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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1 **Agenda and timetable of work, report of the Bureau and election of the Chairperson of the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA)** (209 EX/1 Prov. Rev.3; 209 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in document 209 EX/1 Prov. Rev.3.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items of its agenda to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items **4.I.A, 5.I, 6, 24, 25, 29** and **33**,
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items **4.II, 5.II.A, 5.III, 14** and **15**,

and to refer the following items to the **PX and FA Commissions at their joint meeting:** items **4.I.B, 5.II (B, C, D, E and F), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 31** and **32**.

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Mr Atsuyuki Oike (Japan) Chairperson of the Finance and Administrative Commission (FA) to replace Mr Takio Yamada (Japan) for the remainder of his term of office.

(209 EX/SR.1)

2 **Approval of the summary records of the 207th and the 208th sessions** (207 EX/SR.1-6; 208 EX/SR.1-2)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 207th and 208th sessions.

(209 EX/SR.1 and 209 EX/SR.6)

3 **Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (209 EX/PRIV.1 and Add.)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject in private meeting.

(209 EX/SR.5)

REPORTING ITEMS

4 **Execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (209 EX/4.I.A and Corr.; 209 EX/4.I.B and Corr. (*French only*); 209 EX/4.I.B.INF; 209 EX/4.II; 209 EX/4.II.INF and Add.; 209 EX/4.II.INF.2; 209 EX/PG/1.INF.3; 209 EX/36; 209 EX/37; 209 EX/38)

4.I **Programme execution**

4.I.A **Programme implementation report (PIR)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 99 and 206 EX/Decision 4.I,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/4.I.A and Corr.,

3. Bearing in mind that the core system redesign presents an opportunity to further integrate the financial and programmatic monitoring of the performance of the Organization, and that the adoption in 2021 of the new Programme and Budget provides an opportunity to further strengthen UNESCO's results framework;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the quality of information and evidence presented in the programme implementation report (PIR), including the addition of information on the contribution of UNESCO's partners to implementation and results achievement in alignment with the updated comprehensive partnership strategy;
5. Notes with satisfaction the achievements of the Organization during the period 2018-2019;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue her efforts to ensure the efficient implementation of the programme over the last two years of the quadrennial cycle, 2020-2021;
7. Also invites the Director-General, taking into account the debate at its 209th session, to present preliminary proposals to it at its 211th session at the latest with a view to modifying the reporting format of the programme implementation report (PIR) in order to further integrate the presentation of financial and programmatic reporting so as to enable the governing bodies to take decisions at the appropriate strategic level.

(209 EX/SR.5)

4.I.B Strategic results report (SRR)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 99, 202 EX/Decision 19, 40 C/Resolution 2, 40 C/Resolution 21, 40 C/Resolution 34, 40 C/Resolution 41 and 40 C/Resolution 52,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/4.I.B and 209 EX/4.I.B.INF,
3. Noting that the programme assessment exercise is an important phase in the overall process of strategic decision-making and programme priority setting for the Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41 C/4) and Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 (41 C/5),
4. Notes with satisfaction that the 2020 strategic results report (SRR) draws on a wider range of evaluation evidence than was available for the 2016 SRR (199 EX/4.I.B) and that evaluations of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021) and the UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 (GEAP II) will take place in 2020;
5. Expresses its appreciation for the Director-General's efforts in conducting the assessment exercise for the major programmes, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), and the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, in accordance with the following five approved criteria: demonstrable results; capacity to deliver; sustainability; relevance, and comparative advantage;
6. Welcomes the analysis and the preliminary findings contained in the strategic results report (SRR) and expresses the importance of the next SRR reflecting a demand-driven approach;
7. Takes note of the proposals for the way forward contained in the strategic results report (SRR);

8. Invites the Director-General to pursue and scale up her efforts in order to integrate the assessment by Member States and beneficiaries of UNESCO's programmes and initiatives in future strategic results reports (SRRs) through, *inter alia*, appropriate surveys;
9. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the content of the strategic results report (SRR), the summary of the Executive Board's debates and its decision thereon are duly taken into account in the preparation of her preliminary proposals for draft documents 41 C/4 and 41 C/5;
10. Also requests the Director-General, when elaborating draft document 41 C/5, to ensure that the presentation of expected results, performance indicators and targets allows an independent assessment with a verifiable, objective and accurate identification of their level of achievement.

(209 EX/SR.6)

4.II Financial management report for 2018-2019 (39 C/5) as at 31 December 2019

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 209 EX/4.II, 209 EX/4.II.INF, 209 EX/4.II.INF.2 and 209 EX/4.II.INF Add.,
2. Takes note of the contents of the Financial Management Report for 2018-2019 (209 EX/4.II), and the utilization of funds under the 39 C/5 integrated budget framework for 2018-2019 as at 31 December 2019;
3. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of the receipt of donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular programme budget by a total amount of \$4,138,752 for the period 1 July to 31 December 2019, as detailed in document 209 EX/4.II.INF;
4. Expresses its thanks to the Member States for the timely payment of their contributions and its appreciation to the donors listed in document 209 EX/4.II.INF;
5. Also takes note of the status of, and the information provided on the Special Account for Management Costs as detailed in document 209 EX/4.II.INF.2;
6. Requests the Director-General to review the implementation of UNESCO's cost-recovery policy and related mechanisms taking into account current practice in the wider United Nations system, with a view to making proposals to it at its 210th session for their continued improvement and evolution;
7. Also requests the Director-General to propose to it, at its 211th session at the latest, potential options of reporting to governing bodies on different categories of financial information that are currently presented in separate reports, without any loss of information and taking into account the requested information mentioned during the 209th session debate;
8. Further requests the Director-General to include in the financial management report a biennial analysis of the evolution of expenditures by cost category.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5 Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (209 EX/5.I.A; 209 EX/5.I.B; 209 EX/5.I.C; 209 EX/5.I.D; 209 EX/5.I.E; 209 EX/5.I.E.INF; 209 EX/5.I.F; 209 EX/5.I.G Rev.; 209 EX/5.I.H; 209 EX/5.II.A; 209 EX/5.II.B; 209 EX/5.II.C; 209 EX/5.II.C.INF; 209 EX/5.II.C.INF.2; 209 EX/5.II.D; 209 EX/5.II.E and Add.; 209 EX/5.II.E.INF; 209 EX/5.II.E.INF.2; 209 EX/5.II.F; 209 EX/5.III.A and Addenda; 209 EX/5.III.A.INF; 209 EX/5.III.A.INF.2; 209 EX/5.III.B and Add.; 209 EX/5.III.C.INF; 209 EX/5.III.D; 209 EX/36; 209 EX/37; 209 EX/38)

5.1 Programme issues

5.1.A The Futures of Education initiative

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 206 EX/Decision 6.III,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/5.I.A,
3. Welcomes the Director-General's efforts to strengthen UNESCO's intellectual leadership in global education through the Futures of Education initiative;
4. Acknowledges the need to strengthen the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 and rethink education and the organization of lifelong learning in the current context of globalization, transformation, complexity and uncertainty;
5. Recommends that the Futures of Education initiative address in particular the growing digital divide and the challenges facing developing and least developed countries in the field of education;
6. Expresses its appreciation for the Director-General's efforts to ensure a broad participatory approach in leading the global debate on the future of education;
7. Invites Member States to mobilize the broad engagement of education-related communities to contribute to the global conversation;
8. Urges Member States to provide extrabudgetary support to strengthen UNESCO's education research and foresight function and the sustainability of the Futures of Education initiative;
9. Requests the Director-General to provide it at its 210th session with information on the structure and main themes of the global report on the future of education;
10. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 211th session on the progress made towards the development of the global report on the future of education.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.1.B UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 201 EX/Decision 5.I.B and 39 C/Resolution 15,
2. Reiterating the importance of the Paris Agreement for guiding UNESCO's action on climate change and of other relevant international instruments, especially the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

3. Having examined document 209 EX/5.I.B,
4. Takes note of the progress made in the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change;
5. Encourages Member States to include concrete actions on education, scientific cooperation, promotion of ethics, cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, awareness-raising and capacity-building in their nationally determined contributions (NDCs), in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, with a clear focus on the climate challenges facing developing countries;
6. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 210th session on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, and to explore opportunities and modalities for consolidating UNESCO's delivery and impact, including through reinforced intersectoral cooperation, and for ensuring cost-effective climate neutrality within UNESCO's own activities and operations;
7. Also requests the Director-General to undertake, in cooperation with the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), a final evaluation of the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change to be presented to it at its 212th session.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.I.C International Centre for Synchrotron Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/5.I.C,
2. Takes note of the report presented by the Director-General on the development of the International Centre for Synchrotron Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East's (SESAME's) activities and its cooperation with UNESCO;
3. Welcomes the progress accomplished by the International Centre for Synchrotron Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) and the help UNESCO has provided to increase the visibility of SESAME and awareness of its activity on the international stage;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to accord high priority to the International Centre for Synchrotron Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME), to foster its activity through cooperation with its intergovernmental Council and the integration of SESAME in international science infrastructure, and to provide updated information to Member States on the opportunities offered by SESAME's activities.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.I.D Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 206 EX/Decision 13,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/5.I.D,

3. Bearing in mind the findings and the recommendations of the mid-term evaluation of UNESCO's Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan (2016-2021) and the related management response (206 EX/13),
4. Also recalling the special status conferred by the Organization upon small island developing States (SIDS) as a priority group in its Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4), the outcomes of the high-level mid-term review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, the United Nations 2019 Climate Action Summit, and the 2019 Sustainable Development Goals Summit,
5. Noting that the principal negotiated output of the high-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States (SIDS) through the implementation of the Samoa Pathway, namely the political declaration contained in United Nations General Assembly resolution 74/3, reiterates a call for action in many fields related to UNESCO's programmes and priorities,
6. Reaffirms the priorities and related objectives of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan (2016-2021):
 - (a) enhancing island capacities to achieve sustainable development through education and the reinforcement of human and institutional capacities;
 - (b) enhancing SIDS resilience and the sustainability of human interactions with ecological, biodiversity, freshwater and ocean systems;
 - (c) supporting SIDS in their management of social transformations and the promotion of social inclusion and social justice;
 - (d) preserving tangible and intangible cultural heritage and promoting culture for island sustainable development;
 - (e) increasing connectivity, information management and knowledge sharing;
7. Invites the Director-General to take timely action to continue to mobilize UNESCO's programmes, institutes and networks to ensure the effective implementation of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan in its remaining period, taking into account the call for action of the Samoa Pathway mid-term review;
8. Also invites the Director-General to provide, through targeted actions in UNESCO's fields of competence, technical and financial support for enhancing the capacities of small island developing States (SIDS) to achieve sustainable development:

Education

- (a) national policy and capacities in the framework of lifelong learning, including Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for 2030
- (b) teacher professionalization and capacity building
- (c) information and communication technology (ICT) in education and access to high-quality educational opportunities with open educational resources (OER)
- (d) technical and vocational education and training (TVET) development

Natural sciences

- (e) climate change mitigation and adaptation
- (f) disaster risk reduction, tsunami alert systems and Tsunami Ready

- (g) conservation, protection, management and sustainable use of oceans and their resources
- (h) building sustainable and secure water capacity
- (i) biodiversity conservation
- (j) development of science, technology and innovation (STI) policies

