main line of</u></p>

<p>3. Draft resolutions which do not satisfy the requirements laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this rule, and those proposing activities which are purely national in scope or could be financed under the Participation Programme, shall not be admissible.</p>	<p><u>action (MLA) of the Draft Programme and Budget from which the resources should come. The budget implications, regardless of the proposed source of funding, shall be higher than the ceiling set for requests for assistance under the Participation Programme for projects or activities with a regional impact.</u></p> <p>4. Draft resolutions which do not satisfy the requirements laid down in paragraphs 1, and 2 and 3 of this rule, and those proposing activities which are purely national in scope or could be financed under the Participation Programme, shall not be admissible.</p>
Rule 81	
<p>Examination of admissibility of draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget The Director-General shall examine draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget to determine admissibility, and the draft resolutions he considers inadmissible shall not be translated or distributed. The sponsors of these draft resolutions may submit an appeal to the General Conference through its Legal Committee. To consider these appeals the Legal Committee may be convened as soon as necessary.</p>	<p>Examination of admissibility of draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget The Director-General shall examine draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget to determine admissibility, and 1. The draft resolutions he considers inadmissible shall not be translated or distributed. The sponsors of these draft resolutions may submit an appeal to <u>the Legal Committee of the General Conference through its Legal Committee, at least five days before the opening of the session of the General Conference.</u> To consider these appeals the Legal Committee may be convened as soon as necessary.</p>
Rule 82	
<p>New examination of proposals in plenary meetings</p> <p>Any Member State which proposes a discussion and separate vote in plenary meeting on an item previously considered in a committee or commission in which all the Member States are represented and not included as a specific recommendation in the report of that committee or commission, shall give notice to the President of the General Conference in order that such item shall be specifically listed in the agenda of the plenary meeting to which the report of the said committee or commission is submitted.</p>	<p>New eExamination of proposals in plenary meetings</p> <p><u>1. When examining the Draft Programme and Budget, the General Conference may at any time make changes that it deems necessary, including amendments to draft resolutions under consideration.</u></p> <p><u>2.</u> Any Member State which proposes a discussion and separate vote in plenary meeting on an item previously considered in a committee or commission in which all the Member States are represented and not included as a specific recommendation in the report of that committee or commission, shall give notice to the President of the General Conference in order that such item shall be specifically listed in the agenda of the plenary meeting to which the report of the said committee or commission is submitted.</p>
Rules 15, 26, 29, 31, 41, 42, 69 and 79 (English version only)	
General Committee	<u>General Committee Bureau</u>
<u>The Rules of Procedure will be renumbered accordingly</u>	
REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNESCO	
CURRENT TEXT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE LEGAL COMMITTEE
Article 7A	
<p>Without prejudice to other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall decide upon the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity¹ which are to be invited to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>	<p>Without prejudice to other provisions of these Regulations, the General Conference, the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall decide upon the African liberation movements recognized by the <u>African Union</u> Organization of African Unity¹ which are to be invited to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.</p> <p>1. The Charter of the Organization of African Unity has been abrogated and replaced by the Constitutive Act of the African Union, adopted in Lomé on 11 July 2000, which entered into force on 26 May 2001.</p>
Article 7B	
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<p>Regulations, the General Conference, or the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall invite Palestine to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.²</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>	<p>Regulations, the General Conference, or the Executive Board or the Director-General, according to the category of meeting, shall invite Palestine to send observers to the meetings referred to in these Regulations.²</p> <p>2. At its 36th session (2011), the General Conference decided to admit Palestine as a Member of UNESCO (36 C/Resolution 76). Palestine therefore became a Member of UNESCO on 23 November 2011.</p>
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88 Administrative Tribunal: Extension of its period of jurisdiction

The General Conference,

Having taken note of document 37 C/25,

Decides to renew, for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2019, UNESCO's recognition of the jurisdiction of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization for cases arising under Staff Regulation 11.2.

Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

89 Summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken for the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education

The General Conference,

Recalling 34 C/Resolution 13, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II), 184 EX/Decision 20 and 186 EX/Decision 19 (II),

Having noted that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board has decided to review its working methods, including in regard to the monitoring of the Organization's standard-setting instruments,

Reaffirming the importance of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education and of their implementation by Member States in order to make the full exercise of the right to education a reality for all,

Having examined document 37 C/26,

1. *Endorses 192 EX/Decision 20 (II), in particular its request to the Director-General to make the national reports available online through the newly-established global database on the right to education;*
2. *Notes with appreciation that 58 Member States, 44 of them being States Parties to the 1960 Convention, submitted their reports within the eighth consultation on the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education, and welcomes the efforts of Member States to ensure equality of educational opportunity for all;*
3. *Encourages all Member States to submit their national reports;*
4. *Expresses its satisfaction that 11 Member States ratified the 1960 Convention between 2005 and 2013, thereby increasing the number of ratifications from 89 to 100;*
5. *Also encourages all Member States to strengthen their efforts to ensure the full and comprehensive implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation and urges Member States that have not acceded to the Convention to consider doing so, and to make the 1960 Convention and Recommendation, as well as the 1962 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission, better known to the bodies, target groups and other entities interested in matters dealt with therein;*
6. *Encourages the Director-General, in close collaboration with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education, to support Member States in their efforts to make the right to education a reality;*
7. *Requests the Director-General to intensify her efforts to foster inclusion in education and encourage Member States to adopt domestic measures to secure education for all without discrimination or exclusion;*
8. *Also requests the Director-General to take appropriate action as follow-up to the eighth consultation and to initiate the ninth consultation of Member States;*
9. *Invites the Director-General to transmit to it at its 39th session the next summary of the reports received from Member States on measures taken for the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation, and decides to include an item on this matter in the agenda of its 39th session.*

Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

90 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

The General Conference,

Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I), 34 C/Resolution 87, 184 EX/Decision 20 and 192 EX/Decision 20 (III),

Having noted that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board has decided to review its working methods, including in regard to the monitoring of the Organization's standard-setting instruments,

Reaffirming the importance of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and of its implementation by Member States in order to further promote the values and principles of human rights in and through education,

Having examined document 37 C/27,

1. *Endorses* 192 EX/Decision 20 (III), in particular its request to the Director-General to make the national reports available online through the newly-established global database on the right to education;
2. *Notes* that 57 Member States submitted their reports within the fifth consultation on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation (as of 16 October 2013) and *commends* the efforts made by Member States to give increasing importance to education for peace and human rights;
3. *Invites* all Member States to strengthen their efforts to ensure the full and comprehensive implementation of the 1974 Recommendation;
4. *Encourages* the Director-General, in close collaboration with other institutions and agencies specialized in peace, human rights and democratic citizenship education, to support Member States in putting into practice the values of the 1974 Recommendation;
5. *Requests* the Director-General to take appropriate action as follow-up to the fifth consultation and to initiate the sixth consultation of Member States;
6. *Invites* the Director-General to transmit to it at its 39th session the next consolidated report on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation, and *decides* to include an item on this matter in the agenda of its 39th session.

Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

91

Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,

Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II) on the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided, as well as 189 EX/Decision 13 (III) and 190 EX/Decision 24 (IV),

Having noted that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board has decided to review its working methods, including in regard to the monitoring of the Organization's standard-setting instruments,

Having examined document 37 C/28,

Noting the submissions made by Member States on the conformity of their legislation and institutional practices with the principles laid down in the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, as well as on the current relevance and adequacy of such principles for science ethics and science policies,

Also bearing in mind the process of revising the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers initiated by 189 EX/Decision 13 (III), 190 EX/Decision 24 (IV) and 192 EX/Decision 10,

Stressing the importance of transmitting to UNESCO, on a periodic basis, precise information on the measures taken by States to establish, protect and promote the status of scientific researchers as defined by the 1974 Recommendation,

1. *Reminds* Member States that by means of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, the General Conference recommended that they bring that instrument to the attention of the authorities, institutions and enterprises responsible for the conduct of research and experimental development and the application of its results, and of the various organizations representing or promoting the interests of scientific researchers in association, and other interested parties;
2. *Also reminds* Member States that by means of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, the General Conference recommended that Member States report to it on the action they have taken to give effect thereto;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to support Member States in their efforts to compile reports on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to transmit to it at its 39th session the next summary of reports received from Member States on measures taken to implement the 1974 Recommendation.

Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

X Methods of work of the Organization

92 Methods of preparing the budget, budget estimates for 2014-2015, and budgeting techniques

The General Conference,

Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5), prepared by the Director-General and submitted to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VI.3 (a) of the Constitution,

Recalling 190 EX/Decision 19, 191 EX/Decision 15, 5 X/EX Decision 2 and 192 EX/Decision 16,

1. *Takes note* of the fact that the budgeting techniques applied to the preparation of document 37 C/5 are in accordance with 36 C/Resolution 110;
2. *Invites* the Director-General, when preparing the Budget for 2016-2017, to continue applying the approved budgeting techniques and *also invites* the Director-General to make recommendations to the governing bodies for any modification or improvement, as appropriate.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

93 Revision of the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103, 190 EX/Decision 18 (I), paragraph 6, and, in particular, the recommendations contained in 190 EX/18 Part I, paragraph 23, 192 EX/Decision 15 (I) and 192 EX/Decision 16 (VII), paragraph 5 (d),

Also recalling documents 190 EX/18 Part I, 190 EX/INF.16, Draft 37 C/4 and Draft 37 C/5,

Having examined document 37 C/18 Part I and its annex,

1. *Decides* to approve the revised integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO and the attachments thereto, as recommended by the Executive Board in 190 EX/Decision 18 (I) and contained in annex to document 37 C/18 Part I;
2. *Also decides* that this revised integrated comprehensive strategy shall supersede all relevant prior resolutions by the General Conference on the subject;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to apply the strategy to all proposals for the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres, as well as to all renewals of existing agreements.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

94 Programme and timetable of work for the preparation and monitoring of the C/5 and C/4 documents

The General Conference,

Recalling 186 EX/Decision 17 (I) and 192 EX/Decision 5 (III) (B),

Having examined document 37 C/23,

Takes note of the information contained in document 37 C/23.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

95 Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013, the General Conference *decided*, on the recommendation of the APX Commission, to admit Palestine to the Arab States region with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities, and to admit Anguilla as a new Associate Member of UNESCO to the Latin American and Caribbean region, with a view to its participation in the regional activities by the Organization.

96 Follow-up to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit's (JIU) recommendations concerning the methods of work of UNESCO's intergovernmental bodies¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 104, 191 EX/Decision 16 (IV) and 192 EX/Decision 4 (III),

Having examined documents 37 C/49 and Add.,

Acknowledging the need to optimize the governance of intergovernmental programmes, committees and conventions by harnessing the potential for greater synergy, harmonization, efficiency and impact while bearing in mind requirements regarding the quality of work and the specific mandate, constituency and functioning of individual governing bodies,

1. *Decides* that a strategic performance review of all governing bodies, listed in the Annex to document 191 EX/16, Part IV, shall be carried out as described below, with a view to formulating governance reform and cost-saving measures as appropriate:
 - (a) all governing bodies, intergovernmental programmes, committees and organs established by conventions are invited to perform a self-assessment covering the overall relevance of their work in relation to their specific terms of reference as well as the efficiency and effectiveness of their meetings, including the impact and utility of experts' time; the outcome of these self-assessments should be reported by January 2015;
 - (b) an external review of challenges in relation to governance in UNESCO, including continued relevance, overlapping terms of reference, transparency and efficiency of decision-making and the costs of governance arrangements; the review should also take into account the functioning and working methods of other United Nations specialized agencies and the intergovernmental programmes affiliated to them;
2. *Invites* the External Auditor to facilitate the self-assessment of governing bodies by delivering a common assessment framework covering the relevant issues;
3. *Also invites* the External Auditor to perform the external review referred to in paragraph 1 above;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to address the challenges within her purview, *inter alia*, by providing institutional oversight to alleviate the risk of programmatic overlap and duplication and harmonizing secretariat services in order to improve the procedural and substantive planning of meetings;
5. *Requests* the External Auditor to present an interim report on the findings and main recommendations of the governance review to the Executive Board at its 196th session, with the full report to be presented at the 197th session of the Executive Board, with a view to recommending relevant follow-up measures for consideration by the General Conference at its 38th session ;
6. *Requests* that the external governance review be financed by the regular budget by including it in the External Auditor's regular programme for the biennium 2014-2015 with the necessary adjustments as appropriate.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

97 Report of the open-ended tripartite working group on the follow-up to the review of the cooperation of UNESCO's Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO

The General Conference,

Recalling 189 EX/Decision 16, 190 EX/Decision 37 and 191 EX/Decision 33,

Having examined document 37 C/50 and its annex containing the Report of the open-ended tripartite working group and the draft action plan,

Reconfirming the crucial role and unique value of National Commissions for UNESCO,

Recognizing the need to enhance UNESCO's cooperation with this worldwide network,

1. *Adopts* the Action Plan for enhancing the cooperation of UNESCO's Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO;
2. *Invites* Member States to implement the Action Plan, notably by assuming their obligations and responsibilities to support their National Commissions as laid down in the UNESCO Constitution (Article VII) and in the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to implement the Action Plan by taking the necessary measures to improve the Secretariat's cooperation with National Commissions in liaison with the Permanent Delegations, and to report to the Executive Board on the progress of its implementation as appropriate in her general activity reports.

