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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1 **Agenda, timetable of work, election of the Chairpersons of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), and the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX)** (187 EX/1; 187 EX/INF.1 Rev.; 187 EX/INF.3)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 187 EX/1 and 187 EX/INF.1 Rev.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 24, 25, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48 and 49, and for programme-related aspects, items 4 and 5;
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, and for administrative and financial aspects, items 4, 5 and 15;

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meetings:** items 6, 14, 15, 16 Parts II and III, 17 Parts I, III and IV, 22, 23, 33 and 35.

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Mr Motaz Khorshid (Egypt) Chair of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to replace Mr Amr Ezzat Salama for the remainder of his term of office, and also elected Ms Attiya Inayatullah (Pakistan) Chair of the Programme and External Relations Commission to replace Ms Shahnaz Wazir Ali for the remainder of her term of office.

(187 EX/SR.1)

2 **Approval of the summary records of the 186th session** (186 EX/SR.1-10)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 186th session.

(187 EX/SR.1)

3 **Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (187 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(187 EX/SR.5)

REPORTING ITEMS

4 **Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (187 EX/4 Part I; 187 EX/INF.13; 187 EX/INF.14; 187 EX/INF.15; 187 EX/INF.16; 187 EX/4 Part II; 187 EX/INF.9; 187 EX/4 Add.; 187 EX/53; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report on donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium and appropriated to the regular budget and transfers made between appropriation lines including those from Part IV and the reserve for reclassification/merit-based promotions to the Sectors/Bureaux pursuant to 35 C/Resolution 106, paragraphs 2(b), (d) and (e),

A

2. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total of **\$2,267,577** as follows:

	\$
Part II.A – Major Programme I	449,302
Part II.A – Major Programme II	272,593
Part II.A – Major Programme III	100,361
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	806,562
Part II.A – Major Programme V	86,789
Part I.B – Direction (ODG/GE)	14,613
Part II.B.2 – External Relations and Public Information (ERI)	107,294
Part III.B – Field management and coordination (indirect costs for field offices)	430,063
Total	2,267,577

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 10 of document 187 EX/4 Part II.A;

B

4. Recalling paragraph 2(d) of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011 by virtue of which the Director-General is authorized, with the prior approval of the Executive Board, to make transfers from Part IV of the budget (Anticipated Cost Increases) to the relevant appropriation lines in Parts I-III in order to cover increases in staff costs and in the cost of goods and services,
5. Further recalling paragraph 2(e) of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011 by virtue of which the Director-General is requested to obtain prior approval of the Executive Board in instances where transfers between appropriation lines entail an amount greater than 1% of the initial appropriation,
6. Noting that the Director-General has identified the funding source for the construction of the forward security post at Fontenoy, further to its previous discussions and, in particular, in accordance with 185 EX/Decision 30, and proposed a financing plan for the urgent requirement relating to the telecommunication facilities, in line with the recommendation of the Headquarters Committee,
7. Approves the transfer of **\$4,452,400** from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget to cover increases in staff costs and in the cost of goods and services, including, on an exceptional basis, the financing of the urgent requirements for security (which will be transferred to a special account) and the communication system, as set out in document 187 EX/4 Part II;
8. Further approves the transfer of **\$2,000,000** from the reserve for reclassifications/merit-based promotions to Parts I-III of the budget to cover costs resulting from the reclassification and merit-based promotion exercises, as well as, on an exceptional

basis, for the financing of the new communication system, as set out in document 187 EX/4 Part II;

9. Invites the Director-General to examine other possible sources of funding to complete the setting up of the new communication system, and to make a recommendation to it at its 189th session;

C

10. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table annexed to document 187 EX/4 Part II resulting from donations and special contributions received and transfers made between appropriation lines as indicated in A and B above.

(187 EX/SR.7)

5 **Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions** (187 EX/5; 187 EX/54)

Implementation of 35 C/Resolution 49 and 186 EX/Decision 5 relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem¹

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/5,
2. Recalling previous UNESCO decisions, including 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision, and the decision of the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session (Brasilia, 2010) relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem,
3. Also recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage including in the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the relevant provisions of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972, the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,
4. Reaffirming the purpose and spirit of the professional encounter at the technical level of 13 January 2008, as well as the follow-up meeting of 24 February 2008,
5. Noting the Sixth Reinforced, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Monitoring Reports and its addendum prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
6. Recognizes the concerns raised in this regard about the decision by the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Commission on the town planning scheme for the Mughrabi Ascent, and the subsequent decision by Israel's National Council for Planning and Construction to adopt "an alternative plan for the Mughrabi Ascent", approved on 31 October 2010 by the above-mentioned Commission;
7. Requests that, despite the decisions mentioned in paragraph 6, the process for the design of the Mughrabi Ascent be inclusive of all parties concerned, in accordance with the obligations and duties of such parties, as stipulated in the content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions;

¹ Adopted by consensus.

8. Reaffirms in this regard, that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, should be taken which may affect the authenticity and integrity of the site, in accordance with the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972 and the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954;
9. Notes the request made by the World Heritage Committee in previous decisions, and asks, in this regard, that the Israeli authorities continue full cooperation with all concerned parties, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts;
10. Acknowledges receipt of the Jordanian design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent, submitted to the World Heritage Centre on 27 May 2011, and thanks Jordan for its cooperation in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO conventions for the protection of cultural heritage;
11. Affirms, in this regard, that the UNESCO-initiated process for the follow-up of the design of the Mughrabi Ascent, which is aimed at proactively facilitating an accepted and monitored solution concerning the Mughrabi Ascent among all parties concerned should be coordinated with all such parties, in accordance with the spirit and content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions;
12. Acknowledges in this regard, the concerns raised regarding Israel's submission and the content of its alternative plan for the Mughrabi Ascent, referred to in paragraph 6, and requests that the World Heritage Centre be proactive and follow closely, in the context of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism, the developments associated with this process;
13. Notes with satisfaction the access provided by Israel to the Mughrabi Ascent for Jordanian and Waqf experts on 23 May, 8 August and 28 November 2010, and reiterates its request that Israel continues the cooperation commenced with all parties concerned, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts to enable agreement on, among all parties concerned, and implementation of a final design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent;
14. Also notes in this regard, reports of preliminary discussions between Jordan and Israel concerning the Mughrabi Ascent, which stipulate, *inter alia*, that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, shall be taken on the site, in accordance with paragraph 8 above, and the necessity of an accepted design and implementation thereof among all parties concerned, and welcomes the recognition by the parties concerned of the need for coordination on this issue;
15. Expresses its thanks to the Director-General for the action she is taking to facilitate the dialogue and professional exchanges among all the parties concerned;
16. Reiterates the call by the Director-General to organize a follow-up meeting of experts as soon as possible, once the parties concerned have reached an agreement;
17. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report on this matter at its 189th session.

(187 EX/SR.7)

- 6 Reports by the Director-General on specific matters** (187 EX/6 Parts I to IV; 187 EX/6 Parts VI to VIII; 187 EX/6 Part IX and Corr. and Add.; 187 EX/INF.8; 187 EX/6 Parts X to XII; 187 EX/55 Part I)

I

Implementation of the UNESCO strategy for the second half of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 9, 184 EX/Decision 11 and 186 EX/Decision 6 (III),
2. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part I,
3. Welcomes the Director-General's efforts to mobilize all UNESCO programme sectors and networks to enhance their contributions to education for sustainable development (ESD) and the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), to ensure an intersectoral implementation of the UNESCO strategy for the second half of the Decade at the global and regional levels, and to support Member States in further reinforcing the integration of ESD into their national programmes and plans;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue her efforts in the implementation of ESD and the Decade during the next biennium in order to assist Member States and regions, taking into account development priorities identified by them in the educational, political, economic and social spheres;
5. Encourages all Member States to strengthen their efforts to implement UNESCO's strategy in the second half of the Decade at the international, regional, national and local levels;
6. Also invites the Director-General to mobilize Member States and other stakeholders to contribute to the preparations of the end-of-decade conference in 2014 to be organized jointly by UNESCO and the Government of Japan to review the tangible results of the Decade in order to determine the future direction of ESD.

II

Cultural and educational institutions in Iraq

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 185 EX/Decision 35,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part II,
3. Acknowledges, with appreciation, the results achieved in the implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media activities and the continued mobilization of substantial extrabudgetary resources to this effect;
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue to give full support to the Iraqi Government in its implementation of educational, cultural, scientific and media programmes, in particular through capacity-building activities and by addressing the most urgent humanitarian needs of the populations most affected by the crisis, including displaced Iraqis;

5. Invites the Director-General to continue monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq (ICC);
6. Expresses its gratitude to all donors for their substantial contribution to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue to assist UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction and dialogue in Iraq;
7. Calls upon donors to sustain their funding through the funds-in-trust modality established within the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF);
8. Further invites the Director-General to submit a progress report to it at its 190th session.

III

Progress achieved in the implementation of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part III,
2. Encourages the Director-General to strengthen the Organization's efforts to advance the implementation of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) at all levels, including through the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs);
3. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 189th session on the preparation of the Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training, and to submit to it a detailed plan of implementation for the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training;
4. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 190th session a preliminary report on the mid-term review of the implementation of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, and to prepare a TVET best-practices document for wider dissemination.

IV

UNESCO's contribution to the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 185 EX/Decision 41,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part IV,
3. Takes note of the Director-General's efforts to ensure that UNESCO's contribution to the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, coordinated by the dedicated intersectoral platform, continues to be implemented with the active involvement of all major programmes at Headquarters and in the field;
4. Encourages the Director-General to seek extrabudgetary funds to supplement the regular budget funds intended for the implementation of the intersectoral platform.

[V

**Promotion of South-South cooperation:
Strategic partnership for the operationalization of the
Consortium on Science, Technology and Innovation for the South (COSTIS)]**

Sub-item 6 Part V proposed in document 187 EX/1 Prov. Draft was subsumed under item 5 “Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions”, and addressed in document 187 EX/5.

VI

Cooperation between UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network (GGN)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part VI,
2. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution at its 36th session:

“The General Conference,

Welcoming the positive impact of geoparks on education, sustainable development and the cultural identity of a region, and the considerable progress achieved by the Global Geoparks Network (GGN),

Highlighting the important contribution of geology and geoparks to the mitigation of climate change and geological hazards,

Recalling the need to assist Member States in establishing geoparks in their countries, especially in developing countries, and in ensuring strong capacity-building in Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa,

Bearing in mind that geoparks activities have been performed successfully for 11 years and have developed into a global network of 78 geoparks in 26 countries with the full support of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS),

Further recalling that the geoparks initiative contributes to enhancing UNESCO’s visibility, while at the same time having low operating and secretariat costs and the potential of attracting extrabudgetary funds to the Organization,

Requests the Director-General:

- (a) to continue to improve cooperation between UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) and to strengthen the global development of geoparks while improving the quality standards they have already developed,
- (b) to ensure a reference to geoparks in document 36 C/5,
- (c) to explore, in consultation with Member States, the possibilities of formalizing the current geoparks initiative, *inter alia*, by examining the possibility of transforming it into an international UNESCO geoparks programme or initiative, including the financial and administrative implications thereof,

- (d) to that end to consult in a cost-effective manner with Member States, the Global Geoparks Network, experts and all parties concerned, including relevant UNESCO sectors, to carry out the following actions:
- (i) examine the feasibility of establishing a possible UNESCO geoparks programme or initiative, building on the existing success and experience of the Global Geoparks Network and geoparks;
 - (ii) discuss and formalize the baselines of such a programme or initiative, its working methods, questions of competency, representativeness, and involvement of relevant official partners and qualified persons;
 - (iii) explore fundraising opportunities and modalities which would allow UNESCO to strengthen international networking and assist emerging geopark projects in developing countries, with a special focus on Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa;
 - (iv) assess options for arrangements for a formal partnership with the Global Geoparks Network;
- (e) to report to the Executive Board on this matter at its 190th session.”

