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MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

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Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda:

Amendment to the Statutes of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB)

This document contains proposals for the amendment to the Statutes of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body, in particular regarding its assistance missions and the function of a Rapporteur.

Decision required: paragraph 3

1. At its first session (26/27 March 2009) the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention adopted Statutes of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB) to the Meeting.
2. The recent increased assistance of the STAB to States Parties, namely to Haiti, makes it however advisable to adapt these Statutes. The suggested changes are proposed in the Annex of this document. They give mainly guidance as to the selection of the members of the mission, the reporting and the follow-up of the STAB after the mission.
3. The Meeting might wish to adopt the following Resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties, in its fifth session,

1. Having considered the document UCH/15/5.MSP/7 and its Annex,
2. Adopts the changes to the Statutes of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body suggested therein[, as amended] and as annexed to this Resolution.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY BODY

Article 3 - Nomination and Election

[...]

(b) The Advisory Body shall elect its Chairperson and its Vice-Chairperson(s) **[Proposal: as well as a Rapporteur. The latter shall elaborate the reports of the meetings and of the electronic work of the Advisory Body in cooperation with the Secretariat and submit these rapports for adoption to the members of the Advisory Body. Following their adoption the reports shall be submitted timely by the Rapporteur to the Meeting of States Parties.]**

[New proposed Article: Article 5 - State Assistance and Missions

- 5.1. Upon receipt of the decision of the Meeting of States Parties or its Bureau that the Advisory Body may provide advice to a State Party, the Secretariat shall inform the Chairperson about the decision, the details of the request of the State Party concerned and the financing available to answer the request. Usually the State Party requesting the assistance shall cover its cost.
- 5.2. The Chairperson in consultation with the Secretariat and the requesting State Party will then propose the measures of action that shall be taken and circulate the request and the suggestions to the members of the Advisory Body. In the case that a mission shall be sent to the requesting State Party, the Chairperson proposes also the designation of a head of mission the requesting State Party. The Advisory Body members shall decide on the actions to be taken.
- 5.3. Missions shall be supported by the Secretariat of the Advisory Body and the UNESCO Field Office responsible for the requesting State Party. The designated head of mission shall report in a timely manner and in writing on the results of his/her mission, if possible by electronic means, to the Chairperson and the Secretariat.

- 5.4. The Secretariat shall then collect the opinions of the Advisory Body members on this report and prepare a draft Advisory Body Evaluation Report in close cooperation with the Chairperson of the Advisory Body. The Chairperson shall then circulate this report to all members, for their contributions, comments, and agreement.**
- 5.5. Upon adoption of the report by the Advisory Body members it shall be submitted to the requesting State Party and published on the Advisory Body website, in case this State Party has not expressly requested confidentiality.]**