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INTRODUCTION

1. The Executive Board, at its 186th session, recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Mr Ľudovít Molnár (Slovakia) for the office of Chairperson of Commission V. At the second plenary meeting, on 25 October 2011, Mr Ľudovít Molnár (Slovakia, Group II) was elected Chairperson of Commission V.
2. At its first meeting, on 1 November 2011, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Chairperson:	Mr Magne Velure, Norway – Group I
Vice-Chairperson:	Ms Assel Utegenova, Kazakhstan – Group IV
Vice-Chairperson:	United Republic of Tanzania – Group V(a)
Vice-Chairperson:	Mr Said Chaabane, Algeria – Group V(b)
Rapporteur:	Ms Jeanne Marion-Landais, Dominican Republic – Group III
3. The Commission then adopted the timetable of work submitted in document 36 C/COM.CI/1 Prov. Rev., with the amendments contained in 36 C/2 Prov. Rev. Add.
4. The Commission devoted six meetings, between 1 and 3 November 2011, to the examination of the items on its agenda.
5. The Commission adopted its report at its seventh meeting on 7 November 2011.

DEBATE 1

Item 4.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013

Item 5.7 – Conclusions of the Youth Forum

6. At its first, second and third meetings, the Commission took into account Item 5.7 on the conclusions of the Youth Forum (36 C/47), and examined Item 4.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 – Part II.A: Major Programme V – Communication and Information (36 C/5 and Add.; 36 C/6; 36 C/8; 36 C/8 CI).
7. The representatives of 48 Member States and 1 Permanent Observer took the floor.

Draft resolutions proposed in document 36 C/5 Add. (Volume 1)

8. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 05000 of Volume 1 of document 36 C/5 Add. for Major Programme V – Communication and Information, and as further amended by:

- (i) the following draft resolutions:

36 C/DR.18 Rev. for paragraph 1(b)(xiv)
Submitted by Iran (Islamic Republic of);

36 C/DR.39 for paragraph 1(b)(iv)
Submitted by Dominican Republic;

36 C/DR.43 for paragraph 05000 1(b)(i) and (b)(iii)
Submitted by Austria, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden;
Supported by Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Nigeria, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

36 C/DR.48 for paragraph 2(b)(8)
submitted by Austria and Switzerland.

- (ii) the amendments recommended by the Executive Board contained in paragraphs 50-52 of document 36 C/6.

The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General:

- (a) to implement the plan of action for Major Programme V, structured around the two biennial sectoral priorities and three main lines of action mentioned below while ensuring priority to Africa, gender equality and youth. Emphasis will also be placed on least developed countries (LDCs), small island developing States (SIDS), indigenous peoples and countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations;
- (b) to resort also in the implementation of the plan of action for Major Programme V to South-South and North-South-South cooperation as complementary modalities for delivery of the programme and to continue to develop partnerships with civil society, the private sector, organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations at all stages of programme development, in order to:

Biennial sectoral priority 1: Promoting freedom of expression and information

- (i) promote the free flow of ideas by encouraging dialogue between Member States and by sensitizing governments, public institutions and civil society to strive towards freedom of expression and freedom of the press as a central element in building strong democracies, for example, through the annual celebration of the World Press Freedom Day and the awarding of the UNESCO-Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize, as well as, on a regular basis, organizing other complementary activities, while recognizing that the principle of freedom of expression must be applied not only to traditional media, but also to the Internet;
- (ii) encourage governments to develop legislative instruments to defend freedom of expression, press freedom and freedom of information as basic human rights. Provide support for the development of free, independent and pluralistic media, especially in countries in transition, as well as in conflict and post-conflict areas;
- (iii) monitor, in close cooperation with other United Nations bodies and other relevant organizations active in this field, the status of press freedom and safety of journalists, with emphasis on cases of impunity for violence against journalists, including monitoring the judicial follow-up through the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) and to report on the developments in these fields to the biennial General Conference. Build gender-sensitive capacities of media professionals to enable them to apply the highest ethical and professional standards, particularly in the application of best practices with regard to investigative journalism and reporting on elections;
- (iv) foster dialogue, cultural expression, mutual understanding, peace and reconciliation, particularly in conflict-sensitive and crisis situations and assist in the creation of enabling environments for freedom of expression,

freedom of information and independent media that help to deal with crises. Build capacities of the media to report on disaster risk prevention and reduction and humanitarian action in post-disaster environments;

