



United Nations
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Subject: **Candidates for election to the Executive Board of UNESCO**

Sir/Madam,

In accordance with Rule 2 of the provisions governing the procedure for the election of Members of the Executive Board (reproduced in Annex I), the **provisional list** of candidates, as at 23 September 2019, is given below.

Group I (6 seats to be filled)

1. France
2. Germany
3. Italy
4. Netherlands
5. Spain
6. Switzerland

Group II (4 seats to be filled)

1. Hungary
2. Poland
3. Russian Federation
4. Serbia

Group III (4 seats to be filled)

1. Argentina
2. Brazil
3. Dominican Republic
4. Uruguay

Group IV (6 seats to be filled)

1. Afghanistan
2. Kyrgyzstan
3. Myanmar
4. Pakistan
5. Republic of Korea
6. Thailand

Group V (11 seats to be filled)

1. Algeria
2. Benin
3. Democratic Republic of the Congo
4. Ghana
5. Guinea

6. Kenya
7. Namibia
8. Qatar
9. Saudi Arabia
10. Senegal
11. Togo
12. Tunisia
13. United Arab Emirates

Any application received after 23 September 2019 will be included in a **revised list** which will be given to the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee and to the heads of delegation at the opening of the 40th session of the General Conference on 12 November 2019.

I should like to draw your attention to the fact that, in accordance with Rule 4 of the provisions specified above, candidatures received **after the opening of the session of the General Conference** shall be admissible only if they reach the Secretariat of the General Conference at least 48 hours before the opening of the meeting of Wednesday 20 November, at which the election is to be held, that is, **at the latest 9 a.m. on Monday 18 November 2019.**

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Audrey Azoulay
Director-General

Enclosures: 2

cc: Permanent Delegations to UNESCO
National Commissions for UNESCO

ANNEX I

PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBER STATES TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: SUBMISSION OF THE NAMES OF CANDIDATE STATES

(Appendix 2 – Part II.A of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference)

Rule 1

The Director-General shall ask each Member State, at least three months prior to the opening of any ordinary session of the General Conference, whether it intends to stand for election to the Executive Board. If so, its candidature must be sent to him or her at least six weeks, as far as possible, prior to the opening of the session, it being understood that candidate Member States may at the same time communicate to the other Member States and to the Director-General any information they consider relevant, including the name and curriculum vitae of the person they intend, if elected, to designate as their representative on the Board.

Rule 2

At least four weeks prior to the opening of the ordinary session of the General Conference the Director-General shall send Member States the provisional list of Member States candidates.

Rule 3

At the opening of the ordinary session of the General Conference the Director-General shall have drawn up and delivered to the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee and to each head of delegation a list of the Member States' candidatures that have been transmitted to him or her by that date.

Rule 4

Subsequent candidatures shall be admissible only if they reach the Secretariat of the General Conference at least forty-eight hours before the beginning of the ballot.

Rule 5

The Nominations Committee shall submit to the General Conference a list of all the Member States candidates, indicating the electoral group to which they belong and the number of seats to be filled in each electoral group.

ANNEX II

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD BY ELECTORAL GROUP

Member	Term of office expires
GROUP I (25 Member States: 9 seats, of which 6 are to be filled at the 40th session of the General Conference)	
1. Finland	2021
2. France	2019
3. Greece	2019
4. Italy	2019
5. Portugal	2021
6. Spain	2019
7. Turkey	2021
8. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2019
9. ¹	
GROUP II (25 Member States: 7 seats, of which 4 are to be filled at the 40th session of the General Conference)	
1. Albania	2021
2. Belarus	2021
3. Bulgaria	2021
4. Lithuania	2019
5. Serbia	2019
6. Slovenia	2019
7. Russian Federation	2019
GROUP III (33 Member States: 10 seats, of which 4 are to be filled at the 40th session of the General Conference)	
1. Brazil	2019
2. Cuba	2021
3. Grenada	2021
4. Jamaica	2021
5. Mexico	2019
6. Nicaragua	2019
7. Paraguay	2019
8. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2021
9. Saint Lucia	2021
10. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2021

¹ Vacancy following the withdrawal of the United States of America as at 31 December 2018.

Member

Term of office expires

GROUP IV (44 Member States: 12 seats, **of which 6 are to be filled** at the 40th session of the General Conference)

1.	Bangladesh	2021
2.	China	2021
3.	India	2021
4.	Indonesia	2021
5.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2019
6.	Japan	2021
7.	Malaysia	2019
8.	Pakistan	2019
9.	Philippines	2021
10.	Republic of Korea	2019
11.	Sri Lanka	2019
12.	Viet Nam	2019

GROUP V (66 Member States: 20 seats, **of which 11 are to be filled** at the 40th session of the General Conference) (*)

1.	Burundi	2021
2.	Cameroon	2019
3.	Côte d'Ivoire	2019
4.	Egypt	2021
5.	Equatorial Guinea	2021
6.	Ethiopia	2021
7.	Ghana	2019
8.	Jordan	2021
9.	Kenya	2019
10.	Lebanon	2019
11.	Madagascar	2021
12.	Morocco	2021
13.	Nigeria	2019
14.	Oman	2019
15.	Qatar	2019
16.	Senegal	2019
17.	South Africa	2019
18.	Sudan	2019
19.	Zambia	2021
20.	Zimbabwe	2021

(*) The rotating seat, which alternates every four years between Group V(a) and Group V(b) in accordance with their standing agreement within Group V, will go to Group V(a) at these elections.