Resolution adopted on the report of the APX Commission at the 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

XI Budget 2014-2015

98 Appropriation resolution for 2014-2015

The General Conference,

Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 presented by the Director-General (37 C/5 and Add.-Add.2 Rev., 37 C/5 Corr.8, 37 C/6 and Add. & Corr., 37 C/76 and the reports of its commissions),

Resolves that:

Appropriation Resolution for 2014-2015		
		\$653 million
A. Regular programme		
(a) For the financial period 2014-2015 the amount of \$653,000,000 ¹ is appropriated as follows:		
Appropriation line		\$
PART I - GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION		
A. Governing bodies <i>(Including: General Conference and Executive Board)</i>		10 834 000
B. Direction <i>(Including: Directorate, the Executive Office of the Director-General, Internal Oversight, International Standards and Legal Affairs, and the Ethics Office)</i>		21 164 000
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System		13 759 000
	TOTAL, PART I	45 757 000
PART II - PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME-RELATED SERVICES		
A. Programmes		
Major Programme I - Education ²		117 964 600
Major Programme II - Natural sciences ^{3 & 4}		62 404 100
Major Programme III - Social and human sciences		33 197 000
Major Programme IV - Culture ⁵		54 121 700
Major Programme V - Communication and information		32 714 600
UNESCO Institute for Statistics		9 200 000
Management of field offices		89 953 000
<i>(Including: Field Management of decentralized programmes, and field office operating costs)</i>		
Supplementary funding for the Field Network Reform		5 000 000
	Total, Part II.A	404 555 000
B. Programme-related services		
1. Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa		8 339 000
2. Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit gender equality		2 217 000
3. UNESCO's response to post-conflict and post-disaster situations		1 914 000
4. Strategic planning, programme monitoring and budget preparation		7 916 000
5. Organization-wide knowledge management		5 048 000
6. External relations and public information		24 579 000
	Total, Part II.B	50 013 000
C. Participation Programme and Fellowships Programme		18 805 000
	TOTAL, PART II	473 373 000
PART III - CORPORATE SERVICES		
A. Human resources management		
1. Human resources management		19 023 000
2. Corporate-wide training and development of staff		1 000 000
3. Contribution to the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF) for Associate Participants and administrative costs		12 000 000
	Total, Part III.A	32 023 000
B. Financial management		
1. Financial management		14 477 000
2. Corporate-wide insurance premiums		378 000
	Total, Part III.B	14 855 000
C. Management of support services		
1. Management and coordination of support services and procurement		3 860 000
2. Management of information systems and communications		11 779 000
3. Management of conferences, languages and documents		21 726 000
4. Management of facilities, security and safety		21 212 000
	Total, Part III.C	58 577 000
	TOTAL, PART III	105 455 000
	TOTAL, PARTS I - III	624 585 000
Reserve for reclassifications / merit recognition		1 300 000
PART IV - LOAN REPAYMENTS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS PREMISES & THE IBE BUILDING		14 074 000
PART V - ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES		13 041 000
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	653 000 000

1	Parts I-V are calculated at the constant rate of exchange of 0.869 euro to one United States dollar. Pursuant to 190 EX/Decision 19 this rate will be revised to reflect the prevailing rate of exchange before the approval of document 37 C/5.		
2	The appropriation for Major Programme I includes the financial allocations for the UNESCO education institutes:		
	UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	5 000 000	
	UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5 300 000	
	UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)	2 000 000	
	UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1 000 000	
	UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	2 500 000	
	UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 200 000	
	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP)	500 000	
	Total, UNESCO education institutes	18 500 000	
3	The appropriation for Major Programme II includes the financial allocations for the UNESCO science institutes:		
	UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE)	-	
	International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)	1 015 000	
	Total, UNESCO science institutes	1 015 000	
4	The appropriation for Major Programme II includes the budget appropriations for the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of:	12 026 200	
5	The appropriation for Major Programme IV includes the budget appropriations for the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC) of:	18 056 600	

Additional appropriations

- (b) The Director-General is authorized to accept and add to the appropriation approved under paragraph (a) above, voluntary contributions, donations, gifts, bequests and subventions, and contributions from governments taking into account the provisions of Article 7.3 of the Financial Regulations. The Director-General shall provide information thereon to the Members of the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action.

Budgetary commitments

- (c) The Director-General is authorized to enter into commitments during the financial period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015 as follows:
- within the limits of the amounts authorized under paragraph (a) above in the event of an expected cash flow of \$653 million, or
 - within the limit of the appropriations set out in the expenditure plan based on an expected cash flow for 2014-2015 of \$507 million.

Transfers

- (d) With the approval of the Executive Board the Director-General is authorized to make budget transfers from Part V of the budget (Anticipated Cost Increases) to the relevant appropriation lines in Parts I-IV of the budget, for the purpose of meeting increases in staff costs, in the costs of goods and services and technical adjustments.
- (e) The Director-General may make transfers between appropriation lines up to an amount of 2% of the initial appropriation, informing the Members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details and reasons for these transfers. In instances where transfers between appropriation lines entail an amount greater than 2%, the Director-General shall obtain the prior approval of the Executive Board.
- (f) The budget appropriations for the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC) shall not be decreased by transfers of funds to other Parts of the budget.

Staff

- (g) The established posts by grade foreseen for the 2014-2015 biennium are summarized in Annex II of document 37 C/5. The Director-General shall present to the Executive Board for prior approval any change to this annex in respect of the total number of posts of grade D-1 and above.
- (h) In accordance with their specific statutes and regulations, posts may be established at the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE), the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE), the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA), the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC), the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), the UNESCO-IHE Institute of Water Education (UNESCO-IHE), the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). These posts are not included in the establishment table set out in Annex II of document 37 C/5.

Assessment

- (i) The appropriations authorized under paragraph (a) above (\$653,000,000) shall be financed by assessments on Member States.

Currency fluctuation

- (j) The estimates for the regular budget used in preparing this draft budget have been calculated at the exchange rate of one United States dollar to 0.869 euro, the same exchange rate used in preparing the budget for the period 2012-2013. From a budgetary perspective, income and expenditure incurred in euros against the budget will be recorded in the budget reports at the constant dollar rate to be determined at the time of approval of the budget in line with 190 EX/Decision 19 (II), paragraph 4(c). However, for the accounts (as per International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)), euro denominated income and expenditure will be recorded using the United Nations Operational

Rate of Exchange (UNORE). Differences arising from using two different bases for the budget and accounts will be outlined in reconciliation/comparison reports of the financial statements.

Proposal for 2016-2017

- (k) The Director-General is requested to provide a mid-term assessment of progress made in the achievement of expected results during the 2014-2015 biennium and to submit to the General Conference at its 38th session a draft budget proposal for the period 2016-2017.

B. Extrabudgetary programmes

- (l) The Director-General is authorized to receive funds, other than from Member States' assessed contributions, in order to implement programmes and projects consistent with the aims, policies and activities of the Organization and to incur obligations and make payments in respect of such activities in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Organization and the agreements made with funding sources.

Resolution adopted on the recommendation of the Joint Meeting of Commissions at the 18th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013.

XII 38th session of the General Conference

99 Venue of the 38th session of the General Conference¹

The General Conference,

Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of its Rules of Procedure,

Considering that, on the date fixed by Rule 3, no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its 38th session in its territory,

Decides to hold its 38th session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

Resolution adopted at the 16th plenary session, on 19 November 2013.

¹ Resolution adopted at the 16th plenary session, on 19 November 2013.

XIII Reports of the programme commissions, the APX Commission (Finance, administration and general questions, programme support and external relations), the Joint Meeting of Commissions and the Legal Committee

NOTE

The reports of the APX commission and the five programme commissions (sections A-F below) were submitted to the General Conference, in plenary meeting, in the following documents: 37 C/70, 37 C/71, 37 C/72, 37 C/73, 37 C/74 and 37 C/75.

The proposals of the joint meeting of the programme commissions and the APX Commission (section G below) were submitted to the General Conference, in plenary meeting, in document 37 C/69.

The six reports of the Legal Committee (section H below) were submitted to the General Conference, in plenary meeting, in the following documents: 37 C/76, 37 C/77, 37 C/78, 37 C/79, 37 C/80 and 37 C/81.

The final text of the resolutions adopted by the General Conference on the recommendations of the commissions and the committees is reproduced in full in the preceding chapters of this volume. The numbers finally given to the resolutions are shown in parentheses. Other decisions taken by the General Conference on the recommendation of the commissions and the committees are reflected in their respective reports, which are contained in this chapter.

A. Report of the APX Commission (Finance, administration and general questions, programme support and external relations)¹

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¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein. The oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission in plenary is published in document 37 C/INF.30.

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- Item 10.1 Report by the Director-General to the General Conference on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by non-governmental organizations

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- Item 11.1 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2011 and report by the External Auditor
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- Item 12.1 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
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- Item 12.4 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF) and introduction of the new governance structure

HEADQUARTERS QUESTIONS

- Item 13.1 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex

Introduction

1. Following the recommendation of the Executive Board at its 191st session (191 EX/Decision 21 Part IV), the General Conference, at its second plenary meeting on 5 November 2013, elected Mr Matthew Sudders (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) to the office of Chairperson of the APX Commission.

2. At its first meeting, on 6 November 2013, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Nikolay Lozinskiy (Russian Federation)
Ms Vera Lacoueilhe (Saint-Lucia)
Mr Mohan Krishna Shrestha/Mr Ram Babu Dhakal (Nepal)
Ms Maha Ayoub (Sudan)

Rapporteur: Mr Yousuf Gabru (South Africa)

3. The Commission then adopted its timetable of work as set out in document 37 C/COM.APX/1 Prov.

4. The Commission devoted six meetings, between Wednesday 6 November and Friday 8 November, to the examination of the items on its agenda.

5. The Commission examined 23 items on its agenda. Item 4.4 on the adoption of the provisional budget ceiling was not examined by the Commission following the decision of the 1st Joint Meeting of Commissions. Upon the recommendation of the 1st meeting of the Bureau, item 7.1 related to the Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, was added to the agenda of the APX Commission for its recommendation after a first examination by the Legal Committee. The recommendations of the Commission on this item were transmitted to the Legal Committee for further examination.

6. The present report includes only the recommendations of the Commission which were presented orally by the Chairperson of the Commission to the plenary for adoption.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

Item 1.3 Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution

7. The APX Commission examined item 1.3 at its first and sixth meetings. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 10 of document 37 C/10, as amended by the Commission. Upon the report of the Chairperson of the APX Commission, the resolution was adopted by the General Conference at its ninth plenary meeting. (37 C/Resolution 21)

DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2014-2017

Item 4.1 Methods of preparing the budget, budget estimates for 2014-2015, and budgeting techniques

8. The APX Commission examined item 4.1 at its third meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution. (37 C/Resolution 92)

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017

9. The APX Commission examined item 4.2 at its third meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolutions contained in Volume 1 (Draft Resolutions) of document 37 C/5 and in Annex of 37 C/6 Add. and Corr. related to the paragraph 09000 on the Participation Programme.

Part I – General Policy and Direction

10. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 for Part I – General Policy and Direction, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 00100 which foresees a budget provision of \$45,757,000 for the period 2014-2015 in document 37 C/5 Volume 1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustments in the light of the joint meeting of the APX Commission, and of all Programme Commissions, and the decisions taken by the General Conference. (37 C/Resolution 2)

Part II.A – Programmes: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) and Management of field offices

11. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 for Part II.A. – Programmes – UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) (37 C/Resolution 57) and Management of field offices (37 C/Resolution 58), the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolutions contained in paragraphs 06000 and 07000 which respectively foresee a budget provision of \$9,200,000 and \$89,953,000 for the period 2014-2015 in document 37 C/5 Volume 1, it being understood that these amounts are subject to adjustments in the light of the joint meeting of the APX Commission, and of all Programme Commissions, and the decisions taken by the General Conference.

Part II.B – Programme-related services

12. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 for Part II.B – Programme-related services, Chapters 1 to 6, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolutions contained in paragraphs 08100 Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa (37 C/Resolution 59), 08200 Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Gender equality (37 C/Resolution 60), 08300 UNESCO's response to post-conflict and post-disaster situations (37 C/Resolution 61), 08400 Strategic planning, programme monitoring and budget preparation (37 C/Resolution 62), 08500 Organization wide knowledge management (37 C/Resolution 63) and 08600 External relations and public information (37 C/Resolution 71), which foresee a total budget provision of \$50,013,000 for the period 2014-2015 in document 37 C/5 Volume 1, it being understood that these amounts are subject to adjustments in the light of the joint meeting of the APX Commission, and of all Programme Commissions, and the decisions taken by the General Conference

Part II.C – Participation Programme and Fellowships

13. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 for Part II.C – Participation Programme and Fellowships, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution, with its amendments on the Participation Programme, Part A as per document 37 C/6 Add. and Corr., contained in paragraph 09000 which foresee a total budget provision of \$18,805,000 for the period 2014-2015 in document 37 C/5 Volume 1, it being understood that these amounts are subject to adjustments in the light of the joint meeting of the APX Commission, and of all Programme Commissions, and the decisions taken by the General Conference. (37 C/Resolution 72)

Part III.A – Human Resources Management

14. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 for Part III.A – Human resources management, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 10000 which foresees a budget provision of \$32,023,000 for the period 2014-2015 in document 37 C/5 Volume 1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustments in the light of the joint meeting of the APX Commission, and of all Programme Commissions, and the decisions taken by the General Conference. (37 C/Resolution 74)

Part III.B – Financial Management

15. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 for Part III.B – Financial management, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 11000, which foresees a budget provision of \$14,855,000 for the period 2014-2015 in document 37 C/5 Volume 1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustments in the light of the joint meeting of the APX Commission and of all Programme Commissions and the decisions taken by the General Conference. (37 C/Resolution 75)

Part III.C – Support Services Management

16. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 for Part III.C – Management of support services, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 12000 which foresees a budget provision of \$58,577,000 for the period 2014-2015 in document 37 C/5 Volume 1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustments in the light of the joint meeting of the APX Commission, and of all Programme Commissions, and the decisions taken by the General Conference. (37 C/Resolution 73)

Draft resolution on the income and expenditure plan based on the expected cash flow for 2014-2015

17. The APX Commission recommended that the General Conference endorse the \$507 million expenditure plan as contained in document 37 C/5 Add. 2 Rev. Conference. (37 C/Resolution 81)

Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained

18. The APX Commission informed the General Conference that the draft resolution 37 C/16 concerning 37 C/5 paragraph 08200, subparagraph 3 was withdrawn by its author.

GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Item 5.1 Proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries in 2014-2015 with which UNESCO could be associated

19. The APX Commission examined item 5.1 at its third meeting. As agreed at its first meeting, the item was considered without prior debate. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 4 of document 37 C/15. (37 C/Resolution 68)

Item 5.4 Revision of the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres

20. The APX Commission examined item 5.4 at its sixth meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 5 of document 37 C/18 Part I. (37 C/Resolution 93)

Item 5.15 Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

21. The APX Commission examined item 5.15 at its sixth meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.APX/DR.1 Rev. submitted by Belarus, co-sponsored by Egypt, Kazakhstan, Palestine, Philippines, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 69)

Item 5.24 Proclamation of 2016 as “International Year of Global Understanding”

22. The APX Commission examined item 5.24 at its third meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/63, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 70)

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION**Item 6.2 Programme and timetable of work for the preparation and monitoring of the C/5 and C/4 documents**

23. The APX Commission examined item 6.2 at its third meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 4 of document 37 C/23. (37 C/Resolution 94)

Item 6.3 Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities

24. The APX Commission examined item 6.3 at its second meeting without debate. The Commission recommended to the General Conference to admit Palestine to the Arab States region with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities, and to admit Anguilla, a new Associate Member of UNESCO, to the Latin America and Caribbean region, with a view to their participation in the regional activities by the Organization. (37 C/Resolution 95)

Item 6.4 Follow-up to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit’s (JIU) recommendations concerning the methods of work of UNESCO’s intergovernmental bodies

25. The APX Commission examined item 6.4 at its first and fourth meetings. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.APX/DR.2 submitted by Denmark, co-sponsored by Albania, Austria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 96)

Item 6.6 Report of the open-ended tripartite working group on the follow up to the review of the cooperation of the UNESCO Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO

26. The APX Commission examined item 6.6 at its second meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 3 of document 37 C/50, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 97)

RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**Item 10.1 Report by the Director-General to the General Conference on the contribution made to UNESCO’s activities by non-governmental organizations**

27. The APX Commission examined item 10.1 at its fourth meeting without debate. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 37 of document 37 C/29. (37 C/Resolution 66)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS**Item 11.1 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2011 and report by the External Auditor**

28. The APX Commission examined item 11.1 at its first meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/30, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 76)

Item 11.2 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the year ended 31 December 2012, and report by the External Auditor

29. The APX Commission examined item 11.2 at its first meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/31, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 77)

Item 11.3 Scale of assessments and currency of Member States' contributions

30. The APX Commission examined item 11.3 at its fourth meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraphs 3 and 14 of document 37 C/32, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 78)

Item 11.4 Collection of Member States' contributions

31. The APX Commission examined item 11.4 at its second and sixth meetings. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraphs 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 of document 37 C/33, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 79)

Item 11.5 Working Capital Fund: level and administration

32. The APX Commission examined item 11.5 at its sixth meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 17 of document 37 C/34. (37 C/Resolution 80)

STAFF ISSUES

Item 12.1 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

33. The APX Commission examined item 12.1 at its second meeting. Following the debate, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 16 of document 37 C/35, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 82)

Item 12.2 Staff salaries, allowances and benefits

34. The APX Commission examined item 12.2 at its second meeting. As agreed at its first meeting, the item was considered without prior debate. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 29 of document 37 C/36, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 83)

Item 12.3 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for 2014-2015

35. The APX Commission examined item 12.3 at its second and fifth meetings without debate. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 21 of document 37 C/37, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 84)

Item 12.4 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF) and introduction of the new governance structure

36. The APX Commission examined item 12.4 at its fifth meeting. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 22 of document 37 C/38, as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 85)

HEADQUARTERS QUESTIONS

Item 13.1 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex

37. The APX Commission examined item 13.1 at its fourth meeting without debate. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/39 Part II Rev. Add. (37 C/Resolution 86)

B. Report of the ED Commission (Education)¹

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- Budgetary provisions for Major Programme I
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- Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa and the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021

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Item 8.3 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a global standard-setting instrument on the recognition of higher education qualifications

Item 8.4 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education

Item 8.5 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education

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Item 6.5 Proposals for revision of statutes of education-related category 1 institutes

Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO

Part XI – Proposal for the establishment in Saudi Arabia of a regional centre for quality and excellence in education

Part XII – Proposal for the establishment in Egypt of a regional centre for adult education

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein. The oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission in plenary is published in document 37 C/INF.31.

Debate 6

- Item 5.19 Follow-up of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development post-2014 – Global Action Programme
- Item 5.20 Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period

Introduction

1. The Executive Board, at its 192nd session, recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Mr Abdulsalam El-Qallali (Libya) for the office of Chairperson of the ED Commission. At the second plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013, Mr El-Qallali was elected Chairperson of the ED Commission.

2. At its first meeting, on 7 November 2013, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Walter Hirche (Germany)
Ms Lorena Sol de Pool (El Salvador)
Mr Mohd Khair bin Mohamad Yusof (Malaysia)
Mr Pap Sey (Gambia)

Rapporteur: Ms Tamila Aliyeva (Azerbaijan)

3. The Commission then adopted the timetable of work contained in document 37 C/COM.ED/1 Prov. with amendments introduced by the Chairperson.

4. The Commission devoted six meetings between 7 November 2013 and 9 November 2013 to the examination of the items on its agenda.

DEBATE 1

Item 5.12 Education beyond 2015

5. At its first, second and third meetings on 7 and 8 November 2013, the Commission examined Item 5.12 – Education beyond 2015.

6. The representatives of 49 Member States and 7 Observers took the floor.

7. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/56 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 43 as amended orally by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 11)

8. The Commission also recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in 37 C/COM.ED/DR.1 Rev. submitted by Zambia and supported by Angola, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Liberia, Lithuania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Seychelles and Zimbabwe as amended orally by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 18)

DEBATE 2

Item 5.3 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories

9. During its third meeting on 8 November 2013, the Commission examined Item 5.3 –Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories. This item was considered without debate.

10. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/17 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.ED-CLT/DR.1 submitted by Palestine and the United Arab Emirates without amendment. (37 C/Resolution 6)

DEBATE 3

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

11. During its third and fourth meetings on 8 November 2013, the Commission examined Item 4.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017, Part II.A – Major Programme I; and Item 5.5 – Conclusions of the Youth Forum.

12. The representatives of 26 Member States and 1 Observer took the floor.

Resolutions proposed in Volume 1 of document 37 C/5, Corr.2 and Corr.8 and draft resolutions proposing amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget (37 C/Resolution 3)

13. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 01000 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning Major Programme I as amended by:

- (i) the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraphs 1 to 14 of document 37 C/6;

- (ii) 37 C/DR.3 (Iran (Islamic Republic of)) for paragraph 01000, 2(b)(4) without any budgetary implications;
- (iii) the recommendations of the Commission concerning other draft resolutions not retained for adoption *in extenso* (see paragraph 21).

UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)

14. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 01100 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE), as amended by the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraph 6 of document 37 C/6. (37 C/Resolution 4)

UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)

15. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 01200 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), as amended by the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraph 6 of document 37 C/6. (37 C/Resolution 5)

UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)

16. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 01300 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), as amended by the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 of document 37 C/6. (37 C/Resolution 6)

UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)

17. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 01400 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE), as amended by the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraph 6 of document 37 C/6. The resolution reads as follows: (37 C/Resolution 7)

UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)

18. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 01500 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA), as amended by the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraphs 5 and 6 of document 37 C/6. (37 C/Resolution 8)

UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)

19. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 01600 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC), as amended by the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraphs 4 and 6 of document 37 C/6; and 37 C/DR.3. (37 C/Resolution 9)

Recommendations of the Commission concerning draft resolutions not retained for adoption *in extenso*

20. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that the draft resolutions listed below not be retained for inclusion *in extenso* in the records of the General Conference:

- 37 C/DR.21 (Ukraine) concerning paragraph 01000, 1(c)(i), which seeks to add, after the words “at all levels and in all settings of education”, the following words: “by means of qualitatively new models of education and electronic alternative continuing education systems”.

The Commission recommended to the General Conference to request the Director-General to insert in paragraph 01000, 1(c)(i), after the words “promoting information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education”, the following words “and new modalities of interactive learning”. Furthermore, it recommended to also insert the word “lifelong” between the words “ensure more effective” and “learning”. The revised text would read as follows: “promoting information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education and new modalities of interactive learning to improve access to knowledge, facilitate its dissemination and ensure more effective lifelong learning”.

- 37 C/DR.7 (Egypt) concerning paragraph 01000, 1(c)(iii), which invites the Director-General to add at the end of the paragraph “, these efforts are supported by public partnership in the academic infrastructure in the Member States”.

The Commission recommended to the General Conference to invite the Director-General to insert at the end of paragraph 01000, 1(c)(iii), “, including partnerships with civil society and academic institutions in Member States”.

Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained

21. The Commission informed the General Conference that the draft resolution 37 C/DR.8 (Egypt) was withdrawn by its author.

22. The Commission informed the General Conference that the draft resolution 37 C/DR.4 (Iran (Islamic Republic of)) was not retained.

Budgetary provisions for Major Programme I

23. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$117,964,600 for the period of 2014-2015 indicated in paragraph 01000 of 37 C/5 Corr.8 for Major Programme I (including allocation for the category 1 education institutes), it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

24. Regarding the **UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)**, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 01100 of document 37 C/5 (Vol.1), which foresees a budget provision of \$5,000,000 for the period of 2014-2015 within the overall budget provision for Major Programme I, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

25. Regarding the **UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)**, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 01200 of document 37 C/5 (Vol.1), which foresees a budget provision of \$5,300,000 for the period of 2014-2015 within the overall budget provision for Major Programme I, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

26. Regarding the **UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)**, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 01300 of document 37 C/5 (Vol.1), which foresees a budget provision of \$2,000,000 for the period of 2014-2015 within the overall budget provision for Major Programme I, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

27. Regarding the **UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)**, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 01400 of document 37 C/5 (Vol.1), which foresees a budget provision of \$1,000,000 for the period of 2014-2015 within the overall budget provision for Major Programme I, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

28. Regarding the **UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)**, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 01500 of document 37 C/5 (Vol.1), which foresees a budget provision of \$2,500,000 for the period of 2014-2015 within the overall budget provision for Major Programme I, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

29. Regarding the **UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)**, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 01600 of document 37 C/5 Corr. 2, which foresees a budget provision of \$2,200,000 for the period of 2014-2015 within the overall budget provision for Major Programme I, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

30. Regarding the **Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP)**, the Commission took note of paragraph 01700 contained in document 37 C/5 Corr.2.

Implementation Plan for document 37 C/5 based on the Expected Cash Flow Situation for 2014-2015 related to Major Programme I

31. The Commission recommended that the General Conference endorse the implementation plan related to Major Programme I contained in 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev. entitled "Revised implementation plan for document 37 C/5 based on the expected cash flow situation for 2014-2015."

Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa and Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021

32. The Commission informed the General Conference that it took note of the Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa contained in document 37 C/5 Add.3; and the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 contained in document 37 C/5 Add.4.

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

33. The Commission informed the General Conference that it took note of the Conclusions of the Youth Forum contained in document 37 C/19 relating to education.

DEBATE 4

- Item 8.3 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a global standard-setting instrument on the recognition of higher education qualifications**
- Item 8.4 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education**
- Item 8.5 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education**
- Item 5.9 Revision of the International Standard Classification of Education: Fields of Education and Training (ISCED-F)**

34. During its fourth meeting on 8 November 2013 and its sixth meeting on 9 November 2013, the Commission examined the following four items: Item 8.3 – Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a global standard-setting instrument on the recognition of higher education qualifications; Item 8.4 – Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education; Item 8.5 – Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education; and Item 5.9 – Revision of the International Standard Classification of Education: Fields of Education and Training (ISCED-F).

35. The representatives of 25 Member States took the floor.

- Item 8.3 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a global standard-setting instrument on the recognition of higher education qualifications**

36. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/45 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 7 of document 37 C/45 as amended orally by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 15)

- Item 8.4 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education**

37. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/43 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 7 of document 37 C/43 without amendments. (37 C/Resolution 16)

- Item 8.5 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education**

38. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/44 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 8 of document 37 C/44 without amendments. (37 C/Resolution 17)

- Item 5.9 Revision of the International Standard Classification of Education: Fields of Education and Training (ISCED-F)**

39. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/53 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 4 of document 37 C/53 as amended orally by Brazil. (37 C/Resolution 10)

DEBATE 5

- Item 6.5 Proposals for revision of statutes of education-related category 1 institutes**
- Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO**

40. At its fifth and sixth meetings on 9 November 2013, the Commission examined Item 6.5 – Proposals for revision of statutes of education-related category 1 institutes; and Item 5.4 – Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO.

41. The representatives of 23 Member States took the floor.

- Item 6.5 Proposals for revision of statutes of education-related category 1 institutes**

42. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/52 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 4 of document 37 C/52 as amended orally by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 14)

Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO**Part XI: Proposal for the establishment in Saudi Arabia of a regional centre for quality and excellence in education**

43. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part XI) without amendment. (37 C/Resolution 19)

Part XII: Proposal for the establishment in Egypt of a regional centre for adult education

44. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part XII) without amendment. (37 C/Resolution 20)

DEBATE 6**Item 5.19 Follow-up of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development post-2014 – Global Action Programme****Item 5.20 Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period**

45. During its sixth meeting on 9 November 2013, the Commission examined Item 5.19 – Follow-up of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development post-2014 – Global Action Programme; and Item 5.20 – Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period.

46. The representatives of 25 Member States and 1 Observer took the floor.

Item 5.19 Follow-up of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development post-2014 – Global Action Programme

47. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/57 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 10 of document 37 C/57 with amendments proposed orally by Japan and Sweden. (37 C/Resolution 12)

Item 5.20 Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period

48. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/58 and that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 11 of document 37 C/58 without amendment. (37 C/Resolution 13)

C. Report of the SC Commission (Natural sciences)¹

Introduction

Joint Statement of the Chairpersons of the five intergovernmental/international scientific programmes and the IOC Commission
Reports of the intergovernmental and international scientific programmes (IOC, MAB, IGCP, IHP and IBSP) and of the Governing Board of UNESCO-IHE

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Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017;

Part II.A: Major Programme II

- Resolution proposed in document 37 C/5 (Volume 1), Corr.2, 3 and 8 and draft resolutions proposing amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget
- Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained
- Budgetary provision for Major Programme II – Implementation Plan for document 37 C/5 based on the Expected Cash Flow situation for 2014-2015 related to Major Programme II
- Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa and Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

Debate 2

Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO

Debate 3:

Item 5.6 Proclamation by the United Nations of 2015 as international year of light

Debate 4:

Item 5.10 Renewal of the Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education

Debate 5:

Item 5.7 UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative

Annex

Joint Statement of the Chairpersons of the five intergovernmental/international scientific programmes and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission to the Director-General at the 37th session of the General Conference of UNESCO

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein. The oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission in plenary is published in document 37 C/INF.32.