Social and human sciences

- (k) support youth networks development and their involvement in public policies related to climate change and sports
- (l) youth capacity building to address challenges related to both internal and external incidences of school violence
- (m) strengthened policies for improved social inclusion

Culture

- (n) provision of technical and financial support to strengthen and safeguard cultural and natural heritage, including marine and underwater natural and cultural heritage
- (o) development of cultural and creative industries

Communication and information

- (p) foster free, independent and pluralistic media systems as well as media and information literacy
- (q) advance universal access to information and use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as tools of empowerment to contribute to building knowledge societies
- (r) preserve documentary heritage;

9. Regrets the lack of implementation of the recommendations of the mid-term evaluation of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan, and funding shortfalls, and requests the Director-General to fully implement all the recommendations in a timely manner;
10. Also requests the Director-General to allocate an adequate level of UNESCO resources and capacities at Headquarters and in the field towards the implementation of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan, by allocating sufficient dedicated resources from the regular programme budget with clear ratios enabling the governing bodies and the Secretariat to track the proportion of resources allocated to SIDS, and to develop and implement a related monitoring and evaluation framework to capture necessary data and results;
11. Further requests the Director-General to present to it at its 211th session a progress report on the follow-up of the implementation of the recommendations of the mid-term evaluation of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Action Plan, and the implementation of the SIDS Action Plan in its remaining period;
12. Further invites the Director-General, taking into account the lessons learned and the consultation process on documents 41 C/4 and 41 C/5, to develop appropriate draft proposals for the post-2021 small island developing States (SIDS) action plan in the

Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41 C/4) and the Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 (41 C/5) and to present them to it at its 210th session.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.I.E UNESCO Global Geoparks

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 23,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/5.I.E and 209 EX/5.I.E.INF,
3. Welcomes the important contribution of UNESCO Global Geoparks to the Organization's work with regard to the conservation and protection of the geological heritage;
4. Endorses the nominations of the UNESCO Global Geoparks decided upon by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council at its fourth statutory meeting held in Lombok, Indonesia, from 31 August to 2 September 2019.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.I.F Slave Route Project

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 40 C/Resolution 40,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/5.I.F,
3. Takes note of the Director-General's progress report contained therein on the strengthening and the advancement of the Slave Route Project: Resistance, Liberty, Heritage;
4. Calls upon Member States to provide financial support for the Slave Route Project: Resistance, Liberty, Heritage through voluntary contributions in order to revitalize it and enable the Director-General to implement high-profile activities with international visibility;
5. Requests the Director-General to examine the possibility of strengthening the human resources of the structure in charge of the Slave Route Project's management within the Secretariat;
6. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 211th session, on the basis of the various consultations undertaken, including with the members of the International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project, the new strategies for the strengthening of the Project and the mobilization of resources to be reflected in document 41 C/5.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.I.G Presence for peace

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 205 EX/Decision 40, 206 EX/Decision 5.I.F and 207 EX/Decision 5.I.D,

2. Having examined document 209 EX/5.I.G Rev.,
3. Takes note of the change in the format of the “Presence for peace” event due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis;
4. Taking into account the COVID-19 crisis, requests the Presence for Peace Steering Committee to make known the actions foreseen to ensure protective measures are observed during this major event, and in case of postponement of the event, the new location and date selected as soon as possible;
5. Also requests the Presence for Peace Steering Committee to notify it as soon as possible of the progress of the project and to share as soon as possible the full document containing the corresponding action plan and feasibility study;
6. Requests the Director-General to support the Presence for Peace Steering Committee and to present a report to the Executive Board at its 210th session with the required information to ensure the implementation of this project.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.I.H Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/5.I.H,
2. Takes notes of its content, and decides that all future reports on this item be submitted to it as an information document.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.II Management issues

5.II.A Resource mobilization strategy for 2020-2021

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 207 EX/Decision 5.III.A,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/5.II.A,
3. Congratulates the Director-General on the recent trends in the resource mobilization strategy report;
4. Takes note of the update on prospect research and due diligence on private sector partners contained in Annex I of document 209 EX/5.II.A;
5. Welcomes the updated resource mobilization strategy, including the revised frequency for the organization of structured financing dialogues (SFD) at UNESCO, and the update on due diligence practices within the United Nations system and at UNESCO;
6. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 210th session the updated resource mobilization strategy with the inclusion of a dedicated section on the mobilization of resources for the Organization’s two global priorities, Africa and gender equality,

including the necessary diversification of sources, such as official development assistance (ODA) and South-South and triangular modalities of cooperation;

7. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 211th session proposals to strengthen UNESCO's engagement with the private sector, with an analysis of additional regular programme resources required to strengthen and scale up UNESCO's engagement with the private sector, considering the challenges faced, or to be faced, by UNESCO as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;
8. Further requests the Director-General to present to it at its 214th session an updated resource mobilization strategy accompanied by a report on the main resource mobilization trends and outcomes during the period 2020-2021;
9. Invites the Director-General to consolidate reporting on resource mobilization and resource flows to the Approved Programme and Budget (C/5) in line with the new provisions contained in paragraphs 77 and 78 of document 209 EX/5.II.A.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.II.B Sustainability of the field network

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 206 EX/Decision 5.II.A,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/5.II.B,
3. Takes note of the two options proposed therein as an input for further discussion with a view to an overall strategy for UNESCO's presence in the world;
4. Notes that the field structure at the country level will remain unchanged during the current biennium, and will be subject to further bilateral consultations with Member States to determine the sustainability of the structure;
5. Also takes note of the proposed immediate adjustments to the functioning of the current field structure and, with a view to future implementation, requests the Director-General to provide further information thereon, including the financial implications and detailed parameters for staffing measures;
6. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 210th session an additional report on the results of the consultation process mentioned in paragraph 2 of document 209 EX/5.II.B;
7. Further requests the Director-General to pursue consultations with Member States of each region on the two options set out in document 209 EX/5.II.B;
8. Emphasizes that every reflection on proposals for UNESCO's presence in the world must be based on open and inclusive consultations with Member States, in accordance with the specific characteristics and needs of each region and sub-region and with UNESCO's two global priorities, Africa and gender equality;
9. Requests the Director-General to provide budget estimates for each of the options contained in document 209 EX/5.II.B;

10. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 212th session an overall strategy for UNESCO's presence in the world reflecting the consultations with Member States.

(209 EX/SR.6)

5.II.C Structured financing dialogue

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 202 EX/Decision 5.III.C, 204 EX/Decision 5.II.B, and 207 EX/Decision 5.III.C,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/5.II.C, 209 EX/5.II.C.INF and 209 EX/5.II.C.INF.2, and bearing in mind document 209 EX/5.II.A,
3. Stresses the need to further harmonize and coordinate all fundraising efforts and emphasizes that all resource mobilization should contribute to the realization of the priorities in UNESCO's four-year Programme;
4. Takes note that henceforth the structured financing dialogue (SFD) with Member States will be held on a biennial basis;
5. Requests the Director-General to hold the next structured financing dialogue (SFD) with Member States immediately after its 214th session and once every two years thereafter.

(209 EX/SR.6)

5.II.D Repositioning of the United Nations development system

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/5.II.D,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for her efforts to ensure UNESCO's active inclusion in United Nations reform consultations;
3. Welcomes the range of actions already taken to continue to establish UNESCO as a strong and credible organization delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in its areas of expertise and contributing to a more integrated and fit-for-purpose United Nations development system;
4. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 210th session on UNESCO's action in this regard.

(209 EX/SR.6)

5.II.E UNESCO's strategic transformation

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 204 EX/Decision 31, 205 EX/Decision 5.III.D, 206 EX/Decision 5.II.F, 207 EX/Decision 5.III.E and 40 C/Resolution 97,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/5.II.E and Add., 209 EX/5.II.E.INF and 209 EX/5.II.E.INF.2,

3. Takes note of the report of the Director-General on the progress made in finalizing Pillar 2 of the strategic transformation and in effectively beginning work on its Pillar 3 (209 EX/5.II.E);
4. Also takes note of the status report on the use, as at 31 December 2019, of the \$2.1 million approved budget for the strategic transformation process (209 EX/5.II.E);
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 210th session a final report on Pillar 2 and an advance report on Pillar 3, as well as a revision of the roadmap for the preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41 C/4) in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the consultations foreseen and postponed.

(209 EX/SR.6)

5.II.F Progress Report on Enterprise Risk Management

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/5.II.F,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the efforts already undertaken to embed the principles of an enterprise risk management policy within all the operations of the Organization;
3. Takes note of the revised UNESCO risk management policy;
4. Invites the Director-General to take into account the lessons learned from the COVID-19 health crisis in the strategic transformation of UNESCO for a more comprehensive risk appetite statement for institutional risk management within the Organization;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 211th session a follow-up report on the actions undertaken, including a draft UNESCO risk appetite statement for its approval, as well as a report on operational and project risks.

(209 EX/SR.7)

5.III Human resources issues

5.III.A Human Resources Management Strategy for 2017-2022

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 207 EX/Decision 5.IV.B,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/5.III.A and Addenda, 209 EX/5.III.A.INF and 209 EX/5.III.A.INF.2,
3. Takes note of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Human Resources Management Strategy for 2017-2022;
4. Also takes note of the findings and recommendations of the evaluation of the first managed geographical mobility exercise, conducted by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) (209 EX/5.III.A.INF) and of the management response thereto (209 EX/5.III.A.INF.2);
5. Invites the Director-General to resume the managed mobility exercise, taking into account the specialized nature of the Organization, and to ensure the full and timely

implementation of all recommendations stemming from the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluation of the first such exercise, while submitting to the governing bodies those recommendations that require their decision;

6. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 211th session a mapping of expertise both at Headquarters and in the field in order to allow a better understanding of where specific expertise lies in UNESCO;
7. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 211th session a full report on the implementation of the Human Resources Management Strategy for 2017-2022.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.III.B Geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat and measures to ensure equitable geographical distribution at all levels

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 206 EX/Decision 5.III.A, 207 EX/Decision 5.IV.C and 40 C/Resolution 78,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/5.III.B and Add.,
3. Also recalling Article VI of the Constitution of UNESCO, in particular its paragraph 4,
4. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General regarding the situation of the geographical distribution and the gender balance of the staff as of December 2019;
5. Commends the Director-General on UNESCO being among the highest-ranking agencies in the United Nations system in terms of gender parity on average;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue to actively implement the UNESCO Gender Parity Action Plan for 2017-2022, and to further strengthen efforts to achieve gender parity at all levels without detriment to equitable geographical distribution;
7. Reiterates its concern at the continuing imbalance in the geographical distribution of the staff and insufficiency or inefficiency of the measures taken in this regard;
8. Also invites the Director-General to strengthen efforts to ensure the equitable geographical representation of Member States within the Secretariat, especially at the Director level and above, including, but not limited to, the appointment of temporary and project staff;
9. Also takes note of the outreach measures already undertaken, and strongly encourages the Secretariat to identify other measures, in particular aimed at improving the representation of non-represented and under-represented Member States;
10. Further takes note of the information provided by the Director-General on the methodology for the calculation of geographical quotas;
11. Takes note of the approach proposed by the Secretariat to review the base figure of posts subject to geographical distribution and requests the Director-General to present to it at its 211th session different options for reviewing the number and category of staff posts to be included in the new base figure, including international Project Appointment (PA) posts, taking into account practices in United Nations agencies, and keeping in mind the discussions that took place during its 209th session;

12. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 210th session a report on:
- (a) the situation, including at the senior level, of the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat, including a breakdown by sector;
 - (b) the proposals for potential new measures which could be undertaken to ensure gender parity and equitable geographical distribution at all levels, including the possibility of launching a programme similar to the Young Professionals Programme (YPP) targeting senior posts;
 - (c) the establishment of a table of coefficients to post levels, starting from grade P-1, to estimate the geographical distribution and gender distribution at all levels in the Secretariat.