VII

Evaluations completed in the 2010-2011 biennium

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 6 (VI),
2. Having examined documents 187 EX/6 Part VII and 36 C/INF.16,
3. Welcomes the evaluation completed, and invites the Director-General to implement those recommendations that do not require a decision by the Executive Board and/or the General Conference;
4. Takes note of the ongoing review of the cooperation of the UNESCO Secretariat with the National Commissions for UNESCO, and also invites the Director-General to report thereon to the General Conference at its 36th session.

VIII

Implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part VIII,
2. Takes note of the detailed analysis of the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance, and welcomes the results achieved;
3. Recognizes, however, that ongoing and sustained efforts are still required to further strengthen the Participation Programme by optimizing it with a view to enhancing its effectiveness and relevance in addressing the priority needs of Member States, in developing countries, in particular Africa, the least developed countries, small island developing States (SIDS), as well as those with economies in transition, middle-income

countries and other priority country groups, in accordance with the principles set out in the draft resolution on the Participation Programme in document 36 C/5 Draft Addendum Vol. 1;

4. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the funds of the Participation Programme be administered in a manner consonant with the administrative and financial system of each Member State, in order to ensure flexibility in making bank transfers so that project implementation is not delayed, while observing the financial regulations of the Organization;
5. Also requests the Director-General, in document 36 C/5 Draft Addendum, to enhance the support for emergency assistance under the Participation Programme to post-conflict and post-disaster countries in view of the extreme circumstances faced by them.

IX

Geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 93 and 182 EX/Decision 41,
2. Also recalling 186 EX/Decision 6 (IX),
3. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part IX,
4. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General regarding the situation of the geographical distribution and the gender balance of staff as at 1 June 2011, and requests the Director-General to provide a document containing a list of vacant posts as at 30 September 2011, both at Headquarters and in the field, as an addendum to document 36 C/41;
5. Invites the Director-General to intensify her efforts with a view to implementing the UNESCO Action Plan for Gender Parity of the staff of the Secretariat (2008-2015) and the Action Plan for the Improvement of the Geographical Distribution in the Secretariat (2010-2015), especially in connection with those countries that are still under-represented or non-represented;
6. Also invites the Director General to provide to it at its 190th session an information note on the situation of the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat by nationality, grade and post weight, a progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Improvement of the Geographical Distribution in the Secretariat (2010-2015), and a progress report on the UNESCO Action Plan for Gender Parity (2008-2015), and to submit to it at its 192nd session a full report on these matters.

X

UNESCO Human Resources Management Strategy (2011-2016): update on the Action Plan

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 25,
2. Also recalling 35 C/Resolutions 79 and 82,

3. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part X,
4. Approves the UNESCO Human Resources Management Strategy (2011-2016) contained in Annex I and the Action plan contained in Annex II of document 36 C/40;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to it the first progress review thereon at its 189th session, and once every year thereafter, periodic progress reports on the monitoring and periodic evaluations of the strategy as well as on the attainment of the objectives established, detailing benchmarks and expected time frames.

XI

Advantages, disadvantages and practical implications of the continued use of the constant dollar principle

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/6 Part XI,
2. Takes note of the contents thereof.

XII

Progress report on the management of extrabudgetary resources and activities and on the implementation of the cost-recovery policy

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 187 EX/6 Part XII and 187 EX/35 Part III,
2. Welcomes the efforts by the Director-General to strengthen the strategic orientation, coherence and programmatic concentration of the Complementary Additional Programme, and to make it more accessible and attractive to potential donors and partners;
3. Takes note of the Director-General's efforts to:
 - (a) promote a better understanding of the cost-recovery policy and proper project budgeting;
 - (b) increase the efficiency of project proposal preparation by developing and implementing simple and automated processes, and strive to make the budget for UNESCO (B4U) tool compulsory from autumn 2012;
 - (c) build staff capacities and skills to strengthen the efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary funds, including through engaging with the private sector,
4. Encourages the Director-General to:
 - (a) further improve the management of extrabudgetary resources by making the Complementary Additional Programme more accessible and more widely known, and by reinforcing data collection and analysis, and monitoring of the implementation of the Complementary Additional Programme;
 - (b) strengthen UNESCO's delivery capacity and programmatic impact by enhancing capacities in project planning and management of field office and Headquarters staff through dedicated training;

- (c) maximize resource mobilization through a diversification of funding sources and by expanding the donor scope in all categories: bilateral, multilateral and private;
 - (d) strengthen the implementation of the cost recovery policy, while supporting efforts to develop common guidelines on cost recovery in the United Nations system;
5. Invites the Director-General to present to the Executive Board at its 190th session an updated strategic plan for extrabudgetary resources mobilization,
 6. Also invites the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 190th session on further developments and challenges encountered with regard to the management and monitoring of extrabudgetary resources and activities at Headquarters and in the field, and on the implementation of the cost recovery policy and the total costs recovered.”

(187 EX/SR.8)

7 Reports by the governing bodies of UNESCO intergovernmental programmes and category 1 institutes (187 EX/7 Parts I and II; 187 EX/54)

I

Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) on the Institute’s activities in 2010-2011

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/7 Part I,
2. Takes note of the challenges the Institute has faced in the past;
3. Stresses the important role that the Institute must play in defining teacher education policies in Africa at the regional level;
4. Requests the Director-General, in close consultation with the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA), to present to it at its 189th session an information report on the programmes implemented in the 2010-2011 biennium funded under the regular budget and from extrabudgetary sources, as well as an action plan for the 2012-2013 biennium.

II

Reports on the implementation of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (2010-2011)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/7 Part II,
2. Takes note of its content.

(187 EX/SR.7)

PROGRAMME MATTERS

8 Reports by the Director-General on education for all (EFA) (187 EX/8 Parts I and II; 187 EX/54)

I

Report on the role of UNESCO as global coordinator and leader of education for all (EFA)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 40 and document 186 EX/INF.23,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/8 Part I, containing the new global EFA coordination mechanism,
3. Urges the Director-General to put the new global EFA coordination mechanism in place by the end of 2011;
4. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 189th session a possible framework for the assessment of the role played by UNESCO as the global coordinator and leader of EFA;
5. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 191st session a progress report on the results achieved under the new structure.

II

Report of the Advisory Panel of Experts on Debt Swaps and Innovative Approaches to Education Financing

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 12 and 186 EX/Decision 6 (II),
2. Having examined document 187 EX/8 Part II,
3. Bearing in mind that a number of international high-level initiatives and conferences such as the Ibero-American Conferences on Education, meetings of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development, and meetings of the High-Level Group on Education for All (EFA), have highlighted the importance of exploring innovative mechanisms for education financing,
4. Taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Panel of Experts on Debt Swaps and Innovative Approaches to Education Financing,
5. Recommends that UNESCO continue to play an active role in innovative initiatives for education financing, including by leading advocacy efforts, sharing knowledge, and executing a country-specific pilot programme on debt conversion development bonds to benefit education, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funding, and, based on results of the pilot programme, explore the possibility of scaling up such programmes;
6. Invites Member States to demonstrate their support, *inter alia*, for debt reduction mechanisms as an innovative mode of education financing by contributing to the corresponding Special Account;

7. Requests the Director-General to report to the General Conference at its 37th session on the status of the Special Account and the measures taken by the Director-General to seek extrabudgetary funds, and on activities carried out with such funds from the Special Account.

(187 EX/SR.7)

[9 Invitations to the International Conference of States for the Revision of the 1981 Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 187 EX/1.

10 Revised draft strategy on UNESCO's contribution to the promotion of open access to scientific information and research (187 EX/10; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 13,
2. Having examined the revised draft strategy on UNESCO's contribution to the promotion of open access to scientific information and research (187 EX/10),
3. Recognizing the need to promote open access to scientific information and research, as well as educational and cultural content,
4. Taking note of the comparative advantages of UNESCO as a standard-setting agency and of UNESCO's convening power,
5. Underlines the need to implement the proposed strategy in order to strengthen UNESCO's contribution to promote open access to scientific information and research;
6. Approves the revised draft strategy on UNESCO's contribution to the promotion of open access to scientific information and research contained in document 187 EX/10 and Annex;
7. Invites the Director-General to implement the revised draft strategy, and to prioritize Core Area I, which focuses on policy advice and building partnerships;
8. Requests the Director-General to identify the necessary resources for enhancing the open access initiative in the context of document 36 C/5, and to mobilize the extrabudgetary resources necessary for the implementation of the strategy;
9. Also requests the Director-General to explore the possibility of defining and adopting an open access policy for all publications published by UNESCO or with its support, in consultation with all the programme sectors, and to submit a report thereon to it at its 190th session;
10. Invites Member States and other funding bodies to make extrabudgetary contributions for the implementation of the strategy for open access to scientific information and research;
11. Decides to submit the revised draft strategy on UNESCO's contribution to the promotion of open access to scientific information and research, together with the comments of the Executive Board and any other comments and observations that the Director-General may wish to make, to the General Conference at its 36th session for its consideration.

(187 EX/SR.7)

11 Jerusalem and the implementation of 35 C/Resolution 49 and 186 EX/Decision 11 (187 EX/11; 187 EX/54)

After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) recommended by a vote taken by roll-call that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision, with 35 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 20 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against; details of the vote are annexed to the summary record of the seventh plenary meeting of the Board, at which the oral report of the PX Commission was presented:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/11,
2. Recalls its previous decision 185 EX/Decision 14 concerning Jerusalem;
3. Notes that the status of Palestine is the subject of ongoing deliberations at the United Nations in New York;
4. Also notes the lack of progress in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 14;
5. Requests the Director-General to maintain her efforts to implement the above-mentioned decision;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report at its 189th session, and decides to include this item in the agenda of its 189th session.

(187 EX/SR.7)

12 Implementation of 186 EX/Decision 12 on “The two Palestinian sites of al-Haram al-Ibrāhīmī/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāh Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem” (187 EX/12; 187 EX/54)

After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) recommended by a vote taken by roll-call that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision, with 43 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 12 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against; details of the vote are annexed to the summary record of the seventh plenary meeting of the Board, at which the oral report of the PX Commission was presented:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/12,
2. Recalls its previous decision 185 EX/Decision 15 “The two Palestinian sites of al-Haram al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs in al-Khalīl/Hebron and the Bilāl ibn Rabāh Mosque/Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem”;
3. Notes that the status of Palestine is the subject of ongoing deliberations at the United Nations in New York;
4. Also notes the lack of progress in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 15;
5. Requests the Director-General to maintain her efforts to implement the above-mentioned decision;

6. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report at its 189th session, and decides to include this item in the agenda of its 189th session.

