



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

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Subject: **Draft amendment to Article V, paragraph 4, of the Constitution**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that draft amendments to Article V of the Constitution and Rule 102 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, subject to the adoption of the constitutional amendment, have been submitted by 32 Member States with a view to their adoption at the next session of the General Conference (see Annex)

It is incumbent upon me pursuant to Article XIII¹ of the Constitution of UNESCO to transmit them to you.

Furthermore, Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference provides that:

“The General Conference shall not adopt a draft amendment to the Constitution unless the draft has been communicated to Member States and Associate Members at least six months in advance.”

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

Audrey Azoulay
Director-General

Enclosures: 1

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

¹ “The draft texts of proposed amendments shall be communicated by the Director-General to the Member States at least six months in advance of their consideration by the General Conference.”

ANNEX

Amendments proposed by the following 32 Member States: Australia, Azerbaijan, Benin, Canada, Cook Islands, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, Honduras, Hungary, Iraq, Lithuania, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay, Vanuatu, and Zimbabwe.

Constitution

Article V Executive Board

A. Composition

[...]

4. (b) Members of the Executive Board shall not be eligible for immediate re-election after two consecutive terms. Re-elected Members of the Executive Board shall endeavour to change their representatives on the Board.

Rules of Procedure of the General Conference

Rule 102 Re-eligibility

Members of the Executive Board shall not be eligible for immediate re-election after two consecutive terms.