Introduction

1. The Executive Board, at its 191st session, recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Mr Phil Mjwara (South Africa) for the office of Chairperson of the SC Commission. At the second plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013 Mr Phil Mjwara (South Africa) was elected Chairperson of the SC Commission.

2. At its first meeting, on 12 November 2013, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Axel Meisen (Canada)
Mr Ervin Balázs (Hungary)
Mr Iskandar Zulkarnain (Indonesia)
Mr Khalid Al Ali (Qatar)

Rapporteur: Mr Lucas Hernan Franco Godoy (Paraguay)

3. The Commission then adopted the timetable of work submitted in document 37 C/COM.SC/1 Prov.

4. The Commission devoted four meetings, between 12 November and 14 November to the examination of the items on its agenda.

Joint Statement of the Chairpersons of the five intergovernmental/international scientific programmes and the IOC Commission

5. Mr Sang-Kyung Byun, Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and Mr Johannes Cullman, Chairperson of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), gave a statement on behalf of the Chairpersons of the five intergovernmental and international scientific programmes (MOST, MAB, IGCP, IHP and IBSP) and IOC.

Reports of the intergovernmental and international scientific programmes (IOC, MAB, IGCP, IHP and IBSP) and of the Governing Board of UNESCO-IHE

6. The Commission took note of the reports of the intergovernmental and international scientific programmes: Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) (37 C/REP/9); International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) (37 C/REP/10); International Hydrological Programme (IHP) (37 C/REP/11); International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) (37 C/REP/22); as well as the report of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) (37 C/REP/8) and the Report of the Governing Board of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education on the activities of the Institute (2012-2013) (37 C/REP/21).

DEBATE 1

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017; Part II.A: Major Programme II

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

7. At its first, second and third meetings, the Commission examined jointly item 4.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 – Part II.A: Major Programme II, and item 5.5 – Conclusions of the Youth Forum.

8. The representatives of 53 Member States and 2 Observers took the floor.

Resolution proposed in document 37 C/5 (Volume 1), Corr. 2, 3 and 8 and draft resolutions proposing amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget (37 C/Resolution 21)

9. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 02000 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning Major Programme II – as amended orally with regard to paragraph 1.(c) in document 37 C/5 Corr.8 to read “to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$62,404,100, including \$12,026,200 for IOC for the period 2014-2015”, and by:

- (i) the recommendations by the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraphs 15 to 25 of document 37 C/6.

UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE)

10. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 02100 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE) as amended orally by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 22)

The UNESCO Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)

11. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 02200 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning the UNESCO Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP). (37 C/Resolution 23)

Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained

12. The Commission informed the General Conference that the draft resolutions listed below were withdrawn by their authors or not retained:

- 37 C/DR.9 (Egypt) for sub-paragraph 02000 2 (b)
- 37 C/DR.10 (Egypt) for sub-paragraph 02000 2 (b)
- 37 C/DR.11 (Egypt) for sub-paragraph 02000 2 (b)
- 37 C/DR.12 (Egypt) for sub-paragraph 02000 2 (b)
- 37 C/DR.13 (Egypt) for sub-paragraph 02000 2 (b)

Budgetary provision for Major Programme II

13. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$62,404,100 including \$12,026,200 for the IOC in paragraph 02000 of 37 C/5 Corr. 8 for Major Programme II, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

Implementation Plan for document 37 C/5 based on the Expected Cash Flow Situation for 2014-2015 related to Major Programme II

14. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it endorse the implementation plan related to Major Programme II contained in 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev. entitled "Revised implementation plan for document 37 C/5 based on the expected cash flow situation for 2014-2015."

Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa and Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021

15. The Commission informed the General Conference that it took note of the Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa contained in document 37 C/5 Add.3; and the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 contained in document 37 C/5 Add.4.

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

16. The Commission informed the General Conference that it took note of the Conclusions of the Youth Forum contained in document 37 C/19 as regards science.

DEBATE 2**Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO**

17. During its third meeting, the Commission examined item 5.4 – Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO without debate.

Part II: Proposal for the establishment of a Regional Centre for Groundwater Management for Latin America and the Caribbean in Montevideo, Uruguay

18. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part II). (37 C/Resolution 27)

Part III: Proposal for the establishment of an African Centre for Global Change and Water Resources Research in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

19. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part III). (37 C/Resolution 28)

Part IV: Proposal for the establishment of an International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (I-WSSM) at the K-Water Institute in Daejeon, Republic of Korea

20. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part IV). (37 C/Resolution 29)

Part V: Proposal for the establishment of an International Centre for Water Cooperation in Stockholm, Sweden

21. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part V). (37 C/Resolution 30)

Part VI: Proposal for the establishment of an International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology in Beijing, China

22. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part VI). (37 C/Resolution 31)

Part VII: Proposal for the establishment of a Centre for Problem-Based Learning in Engineering Science and Sustainability in Aalborg, Denmark

23. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the Records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part VII). (37 C/Resolution 32)

Part VIII: Proposal for the establishment of the International Centre on Global scale Geochemistry in Langfang, China

24. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part VIII). (37 C/Resolution 35)

Part X: Proposal for the establishment of the International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology (IZIIS), University "S.S. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

25. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part X). (37 C/Resolution 34)

Part XIII: Proposal for the establishment of the International Centre on Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves, Two Coastlines United by their Culture and Nature in Castellet i la Gornal, Spain

26. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part XIII). (37 C/Resolution 35)

Part XVII: Proposal for the establishment, within the Iranian National Institute of Oceanography and Atmospheric Science (INIOAS), of a Regional Educational and Research Centre on Oceanography for Western Asia in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

27. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 (Part XVII). (37 C/Resolution 36)

DEBATE 3

Item 5.6 Proclamation by the United Nations of 2015 as international year of light

28. During its third meeting, the Commission examined item 5.6 – Proclamation by the United Nations of 2015 as international year of light.

29. The representatives of 9 Member States took the floor.

30. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 6 of document 37 C/20. (37 C/Resolution 25)

DEBATE 4

Item 5.10 Renewal of the Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education

31. During its third meeting, the Commission examined item 5.10 – Renewal of the Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.

32. The representatives of 15 Member States took the floor.

33. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 26 of document 37 C/54. (37 C/Resolution 24)

DEBATE 5

Item 5.7 UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative

34. During its third and fourth meetings, the Commission examined item 5.7 – UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative.

35. The representatives of 31 Member States took the floor.

36. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 4 of document 37 C/46 as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 26)

ANNEX

**Joint statement of the Chairpersons
of the five intergovernmental/international scientific programmes
and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
to the Director-General at the 37th session of the General Conference of UNESCO**

**International Basic Science Programme (IBSP)
International Geoscience Programme (IGCP)
International Hydrological Programme (IHP)
Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB)
Management of Social Transformations Programme (Most)
and
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)**

The Chairpersons of the five UNESCO intergovernmental and international scientific programmes and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission welcome the key role identified for UNESCO in the Draft Medium Term Strategy (37 C/4) in harnessing science for sustainable development, including in strengthening the science-policy-society interface within the context of the post-2015 development agenda. We fully associate ourselves with the recommendation of the 192nd session of the UNESCO Executive Board that all necessary measures should be taken, within the framework of the Medium-Term Strategy, and respective budget allocation, to ensure and foster effective functioning and accessibility of UNESCO's international and intergovernmental scientific programmes and the IOC.

We will therefore strive to strengthen our joint effort in fundraising initiatives to improve our programmes and their outreach. The Member States of UNESCO will greatly benefit from a more evident and easily accessible pool of best practice examples. Joint capacity-building and policy advice initiatives will serve UNESCO Member States as enthusiastic people are willing to share their experiences and help each other to find ways to implement solutions for their issues. We are confident that addressing complex interdisciplinary global challenges and promoting sustainable socioeconomic and environmental development through advances in sciences will help us designing the future we want.

D. Report of the SHS Commission (Social and human sciences)¹

Introduction

Debate 1

Joint statement of the Chairpersons of the international and intergovernmental science programmes and IOC

Reports of CIGEPS, COMEST, IBC, IGBC, and MOST

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017

Part II.A: Major Programme III

Debate 2

Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO

Debate 3

Item 5.13 Follow-up of the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V)

Debate 4

Item 5.21 Proclamation by the United Nations of an international day of sports and physical activity

Debate 5

Item 9.4 Revision of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session in 1974

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein. The oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission in plenary is published in document 36 C/INF.33.

Introduction

1. The Executive Board, at its 191st session, recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Mr Gonzalo Abad Ortiz (Ecuador) for the office of Chairperson of the SHS Commission (191 EX/Decision 21, Part IV). At the second plenary meeting of the General Conference, on 5 November 2013, Mr Gonzalo Abad Ortiz was elected Chairperson of the SHS Commission.

2. At its first meeting, on 15 November 2013, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation:

Chairperson: Mr Gonzalo Abad Ortiz (Ecuador)

Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Ny Toky Andriamanjato (Madagascar)
Mr Ziad Aldrees (Saudi Arabia)
Mr Mohammad Reza Saeidabadi (Iran, Islamic Republic of)
Mr Alexander Savov (Bulgaria)

Rapporteur: Ms Sofia Bouratsis (Greece)

3. The Commission then adopted the timetable of work submitted in document 37 C/COM SHS/1 Prov.

4. The Commission devoted three meetings, between 15 and 16 November 2013, to the examination of the items on its agenda.

DEBATE 1

Joint Statement of the Chairpersons of the International and Intergovernmental Science Programmes and IOC

5. The Commission took note of the Joint statement of the Chairpersons of the International and Intergovernmental Science Programmes (ISPs): International Hydrological Programme (IHP); Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB); International Geosciences Programme (IGCP); International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP), Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)¹.

Reports of CIGEPS, COMEST, IBC, IGBC, AND MOST

6. The Commission took note of the following reports: Report by the Director-General on the work of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) (37 C/REP/12), the Report by the Intergovernmental Council on the activities of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme in 2012-2013 (37 C/REP/17), the Report by the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) 2012-2013 (37 C/REP/18), and the Report by the Director-General on the work done by the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) since its seventh session (37 C/REP/20).

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

7. The Commission took note of the Conclusions of the Youth Forum contained in document 37 C/19.

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017

Part II.A: Major Programme III

– Resolutions proposed in document 37 C/5 (Volume 1), Corr.2 and 5, and draft resolutions proposing amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget

8. During its first and second meetings, the Commission examined item 4.2. – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017; Part II.A: Major Programme III.

9. The representatives of 64 Member States, one Observer, and two non-governmental organizations, took the floor.

Resolutions proposed in document 37 C/5 (Volume 1), Corr.2 and 5 of document 37 C/5 and draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget

10. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 03000 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning Major Programme III as amended by:

- (i) the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraphs 26 to 40 of document 37 C/6 and 37 C/6 Add. & Corr.
- (ii) 37 C/DR.6 (Iran, Islamic Republic of) for paragraph 03000, 1(b)(i), as amended in document 37 C/8 SHS. (37 C/Resolution 37)

¹ Annexed to the report of the SC Commission.

Budgetary provision for Major Programme III

11. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$33,197,000 for the period of 2014-2015 indicated in paragraph 03000 of 37 C/5 Volume 1 for Major Programme III, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

Implementation plan for document 37 C/5 based on the expected cash-flow situation for 2014-2015 related to Major Programme III

12. The Commission endorsed the implementation plan related to Major Programme III contained in 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev. entitled "Revised implementation plan for document 37 C/5 based on the expected cash flow situation for 2014-2015" of \$507 million with the addition of two words in the corresponding Expected Result 4 which then reads in document 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev. as follows: "Capacities of Member States strengthened to manage the bioethical challenges and engage fully in debates on bioethics and on the identification of the ethical, legal and social implications of cutting-edge science, emerging technologies and their application for sustainable development".

Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa and Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021

13. The Commission took note of the Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa contained in document 37 C/5 Add.3; and the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 contained in document 37 C/5 Add.4.

DEBATE 2

Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 Centres under the auspices of UNESCO

14. During its third meeting, the Commission examined item 5.4 – Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO without debate.

Part IX: Proposal for the establishment in Chungju, Republic of Korea, of an International centre of martial arts for youth development and engagement

15. The representatives of two Member States took the floor.

16. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 Part IX without amendment. (37 C/Resolution 41)

DEBATE 3

Item 5.13 Follow-up of the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V)

17. During its third meeting, the Commission examined item 5.13 – Follow-up of the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V).

18. The representatives of 38 Member States took the floor.

19. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in 37 C/COM SHS/DR.1 submitted by Germany and co-sponsored by Afghanistan, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Lithuania, Russian Federation, and Slovenia, as amended by the resolution proposed in 37 C/COM SHS/DR.2 submitted by Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, and Uruguay, and the debates of the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 38)

DEBATE 4

Item 5.21 Proclamation by the United Nations of an international day of sports and physical activity

20. During its third meeting, the Commission examined item 5.21 – Proclamation by the United Nations of an international day of sports and physical activity, without debate.

21. The representative of one Member State took the floor.

22. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 9 of document 37 C/60 without amendment. (37 C/Resolution 39)

DEBATE 5

Item 9.4 Revision of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session in 1974

23. During its third meeting, the Commission examined item 9.4 – Revision of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session in 1974.
24. The representatives of nine Member States took the floor.
25. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 11 of document 37 C/59 without amendment. (37 C/Resolution 40)

E. Report of the CLT Commission (Culture)¹

Introduction

Debate 1

- Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 Part II.A: Major Programme IV
- Resolution proposed in Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 and draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget
 - Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained
 - Budgetary provision
- Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

Debate 2

- Item 5.2 Jerusalem and the Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43
- Item 5.3 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories

Debate 3

- Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO
- Proposal for the establishment in Algiers, Algeria, of a regional centre for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage
 - Proposal for the establishment in Dehradun, India, of a centre for world natural heritage management and training
- Item 5.16 Proposal for the establishment, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a regional centre for arts and culture as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO
- Item 8.1 Preliminary study on the technical, legal and museological aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections

Debate 4

Reports

- Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage on its activities (2012-2013)
- Report on the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee for promoting the return of cultural property to its countries of origin or its restitution in case of illicit appropriation (2012-2013)
- Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on its activities (2012-2013)
- Report of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) (2012-2013)

Debate 5

- Item 5.17 UNESCO's Association with the World Performing Arts Capital

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2013, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein. The oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission in plenary is published in document 37 C/INF.34.

