Annex 1: Resolution 24 adopted by the General Conference at its 40th session

Technical, financial and legal aspects of the desirability of a recommendation on open science

The General Conference,
Recalling the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
Having examined documents 40 C/63 and Add.,

1. Recognizes the need for a new standard-setting instrument on open science, in the form of a recommendation;
2. Takes note of the draft terms of reference of the Open Science Advisory Committee, as contained in Annex II to document 40 C/63 Add., as amended, and invites the Director-General to ensure the Member State-driven nature of the Committee;
3. Also invites the Director-General to initiate, in accordance with the applicable rules and provided the resources are available, the process of elaborating a draft text of a new standard-setting instrument on open science, in the form of a recommendation;
4. Requests the Director-General to hold at least one intergovernmental meeting (category II) in praesentia with a view to the elaboration of a recommendation on open science;
5. Also requests the Director-General to take all necessary measures to ensure an inclusive consultative process leading to a recommendation on open science;
6. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at the earliest possible session (preferably the 41st session) the draft text of a UNESCO recommendation on open science in accordance with the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution.

Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 25 November 2019