(187 EX/SR.7)

13 Proclamation of a world radio day (187 EX/13; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 19 which states that “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression ... and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media ...”,
2. Also recalling that under the Constitution of UNESCO, its Member States “are determined to develop and to increase the means of communication between their peoples and to employ these means for the purposes of mutual understanding” (preamble) and “the Organization will ... promote the free flow of ideas” (Article I),
3. Reaffirming its commitment to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO, as well as the principles of freedom of expression and information, and the independence, pluralism and diversity of the media,
4. Underlining that communications and the media are today of crucial importance for human, social and cultural development,
5. Recognizing the critical role of radio in development, especially in emergency situations, in enhancing democratic governance, in contributing to media pluralism, and in amplifying the voice of communities and empowering them to participate in the public debate,
6. Underlining that radio is still the main medium for reaching poor and marginalized persons, and is thus able to call the attention of such persons and of decision-makers to the issues that affect their lives,
7. Having examined document 187 EX/13,
8. Takes note of the conclusions of the feasibility study produced by the Secretariat, and notes with satisfaction the high level of support for the celebration of a world radio day;
9. Recommends that the General Conference proclaim World Radio Day, to be celebrated on 13 February, the day the United Nations established United Nations Radio in 1946;
10. Invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, and other international and regional organizations, professional associations and broadcasting unions, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to celebrate World Radio Day, in a manner which each considers most appropriate and without financial implications for the regular budget of UNESCO;
11. Requests the Director-General to bring the resolution adopted on this matter by the General Conference to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations so that World Radio Day may be endorsed by the General Assembly.

(187 EX/SR.7)

Institutes and centres

- 14 Category 2 institutes and centres** (187 EX/14 Part I; 187 EX/14 Part II and Corr.; 187 EX/14 Parts III to VI; 187 EX/14 Parts VIII, IX and Corr, X; 187 EX/55 Part I)

I

Proposal for the establishment in Marrakech, Morocco, of a regional centre for renewable energy and energy efficiency

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 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. Having examined document 187 EX/14 Part I,
3. Emphasizing the importance of international and regional cooperation for capacity-building in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency,
4. Welcomes the proposal of Morocco to establish a regional centre for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Marrakech, as a 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,
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment in Marrakech, Morocco, of the regional centre for renewable energy and energy efficiency as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

II

Proposal for the establishment in São Paulo, Brazil, of a regional centre of studies for the development of the information society

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the proposal of Brazil for the establishment of a regional centre of studies for the development of the information society” under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
2. Also recalling the importance of international cooperation for strengthening the ability of institutions to promote and build information and knowledge societies through enhancing capacities to produce relevant studies on these topics which fully meet international scientific standards,
3. Having examined document 187 EX/14 Part II, including its Annex and Corrigendum,
4. Welcomes the proposal of Brazil, which is 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, and

appreciating the results of the consultations held so far between the Secretariat and the Brazilian authorities,

5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment in São Paulo, Brazil, of the regional centre of studies for the development of the information society as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

III

Proposal for the establishment in Măgurele-Bucharest, Romania, of an international centre for advanced training and research in physics

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/14 Part III, which provides an analytical outline of the proposal to establish an international centre for advanced training and research in physics as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
2. Emphasizing the importance of international and regional cooperation for human and institutional capacity-building in the basic sciences,
3. Welcoming the proposal of Romania,
4. Recognizing that the proposed centre is 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,,
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment in Măgurele-Bucharest, Romania, of an international centre for advanced training and research in physics as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

IV

Proposal for the establishment in Doha, Qatar, of a regional centre for contemporary art

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/14 Part IV,
2. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation for the protection and promotion of heritage and cultural expressions,
3. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study contained in document 187 EX/14 Part IV;
4. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be 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,

5. Welcomes the proposal of Qatar;
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment in Doha, Qatar, of the regional centre for contemporary art as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

V

**Proposal for the transformation of the
Institute of Information Science in Maribor, Slovenia,
into the regional centre for library information systems
and current research information systems (IZUM)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/14 Part V, and its Annex,
2. Recognizing the importance of libraries and information systems to improve the research systems of Member States, and the potential of regional cooperation for building knowledge societies through networking and resource sharing,
3. Taking note of the observations and recommendations of the feasibility study,
4. Welcomes the proposal of Slovenia, on behalf of the countries of the South-East Europe subregion, to transform the Institute of Information Science in Maribor, Slovenia into a regional centre for library information systems and current research information systems in Maribor, under the auspices of UNESCO, which is 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,,
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment in Maribor, Slovenia, of the regional centre for library information systems and current research information systems (IZUM) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

VI

**Proposal for the establishment in Sudan
of a regional centre for capacity development and research in water harvesting**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 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. Taking note of Resolution XIX-6 adopted by the Intergovernmental Council of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) at its 19th session in June 2010,
3. Having examined document 187 EX/14 Part VI, which contains a feasibility study on the proposal to establish a regional centre for capacity development and research in water harvesting, in Sudan as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO and the Annex to that document,

4. Welcoming the proposal of Sudan, to establish on its territory a regional centre for capacity development and research in water harvesting as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO,
5. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained in document 187 EX/14 Part VI to be such as to meet the requirements for UNESCO to grant its auspices to the regional centre,
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment, in Sudan, of the regional centre for capacity development and research in water harvesting as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

[VII

Proposal for the establishment in Langfang, China, of an international centre on global-scale geochemistry]

Sub-item 14 Part VII was postponed; see footnote 10 in document 187 EX/1 Prov. Rev.

VIII

Proposal for the establishment in Spain of an international centre for rock art and the World Heritage Convention

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the proposal of Spain for the establishment of a an international centre for rock art and the World Heritage Convention under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),
2. Having examined the feasibility study contained in document 187 EX/14 Part VIII,
3. Welcoming the proposal of Spain, which is 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,
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment in Spain, of the international centre for rock art and the World Heritage Convention as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

IX

Proposal for the establishment in Belgrade, Serbia, of a centre for water for sustainable development and adaptation to climate change

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 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. Further recalling paragraph A.1.5 in the Annex to document 35 C/22, stating that in certain cases, the General Conference may authorize the Executive Board to decide on its behalf in designating a category 2 institute or centre,
3. Taking note of the proposal of Serbia to establish on its territory a centre for water for sustainable development and adaptation to climate change as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO at the Jaroslav Černi Institute for the Development of Water Resources in Serbia,
4. Taking note of the endorsement of this proposal by the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Council of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) at its 46th session in June 2011 recommending a comprehensive review by the IHP Intergovernmental Council in 2012,
5. Considering the keen interest of Serbia in accelerating the process for the establishment of the proposed centre,
6. Having examined document 187 EX/14 Part IX and Corr.,
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, authorize the Executive Board to decide, at its 190th session, on behalf of the General Conference, the establishment in Serbia of the water for sustainable development and adaptation to climate change at the Jaroslav Černi Institute for the Development of Water Resources as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, and, in such case, to authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

X

**Proposal for the establishment at Rutgers, State University of New Jersey,
United States of America, of the International Institute for Peace**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 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. Having examined document 187 EX/14 Part X,
3. Aware that the work of the International Institute for Peace (IIP) at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, will be complementary to the goals of the Intersectoral Platform of the Promotion of a Culture of Peace and Non-violence proposed in the Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5 Draft Addendum), particularly in the areas of youth, education, culture, science, communication, and gender equality;
4. Welcomes the proposal of the United States of America to establish the International Institute for Peace at Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, which is 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;
5. Thanks the Director-General for conducting the feasibility study to assess the suitability of designating the International Institute for Peace as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO;

6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, approve the establishment at Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, of the International Institute for Peace (IIP) as a category 2 institute under the auspices of UNESCO, and that it authorize the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreements, as contained in the annexes to document 187 EX/14 Part X;
7. Invites all other relevant national, regional or international centres focusing on a culture of peace to collaborate with the International Institute for Peace.

(187 EX/SR.8)

DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2012-2013 (36 C/5)

15 Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board (36 C/5 Draft, composed of Volume 1: Draft resolutions 2012-2013; Volume 2: Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013; Technical note and annexes; 36 C/5 Draft Addendum, composed of Volume 1: Draft resolutions 2012-2013; Volume 2: Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013; Technical note and annexes; 187 EX/INF.14; 187 EX/INF.15; 187 EX/53; 187 EX/55 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5 Draft Addendum Volumes 1 and 2 and Technical note and annexes),
2. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 15, in particular paragraph 21,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for presenting an alternative budget option (36 C/5 Draft Addendum Volumes 1 and 2 and Technical note and annexes);
4. Welcomes the Director-General's allocation of \$9 million for the first phase of the field network reform;
5. Notes that a reduction in staff costs is achieved by increasing the lapse factor from 3% to 5%, which is more consistent with the current rate of recruitment;
6. Recommends that the General Conference maintain the budgetary level of the Participation Programme at a level which is not lower than that contained in document 35 C/5;
7. Recommends that in document 36 C/5 the General Conference confirm education as the top priority of the Organization;
8. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution at its 36th session:

"The General Conference,

Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 presented by the Director-General (36 C/5 Draft Addendum Volumes 1 and 2 and Technical note and annexes),

1. *Approves* a budget ceiling of \$653 million for the 2012-2013 biennium;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to:

- (a) vigorously continue her efforts to streamline business practices in the Organization, both at Headquarters and in the field, with a view to freeing up budgetary resources which could be used to reinforce priority programmes;
 - (b) ensure that efficiencies achieved through the implementation of field network reform are clearly demonstrated in the relevant parts of the budget;
 - (c) pursue further the efforts undertaken to reinforce priority programmes, *inter alia*, by further rationalizing administrative expenditures in all Parts of the budget, as well as expenditures relating to the implementation of programme activities (in particular travel expenses, publications, meetings, contractual services);
 - (d) examine the continuing need for posts which become vacant owing to retirements and posts which remain vacant for longer than 12 months during the 2012-2013 biennium, with a view to identifying efficiencies, and to report to the Executive Board in the statutory reports on the implementation of the programme (EX/4 and C/3 documents);
3. *Approves* the application of a lapse factor of 5% for staff costs as the basis for the calculation of the approved budget for the 2012-2013 biennium.”

(187 EX/SR.7, 8)

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

16 Reports of the Executive Board on its activities and programme implementation (187 EX/16 Parts I Rev., II and III; 187 EX/51; 187 EX/55 Part I)

I

Activities of the Executive Board in 2010-2011, including its methods of work

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the updated version of the report of the Executive Board on its activities in 2010-2011 (187 EX/16 Part I Rev.),
2. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 5.5, 30 C/Resolution 78, 30 C/Resolution 81, 33 C/Resolution 92, 176 EX/Decision 29, 181 EX/Decision 23 and 182 EX/Decision 26(I),
3. Congratulates the Chair of the Executive Board for developing a concise report highlighting the main issues characterizing the work of the Board in the 2010-2011 biennium;
4. Requests the Chair of the Executive Board to present the updated version of the report to the General Conference at its 36th session.

