

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

SC COMMISSION

Date	Wednesday, 13 November	Room	II
N° meeting	3	Hour	From: 3 p.m. To: 6 p.m.
Chairperson(s)	Phil Mjwara	Country	South Africa

SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)

Items examined	<p>Item 4.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017. Part II.A: Major Programme II – Science for peace and sustainable development</p> <p>Item 5.5 - Conclusions of the Youth Forum as regards science</p> <p>Item 5.4 – Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part II: Proposal for the establishment of a Regional Centre for Groundwater Management for Latin America and the Caribbean in Montevideo, Uruguay - Part III: Proposal for the establishment of an African Centre for Global Change and Water Resources Research in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa - Part IV: Proposal for the establishment of an International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management at the K-Water Institute in Daejeon, Republic of Korea - Part V: Proposal for the establishment of an International Centre for Water Cooperation in Stockholm, Sweden - Part VI: Proposal for the establishment of an International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology in Beijing, China - Part VII: Proposal for the establishment of a Centre for Problem Based Learning in Engineering Science and Sustainability in Aalborg, Denmark - Part VIII: Proposal for the establishment of the International Centre on Global scale Geochemistry in Langfang, China - Part X: Proposal for the establishment of an International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology (IZIIS), University “S.S. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Part XIII: Proposal for the establishment of the Centre for Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves, Two Coastlines United by their Culture and Nature in Castellet i la Gornal, Spain - Part XVII: Proposal for the establishment of a Regional Educational and Research Centre on Oceanography for Western Asia in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. <p>Item 5.6 - Proclamation by the United Nations of 2015 as international year of light</p> <p>Item 5.10 – Renewal of the Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education</p> <p>Item 5.7 - UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative</p>		
Debate no	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Debate status	Continuation (1), Start (2, 3, 4 and 5)
Related documents	<p>Item 4.2 - 37 C/5 Vol. 1 & 2 37 C/5 Add.</p>		

	<p>37 C/5 Add.2 Rev 37 C/5 Add.3 and 4 37 C/5 Corr.2, 3, 6, 4, 8 37 C/6 37 C/6 Add.&Corr.+ Add. 37 C/INF.28 37 C/19 37 C/INF.19</p> <p>Item 5.5 – 37 C/19 37 C/INF.19</p> <p>Item 5.4 – 37C/18 Part II Part III Part IV Part V Part VI Part VII Part VIII Part X Part XIII Part XVII</p> <p>Item 5.6 – 37 C/20</p> <p>Item 5.10 – 37 C/54</p> <p>Item 5.7 – 37 C/46</p>
DRs examined	No DR examined during debate
Countries that took floor	Mexico, Sweden, Ghana, New Zealand, France, Russian Federation, Netherlands, Dominican Republic, Germany, Bangladesh, Uganda, China, Sudan, Kenya, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Argentina, Islamic Republic of Iran, Philippines, Niger, Latvia, Norway, Thailand, Uruguay, Canada, Turkey, Greece, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Czech Republic
Summary of debate	<p>The session was opened by the Chairman who continued the debate on Item 4.2 and 5.5. The Commission then adopted the budgetary provision of Major Programme 2 with no objection taking into consideration the explanation from the Assistant Director-General for the Bureau of Strategic Planning, Mr Hans D'Orville and of paragraph 02000 of 37C/5 Vol. 1 and Corr. 8.</p> <p>The Commission recommended that the General Conference approves the resolutions for Major Programme 2 in paragraph 02000, 02100, 02200 of 37 C/5 Vol. 1, as amended by the Commission.</p> <p>The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it endorses the revised implementation plan based on the expected cash flow situation related to Major Programme 2 of document 37C/5 Add.2. Rev.</p> <p>The SC Commission has taken note of 37 C/5 Add.3 and 4.</p> <p>The SC Commission has taken note of the Recommendations related to the natural sciences of the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum in 37 C/19.</p> <p>The Chairperson introduced Item 5.4. Ten centres were examined corresponding to document 37C/18 Parts II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XIII. The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, Ms. Gretchen Kalonji (37C/18 Parts II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, X) and Assistant Director-General for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, Ms Wendy Watson-Wright (37C/18 Part XIII) introduced each Centre or Institute with explanatory remarks on their importance under the auspices of UNESCO. Thereafter the</p>

Centre was adopted and each representative from that country was given the floor (Uruguay, South Africa, Republic of Korea, Sweden, China, Denmark, Macedonia, Spain and Islamic Republic of Iran).

The Chairperson then opened Item 5.6 followed by an introduction on the item by the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences. The floor was then opened to debate by the Chairpersons for statements on Item 5.6. 9 Member took the floor after which the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences responded to statements. 37 C/20 was adopted by the commission closing the debate.

Item 5.10 was opened and the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences presented an introduction. Following this the floor was open for debate with 15 Member States making statements. The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences responded to the statements and 37 C/54 was then adopted without objections.

Following this Item 5.7 was opened by the Chairperson with the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences again introducing the agenda of the item. The floor was open for debate with 17 Member States making statements. The remaining speakers were scheduled for the morning session at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 14.