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15 Establishment in Sri Lanka of a South Asian centre for teacher development as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 21 C/Resolution 40, and 171 EX/Decision 23 (in particular paragraph 9, which invites the General Conference to authorize the Executive Board to decide, when appropriate, on its behalf, about the granting of category 2 status to new institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO,

Also recalling the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,

Further recalling, in accordance with the UNESCO strategy of attaining quality education for all, that good quality education cannot be provided without good quality teachers,

Noting that a detailed proposal has been submitted to the Director-General of UNESCO by Sri Lanka, with the support of all South Asian countries, for the establishment of a South Asian centre for teacher development in Meepe, Sri Lanka, which, if approved, would be the only category 2 centre under UNESCO's auspices focusing on teacher development,

Noting further the plans for a feasibility study to be conducted by UNESCO experts in November 2011 on the proposed centre, as well as the timeliness of the proposal and the urgent need for such an institute, having regard to the achievement of quality education for all (EFA goal 6), to which UNESCO and its Member States attach high priority,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of Sri Lanka to establish in Meepe, Sri Lanka, a South Asian centre for teacher development, under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
2. *Invites* the Executive Board, at its 189th session, to analyse the completed feasibility study and, provided the feasibility study so recommends, to decide on its behalf on the granting of category 2 status to the said centre, and to authorize the Director-General to sign an agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Sri Lanka in establishing the centre

16 Follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)²

The General Conference,

Having examined document 36 C/47,

Welcoming the resolve with which the participants of the Seventh UNESCO Youth Forum underlined universal access to quality education, in particular for women and girls,

Also welcoming the resolve of the Seventh UNESCO Youth Forum to address sustainable development,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 13, 177 EX/Decision 9, 184 EX/Decision 11, 186 EX/Decision 6 (III), and 187 EX/Decision 6 (II),

Encouraging once again all Member States to strengthen their efforts to implement the UNESCO strategy for the second half of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) at the international, regional, national and local levels, as well as to contribute to the preparation of the end-of-decade conference in 2014, to be organized jointly by UNESCO and the Government of Japan,

Requests the Director-General to develop options for transforming the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development into an institutionalized process beyond 2014, and to submit those options to the Executive Board at its 190th session with a view to transmitting them to the United Nations General Assembly.

17 Major Programme II – Natural sciences³

The General Conference

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:

- (a) to implement the plan of action for Major Programme II, structured around the following two biennial sectoral priorities and seven main lines of action, with special emphasis on Africa, gender equality, youth, LDCs and SIDS, as well as the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous people;
- (b) to resort also in the implementation of the plan of action for Major Programme II to South-South and North-South-South cooperation as complementary modalities for delivery of the programme and to continue to develop partnerships with civil society, the private sector, organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations at all stages of programme development, in order to:

Biennial sectoral priority 1: Strengthening science, technology and innovation (STI) systems and policies for sustainable development, poverty eradication, and a culture of peace and non-violence

- (i) support Member States in the review, formulation and implementation of STI policies and the development of endogenous capacity for innovation; conduct policy studies, review indicators and promote dialogue on STI;

¹ Resolution adopted on the report of the ED Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2011.

² Resolution adopted on the report of the joint meeting of the programme commissions and the ADM Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2011.

³ Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2011.