(187 EX/SR.6)

II

**Implementation of the Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5),
with results achieved in the previous biennium**

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of Article V.6 (b) of the Constitution of UNESCO,
2. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 78, 33 C/Resolution 92, 34 C/Resolution 89, 182 EX/Decision 26 and 186 EX/Decision 16,
3. Expressing its appreciation to the Director-General for her contribution to the finalization of the report (187 EX/16 Part II), while underlining the need to further improve the EX/4 reports to ensure their function as a reliable source of reference;
4. Emphasizes the need to strengthen the Executive Board's examination of programme execution through more systematic and strategic in-depth discussions on the performance of programmes followed by the adoption of explicit decisions;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue her efforts to meet the requests and challenges relating to programme delivery, as identified in the Executive Board's report to the 36th session of the General Conference (187 EX/16 Part II, paragraphs 10-19);
6. Decides to transmit to the General Conference, at its 36th session, an updated version of the report, incorporating, where appropriate, suggestions made in the Executive Board's debates at its 187th session;
7. Invites the General Conference, at its 36th session, to endorse the report.

(187 EX/SR.8)

III

Management of extrabudgetary resources and activities

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 185 EX/6 Part VI, 185 EX/INF.6, 187 EX/6 Part XII, 187 EX/35 Part III and 187 EX/16 Part III,
2. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution at its 36th session:

"The General Conference,

Having examined document 36 C/31,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Director-General to strengthen the strategic orientation, coherence and programmatic concentration of the Complementary Additional Programme, and to make it more accessible and attractive to potential donors and partners;
2. *Takes note* of the Director-General's efforts to:
 - (a) promote a better understanding of the cost-recovery policy and proper project budgeting;

- (b) increase the efficiency of project proposal preparation by developing and implementing simple and automated processes, and strive to make the budget for UNESCO (B4U) tool compulsory from autumn 2012;
 - (c) build staff capacities and skills to strengthen the efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary funds, including through engaging with the private sector,
3. *Encourages* the Director-General to:
- (a) further improve the management of extrabudgetary resources by making the Complementary Additional Programme more accessible and more widely known, and by reinforcing data collection and analysis, and monitoring of the implementation of the Complementary Additional Programme;
 - (b) strengthen UNESCO's delivery capacity and programmatic impact by enhancing capacities in project planning and management of field office and Headquarters staff through dedicated training;
 - (c) maximize resource mobilization through a diversification of funding sources and by expanding the donor scope in all categories: bilateral, multilateral and private;
 - (d) strengthen the implementation of the cost recovery policy, while supporting efforts to develop common guidelines on cost recovery in the United Nations system;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to present to the Executive Board at its 190th session an updated strategic plan for extrabudgetary resources mobilization,
5. *Also invites* the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 190th session on further developments and challenges encountered with regard to the management and monitoring of extrabudgetary resources and activities at Headquarters and in the field, and on the implementation of the cost recovery policy and the total costs recovered.”

(187 EX/SR.8)

- 17 Follow-up to the independent external evaluation of UNESCO** (187 EX/17 Part I; 187 EX/INF.11; 187 EX/17 Part II; 187 EX/17 Part III and Add., 187 EX/17 Part IV; 187 EX/51; 187 EX/55 Part I and Part II)

I

**Report by the Director-General on progress in
the implementation of the recommendations of the
Ad Hoc Working Group on the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO,
and monitoring thereof by the Executive Board**

The Executive Board,

- 1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 102, 185 EX/Decision 18 and 186 EX/Decision 17 (I and II),
- 2. Having examined document 187 EX/17 Part I,
- 3. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made by the Secretariat in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the

Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO, and the Director-General's action plan with respect to the operational aspects of the report of the independent external evaluation of UNESCO;

4. Invites the Director-General, in her continued efforts to implement the recommendations and planned actions, to take into account the debates thereon at the 187th session of the Executive Board and the 36th session of the General Conference;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 189th session a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations and planned actions contained in document 186 EX/17 Part I and Part II, respectively.

(187 EX/SR.8)

II

UNESCO's programme cycles with reference to the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 17 (III), in which it recommended that the General Conference, at its 36th session,
 - (a) extend the C/4 cycle from six to eight years in 2014, starting with document 37 C/4, with an appropriate mechanism for adjusting to the most recent quadrennial comprehensive policy review,
 - (b) maintain the rolling character of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy so as to ensure that the substance and directives of two consecutive quadrennial comprehensive policy review documents be reflected in the Organization's strategic documents, as appropriate,
 - (c) extend the C/5 programme cycle from two to four years, starting with document 37 C/5 from 2014, with an appropriate mechanism for adjustments every two years,
 - (d) maintain the biennial cycle for the appropriation of the budget of the C/5 document,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/17 Part II and the proposed sequencing contained therein,
3. Taking note of document 187 EX/17 Part II, which specifies further the modalities for introducing the changes described in subparagraphs 1(a) to (d) above,
4. Reiterates to the General Conference, at its 36th session, its recommendations as contained in paragraph 1 above;
5. Recommends that the General Conference invite the Director-General to propose to the Executive Board at its 189th session of possible mechanisms for linking the quadrennial programme and biennial budgets of the new programme cycle;
6. Also recommends that the General Conference invite the Director-General, when the programming cycle is implemented, to pay particular attention to the need to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for the programme, and the reform and

coordination processes with field offices and other organizations of the United Nations system;

7. Requests that the Director-General transmit document 187/17 Part II to the General Conference at its 36th session, to inform its decision-making.

(187 EX/SR.6)

III

Review of the consultation process concerning the C/4 and C/5 documents

A

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 187 EX/17 Part III by the Director-General on a new consultation process for the C/4 and C/5 documents,
2. Takes note with interest of the Director-General's proposals;
3. Recognizes the added value of the National Commissions in the consultation process on the C/4 and C/5 documents concerning programme priorities and orientation;
4. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 191st session a proposal for the organization of the regional consultation meetings, including format, structure, costs and expected outcomes, with a view to allowing more informed and focused discussions;
5. Recommends to the General Conference that:
 - (a) the current practice be maintained of holding regional consultations on programme matters, as proposed by the Director-General, in the transitional period 2012-2013, and that thereafter there be regional consultations every four years, starting in 2016, for the preparation of the four-year Programme and Budget (C/5 document), and that the consultations for the preparation of the eight-year Medium-Term Strategy (C/4 document) be held in 2020;
 - (b) the questionnaire on the Programme and Budget be circulated to Member States, National Commissions, NGOs and United Nations organizations, and that the results of this questionnaire be made available before the regional consultation meetings, allowing for a more informed and focused discussion;
 - (c) a quantitative and qualitative approach to the questionnaire be introduced to facilitate decision-making by Member States and to provide for more informed priority-setting;
6. Recognizes the relevance of the quadrennial conferences of National Commissions and the capacity-building workshops of National Commissions, and takes note of the proposal to shorten them and to hold them in conjunction with the regional consultation meetings on the C/5 document.

B

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 1 and 186 EX/Decision 17 (III),

2. Having examined document 187 EX/17 Part III Add. and the proposed procedure for future discussions of draft C/4 documents,
3. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, adopt the proposed procedure.

(187 EX/SR.7)

IV

Draft policy framework for strategic partnerships: towards a UNESCO partnership strategy

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/17 Part IV, entitled “Draft policy framework for strategic partnerships: towards a UNESCO partnership strategy” and the Annex of document 187 EX/6 Part XII entitled “UNESCO strategy for engagement with the private sector”,
2. Underlining the importance of developing partnerships in order to reinforce the relevance, impact, credibility, efficiency and effectiveness of UNESCO’s work,
3. Recalling in this regard the relevant recommendations made in the independent external evaluation of UNESCO (185 EX/18, para. 56) and by the Executive Board’s Ad Hoc Working Group on the Independent External Evaluation of UNESCO, in particular the “need for UNESCO to develop a comprehensive policy and accountability framework for strategic partnerships that looks outwards to civil society, expert communities and the private sector” (186 EX/Decision 17 (I) para. 55),
4. Also recalling the Executive Board’s invitation to the Director-General “to develop, in close cooperation with Member States, a draft comprehensive and outward-looking UNESCO policy framework for strategic partnerships, to be submitted to it at its 187th session for transmission to the General Conference at its 36th session” (186 EX/Decision 17 (I), para. 56), and its suggestion “to include in the comprehensive policy framework distinct strategies for each category of partners, within the whole range of UNESCO’s programmes” (186 EX/Decision 17 (I), para. 58),
5. Emphasizing the role of National Commissions in liaising with partners at the national level, including with the private sector,
6. Welcomes the Annex of document 187 EX/6 Part XII, which provides a listing of the various components of a future comprehensive partnership strategy, and document 187 EX/17 Part IV, which sets out in draft form an umbrella statement for partnerships by UNESCO;
7. Requests the Director-General to refine further the umbrella statement on partnerships, in light of the discussions at its 187th session, and to further expand and complement it through separate strategies for engagement with the private sector, media companies, civil society and NGOs, parliamentarians, Associated Schools, UNESCO Clubs, UNESCO Chairs and other partners;
8. Also requests the Director-General to further develop the draft strategy on private partnerships (Annex to document 187 EX/6 Part XII) under the umbrella statement and within the draft policy framework in order to avoid overlap;

9. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the following criteria (186 EX/Decision 17 (I), para. 58) are reflected in all strategies for each category of partners:
 - (a) clear and objective criteria for the selection, approval, evaluation, renewal and termination of partnerships;
 - (b) key elements to be included in all partnership agreements, including specific objectives, cooperation modalities and funding and accountability arrangements, duration, and criteria for periodic evaluation of the cooperation and its impact;
 - (c) provisions for the possible extension of international partnerships to the national level, especially through National Commissions;
10. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 189th session a report containing the refined policy framework for strategic partnerships, the strategy for engagement with the private sector, and approaches to developing and managing partnerships, within the existing budget;
11. Also invites the Director-General to ensure that Member States are kept informed at all significant stages in the process of development of partnerships through their Permanent Delegations and National Commissions.

(187 EX/SR.8)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

- 18 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon** (187 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.2 and 187 EX/3 PRIV. Draft and Add. & Corr.)

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

(187 EX/SR.5)

- 19 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: nominations and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon** (187 EX/19 and Add. & Corr.; 187 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Also recalling the provisions of Article 7 of the Protocol whereby, subject to the provisions of Article 6, members of the Commission shall remain in office until their successors take up their duties,
3. Having taken note of the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the Protocol for the purpose of the election of six members of the Commission communicated to it by the Director-General pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of the said Protocol (187 EX/19 and Add. & Corr.),
4. Transmits this list to the General Conference at its 36th session;

5. Requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference any nominations that she may receive before the opening of the 36th session.

187 EX/SR.5

20 Implementation of standard-setting instruments (187 EX/20 Part I; 187 EX/INF.4; 187 EX/20 Parts II – V; 187 EX/20 Part VII; 187 EX/50)

I

General monitoring

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II), 34 C/Resolution 87, 180 EX/Decision 31, 181 EX/Decision 27, 182 EX/Decision 31, 184 EX/Decision 20, 185 EX/Decision 23 (I) and 186 EX/Decision 19 (I) relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/20 Part I and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon contained in document 187 EX/50,
3. Urges Member States once again to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO regarding periodic reports on the action taken on conventions and recommendations;
4. Takes note of the postponement of the examination of the report on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers as well as of the accordingly revised timetable of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations for 2009-2013 on the monitoring and implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments;
5. Invites, in consequence, the Director-General to submit to it at its 189th session the consolidated report on the application of the 1974 Recommendation, so that it might be transmitted to the General Conference at its 37th session, together with the comments of the Executive Board;
6. Requests the Director-General to ensure the implementation of the new legal framework by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
7. Decides to continue consideration of the matter at its 189th session.

