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Dear Ms. Irina Bokova,
Director-General of UNESCO

Warm greetings,

With reference to your letter no. CL/4166, dated 21 June 2016, to His Excellency the Minister of Education and Higher Education in the State of Qatar, on the questionnaire related to the implementation of the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1974 Recommendation), we are pleased to attach the questionnaire of the State of Qatar to the present email, containing all the required information on this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Questionnaire of the State of Qatar on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation.

cc: Office of His Excellency the Minister of Education and Higher Education.

Permanent Delegation of the State of Qatar.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF REPORTS BY MEMBER STATES ON THE APPLICATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING EDUCATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, CO-OPERATION AND PEACE AND EDUCATION RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM (1974)

As adopted at the 199th session of the Executive Board

I. Introduction

A. About the 1974 Recommendation

1. The UNESCO Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1974 Recommendation) aims to promote world peace through international understanding, solidarity and cooperation. It was adopted on 19 November 1974 by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 18th session.

2. The General Conference "recommends that Member States should apply" the provisions included in the 1974 Recommendation "by taking whatever legislative or other steps" that provide institutional (e.g. policies and systems) and pedagogical (e.g. teacher training, educational materials, equipment, etc.) support for its implementation, based on the "objectives", referred to in paragraph 4 of the 1974 Recommendation, "regarded as major guiding principles" such as a global education perspective, cultural diversity, interdependence, communication, rights and responsibilities, international solidarity and cooperation, and, problem solving, as well as other principles[1] including:

    - cultural diversity and tolerance
    - equality and non-discrimination
    - peace and non-violence
    - justice and fairness
    - human rights and fundamental freedoms
    - human survival and well-being
    - caring for our planet/sustainability

3. The 1974 Recommendation is applicable to formal, non-formal and informal education and to all levels, from pre-primary to higher and adult education and life-long learning. It concerns areas such as civics and ethics education, education for international understanding, solidarity and cooperation and/or other related subjects, such as peace education, Human Rights education or other areas of study that focus or include the teaching and learning of the above principles. Over time, these areas have evolved to include other topics[2] related to education on sustainable development, climate change, global citizenship, preventing violent extremism, or others, which are also closely related to the original principles of the 1974 Recommendation.

[1] These are principles that are included throughout the 1974 Recommendation and which are grouped here to guide the reporting process.
[2] These include topics that are closely related to the principles of the 1974 Recommendation and which are frequently mainstreamed in national education systems. They are also used as a reference in the questionnaire.

B. Reporting obligations

4. The General Conference, at its 18th session, "recommends that Member States submit [...] reports concerning the action taken by them in pursuance of this recommendation". Moreover, in accordance with Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution "Each Member State shall submit to the Organization [...] reports [...] on the action taken upon the recommendations and conventions referred to in Article IV, paragraph 4."

5. All Member States, given the political commitment to and moral force of the 1974 Recommendation and their reporting obligations, should provide information on legislative measures that have been taken pursuant to the 1974 Recommendation and the ways in which national education policies and programmes correspond to its provisions. Information supplied by Member States should demonstrate how laws and practices comply with the commitments under the 1974 Recommendation, describing legal norms as well as actual implementation.

6. For the full text of the 1974 Recommendation please follow this link: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13088&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

II. How to fill in the questionnaire

- The following questionnaire has been updated to guide and assist Member States with their reporting. It aims to collect, in a simplified manner, information on the extent to which Member States have mainstreamed the principles of the 1974 Recommendation in their education systems, focusing on institutional, content, teachers, assessment, materials/resources, experiential opportunities and overall implementation issues. Responses to this questionnaire will be considered as the official national report for each Member State.

- Only one questionnaire per country should be submitted, which will represent the official country report.

- Member States with a federal system of governance are invited to provide information on the overall implementation of the 1974 Recommendation in the country rather than its implementation in each individual sub-national state, as appropriate. Space is also provided under question 29 for Member States to include any additional information they wish to share.

- Prior to completing the questionnaire, Member States are encouraged to organize necessary consultations within and outside the Ministry of Education/Government, including with key, relevant civil society partners to collect the information/data.

