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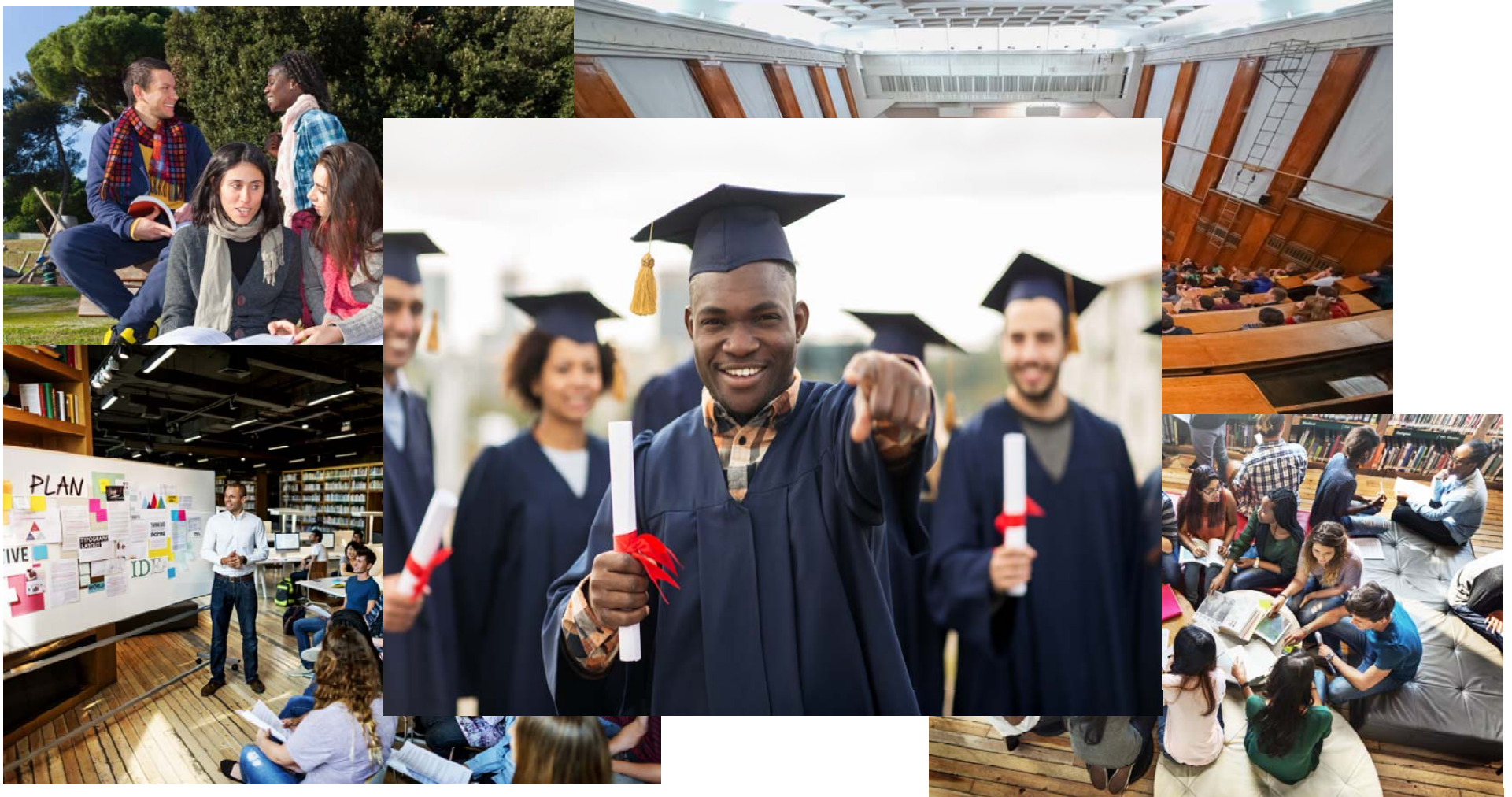
UNESCO Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education (2019)

4 October 2019

2nd Meeting of the FRIENDS OF
THE GLOBAL CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION



What is the Global Convention about?



