



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

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Subject: **Draft amendment to Article VI, paragraph 2, of the Constitution**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that on 9 May 2019, I received the attached letter from the Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Qatar to UNESCO transmitting a draft amendment to Article VI, paragraph 2, of the Constitution (see Annex).

It is incumbent upon me, pursuant to Article XIII<sup>1</sup> of the Constitution of UNESCO, to transmit this draft amendment 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

<sup>1</sup> “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**

Paris, 9 May 2019

Dear Madam Director-General,

In accordance with Article XIII of the Constitution of UNESCO and Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, please find below an amendment to Article VI.2 of the Constitution:

2. The Director-General shall be **elected** ~~nominated by the Executive Board and appointed by the General Conference~~ **from a shortlist of a minimum of two and up to three nominees submitted to it by the Executive Board** for a period of four years, under such conditions as the Conference may approve. The Director-General may be appointed for a further term of four years but shall not be eligible for reappointment for a subsequent term. The Director-General shall be the chief administrative officer of the Organization.

This amendment takes into account discussions in the Open-ended Working Group on Governance.

Should the General Conference adopt the above amendment, amendments to the corresponding Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board would be required.

We respectfully request that this amendment be included as an item on the provisional agenda of the 40th session of the General Conference in November 2019 and circulated to all Member States six months before for their consideration.

Please accept, Madam Director-General, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Qatar

To: Ms Audrey Azoulay,  
UNESCO Director-General

CC: Office of the President of the General Conference  
Office of the Chairperson of the Executive Board  
Office of the Director of the Governing Bodies Secretariat  
Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs