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### PREPARATION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### PART I

##### SUMMARY

The Director-General submits to the Executive Board a preliminary version of the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference which the Board is required to prepare pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

Action expected of the Executive Board: proposed decision in paragraph 7.

1. In accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the provisional agenda for ordinary sessions of the General Conference is prepared by the Executive Board on the basis of items submitted, pursuant to Rule 10, no later than 100 days before the opening of the session; it is communicated to Member States and Associate Members not less than 90 days before the opening of the session.
2. In an annex to this document, the Director-General submits for consideration by the Executive Board a preliminary draft of the provisional agenda containing:
  - (a) the constitutional items (those provided for under paragraphs (a) and (e) of Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure);
  - (b) items included pursuant to decisions taken by the General Conference at previous sessions (paragraph (b) of Rule 10); and
  - (c) items which the Director-General deems it necessary to raise (paragraph (f) of Rule 10).
3. As has been the usual practice since the 29th session (1997), the reports requested by the General Conference for its own information on the implementation of certain resolutions are not included in the draft provisional agenda; the corresponding topics will be dealt with in the different

information documents (INF), including the Director-General's introduction to the general policy debate, the full text of which will be published in this way.

4. It is for the Executive Board to determine whether it wishes to propose the inclusion of other items in accordance with para. (g) of Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. The deadline for inclusion of items in the agenda (100 days before the opening of the session of the General Conference) has been set for **26 June 2009** since the opening of the session is scheduled for **6 October 2009**. As the 181st session of the Executive Board takes place before that deadline, the Director-General proposes that, as on previous occasions, the Board, when approving the provisional agenda, authorize him to include in it any further items that may be submitted before 26 June by Member States, Associate Members or the United Nations. The Director-General will, naturally, inform the Chair and Members of the Board of such additional items. The provisional agenda, so supplemented if need be, will be sent to Member States and Associate Members no later than **6 July 2009** (90 days before the opening of the 35th session of the General Conference).<sup>1</sup>

5. After the circulation of the provisional agenda, Member States, Associate Members, the Executive Board and the Director-General may request the inclusion in the agenda of supplementary items no later than six weeks before the opening of the session, i.e. up to **25 August 2009**. Such supplementary items will be communicated to Member States and Associate Members no later than **16 September 2009** (20 days before the opening of the session). The Executive Board will then be able to prepare a **revised provisional agenda**, which will be submitted by the Chair of the Board to the General Conference for approval.

6. After the time limit for the submission of supplementary items, further items may be added to the agenda only if they are of an important and urgent character, if they have first been considered by the General Committee of the General Conference, and if their inclusion in the agenda has been approved by the General Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting (Rules 12.4, 15.2 and 42.1(c) of the Rules of Procedure).

## PROPOSED DRAFT DECISION

7. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Having examined document 181 EX/32 Part I,
3. Decides:
  - (a) that the provisional agenda of the 35th session of the General Conference shall comprise the items proposed in document 181 EX/32 Part I with the following additions :

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<sup>1</sup> In compliance with 33 C/Resolution 92, the provisional agenda will be annotated.

- (b) that any other items submitted by Member States or Associate Members or by the United Nations, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, no later than 100 days before the opening of the session (i.e. by **26 June 2009**) shall be inscribed by the Director-General on the provisional agenda, which shall then be communicated to Member States and Associate Members no later than 90 days before the opening of the session (i.e. **6 July 2009**).

## ANNEX

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 35th SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE<sup>1</sup>

Item	Title	Reference <sup>2</sup>	Document <sup>3</sup>
<b>1</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION</b>		
1.1	<p>Opening of the session by the President of the 34th session of the General Conference</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, at the opening of each session of the General Conference, the President elected at the previous session shall preside until the General Conference has elected the President for the session.</i></p>	<p>Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, Rule 28</p>	
1.2	<p>Establishment of the Credentials Committee and report by the Committee to the General Conference</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure, the Credentials Committee shall consist of nine members, who shall be elected by the General Conference on the proposal of the Temporary President.</i></p>	<p>Rules 32 and 33</p>	
1.3	<p>Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution</p> <p><i>According to Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure, the Director-General reports to the General Conference on communications received from Member States requesting voting rights invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution. In implementation of 33 C/Resolution 92 (Recommendation 9), the General Conference will also receive a recommendation from the Executive Board on those communications received in time to be considered by it at its 182nd session.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to determine whether the failure of the concerned Member States to pay due contributions/instalments on payment plans is due to conditions beyond their control, and whether they may vote at the 35th session.</i></p>	<p>Rule 83, para. 4 34 C/Res.02 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	<p>35 C/12 and Add.</p>

<sup>1</sup> In compliance with 33 C/Resolution 92, the provisional agenda is annotated.

<sup>2</sup> This column contains references to the provisions of the Constitution, the Rules of Procedure and the Financial Regulations, and to the decisions of previous sessions of the General Conference or the Executive Board by virtue of which the item appears on the provisional agenda.

<sup>3</sup> This column contains references to documents planned to date.

Item	Title	Reference	Document
1.4	<p>Adoption of the agenda</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 14.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the revised agenda shall be submitted by the Chairperson of the Executive Board to the General Conference for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 35 C/1 Prov. Rev.</i></p>	<p>Const. Article V.B.6(a) Rules 9, 10 and 13 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	<p>35 C/1 Prov. 35 C/1 Prov. Rev.</p>
1.5	<p>Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the commissions and committees</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 26.1 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference, at the beginning of each session, shall elect a President and a number of Vice-Presidents not exceeding thirty-six, and establish such committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs as may be required for the transaction of its business.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in documents 35 C/NOM/1 and Add.</i></p>	<p>Rules 26, 29, 35 and 48 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	<p>35 C/NOM/1 and Add.</p>
1.6	<p>Organization of the work of the session and report by the President of the 34th session thereon</p> <p><i>The proposals of the Executive Board on various aspects concerning the organization of the work of the session are contained in documents 35 C/2 and Add.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in documents 35 C/2 and Add.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the President of the 34th session reports to the Conference on the work he has undertaken, since the closure of that session, concerning the organization of the present session.</i></p>	<p>Rules 26 and 43 180 EX/Dec.32 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	<p>35 C/2 35 C/2 Add.</p> <p>35 C/43</p>

Item	Title	Reference	Document
1.7	<p>Admission to the work of the General Conference of observers from international non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining formal or operational relations with UNESCO, and recommendation of the Executive Board thereon</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 6.7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Director-General submits to the General Conference the list of foundations maintaining official relations with UNESCO, and of international non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining official relations with UNESCO, that have expressed an interest in participating as observers in the General Conference, so that it may take a decision on those requests.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: on the recommendation of the Executive Board, the General Conference is invited to decide whether to admit as observers at its 35th session the organizations referred to in document 35 C/13.</i></p>	<p>Const.IV.E. 13 and 14 Rules 6.7 and 85.1(d) Foundations Directives (Article IV.2) 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/13
<p><b>REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMME</b></p>			
2.1	<p>Report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 2006-2007, presented by the Chair of the Executive Board</p> <p><i>In accordance with Articles V.B.10 and VI.3(b) of the Constitution and Rule 10(a) of the Rules of Procedure, the Chairperson of the Executive Board presents the report on the activities of the Organization in 2006-2007, prepared by the Director-General in accordance with the provisions of Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution.</i></p>	<p>Const. V.B.10, VI.3(b) Rule 10(a)</p>	35 C/3
2.2	<p>Reports by the Executive Board on its own activities and on programme implementation</p> <p><i>In accordance with Article V.B.6(b) of the Constitution, as well as 156 EX/Decision 5.5, paragraph 6.C(a), the Executive Board reports to the General Conference on its own activities in 2008-2009 (35 C/9 Part I).</i></p> <p><i>Pursuant to 34 C/Resolution 81, the Executive Board also reports to the General Conference on the implementation of document 34 C/5 together with the results achieved in the previous biennium (35 C/3) (35 C/9 Part II).</i></p>	<p>Const. V.B.6(b) 33 C/Res.78 (II), para. 4 34 C/Res.81 179 EX/Dec.22 180 EX/Dec.26 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/9 Parts I and II

Item	Title	Reference	Document
<b>MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY</b>			
<b>DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2012-2013</b>			
3.1	<p>Review of the Medium-Term Strategy, 2008-2013</p> <p><i>In 34 C/Resolution 1, the General Conference decided to review the Medium-Term Strategy at its 35th session, taking into account contributions that may be submitted by Member States, proposals that may be made by the Director-General and recommendations by the Executive Board to that end.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.1, para.12 179 EX/Dec.41 180 EX/Dec.45</p>	34 C/4
3.2	<p>Proposed procedure for consideration by the General Conference regarding the Draft Medium-Term Strategies</p> <p><i>In 34 C/Resolution 1, the General Conference requested the Executive Board to submit to the General Conference at its 35th session a pertinent proposal for future procedure for consideration by the General Conference regarding the Draft Medium-Term Strategies of UNESCO.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.1, para.13 179 EX/Dec.26 180 EX/Dec.26</p>	35 C/10
3.3	<p>Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5)</p> <p><i>In 29 C/Resolution 87, the General Conference endorsed, among other things, recommendation 23(ii) of the working group on the structure and function of the General Conference, established pursuant to 28 C/Resolution 37.2. The recommendation proposed that the General Conference should focus the major part of its work on the main lines of emphasis of the ensuing programme.</i></p>	<p>29 C/Res.87, para.1 Rec.23(i)</p>	35 C/7
<b>DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2010-2011</b>			
4.1	<p>Methods of preparing the budget and budget estimates for 2010-2011 and budgeting techniques</p> <p><i>In accordance with Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution, the Executive Board invited the Director-General to formulate draft document 35 C/5 on the basis of the recommendations contained in 180 EX/Decision 21.</i></p>	<p>Const. V.B.6(a) Fin. Reg. Articles 3.4 and 3.6 180 EX/Dec.21</p>	35 C/5, Vol. 2

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4.2	<p>Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011</p> <p><i>According to Articles V.B.6(a) and VI.3(a) of the Constitution, the draft Programme and Budget prepared by the Director-General (contained in document 35 C/5) is submitted together with the recommendations of the Executive Board thereon (contained in documents 35 C/6 and Addendum) for consideration by the General Conference.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to adopt the Programme and Budget of the Organization for 2010-2011, in particular the various resolutions contained in Volume 1 of document 35 C/5.</i></p>	<p>Const. V.B.6(a) Fin. Reg. Articles 3.4, 3.6 and 3.7 Rules 80 and 81</p> <p>180 EX/Dec.21 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	<p>35 C/5 35 C/6 35 C/8 35 C/8 ADM 35 C/8 PRX 35 C/8 ED 35 C/8 SC 35 C/8 SHS 35 C/8 CLT 35 C/8 CI</p>
4.3	<p>Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011</p> <p><i>In accordance with Article 4.1 of the Financial Regulations, the appropriations voted by the General Conference shall constitute an authorization to the Director-General to incur obligations and make payments for the purposes for which the appropriations were voted and up to the amounts so voted.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: The General Conference is invited to adopt the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011.</i></p>	<p>Const. IX.2 Rule 85.2(i)</p>	<p>35 C/41 (during the session)</p>
<p><b>GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS</b></p>			
5.1	<p>Proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries in 2010-2011 with which UNESCO could be associated</p> <p><i>Pursuant to 159 EX/Decision 7.5, which established the criteria and procedure for examining proposals for the celebration of anniversaries in Member States with which UNESCO could be associated, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board the proposals received from Member States. The Board's recommendations to the General Conference are presented in document 35 C/15.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to approve the recommendations made by the Executive Board with regard to these anniversaries contained in document 35 C/15.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.56 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	<p>35 C/15</p>
5.2	<p>Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47</p> <p><i>This item is inscribed on the agenda in pursuance of 34 C/Resolution 47, by which the Director-General was invited to submit a progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 35 C/16 Add.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.47 179 EX/Dec.9 180 EX/Dec.10 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	<p>35 C/16 and Add.</p>



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5.3	<p>Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories</p> <p><i>This item is included in pursuance of 34 C/Resolution 58. Document 35 C/17 summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO since the 34th session of the General Conference in providing assistance to educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 35 C/17 Add.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.58 179 EX/Dec.39 180 EX/Dec.44</p>	35 C/17 and Add.
5.4	<p>Strategy to make the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE) UNESCO's centre of excellence for curricula</p> <p><i>In application of 34 C/Resolution 4, the Director-General proposes to the General Conference a draft strategy designed to make IBE UNESCO's centre of excellence for curricula.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the strategy proposed in document 35 C/18.</i></p>	<p>33 C/Res.90 34 C/Res.4</p>	35 C/18
5.5	<p>Amendments to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee for the Regional Education Project for Latin America and the Caribbean (PRELAC)</p> <p><i>In 34 C/Resolution 16, the General Conference requested the Executive Board to submit such amendments to the General Conference at its 35th session for final review and approval.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to review and approve the amendments to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee for PRELAC contained in document 35 C/19.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.16 179 EX/Dec.26 180 EX/Dec.30</p>	35 C/19
5.6	<p>Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p><i>In accordance with the decisions of the Executive Board listed here, the Director-General submits to the General Conference several proposals for the establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO presented in documents 35 C/20 Parts I to ??</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to approve the establishment of the centres and to authorize the Director-General to sign the related agreements, supplemented by the relevant recommendations of the Executive Board.</i></p>	<p>179 EX/Dec.7 180 EX/Dec.19 (I) 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/20 Parts I to ??

