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### Item 10.2 of the provisional agenda

## **REQUEST FOR THE ADMISSION OF ANGUILLA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF UNESCO**

1. The Director-General received from the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Mr William Hague, a letter dated 25 April 2013, applying on behalf of Anguilla for its admission as an Associate Member of UNESCO.

The letter reads as follows:

“Dear Director-General,

The Chief Minister of Anguilla, Hubert Hughes, has requested the assistance of the United Kingdom Government for Anguilla to become an Associate member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Anguilla is a British Overseas Territory and the United Kingdom Government is responsible for the conduct of Anguilla's international relations.

The United Kingdom Government has agreed to support Anguilla's request as the Territory would like to strengthen its relationship with UNESCO. In accordance, therefore, with Article 2(3) of the Constitution of UNESCO I would like to apply for admittance of Anguilla as an Associate Member of UNESCO.

Pursuant to rule 99, paragraph 2, of the Rules of procedure of UNESCO's General conference, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the country responsible for the external relations of Anguilla, accepts responsibility on behalf of Anguilla for the discharge of the obligations contained in the constitution and of the financial contributions assessed by the General conference as payable by Anguilla.

“As for practical arrangements, please note that the costs arising from Anguilla’s Associate Membership of UNESCO will be borne by the Government of Anguilla. I understand that the Chief Minister of Anguilla has already written to you directly confirming the Government of Anguilla is prepared to uphold the constitution of UNESCO and to comply with the requirements related to Associate Membership status.

“I hope it will be possible to confirm Anguilla as an Associate Member of UNESCO in the upcoming General Conference in November 2013.

“Sincerely,

(*Signed*)

Mr William Hague”

2. Anguilla is a territory for whose international relations the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is responsible and this application is made pursuant to a request made to the Government of the United Kingdom by Anguilla’s government. The United Kingdom is a Member State of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
3. The Director-General finds that the conditions stipulated in the relevant texts (Article II.3 of the Constitution and Rule 99.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference) have been fulfilled and that the request submitted by the United Kingdom is accordingly admissible.
4. Pursuant to Article II.3 of the Constitution, it is incumbent upon the General Conference to decide on the admission of Anguilla as an Associate Member. Article II.3 of the Constitution and Rule 85.1 (b) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference stipulate that a majority of two-thirds of the Members present and voting is required in such circumstances. If admitted, Anguilla would become the ninth Associate member of UNESCO.