(209 EX/SR.5)

5.III.C UNESCO Medical Benefits Fund (MBF)¹

5.III.D Annual report (2019) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): Report by the Director-General

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 114 EX/Decision 8.5, 22 C/Resolution 37 and 206 EX/Decision 5.III.C,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/5.III.D,
3. Takes note of its content;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and to take into account its recommendations and the decisions of the United Nations General Assembly.

(209 EX/SR.5)

PROGRAMME MATTERS

Education

6 SDG 4 – Education 2030 (209 EX/6.I; 209 EX/6.II; 209 EX/6.III; 209 EX/37)

6.I Global/regional coordination and support

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 206 EX/Decision 6.I, 206 EX/Decision 35 and 40 C/Resolution 17,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/6.I,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for her efforts to affirm and further strengthen UNESCO's lead within the evolving education architecture, and welcomes the leading role the Organization has played in the context of the in-depth review of

¹ After considering this item, the Finance and Administrative Commission took note of document 209 EX/5.III.C.INF.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 at the 2019 high-level political forum on sustainable development;

4. Encourages UNESCO to strengthen its mandated role as the lead agency in the coordination of and multilateral support for the implementation of SDG 4 – Education 2030, takes note of the launch of the Multilateral Education Partners' platform and the Organization's overall engagement with recent initiatives aimed at strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships, and requests the Director-General to provide it with additional information at its 210th session;
5. Also welcomes continued efforts to reinforce and support regional coordination, reporting and monitoring and to strengthen linkages between the regional and global levels, including South-South cooperation;
6. Calls on Member States to continue to support UNESCO activities on the advancement and implementation of SDG 4 – Education 2030, including through high-level participation in the SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee and through extrabudgetary resources;
7. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 211th session on UNESCO's coordination of and support for SDG 4 – Education 2030, including the celebration of International Day of Education and the Organization's work with its many partners, and to provide information on large-scale educational initiatives conducted by the Organization.

(209 EX/SR.5)

6.II UNESCO strategy for youth and adult literacy (2020-2025)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 207 EX/Decision 6.I and 40 C/Resolution 16,
2. Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/145, which requests UNESCO to continue to play its “coordinating and catalysing role through the implementation of the recommendations of the Global Alliance for Literacy and by continuing to provide support to Member States, in collaboration with partners”, in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal targets connected with literacy,
3. Having examined document 209 EX/6.II,
4. Approves the action plan for the UNESCO Strategy for Youth and Adult Literacy (2020-2025) and invites the Director-General to implement it with a special consideration for developing countries, particularly least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS);
5. Invites Member States and development partners to reinforce UNESCO's capacities and resources on literacy through extrabudgetary funding;
6. Encourages Member States and UNESCO to foster partnerships and promote South-South, North-South and North-South-South cooperation, with a particular focus on the Global Alliance for Literacy within the Framework of Lifelong Learning (GAL);

7. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 217th session the results of a mid-term review of the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Youth and Adult Literacy (2020-2025) which will take place in 2022.

(209 EX/SR.5)

6.III UNESCO Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (2016-2021)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 199 EX/Decision 6 and 40 C/Resolution 87,
2. Also recalling Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 target 3, which promotes equal access to technical and vocational education, and target 4 on relevant skills for decent work,
3. Having examined document 209 EX/6.III,
4. Expresses its satisfaction with the mid-term review of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (2016-2021), and acknowledges the progress made, lessons learned and implications for further implementation in 2020-2021;
5. Also acknowledges the continued relevance of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (2016-2021), its overall objective, priority areas and cross-cutting intervention areas;
6. Invites the Director-General to develop specific vocational training strategies for labour insertion or reinsertion for workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
7. Invites Member States and development partners to reinforce UNESCO's work in technical and vocational education and training (TVET) through extrabudgetary funding, the secondment of experts and knowledge sharing;
8. Also invites the Director-General to promote cooperation with the UNESCO Associated Schools Network as part of the implementation of the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (2016-2021);
9. Further invites the Director-General to present to it at its 212th session a proposal regarding the follow-up to the Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (2016-2021).

(209 EX/SR.5)

7 Making evaluation work for the achievement of SDG 4 target 5: equality and inclusion in education (209 EX/7; 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/7,
2. Welcomes the "Evaluation for SDG 4" (E4SDG4) initiative, and the cooperation between UNESCO's Internal Oversight Service Evaluation Office (IOS/EVS) and Education Sector and the evaluation offices of other technical and financial partners (the "Coalition") working towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, with a view to helping evaluate progress made;

3. Also welcomes in particular the report “Making evaluation work for the achievement of SDG 4 target 5: equality and inclusion in education”;
4. Calls upon all Member States, partners and donors to support the “Evaluation for SDG 4” (E4SDG4) initiative;
5. Invites the Director-General to dedicate adequate resources to enable follow-up to all the recommendations contained in document 209 EX/7, and to explore opportunities with a view to broadening the “Evaluation for SDG 4” (E4SDG4) initiative.

(209 EX/SR.6)

8 Evaluation: “The future of UNESCO’s Education Sector: the normative vs operational role in the context of the 2030 Agenda” (209 EX/8; 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 186 EX/Decision 6.VI and 202 EX/Decision 5.II,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/8,
3. Welcomes the evaluation entitled “The future of UNESCO’s Education Sector: the normative vs operational role in the context of the 2030 Agenda”, and takes note with interest of its findings and recommendations;
4. Notes with appreciation the corresponding management response to the recommendations as contained in the annex to document 209 EX/8, and urges the Director-General to strengthen and scale up such efforts with the view to addressing the additional challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic on the education systems of Member States, specifically those of developing countries;
5. Invites the Director-General to reinforce within the Education Sector the function of providing advice for policy development, and developing institutional and human capacities to respond to the rising needs of Member States;
6. Also invites the Director-General to implement the actions indicated in the management response to the recommendations contained in the annex to document 209 EX/8 as well as additional actions in response to effects of the global pandemic on education systems worldwide while submitting those requiring decision to relevant governing bodies, and to report to it thereon at its 211th session.

(209 EX/SR.6)

Science

9 Evaluation of the International Geoscience and Geoparks programme (IGGP) (209 EX/9; 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/9,
2. Welcomes the “Evaluation of the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP)” and takes note with interest of its findings and recommendations;
3. Also welcomes the corresponding management response (Annex to 209 EX/9);

4. Calls on all Member States, partners and donors to increase their commitment, active participation and financial support for the implementation of the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP);
5. Calls on the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) Secretariat to promote mechanisms that continue improving IGGP selection and evaluation procedures and criteria, so as to assure Member States that decisions are taken on the basis of relevant criteria and transparent procedures;
6. Calls on the Director-General to include the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) as a priority area in the structured financing dialogue processes;
7. Invites the Director-General to enable adequate follow-up to all the recommendations contained in document 209 EX/9;
8. Also invites the Director-General to present to it a tailor-made and targeted strategy for sub-Saharan Africa and the Arab States region as recommended in the evaluation with a view to ensuring an increased International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) presence and visibility of UNESCO Global Geoparks, capacity-building initiatives and technical assistance meant to increase the number of designations of Global Geoparks in Africa and the Arab States.

(209 EX/SR.6)

Intersectoral activities

10 UNESCO Prizes (209 EX/10.I; 209 EX/10.II; 209 EX/38)

Reviews and renewals

10.I UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 131 EX/Decision 5.2.8,
2. Taking into consideration 191 EX/Decision 12 and 196 EX/Decision 12.I,
3. Having examined document 209 EX/10.I,
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea for its generous support and commitment to the promotion of literacy and literate environments;
5. Decides to renew the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize for a period of six years;
6. Approves the amended Statutes of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize, and takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Prize, as set out in Annexes I and II, respectively, to document 209 EX/10.I.

(209 EX/SR.6)

10.II Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology

The Executive Board,

1. Taking into consideration 191 EX/Decision 12, 196 EX/Decision 12.I and 201 EX/Decision 24,

2. Having examined document 209 EX/10.II,
3. Considering that the objectives of the Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology are in line with strategic objectives 4 and 5 of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy 2014-2021 (37 C/4), and demonstrate that scientific success is attainable and a necessity for societal development, in line with the objectives of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) of UNESCO,
4. Recognizing the importance of promoting microbiology and the basic sciences in general, and highlighting their role in the advancement of science, technology and innovation on a regional and global level, and as essential to sustainable development,
5. Being aware that the Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology encourages a mechanism of knowledge sharing and a platform for exchanges among researchers, triggers new ties among institutions and scientists from across the world, and provides role models capable of attracting youth and empowering them in the field of basic sciences,
6. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Cuba for its long-term support and effective collaboration with UNESCO in the framework of the Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology, for which it covers all costs;
7. Decides to renew the Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology for a period of six years, approves the amended Statutes of the Prize and takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Prize as set out in Annexes I and II, respectively, of document 209 EX/10.II.

(209 EX/SR.6)

INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

Category 1 institutes and centres

11 Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (209 EX/11; 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article V.1 (e) of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) (30 C/Resolution 44) and 206 EX/Decision 16,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/11,
3. Emphasizes the role of UNESCO as the lead agency for monitoring Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 through producing comparable education indicators cross-nationally, and by working with partners to develop new indicators, statistical approaches and monitoring tools so as to better assess progress towards the international education targets;
4. Welcomes the significant achievements of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), despite the budgetary constraints;
5. Encourages Member States to increase financial support, especially non-earmarked funding, to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), in recognition of its leading role in the measurement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the United Nations, especially in the field of education;

6. Invites the Director-General to continue her fundraising efforts in order to secure additional funding and enhance the overall financial sustainability of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS);
7. Invites the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to report to it on its activities at its 211th session.

(209 EX/SR.6)

12 Future of the International Bureau of Education (IBE) (209 EX/12 and Corr.; 209 EX/12.INF; 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 205 EX/Decision 11, 206 EX/Decision 17, 207 EX/Decision 13 and 40 C/Resolution 15,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/12 and Corr., and taking note of document 209 EX/12.INF,
3. Welcomes the efforts of the working group on the reorganization of the International Bureau of Education (IBE) in Geneva established by the Director-General pursuant to 40 C/Resolution 15, and expresses its appreciation of its final report;
4. Reaffirms that the International Bureau of Education (IBE) is a category 1 institute on curriculum;
5. Approves provisionally the revised Statutes of the International Bureau of Education (IBE) as set out in paragraph 10 of document 209 EX/12, including the renewed mandate under Article II of the Statutes, and invites the Director-General to take any necessary transitional measures prior to final endorsement by the General Conference at its 41st session;
6. Takes note of the proposal of China as included in document 209 EX/12.INF, and also invites the Director-General to constitute a working group made up of four members from each regional group to examine this proposal;
7. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its 210th session on the proposal of the new working group, and the transitional measures to be taken for the implementation of the provisional Statutes of the International Bureau of Education (IBE).