II

Application of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/20 Part II and the report of the Committee of Conventions and Recommendations (CR) on the application of the 1993 Recommendation contained in document 187 EX/50,
2. Invites the Director-General to transmit document 187 EX/20 Part II to the General Conference at its 36th session, along with the comments of the Executive Board thereon;
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

“The General Conference,

Recalling that at its 27th session (Paris, 1993), it adopted the Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education,

Also recalling that at its 34th session (Paris, 2007), it identified the Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education as a priority to be monitored by the UNESCO Secretariat (34 C/Resolution 87),

Further recalling 177 EX/Decision 35, 184 EX/Decision 20 and 186 EX/Decision 19 (III),

1. *Takes note* of the report on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education;
2. *Recognizes and welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of certain items of the Recommendation, in particular the adoption of comprehensive policies and legislation on recognition of studies and qualifications;
3. *Invites* all Member States to strengthen their efforts to ensure the full and comprehensive implementation of the items of the 1993 Recommendation, to recognize knowledge as universal and a part of the common heritage of humankind, and to promote greater access to knowledge and learning for each individual;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to:
 - (a) promote the development of institutional arrangements for the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation through the six conventions on the recognition of studies and qualification in higher education;
 - (b) provide effective technical support to Member States in need to facilitate such recognition across all regions; and
 - (c) continue monitoring the 1993 Recommendation as a matter of priority, particularly in the context of the revisions of regional and interregional conventions on the recognition of studies and qualifications in higher education.”

III

Application of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property

The Executive Board,

1. 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,
2. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II) and 184 EX/Decision 25,
3. Having examined document 187 EX/20 Part III and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon contained in document 187 EX/50,
4. Noting that the number of reports submitted by States Parties to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property remains very inadequate in view of the obligation of each State Party to report under Article 16 of the Convention,
5. Noting with satisfaction that some Member States not yet Parties to the 1970 Convention have provided information on the action taken in respect of the Convention, and in particular regarding their intention to ratify or accept it,
6. Stressing the importance of transmitting to UNESCO precise information on the measures taken by States to protect cultural property on their territory, particularly in regard to the successes, failures and obstacles encountered in implementing the Convention, and information on any requests for assistance that they may have made in that respect,
7. Considering that action to combat trafficking in cultural property needs to be strengthened at both the national and international levels,
8. Invites the States that are not yet Parties to the 1970 Convention and to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention, which complements it, to ratify or accept these conventions;
9. Reminds States Parties of their obligations under the 1970 Convention in respect of effective implementation, and in particular their reporting obligations under Article 16 thereof;
10. Emphasizes that the content of such reports should be as detailed as possible to enable an accurate understanding and evaluation of the implementation of the 1970 Convention,
11. Encourages States Parties to the 1970 Convention to assess the national measures taken to implement the Convention so that areas of weakness may be identified and appropriate adjustments or improvements made;
12. Invites Member States and the Director-General to pursue activities aimed at strengthening regional and international cooperation, in particular by encouraging the introduction of an international mechanism to facilitate the restitution of stolen or illicitly exported cultural property;
13. Also invites the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference at its 36th session the summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures

taken for the implementation of the 1970 Convention, together with the Executive Board's comments and any comments that the Director-General may wish to make.

IV

Application of the 1989 Convention on Technical and Vocation Education and the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocation Education

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 87, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II) and 184 EX/Decision 20,
2. Further recalling 181 EX/Decision 8, in which it approved the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education (TVET), and document 182 EX/INF.5, in which the Strategy was amended,
3. Having examined document 187 EX/20 Part IV and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon contained in document 187 EX/50,
4. Requests the Director-General to include in the preparation for the Third International Congress on TVET in May 2012 a discussion on the content, relevance and scope of the 1989 Convention on Technical and Vocational Education and of the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education, in order to allow the Organization to review these standard-setting instruments;
5. Decides to resume consideration of this item at its 190th session, and takes note of the revised 2009-2013 timetable of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments.

V

Application of the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/20 Part VI and the report of the Committee of Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon contained in document 187 EX/50,
2. Invites the Director-General to transmit document 187 EX/20 Part VI to the General Conference at its 36th session, along with the comments of the Executive Board thereon;
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution,

“The General Conference,

Recalling that at its 19th session (Nairobi, 1976), it adopted the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education,

Also recalling that at its 27th session (Paris, 1993), it invited the Director-General to ensure the functioning of the permanent reporting system for the monitoring of the 1976 Recommendation,

Further recalling 34 C/Resolution 87, 177 EX/Decision 35, and 184 EX/Decision 20,

1. *Takes note* of the mechanisms of the International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA) process, especially the *Global Report on Adult Learning and Education* and the Belém Framework for Action, which facilitate the implementation and monitoring of the Nairobi Recommendation;
2. *Recognizes and welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of certain provisions of the Nairobi Recommendation, in particular the adoption of comprehensive adult education policies and legislation, *but regrets* that many factors, especially the non-availability of funds and insufficient provision and quality of learning opportunities, still impede the development of adult education within a lifelong learning framework;
3. *Invites* all Member States to strengthen their efforts to ensure the full and comprehensive implementation of the provisions of the Nairobi Recommendation, and to recognise the key role of adult literacy and adult education for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), education for all (EFA) and the United Nations agenda for sustainable human, social, economic, cultural and environmental development;
4. *Encourages* all Member States to mobilize all stakeholders to undertake a national monitoring process for the preparation of triennial progress reports on the implementation of the Belém Framework for Action to provide necessary information to monitor the implementation of the Nairobi Recommendation;
5. *Invites* the Director-General to:
 - (a) approach the other United Nations specialized agencies to initiate an interagency and intersectoral approach and include adult literacy and adult education as key components of United Nations interventions, such as the Delivering as One initiative;
 - (b) provide technical support to Member States, where needed, in their implementation of the Nairobi Recommendation and the Belém Framework for Action;
 - (c) take into account and disseminate best practices implemented in the Member States in the area of literacy and adult education;
 - (d) take necessary steps to ensure that the *Global Report on Adult Learning and Education* is prepared once every three years on the basis of triennial national progress reports as the appropriate and effective means for monitoring the implementation of the Nairobi Recommendation;
 - (e) consider the review and updating of the Nairobi Recommendation in reflection of contemporary educational, cultural, political, social and economic challenges as set out in the Belém Framework for Action, and submit to it at its 189th session (spring 2012) a plan of action for its review.

VI

Application of the 1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I), in which it approved a specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and

recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided, and 184 EX/Decision 20,

2. Having examined document 187 EX/20 Part VII and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon contained in document 187 EX/50,
3. Noting that 55 Member States have submitted reports in response to the periodic consultation,
4. Also recalling that the submission by Member States of periodic reports on the implementation of recommendations adopted by the General Conference is an obligation under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution 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,
5. Further recalling that the periodic consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Recommendation is intended to enable the Organization to assess both the extent to which Member States are implementing that instrument, and the obstacles that they encounter,
6. Reaffirming the importance of the Recommendation and its implementation by Member States,
7. Recommends that the General Conference invite those Member States which have not taken measures to implement the Recommendation to do so, and to provide the required reports;
8. Invites the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference at its 36th session her report on the measures taken by Member States to implement the Recommendation, together with the Executive Board's observations, and any observations or comments that the Director-General may wish to make.

(187 EX/SR.5)

21 Report of the eleventh meeting of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education (187 EX/21 and Corr. (English only); 187 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 162 EX/Decision 5.4, 171 EX/Decision 27, 172 EX/Decision 26, 175 EX/Decision 29, 177 EX/Decision 37, 179 EX/Decision 24, 181 EX/Decision 28 and 184 EX/Decision 23,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/21 and Corr., and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon contained in document 187 EX/50,
3. Thanks the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education for the report submitted;
4. Invites the Director-General to suspend UNESCO's participation in the work of the Group and to engage jointly with ECOSOC (CESCR) in reflection on the future of the Joint Expert Group and possible alternative solutions to ensure joint monitoring of the right to education;

5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 190th session a report on the results of such reflection.

(187 EX/SR.5)

22 Draft amendments to the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) (187 EX/22; 187 EX/55 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/22 and its Annex,
2. Recalling 18 C/Resolution 3.322, whereby the General Conference established in 1974 the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) and approved its Statutes,
3. Also recalling 35 C/Resolution 48 whereby the General Conference delegated to the Executive Board the authority to consider and possibly adopt amendments to the Statutes of the Fund, and 182 EX/Decision 33, 184 EX/Decision 21, 185 EX/Decision 32, 186 EX/Decision 6 (V) and 186 EX/Decision 39,
4. Further recalling the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China at their 35th annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 23 September 2011, in which the Ministers “took note of 186 EX/Decision 39 adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 186th session held in Paris from 3 to 19 May 2011, entitled ‘Reactivation of the activities of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC)’ and stressed the urgent need for and the importance of its complete operationalization by the Director-General of UNESCO, emphasizing the intellectual and operational autonomy of IFPC”,
5. Adopts the amendments to the Statutes of the Fund as contained in document 187 EX/55 Part I, the guiding principles being the intellectual and operational autonomy of the Fund and the structure of its new governance mechanism;
6. Requests the Director-General to transmit the amended Statutes of the Fund to the General Conference at its 36th session for information.

(187 EX/SR.8)

23 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument concerning heritage preservation and the sustainable development of tourism (187 EX/23; 187 EX/55 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/23, presenting a preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of the advisability of regulating internationally, through a new standard-setting instrument, the question of heritage preservation and the sustainable development of tourism,
2. Noting Decision 34 COM 5F.2 adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session (Brasilia, 2010), in which the World Heritage Committee invited the Director-General of UNESCO “to consider the feasibility of a recommendation on the relationship between heritage conservation and sustainable tourism”,

3. Decides to postpone its final decision on the desirability of this proposal until its 190th session, in order that further consultations among the Member States may take place, taking into account, *inter alia*, the discussion held during the Board's 187th session;
4. Also decides to include this question in the agenda of its 190th session.

(187 EX/SR.8)

24 Revision of the Statutes of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) and the Statutes of the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves (187 EX/24; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/24,
2. Considering that it would be advisable to revise the statutory documents of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, namely the Statutes of the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves and the Statutes of the International Coordinating Council of the MAB Programme, in order to enable the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves to cope with the emerging challenges emanating from climate change, accelerated loss of biodiversity and rapid urbanization,
3. Decides to adopt the amendments proposed at its 23rd session by the MAB International Coordinating Council to the Statutes of the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves (187 EX/24 Annex I);
4. Decides to recommend to the General Conference the adoption of the revised Statutes of the International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme (187 EX/24 Annex II).

(187 EX/SR.7)

25 Revision of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) (187 EX/25; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 39 and 185 EX/Decision 24,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/25 containing document 36 C/22,
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution at its 36th session:

“The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 39,

Having examined document 36 C/22,

Approves the proposed amendments to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport as annexed to document 36 C/22.”