Introduction

1. The Executive Board, at its 191st session, recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Ms Dace Melbarde (Latvia) for the office of Chairperson of the Culture Commission. At the second plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013, Ms Dace Melbarde was elected Chairperson of the Culture Commission.
2. At its first meeting, on 14 November 2013, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Luis Brea, Dominican Republic
Mr Michael Manalo, Philippines
Mr Pierre Akpona, Benin

Rapporteur: Mr Francesco Tafuri, Italy
3. The Commission then adopted the timetable of work submitted in document 37 C/COM.CLT/1 Prov.
4. The Commission devoted four meetings, on 14 and 15 November 2013, to the examination of the items on its agenda.

DEBATE 1

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

5. At its first, second and third meetings, the Commission examined Item 4.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 – Major Programme IV.
6. The item was introduced by the representatives of the Director-General.
7. Before starting the examination of Item 4.2, the Chairperson invited Ms Besmira Uruçi (Albania) and Mr Mexind Utomo (Indonesia), youth delegates, to present the Conclusions of the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum entitled “Youth and Social Inclusion: Civic Engagement, Dialogue and Skills Development”, which took place from 29 to 31 October 2013.
8. The representatives of 60 Member States and four Observers took the floor. At the end of the debate on item 4.2, the representative of the Director-General replied to the comments and observations made by the Commission.

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

9. The two youth delegates mentioned that the Forum brought together over 500 delegates from 135 countries. Its debates resulted in 15 action projects and 10 recommendations to Member States, including: (1) educate young people to respect their own and other people’s heritage, traditions and culture for peace and sustainable development; (2) promote intercultural dialogue to combat all forms of discrimination; (3) protect world heritage, safeguard living heritage, prevent illicit trafficking of cultural property and enjoy creativity; (4) involve youth in decision-making processes.
10. The Chairperson thanked the important work carried out by the delegates participating in the Youth Forum.

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017; Part II.A: Major Programme IV

11. At its first, second and third meetings, the Commission examined Item 4.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 – Major Programme IV (37 C/5, Add., Add.2 Rev., Add.3, Add.4, Corr.3, Corr.6, Corr.8; 37 C/6, 37 C/6 Add.& Corr.)

Resolution proposed in document 37 C/5 (Volume 1) and draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget (37 C/Resolution 42)

12. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 04000 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning Programme IV as amended in light of:
 - (i) the following draft resolution:
 - 37 C/DR.20 (Brazil), concerning 37 C/5, paragraph 04000, subparagraph 1 (b) and 1 (b) iv
 - (ii) the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in: sub-paragraphs 41 to 56 of document 37 C/6; part V of document 37 C/6 Add. & Corr.; subparagraphs 1 (c) and 2 (b)(4) of paragraph 04000 of document 37 C/5 Corr.8; and 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev. as far as Culture is concerned.

Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained

13. The Commission informed the General Conference that the draft resolutions listed below were withdrawn by their authors or not retained:

- 37 C/DR.2 (Kenya), concerning 37 C/5, paragraph 04000, subparagraph 1 (b) (iv)
- 37 C/DR.17 (Egypt), concerning 37 C/5, paragraph 04000, subparagraph 1 (b) (iii)
- 37 C/DR.18 (Egypt), concerning 37 C/5, paragraph 04000, subparagraph 2 (b)
- 37 C/DR.22 (Ukraine), concerning 37 C/5, paragraph 04000, subparagraph 1 (b) (iii)

Budgetary provision

14. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$54,121,700 for Major Programme IV, as indicated in paragraph 04000 of document 37 C/5 Corr.8, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

15. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it endorse the implementation plan related to Major Programme IV contained in 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev. entitled "Revised implementation plan for document 37 C/5 based on the expected cash flow situation for 2014-2015".

DEBATE 2**Item 5.2 Jerusalem and the Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43****Item 5.3 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories**

16. During its third meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.2 – Jerusalem and the Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 (37 C/16) and Item 5.3 – Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (37 C/17).

Item 5.2 Jerusalem and the Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43

17. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/16.

18. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt without debate, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.CLT/DR.2 submitted by Palestine and the United Arab Emirates. (37 C/Resolution 44)

Item 5.3 Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories

19. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 37 C/17.

20. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt without debate, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.ED-CLT/DR.1 submitted by Palestine and the United Arab Emirates. The text of the resolution was adopted by the Education Commission with three minor corrections. (37 C/Resolution 67)

DEBATE 3**Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO****Item 5.16 Proposal for the establishment, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a regional centre for arts and culture as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO****Item 8.1 Preliminary study on the technical, legal and museological aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections**

21. During its third and fourth meetings, the Commission examined Item 5.4 – Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO (37 C/18 Part XV and 37 C/18 Part XIV), Item 5.16 – Proposal for the establishment, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a regional centre for arts and culture as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO (37 C/COM.CLT/DR.3) and Item 8.1 – Preliminary study on the technical, legal and museological aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections (37 C/47).

22. The representatives of 60 Member States and one Observer took the floor. At the end of the debate on items 5.16 and 8.1, the representative of the Director-General replied to the comments and observations made by the Commission.

Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO

23. The Commission examined item 5.4 focusing simultaneously on the proposal to create two centres.

24. After examining document 37 C/18 Part XV and 37 C/18 Part XIV, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the following two resolutions without debate.

Part XV: Proposal for the establishment in Algiers, Algeria, of a regional centre for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in Africa

25. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 Part XV. (37 C/Resolution 48)

Part XIV Proposal for the establishment in Dehradun, India, of a centre for world natural heritage management and training

26. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 Part XIV. (37 C/Resolution 47)

Item 5.16 Proposal for the establishment, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo of a regional centre for arts and culture as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO

27. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.CLT/DR.3 submitted by Argentina. (37 C/Resolution 46)

Item 8.1 Preliminary study on the technical, legal and museological aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections

28. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 10 of document 37 C/47. The text of the resolution was amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 43)

DEBATE 4

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage on its activities (2012-2013)

Report on the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (2012-2013)

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on its activities (2012-2013)

Report of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) (2012-2013)

29. After examining the report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage on its activities (2012-2013) (37 C/REP/13), the report on the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (2012-2013) (37 C/REP/14), the report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on its activities (2012-2013) (37 C/REP/23) and the report of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) (2012-2013) (37 C/REP/24 and Add.), the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of these reports.

DEBATE 5

Item 5.17 UNESCO's Association with the World Performing Arts Capital

30. During its fourth meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.17 – UNESCO's Association with the World Performing Arts Capital (37 C/COM.CLT/DR.1).

31. The representatives of 10 Member States and one Observer took the floor.

32. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.CLT/DR.1 submitted by the United Arab Emirates and co-sponsored by Egypt, Philippines, Russian Federation and Sudan. (37 C/Resolution 45)

F. Report of the CI Commission (Communication and information)¹

Introduction

Reports by the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) and the Information for All Programme (IFAP)

Debate 1

- Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017: Part II.A: Major Programme V – Sustaining peace and development through freedom of expression and access to knowledge
- Resolutions proposed in Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 and draft resolutions relating to the Draft Programme and Budget
 - Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained
 - Budgetary provision for Major Programme V

- Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

Debate 2

- Item 5.22 Internet related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society

Debate 3

- Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO – Proposal for the establishment in Oregon, USA, of an international institute for intercultural dialogue and conflict-sensitive reporting (IIDCSR)

Debate 4

- Item 5.8 Report on the review of the implementation of the Information For All Programme (IFAP) Strategic Plan (2008-2013)

Debate 5

- Item 5.11 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes

Debate 6

- Item 5.14 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Media and Information Literacy Recommendations
- Item 5.18 IFLA Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability

Debate 7

- Item 8.2 Preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 16th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein. The oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission in plenary is published in document 37 C/INF.35.

Introduction

1. The Executive Board, at its 191st session, recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Mr Anders Ahnliid (Sweden) for the office of Chairperson of Commission CI. At the second plenary meeting, on 5 November 2013, Mr Anders Ahnliid was elected Chairperson of Commission CI.

2. At its first meeting, on 12 November 2013, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Ľudovít Molnár (Slovakia)
Ms Maria Laura da Rocha (Brazil)
Mr Mohammed Sheya (United Republic of Tanzania)
Mr Sami Ghazali (Tunisia)

Rapporteur: Mr Davoud Karimi (Iran, Islamic Republic of)

3. The Commission adopted the timetable of work submitted in document 37 C/COM.V/1 Prov.

4. The Commission devoted four meetings, between 12 November 2013 and 13 November 2013, to the examination of the items on its agenda.

Reports by the International Programme for the Development of Communication (37 C/REP/15) and the Information for All Programme (37 C/REP/16)

5. Having examined the reports the International Programme for the Development of Communication (37 C/REP/15) and the Information for All Programme (37 C/REP/16), the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of these reports.

DEBATE 1

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017

Item 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

6. At its first and second meetings, the Commission examined Item 4.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017: Part II.A: Major Programme V and Item 5.5 – Conclusions of the Youth Forum.

7. The representatives of 31 Member States and 1 Observer took the floor.

Draft resolutions proposed in document 37 C/5 (Volume 1)

Draft resolution for Major Programme V – Communication and Information (37 C/Resolution 49)

8. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 05000 of Volume 1 of document 37 C/5 concerning Major Programme V – Communication and Information, as amended by the Commission and by:

- (i) the following draft resolutions:
 - 37 C/DR.23 (Ukraine) for paragraph 05000 1 (b)(xi)
 - 37 C/DR.5 (Islamic Republic of Iran) for adding a new sub-paragraph 05000 1 (b)(xiv)
- (ii) the amendments recommended by the Executive Board contained in sub-paragraphs 57 to 65 of document 37 C/6.

9. The Commission also took note of the Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (37 C/5 Add. 3), the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 (37 C/5 Add.4) and the recommendations of the Youth Forum (37 C/19), as they relate to Communication and Information.

Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained

10. The Commission informed the General Conference that the draft resolutions listed below were withdrawn by their authors or not retained:

- 37 C/DR.14 (Egypt)
- 37 C/DR.15 (Egypt)

Budgetary provision for Major Programme V

11. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$32,714,600 for the period of 2014-2015 indicated in paragraph 05000 1(c) of 37 C/5 Corr.8 for Major Programme V – Communication and Information, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the Joint Meeting of Commissions.

Implementation Plan for document 37 C/5 based on the Expected Cash Flow Situation for 2014-2015 related to Major Programme V

12. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it endorse the implementation plan related to Major Programme V contained in 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev. entitled “Revised implementation plan for document 37 C/5 based on the expected cash flow situation for 2014-2015.”

DEBATE 2

Item 5.22 Internet related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society

13. At its second and fourth meetings, the Commission examined Item 5.22 – Internet-related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society.

14. The representatives of 60 Member States and 2 Observers took the floor.

15. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the draft resolution contained in document 37 C/COM.CI/DR.3 submitted by Brazil and co-sponsored by Argentina, China, Congo, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, India, Nicaragua, Palestine, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 52)

DEBATE 3

Item 5.4 Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO – Proposal for the establishment in Oregon, USA, of an international institute for intercultural dialogue and conflict-sensitive reporting (IIDCSR)

16. At its third meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.4 – Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO – Proposal for the establishment in Oregon, USA, of an international institute for intercultural dialogue and conflict-sensitive reporting (IIDCSR).

17. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 Part XVI. (37 C/Resolution 56)

DEBATE 4

Item 5.8 Report on the review of the implementation of the Information For All Programme (IFAP) Strategic Plan (2008-2013)

18. At its third meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.8 – Report on the review of the implementation of the Information For All Programme (IFAP) Strategic Plan (2008-2013).

19. The representatives of 24 Member States and 1 Observer took the floor.

20. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 8 of document 37 C/51 as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 50)

DEBATE 5

Item 5.11 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes

21. At its third meeting, the Commission examined item 5.11 – Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes.

22. The representatives of 25 Member States took the floor.

23. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 25 of document 37 C/55. (37 C/Resolution 51)

DEBATE 6

Item 5.14 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Media and Information Literacy Recommendations

Item 5.18 IFLA Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability

24. At its third meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.14 – International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Media and Information Literacy Recommendations; and Item 5.18 – IFLA Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability.

Item 5.14 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Media and Information Literacy Recommendations

25. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.CI/DR.1 submitted by Philippines and co-sponsored by Croatia, Finland, Germany, Oman, Poland and Russian Federation. (37 C/Resolution 54)

Item 5.18 IFLA Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability

26. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in document 37 C/COM.CI/DR.2 submitted by Germany and co-sponsored by Afghanistan, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Kuwait, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands and Uruguay. (37 C/Resolution 55)

DEBATE 7

Item 8.2 Preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage

27. At its third and fourth meetings, the Commission examined Item 8.2 – Preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage.

28. The representatives of 34 Member States and 1 Observer took the floor.

29. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 5 of document 37 C/48 as amended by the Commission. (37 C/Resolution 53)

G. Report of the joint meeting of the programme commissions and the APX Commission¹

Introduction

- Item 3.1 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021, including the Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa, the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021, and the Operational Strategy on Youth (2014-2021) as well as any draft resolutions by Member States thereon
- Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 – Discussion of the procedure for the examination and adoption by the General Conference of the 37 C/5 document and the Recommendations by the Executive Board thereon, as well as the Executive Board's recommendations concerning the Income and Expenditure Plan based on the expected cash flow of \$507 million for 2014-2015
- Item 4.3 Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2014-2015
- Item 5.23 UNESCO Participation in the preparations for a post-2015 development agenda

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 18th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013, and approved the decisions recommended by the Joint Meeting of Commissions therein, including the Appropriation Resolution for 2014-2015 (37 C/Resolution 98).