(209 EX/SR.6)

Category 2 institutes and centres

Proposals for establishment

[13 International Centre of Advanced Communication Studies for Latin America (CIESPAL) in Ecuador]

This item was postponed: see the footnote in document 209 EX/1 Prov. Rev.3.

14 Reviews and renewals (209 EX/14.I and Add.; 209 EX/14.II; 209 EX/14.III and Corr.; 209 EX/14.IV and Corr.; 209 EX/14.V and Corr.; 209 EX/14.VI; 209 EX/14.VII Rev.; 209 EX/36)

14.I South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD) in Sri Lanka

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 36 C/Resolution 15 and 40 C/Resolution 99,
2. Taking into account document 40 C/79, its Annex and the attachments thereto,
3. Having examined documents 209 EX/14.I and Add.,
4. Takes note of the recommendation to extend exceptionally, until 9 June 2021, the current agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Sri Lanka on the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD);
5. Invites both the Government of Sri Lanka and the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD) to operationalize the Centre and implement the recommendations made in the corresponding evaluation report;
6. Approves the extension, until 9 June 2021, of the current agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Sri Lanka on the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD);
7. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 211th session the results of a new evaluation of the renewal of the designation of the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

(209 EX/SR.5)

14.II Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island States (CEHICA), in the Dominican Republic

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 68, 180 EX/Decision 19.I and 35 C/Resolution 23,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/14.II,
3. Notes that the Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island States (CEHICA) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, has performed satisfactorily as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
4. Welcomes the Director-General's recommendation to renew the designation of the Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island States (CEHICA) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
5. Decides to renew the designation of the Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island States (CEHICA) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
6. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(209 EX/SR.5)

14.III Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee (CWLPS), in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 31,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/14.III and Corr.,
3. Takes note of the extension until 31 December 2020 by exchange of letters dated 11 June 2020, of the current agreement on the Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science (CWLPS) in Dundee, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in order to allow sufficient time for the completion of the evaluation process, including the negotiation of the draft renewal agreement, and the presentation of the results and the Director-General's recommendations to it at its 210th session;
4. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 210th session the results of the evaluation and her recommendations on the renewal of the designation of the Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science (CWLPS) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

(209 EX/SR.5)

14.IV International Centre on Water Resources and Global Change (ICWRGC) in Germany

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 25,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/14.IV and Corr.,
3. Takes note of the extension until 31 December 2020, by exchange of letters dated 24 June 2020, of the current agreement on the International Centre on Water Resources and Global Change (ICWRGC) in Koblenz, Germany, in order to allow sufficient time for the completion of the evaluation process, including the negotiation of the draft renewal agreement, and the presentation of the results and the Director-General's recommendations to it at its 210th session;
4. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 210th session the results of the evaluation and her recommendations on the renewal of the designation of the International Centre on Water Resources and Global Change (ICWRGC) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

(209 EX/SR.5)

14.V International Centre for Water Cooperation (ICWC), in Sweden

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 37 C/Resolution 30,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/14.V and Corr.,
3. Takes note of the extension until 31 December 2020, by exchange of letters dated 19 May 2020, of the current agreement on the International Centre for Water Cooperation (ICWC) in Stockholm, Sweden, in order to allow sufficient time for the

completion of the evaluation process, including the negotiation of the draft renewal agreement, and the presentation of the results and the Director-General's recommendations to it at its 210th session;

4. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 210th session the results of the evaluation and her recommendations on the renewal of the designation of the International Centre for Water Cooperation (ICWC) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

(209 EX/SR.5)

14.VI International Research and Training Centre on Urban Drainage (IRTCUD), in Serbia

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 (24 C/5 Approved),
2. Having examined document 209 EX/14.VI,
3. Notes that the International Research and Training Centre on Urban Drainage (IRTCUD) in Belgrade, Serbia, has performed satisfactorily as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
4. Welcomes the Director-General's recommendation to renew the designation of the International Research and Training Centre on Urban Drainage as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
5. Decides to renew the designation of the International Research and Training Centre on Urban Drainage (IRTCUD) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
6. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement.

(209 EX/SR.5)

14.VII Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC) in Colombia

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 182 EX/Decision 62, 37 C/Resolution 93, 207 EX/Decision 16.VI and 40 C/Resolution 99,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/14.VII Rev.,
3. Underlines the importance of examining the results of the evaluation and the recommendations of the Director-General on the renewal of the designation of the Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC) in Bogota, Colombia, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) in a timely manner in compliance with the integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (37 C/Resolution 93);
4. Takes note of the validity, until 31 December 2021, of the current agreement on the Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC), in Bogota, Colombia, pursuant to its latest tacit extension;
5. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 211th session the results of the evaluation and her recommendations on the renewal of the designation of the Regional

Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2).

(209 EX/SR.5)

15 Cessations of centres (209 EX/15.INF; 209 EX/36)²

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

16 Amendment to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (209 EX/16; 209 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 39 C/Resolution 69, 205 EX/Decision 21.I and 40 C/Resolution 83,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/16,
3. Decides to amend Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

“Rule 48 Voting rights [Const. V.C.14]

1. Each Member of the Board shall have one vote.
2. A Member State shall have no vote in the Executive Board or in any of its committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs 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. The General Conference may nevertheless permit such a Member State to vote, if it is satisfied under the procedure and decision provided for in Rule 80 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, that failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member State.”

(209 EX/SR.5)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

17 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (209 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 209 EX/CR/2; 209 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft) and Add. and Corr.)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's consideration of this subject in private meeting.

(209 EX/SR.5)

² After considering this item, the Finance and Administrative Commission took note of document 209 EX/15.INF.

18 Implementation of standard-setting instruments (209 EX/18.I and Corr.; 209 EX/18.II; 209 EX/18.III; 209 EX/18.IV; 209 EX/34)

18.I General monitoring

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 165 EX/Decision 6.2, 32 C/Resolution 77, 170 EX/Decision 6.2, 171 EX/Decision 27, 174 EX/Decision 21, 175 EX/Decision 28, 176 EX/Decision 33, 177 EX/Decision 35, 34 C/Resolution 87, 196 EX/Decision 20, 199 EX/Decision 14.I, 200 EX/Decision 16.I, 201 EX/Decision 19.I, 202 EX/Decision 24.I, 204 EX/Decision 18.I, 205 EX/Decision 19, 206 EX/Decision 25.I and 207 EX/Decision 23.I relating to the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), which concerns the implementation of standard-setting instruments,
2. Having examined documents 209 EX/18.I and Corr., and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (209 EX/34),
3. Invites all Member States, once again, to fulfil their legal obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO regarding periodic reports on the action taken upon the conventions and recommendations;
4. Takes note of the timetable for submission of Member States' reports on measures taken to implement the conventions and recommendations for the period 2020-2021, contained in the Annex to document 209 EX/18.I Corr.;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to ensure that the legal framework concerning standard-setting instruments, as adopted at its 177th session and amended at its 196th session, be implemented by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR);
6. Decides to continue consideration of this matter at its 210th session.

(209 EX/SR.5)

18.II 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms – Preparations for the next consultation

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
2. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 196 EX/Decision 20 on the specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided,
3. Also recalling 39 C/Resolution 79, by which the General Conference requested the Director-General to share the results of the sixth consultation as a means of supporting the implementation and monitoring of target 4.7 of Sustainable Development Goal 4 and invited the Director-General to transmit to it at its 41st session the subsequent consolidated report on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning

Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,

4. Having examined document 209 EX/18.II and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (209 EX/34),
5. Underlining the importance of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms as a means of supporting the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially targets 4.7, 12.8 and 13.3,
6. Approves the guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the application of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, as set out in the annex to document 209 EX/18.II and amended in the light of the discussions at the meeting of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR), including the questions to be used for the calculation of the global Sustainable Development Goal indicators for targets 4.7, 12.8 and 13.3;
7. Requests the Director-General to invite Member States to submit to UNESCO their reports on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;
8. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 211th session the next consolidated report on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a view to transmitting that report, together with the Executive Board's comments thereon, to the General Conference at its 41st session.

(209 EX/SR.5)

18.III 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education – Preparations for the next consultation

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
2. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 196 EX/Decision 20 on the specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided,
3. Also recalling 40 C/Resolution 86,
4. Having examined document 209 EX/18.III and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (209 EX/34),
5. Underlining the importance of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education as a means of supporting the monitoring of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) – Education 2030, particularly targets 4.3 to 4.7,

6. Approves the guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education, as set out in the annex to document 209 EX/18.III and amended in the light of the discussions at the meeting of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR);
7. Requests the Director-General to invite Member States to submit to UNESCO their reports on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education, in connection with the preparation of the fifth Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE 5);
8. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 216th session the next consolidated report on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education, with a view to transmitting that report, together with the Executive Board's comments thereon, to the General Conference at its 42nd session.

(209 EX/SR.5)

18.IV 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers – Preparations for the next consultation

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
2. Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 196 EX/Decision 20 on the specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided,
3. Also recalling 39 C/Resolution 85, by which the General Conference adopted the 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers and identified ten of its key areas;
4. Having examined document 209 EX/18.IV and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (209 EX/34),
5. Underlining the importance of the 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers as a means of supporting the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with particular attention to SDG 9, particularly target 9.5, and as a means of strengthening science, technology and innovation and making best use of the benefits thereof,
6. Approves the guidelines for the preparation of reports by Member States on the implementation of the 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers, as set out in the Annex to document 209 EX/18.IV and amended in the light of the discussions at the meeting of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR);
7. Requests the Director-General to invite Member States to submit to UNESCO their reports on the implementation of the 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers;
8. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 212th session a consolidated report on the implementation of the 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific

Researchers, with a view to transmitting that report, together with the Executive Board's comments thereon, to the General Conference at its 41st session.

(209 EX/SR.5)

19 Follow-up to previous reviews of the working methods, procedures and practices of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (209 EX/19; 209 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling documents 196 EX/20, 196 EX/36, 205 EX/41, 206 EX/45 and 207 EX/53, as well as 192 EX/Decision 19, 194 EX/Decision 20, 195 EX/Decision 16, 196 EX/Decision 20, 205 EX/Decision 36, 206 EX/Decision 26 and 207 EX/Decision 25,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/19, and the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) thereon (document 209 EX/34),
3. Takes note of:
 - document 209 EX/19 “Follow-up to previous reviews of the working methods, procedures and practices of the committee on Conventions and Recommendations”,
 - its annex I “List of working documents, CR Committee reports and Executive Board decisions on the follow-up to previous reviews of the working methods, procedures and practices of the CR Committee discussed at the 205th, 206th, and 207th sessions of the Executive Board (with hyperlinks to UNESDOC)”, and
 - its annex II “Mid-term progress report on the implementation of the Strategy to improve visibility, ratification, implementation, monitoring and cooperation concerning education-related standard-setting instruments (2015-2021) monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations” and “Report on the measures to improve visibility, implementation, monitoring and cooperation related to standard-setting instruments in the areas of culture, science and communication and information monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations”, submitted by the Secretariat pursuant to 206 EX/Decision 26, paragraphs 5 and 6;
4. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 210th session a report on trends and results of the implementation of the *Specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided* adopted by it at its 177th session and amended at its 196th session;
5. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 211th session a report on the implementation of the modifications on the working methods and practices concerning the second aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) on the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence over the past ten years;
6. Invites the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) to explore ways to optimize the application of the working methods and practices of the Committee.