Strengthen inter-regional academic mobility

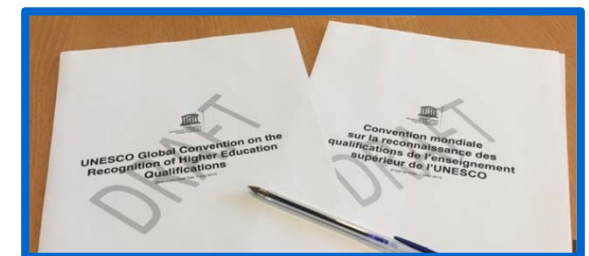


The Preparation Process

- 1947...
- 70s and 80s – 1st Generation of Regional Conventions
- 1997 – ... – 2nd Generation of Regional Conventions
- 2011 - 2015 – Expert meetings, Feasibility Report, Preliminary Report...
- November 2015 - General Conference approved the start of the drafting process
- 2016-2017: preparation of the preliminary draft by the Drafting Committee
- May-June 2017 – 1st round of consultations
- March - June 2018 – 2nd round of consultations
- December 2018 – 1st Intergovernmental Consultation Meeting
- March 2019 – 2nd Intergovernmental Consultation Meeting
- **November 2019** – examination of the draft of the Global Convention text by the 40th session of UNESCO General Conference with a view to adoption

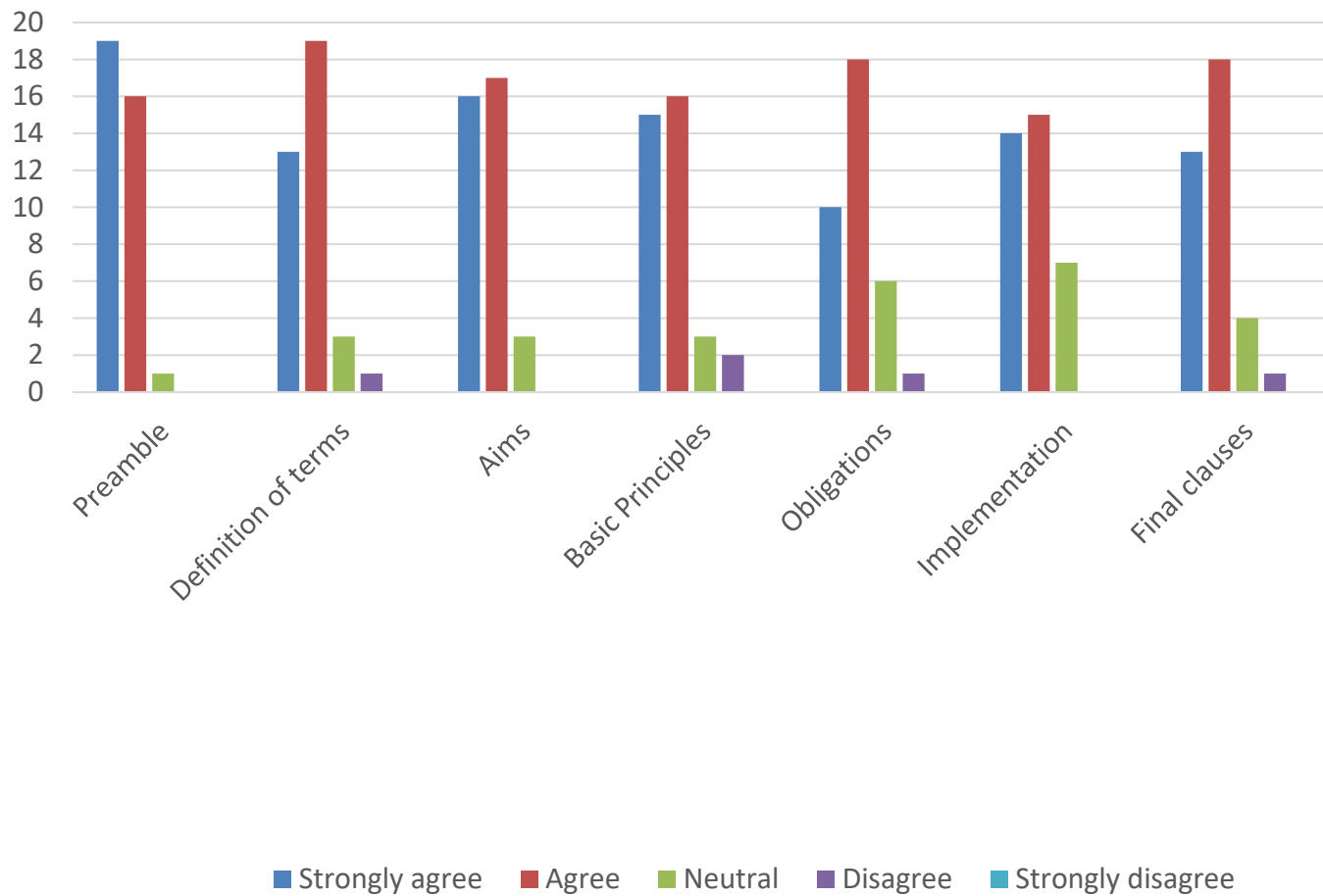
The Drafting Committee of the Global Convention (category IV, 2016-2017)