Introduction

1. The Joint Meeting of the Programme Commissions and the APX Commission, referred to below as “the Joint Meeting”, took place on 6 (afternoon) and 18 November 2013, in the presence of the following seven representatives of the Commissions: Mr A El-Qallali (Libya), Chairperson of the ED Commission; Mr P. Mjwara (South Africa), Chairperson of the SC Commission; Mr G. Abad (Ecuador), Chairperson of the SHS Commission; Ms D. Melbarde (Latvia), Chairperson of the CLT Commission; Mr A. Ahnlid (Sweden), Chairperson of the CI Commission; and Mr Matthew Sudders (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Chairperson of the APX Commission.
2. Mr Matthew Sudders (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Chairperson of the APX Commission, chaired the examination of the four (4) items on the agenda of the Joint Meeting.
3. The Joint Meeting adopted the timetable of work submitted in document 37 C/COM.JM/1 Prov.

Item 3.1 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021, including the Revised Operational Strategy for Priority Africa, the Revised UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021, and the Operational Strategy on Youth (2014-2021) as well as any draft resolutions by Member States thereon (37 C/4 Draft and Corr., 37 C/11 and Corr.Rev.2 and Add., 37 C/4 Add.1, 37 C/4 Add.2, 37 C/4 Add.3, 37 C/INF.19, 37 C/4 DR.1, 37 C/4 DR.2, 37 C/4 DR.3, 37 C/4 DR.4, 37 C/4 DR.5, 37 C/4 DR.6)

4. The Joint Meeting of Commissions examined item 3.1 at its second and third meetings. Following the debate, the Joint Meeting recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the proposed resolution as amended. (37 C/Resolution 1)
5. Following the debate, the Joint Meeting of Commissions also recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in document 37 C/4 DR.1 submitted by Kazakhstan and co-sponsored by Azerbaijan, Belarus, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan and Turkey. (37 C/Resolution 1 (II))
6. Following the debate, the Joint Meeting of Commissions also recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in document 37 C/4 DR.2 submitted by Kazakhstan and co-sponsored by Azerbaijan, Germany, Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Oman, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan. (37 C/Resolution 1 (III))
7. Following the debate, the Joint meeting of Commissions also recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in document 37 C/4 DR.3 submitted by Angola, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire, and co-sponsored by Benin, Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Uzbekistan and Zambia. (37 C/Resolution 1 (IV))
8. Following the debate, the Joint Meeting of Commissions also recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in document 37 C/4 DR.4 submitted by New Zealand and Saint Kitts and Nevis, and co-sponsored by Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cabo Verde, Cook Islands, Curaçao, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mauritius, The Netherlands, Oman, Palau, Samoa, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. (37 C/Resolution 1 (V))
9. Following the debate, the Joint Meeting of Commissions recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in document 37 C/4 DR.5 submitted by Barbados, Brazil, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Morocco, Saint Lucia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and co-sponsored by Colombia, El Salvador, Nigeria, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uzbekistan. (37 C/Resolution 1 (VI))
10. Following the debate, the Joint Meeting of Commissions also recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in document 37 C/4 DR.6 submitted by Mongolia, and co-sponsored by Austria, Canada, Finland, France, Norway, Sweden and Turkey. (37 C/Resolution 1 (VII))

Item 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5 Vols. 1 and 2, Addenda and Corrigenda and Technical Annex, 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev, 37 C/5 Add.3, 37 C/5 Add.4, 37 C/6 and 37 C/6 Add. and Corr.)

11. At its first meeting, the Joint Meeting discussed on the procedure for the examination and adoption by the General Conference of the 37 C/5 document and the Recommendations by the Executive Board thereon, as well as the Executive Board's recommendations concerning the Income and Expenditure Plan based on the expected cash flow of \$507 million for 2014-2015.
12. The Joint Meeting considered recommending a decision concerning subparagraphs 58 and 65 in the document 37 C/6, which would allow the Secretariat to issue revised Draft Resolutions reflecting the appropriate reassignments and to amend the budgetary allocations in the Draft Resolutions accordingly.
13. The Joint Meeting also recommended to endorse an expenditure plan for 2014-2015 relating to expected income of \$507 million, as contained in 37 C/5 Add 2 Rev.
14. The Joint Meeting endorsed the following decisions as contained in documents 37 C/6 and 37 C/6 Add. & Corr.:

I

[Subparagraph 58:]

- (58) to reassign to Major Programme V the following programmes:
- (a) the Memory of the World Programme;
 - (b) information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education, science and culture;
 - (c) the Open Educational Resources (OER) programme;
 - (d) the Global Open Access programme.

[Subparagraph 65:]

- (65) to revise the relevant parts of the strategic objectives in document 37 C/4 Draft and of the major programmes in document 37 C/5 Draft affected by para. 58, so as to adapt strategies, expected results, performance indicators, benchmarks as well as budget allocations, as appropriate;

II

16. Recommends that the General Conference amend para. (c) of the Appropriation Resolution as follows:

- “(c) The Director-General is authorized to enter into commitments during the financial period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015 as follows:
- (i) within the limits of the amounts authorized under paragraph (a) above in the event of an expected cash flow of \$653 million; or
 - (ii) within the limit of the appropriations set out in the expenditure plan based on an expected cash flow for 2014-2015 of \$507 million;”

III

[5 X/EX Decision 2 - Paragraph 6]

6. *Requests the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 192nd session, as stipulated in 191 EX/Decision 15 (II), paragraphs 14 and 15, a budget and restructuring plan based on the aforementioned priorities and the following principles:*
- [...]
- (c) each major programme shall maintain its relative share of programme resources as foreseen in document 37 C/5, taking into account document 37 C/6 (191 EX/Dec.15 (II));

Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained

15. The Joint Meeting of Commissions informed the General Conference that draft resolution 37 C/DR.19 concerning 37 C/5 and the draft appropriation resolution for 2014-2015 was withdrawn by its author.

Item 4.3 Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2014-2015 (37 C/13)

16. The Joint Meeting of Commissions examined item 4.3 at its fourth and last meeting. The Joint Meeting of Commissions recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the draft Appropriation Resolution for 2014-2015, contained in document 37 C/13 as amended by the Joint Meeting of Commissions. (37 C/Resolution 98)

Item 5.23 UNESCO Participation in the preparations for a post-2015 development agenda (37 C/64 and 37 C/INF.13)

17. The Joint Meeting of Commissions examined item 5.23 at its third meeting. Following the debate, the Joint Meeting recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution as amended by the Joint Meeting of Commissions. (37 C/Resolution 64)

H. Reports of the Legal Committee

FIRST REPORT¹

The Legal Committee elected by acclamation Mr Mohammad Kacem Fazelly (Afghanistan) as Chairperson, Mr Jude Mathooko (Kenya) and Mr Sirajuddin Hamid Yousif (Sudan) as Vice-Chairpersons, and Mr Pierre Michel Eisemann (France) as Rapporteur.

Item 4.2 of the agenda (37 C/8 LEG)

Examination of communications on the admissibility of Draft Resolutions proposing the adoption of amendments to the draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5)

1. Since its 29th session, the General Conference has adopted a procedure for processing draft resolutions proposing amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget. This procedure derives from an amendment introduced into its Rules of Procedure (see Rules 80 and 81).
2. The procedure established provides that the sponsors of those draft resolutions (DR) that at first sight appear inadmissible in the opinion of the Director-General may appeal to the General Conference, after submission to the Legal Committee for opinion, to rule at last instance on their admissibility.
3. An Explanatory Note was prepared by the Legal Committee in November 2000 and communicated to all Member States so that they could submit draft resolutions of this nature meeting the requisite criteria. That note was completed by two "finalizations" adopted by the Legal Committee at its November 2002 meeting and by the General Conference at its 33rd session, respectively.
4. Furthermore, through 36 C/Resolution 104 on the independent external evaluation of UNESCO, the General Conference emphasized in 2011 that the recommendation that draft resolutions with financial implications clearly identify the main line of action from which the resources should come, should henceforth constitute an admissibility criterion. This additional admissibility criterion is applicable to draft resolutions relating to document 37 C/5.
5. Those criteria were followed by the Legal Committee when it examined the only appeal on a draft resolution deemed inadmissible by the Director-General. After listening to the representative of the country that had sponsored the draft resolution, the Legal Committee rejected the appeal and confirmed the inadmissibility of this draft resolution (MS/DR.24) on the grounds that it did not concern one of the operative paragraphs of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017.
6. While it regretted having to reach such a decision in the light of the current rules, the Legal Committee recalled that it was only able to come to a decision on the basis of the original wording of the draft resolutions submitted to it for examination, without ruling on the substantive merits of the DR.
7. Members hoped that, in the future, a more constructive dialogue could be established between the Secretariat and Member States, in order to avoid material errors arising during the preparation of draft resolutions constituting grounds for rejection. Furthermore, members also requested that, whenever it informed the sponsor of a draft resolution of its inadmissibility, the Secretariat should, in future, not only mention the criterion that had not been met, but should also clarify the reasons why that was the case.

SECOND REPORT¹

Item 9.1 of the agenda (document 37 C/26)

Reports received from Member States on the measures taken for the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education

1. The Legal Committee considered the summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken for the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education.

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

2. The Committee took note of the summary and the accompanying comments made on the subject by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) at the 191st session of the Executive Board. It also took note of additional information provided by the representative of the Director-General on the implementation of these two standard-setting instruments.

3. After expressing a desire to hold a debate on the item, the members of the Committee decried the fact that the detailed summary of the reports available on the web page for the eighth consultation had not been printed and transmitted to the General Conference, and stressed the need for a future discussion on the form and content of the present summary prepared by the Secretariat in order to enhance its relevance. In that connection, the members of the Committee suggested that the ninth consultation should consider the outcome of the forthcoming work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board in examining its working methods, including those related to monitoring the implementation of the standard-setting instruments that it was required to monitor.

4. The Committee made a number of amendments to the text of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 6 of document 37 C/26. (37 C/Resolution 89)

THIRD REPORT¹

Item 9.2 of the agenda (document 37 C/27)

Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

1. The Legal Committee considered the consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

2. The Committee took note of the report supplemented by the comments made on the subject by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) at the 192nd session of the Executive Board. It also took note of additional information provided by the representative of the Director-General on the implementation of the Recommendation.

3. While stressing that discussion should be initiated in the future on the form and content of the report prepared by the Secretariat in order to enhance its relevance, the members of the Committee indicated that the fifth consultation would have to take into consideration the outcome of the work done by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations of the Executive Board (CR) during the examination of its working methods, including those concerning the monitoring of the implementation of the standard-setting instruments that it is required to monitor.

4. The Committee made certain amendments to the text of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 6 of document 37 C/27.(37 C/Resolution 90)

FOURTH REPORT¹

Item 9.3 of the agenda (document 37 C/28)

Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers

1. The Legal Committee examined the consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers.

2. The Committee took note of the report together with the comments made in that regard by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations at the 190th session of the Executive Board. It also took note of the additional information provided by the representative of the Director-General concerning the implementation of this Recommendation, as well as the proposal to revise it submitted for the consideration of the General Conference at its 37th session.

3. The Committee made several amendments to the text of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 11 of document 37 C/28. (37 C/Resolution 91)

FIFTH REPORT¹

Item 7.2 of the agenda (document 37 C/25)

Administrative Tribunal: Extension of its period of jurisdiction

1. The Staff Regulations and Staff Rules make provision for appeals that may be lodged by staff members against disciplinary action or an administrative decision which, in their opinion, is contrary to any relevant regulation or rule or to their terms of appointment and which they consider prejudicial to them. After all internal remedies have been exhausted before the Appeals Board, those staff members may submit their case to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization (ILOAT), whose functional jurisdiction has been recognized by the General Conference since 1953.

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

2. As recognition of that jurisdiction has been extended regularly since 1953, the Director-General has considered it appropriate to recommend that, as at the 34th session, the General Conference renew recognition for a period of six years, from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2019.

3. In response to questions from Committee members who had expressed the wish that the item should be the subject of a debate, the representative of the Director-General recalled that recognition of the jurisdiction of ILOAT had been extended regularly for periods of six years since 1953, excluding the years 1996 to 2001, when recognition was renewed by the General Conference for periods of two years only pending a study carried out by the meeting of Legal Advisers of the organizations of the United Nations system which, in 2001, had concluded that there was no need to establish a second-tier appeals system for the administration of justice in the secretariats of those organizations. Furthermore, the representative of the Director-General said that ILOAT was, de facto, a second-tier appeals system, since there was prior intervention by an independent body within UNESCO: the Appeals Board.

4. One member of the Committee recalled the importance that he attached to the smooth working of the internal appeals body that existed within the Organization and was made available to its staff. He expressed the hope that that body be better known and used as a matter of course.

5. With regard to the matter under discussion, another member of the Committee expressed concern that there was a difference of 10 States in the memberships of the ILO and UNESCO.

6. Given that there were no legal obstacles to the recommendation, the Committee has decided to recommend that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 7 of document 37 C/25. (37 C/Resolution 88)

SIXTH REPORT¹

Item 7.1 of the agenda (document 37 C/24 and Add. and Corr.)

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO

1. The Legal Committee examined the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, proposed by the Secretariat.

2. The Committee took note of the additional information provided by the representative of the Director-General and of the withdrawal by the Secretariat of its proposed amendment to Rule 57, paragraph 2, aiming to stop the production and distribution of verbatim records of plenary meetings of the General Conference. It adopted the proposed amendments contained in the Annex to document 37 C/24 and made some formal amendments, in particular by inserting into Rule 80, paragraph 2, a clause which had been included in paragraph 20 of document 37 C/24 and which had been omitted.

3. Thereafter, having transmitted to the APX Commission (Finance, Administration and General Questions, Programme Support and External Relations) its first proposed amendments (document 37 C/24 Add. & Corr.), the Committee took note of two new amendments proposed by that Commission concerning Rules 57, paragraph 2, and 80, paragraph 3. Endorsing the amendments, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Conference adopt the amendments to its Rules of Procedure and to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO. (37 C/Resolution 87)

¹ The General Conference took note of this report at its 15th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2013.