Item	Title	Reference	Document
5.7	<p>Proposal for the proclamation by the United Nations of 2011 as an international year of chemistry</p> <p><i>At its 179th session, the Executive Board welcomed the resolution adopted by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) to have 2011 proclaimed as the international year of chemistry.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to transmit to the General Assembly of the United Nations a proposal to proclaim 2011 the international year of chemistry.</i></p>	179 EX/Dec.47	35 C/42
5.8	<p>Report of the Director-General on the activities carried out to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</p> <p><i>In 34 C/Resolution 38, the General Conference invited the Director-General to submit a report to it at its 35th session on the 60th anniversary commemorative activities and on the ways in which those activities specifically advanced the objectives set forth in the plan of action for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.</i></p>	34 C/Res.38	35 C/44
5.9	<p>Report by the Director-General on the development and outcomes of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) during the first biennium of the Medium-Term Strategy and on measures to be taken to promote the services and efficiency of IBSP</p> <p><i>In 176 EX/Decision 11, the Executive Board invited the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 181st session and then to the General Conference a report on the development and outcomes of IBSP during the first biennium of the Medium-Term Strategy, and on measures to be taken to promote the services and efficiency of IBSP.</i></p>	176 EX/Dec.11 181 EX/Dec.?	35 C/45
5.10	<p>Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)</p> <p><i>The Director-General submits to the General Conference a report on the follow-up to all the decisions taken by the World Summit on the Information Society so that the Conference may discuss the results obtained since the second phase of the Summit (Tunis, 2005) and UNESCO's role in their implementation.</i></p>	Item proposed by the Director-General	35 C/46

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<b>METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION</b>			
6.1	<p>Implementation of 33 C/Resolution 92 (Relations between the three organs of UNESCO)</p> <p><i>At its 34th session, the General Conference invited its President, the Executive Board and the Director-General, as appropriate, to present to the General Conference at its 35th session a consolidated report on the implementation of recommendations contained in 33 C/Resolution 92.</i></p>	<p>33 C/Res.92, para.5 177 EX/Dec.31 34 C/Res.88, para.4 179 EX/Dec.18 180 EX/Dec.22</p>	35 C/21
6.2	<p>Implementation of the guidelines and criteria for category 2 institutes and centres approved in 33 C/Resolution 90</p> <p><i>By means of 34 C/Resolution 90, the General Conference authorized the Executive Board to adopt and apply the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres with a view to submitting the strategy to the General Conference at its 35th session for final approval.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to approve the strategy contained in document 35 C/22.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.90, para. 6 180 EX/Dec.18 181 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/22
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS</b>			
7.1	<p>Amendment to the Financial Regulations with a view to the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)</p> <p><i>The Executive Board, in 176 EX/Decision 40, recommended that the General Conference approve the adoption of IPSAS as the accounting standards of UNESCO from 1 January 2010, noting that the preparatory process was already under way within the Organization.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to approve the Board's recommendation. It is also invited to recommend that the Secretariat examine any relevant amendments to the Financial Regulations of the Organization and that such amendments be submitted to it at its 36th session.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.71 180 EX/Dec.34 181 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/23

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<b>CONVENTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS</b>			
<b>A. Preparation and adoption of new instruments</b>			
8.1	Draft of the declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War	34 C/Res.43 180 EX/Dec.12 181 EX/Dec.?	35 C/24 and Add.
<i>Pursuant to 34 C/Resolution 43 and 181 EX/Decision ?, the Director-General submits to the General Conference for examination at its 35th session such a draft declaration together with observations of Member States thereon and the final report of the second session of the intergovernmental meeting held in??.</i>			
<i>Decision required: As recommended by the Executive Board, the General Conference ...</i>			
<b>RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES</b>			
9.1	Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO	34 C/Res.57 182 EX/Dec.?	35 C/25 and Add.
<i>In 34 C/Resolution 57, the General Conference decided to include this item in the agenda of its 35th session.</i>			
<i>Decision required: the draft resolution recommended by the Executive Board is contained in document 35 C/25 Add.</i>			
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS</b>			
10.1	Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the reform process	34 C/Res.68 180 EX/Dec.6 181 EX/Dec.? 182 EX/Dec.?	35 C/26 Parts I and II
<i>In accordance with 34 C/Resolution 68 Part I paragraph 2(c) and 180 EX/Decision 6 (I) the Director-General has pursued the implementation of the medium- and long-term staffing strategy, and reports on this subject to the General Conference in document 35 C/26 Part I.</i>			
<i>In accordance with 34 C/Resolution 68 Part II paragraph 2, the Director-General also reports to the General Conference on the decentralization process, in particular the active participation of the Organization in United Nations reform in the field (document 35 C/26 Part II).</i>			

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<b>A. Financial questions</b>			
11.1	<p>Implementation of the action plan for improved management of extrabudgetary funds</p> <p><i>In application of 34 C/Resolution 72, the Executive Board reports to the General Conference on major developments regarding UNESCO's extrabudgetary activities, and their alignment with UNESCO's regular programme activities.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the report contained in document 35 C/27, and to provide guidance on the programming and implementation of UNESCO's extrabudgetary activities.</i></p>	<p>33 C/Res.92 (R.5) 34 C/ Res.72 180 EX/Dec.37 181 EX/Dec. ?</p>	35 C/27
11.2	<p>Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2007 and report by the External Auditor</p> <p><i>According to Article 12.10 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations, the External Auditor's report and the audited financial statements, together with the report of the Director-General on the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2007, are transmitted to the General Conference by the Executive Board (181 EX/Decision?).</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take note of and to approve the report by the External Auditor and the audited financial statements on the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2007.</i></p>	<p>Fin. Reg. 12.10 181 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/28
11.3	<p>Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 2008 for the financial period ending 31 December 2009</p> <p><i>In accordance with Articles 11.2 and 12.10 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations, the report of the Director-General together with the interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 2008 for the financial period ending 31 December 2009 is submitted to the General Conference.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take note of the financial report of the Director-General together with the interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 2008 for the financial period ending 31 December 2009.</i></p>	<p>Fin. Reg. 12.10 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/29 and Add.

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11.4	<p>Scale of assessments and currency of Member States' contributions</p> <p><i>According to Article IX of the Constitution and Article 5.1 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations, the General Conference determines the scale of assessments of Member States' contributions for each financial period.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to adopt the scale of assessments and the currency of assessment and payment of contributions to the budget for 2010-2011.</i></p>	<p>Const. IX Fin. Regs. 5.1 and 5.6</p>	35 C/30 and Add.
11.5	<p>Collection of Member States' contributions</p> <p><i>In accordance with 34 C/Resolution 76 (III), the existing incentive scheme to encourage prompt payment of contributions, due to expire on 31 December 2007, was extended for a two-year period commencing 1 January 2008. The General Conference requested the Director-General to further examine the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and to submit his findings to the Executive Board at its 182nd session. In that resolution, the Director-General was invited to report to the General Conference at its 35th session on the actual position concerning all payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to give guidance on ways of collecting arrears and of obtaining approval of measures for the financing of the programme during 2010-2011. It is also invited to approve new payment plans presented in document 35 C/31 and Add. and to determine the future of the incentive system.</i></p>	<p>Fin. Reg. 5.8 33 C/Res.80 175 EX/Dec.35 177 EX/Dec.48 182 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/31 and Addenda
11.6	<p>Working Capital Fund: level and administration</p> <p><i>According to Article 6.2 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations, the General Conference determines the level of the Working Capital Fund and the purposes for which it shall be used. It is also invited to authorize allocations for 2010-2011 of UNESCO Coupons payable in local currency.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to examine the proposals contained in document 35 C/32 concerning the level of the Working Capital Fund and the allocations for UNESCO Coupons for 2010-2011.</i></p>	Fin. Reg. 6.2	35 C/32
<b>B. Staff issues</b>			
12.1	<p>Staff Regulations and Staff Rules</p> <p><i>In accordance with Regulation 12.2 of the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, the Director-General shall report to the General Conference at each session such Staff Rules and amendments thereto as he may make to implement those Regulations.</i></p>	<p>Const.VI.4 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, Regulations 12.1 and 12.2</p>	35 C/33

Item	Title	Reference	Document
12.2	<p>Staff salaries, allowances and benefits</p> <p><i>In accordance with 34 C/Resolution 80, the Director-General has continued to apply to the staff of UNESCO measures affecting salaries, allowances and other benefits adopted by either the General Assembly of the United Nations or the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).</i></p> <p><i>The Director-General informs the General Conference of changes since the 34th session in this respect.</i></p>	<p>Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, Chapter III, Regulation 3.1</p>	35 C/34
12.3	<p>Report by the Director-General on the situation concerning the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat</p> <p><i>In accordance with 34 C/Resolution 82, the Director-General submits to the General Conference a report on the situation of the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat.</i></p>	<p>34 C/Res.82 181 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/35
12.4	<p>United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for 2010-2011</p> <p><i>In accordance with Article 14(a) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Director-General presents a report on the Fund (35 C/36 Part I).</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: in accordance with Article 6(c) of the Regulations of the Fund, the General Conference is invited to appoint its representatives, i.e. three members and three alternates, to serve on the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2011 (35 C/36 Part II).</i></p>	<p>Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, Art.6(c) and Art.14(a) 34 C/Res.83</p>	35 C/36 Parts I and II
12.5	<p>Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the Board of Management for 2010-2011</p> <p><i>In accordance with 34 C/Resolution 84, the Director-General reports on the implementation of measures taken to ensure the long-term stability and equilibrium of the UNESCO Medical Benefits Fund.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: in accordance with 27 C/Resolution 34, the General Conference is invited to appoint two Member States' representatives to sit as observers on the Board of Management of the Fund during the 2010-2011 biennium.</i></p>	<p>27 C/Res.34 34 C/Res.84</p>	35 C/37

Item	Title	Reference	Document
<b>C. Headquarters questions</b>			
13.1	Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex	34 C/Res.85 179 EX/Dec.34 181 EX/Dec.?	35 C/38
<i>In accordance with 34 C/Resolution 85, the Director-General reports on the progress of restoration and improvement of Headquarters buildings.</i>			
<b>DIRECTOR-GENERAL</b>			
14.1	Appointment of the Director-General	Const. VI.2 Rules 105-107	35 C/NOM/3 35 C/39
<i>In accordance with Article VI.2 of the Constitution and with Rules 105 to 107 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is invited to appoint the Director-General of UNESCO for a period of four years.</i>			
<b>ELECTIONS</b>			
15.1	Election of Members of the Executive Board	Const.V.4(a) Rules 102 and 35.4 34 C/Res.09	35 C/NOM/2 and Add.
<i>In accordance with Article V.4(a) of the Constitution and Rules 35.4 and 102 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference shall elect 29 Members of the Executive Board to fill the vacancies occurring at the end of the session and to serve until its 36th session. The current composition of the Executive Board by electoral group is given in an annex to document 35 C/NOM/2, as is the provisional list of Member States whose candidatures had been communicated to the Director-General by ... 2009.</i>			
15.2	Election of the members of the Legal Committee for the 36th session of the General Conference	Rules 35.1 and 36 34 C/Res.022	35 C/NOM/4
<i>In accordance with Rule 36.1 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the 24 members of its Legal Committee to serve at the 36th session. Membership of the Committee at the five preceding sessions is set out in an annex to document 35 C/NOM/4.</i>			
15.3	Election of members of the Headquarters Committee	Rules 35.1 and 39 34 C/Res.023	35 C/NOM/5
<i>In accordance with Rules 35.1 and 39 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 12 members of its Headquarters Committee to serve until the end of its 37th session.</i>			



Item	Title	Reference	Document
15.4	<p>Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is informed by the Director-General of the status of candidatures with a view to the election of three members to the aforementioned Commission.</i></p>	<p>12 C/Res.B.1 Arts. 2-5 of the Protocol instituting the Commission Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.011 181 EX/Dec.?</p>	35 C/NOM/6
15.5	<p>Election of members of the Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 14 members of the Council to serve until its 37th session.</i></p>	<p>Art. III of the IBE Statutes Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.010</p>	35 C/NOM/7
15.6	<p>Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 13 members of the Council to serve until its 37th session.</i></p>	<p>Art.2 of the Statutes of the Council Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.020</p>	35 C/NOM/7
15.7	<p>Election of members of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 15 members of the Council to serve until its 37th session.</i></p>	<p>Art.II of the Statutes of the Council Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.013</p>	35 C/NOM/7
15.8	<p>Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 14 members of the Council to serve until its 37th session.</i></p>	<p>Art.II of the Statutes of the Council Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.014</p>	35 C/NOM/7
15.9	<p>Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 10 members of the Committee to serve until its 37th session.</i></p>	<p>Art. 2, paras. 2 and 4, of the Statutes of the Committee Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.017</p>	35 C/NOM/7