- Member States have two options for submitting the questionnaire:

  i. Online: the questionnaire can be completed and submitted online through this link;

  ii. Hard copy: the questionnaire can be completed electronically and the hard copy should be sent to the Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO. It is recommended that the questionnaire be filled by the Ministry responsible for education.

IV. Questionnaire

1. To what extent are the guiding principles of the 1974 Recommendation (e.g. cultural diversity and tolerance, equality and non-discrimination, peace and non-violence, justice, human rights and fundamental freedoms, human survival and well-being, caring for our planet/sustainability, etc.) reflected in your constitution or domestic legislation?

Not at all ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ● 5 Fully

2. To what extent are the principles of the 1974 Recommendation reflected in your country's current education policy/ies and frameworks?

Not at all ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ● 5 Fully

3. Please provide any additional information on the measures taken by your country to incorporate the principles of the 1974 Recommendation in constitutional, legal and policy frameworks.

1- All principles of the 1974 Recommendation have been fostered and emphasized in the current Education and Training Sector Strategy 2011 – 2016 and the upcoming 2017 – 2022 strategy.
2- The revised National Curriculum Framework incorporates all these principles.
3- Included in the Student Behaviour Policy.
4- Included in the Curriculum.
5- Included in the Compulsory Education.
6- Included in curricular and extracurricular activities.

4. Has there been an increased emphasis on the principles of the 1974 Recommendation in an education/curriculum reform or policy development that took place in the last five years?

● (a) Yes. Please specify below:

○ (b) No

○ (c) No information available

5. If yes, please indicate the principles and topics on which there has been increased emphasis in the last five years. *(please tick all that apply)*

Peace and non-violence

● (a) Friendly relations among nations

● (b) Preventing violent extremism

● (c) Preventing other forms of violence including bullying, gender-based violence, school-related gender-based violence, etc.)

Human rights and fundamental freedoms

- (a) Equality, inclusion and non-discrimination
- (b) Justice and fairness
- (c) Ethics/ morals / values

Cultural diversity and tolerance

- (a) International understanding, solidarity and cooperation
- (b) Intercultural and interreligious dialogue
- (c) Global citizenship

Human survival and well being

- (a) Climate change
- (b) Environmental sustainability, caring for the planet
- (c) Sustainable development, consumption, and livelihood

- Other principles/topics. Please specify below:

Openness to other cultures by teaching foreign languages within the curriculum, such as the teaching of English and French in order to achieve communication with the world's different nations.

6. Has there been any specific taskforce, working group, office or other mechanism set up in the last five years within the government to facilitate the implementation of the above mentioned principles/topics within education?

- (a) Yes. Please specify below (e.g. name, department, topic, tasks, etc.)

1- The Government has established the Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics, whose role is to observe and coordinate the implementation of the National Development Strategy with the objective of achieving Qatar National Vision goals that are in line with the principles of the 1974 Recommendation.
2- Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC).
3- Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- (b) No
- (c) No information available

7. Which of the following, or similar, principles and topics are taught in your formal educational system as part of the curriculum? *(please tick all that apply)*

Peace and non-violence

- (a) Friendly relations among nations
- (b) Preventing violent extremism
- (c) Preventing other forms of violence, including bullying, gender-based violence, school-related gender-based violence, etc.

Human rights and fundamental freedoms

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Cultural diversity and tolerance

- (a) International understanding, solidarity and cooperation
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- (c) Global citizenship

Human survival and well being

- (a) Climate change
- (b) Environmental sustainability, caring for the planet
- (c) Sustainable development, consumption, and livelihood

- Other principles/topics. Please specify below:

8. In which school subjects are these principles and topics mainly taught? *(please tick all that apply and number them in order of importance)*

- ☐ (a) Arts
- ☐ (b) Civics, civil or citizenship education
- ☐ (c) Ethics/moral studies
- ☐ (c) Geography
- ☐ (d) Health and Physical Education and Sports
- ☐ (e) History
- ☐ (f) Languages

- [x] (g) Religious education
- [x] (h) Science
- [ ] (i) Social studies
- [ ] (j) Other. Please specify below:

1- Ethics and morals. 2- Family welfare. 3- Traffic safety. 4- Qatar active school. 5 Volunteer work program.