(209 EX/SR.5)

ANNUAL REPORTS BY THE OVERSIGHT AND ETHICS FUNCTIONS

20 Annual report of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) (209 EX/20; 209 EX/20.INF; 209 EX/PG/1.INF.3; 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/20,
3. Welcomes the role of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) in the functioning of the Organization;
4. Expresses appreciation for the advice and recommendations provided to the Director-General by the Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC), and requests the Director-General to ensure the full and timely implementation of all recommendations accepted by the Organization;
5. Also requests the Director-General to provide statistics on different types of allegations by region and by gender;
6. Further requests the Director-General to ensure that all Internal Oversight Service (IOS) recommendations are fully implemented within a reasonable time frame;
7. Requests the Director-General to maintain an effective oversight function as set forth in the respective revised Internal Oversight Service (IOS) internal audit and evaluation policies, and to report annually on IOS strategies and activities, significant oversight recommendations and their impact, and action taken by the Director-General to address and implement these recommendations;
8. Also recalling 199 EX/Decision 16, also requests the Director-General to ensure that the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) adjusted risk-based internal audit plan 2020/2021 contained in Annex III to document 209 EX/20 is fully funded under document 40 C/5 and that adequate budget is made available to IOS in order for it to independently and effectively plan and execute its work;
9. Further requests the Director-General to endeavour to provide the management response to the evaluation and audit reports.

(209 EX/SR.6)

21 Annual report of the Ethics Office (209 EX/21; 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/21,
2. Takes note of its content;
3. Thanks the Director-General for the report contained in document 209 EX/21 and the progress achieved within the Organization to establish a culture of ethics;
4. Expresses appreciation for the role of the Ethics Office as focal point for matters related to conflicts of interest and requests the Director-General to enhance compliance measures to address conflicts of interest;

5. Also requests the Director-General to provide the Ethics Office with substantial resources for it to carry out its mission under good conditions;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 211th session on the annual report of the Ethics Office.

(209 EX/SR.6)

RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS

22 Memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) (209 EX/2; 209 EX/22)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/22,
2. Approves the memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) annexed to document 209 EX/22;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the memorandum of understanding on behalf of UNESCO.

(209 EX/SR.5)

23 Memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO) (209 EX/2; 209 EX/23)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/23,
2. Approves the memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO) annexed to document 209 EX/23;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the memorandum of understanding on behalf of UNESCO.

(209 EX/SR.5)

GENERAL MATTERS

24 Occupied Palestine (209 EX/24; 209 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/24 as well as the annexes attached to this decision,
2. Recalling its previous decisions concerning “Occupied Palestine”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 210th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

ANNEX I



Executive Board

Two hundred and ninth session

209 EX/PX/DR.24.1
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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 24 OCCUPIED PALESTINE

DRAFT DECISION

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/24,
2. Recalling the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949) and their additional Protocols (1977), the 1907 Hague Regulations on Land Warfare, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its additional Protocols, the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970) and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage, as well as resolutions and decisions of UNESCO relating to Jerusalem, also recalling previous UNESCO decisions relating to the reconstruction and development of Gaza as well as UNESCO decisions on the two Palestinian sites in Al-Khalil/Hebron and in Bethlehem,
3. Affirming that nothing in the current decision, which aims, *inter alia*, at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Palestine and the distinctive character of East Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant Security Council and United Nations resolutions and decisions on the legal status of Palestine and Jerusalem, including United Nations Security Council resolution 2334 (2016),
4. Taking note of the letters addressed to the Director-General by the Permanent Delegations of Palestine and Jordan to UNESCO in 2019 and 2020 concerning the sub-sections below,

I Jerusalem

5. Reaffirming the importance of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls for the three monotheistic religions,
6. Bearing in mind that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, which have altered or purport to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, and in particular the “basic law” on Jerusalem, are null and void and must be rescinded forthwith,
7. Recalling the seventeen decisions of the Executive Board: 185 EX/Decision 14, 187 EX/Decision 11, 189 EX/Decision 8, 190 EX/Decision 13, 192 EX/Decision 11,

194 EX/Decision 5.I.D, 195 EX/Decision 9, 196 EX/Decision 26, 197 EX/Decision 32, 199 EX/Dec.19.1, 200 EX/Decision 25, 201 EX/Decision 30, 202 EX/Decision 38, 204 EX/Decision 25 and 205 EX/Decision 28, 206 EX/Decision 32 and 207 EX/Decision 38, and the ten World Heritage Committee decisions: 34 COM/7A.20, 35 COM/7A.22, 36 COM/7A.23, 37 COM/7A.26, 38 COM/7A.4, 39 COM/7A.27, 40 COM/7A.13, 41 COM/7A.36, 42 COM/7A.21 and 43 COM/7A.22;

8. Regrets the failure of the Israeli occupying authorities to cease the persistent excavations, tunnelling, works and projects in East Jerusalem, particularly in and around the Old City of Jerusalem which are illegal under international law, and reiterates its request to Israel, the occupying Power, to stop all violations which are not in conformity with the provisions of the relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
9. Also regrets the Israeli refusal to implement the UNESCO request to the Director-General to appoint a permanent representative to be stationed in East Jerusalem to report on a regular basis about all aspects covering the fields of competence of UNESCO in East Jerusalem, and reiterates its request to the Director-General to appoint, as soon as possible, the above-mentioned representative;

II Reconstruction and development of Gaza

10. Deeply deplores the ongoing military developments around the Gaza Strip and their heavy toll of civilian casualties as well as their continuous negative impact in the fields of competence of UNESCO;
11. Deplores the continuous Israeli closure of the Gaza Strip, which harmfully affects the free and sustained movement of personnel, students and humanitarian relief items and requests Israel to immediately ease this closure;
12. Thanks the Director-General for initiatives that have already been implemented in Gaza in the fields of education, culture and youth and for the safety of media professionals, calls upon her to continue her active involvement in the reconstruction of Gaza's damaged educational and cultural components and reiterates, in this regard, its request to her to upgrade the UNESCO Antenna in Gaza and to organize, as soon as possible, an information meeting on the current situation in Gaza in the fields of competence of UNESCO and on the outcome of the projects conducted by UNESCO;

III The two Palestinian sites of *Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs* in Al-Khalil/Hebron and the *Bilal Ibn Rabah Mosque/Rachel's Tomb* in Bethlehem

13. Reaffirms that the two concerned sites located in Al-Khalil/Hebron and in Bethlehem are an integral part of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and shares the conviction affirmed by the international community that the two sites are of religious significance for Judaism, Christianity and Islam;
14. Deplores the ongoing Israeli excavations, works, construction of private roads for settlers and of a Wall inside the Old City of Al-Khalil/Hebron which are illegal under international law and harmfully affect the authenticity and integrity of the site, and the subsequent denial of freedom of movement and freedom of access to places of worship and asks Israel, the occupying Power, to end all violations which are not in conformity with the provisions of relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions;
15. Regrets the visual impact of the Wall on the site of Bilal Ibn Rabah Mosque/Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem as well as the strict ban on access of Palestinian Christian and Muslim worshippers to the site, and demands that the Israeli authorities restore the original character of the landscape around the site and lift the ban on access to it;

IV

16. Decides to include these matters under an item entitled "Occupied Palestine" in the agenda at its 210th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

ANNEX II

**THE UNESCO REACTIVE MONITORING MISSION
TO THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM AND ITS WALLS**

The Executive Board

1. Stresses the urgent need to implement the UNESCO reactive monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls;
2. Invites the Director-General and the World Heritage Centre to exert all efforts, in line with their mandates and in conformity with the provisions of the relevant UNESCO conventions, decisions and resolutions, to ensure the prompt implementation of the mission and, in case of non-implementation, to propose effective measures in the report to it at its 210th session;
3. Expresses its commitment to exert its utmost efforts to resolve this issue at its next session.

ANNEX TO THE DOCUMENT

During the reporting period, the following correspondence has been received by the Secretariat in relation to this item:

Date	From	Subject
10 October 2019	Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate of Palestine to UNESCO, with enclosed letter from the Palestinian Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability of the Bethlehem University	Palestine Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir
18 December 2019	Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Jordan to UNESCO and Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Palestine to UNESCO	The Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls
17 January 2020	Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate of Palestine to UNESCO	Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town
22 January 2020	Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Jordan to UNESCO and Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Palestine to UNESCO	The Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls
27 January 2020	Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate of Palestine to UNESCO	Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town
29 April 2020	Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate of Palestine to UNESCO, with enclosed letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates	Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town

18 May 2020	Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Palestine to UNESCO	Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town
17 June 2020	Ambassador of Israel to International Organizations	The Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls

(209 EX/SR.5)

25 Implementation of 40 C/Resolution 67 and 207 EX/Decision 39 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (209 EX/24; 209 EX/25; 209 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered documents 209 EX/24 and 209 EX/25, as well as the annex to this decision,
2. Recalling its previous decisions concerning “Educational and Cultural Institutions in the Occupied Arab Territories”,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 210th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a follow-up report thereon.

ANNEX



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Executive Board
Two hundred and ninth session

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PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (PX)

Item 25 IMPLEMENTATION OF 40 C/RESOLUTION 67 AND 207 EX/DECISION 39 CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES

DRAFT DECISION

The Executive Board,

I OCCUPIED PALESTINE

1. Recalling 185 EX/Decision 36 and 38 C/Resolution 72 as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 24, 50 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the Hague Convention (1954) and its additional Protocols and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), also recalling the International Court of Justice’s Advisory Opinion of 9 July 2004 on the “Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory”,

2. Having examined documents 209 EX/24 and 209 EX/25,
3. Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflict, as well as the safeguarding of schools and all educational facilities,
4. Deplores the damaging impact of the military confrontations on the fields of competence of UNESCO in the Gaza Strip, particularly education and cultural institutions;
5. Deeply concerned by the Israeli army violations against Palestinian universities and schools, demands that the Israeli authorities immediately halt actions that violate UNESCO principles and the provisions of the world declaration for education for all (1990) and reaffirms, in this regard, that schools, universities and cultural heritage sites enjoy special protection and should not be targeted;
6. Expresses its growing concern about the harmful impact of the Wall on the activities of educational and cultural institutions, and demands, in this regard, that Israel, the occupying Power, cease all of its settlement activities, including the construction of the Wall and other measures aimed at altering the character, status and demographic composition of the Occupied Palestinian territory, including in and around East Jerusalem and the Cremisan Monastery in the Bethlehem Governorate, which harm the social fabric of Palestinian society and prevent Palestinian school children and students from exercising fully their right to education;
7. Notes with deep concern the Israeli censorship of the Palestinian curricula of schools and universities in East Jerusalem, and urges the Israeli authorities to immediately halt this censorship;
8. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to UNESCO's action in Palestine as well as for building of schools for Palestinian children such as the school of Tana, near Nablus and the two schools in Khan Al-Ahmar and in Abu Nuwar near Jerusalem, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
9. Deeply regrets the destruction by the Israeli authorities of schools, including the school in Abu Nuwar and the school in Tana, and calls on the Israeli authorities to halt plans for further demolition, including of the school in Khan Al-Ahmar;
10. Thanks the Director-General for the results that have been obtained in favour of the protection, reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage, invites her to reinforce her action in this regard and to strengthen UNESCO's assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in order to address the needs for capacity building in UNESCO's fields of competence by, *inter alia*, expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students and school children, and requests her to organize, as soon as possible, the ninth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestine Committee;

II OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN

11. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts she is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of its decisions;
 - (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and adequate assistance to the educational and cultural institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
 - (c) to dispatch an expert to assess and evaluate the needs of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan and report to her before the 210th session of the Executive Board;

III

12. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 210th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

ANNEX TO THE DOCUMENT

During the reporting period, the following correspondence has been received by the Secretariat in relation to this item:

Date	From	Subject
29 November 2019	Alternate Permanent Delegate of Palestine to UNESCO	Educational, Cultural, Media and Health Institutions
23 January 2020	Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Palestine	Educational Institutions: UNRWA Schools
13 May 2020	President, Palestinian National Commission for Education, Culture and Science	Closure of Palestine TV Offices

(209 EX/SR.5)

26 Invitations to the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VII) (209 EX/2; 209 EX/26)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the recommendations of the 2019 extraordinary session of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS),³
2. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VII),
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate with the right to vote in the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to all the States mentioned in paragraph 9 of document 209 EX/26;
 - (c) that invitations to send representatives to the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the organizations of the United Nations system listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Annex to document 209 EX/26;
 - (d) that invitations to send observers to the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the international governmental and non-governmental organizations listed in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Annex to document 209 EX/26;

³ Cf. Resolution CIGEPS 2019/3.