Item	Title	Reference	Document
15.10	Election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo  <i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 14 members of the Committee to serve until its 37th session.</i>	21 C/Res.4/11 II, paragraph 2 Rules of Procedure, Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.018	35 C/NOM/7
15.11	Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)  <i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 18 members of the Council to serve until its 37th session.</i>	Art. 2, paras. 2, 3 and 4, of the Statutes of the Council Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.019	35 C/NOM/7
15.12	Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme  <i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 17 members of the Council to serve until its 37th session.</i>	Art. II of the Statutes of the Council Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.015	35 C/NOM/7
15.13	Election of members of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)  <i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 18 members of the Committee to serve until its 37th session.</i>	Art. 11 of the Statutes of the International Bioethics Committee Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.016	35 C/NOM/7
15.14	Election of the members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS)  <i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect 9 members of the Committee to serve until its 37th session.</i>	Art. 2, para.1, of the Statutes of the Committee Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.012	35 C/NOM/7
15.15	Election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)  <i>In accordance with Rule 35.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect three members of the Board to serve until its 37th session.</i>	Art.IV, para.1(a), of the Statutes of the Institute Rule 35.5 34 C/Res.021	35 C/NOM/7

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**36th SESSION OF THE GENERAL  
CONFERENCE**

16.1	Venue of the 36th session of the General Conference	Rule 2 181 EX/Dec.?	35 C/40
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*In accordance with Rule 2 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference, during its ordinary session, shall fix the venue of the next session.*

*Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision in this regard.*



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## DRAFT PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

### PART II

#### SUMMARY

**Main sources:** Constitution; Rules of Procedure of the General Conference; 29 C/Resolution 87; 33 C/Resolution 92; 160 EX/Decision 6.1.1/6.1.2; 180 EX/Decision 32.

**Background:** As per established practice, the Executive Board, when preparing the agenda of the General Conference, also issues recommendations to the Conference on the organization of its work, upon proposals made by the Director-General.

**Purpose:** The Director-General submits to the Executive Board a draft plan for the organization of the work of the 35th session of the General Conference. This document will be amended on the basis of the decisions of the Board with a view to its submission to the General Conference at its 35th session (35 C/2).

The financial and administrative implications of the reported activities fall within the parameters of document 34 C/5.

Action expected of the Executive Board: proposed decision in paragraph 56.

## I. GENERAL REMARKS

1. The proposals for the organization of the work of the last sessions of the General Conference were based on 29 C/Resolution 87, which itself stemmed from the recommendations of the “ad hoc working group on the structure and function of the General Conference” (28 C/Resolution 37.2) as well as on 160 EX/Decision 6.1.1/6.1.2 adopted by the Executive Board at its 160th session which responded to the substantial reduction in funds allocated to the General Conference, primarily by shortening its duration.
2. In addition, the plan for the organization of the work of the 34th session took into account a number of important additional considerations, in particular the different recommendations contained in 33 C/Resolution 92 (relations between the three organs of UNESCO).
3. Furthermore, at the 34th session, the members of the General Committee, during an additional meeting of the Committee convened by the President at the request of several Member States, took stock of the strengths and weaknesses of the organization of the work of the session and encouraged the President to establish a working group to formulate recommendations for the improvement of a number of aspects of the Conference’s organization. The informal working group set up by the President worked between November 2007 and May 2008 and reached a number of conclusions that were summarized by the President in his report on the organization of the work of the General Conference. This report will be examined by the General Conference under item 1.6 of the provisional agenda, but was brought to the attention of the Executive Board at its 180th session (180 EX/INF.3) during its examination of item 32: Proposals concerning the organization of the work of the 35th session of the General Conference. On that occasion, the Executive Board noted with appreciation the report by the President of the General Conference and invited the Director-General to “... envisage incorporating those elements of the report which could beneficially be utilized in his preparation of the draft plan for the organization of the 35th session of the General Conference, to be presented at the 181st session of the Executive Board ...” (180 EX/Decision 32).
4. The present document has thus been drawn up on the basis of the recommendations made by the Board in 180 EX/Decision 32. In addition, it may be said that all the above-mentioned reform efforts had a common characteristic: the wish by Member States to enhance the decision-making role of the General Conference and to render its sessions more flexible, interesting, lively and interactive, in particular for the great number of ministers and other high-ranking delegates attending each session of the Conference.
5. Therefore, in order to take account of all these considerations, a number of structural changes and innovative approaches are proposed in the present document. Notwithstanding the further budgetary decrease under General Conference activities in document 34 C/5, the Director-General believes possible to accommodate a good part of the above-mentioned recommendations by making additional efforts focused on the rationalization of the methods of work of the General Conference – particularly as far as documentation is concerned – and on the optimization of the management of human resources serving the Conference.

### Timetable and times of meetings

6. The 35th session of the General Conference will open on **Tuesday, 6 October 2009** at 10 a.m. and will conclude its work on **Friday, 23 October 2009**. Meetings will be held from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and from **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** However, the General Committee of the General Conference and the bureaux of the commissions will meet from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

### Time limits for statements

7. In the **General Policy Debate**, it is recommended that speakers restrict their national policy statements to **six minutes**, in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 20 below. In

the commissions, the chairpersons will take whatever measures they deem appropriate regarding any time limits on statements.

### Seating arrangements

8. In all rooms, the Member States will be seated in the alphabetical order of their names in French, beginning with ....., whose name has been drawn by lot.<sup>1</sup> The Director-General has examined the situation of seating in Room I in an attempt to avoid past problems regarding seating (certain delegations split in two by aisles), which caused complaints from several Delegations. Having studied the problem, and ascertained that Room I, now that the Organization has 193 Member States, is reaching full capacity, and that any possible redesign of the Room would be well beyond the Organization's current budgetary resources, it is proposed either to retain the current arrangements (two seats at desk, two behind), despite the small disadvantages these entail, or to rearrange the seating so that all Member States have two seats (one in front at the desk, one behind) in the front rows of Room I, and two additional seats further back in the room. The Director-General would appreciate the Board's guidance on this issue.

## II. DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

9. General Conference documents are issued according to several different categories:

- 34 C/...: These are documents requiring a decision by the General Conference; they constitute the **main series** of documents.
- 34 C/INF...: These documents bring information to the attention of the General Conference but do not require a decision.
- 34 C/REP...: This series is used for reports to the General Conference by the subsidiary organs it has set up (e.g. steering committees of intergovernmental programmes), and for reports of international or regional conferences organized by UNESCO.
- 34 C/NOM...: These documents contain information on the elections to be held by the General Conference (names of outgoing countries, number of seats to be filled, etc.).
- 34 C/DR...: This series comprises draft resolutions submitted by Member States.

10. As on previous occasions, the information requested by the General Conference on the follow-up to some of the resolutions it adopted at previous sessions will be provided in an information document.

11. Most of the documents will be sent to Member States before the session. Delegations will also receive, on arrival, a full set of documents. A limited number of spare copies will also be available in the meeting rooms.<sup>2</sup> All General Conference documents will be accessible on the Internet as soon as they appear both before and during the session. The General Conference website <http://www.unesco.org/en/general-conference> provides access to other useful information (documentation since 1991, information on the elections to the Executive Board and to other organs whose members are elected by the General Conference, practical information, etc.) and, notably during the session, to the *E-Journal* of the General Conference (an online information tool which provides a daily overview of the work of the Conference and also contains official notices and other information of interest to participants).

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<sup>1</sup> The drawing of lots will take place at the 181st session of the Executive Board.

<sup>2</sup> The number of spare copies of all documentation is being reduced in response to the budget constraints, and Member States' understanding and cooperation are sought.

12. As in the previous session, it is proposed, among the measures envisaged to cope with the budget decrease, to replace the production of provisional verbatim records by the production of unedited transcripts of all plenary meetings, to be made readily available on the website. This measure was efficiently enacted at the 34th session of the General Conference. The final form of the verbatim records of all plenary meetings (Volume II of the Acts of the General Conference) would still be produced and distributed to all Member States and, as it was the case at the 34th session, the oral statements made in plenary by the Chairs of the subsidiary organs to present their respective reports during the final phase of the Conference will subsequently be published as information documents.

### III. VOTING RIGHTS

13. In order to exercise its right to vote, each State must have submitted **valid credentials**, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure.

14. It must also be up to date with its assessed **contributions**. According to Article IV.C, paragraph 8(b), of the Constitution, “A Member State shall have no vote in the General Conference if the total amount of contributions due from it exceeds the total amount of contributions payable by it for the current year and the immediately preceding calendar year”. But paragraph 8(c) provides that the General Conference may decide to make an exception to this rule “if it is satisfied that failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member State”. The procedure applicable to communications from Member States invoking this provision is determined by Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure.

15. Under that rule, communications from Member States have to be submitted in the first three days of the session at the latest: beyond that deadline, the States concerned may no longer be authorized to take part in voting during the session. The examination of those communications, to be entrusted to the Administrative Commission, will be subject to the criteria set forth in paragraph 7 of Rule 83. It is to be noted, nevertheless, that recommendation 9 of 33 C/Resolution 92 contains a decision delegating their examination to the Executive Board at its session immediately preceding the General Conference. While the statutory provision and corresponding deadline outlined above hold true just as long as no amendment is made to the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board may wish to give furtherance to that element of 33 C/Resolution 92 pertaining to its own responsibilities and decide how it wishes to manage the consideration of those communications submitted in time for its autumn session proceedings. The Director-General’s communication to Member States will, for its part, contain an encouragement to submit such communications in good time, thus opening up the possibility that the Board will be able to deal with the majority of such communications in good time.

### IV. PLENARY MEETINGS

#### Opening of the 35th session and ensuing plenary meetings

16. The General Conference will open on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. Following the addresses by its Temporary President (President of the 34th session), the Chairman of the Executive Board and the Director-General, the Conference will establish the Credentials and Nominations Committees (which will immediately hold their first meetings), examine and adopt its agenda, and examine the recommendations by the Executive Board on the admission of observers from international non-governmental organizations.

17. The afternoon session will start by the election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and the establishment of Commissions and Committees, followed by addresses by the Chairman of the Board and the Director-General to introduce the General Policy Debate.

18. The General Policy Debate will thus start on Wednesday, 7 October at 10 a.m. and last until Saturday, 10 October afternoon. The answer by the Director-General to the Debate will take place in the morning of Monday, 12 October.

### **Ministerial segment**

19. In order to diversify and expand their speaking and exchange opportunities, Ministers and other Heads of Delegation attending the Conference will have the opportunity to participate in both the **General Policy Debate** and in the **Plenary Ministerial Forum**.

20. The **General Policy Debate** will continue to take its traditional form of consecutive policy statements made by Heads of Delegation in Room I. The procedure followed since 2003 (165 EX/Decision 7.1) for drawing up the list of speakers will also be followed at the 35th session. Immediately after the 181st session of the Board, Member States will be invited to submit to the Secretariat, within a time limit of one month, several dates for their representative's statement in the general policy debate, indicating their preferences and specifying name and status of same. On that basis, a provisional list of speakers will be drawn up, taking the wishes expressed and the speakers' protocol rank into account. Speaking time will be kept at **six minutes**, and a visual and sound system will gauge speaking time; the President of the General Conference will be empowered to interrupt any speaker exceeding the time limit.

21. As recommended by the report of the President of the General Conference, delegations shall be asked to provide the official statements (short or extended versions, according to their wish) in advance to the Secretariat of the General Conference for distribution. As is the practice during the General Assembly of the United Nations, delegations would be requested to make available 350 copies of the statement for distribution purposes. In addition, each Member State is requested to submit an official 10-line summary of the head of delegation's statement. The summary should be provided in English and French (working languages of the Secretariat) as well as in the original language<sup>3</sup> if this was one of the four other working languages of the General Conference. These summaries will be posted every day online on the General Conference's website. Costs related to translation of this summary would be borne by the concerned Member State, as is the case in New York.

22. Parallel with the national statements made in the General Policy Debate, ministers will have the possibility to interact in the one-and-a-half day **Plenary Ministerial Forum** held in Room II. The Forum will take place on Thursday, 8 October (all day) and in the morning of Friday 9 October. It is proposed that these three half-day sessions be devoted, respectively, to debate on the following themes:

**first meeting:** (8 October a.m.): *Investing out of the crisis – through action in social domains (Education, the Sciences, Culture and Communication);*

**second meeting** (8 October p.m.): *UNESCO's contribution to attain the Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs) including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);*

**third meeting** (9 October a.m.): *Shaping UNESCO for the next decade (as an effective multilateral actor).*

23. All ministers will be invited to participate at the Forum. Some of them (18 to 24, selected taking into account the need for geographical balance) will be invited to make short (3 minutes) opening statements, and all of them will then engage in an open debate. Each session will be presided over by the President or a Vice-President of the General Conference or the Director-General and have a Moderator chosen from among the key participating ministers or a personality

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<sup>3</sup> Or any other language, including the three other official languages of the General Conference.



in their own right well versed in UNESCO's programmes and activities, who will be asked to launch the discussion with a keynote and to summarize the debates at the end of each session.

