

- (d) the role of foresight in UNESCO's contribution to the formulation of the post-2015 agendas.

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31 UNESCO at 70 and future prospects (194 EX/31; 194 EX/DG.INF; 194 EX/35 Add.)

I

UNESCO: future prospects

The Executive Board,

1. Emphasizing the importance and continued relevance of UNESCO in the world of today, and of its mandate to achieve lasting peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, and communication and information,
2. Bearing in mind that the year 2015 will be a landmark in the history of the Organization, coinciding with events which are crucial for the values that it holds, in particular, the adoption of the United Nations post-2015 development agenda in all its aspects, and other major events with which UNESCO will be associated in 2015,
3. Stressing the need to prepare UNESCO fully to mark these events and contribute to the respective processes in the most effective manner,
4. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions 68/188 and 68/3,
5. Also recalling 190 EX/Decision 7 (I), 191 EX/Decision 6, 192 EX/Decision 8, and 37 C/Resolution 64,
6. Having considered document 194 EX/14 on UNESCO's participation in the preparations for the United Nations post-2015 development agenda,
7. Decides to:
 - (a) make full use of UNESCO's wealth of expertise and of its role as an intellectual and cultural hub wielding immense potential in addressing global contemporary challenges in the areas covered by its mandate, and accordingly to organize in 2014 and 2015 a series of events and debates within the framework of the initiative entitled "UNESCO: Future Prospects", with the participation of eminent personalities and high officials of national and international bodies and agencies, with a view to enriching UNESCO's contribution to the events mentioned in paragraph 2 above;
 - (b) entrust its Chair, in consultation with the President of the General Conference and the Director-General, with the organization of this series of events and debates;
8. Decides further that these events shall be financed from extrabudgetary sources;
9. Invites all Member States and all UNESCO partners to contribute to this process;
10. Also invites its Chair to present the main ideas and conclusions of the various events to the General Conference at its 38th session.

II

Celebration of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Emphasizing the importance and continued relevance of UNESCO in the world of today, and of its mandate to achieve lasting peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information,
2. Bearing in mind that the year 2015 will be a benchmark in the history of the Organization, its 70th anniversary coinciding with important events for the values that it holds, in particular, the adoption of the United Nations post-2015 development agenda,
3. Stressing the need to fully prepare UNESCO to mark these events and contribute to the respective processes in the most effective manner,
4. Recalling 190 EX/Decision 7 (I), 191 EX/Decision 6, 192 EX/Decision 8, and 37 C/Resolution 64,
5. Having considered document 194 EX/14 on UNESCO's participation in the preparations for the United Nations post-2015 development agenda,
6. Requests the Director-General to:
 - (a) prepare an action plan on arrangements for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO;
 - (b) submit the action plan to the Executive Board at its 195th session;
 - (c) mobilize to that end all the actors and partners in the UNESCO community.

(194 EX/SR.7)

32 Follow-up by UNESCO of the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine)⁸ (194 EX/32; 194 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of the fundamental principles of UNESCO contained in the preamble to its Constitution and in all relevant human rights instruments,
2. Reaffirming UNESCO's essential role in ensuring education for all, in protecting the cultural, historical and natural heritage of humanity, and in facilitating the free flow of ideas,
3. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014,

⁸ The Executive Board adopted this decision upon a recommendation made by the Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) following a roll-call vote: 28 votes in favour, 4 vote against and 20 abstentions:
In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Austria, Belize, Chad, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America.
Against: Brazil, China, Cuba, Russian Federation.
Abstentions: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, India, Kuwait, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia.
Absent: Gambia, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates.