

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

ORGAN (CI COMMISSION)

Date	Wednesday, 13 November	Room	XII
N° meeting	3	Hour	From: 10 a.m. To: 1 p.m.
Chairperson(s)	Anders Ahnlid	Country	Sweden

SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)

Items examined	5.4: Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO Proposal for the establishment in Oregon, USA, of an international institute for intercultural dialogue and conflict-sensitive reporting (IIDCSR)		
Debate no	3	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	37 C/18 Part XVI		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10 a.m. and announced that progress had been made in the informal open-ended group on Item 5.22 and the search for consensus was underway. He invited the Commission to continue its work on other agenda items and to come back to Item 5.22 when the informal group submits its report.</p> <p>The Commission agreed on the Chairperson's proposal.</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed to consider Item 5.4: Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO without debate due to its extensive examination at the Executive Board. He invited the representative of the Director-General to introduce the item.</p> <p>The Representative of the Director-General, the Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, Jānis Kārklīš, introduced Item 5.4.</p> <p>The Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt the Draft Resolution contained in paragraph 2 of document 37 C/18 Part XVI.</p>		

Items examined	5.8: Report on the Review of the implementation of the Intergovernmental Information For All Programme Strategic Plan (2008-2013)		
Debate no	4	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	37 C/51		
Countries that took floor	Denmark, Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway, Nigeria, Slovakia, Ukraine, China, Latvia, Russian Federation, Islamic Republic of Iran, Austria, Iraq, France, Libya, Colombia, Kenya, Poland, Peru, Ghana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, United Republic of Tanzania, Oman, Sudan, and the International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives (observer).		
Summary of debate	The Chairperson announced Debate 4 on Item 5.8: Report on the Review of the implementation of the Intergovernmental Information For All Programme Strategic Plan (2008-2013). He highlighted that the debate should be on the Review and not on IFAP itself, and invited the representative of the Director-General to introduce the Item.		

	<p>The Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information introduced Item 5.8, stressing that the IFAP Strategic Plan had been developed through a consultation with many partners and stakeholders. Fifty-two Members States had responded to the questionnaire elaborated by the IFAP Secretariat. Seventy-one per cent of respondents positively evaluated IFAP, highlighted its complementarity with other parts of the CI programme. Many of them expressed concerns about the lack of extrabudgetary funding for IFAP.</p> <p>The Chairperson invited the delegates to examine the Draft Resolution contained in paragraph 8 of document 37 C/51.</p> <p>Several delegates took the floor. Some of them expressed concerns about the process of the review of the implementation of the IFAP Strategic Plan and suggested conducting a more comprehensive assessment. However the majority of delegates approved the review process and welcomed its outcome.</p> <p>The Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt the Draft Resolution contained in paragraph 8 of document 37 C/51 with an amendment.</p>
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Items examined	5.11: Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes		
Debate no	5	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	37 C/55		
Countries that took floor	France, Jordan, Canada, Denmark, Germany, China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Sweden, Ukraine, Tunisia, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Latvia, Grenada, Colombia, Peru, Kenya, South Africa, Poland, Mexico, Argentina, United Republic of Tanzania, Cote d'Ivoire, Spain, and Japan		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson announced Debate 5 on Item 5.11: Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes.</p> <p>The Representative of the Director-General, the Director of the Knowledge Societies Division, Indrajit Banerjee, introduced the Item. He stressed the work that UNESCO was doing in implementing the WSIS outcomes in its fields of competence, and particularly highlighted the success of the WSIS+10 Review meeting, which took place in Paris in February 2013. He also announced the publication, Renewing the Knowledge Societies Vision for Peace and Sustainable Development, which UNESCO had launched to shift the global debate from focusing on 'information societies' to the wider, more complex and more empowering concept of 'knowledge societies.' Mr Banerjee invited the delegates to endorse the Final Statement contained in document 37 C/55.</p> <p>The Chairperson opened the debate on Item 5.11.</p> <p>Several delegates took the floor. Many of them supported the adoption by the General Conference of the Final Statement contained in document 37 C/55, commended the CI Sector for organizing the WSIS+10 Review meeting and for its overall efforts in the WSIS implementation process.</p> <p>The Director of the Knowledge Societies Division responded to the issues raised by delegates, thanked them for their support and stressed the complex and interdisciplinary nature of the WSIS implementation process.</p> <p>The Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt the Draft Decision contained in paragraph 25 of document 37 C/55.</p>		

Items examined	5.14: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Media and Information Literacy Recommendations 5.18: IFLA Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability		
Debate no	6	Debate status	Start and end

DRs examined	37 C/COM.CI/DR.1; 37 C/COM.CI/DR.1		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson announced Debate 6 on Items 5.14 and 5.18.</p> <p>The Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt the Draft Resolutions contained in documents C/COM.CI DR 1 and C/COM.CI DR 1 without debate.</p>		

Items examined	Item 8.2: Preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage		
Debate no	7	Debate status	Start
Related documents	37 C/48		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson announced Debate 7 on Item 8.2: Preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage.</p> <p>The Representative of the Director-General, the Director of the Knowledge Societies Division, Indrajit Banerjee, introduced the Item. He underlined the need for a new standard-setting instrument to fully address all challenges related to the preservation of and access to documentary heritage. He also stressed that extrabudgetary resources would be required to set up such an instrument.</p> <p>The Chairperson established the list of speakers and adjourned the meeting at 12.45 p.m. He announced that the next meeting will resume at 3 p.m.</p>		