24. As part of the Plenary, these three meetings will be part of the official Proceedings of the Conference. The Director-General will therefore take the debates into account – together with the national statements – in his response to the General Policy Debate, and their outcome will feed the preparation of the draft resolution concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5) (see paragraph 33(b) below) and, if relevant, the adjustment of the Medium-Term Strategy within the context of its "rolling" nature (see Section VIII below).

## **Elections**

25. The election of **Members of the Executive Board** will take place on **Wednesday, 14 October 2009**, according to the "Procedure for the election of Members of the Executive Board" (Appendix 2 of the Rules of Procedure). If necessary, a second ballot will be held on Thursday, 15 October.<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to Rule 1 of these provisions, candidatures should reach the Director-General at least six weeks before the opening of the session. In accordance with Rule 4, "subsequent candidatures shall be admissible only if they reach the Secretariat of the General Conference at least 48 hours before the beginning of the ballot" (that is, by 9 a.m. on 12 October).

26. The election related to the **appointment of the Director-General** is scheduled for **Thursday, 15 October (afternoon)**. An **investiture** ceremony will be organized on a suitable date before the closure of the session.

27. Voting in all the **other elections** will be organized by the Nominations Committee, which will submit the results to the plenary for approval. It will, in accordance with the wishes expressed in 33 C/Resolution 92, be organized at as early a juncture as possible, probably on **Friday, 16 October**.

## **V. GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

28. The General Committee of the General Conference (Rules 41 and 42 of the Rules of Procedure) is composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents (not to exceed 36) and the chairpersons of the committees and commissions of the General Conference. Its role is to assist the President in directing the general work of the session. The Chairperson of the Executive Board attends its meetings, without the right to vote. The General Committee will normally meet twice a week from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Its first meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 October.

## **VI. COMMISSIONS**

29. Under Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference shall establish at each session "such commissions and other subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the transaction of the business of that session". In practice these commissions are, on the one hand, the programme commissions reflecting the structure of the Medium-Term Strategy and Draft Programme and Budget under consideration and, on the other, the Administrative Commission. As in the 34th session, it has been recommended that the Conference establishes seven commissions:

- PRX Commission: General questions, programme support and external relations;
- ED Commission: Education;

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<sup>4</sup> "If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes and, as a result, there are still more candidates than seats to be filled, there will be a second secret ballot restricted to those candidates who obtained the same number of votes" (Rule 95).

- SC Commission: Natural sciences;
- SHS Commission: Social and human sciences;
- CLT Commission: Culture;
- CI Commission: Communication and information;
- ADM Commission: Finance and administration.

30. Annex I shows the envisaged allocation of agenda items to the various organs of the Conference.

31. The work of the programme commissions will be coordinated by their chairpersons at regular meetings chaired by one of their number (to be designated by common consent). Depending on the availability of space and time, joint meetings of the commissions may be held if necessary.

32. The **bureaux** of the commissions will be responsible for preparing the processing of draft resolutions (classification, grouping of draft resolutions, contacts with sponsors) and will, if necessary, act as negotiation groups.

### **Joint meeting of commissions**

33. In order to ensure the necessary interactive discussion of the enhanced interdisciplinary dimensions of the Organization's work, it is proposed that all programme commissions meet jointly, whenever necessary, as resolved following discussion in the General Committee. Furthermore, a joint meeting is scheduled over one-and-a-half days towards the end of the session to examine the following items:

- (a) Item 3.1: Review of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013; (as appropriate: see Section VIII below);
- (b) Item 3.3: Preparation of the draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5). As recommended by the Report of the President of the 34th session on the basis of past practice of the Conference, the Commissions would examine jointly a draft resolution (prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of an analysis of the interventions at the General Policy Debate, the debates of the Plenary Ministerial Forum and the answer by the Director-General) containing the main elements of guidance to the Director-General for the preparation of the ensuing C/5 document, to be adopted in plenary;
- (c) Draft resolutions proposing amendments (with budgetary implications) addressed to two or more resolutions contained in Volume I of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) (i.e. involving two or more commissions);
- (d) Item 4.3: Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011 (preparation).

## **VII. COMMITTEES**

34. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the following committees shall be established at each session.

35. The **Credentials Committee** (Rules 32 and 33 of the Rules of Procedure) consists of nine members elected at the first plenary meeting of the General Conference on the proposal of the Temporary President. It will meet immediately, at 12 noon, to examine the credentials of delegations, representatives and observers. It will present its first report to the plenary at the end of its second meeting and will hold as many further meetings as may be necessary. Until the

Credentials Committee has made its report and the General Conference given a ruling, all delegations will be attending provisionally, with the right to vote.

36. The **Nominations Committee** (Rules 34 and 35 of the Rules of Procedure) consists of the heads of all delegations entitled to vote. It will hold its first meeting at 12 noon on Tuesday, 16 October in order to establish, after examining the recommendations of the Executive Board, the list of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference, and to consider nominations to the chairs of the commissions. The Committee will meet in due course in order to draw up the lists of nominations for all the other offices to be filled by election by the General Conference.

37. The **Legal Committee** (Rules 36 and 37 of the Rules of Procedure) submits its reports either directly to the General Conference or to the organ from which the matter has been referred or which has been designated by the General Conference. At the 35th session it will be composed of the following 24 members, elected at the 34th session:<sup>5</sup>

Algeria	India	Monaco
Argentina	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Philippines
Brazil	Israel	Romania
Burkina Faso	Italy	Serbia
Chile	Jamaica	Slovakia
Egypt	Japan	Sudan
France	Kenya	United States of America
Guatemala	Lebanon	

38. The **Headquarters Committee** (Rules 39 and 40 of the Rules of Procedure) meets between the sessions of the General Conference to advise the Director-General on all questions relating to the Organization's Headquarters. Until the closure of the 35th session, it will be composed of the following 24 Member States, elected by halves at the 33rd and 34th sessions respectively:

Algeria	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mexico
Australia	France	Netherlands
Bangladesh	Ghana	Peru
Bolivia	Lebanon	Saint Lucia
Cameroon	Kazakhstan	Spain
Congo	Kenya	Sweden
Côte d'Ivoire	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Syrian Arab Republic
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Zimbabwe

## VIII. REVIEW OF THE MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2008-2013 (34 C/4)

39. At its 34th session (2007) the General Conference adopted the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 and decided that the Medium-Term Strategy would be a rolling strategy, and "to review the Medium-Term Strategy at its 35th session, taking into account contributions that may be submitted by Member States, proposals that may be made by the Director-General and recommendations by the Executive Board to that end (34 C/Resolution 1, para. 12).

40. At the time of writing, no Member State has submitted contributions in this regard, and neither the Director-General nor the Executive Board has yet considered it timely to formulate proposals or recommendations for the revision of the Strategy. However, should the Conference wish to proceed to this revision, particularly in the light of the policy orientations of the Ministerial Segment, this item of the agenda (3.1) would be examined by the joint meeting of Commissions, which would submit recommendations for adoption by the Conference.

<sup>5</sup> At the 34th session, Group V(a) presented two candidates for three vacant seats. The remaining vacant seat will be open for election at the 35th session.

## IX. EXAMINATION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 (35 C/5): DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS

41. Draft resolutions proposing the adoption of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget are processed on the basis of the procedure set out in Rules 80 and 81 of the Rules of Procedure.<sup>6</sup> In November 2000, the Legal Committee met, in accordance with the wishes of the General Conference, to examine that procedure, “in particular to ensure that [the Rules of Procedure] contain objective and verifiable admissibility criteria for such draft resolutions” (30 C/Resolution 87). The Committee consequently adopted an “Explanatory Note” (see Annex II), which provided a framework, at the 31st session, for examination of the admissibility of draft amendments to the C/5 document by the Secretariat and then, in certain cases, by the Legal Committee.

42. This note was used again in the context of the 32nd, 33rd and 34th sessions, in the light of the “finalization” undertaken by the Legal Committee at its November 2002 meeting (see Annex III) and will also apply to the 35th session.

43. According to the above-mentioned Explanatory Note, this category of draft resolutions must be addressed to an operative paragraph of Part II of the Draft Programme and Budget. Hitherto, these paragraphs (the draft resolutions contained in document C/5) appeared within a box at the first paragraph of each programme in Part II of the document. The Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5) will be issued in three fascicules (Volumes 1 and 2 plus a Technical Note and Annexes), Volume 1 containing all draft resolutions proposed by the Director-General and thus facilitating the identification of those paragraphs that are subject to amendment through draft resolutions.

44. Member States submitting a draft resolution are invited to indicate clearly the amount of their budgetary implications and, in all cases, the source of funding envisaged, should they be adopted by the General Conference, namely, the **activity shown in document 35 C/5 (draft) that would be curtailed or abolished for the purpose of releasing appropriate funds, or an attempt to find extrabudgetary resources**. For this purpose they are requested to use the form in Annex IV. It would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the Director-General to release appropriate resources to take action, during the execution of the Programme, on any resolutions that were to be adopted without the General Conference stipulating how their implementation should be financed. All resolutions adopted in extenso by the General Conference (and reproduced in Volume 1 of the Records), as well as other decisions approved on the basis of the commission reports, should therefore mention clearly the amount of resources needed and the method of funding envisaged for their implementation, either a drive to find extrabudgetary resources or the identification of equivalent savings in the regular programme.

45. Draft resolutions will be attributed for examination to the Commission concerned, according to the part of draft document 35 C/5 to which they are addressed. However, should a draft resolution propose shifts in programmatic or budgetary aspects affecting different Major Programmes or Parts of document 35 C/5, its examination would jointly be done by all commissions during a joint meeting, in order to formulate coherent recommendations for adoption by the Plenary.

## X. SPECIAL MEETINGS DURING THE 35th SESSION

46. A number of special meetings are to be held alongside the official proceedings of the General Conference, as indicated below.

47. The Director-General will organize two commission-level ministerial round tables. The first **round table** will be organized on the theme: **The lessons of the five major international**

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<sup>6</sup> It should be noted that these provisions apply only to draft resolutions concerning the Draft Programme and Budget. Draft resolutions submitted under other items of the agenda are subject to other rules, which are set out in Rule 79.

**conferences on education for a new education for a new century** (exact title to be confirmed). This meeting, which will be held in parallel with the general policy debate, will be open to ministers who wish to take part, on the understanding that those of all Member States are invited to do so. It will be held on the afternoon of Friday, 9 October, and on Saturday, 10 October (all day).

48. The second **round table** will be devoted to: “Building stewardship for the Ocean: the contribution of UNESCO to Responsible Ocean Governance”. This round table is scheduled to take place on 12 October (afternoon) and 13 October (all day).

49. As during previous sessions, a **Youth Forum** will be held immediately before the opening of the General Conference, on Thursday 1, Friday 2 and Saturday 3 October. The report of the Forum will be presented to the General Conference.

50. A one-day **Partners Forum** will be organized before the opening, on Monday 5 October to engage delegates, parliamentarians, donors, National Commissions, UNESCO Clubs, NGOs and Foundations and the private sector in an open dialogue on cooperation issues. The report of the Forum will be presented to the General Conference.

51. Other participatory activities will be organized in the framework of the **thematic exhibition** of the session, and within the **Partners village** which will run parallel to the entire duration of the Conference.

52. Detailed information on all these special meetings will be provided in document 181 EX/32 Part II Add.

53. The **General Assembly of States parties to the 1972 World Heritage Convention** will take place on Monday, 19 October (afternoon), Tuesday, 20 October (all day) and Wednesday, 21 October (morning).

## **XI – VISIBILITY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

54. The report by the President of the 34th session contains a series of recommendations aimed at raising the visibility of the Organization during the General Conference. Based on these recommendations, a specific communication strategy will be elaborated by the Bureau of Public Information for the 35th session of the General Conference including, *inter alia*, the preparation by each Sector of media-friendly notes before the session, the issuing of a daily in-session “News of the day” on key issues, the holding of Press Conferences by the Director-General with visiting Heads of State and other personalities and the provision of media assistance to Ministers within convenient Press-conference premises.

55. Furthermore, as recommended by the report by the President of the 34th session of the General Conference, efforts will be made to improve the fitting-out of Room I and other areas of the Headquarters premises (following the termination of the Fontenoy site renovation) in order to underline the importance of the General Conference as the most significant event in the life of the Organization and thus contribute to enhance its visibility.

56. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 181 EX/32 Part II and Add.,
2. Approves the suggestions contained in those documents, subject to the following comments:

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3. Invites the Director-General to draw up on this basis document 35 C/2 on the organization of the work of the General Conference.

