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INVITATIONS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING OF EXPERTS (CATEGORY II) RELATED TO A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON THE CONSERVATION OF THE HISTORIC URBAN LANDSCAPE

SUMMARY

Pursuant to Article 21 of the "Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO", and in accordance with 35 C/Resolution 42, the Director-General herewith submits to the Executive Board at its 185th session proposals concerning the decision to be taken by the Executive Board regarding invitations to the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts (category II) related to a draft recommendation on the conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape.

The financial and administrative implications of the planned activities fall within the parameters of document 35 C/5.

Action expected of the Executive Board: decision in paragraph 9.

INTRODUCTION

1. The General Conference at its 35th session (October 2009) invited the Director-General to convene a meeting of experts (category VI) to compile a first draft of the proposed recommendation on the conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape to be sent to Member States for comments, and to further convene an intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) to reconsider the draft in the light of the comments received, and to submit a final report and, if appropriate, a revised draft to the General Conference at its 36th session (2011) (35 C/Resolution 42).
2. In conformity with 35 C/Resolution 42, a meeting of experts (category VI) was held in February 2010 at UNESCO Headquarters resulting in a preliminary report setting forth the position with regard to the Historic Urban Landscape and in a draft text of the proposed UNESCO Recommendation on the conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape.
3. In accordance with the *Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution*, the preliminary report and the first draft of the proposed recommendation were sent in August 2010 to Member States for comments.
4. Pursuant to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO and in conformity with 35 C/Resolution 42, the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) is to be held at UNESCO Headquarters in the spring of 2011, with the purpose of reconsidering the draft in light of the comments received by Member States, with a view to submitting a final report and, if appropriate, a revised draft to the General Conference at its 36th session (2011).

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5. Subject to a decision by the Executive Board at its 185th session, the Director-General presents her proposals concerning invitations to the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) as an annex.

Purpose of the meeting

6. As mentioned above, the purpose of the meeting is to reconsider the draft in light of the comments received by Member States, with a view to submitting a final report and, if appropriate, a revised draft to the General Conference at its 36th session (2011).

Category of the meeting

7. Pursuant to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, this meeting falls within the category of "Intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of States" (category II), at which the chief participants represent their governments.

Participants

8. In accordance with the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, it is for the Executive Board to decide on the invitations to the meeting on the basis of the list submitted to it in the annex to this document.

PROPOSED DRAFT DECISION

9. Having examined this document and its annex, the Executive Board may wish to adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 42, by which the General Conference invited the Director-General to submit a preliminary report setting forth the position with regard to the conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape, and to convene an intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) to reconsider the draft of the Recommendation on the conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape that was sent to Member States in the light of the comments received, and to submit a final report and, if appropriate, a revised draft for consideration by the General Conference at its 36th session (2011),
2. Having examined document 185 EX/46,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the Meeting of Experts to reconsider the draft Recommendation on the conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape in the light of the comments received by Member States, will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Meeting of Experts will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph (d) of the annex of document 185 EX/46;
 - (c) that an invitation to send an observer, as defined above, will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph (c) of the annex to document 185 EX/46;
 - (d) that invitations to send observers to the Meeting of Experts will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) of the annex of document 185 EX/46;
 - (e) that the Director-General is authorized to send out any other invitations she may deem useful for advancing the work of the above-mentioned intergovernmental meeting (category II), notifying the Executive Board thereof.

ANNEX

The Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to the intergovernmental meeting (category II) are listed below:

(a) Member States and Associate Members

1. In accordance with the existing Regulations (Article 21), the Executive Board shall, on the Director-General's proposal, decide on the Member States and Associate Members whose governments are to be invited to this category of meeting (category II).
2. In accordance with the Regulations (Article 23), the governments of the Member States and Associate Members which are invited to participate have the right to vote.

(b) Non-Member States

3. Under Article 21, paragraph 3, of the Regulations, the Executive Board may designate non-Member States to be invited to send observers to the meeting.
4. The Director-General proposes that States that are not members of UNESCO but are members of at least one other organization of the United Nations system be invited to send observers to the meeting. At the time of writing, the list of such States was as follows: Holy See and Liechtenstein. In addition, the Director-General proposes to the Executive Board that those States which become members of any United Nations system organization before the opening of the meeting be invited to attend the meeting as observers.

(c) Palestine (Article 7B of the Regulations)

5. Under Article 7B of the Regulations, the Executive Board shall invite Palestine to send an observer to the intergovernmental meeting (category II) convened to draw up a draft recommendation on the conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape.

(d) International organizations (Articles 21.4 and 21.5 of the Regulations)

6. Under Article 21, paragraph 4, of the Regulations, the Director-General proposes that the following organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded reciprocal representation agreements be invited to send representatives to the meeting:

- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

7. Pursuant to Article 21, paragraph 5, of the Regulations, the Director-General proposes that the following organizations be invited to send observers to the meeting:

(e) Organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements

- World Bank

(f) Other intergovernmental organizations

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Asian Development Bank

- Inter-American Development Bank
- European Investment Bank
- International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)

(g) International non-governmental organizations maintaining formal associate relations with UNESCO

- International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

(h) International non-governmental organizations having formal consultative relations with UNESCO

- International Union of Architects (UIA)
- International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP)

(i) International non-governmental organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO

- International Federation of Housing and Planning (IFHP)
- International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)
- International committee for documentation and conservation of buildings, sites and neighbourhoods of the modern movement (Docomomo)

(j) Foundations and other similar institutions

- Aga Khan Trust for Culture
- J. Paul Getty Foundation
- International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA)
- World Monuments Fund
- Organization of World Heritage Cities