- (v) assist with the development of free, independent and pluralistic media in developing countries and those in transition through the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC). Support Member States in addressing media development needs in a strategic manner through multistakeholder assessments based on the UNESCO media development indicators;
- (vi) promote community media as learning platforms for development, and in particular for the involvement of marginalized groups, especially marginalized women, in democratic debate. Increase the level of United Nations inter-agency collaboration on Communication for Development at the country level;
- (vii) build capacities of journalism training institutions to offer high-quality journalism education based on the relevant UNESCO model curricula, the UNESCO criteria for institutional excellence in this field, and the experience gained from media and broadcasting institutions. Improve science literacy among journalists to enable informed reporting on issues impacting on sustainable development;
- (viii) foster media and information literacy, particularly through teacher training institutions, and in partnership with broadcasting associations and media organizations as a larger civic education movement. Improve media and information literacy among user-generated content producers and users, and contribute to setting standards in user-generated content for publicly funded media organizations;

Biennial sectoral priority 2: Fostering information and communication capacities for universal access to knowledge to bridge the digital divide

- (ix) support actions that help reduce the digital divide, and promote opportunities to access information and communications technologies (ICTs) and their use of the Internet for development. Particularly develop and foster partnerships with both public and private sectors to address and diminish the digital divide and the gap between men and women, households, businesses and geographic areas at different socio-economic levels of this divide, including the needs of persons with disabilities. Coordinate UNESCO's role in the Broadband Commission for Digital Development, recognizing the importance of broadband for development;
- (x) promote the application of ICTs to enhance the quality of and access to education, including the stimulation of production, sharing and access to open educational resources (OERs), and to build scientific knowledge through the promotion of open access to scientific research results;
- (xi) promote multilingualism in cyberspace;
- (xii) harness ICTs to endow local communities with the means to promote their heritage and cultural expressions;

- (xiii) contribute to increasing the access of developing countries, and participation in the development of free and open source software (FOSS) and open standards;
 - (xiv) protect, digitize and promote access for all to documentary heritage through the Memory of the World Programme, and promote the awareness, preservation and safeguarding of original material, (including) through the Memory of the World Register, and the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize and appropriate projects;
 - (xv) strengthen digital preservation and develop principles which should guide digitization;
 - (xvi) foster and strengthen libraries and archives as contributors to knowledge societies, and build the capacities of information professionals. Further strengthen the World Digital Library to make rare and unique documents from libraries and cultural institutions all over the world available online, free of charge;
 - (xvii) reinforce the international and national outreach of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) and assist Member States in elaborating and implementing national information policy frameworks for universal access to information;
- (c) to allocate an amount of US \$11,457,400 for activity costs and \$20,532,500 for staff costs;

2. *Requests the Director-General:*

- (a) to implement the various activities authorized by this resolution, to the maximum extent possible through the intersectoral platforms;
- (b) to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievements of the following expected results, including relevant performance indicators:

Main line of action 1: Promoting an enabling environment for freedom of expression in order to foster development, democracy, and dialogue for a culture of peace and non-violence

- (1) Freedom of expression, freedom of information and freedom of the press more broadly promoted and integrated into policies in Member States, related internationally recognized legal, safety, ethical and professional standards respected, the safety of media professionals enhanced, and the combat against impunity strengthened.
- (2) The role of media enhanced to contribute to a culture of peace and democratic governance.
- (3) Media capacities strengthened to foster dialogue and reconciliation, contribute to disaster risk reduction and provide humanitarian information.

Main line of action 2: Strengthening free, independent and pluralistic media, civic participation and gender-responsive communication for sustainable development

- (4) Member States supported in the development of free, independent and pluralist media, reflecting the diversity of the society.
- (5) Capacities of media training and journalism education institutions strengthened to reach the established criteria of excellence in training as regards journalists' investigative skills and gender equality perspectives in media.
- (6) Media and Information Literacy (MIL) enhanced to enable citizens to make full use of their rights to freedom of expression and the right to information, taking into account the access and needs of both women and men.