- (e) that invitations to send observers to the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the institutions and foundations mentioned in paragraph 6 of the Annex to document 209 EX/26;
- (f) that invitations to send observers to the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the international organizations listed in paragraph 7 of the Annex to document 209 EX/26;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to extend any other invitations that she may deem relevant to the work of the Seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport, informing the Executive Board accordingly.

(209 EX/SR.5)

27 Dates of the 210th session and provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 210th session (209 EX/27.INF; 209 EX/27.INF.2)

210th session

(including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

(4 to 18 November 2020)

(11 working days / 15 calendar days)

Bureau (BUR)	Wednesday 4, Friday 6, Monday 16 November
Special Committee (SP)	Thursday 5 November
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)	Wednesday 4 (afternoon) to Friday 6 November
Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP)	Friday 6 November
Plenary meetings (PLEN)	Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 November, then Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 November
Commissions (FA, PX, JOINT)	Wednesday 11 to Monday 16 November

N.B.: School holidays in the host country are scheduled from Monday 19 October to Sunday 1 November 2020 (Zone C: Paris and suburbs).

The Executive Board took note of the provisional list of matters to be examined by it at its 210th session contained in document 209 EX/27.INF.2.

(209 EX/SR.6)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

[28 Addressing climate change impacts on cultural and natural heritage]

This item was withdrawn: see the footnote in document 209 EX/1 Prov. Rev.3.

29 International Day of Conscience (209 EX/29; 209 EX/DG.INF Rev.; 209 EX/PG/1.INF.3; 209 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/29,
2. Welcoming the proposal of Bahrain on the adoption of a resolution to celebrate International Day of Conscience at UNESCO Headquarters on 5 April each year in compliance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/329,
3. Recalling the Charter of the United Nations, including the purposes and principles contained therein, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international instruments of the United Nations system,
4. Also recalling:
 - (a) the Constitution of UNESCO and its mandate in promoting a culture of peace, non-violence and sustainable development,
 - (b) the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace adopted on 13 September 1999 by the United Nations General Assembly,
 - (c) the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022) which was recommended for proclamation by the UNESCO General Conference in 2012 (36 C/Resolution 40) and subsequently confirmed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 through its resolution 67/104,
5. Considering the important role of UNESCO and its activities related to the culture of peace and non-violence and that, in this context, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation for the Organization's ongoing efforts in promoting a culture of peace through a number of practical projects in the areas of youth, education, media and migration, in collaboration with governments, international organizations, foundations and civil society groups as well as the media and private sector,
6. Endorses paragraph 5 of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/329 by which it requested the Secretary-General to bring the resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, businesses and academic and civil society organizations for appropriate observance;
7. Recommends that the General Conference at its 41st session:
 - (a) request the Director-General to mark International Day of Conscience to be held annually on 5 April at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, and in UNESCO field offices, with the participation of Member States and other partners;
 - (b) call upon all Member States and partners in a position to provide additional resources to support UNESCO's activities related to the culture of peace and non-violence;

- (c) welcome the offer of Bahrain to provide extrabudgetary resources to finance the aforementioned event each year in accordance with a grant agreement to be reached.

(209 EX/SR.5)

30 Recommendations of the informal working group established by 6 X/EX/Decision 2 on the working methods for a virtual session of the Executive Board (209 EX/30; 209 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 6 X/EX/Decision 2,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/30 and bearing in mind the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board and documents 6 X/EX/2 and Add., and the table titled “Application of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board for virtual meetings” included in 6 X/EX/Decision 2,
3. Adopts the recommendations of the informal working group (IWG), as set out hereunder, and notes that the Executive Board has the working methods and tools to hold virtual sessions, if decided.

Recommendations of the informal working group established by 6 X/EX/Decision 2 on the working methods for a virtual session of the Executive Board

I. General recommendations

1. The Executive Board shall hold virtual sessions only during periods of emergency or in exceptional circumstances rendering “in-person” meetings impracticable.
2. The Rules of Procedure shall apply to virtual sessions without any change.
3. Participation and use of online platforms accessible to all Members of the Board, representatives of the United Nations, observers of Member States and of non-Member States and observers of intergovernmental or international non-governmental organizations must be ensured on equal terms in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, while at the same time ensuring the security of the online platforms.
4. Taking into consideration the practical and technological limitations of a virtual session of the Executive Board, the agenda and timetable of work should be adopted keeping in mind availability of time of the session and length of the agenda.
5. Efforts should be made to consider as many items on the agenda as possible without debate.
6. The online platform for a virtual session should be safe, secure and user friendly. All efforts have to be made by the Secretariat to ensure confidentiality of the private meetings.
7. Keeping in mind the differences in time zones, efforts must be made to facilitate the full participation of all as per the Rules of Procedure.
8. Considering that the technological means currently available to the Secretariat do not allow for a virtual secret ballot, the Executive Board could decide on practical

arrangements for casting of the vote should it become necessary to hold a secret ballot during a virtual session.

9. Since negotiation of a text during a virtual session could be time consuming and complicated due to technological constraints, Member States shall be invited to apply recommendations 44-47 of the open-ended working group on governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO, adopted by the General Conference through 39 C/87, and convene informal meetings and negotiations as appropriate on draft decisions and amendments before the session of the Executive Board.
10. As is the current practice in UNESCO, all possible efforts should be made to adopt decisions on the basis of consensus in virtual sessions.
11. It is of utmost importance that the Secretariat provide enough staff to be able to follow the questions and demands communicated through the appropriate tool or other functions of the online platform.

II. Application of the Rules of Procedure for a virtual session of the Executive Board

Rule No. Title	Rule	IWG recommendations
<p>Rules 5-8</p> <p>Provisional agenda; Revised provisional agenda; Adoption of the agenda; Amendments, deletions and new items</p>	<p>Rule 5 Provisional agenda</p> <p>1. The Chairperson shall prepare a provisional agenda which shall be dispatched to all Members of the Board at least thirty days before the opening of a regular session and as soon as possible in the case of a special session.</p> <p>2. The provisional agenda shall include: all questions referred to the Board by the General Conference; all questions proposed by the United Nations; all questions proposed by Member States; all questions the inclusion of which has been decided by the Board at previous sessions; all questions proposed by Members of the Board; all questions proposed by the Director-General; questions required by the Constitution, the present Rules or any other applicable Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>3. Items proposed shall have a direct link with the Organization's fields of competence.</p> <p>Rule 6 Revised provisional agenda</p> <p>The Chairperson may prepare a revised provisional agenda to include any questions proposed between the dispatch of the provisional agenda and up to two weeks before the</p>	<p>The application of these Rules could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and timetable of work taking into account the availability of time and the gravity of the provisional agenda. • Consideration of as many agenda items as possible without debate.

	<p>opening of the session or any other necessary modifications.</p> <p>Rule 7 Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>The Board shall adopt its agenda at the beginning of each session.</p> <p>Rule 8 Amendments, deletions and new items</p> <p>The Board may amend or add new items to the agenda so adopted if so, decided by a majority of the Members present and voting. Subject to the provisions of Rule 22, such new items shall not be discussed until forty-eight hours after their inclusion in the agenda, unless otherwise decided by the Board.</p>	
Rule 9 Members	<p>5. Each State Member of the Executive Board shall transmit to the Director-General in writing the name and curriculum vitae of its representative and the name of his or her alternates. It shall also inform the Director-General of any changes in those appointments. The Director-General shall communicate the above-mentioned information to the Chairperson of the Executive Board.</p>	<p>Additionally, the Secretariat, through a separate communication to each State Member of the Executive Board, should request the contact information of the State Member's representative and her or his alternates, which shall be provided by the State Member in advance of the session.</p>
Rule 14 Bureau	<p>1. To assist him or her in the exercise of his or her functions, the Chairperson may convoke, in connection with sessions of the Board and, in case of necessity, between sessions, the Vice-Chairpersons and the Chairpersons of the permanent commissions, the Special Committee, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners who shall constitute, with him or her, the Bureau of the Board.</p>	<p>The Chairperson may convoke a virtual meeting of the members of the Bureau.</p>
Rule 15 Functions of Vice-Chairpersons	<p>1. In the absence of the Chairperson during the session, his or her functions shall be exercised in turn by the Vice-Chairpersons.</p>	<p>In order to ensure continuation of the session without unnecessary delay, it would be desirable, at the start of the session, to specify the order in which the Vice-Chairpersons shall assume the functions of the Chairperson in the event of his or her absence.</p>
Rules 16-17 Permanent commissions and committees; Temporary committees	<p>Rule 16 Permanent commissions and committees</p> <p>1. After the election of new Members of the Board at each ordinary session of the General Conference, the Board shall establish from among its Members the permanent</p>	<p>The full application of these Rules may be ensured by holding all commissions and committees in the format of separate virtual events. The Secretariat shall avoid, if possible, the overlapping of these commissions and committees.</p>