## **ANNEX I**

### **ASSIGNMENT OF ITEMS OF THE AGENDA TO THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE CONFERENCE**

#### **Plenary**

- 1.1 Opening of the session by the President of the 34th session of the General Conference
- 1.2 Establishment of the Credentials Committee and report by the Committee to the General Conference
- 1.4 Adoption of the agenda
- 1.5 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and rapporteurs of the Commissions and Committees
- 1.6 Organization of the work of the session
- 1.7 Admission to the work of the General Conference of observers from international non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining formal and operational relations with UNESCO, and recommendations of the Executive Board thereon
- 2.1 Report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 2006-2007, introduced by the Chairperson of the Executive Board
- 2.2 Reports by the Executive Board on its activities and on programme implementation
- 3.1 Review of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013
- 4.3 Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011
- 9.1 Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO
- 12.1 Election of Members of the Executive Board
- 13.1 Venue of the 36th session of the General Conference
- 14.1 Appointment of the Director-General

#### **Joint meeting of Commissions**

- 3.1 Review of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013;
- 3.3 Preparation of the draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36 C/5);
- 4.3 Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2010-2011 (preparation).

Draft resolutions proposing amendments (with budgetary implications) addressed to two or more resolutions contained in Volume 1 of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5).

#### **PRX Commission**

- 3.2 Proposal for the procedure for consideration by the General Conference of Draft Medium-Term Strategies

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011
- Part II.A: UNESCO Institute for Statistics
  - Part II.B: Programme-Related Services<sup>1</sup>
  - Part II.C: Participation Programme
  - Part III.A: External Relations and Cooperation
- 5.1 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2010-2011 with which UNESCO could be associated
- 6.1 Implementation of 33 C/Resolution 92 (relations between the three organs of UNESCO)
- 6.2 Implementation of the guidelines and criteria for category 2 institutes and centres approved in 33 C/Resolution 90

### **ED Commission**

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011
- Part II.A: Major Programme I – Education
- 5.3 Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories
- 5.4 Strategy designed to make IBE UNESCO's centre of excellence for curricula
- 5.5 Amendment to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee for the Regional Education Project for Latin America and the Caribbean (PRELAC)

### **SC Commission**

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011
- Part II.A: Major Programme II – Natural sciences
- 3.3 Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO
- 5.9 Report by the Director-General on the development and outcomes of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) during the first biennium of the Medium-Term Strategy and on measures to be taken to promote the services and efficiency of IBSP

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 1 Coordination of action to benefit Africa  
Chapter 2 Public information  
Chapter 3 Strategic planning and programme monitoring  
Chapter 4 Budget preparation and monitoring  
Chapter 5 Fellowships Programme



### **SHS Commission**

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011
- Part II.A: Major Programme III – Social and human sciences
- 5.8 Report by the Director-General on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th anniversary commemorative activities

### **CLT Commission**

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011
- Part II.A: Major Programme IV – Culture
- 5.2 Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47
- 5.3 Implementation of 34 C/Resolution 58 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories
- 8.1 Draft Declaration of Principles Relating to Cultural Objects Displaced in Connection with the Second World War

### **CI Commission**

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011
- Part II.A: Major Programme V – Communication and information
- 5.10 Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

### **ADM Commission**

- 1.3 Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution
- 7.1 Amendments to the Financial Regulations in view of the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)
- 4.1 Methods of preparing the budget and budget estimates for 2010-2011 and budgeting techniques
- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009
- Part I General Policy and Direction
  - Part II Programmes and Programme-Related Services
  - Part III.B Field management and coordination
  - Part III.C Human resources management
  - Part III.D Accounting, treasury management and financial control

- Part III.E Administration<sup>2</sup>
- Part IV Anticipated Cost Increases

- 10.1 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the reform process
- 11.2 Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2007, and report by the External Auditor
- 11.3 Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 2008 for the financial period ending 31 December 2009
- 11.4 Scale of assessments and currency of Member States' contributions
- 11.5 Collection of Member States' contributions
- 11.6 Working Capital Fund: Level and administration
- 12.1 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
- 12.2 Staff salaries, allowances and benefits
- 12.3 Report by the Director-General on the situation of the geographical distribution and gender balance of staff
- 12.4 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and UNESCO Staff Pension Committee and appointment of Member States' representatives to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for 2010-2011
- 12.5 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the Board of Management for 2010-2011
- 13.1 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex

### **Nominations Committee**

- 1.5 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the Commissions and Committees
- 15.1 Election of Members of the Executive Board
- 15.2 Election of the members of the Legal Committee for the 36th session of the General Conference
- 15.3 Election of members of the Headquarters Committee
- 15.4 Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education

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<sup>2</sup> Chapter 1 Administrative coordination and support  
Chapter 2 Procurement  
Chapter 3 Information systems and telecommunications  
Chapter 4 Conferences, languages and documents  
Chapter 5 Common services, security, utilities and management of premises and equipment  
Chapter 6 Maintenance, conservation and renovation of Headquarters premises

- 15.5 Election of members of the Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)
- 15.6 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)
- 15.7 Election of members of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB)
- 15.8 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)
- 15.9 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (PRCP)
- 15.10 Election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo
- 15.11 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)
- 15.12 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme
- 15.13 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee on Bioethics (IGCB)
- 15.14 Election of the members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS)
- 15.15 Election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)

### **Legal Committee<sup>3</sup>**

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (draft resolutions)

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<sup>3</sup> The legal aspects of certain issues discussed under other agenda items may also be considered by the Legal Committee.

## ANNEX II

### **“EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RULES 80 AND 81, SECTION XIV, OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE<sup>1</sup>**

I. *The purpose of this Note is to specify and, as appropriate, clarify the procedure for the submission and examination of draft resolutions referred to in Rule 80 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (hereinafter called DRs). The draft resolutions concerned are those containing one or more amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget (the C/5 document) which have “budgetary implications” – that is, if approved, they will affect the amounts proposed for any of the budgetary lines included in Part II of the Draft Appropriation Resolution.*

II. *In the submission and examination of DRs, the following rules shall be strictly applied:*

1. *At least 90 days before the opening of the session of the General Conference,<sup>2</sup> and taking into account Rule 80.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the President of the General Conference or on his behalf the Director-General shall formally communicate to Member States the exact deadline for the submission of DRs. All DRs shall reach the Director-General, in writing, 45 days before the opening of the session of the General Conference.<sup>3</sup>*
2. *The Director-General shall formulate his conclusions on the admissibility of the DRs. To this end, a DR may only be considered inadmissible in one of the following cases:*
  - (a) *when an operative paragraph of Part II of the Draft Programme and Budget is not affected by the DR (such operative paragraphs will always appear in bold and within a box, making them thus clearly identifiable); or*
  - (b) *when the budgetary implication of the DR is equal to or lower than US \$40,000; or*
  - (c) *when the DR does not have international, regional or subregional scope, i.e. when it refers to an activity to be implemented for the benefit of a single Member State; or*
  - (d) *when the activity proposed in the DR conforms to all the conditions required in the appropriate resolutions for the presentation of requests to the Participation Programme (currently 30 C/Resolution 50).*
3. *Within a maximum period of 25 days from the deadline referred to in paragraph 1,<sup>4</sup> Member States shall receive the comments of the Director-General regarding their respective DRs. Such comments shall clearly indicate: (a) whether the DR is admissible or inadmissible; and (b) if it is considered inadmissible, which of the cases specified in paragraph 2 justifies, in the opinion of the Director-General, his conclusion. If a decision is not taken by the Director-General within this 25-day period, the DR shall automatically be considered admissible.*
4. *Any Member State may appeal the conclusions of the Director-General regarding the inadmissibility of its DR. To this end, not later than five days before the opening of the session of the General Conference,<sup>5</sup> its President or on his behalf the Director-General*

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the Legal Committee in November 2000.

<sup>2</sup> By 7 July 2009.

<sup>3</sup> By 21 August 2009.

<sup>4</sup> By 11 September 2009.

<sup>5</sup> By 1 October 2009.

*shall receive from such Member State a letter of appeal in which the reasons for this recourse shall be clearly stated. Any letter of appeal not satisfying this deadline or not reasoned shall be automatically rejected.*

5. *Unless otherwise decided by a simple majority of its members, the Legal Committee shall examine all the letters of appeal as the first item of its agenda. It shall confirm or reject the conclusions of the Director-General on each DR which motivated the appeal. To this end, it shall ascertain whether the reasons presented by the Director-General in his comments conform to any of the cases presented in paragraph 2 above. In addition to its letter of appeal a Member State may make a further written submission. It will be expected to provide orally any additional information required by the Legal Committee.*
6. *A Member State which is a member of the Legal Committee shall not vote on an appeal submitted by itself.*

*III. In the exercise of their respective duties regarding the admissibility of DRs, the Secretariat and the Legal Committee shall apply Section XIV of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, as interpreted by this Note.*

*IV. At the request of the General Conference, this Note may be revised by the Legal Committee.”*

**ANNEX III**

**“FINALIZATION OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE APPLICATION OF RULES 80  
AND 81 OF SECTION XIV OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL  
CONFERENCE CONCERNING ADMISSIBILITY CRITERIA FOR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS  
RELATING TO THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET AND THE EXAMINATION  
OF SUCH DRAFT RESOLUTIONS  
(LEG/2002/1)**

3. Since the Legal Committee did not have a mandate to amend the wording of the “Explanatory Note on the application of Rules 80 and 81 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference”, its members discussed a certain number of difficulties connected with the application of the note. One member of the Committee expressed himself in favour of endorsing the explanatory note, except for the wording of paragraph 2(b) in which the limitation established was not supported by any statutory or regulatory norm of UNESCO.
4. Some members questioned the role assigned to the Legal Committee in regard to the matter and also the legal value of the explanatory note.
5. It was stated that the Explanatory Note imposed no new obligations on Member States and that it merely provided an interpretation of the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, an interpretation which was brought to the attention of the Executive Board and of the General Conference, which took note thereof in 31 C/Resolution 67.
6. Several members deemed it desirable to act with caution and to refrain from amending the wording of the Explanatory Note. One member who shared that view nevertheless stressed that the note did not resolve all of the difficulties involved in applying the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.
7. Some members proposed asking Member States about the difficulties encountered in applying the Explanatory Note, with a view to introducing, as appropriate, the necessary modifications. It was envisaged that the Chairperson of the Legal Committee could contact the Member States and report back to the Committee in that regard.
8. Several members pointed out that the procedure established by Rules 80 and 81 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference had functioned satisfactorily on the whole and that it was not for the Legal Committee to introduce elements of flexibility which could not fail to create delicate problems in regard to application. It was clearly stated that the Explanatory Note was not intended to apply to all draft resolutions but only to those with budgetary implications. Some members stressed that that point should be brought to the attention of the Member States in the clearest possible terms and that the resolution on the Participation Programme should be attached to the note.
9. Several members emphasized the need for full consultation with the Member States and the Secretariat during the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5).
10. The representative of the Director-General indicated that the reference to 30 C/Resolution 50 in the Explanatory Note should now be taken as referring to 31 C/Resolution 36 which followed on from the previous resolution. He assured the members that he was aware of the difficulties encountered by certain Member States and that the Secretariat was constantly trying to improve consultations with the Member States in regard to the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5). He further confirmed that the Secretariat was prepared to undertake what the Legal Committee called ‘educational measures’ to inform the delegations clearly and repeatedly about the terms of the Explanatory Note and the implications of non-observance.”

**ANNEX IV**

**FORM FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING THE ADOPTION  
OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2010-2011**

**35th SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

**Draft resolution proposing the adoption of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011**

**Submitted by:**

**State(s)** .....

**Referring to** Volume 1 of document 35 C/5

Number of draft resolution<sup>1</sup>:

.....

**Proposed modification, deletion or addition (specify paragraph):**

State the amount of budgetary implications of the proposed amendment:

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**Indicate** the proposed source of funding (budget proposed for other parts of document 35 C/5 or extrabudgetary resources):

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph number of the box containing each draft resolution.

Explanatory note (no more than 20 lines):

**Please give fax number (or email address) for subsequent correspondence:**

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Name:

Date:

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**Signature(s) for each sponsoring State**







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## DRAFT PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

### PART II

### CORRIGENDUM

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Add, under PRX Commission:

- 1.6 Organization of the work of the session and report of the President of the 34th session thereon



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## DRAFT PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

### ADDENDUM

#### SUMMARY

The present document contains detailed information on the organization of the Plenary Ministerial Forum of the General Conference and on main side events to be organized alongside the official proceedings, as well as the communication plan for the session.