Main line of action 3: Supporting Member States in empowering citizens through universal access to knowledge and the preservation of information, including documentary heritage

- (7) The impact of activities in the fields of education, sciences and culture enhanced through gender-sensitive Open Suite strategies (open access, free and open source software and open educational resources) and innovative ICTs.
 - (8) World's documentary heritage protected and digitized, capacities of Member States strengthened to that effect, preservation and digitization strategies and principles adopted and archives and libraries reinforced as centres of education and learning and information.
 - (9) Member States enabled to implement the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes and develop gender-sensitive policy frameworks for universal access to information and for bridging the digital divide.
3. *Also requests* the Director-General to report in her six-monthly statutory reports on the implementation of the programme adopted by the General Conference on measures taken to optimize the use of resources in the implementation of programme activities, including travel, contractual services and publications;
4. *Requests* the Director-General to implement the Programme in such a manner that the expected results defined for the two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, pertaining to Major Programme V are also being fully implemented.

Recommendations of the Commission concerning other draft resolutions not retained for adoption *in extenso*¹

9. The Commission informed the General Conference that the draft resolution listed below was not retained for inclusion *in extenso* in the records of the General Conference.

36 C/DR.48 for paragraph 1(b)(xiv) and paragraph 2(b)(8), submitted by Austria and Switzerland.

Having examined this draft resolution, the Commissions did not recommend that the General Conference retain the proposed modification of paragraph 1(b)(xiv) aiming to “promote

¹ See the Note on decision-making by Programme Commissions on draft resolutions concerning the proposed resolutions in document C/5 attached.

accountability in the private and public sectors regarding traceability of and access to information”, with a regular programme budget implications of \$300,000.

The Commission decided to retain the insertion of “and information” in paragraph 2(b)(8).

Draft resolutions withdrawn or not retained

10. The Commission informed the General Conference that the draft resolutions listed below were withdrawn by their authors or not retained:

36 C/DR.17

Submitted by Iran (Islamic Republic of) for paragraph 1(b)(ix);

36 C/DR.19

Submitted by Iran (Islamic Republic of) for paragraph 1(b)(xiii);

36 C/DR.26

Austria, Israel, Madagascar, Nigeria, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland 1(b)(xvii);

36 C/DR.41

Submitted by Dominican Republic for paragraph 1(b)(ix).

Draft resolutions recommended for consideration by the joint meeting of the programme commissions:

11. The following draft resolution was referred by the CI Commission for consideration by the joint meeting of the programme commissions:

36 C/DR.10

Submitted by Egypt for paragraph 1(c)

Budget

12. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$11,457,400 for activity costs and \$20,532,500 for staff costs in paragraph 05000 1(c) of 36 C/5 Add. for Major Programme V, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the programme commissions and the Administrative Commission.

DEBATE 2

Item 5.9 – Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO

13. During its third meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.9 on the establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (36 C/29 Parts XI and XIV).

14. The representatives of six Member States took the floor.

15. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/29 Parts XI and XIV, entitled “Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO”.

16. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 36 C/29 Part XI. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Recalling* 35 C/Resolution 103 and 187 EX/Decision 14 Part II,
2. *Having examined* document 36 C/29 Part XI,
3. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Brazil to establish in Brazil a Regional Centre of Studies for the Development of the Information Society as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the existing principles and guidelines for institutes and centres, as outlined in document 35 C/22 and Corr., approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
4. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Brazil for the establishment and operation of this Centre.

17. The Commission further recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of 36 C/29 Part XIV. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Recalling* 35 C/Resolution 103 and 187 EX/Decision 14, Part V,
2. *Having examined* document 36 C/29 Part XIV,
3. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Slovenia to transform the Institute of Information Science in Maribor as IZUM-Regional Centre for Library Information Systems and Current Research Information Systems, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the existing principles and guidelines for institutes and centres, as outlined in document 35 C/22 and Corr., approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
4. *Approves* the transformation of the Institute of Information Science in Maribor as IZUM-Regional Centre for Library Information Systems and Current Research Information Systems, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
5. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Slovenia for the establishment and operation of this Centre.

DEBATE 3

Item 5.11 – Report by the Director-General on UNESCO’s activities for the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes and future measures for reaching its 2015 goals

18. During its third meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.11 – Report by the Director-General on UNESCO’s activities for the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes and future measures for reaching its 2015 goals (36 C/52).

19. Representatives of 26 Member States took the floor.

20. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/52 entitled “Report by the Director-General on UNESCO’s activities for the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes and future measures for reaching its 2015 goals”.

21. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the draft resolution contained in paragraph 11 of document 36 C/52. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Recalling* 35 C/Resolution 62 requesting the Director-General to reinforce UNESCO's role as coordinator, facilitator and implementer of the WSIS outcomes,
2. *Having examined* document 36 C/52,
3. *Recognizing* the importance of UNESCO's work in the areas of increasing access to information and knowledge, developing human capacities and promoting multilingual content as key factors for bridging the digital and knowledge divides,
4. *Takes note* of the report presented by the Director-General on the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes,
5. *Endorses* the decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 186th session, and calls for a further strengthening of the WSIS implementation and follow-up activities,
6. *Requests* the Director-General to further reinforce UNESCO's leading role in the WSIS process, by organizing, *inter alia*, a high-level WSIS event in the lead-up to the WSIS 2015 review and to seek extrabudgetary resources to that end;
7. *Invites* Member States and other possible partners and sponsors to make extrabudgetary contributions for the WSIS implementation process;
8. *Requests* the Director-General to submit a report to the General Conference, at its 37th session, on the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes.

DEBATE 4

Item 5.12 – Reflection and analysis by UNESCO on the Internet

22. During its fourth meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.12 – Reflection and analysis by UNESCO on the Internet (36 C/54).

23. The representatives of 38 Member States and 1 Permanent Observer took the floor.

24. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/54 entitled "Reflection and analysis by UNESCO on the Internet".

25. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 4 of document 36 C/54 as amended orally by Member States. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Recalling* 186 EX/Decision 37,
2. *Having examined* document 36 C/54,
3. *Bearing in mind* the WSIS Action Lines entrusted to the Organization in its areas of competence,

4. *Taking into account* the development of the Internet, which has shown enormous potential for fostering access to and the diffusion of information, for generating knowledge, and for promoting key values that lie at the heart of UNESCO's mandate,
5. *Reiterating* that the principles of freedom of expression enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights should apply fully in cyberspace,
6. *Emphasizing* the crucial dimension of citizenship and the potential for social inclusion and reaching the marginalized that the Internet provides in the digital age, with particular regard to youth,
7. *Convinced* of the need to increase awareness and understanding in Member States of the benefits and impacts of the Internet,
8. *Recognizing* the potential of digitization in enhancing access to information and knowledge, as well as the challenges and costs associated with the digitization and preservation processes of digital information,
9. *Cognizant* of the digital divide that continues to exclude access to socio-economic opportunities, education and democratic participation for certain groups,
10. *Recalling* the "Recommendation Concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace" (2003) which advocates support for universal access to the Internet and for the promotion of local and multilingual content and systems,
11. *Acknowledging* the increasing relevance of UNESCO's role and mandate in the Internet governance debate taking into account, *inter alia*, the framework of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF),
12. *Further recognizing* the contribution of the Internet in enhancing the scope, the efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization's programmes in Member States,
13. *Requests* the Director-General:
 - (a) to use the potential of the Internet to offer opportunities for human development in the areas of education, the sciences, culture, communication and information,
 - (b) to promote the use of the Internet through multilingual content creation advocacy and capacity development, undertaking increased intersectoral cooperation and close partnerships with governments and other stakeholders in this regard;
 - (c) to advocate freedom of expression in cyberspace;
 - (d) to participate actively in, and contribute substantively to the global debate on Internet governance in the fields of UNESCO's competence;
 - (e) to address issues of digital preservation and assist Member States in the formulation of national digitization policies and strategies;
 - (f) to report periodically to the governing bodies on UNESCO's activities in light of the above-mentioned points;
 - (g) to support Internet governance within the scope of UNESCO's mandate according to the principles of openness, creation of local content, multilingualism, ethical aspects of the Internet and respect for privacy.

DEBATE 5

Item 8.4 – Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace

26. During its fourth meeting, the CI Commission examined item 8.4 – Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (36 C/26). It also examined the fourth report of the Legal Committee (36 C/LEG/4) on the same item.

27. The representatives of 14 Member States took the floor.

28. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/26 entitled “Second consolidated report on the measures taken by Member States for the implementation of the recommendation concerning the promotion and use of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace”.

29. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the draft resolution contained in paragraph 10 of document 36 C/26, as amended by the Legal Committee in paragraph five of document 36 C/LEG/4 and amended orally by Member States. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Recalling* 33 C/Resolution 54 and 34 C/Resolution 49 as well as 186 EX/Decision 19 Part IV,
2. *Also recalling* 177 EX/Decision 35 (I) and 34 C/Resolution 87 on the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided,
3. *Having examined* document 36 C/26,
4. *Notes* that only 24 Member States submitted reports for the second consultation and that three other Member States submitted their reports shortly thereafter;
5. *Recalls* that the submission by Member States of periodic reports on the implementation of Recommendations adopted by the General Conference is an obligation under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution;
6. *Further recalls* that the periodic consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Recommendation is intended to enable the Organization to assess both the extent to which Member States are implementing that instrument and the obstacles that they encounter in this regard;
7. *Reaffirms* the importance of the Recommendation and its implementation by Member States;
8. *Invites* those Member States which have not taken measures to implement the Recommendation to do so and to contribute to the reporting process established by the General Conference;

9. *Invites* the Director-General to transmit to it at its 38th session the third consolidated report, including an analysis on the status of the implementation of this recommendation and decides to inscribe this item in the agenda of its 38th session.

DEBATE 6

Item 5.14 – UNESCO and documentary heritage

30. During its fourth and fifth meetings, the Commission examined Item 5.14 – UNESCO and documentary heritage (36 C/COM.CI/DR.2).

31. The representatives of 10 Member States took the floor.

32. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/COM. CI/DR.2 entitled “UNESCO and Documentary Heritage”.

33. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the draft resolution contained in document 36 C/COM.X/CI/DR.2) submitted by Poland and co-sponsored by Algeria, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Israel, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe, as amended orally by Member States. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Referring* to the Draft Programme and Budget (36 C/5 and Add.), Major Programme V, Main Line of Action 3 (8),
2. *Recalling* the Organization's mandate to “Maintain, increase and diffuse knowledge by assuring the conservation and protection of the world's inheritance of books, works of art and monuments of history and science ...”,
3. *Convinced* that documentary heritage, including the oral tradition, repository of information, sources of history and traditions, is a precious but vulnerable heritage of humankind and therefore requires special attention,
4. *Aware* of the need for the sustainable preservation of, and improved access to, recorded heritage regardless of the carrier,
5. *Recalling* that the Memory of the World (MoW) programme was created in order to facilitate preservation of and universal access to documentary heritage and increase the awareness of its existence and significance,
6. *Recognizing* the contribution of the MoW programme to knowledge sharing and enhancing the access to it, and consequently fostering dialogue and mutual understanding between peoples and cultures, also by integrating documentary heritage in education,
7. *Noting* with appreciation the MoW Register as the visible expression of the shared and accessible memory of humankind,

8. *Emphasizing* the growing interest of most countries in preserving their documentary heritage, reflected by the increasing number of inscriptions on the MoW Register, developing of MoW national registers and participation in the international conferences of this programme,
9. *Stressing* the proactive role of the National Commissions for UNESCO in promoting and fostering the implementation of the MoW programme at national level,
10. *Appreciating* the efforts of the UNESCO Secretariat to provide, despite the limited financial and human resources, the administration and monitoring of the MoW programme, to support the implementation of the recommendations stemming from its international conferences and to assist the Member States to successfully submit items to the Register,
11. *Referring* to the International Conference of the MoW programme that took place in Warsaw in May 2011 and to its declaration and recommendations,
12. *Building* on the results of the previous three international conferences that took place in Oslo, Colima and in particular Canberra,
13. *Further recalling* that there is neither a long-term strategy for preserving the precious documentary heritage nor a legal framework for the functioning of the MoW programme,
14. *Convinced* that the 20th anniversary of the MoW programme in 2012 provides an opportunity to assess the achievements of UNESCO in the field of documentary heritage, with particular focus on the visibility and effectiveness of the programme,
15. *Requests* the Director-General to initiate, within the regular budget, an in-depth reflection on modalities of strengthening the MoW programme and its development perspective through an overall evaluation of the MoW programme, including surveys among Member States, taking into account the following:
 - the capacity of the MoW programme to meet today's challenges in light of the constant technological advances and their consequences for documentary heritage, digital or traditional;
 - challenges and solutions connected with the preservation, capacity-building and accessibility of documentary heritage;
 - international cooperation within the framework of the programme;
 - prospects for the further development and strengthening of the MoW programme;
 - financial and human resources attributed to the programme;
16. *Further requests* the Director-General to convene a meeting of experts financed from extrabudgetary resources to analyse the results of the above-mentioned evaluation and formulate proposals, and to subsequently submit the report with the recommendations to the Executive Board at its 190th session;
17. *Takes note* of the readiness of the Government of Poland to host and finance the above-mentioned meeting;

18. *Invites* the Director-General to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the MoW programme with adequate media coverage to highlight the importance of the programme in an effort to obtain widespread visibility and public impact;
19. *Invites* Member States to fully support the Conference on Digital Preservation planned for September 2012.

