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* Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies before the plenary meetings.

Intersectoral programme activities

15 Report by the Director-General on a detailed plan of action for the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change (181 EX/15; 181 EX/68 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 179 EX/Decision 15 and 180 EX/Decision 16,
2. Having considered document 181 EX/15,
3. Noting that the Organization's cost-recovery policy implies that recourse to extrabudgetary funding will not have an adverse impact on the regular programme budget,
4. Further noting that pursuant to paragraph 11 of 179 EX/Decision 15, the Director-General is requested to report to the Executive Board at each autumn session on the progress made and results achieved in the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change,
5. Takes note of the Plan of Action for the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change, as contained in the Annex to document 181 EX/15;

6. Requests the Director-General to enhance the Plan of Action, taking into account the debate at the 181st session, in particular through:
 - (a) increased programme concentration, focusing on the needs of vulnerable groups (small island developing States (SIDS), least developed countries (LDCs), indigenous peoples), gender equality considerations; contributions of local and traditional knowledge, education for sustainable development, the social and ethical implications of climate change, with particular reference to migration, and the legacy of the International Polar Year campaign;
 - (b) reinforced synergies among UNESCO's international and intergovernmental science programmes, in particular the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), and the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, taking full advantage of their experience;
 - (c) stronger efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to move towards the target of achieving a climate-neutral UNESCO;
7. Further requests the Director-General, in his report to it at its 182nd session on progress achieved:
 - (a) to enhance the presentation of the budgetary information contained in the Plan of Action, providing, in particular, indications on regular programme resources allocated to the Plan of Action, as well as extrabudgetary resources required and mobilized for its implementation;
 - (b) to present the enhanced Plan of Action.

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