

Virtual meetings of the Bureau of the Executive Board

Friday 6 and Tuesday 10 November 2020

Key recommendations

The Chairperson convened a meeting of the Bureau on 6th and 10th November 2020 to discuss issues related to the organization of the 210th session of the Executive Board. The points discussed included proposed dates of the session, the agenda, and technical and legal issues related to the organization of virtual meetings.

Following deliberations and considering the unprecedented period the international community is going through due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the recommendations of the Bureau are summarized as follows:

- The proposed dates for the holding of the 210th session of the Executive Board are from 2nd December 2020 to 27th January 2021.
- The agenda of the session is contained in document 210 EX/1 Prov., including two new items submitted by Member States (item 45 “*Meeting of Culture ministers in the framework of the G20*” and item 46 “*The development of the concept of organizing UNESCO Youth Forums*”).
- As will be fine-tuned in a detailed timetable, the meetings in December 2020 will take place **virtually** (from 2 to 10 December 2020) while the meetings in January will be **in presential** (from 20 to 27 January 2021). Should the sanitary situation not permit the holding of the presential meeting in January, the Board will meet virtually on 20 January 2021 in order to decide on the most suitable date to cover the items that have been recommended for examination in a presential meeting.
- The items that could be **examined without debate** include: 2, 5.I.B, 5.I.D, 5.I.E, 5.III.C, 5.III.F, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16.I-IV, 21.I-VII, 24, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 46 (See items marked in yellow in the attached updated document 210 EX/1 Prov.)
- The items that could be **examined during the presential meetings** in January 2021 include: 5.I.C, 5.III.A, 5.III.D, 20.I-II, 25 and 39 (See items marked in red in the attached updated document 210 EX/1 Prov.)
- The Chair of the Executive Board will undertake consultations with the Members of the Executive Board on the above modalities for the 210th session (virtual session followed by a presential session) in accordance with Rule 60 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.