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## PLENARY MINISTERIAL FORUM

Thursday, 8 October and Friday, 9 October (morning)

### 1. Proposed themes of the Forum sessions

- (a) *Investing out of the crisis – through action in social domains (education, the sciences, culture and communication and information) – 8 October a.m.*

The principal focus of the discussion shall be action to be taken by governments and multilateral organizations, in particular UNESCO, countering the impact of the financial and economic crisis and avoiding the rollback of decades of investment, policy development and achievements in the social sectors. As recognized by the G-20 London Leader's Communiqué of 2 April 2009 and by the CEB Communiqué of 5 April 2009, continued investment is needed in the various social sectors that are important drivers for development and are crucial for recovery and overcoming the negative fallout of retrenchment that may have occurred. The debate could focus on concrete action that can be taken and supported by UNESCO, globally in terms of monitoring and advocacy and at regional and country levels in terms of concrete policy advice and capacity-building support, with possible implications for a further reinforcement of priorities and the focus of the Organization's action.

- (b) *UNESCO's contribution to attain the Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs), including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – 8 October p.m.*

By 2010, a decade will have passed since the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), with only five years left for ensuring the attainment of these MDGs. Thus, a holistic approach may be called for to assess how far UNESCO has been able to assist Member States in moving towards the realization of all internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs, and what orientations may be needed in the five years leading up to 2015. The two education-related MDGs will be a major area of interest as will be the attainment of the six Dakar Goals of EFA, globally and at the country level. Other important goals relate to the provision of freshwater and sanitation as well as environmental protection. Above all, the impact of UNESCO's action in support of halving the world's poverty and as part of the global United Nations effort will need to be discussed. The result of the deliberations may provide a reinforced direction to UNESCO to help sustain and reinforce the quest for the international goals.

- (c) *Shaping UNESCO for the next decade (as an effective multilateral actor) – 9 October a.m.*

The debate could focus on an assessment of the overall role of UNESCO in the framework of the United Nations system. The impact of United Nations reform on UNESCO's activities and operations may be of particular interest in comments by ministers. Deliberations can also be directed as to the coordinating role and impact of UNESCO in EFA, the impact of UNESCO's action in science, technology and innovation policies, freshwater management and the oceans, the role in the ethics of science and technology, UNESCO's unique role in protecting and promoting cultural diversity, including cultural heritage in all its aspects, culture and development as well as intercultural dialogue, and the impact of UNESCO in the field of freedom of expression and the media as well as building the foundations and structures of knowledge societies, not least through effective use of information and communications technologies. Lastly, ministers may comment on the future relevance of UNESCO's menu of interventions, including policy advice, related capacity-building, normative and standard setting action, benchmarking and monitoring as well as a forum for ideas and innovation.

## **2. Time**

Three extended, self-contained sessions of approximately four hours each (9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1.30 p.m., and 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. or 6.30 p.m.)

## **3. Format**

At the beginning of the Plenary Ministerial Forum series, i.e. at the first Forum, there will be brief introductory statements by the Director-General and by the President of the General Conference.

Each of the three Forum sessions will be chaired by an elected officer of the General Conference (i.e. the President of the General Conference or a Vice-President – to be arranged sufficiently in advance) and moderated by an invited personality. Each session will also be introduced by one or two keynote speakers.

Following the keynote speakers, speakers will have three minutes for their interventions. There will follow an open debate guided by the moderator, involving all Ministers present, with multiple interventions possible in this framework.

This format is designed somehow in line with the model provided by the United Nations General Assembly during the 2000 Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit – when Heads of State were moderating various panel discussions among their peers, based on set statements as well as ad hoc interventions, involving likewise Ministers and Executive Heads of United Nations organizations.

## **4. Moderator**

The Moderator chosen for each Plenary Ministerial Forum shall be an international and knowledgeable personality, known for his or her impartiality and capable of conducting and animating a dynamic and constructive debate among the Ministers.

The choice of keynote speakers will be based on regional balance.

## **5. Ground rules**

Ministers should be given the option for:

- set interventions during one of the ministerial events;
- participating in the ministerial event discussions as a commentator or discussant;
- offer their statements over alternative outlets (e.g. television video/UNESCO Internet portal)

If a delegation is not represented by a minister, such representatives would be invited to speak at a Forum only after all ministers had completed their interventions.

No speaker below the rank of vice-/assistant minister should be entitled to speak during the ministerial sessions.

If a minister has prepared a longer statement, the time limits for the interventions would still need to be observed, but the full text could be distributed and also be made available on the UNESCO portal.

## **6. Output**

The main lines of the deliberations and any conclusions, as summarized by the moderator, would be captured in a summary report on each Plenary Ministerial Forum, to be prepared by the Secretariat (BSP) and issued as an INF document.

As for all plenary meetings, provisional non-edited transcripts will be immediately available, and verbatim records established within Volume 2 of the Records of the General Conference.

A draft resolution addressing the preparations of the subsequent Draft Programme and Budget (36 C/5) and outlining possible adjustments to document 34 C/4 shall be prepared by the Secretariat (BSP) on the basis of interventions at the general policy debate, the Director-General's response thereto and the conclusions and recommendations of the three Plenary Ministerial Forum sessions. This DR will be examined jointly by all commissions, with adoption envisaged for the closing plenary meeting.

## **7. Publicity/Visibility**

Efforts should be made to maximize the exposure and involvement of ministers in the work of the General Conference by arranging dedicated live or taped television programmes.

## MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE ON EDUCATION

Friday, 8 October (afternoon) and Saturday, 9 October

### *What Education for the Future? Lessons from the five major international education conferences*

#### 1. Background

The global crisis, of unprecedented scale, affects everyone but hits hardest the poor and marginalized populations many of which already suffered during previous years and decades of economic growth because of persistent inequalities throughout the world. Children, youth and adult women and men around the world, often from the same population groups, also suffer from global and national inequalities in education. At the same time, in high- as well as in low-income countries, education quality and relevance are debated and the ability of education systems to adequately equip learners of all ages with the necessary knowledge, values, competencies and skills to face the challenges of today's and tomorrow's world is being questioned. In this context, the series of landmark global education conferences<sup>1</sup> which UNESCO is holding in 2008 and 2009, as well as the 2008 High-Level Group on EFA-HLG, bear a particular relevance.

The shared vision which runs through the conferences is one of education systems that encourage equity and inclusion, quality learning, flexibility and innovation. They are anchored in the conviction that education is a right, a foundation and prerequisite for sustainable development and that learning happens throughout life.

UNESCO's conference cycle is aiming to encourage a dynamic and far-reaching reflection on the transformative power of education to serve this vision and to engage policymakers, researchers and a range of institutions in reorienting education systems – from early childhood to adult age, in formal and non-formal settings – to promote equity, quality and sustainable development.

This Education Ministers' Round Table will review and debate the results and recommendations of the four global conferences and the 2008 EFA High-Level Group, building on the outcomes of the previous General Conference Round Tables where ministers discussed "Quality Education" (32nd session, 2003), "Education for All" (33rd session, 2005) and "Education and Economic Development" (34th session, 2007).

#### 2. Expected outcome

- Education systems viewed and approached in a holistic, not a fragmented, manner.
- Evidence provided for positioning quality education and learning throughout life as keys towards more inclusive and sustainable societies.
- Deepened understanding of the knowledge, values, competencies and skills needed to build better societies.
- Views on educational renewal exchanged and successes and challenges shared.
- Renewed commitment to building education systems that encourage equity and inclusion, quality learning, flexibility and innovation.

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<sup>1</sup> **48th International Conference on Education:** "Inclusive Education: the Way of the Future" (25-28 November 2008, Geneva, Switzerland); **World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development:** "Moving into the Second Half of the United Nations Decade" (31 March-2 April 2009, Bonn, Germany); **Sixth International Conference on Adult Education-CONFINTEA VI:** "Learning and Living for a Viable Future: the Power of Adult Learning" (19-22 May 2009, Belém, Brazil); the **2009 World Conference on Higher Education:** "The New Dynamics of Higher Education and Research for Societal Change and Development" (5-8 July 2009, Paris, France).



### **3. Themes**

In addition to the planned General Conference document on the outcomes of the major education conferences, a special Background document will be prepared to guide the debates of the MRT, organized around the following three themes:

- Theme 1      Knowledge, values, competencies and skills for today's and tomorrow's societies. Friday, 8 October, 2.30-6.30 p.m.
  
- Theme 2      Building education systems that are inclusive, equitable, of high quality and supportive of sustainable development. Saturday, 9 October, 9.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.
  
- Theme 3      Promoting changes in policies and practices: The way forward. Saturday, 9 October, 2.30-6.30 p.m.

### **4. Format**

Ministers of all Member States will be entitled to participate and at the same time be given a broad concept paper on each of the themes of the Round Table (already under preparation).

At the beginning of the Ministerial Round Table, there will be brief introductory statements by the Director-General and the Chairperson of Commission ED.

Each session will be guided by one moderator. The sessions will be opened by interventions offered by a panel of three to four panellists, pre-selected with consideration of regional balance, who will provide specific input on the particular topics of the session from a range of perspectives (eight minutes per presentation),

The format seeks to develop a mix between these prepared interventions and an open debate guided by the moderator among all Ministers present. Such a format might warrant that there would be a time limit. Equitable regional representation will be taken into account.

### **5. Output**

The Round Table rounds up the 2008-2009 education conference cycle and each conference already resulted in the adoption of conclusions and recommendations. Therefore, instead of a communiqué, a summary report of the debates will be prepared and published.

## MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE ON OCEANS

Monday, 12 October (afternoon) and Tuesday, 13 October

### **Building stewardship for the ocean: the contribution of UNESCO to responsible ocean governance**

#### **1. Rationale**

The ocean is the ultimate global commons. The ocean, and in particular the high seas is a unique international space where the International Community and the United Nations bear special responsibilities under the authority of the General Assembly and in particular within the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

There are alarming signs for the ocean. Fishing is in a critical condition in many regions of the world, special natural habitats are being altered in an irreversible way, the current rate of biodiversity loss is not being abated, and piracy and other types of organized crime, like the illegal shipping of drugs, arms and people, are increasing.

Despite the fact that UNCLOS provides a wide and integrated legal framework on which to operate and build sound and effective regulations to the different uses of the ocean, severe limitations do exist especially in the monitoring and enforcement of those regulations. Regardless of 20 years of efforts to improve ocean governance, too many users, industries and governments, are silently comfortable with the status quo. The final political accountability of authorities existing on land, where citizens live and where their everyday life will eventually be directly affected by failing regulations, does not exist in the oceans. The big expanses of the ocean are difficult to survey, monitor and to enforce existing law and regulations. Big efforts through the concerted action of several nations are needed, as in the current piracy threat off the Horn of Africa.

These limitations have to be seen in the context of a fundamental weakness of national and international institutions, still too compartmentalized on a sector by sector division of duties and responsibilities, leaving little room for integrated policy-making addressing cross-cutting issues, or simply too weak or non-existing in some developing and least developed countries.

UNESCO through its IOC and formerly through its Division of Marine Sciences, has been at the centre of all the efforts to build stewardship through science and provide governance for oceans during the last 50 years. In 1960 following a recommendation of the First Intergovernmental Conference on Oceanographic Research, the UNESCO General Conference created the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC, as a body with functional autonomy within the Organization. It is fair to say that today the IOC with its 137 member states and its own Assembly, is the only United Nations body that through science holds a wide enough mandate to be an effective promoter within the United Nations system of a cross-cutting approach to the main issues affecting oceans.

Conscious of these developments and in an effort to improve the overall governance of the Ocean, in 2002 the Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg agreed to “establish by 2004 a regular process under the United Nations for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, both current and foreseeable, building on existing regional assessments (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation)”.

Despite the fact that the deadline of 2004 has long passed, the initiative to establish under the United Nations General Assembly a process to conduct regularly Integrated Assessments for the Ocean, is a major commitment that the world community must undertake. Keeping the marine environment under permanent review and, drawing upon the best scientific evidence available, the Regular Process will contribute to the sustainability of the oceans seas: Integrated assessments, by looking at the interaction of different sectors under a common conceptual framework including

socio-economic factors, will generate policy advice of a higher level, filling information and knowledge gaps required for the sustainable use of the ultimate Global Commons: the Ocean.

This Ministerial Round Table attempts to focus the attention on this new effort by the United Nations towards a responsible ocean governance and to rally the support of UNESCO's Member State, many of them with a high level of engagement in UNESCO's programmes related to oceans.

## **2. Expected outcome**

- Role of Science in supporting and legitimizing management of the Ocean and its resources better appraised and explained;
- The existing mandates and the division of labour within the United Nations acknowledged;
- The need for integrated assessments, at the regional and global levels exposed;
- Knowledge gaps and institutional limitations explored: the new challenges identified;
- The role of Ocean in Climate Change explained and examples to adaptation to the impacts of climate change demonstrated;
- Rally support for the establishment of the Regular Process and engage in promoting responsible ocean governance.

## **3. Themes**

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| Theme 1: | The role of science and the United Nations in providing governance for the ocean. Monday, 12 October, 2.30 to 6.30 p.m.   |
| Theme 2  | The contribution of UNESCO to monitor the state of the ocean and its ecological services: the United Nations regular process. Tuesday, 13 October 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| Theme 3  | Ocean and Climate Change, the impacts on and from the Ocean: adapting coastal cities to sea-level rise. Tuesday, 13 October, 2.30 to 6.30 p.m.                        |

## **4. Format**

Ministers of all Member States will be entitled to participate and at the same time be given a broad concept paper on each of the themes of the round table (already under preparation).