9. Please indicate the school levels at which these principles and/or topics are taught. *(please tick all that apply)*

- [ ] (a) Pre-primary
- [x] (b) Primary
- [x] (c) Secondary
- [x] (d) Post-secondary/ Tertiary
- [x] (e) Other. Please specify below (e.g. adult education, TVET, etc.):

Adult education, vocational education.

10. Please indicate the implementation approaches applied to teach these principles and topics. *(please tick all that apply)*

- [x] (a) Integrated approach (e.g. making connections across all disciplines, connecting the curriculum with learning experiences in the community and life outside school)
- [x] (b) Cross-curriculum approach (e.g. principles and topics are taught across more than one discipline/subject of the curriculum)
- [x] (c) Whole-school approach (e.g. integrating the principles and topics in the school ethos, management, curriculum, teacher training, teaching practices, learning environment)
- [ ] (d) As a separate subject. Please indicate the subjects below (e.g. civics education)

11. Overall, are the number of teaching hours for the principles and topics mentioned earlier estimated to be sufficient?

Not at all ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ● 4 ○ 5 Fully

12. To what extent are the principles and topics mentioned earlier reflected in the curriculum of pre-service teacher training?

Not at all ○ 1 ○ 2 ● 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 Fully

13. Teachers for which level of education received training that reflects the principles and topics mentioned earlier? *(please tick all that apply)*

- (a) Pre-primary
- (b) Primary
- (c) Secondary
- (d) Post-secondary/ Tertiary
- (e) Other. Please specify below (e.g. adult education, TVET, etc.):

Adult education, vocational education.

14. Please indicate the overall percentage of teachers estimated to have been trained on these principles and topics through in-service training and teacher professional development.
    - (a) 0 - 20%
    - (b) 21 - 40%
    - (c) 41 - 60%
    - (d) 61 - 80%
    - (e) 81 - 100%

15. Are the principles and topics mentioned earlier included generally in student assessments/ examinations?
    - (a) Yes
    - (b) No
    - (c) No information available

If yes, please indicate which of the following dimensions of learning were included in the last student assessments/examination. *(please tick all that apply)*

- (a) Knowledge
- (b) Skills and competencies
- (c) Values and attitudes
- (d) Behaviours
- (e) None
- (f) No information available

16. Which of the following dimensions of learning is your country planning to reinforce in student assessment/examinations in the next five years, in relation to the principles and topics mentioned earlier? *(please tick all that apply)*
    - (a) Knowledge
    - (b) Skills and competencies
    - (c) Values and attitudes

- [x] (d) Behaviours
- [ ] (e) None
- [ ] (f) No information available

17. If the principles and topics mentioned earlier are not included in student assessments/ examinations, please indicate the main reasons (e.g. not a priority, lack of funds/expertise, etc.)

Some of them do not represent a priority.

18. To what extent are there adequate teaching and resource materials (including ICTs and audio-visual materials) to teach/deliver the principles below and engage learners? (*please tick all that apply)*

(a) Peace and non-violence	Not at all Adequately	1	2	3	4	5
(b) Human rights and fundamental freedoms	Not at all Adequately	1	2	3	4	5
(c) Cultural diversity and tolerance	Not at all Adequately	1	2	3	4	5
(d) Human survival and well being	Not at all Adequately	1	2	3	4	5
(e) Other. Please specify below: Gender equality in education	Not at all Adequately	1	2	3	4	5

19. Has a textbook revision been carried out in the last five years to reflect the principles and topics mentioned earlier?

- [x] a) Yes. Please specify (e.g. to include which principles and topics in which subject, level of education, etc.)

Topic	Subjects	Level
Cultural Diversity and Tolerance Equality and non-discrimination Peace and non-violence Justice Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Human survival and well-being Caring for the planet/ sustainability	Social Studies Islamic Education English Arabic Science Arts Physical Education Information Technology	Primary Preparatory Secondary

- (b) No
- (c) No information available

20. Please indicate which of the following pedagogical approaches/learning principles have been applied with relation to the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation. *(please tick all that apply)*

- (a) Learner-centred
- (b) Innovative and creative
- (c) Participatory and interactive
- (d) Whole school
- (e) Research and experimentation
- (f) Education through arts and sports
- (g) Child friendly schools
- (h) Other. Please specify below:

21. What kind of programmes and practices are implemented that allow students to experience other cultures and interact with people of different backgrounds (e.g. culture, ethnicity, religion)? *(please tick all that apply)*

- (a) Student exchange programmes
- (b) Twinning with other education institutions (regional/international level)
- (c) Linking schools/classrooms with those in another country through internet/social media
- (d) Collaborative projects
- (e) Community work/ participation in community/local activities/events
- (f) Other. Please specify blow:

Twinning between local Qatari schools and other external schools within the UNESCO Associated Schools Program (ASPNet) in the State of Qatar.