- 23 experts from all UNESCO regions
- All served in their private capacity
- May 2016- June 2017 The Committee met 4 times



1st Round of Written Consultations (May-June 2017)

Feedback



2nd Round of Written Consultations

(March-June 2018)

Feedback

- More than 1,200 comments
- from 69 Member States and 10 stakeholder organizations
- Over 50 % of Member States per region responded.

Example:

1. GLOBAL CONVENTION PRELIMINARY DRAFT TEXT	2. COMMENTS	3. AMENDMENTS	
		ADD	DELETE
UNESCO Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications	<i>The paragraph is very clear</i>	----	----
(...) Guided by a common will to strengthen the geographical, cultural, educational and economic ties between Parties and between regions;			Guided by a common will to strengthen the geographical (...)

INFORMATION MEETINGS (2016-2019)

- For the Permanent Delegations
- By invitation of the Permanent Delegations
(*e.g.*, GRULAC, Africa Group, "Friends of the Global Convention" etc.)
- with regional networks
- With national authorities

1st and 2nd Intergovernmental Consultation Meetings (CATEGORY II, December 2018 and March 2019)

5-7 December 2018 (UNESCO HQ):

217 experts (129 Member States)
6 International Organizations
13 Non Governmental Organizations

18-22 March 2019 (UNESCO HQ):

202 experts (127 Member States)
3 International Organizations
10 Non Governmental Organizations



Outcomes

approval of the draft and Recommendation

40th General Conference

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14 – 16 November (?) – Education Commission
25- 27 November (?) – Plenary and adoption



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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT GLOBAL CONVENTION ON
THE RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION

OUTLINE

Background: Pursuant to 39 C/Resolution 81 and 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 Director-General submits to the General Conference at its 40th session the final progress report and draft text of the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education.

Purpose: This document contains the final progress report on the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education as well as the draft text of the Convention, as finalized at the second intergovernmental Special Committee meeting (category II) in March 2019.

Decision required: paragraph 25.

NEXT STEPS

- Circulation of the certified copies of the Convention
- Start the Ratification Process
- 20th Instrument of Ratification – ENTRY INTO FORCE
- Implementation of the Convention

Strategic Plan

- 2019-2023
- “Global Convention Ratification Campaign”
- “Target-Countries” (ratifications)
- Outreach, Cooperation and Technical Assistance
-?



**Thank you
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