At the beginning of the Ministerial Round Table, there will be brief introductory statements by the Director-General, the Chairman of IOC and the Chairperson of Commission SC.

Each session will be guided by one moderator. The sessions will be opened by interventions offered by a panel of three to four panellists, pre-selected with consideration of regional balance, who will provide specific input on the particular topics of the session from a range of perspectives (eight minutes per presentation).

The format seeks to develop a mix between these prepared interventions and an open debate guided by the moderator among all ministers present. Such a format might warrant a time limit. Consideration of equitable regional representation will be taken into account.

## **5. Output**

The main lines of the deliberations and any conclusions, as summarized by the moderator, would be captured in a summary report for each of the round-table sessions.

The aim of this Round Table is to rally support for the United Nations Regular Process and the role that UNESCO and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission can play in conducting the first Integrated Assessment of the Ocean between 2010 and 2015.

## YOUTH FORUM

Thursday, 1 October to Saturday, 3 October

The UNESCO Youth Forum will be held from 1 to 3 October 2009, prior to the 35th session of the General Conference. It will bring together young people from all around the world for a three-day exchange on topical issues.

### **MAKING THE UNESCO YOUTH FORUM A PLATFORM FOR GENUINE PARTICIPATION: CHALLENGES**

#### *Ensuring quality debates*

The selection of the youth participants is of utmost importance to the quality of the debates. In order to have quality delegates, while avoiding the professionalization of the participation in youth conferences, the nomination criteria set up for the event need to be paid special attention. In addition, youth delegates must be adequately prepared to participate in the debates on the themes of the Forum, both by the UNESCO Secretariat and the Member States.

#### *What's next? The follow-up imperative*

The five UNESCO Youth Forums organized to date produced substantive reports with a series of recommendations of very large focus; the nature of these reports made the follow-up to the Forum's results quite difficult to ensure.

If the UNESCO Youth Forum is not to remain a one-time event, there should be a clear commitment for follow-up from all concerned. In this regard, the sixth UNESCO Youth Forum will produce a final report containing key and precise recommendations and commitments made by the youth participants on the two themes of the Forum. The document will be drafted by an elected drafting committee composed of representatives of youth delegates (one per region), the President of the Forum and representatives of one or two NGOs as observers. The report will be presented at the General Conference. Youth delegates are encouraged to acquaint their country's official delegation to the General Conference and their Permanent Delegation to UNESCO on the results of the Forum and the recommendations and commitments produced. Member States are invited to support the Report of the Youth Forum during the General Conference and to assist in the follow-up of the recommendations following the Forum.

### **UNESCO'S RESPONSE: THE SIXTH UNESCO YOUTH FORUM**

#### **Themes**

A cross-cutting theme of the sixth UNESCO Youth Forum will be dedicated to the strengthening of youth participation – UNESCO Youth Forum, a long-term approach. Furthermore, in order to ensure the connection between the Youth Forum and the General Conference, the main theme of the sixth Youth Forum, "Investing out of the crisis: what role for young people?", will be consonant with one of the themes of the Ministerial Forum to be held during the General Conference: "Investing out of the crisis – through action in social domains (education, sciences, culture and communication).

## **Participants**

### *Youth delegates*

Youth delegates will be nominated by UNESCO Member States (two delegates maximum per each Member State). In order to ensure the quality of the delegates, a list of criteria for the selection of the delegates has been established: age (18-24 years old); membership in a representative youth organization and involvement in youth-related issues at the community level; gender parity (in the case of the nomination of two delegates); representation of indigenous peoples. UNESCO will support Member States in the nomination process to identify quality and active youth delegates through field networks.

### *Panellists*

In addition to adult experts, youth representatives of international youth associations, young economists or researchers will also be invited to participate in the panels.

### *Observers*

High-quality international or regional NGOs, sister United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations will be invited to participate in the Forum.

## **Preparatory process**

### *Production of reference documents: policy and research papers*

In order to provide the participants of the Forum with the most relevant background information, UNESCO will commission two policy papers on the themes of the Forum: “Investing out of the crisis: what role for young people?” and “Youth participation – UNESCO Youth Forum, a long-term approach”.

Moreover, the UNESCO Intersectoral working group in charge of the preparation of the event will mobilize its networks to encourage the preparation of quality research papers by young researchers or students. The best papers could be presented during the panels.

### *Online tools*

In order to enable youth delegates to get in touch with one another and allow them to discuss the themes and exchange their ideas prior to the Forum, an online forum will be set up. In addition, online discussion threads open to youth worldwide on specific themes will be set up. The main salient points resulting from these virtual exchanges will be reviewed in summary documents to be used as background information for the Forum.

## **Format and agenda**

The Forum will include opening and closing plenary sessions, panels as well as parallel sessions. The plenary sessions will be moderated by a professional facilitator.

- Session 1 (in plenary): “Investing out of the crisis: towards a partnership between UNESCO and youth organizations”: presentation of the UNESCO paper, presentations by youth panellists and experts
- Session 2 (in parallel – seven sessions): Presentations, in relation to the two themes of the Forum, on UNESCO’s programmes with and for youth will be prepared and chaired by UNESCO’s sectors and central services

The discussions of these parallel sessions will provide input to the drafting committee on the themes of the Forum for the elaboration of the final report.

- Session 3 (in plenary): “Youth participation – UNESCO Youth Forum, a long-term approach”: presentation of the UNESCO paper, presentations by youth panellists, presentation of leading experiences on youth civic participation

	<b>Wednesday 30 September</b>	<b>Thursday 1 October</b>	<b>Friday 2 October</b>	<b>Saturday 3 October</b>
8-9 a.m.		<b>Registration</b>		
9-10 a.m.				<b>Report back to plenary on parallel sessions</b>
10-11 a.m.		<b>Opening session</b>	<b>Seven parallel sessions</b>	
11 a.m.- 12 noon				
12-1 p.m.				
1-2 p.m.				
2-3 p.m.				
3-4 p.m.		<b>Youth and the crisis</b>	<b>Youth participation (Principles, approaches and lessons learned from past Youth Forums)</b>	<b>Closing session</b>
4-5 p.m.				
5-6 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>			
6-7 p.m.				
7-8 p.m.		<b>Meeting of the Drafting Committee</b>		
8-9 p.m.				
		<b>Get-in-touch event</b>		

## PARTNERS FORUM

Monday, 5 October

### 1. Subject

The purpose of the **UNESCO Partners Forum** is to bring together all the external actors who support and defend UNESCO's ideals. It will now **form an integral part of the General Conference**, in the same way as the Youth Forum, and it will be aligned on the latter's concept and format, both being held consecutively before the opening of the session. It thus goes beyond the simple framework of the first International Forum of Civil Society held on the sidelines of the 34th session of the General Conference.

This Forum will mainly seek to show the importance of these many different partners for UNESCO's viability, vitality and visibility at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Without these partners, UNESCO can do virtually nothing with regard to globalization and is in danger of becoming stale intellectually after more than 60 years of existence; with its partners, it can hope to do much more. Thus by going beyond the traditional intergovernmental cooperation framework, UNESCO sees new prospects opening up thanks to these various partners and will be able to count on new support for its action in its fields of competence in the service of humanity. Lastly, the opening up to new partners will make it possible to stimulate and enrich intellectual cooperation in the cause of peace, which remains UNESCO's ultimate goal.

### 2. Date

The Forum will take place on **Monday, 5 October 2009** in Room II, on the eve of the 35th session of the General Conference, in order to ensure the best possible participation, especially that of the delegations to the Conference.

### 3. Title

**“UNESCO and its partners: multiple partnerships for a common ideal”**

### 4. Themes

The Forum will focus on **two themes**:

- the **assessment** of the various successful partnerships over the past decade, at the end of the term of office of the outgoing Director-General (1999-2009);
- **future prospects** for new partnerships in the follow-up to Millennium Development Goal 8: (Developing a global partnership for development), the Cardoso Report on United Nations-Civil Society Relations, the Global Compact of the United Nations encouraging partnership with the private sector, and the ongoing reform of the United Nations system for the purpose of “Delivering as One” (One United Nations) with the support of new partners (UNDG/UNDP partnerships for progress programme)

### 5. Format

The Forum will be in **two parts**: a morning meeting and an afternoon meeting. The debate should not be confined to only one sectoral theme (e.g. EFA, climate change, cultural diversity, United Nations reform). It will allow an exchange on successful experiences (best practices) and the results obtained (success stories) by various partners in their cooperation with UNESCO.



The Forum will be opened by the Director-General and the outgoing President of the General Conference (34th session). A guest of honour will deliver a speech on the importance of new partners for UNESCO at the opening ceremony.

The morning meeting, devoted to the **assessment of established partnerships**, will be structured around the two following debates:

- Partnership with civil society;
- Partnership with the parliamentary world.

The afternoon meeting, devoted to **future prospects** with new partnerships, will discuss the following two themes, one-and-a-half hours on each:

- New networks of partners;
- New funding networks.

The meeting will be chaired jointly by the Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Cooperation and the Assistant Director-General for the Africa Department.

## 6. Participants

The meeting will be open to:

- various types of new and traditional partners of UNESCO, civil society and the private sector, government and parliamentary circles at the local, national, regional and international levels: NGOs, UNESCO Clubs and Centres, cities and municipal authorities, local and regional authorities, parliamentarians, foundations, former UNESCO fellowship-holders and UNESCO prize-winners;
- partners of the “great family” of UNESCO who use the name and logo of the Organization: UNESCO Chairs, associated schools, associated libraries, category 2 centres and institutes, national committees for intergovernmental programmes, goodwill ambassadors, artists for peace;
- intergovernmental and institutional partners (National Commissions for UNESCO, permanent delegations to UNESCO, delegations to the 35th session of the General Conference, Members of the Executive Board) and members of the subsidiary bodies of the governing bodies.

The goal is therefore to bring together the greatest possible number of partners from various horizons in order to discuss and compare the added value, which they can bring to UNESCO’s action and to the promotion of its values in Member States.

## 7. Expected results

The final report of the Forum will be presented to the General Conference meeting in plenary by the elected General Rapporteur, and will then be published as an information document (INF) of the session. The proceedings of the Forum will be published at a later date.

## EXHIBITION ON CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

### 1. Rationale and objectives

**The exhibition will aim at demonstrating to what extent culture contributes to ensuring the sustainability of development.**

The exhibition will showcase existing examples of programmes and projects emphasizing culture as a means and vehicle to development at national and local levels across the different regions of the world. National ownership through participatory and inclusive processes including community-based initiatives, will be a central feature of the programme and projects retained.

Over the past decade, UNESCO has developed a holistic approach in order to demonstrate the key role of culture in socio-economic development as well as its potential for social cohesion and peace-building. Such inclusive approach linking culture and development is also reflected in a number of international legal principles enshrined in UNESCO Conventions in the field of culture (notably the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972); the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003); and the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005)).

By linking the principles of the standard-setting action of UNESCO in the field of culture and its translation and impact at national level, the exhibition will showcase projects demonstrating UNESCO's added value at country level. **The sample of selected projects will reflect both geographical diversity and the diversity of approaches to the culture and development issue. The two-fold aspects – cultural policies for development and the cultural dimension of development – will be equally emphasized.**

**The main message of the exhibit will be passed through a wide and diverse array of perspectives.** The starting point for the Culture Sector will be to showcase selected projects under the UNDP/Spain MDG Achievement Fund (MDG-F) illustrating the interdisciplinarity of high impact culturally-based projects which often include a social, environmental and educational component, by showing United Nations joint action led by UNESCO at country level. But other projects, showing the need to take into account the cultural dimension of development policies in education, sciences or communication, will also be highlighted.

### 2. Culture as a powerful asset for sustainable development

The more "classical" approach to the nexus culture and development (how culture can be a resource for income generation and job creation, etc.) will be demonstrated through UNESCO "flagship projects" in the field of culture as well as other projects, which focus on the management of tangible, intangible and documentary heritage, the development of cultural and creative industries, handicrafts and museums, cultural tourism and tourism of memory; culture as a vehicle for reconciliation and social cohesion, etc. A clear linkage should be established on this occasion with the "partners' village", together with some "side events" earmarked to take place during the General Conference, such as round tables or public lectures highlighting the role of each actor or "stakeholder" in this endeavour.

### 3. Intersectoral entry points

For, the exhibition is not intended to be restricted to the cultural field per se as a source of development but rather aims also at stressing the importance of culturally sensitive approaches as a guarantee and resource for the sustainability of economic and social development and at showing to what extent culturally sensitive approaches can help us better respond to the challenges we are facing today in the present context of financial and economic crisis.

