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Subject: Invitation to participate in the second meeting of the open-ended tripartite working group for the review of the cooperation of UNESCO's Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO

Sir/Madam,

As a follow-up to the Executive Board's decision (189 EX/16 and 190 EX/37), the initial meeting of the open-ended tripartite working group took place on 19 October 2012 at UNESCO Headquarters. As agreed upon at the end of this initial meeting, an electronic forum (e-Forum) organized into six sequential discussion modules, each devoted to one of the recommendations made by IOS in its final report, was launched as a workspace to collect proposals on the Action Plan. It is intended that the e-Forum discussions will end on 4 February 2013.

Today, I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the second meeting of the open-ended tripartite working group. This second meeting will be held on 21 and 22 February 2013, in room XII, UNESCO Headquarters (Paris) and will focus mainly on developing an Action Plan for the implementation of recommendations to submit for consideration to the Executive Board at its 191st session in April 2013.

We should be grateful if you would return the attached registration form by 4 February 2013 to the Section of National Commissions and Related Networks (tel.: +33.1.45.68.12.88/19.93, fax: +33.1.45.68.55.40, email: natcom@unesco.org) which is coordinating the event and is at your disposal for any further information. Given the current financial situation at UNESCO, your country shall bear the travel and accommodation expenses of your representative(s) at this meeting in Paris.

The provisional agenda and a draft document based on previous discussions are going to be discussed with the co-chairs, H. E. Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Arab Republic of Egypt to UNESCO and Mr Neil Walter, President of the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO. These documents will be sent to you as soon as possible to facilitate our discussion. Please also take note that the working languages of the meeting will be English and French.

For all purposes, please find also attached the report of the initial meeting of the open-ended tripartite working group and the document 190 EX/37 and Addendum, also available online at: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002172/217258e.pdf>.

We very much look forward to your participation.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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