22. Has there been an increase in the number of these programmes and practices, implemented in the last five years?

- a) Yes. Please specify (e.g. new pedagogy/ies introduced, in which subject, cross-curriculum themes/projects, etc.)

As a result of the development of the National Curriculum Framework of Qatar, launched in 2016, a new direction has been specified for the Curriculum to be competency-based, infrastructure by a number of values, principles and purposes that highly intersect with the topics and principles of the 1974 Recommendation, and reflect these values and principles through the teaching and learning process, including current and innovative pedagogy, inspiring strategies for different learning modes, and consistent and adequate learning resources.

- (b) No
- (c) No information available

23. What opportunities are provided at school level for students to participate in decision-making processes that concern them? *(please tick all that apply)*

- (a) School governance/decision making
- (b) Student council or similar bodies
- (c) Student clubs
- (d) None
- (e) Other. Please specify below:

UNESCO Ambassadors Programme for students in UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPNet).

24. Please indicate whether the principles and topics mentioned earlier are reflected in programmes provided outside the school system. *(please tick all that apply)*

- (a) Non-formal education
- (b) Informal education
- (c) Adult education
- (d) Media-based education
- (e) No information available
- (f) Additional information:

25. How would the current overall implementation of the principles 1974 Recommendation be rated?

Not yet implemented 1 2 3 4 5 Fully implemented

26. Compared to five years ago, how would the current status of the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation be rated?

Not improved 1 2 3 4 5 Improved

27. If there has been little or no progress with relation to the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation, what have been the major obstacles? *(please tick all that apply)*

- (a) No political/policy priority
- (b) Lack of education/curriculum/pedagogical initiatives

- (c) Insufficient resources (financial, technical, human)
- (d) Competing demands
- (e) Other and/or additional comments on your choice:

28. If progress has been made, what have been the enabling factors? *(please tick all that apply)*

- (a) Political/policy priority
- (b) Education/curriculum/pedagogical initiatives implemented
- (c) Increased demand (by parents, the community, policymakers, etc.)
- (d) Availability of resources (financial, technical, human)
- (e) Other and/or additional comments on your choice:

A number of measures have been taken for the dissemination of human rights, through human rights program for students, teachers and school administrations. The program aims at educating students in different school stages and includes daily newspaper competitions to raise the children's awareness in the field of human rights. The program includes:
- Establishment of school-based Human Rights groups.
- Establishment of teacher groups to promote the culture of human rights.
- Celebration of the School Day for human rights.
- Delivering lectures on the different matters pertaining to human rights to students.
- Preparation of a visit program for students-members of the human rights school groups to a number of government agencies.
- Organizing competitions related to children's rights.

- The Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), in cooperation with the Arab Institute for Human Rights, prepared methodological evidences for integrating human rights into the curriculum of the three stages of education.
- A general framework for Value Education was developed to enhance students' knowledge - starting from the kindergarten to the Secondary school level - to promote students' reflection in different values and their applications to themselves, others, the society and to the world in general. The framework also deepens the understanding of responsibility, adopting healthy lifestyles, building good relationships, caring for others and building self-confidence. The values promoted by this approach include cooperation, compassion, equality, love, peace, tolerance and other values in relation to social and civil responsibilities, namely: Respecting the law, good citizenship, participation in social activities, honesty and integrity. The NHRC also promoted the values of respecting the Qatari culture and civilization and maintaining heritage and environmental values.

29. Please enter below any other information on the country's implementation of the 1974 Recommendation that you would like to report on. You may provide additional information on any question or include any other issue that has not been covered by this questionnaire.

Given the current events, global developments and the impact of extremism on the developments of policies, we are aware of the importance of further inclusion of global citizenship principles, tolerance and other 1974 recommendations in our upcoming (2017 - 2022) Education Strategy.

Thank you for your kind collaboration!

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