(187 EX/SR.7)

GENERAL CONFERENCE**26 Preparation of the 36th session of the General Conference (187 EX/26 Parts I to IV; 187 EX/INF.5)****I****Revised provisional agenda of the 36th session of the General Conference**

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 187 EX/26 Part I,
2. Having regard to Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
3. Noting that 12 proposals for supplementary items were submitted within the time limit entailed by Rule 12,
4. Also noting that these items are included in the supplementary list circulated to the Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (circular letter CL/3982 of 28 September 2011),
5. Establishes the revised provisional agenda of the 36th session of the General Conference on the basis of the provisional agenda (36 C/1 Prov. and Add.) with the addition of any items stemming from the decisions taken at its 187th session, and the following supplementary items:

Item	Title	Reference
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GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

5.15	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA): IFLA Manifesto for Digital Libraries	Item proposed by Austria
5.16	Protection and promotion of museum heritage and collections	Item proposed by Brazil
5.17	Universal declaration on archives	Item proposed by Senegal
5.18	Climate change: mitigation and adaptation policy development and implementation in the Caribbean region	Item proposed by Saint Kitts and Nevis
5.19	Proclamation of an international decade for the rapprochement of cultures (2013-2022)	Item proposed by Kazakhstan
5.20	Universal Forum of Cultures – Naples 2013	Item proposed by Italy
5.21	Promoting the diversity of cultural expressions, their protection, and the fight against Internet piracy	Item proposed by Greece

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| 5.22 | 40th anniversary of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, mid-term evaluation of the Madrid Action Plan, and endorsement of the Dresden Declaration | Item proposed by Germany |
| 5.23 | UNESCO Engineering Initiative | Item proposed by Germany |
| 5.24 | Code of ethics for the information society, proposed by the Intergovernmental Council of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) | Item proposed by the Director-General |

RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES

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| 9.4 | Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities | Item proposed by the Director-General |
| 9.5 | Request for the admission of Sint Maarten as an Associate Member of UNESCO | Item proposed by the Director-General |
6. Recommends that the General Conference consider, without prior debate, the draft resolutions relating to the following items of its provisional agenda: 1.7, 5.6, 5.9, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.7, 11.1, 11.2, 11.4, 11.5, 12.1 and 14.1.

(187 EX/SR.5)

II

Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the 36th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/26 Part II,
2. Approves the proposals contained in paragraph 2 of that document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that the items listed below be examined by the following organs:

Plenary

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| 9.4 | Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities |
| 9.5 | Request for the admission of Sint Maarten as an Associate Member of UNESCO |

SC Commission

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| 5.18 | Climate change: mitigation and adaptation policy development and implementation in the Caribbean region |
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5.22 40th anniversary of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, mid-term evaluation of the Madrid Action Plan, and endorsement of the Dresden Declaration

5.23 UNESCO Engineering Initiative

CLT Commission

5.16 Protection and promotion of museum heritage and collections

5.19 Proclamation of an international decade for the rapprochement of cultures (2013-2022)

5.20 Universal Forum of Cultures – Naples 2013

5.21 Promoting the diversity of cultural expressions, their protection, and the fight against Internet piracy

CI Commission

5.15 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA): IFLA Manifesto for Digital Libraries

5.17 Universal declaration on archives

5.21 Promoting the diversity of cultural expressions, their protection, and the fight against Internet piracy

5.24 Code of ethics for the information society, proposed by the Intergovernmental Council of the Information for All Programme (IFAP)

4. Also recommends to the General Conference that items 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 and 8.7 of the provisional agenda of the 36th session be considered by the Legal Committee of the General Conference, this recommendation replacing that contained in 186 EX/Decision 22 (II) regarding the allocation of these agenda items.

(187 EX/SR.5)

III

Venue of the 37th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Considering that, by the date entailed by Rule 3, no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its 37th session in its territory,
3. Recommends that the General Conference hold its 37th session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

(187 EX/SR.5)

IV

Admission to the 36th session of the General Conference of observers from international non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining formal and operational relations with UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the requests from non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining official relations with UNESCO to be represented by observers at the 36th session of the General Conference (187 EX/26 Part IV),
2. Referring to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, and to the procedure that it adopted at its 125th session, for the examination of such requests,
3. Recommends that the General Conference admit as observers at its 36th session the non-governmental organizations that have submitted a request to that effect, and whose names appear on the list in Annex I of document 187 EX/26 Part IV.

(187 EX/SR.5)

V

Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 36th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, recommends the following nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference at its 36th session:

President of the General Conference: Ms Katalin Bogyay (Hungary)

Vice-Presidents (36): The heads of delegations of the following Member States:

Albania	El Salvador	Nigeria
Australia	France	Pakistan
Azerbaijan	Germany	Peru
Belgium	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Brazil	Kenya	Saudi Arabia
Canada	Kuwait	Senegal
China	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Serbia
Croatia	Latvia	Thailand
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Lebanon	United States of America
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Madagascar	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Denmark	Montenegro	Yemen
Egypt	Morocco	Zambia

(187 EX/SR.5)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

27 **Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 and report by the External Auditor** (187 EX/27 Part I (Part I Rev. *in Spanish only*) and Part II; 187 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined documents 187 EX/27 Parts I and II,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his work;
4. Notes the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2010, and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the financial period then ended, and that they were prepared in accordance with the stated accounting policies, which were applied on a consistent basis;
5. Further notes, with appreciation, the preparation of the first set of financial statements under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) by the Secretariat and the successful implementation of the IPSAS project;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to the General Conference at its 37th session on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and to submit this report to it at its 189th and 191st sessions, for prior review;
7. Decides to transmit to the General Conference at its 36th session the report by the External Auditor and the audited consolidated financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 2010.

(187 EX/SR.7)

28 **Report by the Director-General on the actual position concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions** (187 EX/28 and Add.; 187 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/28 and Add.,
2. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the financial period 2010-2011 and to those that have speeded up the payment of their contributions in response to appeals;
3. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
4. Strongly supports the approaches the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;
5. 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 date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution in order to facilitate her management of the Organization's treasury function;

6. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay;
7. Takes note of the special situation of Yugoslavia;
8. Noting, in particular, the failure of 10 Member States to pay as at the end of June 2011 the amounts owed by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in annual instalments,
9. Recalling the request of the General Conference to the Director-General to report to it thereon at its 36th session,
10. Urgently appeals to those Member States in arrears on payment plans to pay their outstanding instalments as well as their regular assessed contributions at the earliest possible time, bearing in mind the risk of loss of voting rights that may otherwise ensue at the 36th session of the General Conference.

(187 EX/SR.7)

29 Report by the Director-General on the analysis and proposals of the working group on the implications of the application of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) for the implementation of the incentive scheme for the prompt payment of contributions (187 EX/29; 187 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 89 (III) and 185 EX/Decision 27,
2. Having examined the report of the working group contained in document 187 EX/29,
3. Notes that the adoption of the IPSAS accounting standards does not preclude UNESCO from having an incentive scheme;
4. Further notes that the existing scheme is not in compliance with IPSAS;
5. Takes note of the alternatives proposed by the working group;
6. Recommends that the General Conference implement, on a four-year experimental period starting 1 January 2012, an incentive scheme for prompt payment of contributions based on a prompt payment discount, as follows:
 - (a) Member States that pay in full their current assessed contributions by 31 January of the relevant year, and have no outstanding payment plans shall receive a discount corresponding to the interests earned between the date of payment and the end of June of the same year;
 - (b) the discount shall be based on effective interests earned during the relevant year, net of investment fees and bank charges;
 - (c) the distribution shall be made after the closing of accounts of the relevant year; the interest earnings shall be deducted from the assessed contributions owed the following year;
 - (d) the yearly discount rate shall be based on the average interest rates in US dollars (London Interbank Bid Rate (LIBID) USD 1 month) and in euros (LIBID EUR 1 month) from January to June, and weighted with the assessment split;

7. Requests the Director-General to provide additional information on the possible implementation of option (c) proposed in document 187 EX/29, para. 9, based on the financial statements of 2010 to 2012 to it at its 192nd session.

(187 EX/SR.7)

30 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (187 EX/30; 187 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 96, 35 C/Resolution 97, 185 EX/Decision 30 and 186 EX/Decision 27,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/30,
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt, at its 36th session, a draft resolution along the following lines:

“The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 96, 35 C/Resolution 97, 185 EX/Decision 30 and 186 EX/Decision 27,

Having examined document 36 C/44 Parts I and II,

1. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Headquarters Committee and to its Chairpersons, H.E. Prof. Manuel Maria Carrilho (Portugal) and H.E. Mr Luís Filipe Carrilho de Castro Mendes (Portugal) for the action taken and the results achieved between the 35th and 36th 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 report on UNESCO’s new communication system, and *requests* the Director-General to provide a clear breakdown of the expenses and of the works that need to be done;
4. *Further takes note* of the information provided on rentals of conference rooms, exhibitions and events, *underlines* the need to improve transparency in applying the rules relating to rentals, *invites* the Director-General to provide, in the report on managing the UNESCO complex submitted to the Executive Board at its 189th session, a comprehensive table with a clear breakdown of all revenue-generating activities from entities other than Member States, and *invites* the Headquarters Committee to continue to examine this matter in 2012-2013;
5. *Reiterates* its 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 to those that regularly discharge their obligations, and to keep it informed about the progress of the works at the Miollis/Bonvin site;
6. *Also reiterates* its invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters;

7. *Requests* the Director-General to report to it at its 37th session, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex.”

(187 EX/SR.7)

31 Capital Master Plan for UNESCO Headquarters (187 EX/31 and Corr.; 187 EX/INF.6; 187 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 96, 35 C/Resolution 97, 185 EX/Decision 30 and 186 EX/Decision 27,
2. Having examined documents 187 EX/31 and Corr. and 187 EX/INF.6,
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt, at its 36th session, a resolution along the following lines:

“The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 96,

Having examined documents 36 C/50 and 36 C/INF.12,

Conscious that the Organization’s Headquarters is indispensable for a proper functioning of the Organization, and that it must be restored and improved,

1. *Takes note* of the overall strategy proposed in the Capital Master Plan to ensure the renovation and improvement of UNESCO’s buildings on both sites, and *requests* the Director-General to prepare a prioritized plan, taking into account the debates of the Headquarters Committee and of the Executive Board at its 187th session;
2. *Notes* that:
 - (a) the complete renovation of the Fontenoy site is estimated at €56.7 million over seven years;
 - (b) the complete renovation of the Miollis/Bonvin site is estimated at €245.7 million for the period 2012-2022;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to explore the most favourable options or combination of options for financing the Capital Master Plan, and *authorizes* the Executive Board to examine on its behalf the aforementioned proposals, possibly including interest-free loans, after consultation with the Headquarters Committee;
4. *Invites* Member States to make voluntary contributions in cash and in kind for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters, and *authorizes* the Director-General to accept or to refuse such contributions, according to the established criteria;
5. *Invites* the Director-General to accommodate the available funds in the Special Account for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters;
6. *Requests* the Headquarters Committee to assist the Director-General in her endeavours to mobilize the necessary resources for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters, and to continue to advise the Director-General and provide her with suggestions, guidance and recommendations, including

consultations with the host country on the possible classification of Headquarters buildings as well as on any other possible solutions in this respect;

7. *Also invites* the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to elaborate measures for increasing the contribution of revenue-generating activities to the upkeep of Headquarters facilities;
8. *Requests* the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 189th session a progress report on the Capital Master Plan, and to report to the General Conference at its 37th session on the status of the Capital Master Plan.”