ANNEX I Summary of the Leaders' Forum held during the general policy debate at the 37th session

6 November 2013

INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday, 6 November 2013, the 37th session of the General Conference hosted the Leaders' Forum on the theme "UNESCO mobilizing for and contributing to the post-2015 agenda through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information". With the active participation of three Heads of State and Government as well as Ministers from 54 Member States, a rich and vivid debate was moderated by Mr Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for Human Resource Development of India and Mr Stephen Cole, Senior Presenter Al Jazeera English, Doha and London. The purpose was to reenergize the commitment that the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) had created from 2000 onwards among governments, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders, and to share a vision for the emerging post-2015 development agenda as well as for UNESCO's role therein.

Throughout the debate, world leaders shared their views on how to attain lasting peace and sustainable development in a world of uncertainty and complex challenges that ever more transcend borders. They were convinced that the path to the future had to espouse the trail set by the MDGs and the UNESCO-led Education for All (EFA) goals. These international agendas have succeeded in creating an unprecedentedly broad awareness in all countries. Progress has been made against poverty, disease, ignorance and inequality. But much remains to be done: the lives of millions and millions of women and men, girls and boys, are still trapped in inhuman conditions. To improve those hundreds of millions of lives, the international community will have to reinforce its commitment to sustainable and equitable development, which extends much beyond the remit of economic or even environmental policies. There is a collective responsibility to invent new approaches and address the needs of people living in poverty or on the margins of society. Success in this regard called for people-centred, innovation-prone policies and programmes so as to empower individuals and communities with the capacity to not only adapt to change but also, as was quoted from Mahatma Gandhi, "be the change that they wish to see in the world."

Education must be a key objective in the next global agenda. Mr Muhyiddin bin Mohd Yassin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education of Malaysia, considers that the prime challenge ahead is to deliberate on an appropriate post-2015 development framework for education which strikes a balance between universal goals formulated at the global level and national targets identified and implemented by individual countries. We must first of all increase the work towards eliminating illiteracy. But it is also imperative to bear in mind that education is a preparation to participate in the life of a community. Mr Moncef Marzouki, President of Tunisia, insisted on the importance of enabling people, especially youth, to find decent work as citizens in a world of complexity and diversity. Education must in that sense foster creativity, technical and vocational education and training, critical thinking, digital skills as well as tolerance and openness to other cultures.

The awareness of culture as a lever of development was another key element in the discussions. Indeed, in the words of the Director-General of UNESCO, Ms Irina Bokova, culture is the foundation of the future. Sustainable development can happen only if it is embedded in the cultural experience of people. This very experience is a source of identity, prosperity and social harmony. UNESCO will have to promote the positive forces of culture. But, as stressed by Mr Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al-Nahayan, Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), speaking for the President of UAE, its role will also be to prevent the politicization of culture as a means to oppose nations and to spread conflict and terror. In turn, Mr Mohammad Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran noted that, in an age of unprecedented interdependence, it is only through mutual understanding that problems could be solved, which required governments and civil society to commit to an intensification of intercultural dialogue leading to a rapprochement, and eventually to a synergy, of cultures.

In this respect, the international community was called upon to seriously reflect on the need for a new social contract, which would address ethical challenges, and which would include a contract with nature, as advocated by Ms Laura Chinchilla, President of the Republic of Costa Rica. To her and other discussants, it was more than urgent to achieve harmony among people and with nature. This is the essence of sustainable development, which must involve renewed action with respect to climate change, biodiversity losses or oceanic degradations. Mr Algirdas Butkevicius, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania stressed that the post-2015 agenda must provide for synergies between science, policy and society. Drawing on its multidisciplinary mandate, UNESCO should thus foster sustainable development by creating or reinforcing bridges across its different fields of competence, including, as suggested by Mr Hossam Issa, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Higher Education of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the linkages between culture and science. Likewise, Ms Marie Madeleine Mborantsuo, President of the Constitutional Court of Gabon, underlined the feedback between culture, education and healthy environments, and called for an explicit recognition of such linkages in national constitutional texts.

As a contribution to the global debate on how best to steer humanity towards more efficient and human modes of development, the Leaders' Forum has been an opportunity for decision-makers to look forward, to learn from past successes and failures, and figure out how governments, intergovernmental organizations as well as civil society and individuals can act together for a sustainable world. Broadening the scope for global partnerships will be key to engage the developed and the developing countries as well as all stakeholders together in the quest for lasting peace and shared prosperity beyond 2015.

The Millennium Development Goals: An unfinished business

What world do we want to live in? This question lies at the heart of the Millennium Declaration and it has sparked action across the globe to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to realize Education for All (EFA). All these efforts have been inspired by a humanist vision of a more just and equitable world for all.

The strength of the MDGs was their simple and results-based design. They were a success because they provided a common framework for action as well as measurability and accountability, which allowed different stakeholders of development to coordinate their actions to fight poverty and its root causes, notably with respect to health, water, education and gender equality.

While vast progress has been achieved – especially regarding poverty reduction – it has been both insufficient and uneven. Clearly, the MDGs remain an unfinished business. The first imperative is to accelerate the achievement of the MDGs and to define a broader post-2015 development agenda addressing new and emerging issues, in particular with respect to environmental challenges and to inequalities between and within countries.

While change cannot be stopped, it can be shaped according to shared values. Human dignity, commitment to women's empowerment, and living together in peace are primordial among these values. On this basis, it is possible to create a better, smarter, more innovative, creative future together. The future starts here and now – this message was echoed in all interventions.

A rapidly changing and increasingly complex global landscape

The international community is faced with a growingly complex set of challenges. For example, the legitimate quest for prosperity of developing and emerging countries puts to test the capacity of our planet to absorb the environmental impact of unfettered growth and unsustainable consumption patterns, which are a threat to our common future. Climate change is accelerating, with carbon emissions estimated to reach a high of forty thousand million tons by 2020. Biodiversity losses, water shortages, desertification and ocean degradation are increasing. The population dynamics place further strain on the environment – an environment that we are responsible for, not the reverse. Humanity stands at a tipping point in its history.

On the other hand, freezing economies and declaring a zero-growth rate would inevitably plunge the world into a crisis of catastrophic consequence for individuals and societies. The recent interrelated financial and economic crises had been a powerful illustration of this and a demonstration that new approaches to development must urgently be identified.

Despite noted successes in a number of countries over the past decade, extreme poverty, notably in Africa, and inequalities between and within countries are expected to remain a serious concern. We must collectively strive to reduce these inequalities if sustainable development is to be realized. Youth unemployment is reaching record numbers – a global phenomenon which is threatening the aspirations of an entire generation at risk of being turned into a "lost generation".

The increased interconnectedness of nations and societies brought about by globalization and advances in information and communications technologies (ICTs) has not necessarily translated into greater mutual understanding. The world is still marred by painful wars and conflicts, as well as the rise of extremism and violence. Global peace and security seem a distant dream.

Yet, the benefits of these technologies remain unequally distributed. If put to good use, such technologies have the potential to foster freedom and equality. Technology gaps and related knowledge divides continue to persist within countries and among regions, and afflict excluded and marginalized groups. In a globalized world, knowledge, innovation and creativity have become more and more important for finding solutions to global challenges and as a driver of economic growth and prosperity.

A post-2015 world of sustainability, equity, dignity, solidarity and peace

In line with the discussions held throughout the international community and the United Nations system in particular, the post-2015 development agenda should put peace, sustainability and people-centred action at its core. It should inspire and guide initiatives and programmes based on the principles of equality, equity, solidarity, democratic participation and good governance, measurability and accountability. In order to be truly transformative, this agenda should be universal in scope, embracing the situations and responsibilities specific to each region of the world, and address the rights of individuals, women and men alike. The calls for dignity and freedom, especially from among the youth, that were echoed during the uprisings in the Middle East, demonstrate even further the crucial ethical, political, social and economic importance of human rights. The global development agenda for the coming decades should focus on what is most urgent – the eradication of poverty, the reduction of inequalities, notably with respect to gender and youth, and dignity with solidarity.

The next global agenda should thus carry a vision for real change – not a simple substitution of acronyms. Any development intervention should have at its core the lasting and long-term improvement of the well-being of its intended beneficiaries. It is imperative to respond to the needs of societies and a planet under pressure.

It is indispensable to acknowledge and implement sustainable development as a complex comprehensive concept integrating economic, environmental and societal norms but also the cultural, ethical and spiritual values that shape the destiny of local communities, nations as well as humanity as a whole.

The international community has the responsibility to envision and forge a new social contract that would include a contract with nature, with a view to fully integrating peace, security and good governance in the post-2015 global agenda. Indeed, development cannot be sustainable if it does not contribute to the promotion of peace as well as the prevention and resolution of conflicts through the rule of law and the international legal system.

UNESCO's potential contribution for the post-2015 development agenda

UNESCO is a "testimony of faith in the human being". The complex challenges of today's world require multifaceted responses and solutions. UNESCO, with its interdisciplinary mandate and approach, is uniquely positioned to contribute to the development of such responses. It is hence time to reaffirm UNESCO's mandate with energy and conviction, providing also the necessary resources for strong and effective action in its fields of competence: sustainable development cannot be realized without large-scale investments in education, the sciences, culture and communication and information. UNESCO's multidisciplinary mandate is a key asset and a unique platform for developing the necessary approaches to holistic sustainable development. Creating synergies and new connections between disciplines will be key, so as to build bridges between development and culture, education and democracy, jobs and creativity, sustainability and shared knowledge.

One lesson drawn from the successes and limitations of the MDGs is that sustainable and equitable development cannot rest solely on economic policies. We need people-centred development approaches driven by humanist ideals, and through which all people can be equipped with tools to help them realize their full potential. Culture, but also education, the sciences, communication and information are essential components of such an approach.

UNESCO has much to contribute to the post-2015 processes through its five interrelated functions as a laboratory for ideas, standard-setter, clearing house, capacity builder and a catalyst for international cooperation. Indeed, in a growingly interconnected world, where for example farmers from remote places across the globe can access services through mobile devices, scientific, intellectual and cultural cooperation should foster the sharing of knowledge and the generation of innovative ideas. Such cooperation should allow individuals, communities as well as governments and international organizations to share experiences and information based on clear evidence and data about development policies, practices, methods and results.

Gender equality and women's empowerment must be a transversal priority

Inequalities based on gender are still one of the most persistent and difficult-to-tackle forms of inequality. Women and girls worldwide are still disadvantaged and hindered from developing their full potential, which is a violation of their human rights as well as a serious obstacle for sustainable and inclusive social and individual development. However, development cannot be attained if women are ignored. Gender equality and women's empowerment must be a transversal priority in the post-2015 development agenda, as well as a stand-alone goal. For UNESCO, the focus on gender equality implies a strong focus on education for girls and women, including by tackling the high illiteracy rates among women. Science, technology and innovation are another accelerator of sustainable development. More scientists and in particular women scientists are needed, especially in Africa. Culture and creative industries provide another lever to empowering women. In the world we want for the post-2015 period, all people, irrespective of their gender, are endowed with the capacity to pursue their aspiration and to participate fully in the societal and cultural life. In addition to establishing a level playing field, we need to ensure that the glass ceiling – having held back women and girls for too long – will disappear.

The collective responsibility to meet the aspirations of youth

Since sustainable development implies to meet the needs of the present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, youth must be a central concern of the next development agenda. Young people are the future of humanity – yet all too often, their aspirations are stifled by unemployment, lack of opportunity, and exclusion from decisions that impact their lives. UNESCO's action needs to tackle this injustice, including through dedicated interventions in the areas of skills development and technical vocational education and training, as well as science, technology and innovation. Collective action for a better future will have to take into account the voices and priorities of youth through more participatory forms of consultation and governance. It was suggested that UNESCO through its diverse action should strive to build a bridge for youth.

Priority action against inequalities

Any sustainable development agenda will have to be judged against how the situation of the poorest, most disadvantaged and left behind has improved. This concerns inequalities between as well as within countries, including rich countries, an issue that should be addressed if the development agenda is to be truly universal in scope. Much more than the MDGs, the future post-2015 development agenda has to aim at the reduction of inequalities and the promotion of social inclusion. This necessitates actively tackling the causes of marginalization and exclusion. Education has a unique potential for narrowing inequalities; and without ensuring equitable access to quality education the marginalization of disadvantaged groups will persist further. In many countries the educational needs of disabled children and youth are simply not met. Such objectives as universal primary education or compulsory education cannot be attained if schools do not accommodate the needs of all students, including nutrition, sanitation and dispositions for disabled people. In many countries, the latter have few, if any, access to adapted infrastructures and pedagogical materials. With respect to leveling the playing field for all the groups of societies, UNESCO should increase its multidisciplinary programmes fostering access to knowledge and information, notable by promoting ambitious policies in the fields of ICT, science education and cultural development.

Equitable quality education is central to poverty eradication and sustainable development

Education is a fundamental human right. It is constitutive to sustainable development, poverty reduction, democracy and peace. While there has been progress in enrolment since 2000, 57 million children still are out of school today. Two thirds of the adult illiterates are women.

Education is not only a goal in itself but instrumental to achieve other development goals. As such it needs to be at the core of the future development agenda.

There are several imperatives for education in the post-2015 development agenda. First and foremost there needs to be a focus on equity and quality in education. The imperative of equitable access to quality education shall go beyond primary education. Language should not be a barrier to receiving quality education. Education policies and strategies should be equitable and inclusive so as to reach the marginalized, including children with disabilities, and to ensure that the education system as a whole is able to accommodate the needs of all students. Gender equality necessitates continued attention with a special focus on access to education for women and girls. Education goals must also take into account men and boys as they fall behind in education achievement in some countries. Lifelong learning, including non-formal and informal education, shall be a guiding principle.

Youth and adult literacy have to be enhanced. Literacy is a fundamental right and monitor for development. Besides traditional forms of illiteracy, new forms of illiteracy are emerging with respect to new technologies, which could represent a serious barrier to the access of the job market in the future. More generally, education systems should pay increased attention to skills for life and work. In that regard, the employability of youth is becoming an increasing challenge. The perception of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) as a second-rate education among students, teachers and parents needs to be changed. A TVET system, which is responsive to the needs of learners and industry, is especially crucial to train craftspeople and technicians and to foster entrepreneurship and creativity.

