

41st session of the General Conference

BUREAU OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

1st Meeting

10 November 2021, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Summary of Key Recommendations

Item 2 – Organization of the work of the 41st session of the General Conference (41 C/2 Prov.Rev.2)

During the meeting of the Bureau held this morning, the Chairperson of the UNESCO Executive Board introduced the preparation by the Board of the organization of the work of the 41st session of the General Conference at the 211th and the 212th sessions of the Board.

A revised version of the document concerning the organization of the work of the 41st session of the General Conference had been submitted under document 41 C/2 Prov. Rev.2.

The Chair of the Board also recalled that in the last plenary of the Executive Board, it was recommended that the 41st session of the Conference would take place *in person* and the Executive Board examined and recommended to include the specific guidelines and the access to the French territory note along with the respective *Note verbales* from the French authorities as annexes to document C/2.

The Executive Board also recommended to include as an annex the consensus text as approved by the Open-ended Working group established by Executive Board decision 211 EX/Dec.27.II on the

working methods of the 41st session of the General Conference in the event that the sanitary situation did not allow an in-person meeting of the General Conference. Even though the 41st General Conference is meeting *in person*, this consensus text can serve for any future eventuality where an in presential meeting of the General Conference would not be possible and is thus enclosed for adoption.

Upon this presentation the Bureau recommended Organization of the work of the 41st session of the General Conference, as contained in document **41 C/2 Prov.Rev.2** for adoption by the Plenary.

It was also agreed that, in order for delegates to participate on **12 November in the afternoon** in the **Hight Level Segment with the participation of Head of States and of Government for the Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of UNESCO**, the Commissions APX and ED would suspend their work in the afternoon of that day and continue their work on Saturday full day.

The Bureau also decided to recommend that items 5.5, 5.11, 5.12, 6.2, and 11.1 be added to the agenda of the Legal Committee.