

40TH SESSION – UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE
DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU

CI COMMISSION

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| Date | 18 November 2019 | Room | XI |
| No. meeting | 1 | Hour | From: 10.15 am. To: 1 pm. |

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| Chairperson(s) | Christian Ter-Stepanian | Country | Armenia |
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SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)

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| Items examined | | | |
| Debate no | Opening | Debate status | Start and conclusion |
| Related documents | | | |
| DRs examined | | | |
| Countries that took floor | | | |
| Summary of debate | <p>After the proposition of the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, the Commission adopted the following composition for the Bureau of CI Commission:</p> <p>Chairperson: Mr Christian Ter-Stepanian, Armenia</p> <p>Vice-Chairpersons: Ms Éleine Ayotte, Canada Ms Roberta Alberotanza, Honduras Ms Ahn Eunju, Republic of Korea Ms Elizabeth Sarkodie-Mensah, Ghana</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms Ilham Berrada, Morocco</p> <p>The Chairperson of the CI Commission opened up the session and welcomed the delegates. The Chairperson presented the organization and method of work of the Commission, the draft agenda and the provisional timetable (10 items to be presented in 10 debates). The Commission adopted the timetable with one modification.</p> | | |

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| | <p>In his opening speech, the Chairperson allowed for the presentation of the work of CI Sector’s two intergovernmental programmes: the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), and the Information for All Programme (IFAP). In keeping with the established practice, the Chairperson invited the Chairperson of the IPDC, Ms. Betty Brant, and the Chairperson of IFAP, Ms. Dorothy Gordon, to take the floor to briefly present the work being done by the two respective programmes.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the CI Commission opened up the first debate on item 4.2.</p> |
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| Items examined | Item 4.2 - Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2020-2021 (40 C/5) Part II.A: Major Programme V – Communication and Information | | |
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| Countries that took floor | Austria, Ghana, Latvia, Norway, Canada, Republic of Korea, Uganda, Poland, Germany, Russian Federation, Cuba, Palestine, Armenia, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Bulgaria, Denmark, El Salvador, Netherlands, Tunisia, Egypt, Honduras, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sweden, New Zealand, Saint Lucia, Barbados, Vietnam, Finland; and the Holy See (Observer) | | |
| Summary of debate | <p>The Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, Moez Chakchouk, provided insight into the Draft Programme and Budget for 2020-2021. He emphasized the important of the Sector’s work in fostering freedom of expression online and offline, and the efforts put into place to meet the challenges linked to the emergence of new technologies. He underlined that the 40C/5 will serve as a continuous of the Sector’s programmatic objectives, and reiterated the need for the support of Member States for the implementation of the activities of the IPDC and IFAP. ADG CI recalled that the 40 C/5 is a continuity of the 39 C/5 with the same objectives.</p> <p>The Chairperson opened the floor to the delegates for their comments. Delegates from the following countries took the floor: Austria, Ghana, Latvia, Norway, Canada, Republic of Korea, Uganda, Poland, Germany, Russian Federation, Cuba, Palestine, Armenia, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Bulgaria, Denmark, El Salvador, Netherlands, Tunisia, Egypt, Honduras, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sweden, New Zealand, Saint Lucia, Barbados, Vietnam, Finland; and the Holy See (Observer).</p> <p>Member States commented the importance of the work of CI Sector and its mandate in particular on freedom of expression, access to information, safety of journalists and ending impunity, media development, fight against</p> | | |

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| | <p>disinformation, media information literacy, the two intergovernmental programmes (IPDC and IFAP), and the Memory of the World. Member States also highlighted the importance and link of CI Sector’s work with the two priorities of the Organization: gender equality and priority Africa.</p> <p>The debate continues at 3 PM – Room XI</p> |
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