

and China at their thirtieth and thirty-third annual meetings held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22 September 2006 and 25 September 2009, respectively,

4. Welcoming the launching of COSTIS by the Ministers of Science and Technology of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China on the occasion of the World Science Forum held in Budapest, Hungary, from 4 to 6 November 2009,
5. Taking note of the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China at their thirty-fourth annual meeting held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 28 September 2010,
6. Recognizing the contribution of UNESCO in promoting South-South cooperation in the field of science and technology and the need for a long-term strategic partnership between developing countries and UNESCO,
7. Urges the Director-General to cooperate with the Group of 77 and China in mobilizing the extrabudgetary resources needed for the implementation of such a project and for the convening of the first General Conference of COSTIS before the Third South Summit of the Group of 77 and China, which is to be held in March 2011, and thus provide the necessary technical support for the operationalization of COSTIS;
8. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 187th session a preliminary report on progress in operationalizing COSTIS.

(185 EX/SR.9)

46 Invitations to the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts (category II) related to a draft recommendation on the conservation of the historic urban landscape (185 EX/46; 185 EX/2 Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 35 C/Resolution 42, by which the General Conference invited the Director-General to submit a preliminary report setting forth the position with regard to the conservation of the historic urban landscape, to convene an intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) to reconsider the draft recommendation on the conservation of the historic urban landscape that was sent to Member States in the light of the comments received and to submit a final report and, if appropriate, a revised draft for consideration by the General Conference at its 36th session (2011),
2. Having examined document 185 EX/46,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the Meeting of Experts to reconsider the draft recommendation on the conservation of the historic urban landscape in the light of the comments received from Member States will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Meeting of Experts will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph (d) of the annex to document 185 EX/46;
 - (c) that an invitation to send an observer, as defined above, will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph (c) of the annex to document 185 EX/46;

- (d) that invitations to send observers to the Meeting of Experts will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) of the annex to document 185 EX/46;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to send out any other invitations that she may deem useful for advancing the work of the above-mentioned intergovernmental meeting (category II), notifying the Executive Board thereof.

(185 EX/SR.1)

47 The UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences (185 EX/47; 185 EX/52 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the report made by the Director-General at the Information Meeting of the Executive Board on 15 June 2010 on the implementation of 180 EX/Decision 57 during which she expressed her concerns and indicated that she was suspending the awarding of the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences,
2. Considering the Director-General's appeal to the Executive Board to engage in consultations in the light of the "changing circumstances and the unprecedented developments of the past months",
3. Acknowledging that the foremost responsibility of the Members of the Executive Board is to preserve the integrity, values and high standing of the Organization,
4. Decides to suspend the implementation of 180 EX/Decision 57 on the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences and to continue the consultations among all parties concerned, in a spirit of mutual respect until a consensus is reached.

(182 EX/SR.9)

PRIVATE MEETING

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Wednesday, 20 October 2010

At the private meeting held on 20 October, the Executive Board considered items **3** and **21**.

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the general situation regarding staff and the decisions that she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.