	<p>commissions and committees necessary to assist it in the execution of its tasks, such as a Finance and Administrative Commission, a Programme and External Relations Commission, a Special Committee, a Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and a Committee on Non- Governmental Partners.</p> <p>2. The Chairpersons of the Commissions, the Special Committee, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and the Committee on Non-Governmental Partners shall be elected by the Board by secret ballot from among the representatives appointed by the Members elected to the Board. At the opening of each session and for the duration of that session, each commission and committee shall elect, from among the representatives of its Members, a temporary Chairperson preferably belonging to the same electoral group as its Chairperson in order to replace the latter in the exercise of all his or her functions during his or her temporary absence.</p> <p>3. If a Chairperson of a commission or any other subsidiary body is for any reason unable to complete his or her term of office, the Board shall elect by secret ballot a successor to replace him or her for the remainder of the term.</p> <p>4. The commissions and committees shall examine and report to the Executive Board on all questions referred to them by the Executive Board, or, if necessary, by its Chairperson, and shall exercise such other responsibilities as may be entrusted to them by the Board.</p> <p>5. The Finance and Administrative Commission is requested by the Board to submit the draft programme and budget to a technical examination, which shall include a detailed study of the advisability of some of the administrative measures proposed and of their financial implications and to make a detailed report thereon to the Board.</p> <p>Rule 17 Temporary committees</p> <p>The Board may also establish such temporary committees as it considers necessary for the execution of its</p>	
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	task. The terms of reference of such committees shall be specifically defined by the Executive Board at the time of their establishment.	
Rule 22 Time limits for distribution of documents	<p>1. The proposed programme and budget to be submitted to the General Conference in its working languages shall be distributed to Members of the Executive Board at least thirty days before the opening of the session of the Board at which it is to be considered.</p> <p>2. Documents relating to items on the provisional agenda of each session of the Board shall normally be distributed to its Members in the working languages of the Board at least thirty days before the opening of the session. Exceptions to this Rule may be made only if the permission of the Chairperson has been previously obtained.</p> <p>3. Unless the Board decides otherwise, it shall not discuss any items, except the reports of commissions and committees, until at least forty-eight hours after the distribution of the relevant documents in its working languages to Members present.</p>	<p>The application of this Rule could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents and texts of proposals made available by the Secretariat through the UNESCO Digital Library and Executive Board websites. • The Secretariat shall inform, via email, all Member States that a document has been uploaded to the designated websites of UNESCO.
Rule 23 Summary records	<p>1. A summary record of all plenary meetings of the Board shall be prepared by the Secretariat. A provisional text shall be submitted to Members for correction as soon as possible but shall not be made public.</p>	<p>For the purpose of preparing a summary record of all plenary meetings of the Executive Board held virtually, oral statements made during such meetings shall be taken into account.</p>
Rule 27 Quorum	<p>1. At meetings of the Board the quorum shall consist of a majority of its Members.</p> <p>2. The Board shall not decide on any matter unless a quorum is present.</p> <p>3. At meetings of subsidiary bodies the quorum shall consist of a majority of Members appointed to the body in question. However, if, after five minutes' adjournment, there is still no quorum as defined above, the Chairperson may request the agreement of the Members actually present temporarily to waive the provision of this paragraph.</p>	<p>The application of this Rule could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access by all participants to the meeting's virtual waiting room approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled start time; • Adoption of a naming convention for participants, to be determined by the Secretariat; • Authentication by the Secretariat of the identity of the participants before giving access to the meeting; • After a roll call, the Chairperson shall announce whether a quorum has been established.

<p>Rule 29</p> <p>Private meetings and documents</p>	<p>1. When, in exceptional circumstances, the Board decides to hold a private meeting it shall determine the persons who shall be present, having regard to Article VI.3 of the Constitution, to the right of Members to be accompanied by advisers or experts, and to agreements entered into with the United Nations and the specialized agencies.</p>	<p>The technological means available would allow the holding of private meetings in the format of separate virtual events, open only to participants authorized to attend. The Secretariat must ensure the confidentiality of such meetings.</p>
<p>Rules 30-33</p> <p>Speeches; Order of speeches; Time limit on speeches; Closing of list of speakers</p>	<p>Rule 30 Speeches</p> <p>1. No one may address the Board without having previously obtained the permission of the Chairperson. The Chairperson may call a speaker to order if his or her remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.</p> <p>2. Representatives of the United Nations and the specialized agencies may participate without the right to vote, in the discussions of the Board and its subsidiary organs.</p> <p>3. Observers of Member States and of non-Member States may be invited by the Board to address it on matters under discussion.</p> <p>4. Observers of intergovernmental or international non-governmental organizations and other qualified persons may be invited by the Board to address it on matters within their competence.</p> <p>5. Any Member of the Board may take part in the work of subsidiary bodies to which it does not belong. In such cases, and in the absence of any contrary decision by the Board, it shall not have the right to vote.</p> <p>Rule 31 Order of speeches</p> <p>The Chairperson shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their wish to speak.</p> <p>Rule 32 Time limit on speeches</p> <p>The Board may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker.</p> <p>Rule 33 Closing of list of speakers</p> <p>During the course of a debate the Chairperson may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Board, declare the list closed. He or she may, however, accord the right of reply to a Member if a speech</p>	<p>The application of these Rules could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation as a “speaker” of persons entitled to speak at a meeting, indicating their title and State or organization; • Request for the floor by participants by clicking on the appropriate icon on the meeting platform; • Granting of the floor by the Chairperson and activation, with the assistance of the Secretariat, of the speaker’s audio and video; • Need for participants to mute their microphones and turn off their cameras when they have finished speaking; • Responsibility of the participants for the quality of the connection to their equipment; • Using appropriate tools on the meeting platform to allow participants to formally raise procedural motions such as points of order, etc.; • Showing an updated speakers’ list on the screen in order for delegations to know when it is their turn to speak; • The Secretariat must ensure that Observers of Member States and of non-Member States and Observers of intergovernmental or international non-governmental organizations and other qualified persons invited by the Board to address it on matters within their competence, are able to speak.

	delivered after the list has been declared closed makes this desirable.	
<p>Rules 34-38</p> <p>Texts of proposals; Decisions involving expenditure; Withdrawal of proposals; Division of proposals; Voting on amendments; Order of voting on proposals</p>	<p>Rule 34 Texts of proposals</p> <p>At the request of any Member, supported by two other Members, discussion of any substantive motion, resolution or amendment shall be suspended until the text is circulated in the working languages to all Members present.</p> <p>Rule 34.A Decisions involving expenditure</p> <p>The Executive Board shall not take a decision involving expenditure unless it has before it a report from the Director-General on the administrative and financial implications of the proposal.</p> <p>Rule 35 Withdrawal of proposals</p> <p>A proposal may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before voting on it has begun, provided that the proposal has not been amended. A proposal withdrawn may be reintroduced by any other Member.</p> <p>Rule 36 Division of proposals</p> <p>Parts of a proposal shall be voted on separately if a Member requests that the proposal be divided. Those parts of a proposal which have been approved in separate vote shall then be put to a vote as a whole. If all the operative parts of the proposal have been rejected; the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.</p> <p>Rule 37 Voting on amendments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When an amendment to a proposal is moved, the amendment shall be voted on first. 2. When two or more amendments to a proposal are moved, the Board shall first vote on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed there from and so on, until all the amendments have been put to the vote. The Chairperson shall determine the order of voting on amendments under this Rule. 	<p>The application of these Rules could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents and the texts of proposals made available by the Secretariat on the UNESCO Digital Library and Executive Board websites. • The Secretariat shall inform, via email, all Member States that a document has been uploaded on the designated websites of UNESCO.

	<p>3. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.</p> <p>4. A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal.</p> <p>Rule 38 Order of voting on proposals</p> <p>1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Board decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Board may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.</p> <p>2. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall have priority over that proposal.</p>	
<p>Rule 39 Points of order</p>	<p>During the discussion of any matter a Member may rise to a point of order and the point of order shall be immediately decided by the Chairperson. An appeal may be made against the ruling of the Chairperson. It shall be put to the vote immediately and the Chairperson's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of Members present and voting.</p>	<p>The application of this Rule could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using appropriate tools on the meeting platform to allow participants to formally raise procedural motions such as points of order. • Ensuring that the Secretariat shall immediately draw the attention of the Chairperson to the fact that such a motion has been raised to enable the Chairperson to take action as prescribed under the Rules of Procedure.
<p>Rule 40 Procedural motion</p>	<p>During discussion of any matter, a Member may propose a procedural motion: suspension or adjournment of the meeting, adjournment of the debate or closure of the debate.</p>	<p>The application of this Rule could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using appropriate tools on the meeting platform to allow participants to formally raise procedural motions such as points of order. • Ensuring that the Secretariat shall immediately draw the attention of the Chairperson to the fact that such a motion has been raised to enable the Chairperson to take action as prescribed under the Rules of Procedure.
<p>Rule 41 Suspension or adjournment of the meeting</p>	<p>During the discussion of any matter, a Member may move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. Any such motion, if seconded, shall</p>	<p>The application of this Rule could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using appropriate tools on the meeting platform to allow participants

	be put to the vote immediately and without discussion.	<p>to formally raise procedural motions such as points of order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that the Secretariat shall immediately draw the attention of the Chairperson to the fact that such a motion has been raised to enable the Chairperson to take action as prescribed under the Rules of Procedure.
Rule 42 Adjournment of debate	During the discussion of any matter, a Member may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. On moving the adjournment, a Member shall indicate whether it moves the adjournment sine die or to a particular time which it shall specify. Any such motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote immediately and without discussion.	<p>The application of this Rule could be ensured through the adoption of practical arrangements, such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using appropriate tools on the meeting platform to allow participants to formally raise procedural motions and to second such motions. Ensuring that the Secretariat shall immediately draw the attention of the Chairperson to the fact that such a motion has been raised to enable the Chairperson to take action as prescribed under the Rules of Procedure.
Rules 48-57 Voting rights; Conduct during voting; Simple majority; Two-thirds majority; Show of hands; Roll-call; Secret ballot; Conduct of voting by secret ballot; Voting on elections; Equally divided votes	<p>Rule 48 Voting rights</p> <p>Each Member of the Board shall have one vote.</p> <p>Rule 49 Conduct during voting</p> <p>After the Chairperson has announced the beginning of voting, no one shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting.</p> <p>Rule 50 Simple majority</p> <p>Decisions of the Board shall be taken by a simple majority of the Members present and voting, except where otherwise specified in these Rules. For the purposes of determining the majority, only Members casting an affirmative or negative vote shall be counted as “present and voting”; Members who abstain from voting shall be considered as not voting.</p> <p>Rule 51 Two-thirds majority</p> <p>In the following cases a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reconsideration of proposals (Rule 45); consultation by correspondence (Rule 60); 	<p>As stated in 6 X/EX/2 Add., the Rules of Procedure impose detailed and rigorous conditions on voting at sessions of the Board which are applicable to a virtual session. In the event that consensus, which is desirable, is not reached, the application of the Rules concerning voting by show of hands and roll-call are possible, as long as the conditions highlighted in the above-mentioned general recommendations are met, i.e. the guarantee of access on equal terms to all participants according to the Rules of Procedure, the security of the online platform and the authentication of participants. The technological means currently available to the Secretariat do not allow, however, for the holding of a secret ballot online. Consequently, the Members of the Board could consider the possibility of abstaining from any secret ballot during a virtual meeting, until technological advancements enable such proceedings in future scenarios.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – amendment of Rules of Procedure (Rule 66); – suspension of Rules of Procedure (Rule 67); – establishment, before each session of the General Conference, of the list of States not Members of UNESCO which are to be invited to send observers to that session. <p>Rule 52 Show of hands</p> <p>Voting shall normally be by show of hands. In this case, if there is any doubt concerning the result of a vote, the Chairperson may take a second vote by show of hands or by roll-call.</p> <p>Rule 53 Roll-call</p> <p>At the request of any Member, a vote shall be taken by roll-call;</p> <p>Members' names shall be called in alphabetical order and the vote of each Member participating shall be recorded in the summary record of the meeting.</p> <p>Rule 54 Secret ballot</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General shall be decided by secret ballot. 2. All other elections and decisions relating to individuals shall be voted on by secret ballot whenever five or more Members shall so request or if the Chairperson shall so decide. <p>Rule 55 Conduct of voting by secret ballot</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before the vote begins, the Chairperson shall appoint two tellers to scrutinize the votes cast. 2. When the counting of the votes is completed and the tellers have reported to the Chairperson, he or she shall announce the results of the ballot bearing in mind that the voting will be recorded as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) From the total number of the Members of the Board will be deducted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the number of Members absent, if any; – the number of blank ballot papers, if any; 	
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	<p>– the number of invalid ballot papers, if any.</p> <p>(b) The remaining number will constitute the number of votes recorded. The majority required will be more than half that number.</p> <p>(c) Those receiving a number of votes in favour, equal or superior to the majority required shall be declared elected.</p>	
	<p>Rule 56 Voting in elections</p> <p>1. When a single elective place is to be filled, any candidate obtaining in the first ballot an absolute majority (i.e. more than half) of the votes cast shall be declared elected.</p> <p>2. If no candidate obtains an absolute majority in the first ballot, further ballots shall be taken. Any candidate obtaining an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If, after four ballots have been taken, no candidate has obtained an absolute majority, a final ballot shall be taken, restricted to the two candidates who obtained the most votes in the fourth ballot. The candidate obtaining a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.</p> <p>3. When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, to a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.</p> <p>4. If necessary, in order to determine the candidates to participate in a restricted ballot, an eliminating ballot may be taken restricted to the candidates having obtained the same number of votes in the previous ballot.</p> <p>5. If, in the final ballot or an eliminating ballot, two or more candidates obtain the same number</p>	

	<p>of votes, the Chairperson shall decide between them by drawing lots.</p> <p>Rule 57 Equally divided votes</p> <p>If a vote is equally divided, in voting not concerned with elections, a second vote shall be taken after a suspension of the meeting. If there is still no majority in favour of the proposal, it shall be considered as lost.</p>	
<p>Rule 58</p> <p>Nomination of Director-General</p>	<p>2. The Executive Board shall consider in private meeting all the names so suggested, together with any proposed by Members of the Board, provided that no candidate shall be considered unless biographical details are available.</p>	<p>The technological means available would allow the holding of private meetings in the format of separate virtual events, open only to participants authorized to attend. The Secretariat must ensure the confidentiality of such meetings.</p>
<p>Rule 59</p> <p>Appointments to the Secretariat and consultations on its structure</p>	<p>1. The Director-General shall inform the Board, in a private meeting, of every appointment, promotion or renewal of a contract of officials at D-1 level and above that has taken place since the previous session and report on the proper application of the personnel management system.</p> <p>2. The Director-General shall consult, on the basis of a relevant document, the Executive Board at least every two years regarding the structure of the Secretariat and, in particular, on any important changes he or she contemplates making in it, and on any questions of policy involved in making appointments to senior posts in the Secretariat.</p>	<p>The technological means available would allow the holding of private meetings in the format of separate virtual events, open only to participants authorized to attend. The Secretariat must ensure the confidentiality of such meetings.</p>

(209 EX/SR.5)

31 Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on UNESCO's programme and activities (209 EX/31; 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/31,
2. Aware of its responsibility to ensure the effective and rational execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference,
3. Reaffirming the intergovernmental nature of the Organization,
4. Underlining the importance of maintaining engagement with experts in accordance with UNESCO's comprehensive partnership strategy,

5. Reaffirms the central role of UNESCO's mandate and the need to build the international solidarity required for facing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis;
6. Thanks the Director-General for the measures taken to ensure the continuity of activities throughout UNESCO and for the efforts she has made to ensure an immediate and strong response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
7. Welcomes the efforts deployed by the Director-General to raise the Organization's visibility and organize outreach campaigns with regard to UNESCO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to ensure monitoring and data collection activities in UNESCO's fields of competence;
8. Notes that according to the information contained in document 209 EX/31, the COVID-19 crisis has had, to date, a very limited impact on UNESCO's programme and budget;
9. Recalls that all online solutions put in place to achieve the Approved 40 C/5 expected results while addressing challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic need to be in full and strict compliance with the intergovernmental nature of the Organization, its basic texts, its decisions and those of its procedures which are in force;
10. Underlines that the "Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO" fully apply to online meetings;
11. Also notes that UNESCO cooperates increasingly with other specialized international organizations and agencies to provide a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and invites the Director-General, as per Article XI of the Constitution of UNESCO, to present formal arrangements with such organizations and agencies to the Executive Board or the General Conference for approval, as appropriate;
12. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 210th session on the actions taken by UNESCO, including the terms of reference of the initiatives launched in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as appropriate, and by updating the information in document 209 EX/31;
13. Also invites the Director-General to continue the thorough monitoring of the impact of the global COVID-19 crisis on the implementation of the UNESCO programme and activities under document 40 C/5, and also requests her to present to it at its 210th session a related comprehensive analysis and proposals for programmatic and financial adjustments if necessary.

(209 EX/SR.6)

32 Global Priority Africa (209 EX/32 Rev., 209 EX/DG.INF Rev., 209 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 209 EX/32 Rev.,
2. Recalling 25 C/Resolution 27, 37 C/Resolution 1, 199 EX/Decision 5.II.E, 40 C/Resolution 61, 40 C/Resolution 102 and 40 C/Resolution 103,
3. Underlining the relevance of UNESCO's global priorities and the importance of aligning UNESCO's action on Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, adopted by the African Union,
4. Notes the need to address persistent challenges and seize opportunities in order to strengthen the relevance, effectiveness and impact of UNESCO's Global Priority Africa;

5. Also recalling the context of the global health crisis linked to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on developing countries, particularly in Africa, both in terms of the execution of existing programmes and the reduction of allocated budgets,
6. Reaffirming the importance of strengthening the UNESCO field network in Africa with adequate human and financial resources,
7. Considers that the process of UNESCO's strategic transformation and the preparation of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for the period 2022 to 2029 (41 C/4) offer UNESCO the possibility of strengthening the implementation of Global Priority Africa by targeting the priority areas and the main objectives of Agenda 2063 of the African Union;
8. Stressing the importance African countries attach to ensuring that "Africa's stolen culture, heritage and artefacts will be fully repatriated and safeguarded", as stated in Agenda 2063 of the African Union, and the relevant decisions adopted by UNESCO Member States requesting the Secretariat to strengthen the implementation of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, as well as to the creation 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),
9. Also stressing the imperative need to protect and preserve Africa's magnificent and diverse cultural and natural heritage and, in this regard, acknowledging the collaboration between the World Heritage Centre and the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF),
10. Notes with appreciation UNESCO's efforts to implement the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021) and to forge new partnerships in support of Global Priority Africa;
11. Also notes with appreciation that the evaluation of Global Priority Africa, notably on the implementation of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), through the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) has been launched, and requests IOS to submit to it at its 210th session an update on the status of the evaluation and at its 211th session new findings and recommendations;
12. Expresses its appreciation to the donors that have supported Global Priority Africa and commends the Secretariat for the more than doubling of voluntary contributions for Africa since the last biennium;
13. Requests the Director-General, in consultation with the Member States, to:
 - (a) allocate an adequate level of UNESCO's resources and capacities towards the implementation of Global Priority Africa, through the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), by allocating sufficient dedicated resources from the regular programme budget with clear ratios enabling the governing bodies and the Secretariat to track the proportion of resources allocated to the region;
 - (b) establish a clear budget tracking and coordinated monitoring mechanism for Global Priority Africa, and report thereon to the Executive Board and General Conference in the framework of the statutory reports on the implementation of the programme and budget;
 - (c) allocate adequate and qualified human resources in field offices in Africa in accordance with the UNESCO Human Resources Management Strategy as a necessary prerequisite for the effective implementation of Global Priority Africa;

- (d) continue its efforts, in collaboration with Member States and partners, in the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources for Global Priority Africa, through a dedicated resource mobilization plan/strategy specially for Global Priority Africa in the framework of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021);
- (e) establish a roadmap based on the findings of the ongoing evaluation by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) of the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021), for the elaboration and implementation of a new Operational Strategy for Priority Africa for the period 2022-2029 with new flagship programmes from documents 41 C/4 and 41 C/5, in which will be taken into account Agenda 2063 of the African Union, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and crisis situations in Africa, including those related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (f) continue and intensify technical assistance actions for Member States, already undertaken in the field of education, to support national policies relating to teacher training, technical and vocational training, artificial intelligence and digital training, and the use of digital content and systems that enable learners to develop skills in science, technology and innovation, with a view to bridging the digital divide;
- (g) strengthen advocacy to African countries, in particular through the field offices, so that they increase their education investment budgets by around 15% to 20% as recommended by the United Nations, with regard to recent consequences induced by the COVID-19 crisis and in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal in the field of education (SDG 4);
- (h) anticipate the inevitable effects resulting from the global health crisis linked to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing a mechanism to ensure the sustainability of priority funding for UNESCO's programmes in developing countries severely impacted by the crisis, at the forefront of which are many African countries, as well as other countries, including in particular the small island developing States (SIDS);
- (i) strengthen the programmes relating to the basic sciences by fostering the uptake and application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM);
- (j) continue to promote the sharing of best practices, scientific collaboration and transfer of technology aimed at reducing the knowledge gap and accelerating the generation of scientific information and data with a view to finding solutions and harnessing the opportunities within UNESCO's fields of competence;
- (k) also continue to support Member States to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, including through the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030);
- (l) strengthen collaboration between the World Heritage Centre and the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) for the protection and preservation of Africa's cultural and natural heritage;
- (m) contribute actively to the objective set by Agenda 2063 of the Africa Union with regard to the repatriation of all African cultural heritage and strengthen the implementation of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, and the work 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);

- (n) launch a flagship programme to support the African countries' quest to fully repatriate their stolen cultural heritage, and suggest measures that UNESCO could undertake in this regard, using the frameworks of: (1) the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property and (2) the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP);
 - (o) strengthen the coordination and synergy in the implementation of Global Priority Africa by designating senior-level focal points in each programme sector who will work in collaboration with the Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations (ADG/PAX);
14. Also requests the Director-General to present a full report to it at its 211th session and report to it at subsequent sessions on the follow-up status of implementation of the above-mentioned measures;
15. Further requests the Director-General to hold at least one information meeting with Member States on Global Priority Africa before the 211th session.

(209 EX/SR.6)

33 Extension of the mandate of the limited participant working group set up as part of the comprehensive review of the Memory of the World Programme (209 EX/33; 209 EX/DG.INF Rev.; 209 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 202 EX/Decision 15, 204 EX/Decision 8, 205 EX/Decision 8, 206 EX/Decision 12 and 207 EX/Decision 8,
2. Having examined document 209 EX/33,
3. Decides to extend the mandate of the limited participant working group until March 2021;
4. Requests the limited participant working group to submit to it at its 211th session a final consolidated report on the comprehensive review of the Memory of the World Programme (MoW).

(209 EX/SR.5)

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcement concerning the private meetings held on Friday 3 July and Friday 10 July 2020

At the private meetings held on Friday 3 July and Friday 10 July 2020, the Executive Board approved the summary records of its private meetings of the 207th session and considered items **3** and **17** of its agenda.

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (209 EX/PRIV.1 and Add.)

In pursuance of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the general situation regarding staff members at grade D-1 and above and the decisions she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above.

(209 EX/SR.5)

17 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 and report of the Committee thereon (209 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 209 EX/CR/2; 209 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft) and Add. and Corr.)

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board took note of the Committee's report.

(209 EX/SR.5)