

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

ORGAN (CI COMMISSION)

Date	Tuesday, 12 November	Room	XII
N° meeting	Second meeting	Hour	From: 3 p.m. To: 7 p.m.
Chairperson(s)	Anders Ahnlid	Country	Sweden

SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)

Items examined	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		
Debate no	1	Debate status	Conclusion
Related documents	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; 37 C/INF.28		
DRs examined	37 C/8 CI; 37 C/DR.5; 37 C/DR.14; 37 C/DR.23		
Countries that took floor			
Summary of debate	<p>The Commission recommended to the General Conference to approve the 37 C/5 Resolution for Major Programme V as amended by the 37 C/6 and related documents, as well as 37 C/DR.23 and 37 C/DR.5. Document 37 C/DR.15 had been withdrawn by its author. The Commission shared the Director-General's viewpoint concerning 37 C/DR.14 in document 37 C/8 CI and agreed not to recommend to the General Conference the adoption of the Draft Resolution therein contained.</p> <p>The CI Commission also recommended that the General Conference approves the budgetary provision for Major Programme V and the implementation plan based on the expected cash flow situation for 2014-2015 for Major Programme V.</p> <p>The Commission took note of documents 37 C/5 Addendum 3 relating to the Operational Strategy for Priority Africa, 37 C/5 Addendum 4 relating to the Gender Equality Plan and the 37 C/19 concerning the recommendations of the Youth Forum, as they relate to Communication and Information.</p> <p>The Chairperson brought Debate 1 to a close and opened Debate 2 on item 5.22: Internet related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society.</p>		

Items examined	5.22: Internet related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society		
Debate no	2	Debate status	Start

Related documents	37 C/61		
DRs examined	37 C/COM.CI/DR.3		
Countries that took floor	Canada, Indonesia, Israel, Brazil, United Republic of Tanzania, Czech Republic, Republic of Korea, Iraq, Austria, Pakistan, United Kingdom, Poland, Sweden, South Africa, Denmark, Switzerland, France, Ukraine, Thailand, Malaysia, Ecuador, Tunisia, Gambia, Cuba, Lithuania, Germany, Argentina, Australia, Albania, Bangladesh, Brazil, Namibia, Libya, Kenya, Mexico, Cambodia, Algeria, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, Uruguay, United States of America, Norway, Finland, Netherlands, Peru, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Russian Federation, Latvia, Kuwait, Georgia, Italy, Belgium, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, China, Japan, Hungary, India and Palestine. The International Telecommunication Union and the International Catholic Child Bureau took the floor as observers.		
Summary of debate	<p>The Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, Jānis Kārklīņš, presented document 37 C/61 (Internet-related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society: discussion paper).</p> <p>Several delegates debated the item, stressing that UNESCO is the right place for the debate on freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the Internet, and underlining the complexity of the matter.</p> <p>The Legal Advisor, John Donaldson, explained the multistage procedure outlined in Chapter G of Basic Texts.</p> <p>The Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information replied on the issues raised by the delegates. He reminded that UNESCO was already working on these issues. He cited, among other activities, the Global Meeting of Experts on the Ethical Aspects of Information Society in Riga and the International Conference on Internet and Socio-Cultural Transformations in Information Society in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. He showed the slide demonstrating how many organizations are involved in Internet governance.</p> <p>The Chairperson invited the delegates to examine the Draft Resolution contained in document 37 C/COM.CI/DR.3 and the amendments to it.</p> <p>The Commission decided to work on 37 C/COM.CI/DR.3 in an informal group and try to reach consensus.</p> <p>The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m. and announced the next meeting of the Commission on Wednesday, 13 November at 10 a.m.</p>		