From issues related to human security (environmental hazards and climate change included) to biodiversity erosion, we can no longer afford to consider culture and nature as two separate orders. In this respect we have much to learn from the good practices of environmental management embedded within local and indigenous knowledge and know-how, which view the Earth in terms of a global ecosystem made up of co-evolving interactions. Insofar as “culture” and “development” imply a capacity to adapt to the constraints of diverse contexts and natural circumstances, the environmental sustainability of development projects can only be firmly guaranteed by integrating the cultural component in their design. **The exhibition will therefore provide an opportunity to show to what extent knowledge (notably traditional and local knowledge) and know-how constitute incontrovertible resources when addressing natural resources (i.e. biodiversity), water, climate change and risk mitigation issues.**

Education is a process that firmly connects the transmission of knowledge to the transmission of values. To enable true sustainable development, education must take into account cultural diversity, i.e. diverse contexts, diverse worldviews and perspectives but also intercultural competencies and multilingualism. Such an approach to education paves the way for inclusive societies and quality education. In return, cultural diversity enables education to renew its methods, and types of learning. Hence, **focusing notably on multicultural education, the exhibition will demonstrate the importance of the cultural dimension in and across education.**

Increasingly, information and knowledge are key determinants of wealth creation, social transformation and human development. Documentary heritage contains knowledge which is at the centre of human existence and reflects our linguistic and cultural diversity. As the main vector for human knowledge and communication, documentary heritage is increasingly influenced by technology and digitization, which in turn profoundly impacts human development and access to information. The diversity of digital knowledge is fundamental in promoting exchange and sustaining cultural diversity while determining the extent to which one can participate in emerging knowledge societies. The exhibition will show the role of culture in efforts to build knowledge societies, notably regarding issues related to access, preservation and multilingualism.

In the same vein, social transformation and the renewal of societies are intrinsically linked to culture. As a focal point of identity, continuity and common values, culture is a driving force for dialogue, social cohesion and innovation and an important asset to increase social equity and promote dignity. **The exhibition will show the relevance of culturally sensitive action to address societal issues (HIV/AIDS, gender-based violence, social inequalities, etc.). Moreover, it will be the occasion to highlight the experience of UNESCO in a number of intersectoral projects based on a culturally-sensitive approach to poverty reduction.**

To illustrate this demonstration, intersectoral projects involving all programme sectors of UNESCO will be solicited.

## COMMUNICATION PLAN

Informing the press and UNESCO's various communities of interest about the General Conference will be undertaken on several fronts, including the **mainstream media** (newspapers, agencies and broadcast outlets) and "**new**" or "**social**" media such as Facebook.

The election of a new Director-General will guarantee heightened interest in the event and more focused attention on UNESCO's programme and budget. BPI is already fielding questions from the media on the election process and declared candidates.

A key to exploiting this interest to maximum effect is providing sufficient background information to journalists about the event and the stakes involved in this year's edition.

This requires the preparation of **media-friendly information materials** that are brief, easy-to-read and focused on the news-worthy aspects of the General Conference, including the election, visits from high-level dignitaries, key debates and side events.

This information should figure prominently on the **General Conference website**, along with document 35 C/5, which will be flagged prominently **on the home page of unesco.org** in the six United Nations working languages as of late summer.

The Bureau of Public Information (BPI) will also organize a series of **workshops for journalists** prior to the event, explaining how the general Conference works and the stakes involved in this year's edition. This is being planned with a group of journalists from the Arab region (date yet to be decided); Portugal (late May); France (including foreign correspondents – late August early September); and a group of journalism students from Sciences Po in Paris (May 4).

BPI will also:

- revise the **general information brochure** about UNESCO; updating the information for both the print and electronic versions (under way);
- signal the General Conference on the **monthly calendar of events** sent to the media (as of April);
- prepare and distribute a **media advisory** announcing the General Conference and its programme six weeks ahead of the event, and urging journalists to finalize their accreditation;
- provide coverage of key events of the General Conference for the **home page of the web portal**;
- **prepare and distribute press releases** of any major announcements, visits of high-ranking dignitaries, or decisions taken at the event (election of the new Director-General, for example);
- **organize press conferences** for personalities attending the General Conference, or officials from the Organization who can explain various decisions or procedures;
- ensure photographic coverage of the event for the preparation of an on-line photo gallery, which could be exploited both on UNESCO.Org and on the Organization's **Facebook** and **YouTube** pages.

**The new, bigger and better equipped press room** being planned for the General Conference will provide journalists with a more comfortable working space with WIFI connections; an area for press conferences (although major press conferences involving interpretation will take place in

Room 9); exhaustive coverage (via flat-screen television) of the debates in the main conference room; access to all of the background documents they may require on the proceedings or any side events.

**Daily briefings** will be organized in the press room for attending journalists to explain the key events of each day.



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## INVITATIONS TO THE 35TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

### SUMMARY

Under the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Executive Board decides on the non-Member States to be invited to the General Conference, makes recommendations on the issuing of invitations to certain organizations and takes a number of other measures. In this document the Director-General also lists, for information, the States and organizations that are automatically notified of the convening of a session of the General Conference or invited to attend.

The financial and administrative implications of the activities presented fall within the parameters of document C/5.

Action expected of the Executive Board: decision proposed in paragraph 12.

## **I. STATES**

### **A. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO**

1. In accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Director-General will notify the Member States and Associate Members of the Organization, not less than 90 days in advance, of the date and place of the 35th session of the General Conference.
2. During the 90-day period preceding the 35th session, the Director-General will similarly notify any State that becomes a Member of UNESCO by depositing an instrument of acceptance of the Constitution and signing it before the 35th session.

### **B. Non-Member States**

3. In accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Executive Board decides upon the list of States not Members of UNESCO (Holy See and Liechtenstein) that are to be invited to send observers to the 35th session of the General Conference. The decision required of the Board in this matter shall be taken by a two-thirds majority.
4. The Director-General will notify the States that appear on the list drawn up by the Board and invite them to send observers.

## **II. PALESTINE**

5. In accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 6, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Executive Board includes Palestine in the appropriate list before each session of the General Conference so that it may send observers.
6. The Director-General will notify Palestine of the convening of the session and invite it to send observers.

## **III. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **A. United Nations, and bodies, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system**

7. In accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Director-General will notify the following organizations of the convening of the session and invite them to send representatives:

#### **(a) United Nations, bodies and programmes**

United Nations  
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)  
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)  
United Nations University (UNU)

World Food Programme (WFP)  
Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)  
Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)  
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)  
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)  
Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD)  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)  
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)  
International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)  
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)  
Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

(b) **Specialized agencies of the United Nations system**

International Labour Organization (ILO)  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
World Health Organization (WHO)  
World Bank  
International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
Universal Postal Union (UPU)  
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)  
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)  
International Maritime Organization (IMO)  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)  
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  
World Trade Organization (WTO)  
World Tourism Organization (WTO)

**B. Intergovernmental organizations**

8. In accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the Director-General will notify the following organizations and invite them to send observers:

(a) **Intergovernmental organizations with which UNESCO has concluded an agreement providing for mutual representation at meetings of governing bodies<sup>1</sup>**

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group)  
African Development Bank (ADB)  
African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development (ACARTSOD)  
African Union (AU)  
Amazonian Parliament  
Andean Parliament  
Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

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<sup>1</sup> The Director-General will also invite any intergovernmental organization with which he may be authorized to conclude an agreement by the Executive Board at its 181st and 182nd sessions.



Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS)  
Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD)  
Arab Federation for Technical Education (AFTE)  
Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND)  
Arab Gulf States Folklore Centre  
Arab Gulf States Information Documentation Centre (AGSIDC)  
Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)  
Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)  
Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU)  
Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)  
Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)  
Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC)  
Central American Educational and Cultural Coordination (CECC)  
Central American Integration System (SICA)  
Central American Parliament (PARLACEN)  
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)  
Commonwealth of Learning (COL)  
Commonwealth Secretariat  
Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP)  
Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)  
Conference of Ministers of Education of French-Speaking Countries (CONFEMEN)  
Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sport of French-Speaking Countries  
(CONFEJES)  
Council of Europe (CoE)  
Eastern African Centre for Research on Oral Traditions and African National  
Languages (EACROTANAL)  
East African Community (EAC)  
Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)  
Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL)  
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)  
Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)  
European Commission (CEC)  
European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)  
Executive Secretariat of the Andrés Bello Convention (SECAB)  
Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC)  
Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC)  
Indigenous Parliament of America  
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)  
Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)  
Intergovernmental Television and Radio Corporation (ITRC MIR)  
International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM)  
International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (ICAMAS)  
International Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences (CAB International)  
International Centre for the Bantu Civilizations (CICIBA)  
International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)  
International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE)  
International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE)  
International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)  
International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)  
International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF)  
International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)  
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)  
Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)  
Islamic States Broadcasting Organization (ISBO)  
Italian-Latin American Institute (ILAI)  
Joint Administration of the Turkic Culture and Arts (TURKSOY)

Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR)  
 Latin American Centre for Physics (CLAF)  
 Latin American Economic System (SELA)  
 Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)  
 Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO)  
 Latin Union (UL)  
 League of Arab States (LAS)  
 Organization of American States (OAS)  
 Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)  
 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
 Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI)  
 Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)  
 Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU)  
 Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)  
 Regional Council for Adult Education and Literacy in Africa (CREAA)  
 Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA)  
 Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)  
 Southern African Development Community (SADC)  
 South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)  
 South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)  
 Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA)  
 University for Peace (UPEACE)  
 West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)  
 World Customs Organization (WCO)

(b) **Other intergovernmental organizations**

African Academy of Languages (ACALAN)  
 African Institute of Informatics (IAI)  
 African Regional Centre for Engineering Design and Manufacturing (ARCEDEM)  
 African Regional Organization for Standardization (ARSO)  
 Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO)  
 Andean Community (CAN)  
 Arab Administrative Development Organization (ARADO)  
 Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD)  
 Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO)  
 Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU)  
 Arab Labour Organization (ALO)  
 Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)  
 Arab Postal Union (APU)  
 Arab Satellite Communications Organization (ARABSAT)  
 Arab Telecommunication Union (ATU)  
 ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO)  
 Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)  
 Asian Development Bank (AsDB)  
 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)  
 Association of Caribbean States (ACS)  
 Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)  
 Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)  
 Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)  
 Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific  
 Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)  
 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)  
 Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)

Coordinating Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programmes in East and South-East Asia (CCOP)  
Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)  
Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU)  
Danube Commission (DC)  
Eurasian Economic Community (EURASEC)  
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)  
European Parliament (EP)  
European Space Agency (ESA)  
Forum Secretariat  
Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB)  
Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)  
Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN)  
Inter-American Commission of Women (IACW)  
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)  
Intergovernmental Foundation for Educational, Scientific and Cultural Cooperation (IFESCCO)  
International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)  
International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean Sea (CIESM)  
International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)  
International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)  
International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)  
International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)  
International Organization for Migration (IOM)  
International Organization of Space Communications (INTERSPUTNIK)  
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)  
International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO)  
Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI)  
Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)  
Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE)  
Latin American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE)  
Nordic Council (NC)  
OPEC Fund for International Development (OPEC Fund)  
Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC)  
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)  
Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)  
Pan-African Institute of Education for Development (PIED)  
Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)  
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)  
Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA)  
Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS)  
Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)  
Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC)  
Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)  
Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)  
Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)  
Secretariat of Ibero-American Cooperation (SECIB)  
Secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)  
Senegal River Development Organization (OMVS)  
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Union of African Parliaments (UAP)  
University of the South Pacific (USP)

(c) **Organizations having observer status**

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)  
Sovereign Military Order of Malta

**C. International non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions**

9. In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 14, of the Constitution, Rule 6, paragraph 7, of the Rules of Procedure and Section I.8.1 of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations, the Director-General will notify organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO of the convening of the session and invite them to send observers.

10. In accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, Section II, paragraph 4.1(b), of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations and Article IV, paragraph 2, of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions, the Director-General will notify the non-governmental organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO and the foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with the Organization of the provisions concerning their participation as observers at the General Conference, and will request them to inform him at least one month before the opening of the session of the agenda items under which their representatives wish to participate in the debate.

**D. Other international organizations with which UNESCO has concluded an agreement providing for mutual representation**

Inter-Parliamentary Union  
Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF)  
United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

11. In the event that other international non-governmental or semi-governmental organizations should request admission, in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, as observers at the 35th session of the General Conference, their request will be brought to the attention of the Executive Board at its 182nd session.

**Action expected of the Executive Board**

12. The Board may wish to adopt a decision worded as follows:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 181 EX/32 Part III,
2. Takes cognizance of the notification to be sent by the Director-General to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
3. Takes note of the invitations to be sent by the Director-General to intergovernmental organizations in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of that Rule;

4. Decides, in accordance with paragraph 4 of that Rule, that the following States shall be invited to send observers to the 35th session of the General Conference:  
  
Holy See  
Liechtenstein;
5. Includes Palestine in the list provided for in paragraph 6 of that Rule and notes that the Director-General intends to send it an invitation in accordance with that paragraph;
6. Notes the invitations that the Director-General intends to send to international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO;
7. Decides to examine at its 182nd session the admission to the 35th session of the General Conference of observers from non-governmental organizations (other than those maintaining formal relations with UNESCO), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO, as well as from other international organizations.