



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Ref.: CL/4290

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

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that, on 8 August 2019, I received the attached letter from the Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Qatar to UNESCO, transmitting a change to the draft amendment to Article VI, paragraph 2 of the Constitution that he, on behalf of Qatar, had previously submitted on 9 May 2019 and which I communicated to all Member States and Associate Members - in accordance with Article XIII of the Constitution and Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference - through Circular Letter CL/4278 of 11 May 2019.

Rule 110 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference provides that:

“The General Conference shall not introduce substantive changes in draft amendments under the terms of the preceding rule unless the proposed changes have been communicated to Member States and Associate Members at least three months before the opening of the session.”

It is therefore incumbent upon me, under the terms of the above-mentioned rule, to transmit this proposed change to the draft amendment to you.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Audrey Azoulay'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Audrey Azoulay
Director-General

Enclosure: 1

cc: Permanent Delegations and Observers to UNESCO
National Commissions for UNESCO

ANNEX

Paris, 8 August 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, and with reference to my letter of May 9, 2019, please find below the revised 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, as of its 43rd session, 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 substantive amendment will be obsolete and will be deleted from the Constitution at the opening of the 43rd session of the General Conference.

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