(187 EX/SR.7)

32 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF)
(187 EX/32 and Corr. (*in English, French, Russian and Arabic only*) and Add.; 187 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 185 EX/Decision 6(X) and 186 EX/Decision 26,
2. Having examined documents 187 EX/32 and Corr. and Add. and 187 EX/27,
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution at its 36th session:

“The General Conference,

Recalling the responsibility delegated to the Director-General by the General Conference for the financial administration of the Medical Benefits Fund in accordance with Staff Regulation 6.2 and the Statutes of the Medical Benefits Fund (initially known as the Medical Benefits Scheme) approved at the third session of the General Conference,

Having examined document 36 C/43,

Having taken note of the current financial situation of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF), and of the need to agree on a permanent solution in response to the situation,

Considering the need for corrective measures to be taken to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Fund and the recommendations formulated by the external consulting firm thereon (185 EX/6 Part X Annex),

1. *Welcomes* the cost-cutting measures already taken to reduce the expenses as well as the introduction of a mechanism to balance income and expenditure starting in 2012-2013;
2. *Encourages* the Director-General to participate with other United Nations organizations in studies to explore initiatives to bring cost savings to medical benefit schemes;
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to apply the new Medical Benefits Fund contribution scale for participants based on projected expenses, contained in document 187 EX/32 and Corr., from 1 January 2012, and to revise the scale every two years as needed to maintain the balance between the Fund’s income and expenditure;

4. *Invites* the Director-General to continue improving the management of the Fund, *inter alia* by hiring the services of an independent health insurance consulting firm to conduct yearly evaluations of the plan's design, cost analysis and performance;
5. *Also invites* the Director-General to review the governance of the Fund, taking into account the recommendations made by the external consulting firm (185 EX/6 Part X Annex), in particular with regard to the need to enhance its expertise and independence;
6. *Requests* that the Rules of the Medical Benefits Fund be amended accordingly;
7. *Decides* to maintain for 2012-2013 the existing share of the contribution of the Organization to the Fund;
8. *Further invites* the Director-General to report to the Executive Board on this matter at its 190th session.

(187 EX/SR.7)

33 Report by the Director-General on the reform of the field network (187 EX/33 and Add. and Add. & Corr. (*in English only*); 187 EX/55 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 28,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/33 and Add. and Add. & Corr.,
3. Takes note of the ongoing consultations with African and Arab Member States;
4. Endorses the proposal to focus implementation in phase 1 on Africa, with the implementation of the reform in the Arab States postponed to the biennium covered by document 37 C/5;
5. Also takes note of the budgetary impact of the phase 1 implementation of the field network reform in Africa;
6. Approves the implementation plan for phase 1 of the field network reform focused on Africa, and the corresponding roadmap and budget;
7. Also approves the proposed roles and responsibilities of the new field structure, which should help to ensure effective delivery of services and programmes to the African Member States;
8. Requests the Director-General to provide further clarification on reporting lines;
9. Also requests the Director-General to present a final detailed and costed plan for the implementation of the whole of phase 1, including the budget implications, at the 36th session of the General Conference;
10. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 190th session on the progress in implementation of phase 1 of the reform;
11. Also requests the Director-General to present to it, at its 191st session, a draft implementation plan for the field network reform for the Arab States and the corresponding roadmap and budget required.

(187 EX/SR.8)

[34 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to recommendations of the External Auditor: recruitment and end-of-service procedures]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 187 EX/1.

35 New audits by the External Auditor (187 EX/35 Parts I, II and III)

I

**Audit report on the services attached to the
Sector for Administration (187 EX/35 Part I; 187 EX/55 Part I)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/35 Part I,
2. Thanking the External Auditor for the recommendations made in his audit report on the Services attached to the Sector for Administration,
3. Requests the Director-General to remedy the management shortfalls identified in the report and to improve substantially the management of the restaurant services and of the Commissary by:
 - (a) fully implementing the recommendations of the External Auditor contained in paragraphs 61 and 105 of document 187 EX/35 Part I;
 - (b) establishing a performance agreement with the management of the two services based on the specifications of the External Auditor presented in paragraphs 63 and 107 of document 187 EX/35 Part I;
 - (c) clarifying the organization, reporting lines and accountability framework of the restaurant services and of the Commissary, and amending the Administrative Manual accordingly;
 - (d) taking necessary action, in consultation with the managers, to modernize the long-term management of the Restaurant Services and the Commissary;
 - (e) reconsidering the Commissary's operational arrangements in order to reduce the cost borne by the Organization's regular budget;
4. Also requests the Director-General to transmit the audit report on the services attached to the sector for Administration to the Headquarters Committee for consideration and follow-up;
5. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 190th session in her report, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex, on progress achieved in the implementation of this decision, and on the advisability of continuing the direct management of the restaurant services, and most particularly of the Commissary.

II

Audit report on the International Bureau of Education (IBE)
(187 EX/35 Part II; 187 EX/55 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/35 Part II,
2. Thanking the External Auditor for his recommendations on financial statements and accounting operations, as well as on the governance and the administration of the International Bureau of Education (IBE),
3. Noting the External Auditor's comments, in particular the lack of follow-up at the time of the audit on 17 of the 18 recommendations from the evaluation conducted in 2005,
4. Aware of the proposed strategy for making the International Bureau of Education a centre of excellence, to be submitted to the General Conference at its 36th session,
5. Requests the Director-General to take the necessary action to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the management of the International Bureau of Education, namely, to:
 - (a) ensure the full implementation of the recommendations presented in document 187 EX/35 Part II, and report to the IBE Council at its 62nd session on the progress thereon;
 - (b) lay the foundation for a strong management capacity in order to implement the strategy to be adopted by the General Conference at its 36th session;
6. Also requests the Director-General, in cooperation with the IBE Council, to strengthen efforts to increase and secure voluntary contributions from States, other United Nations agencies, and other partners in order to strengthen the functional autonomy and economic viability of the Bureau as a centre of excellence;
7. Further requests the Director-General to report to it on these actions, and the outcomes, at its 190th session.

III

Audit report on the Complementary Additional Programme
(187 EX/35 Part III; 187 EX/55 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/35 Part III,
2. Thanks the External Auditor for his report and recommendations;
3. Takes note of the recommendations of the External Auditor and the comments of the Director-General included in document 187 EX/35 Part III;
4. Welcomes the fact that the Director-General has agreed to implement all of the External Auditor's recommendations as soon as possible;

5. Invites the Director-General to provide regular updates on the follow-up to these recommendations as part of her periodic report to the Executive Board on the implementation status of the External Auditor's recommendations.

(187 EX/SR.8)

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

36 Terms of reference of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) of the Executive Board (187 EX/36; 187 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 174 EX/Decision 31, 34 C/Resolution 59, 177 EX/Decision 57, 183 EX/Decision 13, 185 EX/Decision 33 and 186 EX/Decision 31,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/36,
3. Expresses appreciation for the continued efforts exerted by the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to strengthen cooperation with NGOs and other civil society actors in UNESCO's various fields of competence and at the international, regional and national levels;
4. Adopts the revised terms of reference of the NGO Committee contained in the Annex to document 187 EX/52;
5. Decides to include an item in the agenda of its 188th session on the amendment of Rule 16 of its Rules of Procedure in order to consider a possible change of name of the Committee from the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations to the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners.

(187 EX/SR.7)

37 New Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations (187 EX/37; 187 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/37,
2. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the new draft "Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations" contained in document 36 C/48, taking into account the debate at the 187th session of the Executive Board.

(187 EX/SR.7)

38 Proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2012-2013, and appeals by Member States concerning their proposals (187 EX/38; 187 EX/INF.7; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 187 EX/38 and 187 EX/INF.7,
2. Noting that the proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General listed below comply with the statutory criteria,

3. Appreciating the fact that Member States of all regions have made proposals so as to ensure an improved geographical distribution and gender balance;
4. Recommends to the General Conference:
 - (a) that UNESCO also be associated in 2012-2013 with the following celebrations:
 - (1) 50th anniversary of the death of Mouloud Feraoun, writer (1913-1962) (Algeria)
 - (2) 900th anniversary of the achievements of Mahsati Ganjavi, poetess (12th century) (Azerbaijan)
 - (3) 550th anniversary of the death of Seyid Yahya Bakuvi (Shirvani), philosopher and poet (ca. 1390s-1463) (Azerbaijan)
 - (4) 100th anniversary of the birth of Jorge Amado, writer (1912-2001) (Brazil)
 - (5) 50th anniversary of the death of Candido Portinari, artist (1903-1962) (Brazil)
 - (6) 100th anniversary of the birth of Vinicius de Moraes, poet and musician (1913-1980) (Brazil)
 - (7) 150th anniversary of the birth of Ernesto Nazareth, pianist (1863-1934) (Brazil)
 - (8) 250th anniversary of the *Istoriya Slavyanobolgarskaya* (Slavo-Bulgarian History) by Paisius of Hilendar (1762) (Bulgaria)
 - (9) 100th anniversary of the death of Rafael Pombo, writer (1833-1912) (Colombia)
 - (10) 100th anniversary of the birth of Rita Longa, sculptor (1912-2000) (Cuba)
 - (11) 100th anniversary of the birth of Virgilio Piñera, writer (1912-1979) (Cuba)
 - (12) 100th anniversary of the publication of Niels Bohr's model of atom structure in *Philosophical Magazine*: "On the Constitution of Atoms and Molecules" (1913) (Denmark)
 - (13) 200th anniversary of the birth of Søren Kierkegaard, philosopher (1813-1855) (Denmark)
 - (14) 150th anniversary of the birth of Ekvtime Takaishvili, historian and archaeologist (1863-1953) (Georgia)
 - (15) 250th anniversary of the death of Dorothea Christiane Erxleben, medical scientist (1715-1762) (Germany)
 - (16) 50th anniversary of the death of George N Papanicolaou, scientist (1883-1962) (Greece)
 - (17) 150th anniversary of the birth of Constantine Cavafy, poet (1863-1933) (Greece)

- (18) 100th anniversary of the birth of Robert Capa, photographer (1913-1954) (Hungary, with the support of France and the United States of America)
- (19) 100th anniversary of the birth of János Szentágothai, neuroscientist (1912-1994) (Hungary)
- (20) 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir Georg Solti, conductor (1912-1997) (Hungary with the support of the United Kingdom and Switzerland)
- (21) 1,000th anniversary of the achievements of Abū Saʿīd Abū I-Khair, writer and philosopher (978-1059) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (22) 500th anniversary of the achievements of Abd-ol-Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Husayn Birjandi, scientist and astronomer (born 16th century; died 1528) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (23) 1,100th anniversary of the compilation of *al-Aʿlāq an-Nafīsa*, a compendium of the prominent work of Ebn Rosteh (Ibn Rusta), geographer and explorer (913) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- (24) 200th anniversary of the birth of Giuseppe Verdi, musician (1813-1901) (Italy)
- (25) 100th anniversary of the birth of Giulio Einaudi, publisher (1912-1999) (Italy)
- (26) 150th anniversary of the birth of Jāzeps Vītols, composer (1863-1948) (Latvia)
- (27) 600th anniversary of the institutionalization of *kabary* (art of oratory) by King Andriamoraony (1412) (Madagascar)
- (28) 200th anniversary of the foundation of the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua (UNAN) (1812) (Nicaragua)
- (29) 100th anniversary of the death of Bolesław Prus, writer (1847-1912) (Poland)
- (30) 250th anniversary of the birth of Cheong Yagyong, philosopher (1762-1836) (Republic of Korea)
- (31) 400th anniversary of the publication of the *Donguibogam* (medical encyclopedia) (1613) (Republic of Korea)
- (32) 100th anniversary of the birth of Dominik Tatarka, writer (1913-1989) (Slovakia)
- (33) 250th anniversary of the birth of Anton Bernolák, philologist (1762-1813) (Slovakia)
- (34) 50th anniversary of the Rivonia trial, which led to Nelson Mandela's imprisonment in his fight against apartheid (1962) (South Africa)
- (35) 50th anniversary of the creation of the Pan-African Women's Organization (PAWO) (1962) (South Africa)
- (36) 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the city of Granada (1012-1013) (Spain)

- (37) 150th anniversary of Emancipation Day (1862) (Tonga)
 - (38) 50th anniversary of the foundation of the University of East Africa (1963) (Uganda)
 - (39) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mykola (Nikolai) Amosov, scientist (1913-2002) (Ukraine)
 - (40) 150th anniversary of the birth of Edith Wharton, writer (1862-1937) (United States of America)
 - (41) 100th anniversary of the birth of Rosa Parks, civil rights activist (1913-2005) (United States of America);
- (b) that the hereby completed list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO is to be associated in 2012-2013, which supplements the list contained in 186 EX/Decision 32, be definitively closed, according to the procedure approved by the Executive Board at its 159th session (159 EX/Decision 7.5);
 - (c) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme.

