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to the Open-ended
Working Group on Governance, Procedures and Working
Methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO,
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- MOST Objective : to support Member States in improving policymaking processes through a strengthened research-policy interface
- Close cooperation with Member States, Scientific Advisory Committee, regional research councils, the UN system, as well as other IIBs
- Support the Organization's objectives in the C/4 and C/5 - recommendation 54

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- First Intergovernmental body to revise its Statutes and Rules of Procedure
- Acknowledged as implementing “**best practices**” :
 - **Close cooperation between the Bureau and Council**
 - **Participation of observers in Bureau meetings**
 - **Strategy is aligned with C/4 and C/5**

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- Working-group on proposals for the revisions of the MOST Statutes and Rules of Procedure established in January 2016
- Composed of Turkey (Chair), Argentina, Egypt and Thailand

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- The 13th session of the IGC (Malaysia, March 2017) adopted proposals for the revision of Statutes for transmission to the General Conference
- Revisions adopted at the 39th session of the General Conference
- Also adopted revised ROP which should be further reviewed if necessary
- The 14th session of the MOST IGC (Paris, March 2019) and Bureau meeting had a specific agenda item on governance and procedures

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- Revisions aligned with the recommendations of the Working Group on Governance
 - ✓ Reduction of the Bureau size from 8 to 6 (recommendation 67)
 - ✓ Non-members may attend the Bureau as observers (recommendation 71)
 - ✓ Term limit for Bureau membership (recommendation 58)
 - ✓ The MOST Strategy emphasizes the importance to contribute to the implementation of Agenda 2030 - in particular SDGs 5, 10 and 16 (recommendation 56)

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- Recommendation 84 called on MOST to enhance cooperation with the IFAP and MAB Programmes
- Positive steps have been taken : UNESCO Science School in Cuba (28 May to 1 June 2018) – MAB, IOC and IHP actively involved

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- Also examined was the possibility of holding annual Council sessions for the bodies (as recommendation 81)
- The IGC decided that revision on this point would not be financially feasible
- Nevertheless IGC requested the DG to convene an extraordinary session of the IGC in September 2020

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Brief Extraordinary session on the **25th November** to elect new Bureau in line with recommendation 70 of the Open-ended Working Group

Thank you for your kind attention!