

**37TH SESSION - UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE  
DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU**

**ORGAN (CI COMMISSION)**

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 12 November	<b>Room</b>	XII
<b>N° meeting</b>	First meeting	<b>Hour</b>	From: 10 a.m. To: 1 p.m.
<b>Chairperson(s)</b>	Anders Ahnlid	<b>Country</b>	Sweden

**SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)**

<b>Items examined</b>	4.2: Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017; Part II.A: Major Programme V – Sustaining peace and development through freedom of expression and access to knowledge 5.5: Conclusions of the Youth Forum		
<b>Debate no</b>	1	<b>Debate status</b>	Start
<b>Related documents</b>	37 C/5 Vol.1; 37 C/5 Vol.2; 37 C/5 Addendum; 37 C/5 Add.2 Rev.; 37 C/5 Add.3; 37 C/5 Add.4; 37 C/5 Corr.6; 37 C/Corr.8; 37 C/6; 37 C/6 Add. & Corr.; 37 C/19		
<b>DRs examined</b>	37 C/8 CI; 37 C/DR.5; 37 C/DR.14; 37 C/DR.23		
<b>Countries that took floor</b>	Slovakia, Norway, Poland, Japan, Sweden, Austria, Canada, Germany, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, France, Ukraine, Grenada, Finland, Latvia, Russian Federation, New Zealand, Denmark, Niger, Islamic Republic of Iran, Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Portugal, Australia, China, Trinidad and Tobago, Netherlands, Syrian Arab Republic, Tonga (on behalf of the Pacific sub-region), Cambodia, Lebanon, and Holy See.		
<b>Summary of debate</b>	<p>The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee recommended the following composition for the Bureau of CI Commission:</p> <p>Chairperson: Mr Anders Ahnlid, Sweden  Vice-Chairpersons:  Mr Ludovit Molnar, Slovakia  Ms Maria Laura da Rocha, Brazil  Mr Mohammed Sheya, United Republic of Tanzania  Mr Sami Ghazali, Tunisia  Rapporteur: Mr Davoud Karimi, Islamic Republic of Iran</p> <p>The Commission elected its Bureau.</p> <p>The Chairperson opened the session and welcomed the delegates. In his opening speech he stressed the importance of promoting free flow of information and freedom of expression in order to address current challenges. He also highlighted the potential of CI programmes for post-2015 agenda. The full speech is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The Chairperson presented the organization and method of work of the Commission, the draft agenda and the provisional timetable (9 items to be examined in 7 debates). The Commission adopted the timetable.</p> <p>The Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, Jānis Kārklīņš, made a general introduction. He provided an overview of main themes and events that marked the past biennium. His full presentation is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>		

Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) presented the IPDC report (37 C/REP/15)

The Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Council of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) presented the IFAP report (37 C/REP/16).

The Commission recommended that the General Conference takes note of these two reports.

The Chairperson of the CI Commission opened the first debate on items 4.2 and 5.5

Hans D'Orville, ADG/BSP made an overall presentation of Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017.

The Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information presented Major Programme V. His full presentation is available [here](#).

Conclusions of the Youth Forum (Item 5.5) were presented by Mexind Suko Utomo, who stressed the importance of prioritising young people in UNESCO's programmes.

The Chairperson opened the floor to the delegates for their comments. Delegates from the following countries took the floor: Slovakia, Norway, Poland, Japan, Sweden, Austria, Canada, Germany, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, France, Ukraine, Grenada, Finland, Latvia, Russian Federation, New Zealand, Denmark, Niger, Islamic Republic of Iran, Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Portugal, Australia, China, Trinidad and Tobago, Netherlands, Syrian Arab Republic, Tonga (on behalf of the Pacific sub-region), Cambodia, and Lebanon. Holy See took the floor as an observer.

The Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information responded to the delegates, thanking them for their confidence for Major Programme 5.

The representative of the Youth Forum also briefly responded to the delegates.

The Chairperson adjourned the session at 1 p.m. The examination of the Executive Board recommendations and draft resolutions related to Debate 1 will start in the afternoon.