(187 EX/SR.7)

[39 Relations with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and draft framework agreement between UNESCO and that regional organization]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 187 EX/1.

40 Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO

After considering this item, the Executive Board adopted the following decision, by a vote taken by roll-call, with 40 votes in favour, 4 votes against and 14 abstentions, the United States of America voting against; details of the vote are annexed to the summary record of the sixth plenary meeting of the session.

The Executive Board,

1. Considering the request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO submitted in 1989, and reiterated at each General Conference,
2. Having noted that Palestine accepts UNESCO's Constitution and is ready to fulfil the obligations which will devolve upon it by virtue of its admission and to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization,
3. Noting that the status of Palestine is the subject of ongoing deliberations at the United Nations in New York,
4. Considering Article II, paragraph 2, of UNESCO's Constitution, which stipulates that: "... States not members of the United Nations Organization may be admitted to membership of the Organization, upon recommendation of the Executive Board, by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference",
5. Recommends that the General Conference admit Palestine as a member of UNESCO.

(187 EX/SR.6)

GENERAL**41 Implementation of 35 C/Resolution 75 and 186 EX/Decision 34 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (187 EX/41; 187 EX/54)**

After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended by a vote taken by roll-call that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision, with 40 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 15 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against; details of the vote are annexed to the summary record of the seventh plenary meeting of the Board, at which the oral report of the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) was presented:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/41,
2. Recalls its previous decision 185 EX/Decision 36 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories;
3. Notes that the status of Palestine is the subject of ongoing deliberations at the United Nations in New York;
4. Also notes the slow progress in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 36;
5. Thanks the Director-General for the initial progress achieved in the implementation of decision 185 EX/Decision 36, and invites her to maintain her efforts to fully implement that decision;
6. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 189th session a follow-up report, and decides to include this item in the agenda of its 189th session.

(187 EX(SR.7))

42 Report by the Director-General on the reconstruction and development of Gaza: implementation of 186 EX/Decision 35 (187 EX/42; 187 EX/54)

After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended by a vote taken by roll-call that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision, with 40 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 15 abstentions, the United States of America having voted against; are annexed to the summary record of the seventh plenary meeting of the Board, at which the oral report of the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) was presented:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 187 EX/42,
2. Recalls its previous decision 185 EX/Decision 37 on the reconstruction and development of Gaza;
3. Notes that the status of Palestine is the subject of the ongoing deliberations at the United Nations in New York;
4. Also notes the slow progress in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 37;

5. Thanks the Director-General for the initial progress achieved in the implementation of 185 EX/Decision 37, and invites her to maintain her efforts to fully implement that decision;
6. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 189th session a follow-up report, and decides to include this item in the agenda of its 189th session.

(187 EX/SR.7)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

43 Invitations to the Meeting of the States Parties to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (187 EX/43; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the announcement made by the Director-General at the 186th session of the Executive Board in May 2011,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/43,
3. Invites the Director-General to convene a meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention (category II intergovernmental meeting), within the provisions of document 36 C/5 Approved tasked with examining in depth the impact of measures taken by States Parties to the Convention to optimize its implementation, with appraising its effectiveness with particular regard to new trends in trafficking in cultural property, and with formulating strategies geared in particular to its efficient implementation;
4. Decides that:
 - (a) invitations to participate in the meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property shall be extended to all Parties to the Convention;
 - (b) invitations to send observers to the above-mentioned meeting will be extended to the Member States and Associate Members referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 of document 187 EX/43;
 - (c) invitations to send representatives to the above-mentioned meeting shall be extended to the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph 9 of document 187 EX/43;
 - (d) invitations to send observers to the above-mentioned meeting shall be extended to organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements, to other intergovernmental organizations, and to international non-governmental organizations;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to extend any other invitations that she may deem conducive to the work of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention, subject to the approval of the Executive Board at its 189th session.

(187 EX/SR.7)

44 Organization of a world summit on multilingualism, following the International Year of Languages (2008) proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, and for which UNESCO was lead agency (187 EX/44 and Add.; 187 EX/INF.12; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and its Action Plan (2001),
2. Considering the Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (October 2003) and the outcomes relating to linguistic diversity and multilingualism of the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva, December 2003 – Tunis, November 2005),
3. Considering United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/266 “Multilingualism” proclaiming 2008 as the International Year of Languages (New York, May 2007),
4. Considering the various action plans and recommendations resulting from the celebration of the International Year of Languages throughout the world, including the Lena Resolution adopted by the International Conference on Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace (Yakutsk, Russian Federation, 2-4 July 2008), the Bamako Commitment on Universal Multilingualism adopted by the Bamako International Forum on Multilingualism (Bamako, Mali, 19-21 January 2009) and its Action Plan, and the Yakutsk Call for Action: a roadmap towards the World Summit on Multilingualism (2017) adopted by the Second International Conference on Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace (Yakutsk, Russian Federation, 12-14 July 2011), together with a framework for cooperation and partnership among languages (187 EX/44 and Add.),
5. In view of the importance of universal multilingualism and its contribution to the implementation of the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations and its various components, to the building of peace, intercultural dialogue, democracy and sustainable development, and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and, in particular, education for all (EFA),
6. Decides to recommend that at its 36th session the General Conference consider the possibility of implementing, through the use of extrabudgetary funds, follow-up activities on the outcomes of the International Year of Languages.

(187 EX/SR.7)

45 Enhancing global efforts to promote UNESCO human sciences (187 EX/45; 187 EX/INF.12; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the objective of enhancing the human sciences to “address emerging social and ethical challenges” (34 C/4) and to “respond to critical global social challenges and the exigency of building a culture of peace and promoting intercultural dialogue, on the basis of human rights and philosophy” (35 C/5),
2. Taking into consideration the Intersectoral Strategy on Philosophy (171 EX/12), which emphasizes that philosophical analysis and reflection are undeniably linked to the establishment and maintenance of peace, the core mission of UNESCO,
3. Recognizing the role of the humanities as a provider of visions and insights in line with the focus of UNESCO’s new humanism, which underlines the importance of preventing

the fragmentation of humanity and the need to build genuine foundations for development and peace,

4. Reaffirming the invaluable contribution that the humanities can make towards establishing new human values in times of increasing globalization, greater connectivity and also rising uncertainty, in the face of new economic, financial and social challenges,
5. Having examined document 187 EX/45,
6. Welcomes the initiative of the Republic of Korea to support and host the first World Humanities Forum, which will be held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 24 to 26 November 2011;
7. Encourages Member States, international organizations, civil societies and the private and public sectors to enhance efforts to promote UNESCO human sciences, and to participate in the World Humanities Forum for the promotion of intellectual dialogue and exchange;
8. Requests the Director-General to consider the World Humanities Forum as an important milestone for UNESCO and its promotion of the human sciences, foster the human sciences in UNESCO's sectoral initiatives and programmes, and reaffirm UNESCO's commitment to the role of the human sciences in tackling pressing global challenges.

(187 EX/SR.7)

46 Proclamation of an international jazz day (187 EX/46; 187 EX/INF.10; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling General Conference resolution 34 C/Resolution 46 (2007) and United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/90 (2008),
2. Expressing appreciation for the active engagement of the international community in promoting and participating in the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2010),
3. Recognizing that enhancing intercultural dialogue is a never-ending process,
4. Determined that UNESCO should continue to take the lead in fostering cultural rapprochement, using a variety of art forms,
5. Noting that jazz represents a very unique form of music which can be a unifying force for positive engagement among diverse groups worldwide,
6. Having examined documents 187 EX/46 and 187 EX/INF.10,
7. Takes note of the conclusions of the feasibility study presented by the Director-General on the celebration of an international jazz day, including an indication of the expected results, as well as an assurance that there will be no additional financial implications for the regular budget of UNESCO;
8. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 36th session, proclaim 30 April of each year "International Jazz Day".

(187 EX/SR.7)

[47 Revision of the 1981 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda: see the footnote in document 187 EX/1.

48 Implementation of 180 EX/Decision 57 on the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences (187 EX/48; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind that the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, at the 34th session of the General Conference, proposed that UNESCO establish a prize for the purpose of rewarding projects and activities of individuals or institutions that have contributed, through research in the life sciences, to improving the quality of the life of human beings,
2. Recalling that the Executive Board, in 180 EX/Decision 57, accepted this initiative, and expressed its appreciation to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for promoting the first international prize for research in the life sciences by Africa,
3. Recognizing with deep respect the scientific community's significant role and contribution to the work of UNESCO in all regions of the world,
4. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 57 and 185 EX/Decision 47,
5. Considering that the African Heads of State and Government, after their meeting on 30 June and 1 July 2011, transmitted to UNESCO their support for the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences,
6. Taking into consideration the information provided by the Director-General at its 187th session,
7. Decides to establish a working group presided over by the Chair of the Executive Board, and comprised of three Members from each regional group;
8. Requests the working group, in the light of 185 EX/Decision 47, and taking account of the information provided by the Director-General at the 187th session, to undertake further consultations, in close collaboration with the Director-General, with a view to reaching a conclusion on this subject by the 189th session of the Executive Board.

(187 EX/SR.7)

49 Provisional rules of procedure and provisional agenda of the International Conference of States for the Revision of the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific (187 EX/49 Rev.; 187 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 11 and 185 EX/Decision 10,
2. Having examined document 187 EX/49 Rev. concerning the International Conference of States for the Revision of the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific,
3. Approves the provisional Rules of Procedure and the provisional agenda of the above-mentioned conference as contained in Annexes I and II to document 187 EX/54.

(187 EX/SR.7)

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Wednesday 5 October 2011.

At the private meeting held on 5 October, the Executive Board considered items **3** and **18**.

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the general situation regarding staff and the decisions that she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

18 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon

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

(187 EX/SR.5)