Other key issues must be addressed. For instance, the quality of education will depend on teachers – both the quality of teacher training and the number of teachers, which remains insufficient in many developing countries. Early childhood care and education as the foundation of learning needs to be enhanced. Education for sustainable development (ESD) is bound to play an essential role in the very implementation of the next global agenda. UNESCO has a special responsibility to highlight the feedback loops that exist between the right to education, the right to a healthy environment and education for sustainable development.

Raising the awareness of students on the challenges that humanity faces across borders will become an important aspect of education, which, beyond literacy, numeracy and learning outcomes, should also be a global citizenship education. Education is essential to democracy understood as a set of attitudes and behaviours rather than a mere series of formal procedures. Elections alone do not equal democracy. The value of electoral processes is in question if voters do not have the capacity to appreciate the consequences of exercising this right. National sovereignty is vain if only a small part of the population has the information necessary to exercise it. Education must be for democracy not only about it. Education is crucial to form citizens who can assume a responsible, conscious and active role in society. We need to respect the intellectual sovereignty and autonomy of students and teach them how to think critically and creatively and to provide them with leadership skills. Global citizenship education also needs to be based on promoting mutual understanding, combating corruption, democratizing the use of new technologies, teaching and learning about history, cultures of other nations as well as religions, and the United Nations system itself.

The way education is delivered has undergone fundamental changes with the introduction of ICTs. Education systems should draw further on the potential of ICTs and Open Education Resources (OERs). ICTs offer a huge opportunity to significantly increase the access to education. At the same time mass access to knowledge and information should not lead to standardization and unification. Education systems need to remain pluralistic. ICTs can innovate teaching methods, but new technologies alone are not enough.

Education must be based on ethics, aesthetics and citizenship. Education is a global public good. It should be compulsory and free, and serve the interest of the individual and his or her development. Education systems must thus strike a balance between the requirements of the market and the state, on the one hand, and the aspirations of individuals and communities on the other hand. The right to education cannot remain a mere declaration of intentions. It must be incorporated in constitutionally binding documents with the aim of providing guidance for the elaboration and evaluation of educational policies. In so far as sustainable development entails an intergenerational solidarity as well as imperative to innovate and to inform, it cannot be achieved without a duty to educate the present and future generations and to transmit them their intellectual, scientific and cultural heritages as well as the tools to cope with change.

All this calls for a new goal on education in the spirit of the *Global Thematic Consultation on Education for Post-2015*, which has recommended a goal on “Equitable Quality Education and Lifelong Learning for All”.

An education goal should also be complemented by targets for specific following thematic priorities: youth and adult literacy, skills for life and work, teachers, early childhood care and education, education for sustainable development and for global citizenship.

UNESCO must ascertain its leadership in education and continue to promote a holistic vision of education in the post-2015 development agenda.

Culture as a driver and an enabler for sustainable development

Culture is a driver and an enabler for sustainable development and as such should be a pillar of the post-2015 development agenda. Today, the creative economy plays an increasingly important role in the development of countries. Culture-led development ensures greater social inclusiveness, innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship. In turn, sound economic investments require a solid knowledge of local cultures. It is crucial for the resilience of communities to preserve heritage, both tangible and intangible, for the present and the future generations.

However, despite growing evidence, the role of culture as an accelerator for positive change had long been largely forgotten or minimized, notably within the MDGs adopted in 2000. The tendency to frame development solely in economic terms, and not as a combination of economic, environmental and social factors was as a limiting factor of the traditional development models,

which often ignored culture in the name of a so-called modernity. Culture is not a mere path to economic benefits, but rather the core factor around which economic and environmental sustainability are built. Failing to understand human development holistically leads to ignorance of the fact that the context of peoples' lives is inseparable from their cultures. Without cultural contextualization, it will prove impossible to achieve education for all, or poverty eradication in general. Culture is the key with which to promote holistic human and sustainable development. The 2013 Hangzhou Declaration *Placing Culture at the Heart of Sustainable Development Policies* called for the full integration of culture in the Post-2015 development agenda through clear goals, targets, and indicators. This demonstrates that, thanks in part to the efforts of UNESCO, the international development community has finally begun to recognize the limitations of imposing a single development model on different cultures, and has started to make progress towards integrating culture in development policies.

UNESCO should promote respect for cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue as a foundation for peace. Culture can be misused as a political divider and a pretext to fuel violence among communities and nations. Such risk of politicization call for individual as well as collective vigilance. World heritage cultural sites should be used to teach both about the universality of human creativity and the diversity of cultures, in line with the principles formulated in the 2001 UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity. UNESCO should also make an effort to promote an open and tolerant understanding of world history, bearing in mind the relevance of its pedagogical use. If culture has the power to reinforce identities, it can also be a means to foster cooperation among nations, communities, and civilizations. UNESCO should spare no efforts in opening these doors between nations and in helping countries and communities to break free from stereotypical challenges. UNESCO should also launch, in the context of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022), a world campaign against violence and extremism, and should help to forge a coalition for enduring peace worldwide at all levels with the aim to counter terrorism, extremism and violence, including also at schools. In conclusion, UNESCO should continue to advocate for the integration of culture for development in the post-2015 development agenda.

The sciences – an accelerator for poverty eradication and sustainable development

Despite their key role for advancing sustainable development and poverty eradication, science, technology and innovation (STI) did not receive sufficient attention in the MDGs. STI are key for addressing the complex challenges of sustainability and building a better future for all, which ought to be prominently reflected in the post-2015 development agenda.

While science and technology have become central to our experience of the world, millions of people still cannot access their benefits. To make full use of STI we must strengthen human and institutional STI capacities, ensure that STI and knowledge are made accessible for everyone and are adaptable for practical uses. STI shall tap into the rich resources of indigenous and traditional knowledge. Technology transfer and scientific cooperation are also a key element for building human solidarity. Best practices on STI need to be shared and cooperation between scientific centers of developed countries and developing countries must be promoted, as well as synergies and coherence between the existing national, regional, and global initiatives on research, development, and innovation.

Governments and the private sector should commit to invest massively in the development of green economies and societies conducive to sustainable modes of production and consumption. This presupposes STI policies that promote green technologies and renewable energy as well as appropriate skills development for the youth, driven by Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

We need a “pact with nature”, we need stronger sciences for sustainable development. This calls for the promotion of sustainability science, by which the full range of the natural, social and human sciences are mobilized to address complex challenges requiring multidisciplinary responses. It also calls for cooperation in ocean science, for sustainable water management and water security, climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation.

Likewise, a new social contract is needed, addressing ethical challenges and fostering the rapprochement of cultures. The social and human sciences need to be mobilized with respect to a deeper understanding and more rigorous analysis of one of the major challenges of our time across all countries, namely to steer social transformations in such a way that social inclusion is achieved. Inclusion should be understood as a cross cutting element in the post-2015 agenda so to reduce the gap between poverty and prosperity. It is of importance for governments, international actors and civil society at large to define a minimum threshold of well-being and integrate inclusiveness into policies with respect to the poorest groups, women, youth, migrants, indigenous communities or disabled people.

A strengthened science-policy-society interface should to be an integral part of the post-2015 development agenda.

Communication and information are vital for promoting sustainable development and democracy

Promoting freedom of expression, including free and independent media, both offline and online, is indispensable for flourishing democracies and to help citizens better participate in the elaboration, implementation and evaluation of development policies. Recognizing the driving role that information and communication technologies (ICTs) play in building knowledge societies, and in bridging the knowledge divide it is imperative to ensure their adequate integration into the future development agenda. In the current hyper-information era, ICTs are key to development and while there is a lot of liberty in their use, there is only some solidarity, and no equality. Access to ICTs remains elusive for millions of people – often those who need them the most. The digital divide as well as the capacity to effectively use information and technology should figure high in the post-2015 development agenda.

Sparking concrete change for the post-2015 period

Obviously, there is a discrepancy between the importance of UNESCO's mandate and the palpable lack of financial resources. Amounting only to US \$0.45 per person on earth, UNESCO's budget was seen as patently insufficient. Such a meagre

investment in peace should be compared to the cost of war and its disastrous consequences. Resources would more profitably be driven to education and development budgets for a more humanist vision of a peaceful world. In a period when the budget of UNESCO is severely diminished, efforts should be made to secure a more adequate level of resources – while also exploring new strategic directions and effective synergies in its fields of competence. UNESCO will have to forge strong partnerships both within the United Nations system and with its wider networks from civil society, National Commissions, school networks, academia, professional groups and the private sector. Moving forward in a collaborative and coordinated fashion with partners can provide a multiplier effect on the Organization's limited resources.

Basing its action on such partnerships, spanning from the global to the local, UNESCO would be better positioned in the post-2015 period to achieve solidarity among people, cultures and nations. In this vein, Member States should consider using even more their National Commissions for UNESCO and strengthen their contribution to delivery of the Organization's programmes, activities and policies at country-level, in particular in to the preparations of the post-2015 development agenda – with the goal of creating an effective and meaningful UNESCO presence in each country, extending the reach, scope and impact of the Organization, and bringing additional clout within the United Nations system to advocate for education, the sciences, culture, and communication and information in the pursuit of the post-2015 development goals.

Creating synergies and connections was a recurring theme in the discussions held at the Leaders' Forum. Bridges have to be built between development and culture, education and democracy, science and education, science and culture, jobs and creativity, sustainability and shared knowledge. UNESCO was considered as being uniquely placed for multidisciplinary and intersectoral approaches. What emerged from the debate is a vision where poverty and exclusion can be effectively tackled by actions fostering dignity and equality, especially with respect to women and youth and upholding cultural diversity. UNESCO should contribute proactively to the debates among governments and international organizations on the path to the post-2015 global development agenda in the areas of education, sciences, culture and communication and information.

For the post-2015 development agenda, UNESCO should, *inter alia*, advocate for:

- Equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all;
- Culture as a driver and enabler for sustainable development;
- Sciences as an accelerator for poverty eradication and sustainable development, including by focusing on the ocean, water and biodiversity;
- Promoting freedom of expression and ICTs for sustainable development and democracy.

ANNEX II List of officers elected at the 37th session of the General Conference

The following were the elected officers of the 37th session of the General Conference:

President of the General Conference

Mr Hao Ping (People's Republic of China)

Vice-Presidents of the General Conference

The heads of delegations of the following Member States:

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Rep. of), Kenya, Libya, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zimbabwe

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Chairperson: Mr Matthew Sudders (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Nikolay Lozinskiy (Russian Federation)
 Ms Vera Lacoueilhe (Saint-Lucia)
 Mr Mohan Krishna Shrestha/Mr Ram Babu Dhakal (Nepal)
 Ms Maha Ayoub (Sudan)
Rapporteur: Mr Yousuf Gabru (South Africa)

ED Commission: Education

Chairperson: Mr Abdulsalam El-Qallali (Libya)
Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Walter Hirche (Germany)
 Ms Lorena Sol de Pool (El Salvador)
 Mr Mohd Khair bin Mohamad Yusof (Malaysia)
Rapporteur: Ms Tamila Aliyeva (Azerbaijan)

SC Commission: Natural sciences

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 Mr Iskandar Zulkarnain (Indonesia)
 Mr Khalid Al Ali (Qatar)
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 Mr Ziad Aldrees (Saudi Arabia)
 Mr Mohammad Reza Saeidabadi (Iran (Islamic Republic of))
 Mr Alexander Savov (Bulgaria)
Rapporteur: Ms Sofia Bouratsis (Greece)

CLT Commission: Culture

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Mr Michael Manalo, Philippines
Mr Pierre Akpona, Benin
Rapporteur: Mr Francesco Tafuri, Italy

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Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Ľudovít Molnár (Slovakia)
Ms Maria Laura da Rocha (Brazil)
Mr Mohammed Sheya (United Republic of Tanzania)
Mr Sami Ghazali (Tunisia)
Rapporteur: Mr Davoud Karimi (Iran (Islamic Republic of))

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Nominations Committee

Chairperson: Ms Assel Utegenova (Kazakhstan)
Vice-Chairpersons: Ms Melek Sina Baydur (Turkey)
Mr Alexander Savov (Bulgaria)
Mr Khalil Karam (Lebanon)
Mr Manda Kizabi (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
Rapporteur: Mr Marco Tulio Chicas (Guatemala)

Legal Committee

Chairperson: Mr Mohammad Kacem Fazelly (Afghanistan)
Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Jude Mathooko (Kenya)
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Rapporteur: Mr Pierre Michel Eisemann (France)

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Chairperson: Ms Lorena Sol de Pool (El Salvador)



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37 C/Resolution 57 – UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS)

End of paragraph 1(e)

Delete the words “~~which will be subject to approval by the General Conference~~”

37 C/Resolution 61 – UNESCO’s response to post-conflict and post-disaster situations

Paragraph 2(a) (3):

Replace the phrase “UNESCO post-~~conflict~~ projects funded through multi-donor and other post-~~conflict~~ appeals and funding modalities”

with “UNESCO post-crisis projects funded through multi-donor and other post-crisis appeals and funding modalities”

37 C/Resolution 98 – Appropriation resolution for 2014-2015

Table, Part II.B 2:

Replace the phrase “Coordination and monitoring of action to ~~benefit~~ gender equality”

with “Coordination and monitoring of action to implement gender equality”

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37 C/Resolution 3 - Major Programme I – Education

Paragraph 2(b) (4):

Replace the phrase “National capacities strengthened to develop evidence-based higher education policies to address the challenges of equity, quality, inclusion, expansion, ~~and~~ mobility and accountability”

with “National capacities strengthened to develop evidence-based higher education policies to address the challenges of equity, quality, inclusion, expansion, mobility and accountability”

37 C/Resolution 64 – UNESCO participation in the preparations for a post-2015 development agenda

Part I, paragraph 3, last sentence:

To read “[We, as Member States, commit ourselves to promoting such a goal based upon key principles of access, equity and quality, in the perspective of lifelong learning, during international discussions on the global education agenda]”

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