

40TH SESSION – UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE

DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU

CI COMMISSION

Date	18 November 2019	Room	XI
No. meeting	2	Hour	From: 15 pm. To: 19.45 pm.

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

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		
Debate no	1	Debate status	Continuation and conclusion
Related documents	40 C/5 and Corrigenda. 40 C/6 and Add. 40 C/8		
DRs examined			
Countries that took floor			
Summary of debate	The Chairperson opened the floor to discussion on the Item 4.2. After fruitful discussion, the Commission CI adopted with consensus the item recommending to the General Conference to adopt the text.		

Items examined	Item 5.4 – Establishment in Slovenia of an International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI) as a Category 2 Centre under the Auspices of UNESCO		
Debate no	2	Debate status	Start and conclusion
Related documents	40 C/18.II		
DRs examined			
Countries that took floor	Slovenia		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson of the CI Commission gave the floor to the Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information (ADG/CI), Moez Chakchouk, to present the WISIS report.</p> <p>The ADG/CI explained briefly the importance of the establishment of an International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI) in Slovenia as a Category 2 Centre under the Auspices of UNESCO.</p> <p>The Chairperson opened the floor to Slovenia, which highlighted the importance of the Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence and the need for ethical AI.</p> <p>The proposition of recommendation of the draft resolution to the General Conference was agreed by all Member States of the CI Commission without debate, as recommended by the Executive Board.</p>		

Items examined	Item 5.8 – Report by the Director General on implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcome		
Debate no	3	Debate status	Start and conclusion
Related documents	40 C/22		
DRs examined			
Countries that took floor	United Arab Emirates, Finland, France, Thailand, Switzerland, Kenya, Latvia, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Federation of Russia, Malaysia, Poland, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Lithuania, Austria, Liberia, Germany. and the Holy See (Observer)		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson of the CI Commission gave the floor to the ADG/CI to present the WISIS report.</p> <p>ADG/CI presented briefly the main points of the report on WISIS implementation and the development of ICT and Artificial Intelligence.</p> <p>The Chairperson opened the floor to the delegates for their comments. Twenty Delegations and one Observer took the floor.</p>		

	<p>Member States commented the importance of the work of CI Sector and underlined their satisfaction the report on WISIS actions lines, in particular on building inclusive knowledge society, freedom of expression, ethical artificial intelligence, universality of internet and ROAM principles, information technology for sustainable development, WISIS as a platform for all actors, internet of things, blockchain and big data.</p> <p>Many Member States expressed their appreciation of the role of UNESCO on this field, which is essential for sustainable development.</p> <p>The Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution in paragraph 17 of the document 40 C/22 as amended.</p>
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Items examined	Item 5.14 – Proclamation of a Global Week of Media and Information Literacy (MIL)		
Debate no	4	Debate status	Start and conclusion
Related documents	40 C/28		
DRs examined			
Countries that took floor	Latvia, Australia, Armenia, Finland, Federation of Russia, Thailand, Republic of Korea, Lithuania, Burkina Faso, Sweden, Jamaica, Tunisia, Cameroun, Serbia, Uganda, Estonia, Lebanon.		
Summary of debate	<p>Item 5.14 – Proclamation of a Global Week of Media and Information Literacy (MIL)</p> <p>ADG/CI underlined the importance of Media and Information Literacy and explained the importance of a universal Global Media and Information Literacy Week (24-31 October). A universal celebration of Media and Information Literacy will give the youth additional tools to counteract hate speech and violent extremism.</p> <p>The Chairperson opened the floor to the delegates for their comments. Seventeen Delegations took the floor.</p> <p>A young adult from the Estonian Delegation took the floor to express the support of the proclamation of a Global Media and Information Literacy week and explained the importance for youth to benefit from Information literacy. He highlighted how a MIL conference can be used as a platform for youth engagement.</p> <p>Member States unanimously supported the recommendation of the CI Commission to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution concerning a Global Media and Information Literacy week. They highlighted the need MIL to counteract hate speech, violent extremism and develop critical minds.</p>		

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Items examined	Item 9.8 – Fourth consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace		
Debate no	5	Debate status	Start and conclusion
Related documents	40 C/40		
DRs examined			
Countries that took floor			
Summary of debate	<p>ADG/CI recalled that the Open Education Resource are essential for strengthening capacity building, multilingualism and to support to information to all.</p> <p>The Chairperson asked if they were comments from Member States. The Commission unanimously decided to recommend to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution.</p>		

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Summary of debate			