DEBATE 7

Item 5.15 – Digital Library Manifesto of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

34. During its fifth meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.15 – Digital Library Manifesto of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) (36 C/20).

35. The representatives of three Member States took the floor.

36. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/20 entitled “Digital Library Manifesto of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)”.

37. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the draft resolution contained in paragraph 7 of document 36 C/20, as amended orally by Member States. The item was included in the agenda of the General Conference at the request of Austria. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Having examined* document 36 C/20,
2. *Recalling* UNESCO’s mandate to promote the free flow of ideas by word and image and to maintain, increase and diffuse knowledge,
3. *Recognizing* that information is critical to the attainment of agreed international development goals and convinced of the pivotal contribution that libraries provide for bridging the existing information and digital divides,
4. *Further recalling* the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, and bearing in mind the responsibility conferred on UNESCO for the implementation of Action Line C3 “Access to Information”,
5. *Recognizing* that the Manifesto is an important tool for advancing the WSIS outcomes and the IFAP priorities,
6. *Endorses* the *IFLA Manifesto for Digital Libraries*;
7. *Invites* Member States and all concerned stakeholders to take into consideration and apply the *IFLA Manifesto for Digital Libraries* in the process of building equitable and inclusive knowledge societies.

DEBATE 8

Item 5.24 – Code of ethics for the information society, proposed by the Intergovernmental Council of the Information for All Programme (IFAP)

38. During its fifth and sixth meetings, the Commission examined Item 5.24 – Code of ethics for the information society, proposed by the Intergovernmental Council of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (36 C/49).

39. The representatives of 36 Member States took the floor.

40. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/49 entitled “Code of ethics for the information society, proposed by the Intergovernmental Council of the Information for All Programme (IFAP)”.

41. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the draft resolution 36 C/COM.CI/DR.3, submitted by Denmark and co-sponsored by Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Norway and Sweden, as amended orally by Member States. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Having examined* document 36 C/49,
2. *Recalling* UNESCO's mandate to promote the free flow of ideas by word and image and to maintain, increase and diffuse knowledge,
3. *Recognizing* the essential role of ethical principles and values based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the attainment of the Organization's objectives of promoting access to information and knowledge for all,
4. *Further recalling* the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, and bearing in mind the responsibility conferred on UNESCO for the implementation of Action Line C10 “Ethical dimensions of the Information Society”,
5. *Acknowledges* the IFAP Council for its efforts in developing a Code of Ethics for the Information Society;
6. *Takes note* of the Code of Ethics for the Information Society contained in document 36 C/49;
7. *Invites* the Director-General at the 189th session of the Executive Board to suggest possible ways that the Organization could address issues of ethical dimensions of the information society.

DEBATE 9

Item 5.17 – Universal Declaration on Archives

42. During its sixth meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.17 – Universal Declaration on Archives (36 C/COM.CI/DR.1).

43. The representatives of 19 Member States took the floor.

44. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/COM CI/DR.1 entitled “Universal Declaration on Archives”.

45. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the draft resolution contained in document 36 C/COM CI/DR/.1 submitted by Senegal and supported by Belize, Israel, Poland and Uruguay as amended orally by Member States. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Recalling* Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which provides that “everyone has the right (...) to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers”,
2. *Also recalling* UNESCO’s Constitution, which stresses in Article I the desire of Member States to help to “maintain, increase and diffuse knowledge”,
3. *Noting* that, under the Memory of the World programme, UNESCO works to preserve invaluable archival and library collections worldwide, ensures that they are widely diffused and, in conjunction with the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS), aims to protect the world cultural heritage,
4. *Acknowledging* that the Universal Declaration on Archives, prepared by the International Council on Archives (ICA), is an important instrument for raising world awareness of these problems,
5. *Noting moreover* that the basic principles and objectives of the Universal Declaration are consistent with those set out in the Library Manifestos adopted by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and UNESCO,
6. *Further acknowledging* the important role that archives play in support of the democratic rights of citizens,
7. *Congratulates* the International Council on Archives on its work in drawing up the Universal Declaration on Archives;
8. *Endorses* the Universal Declaration on Archives as developed and adopted by the International Council on Archives;
9. *Encourages* Member States to be guided by the principles set out in the Universal Declaration on Archives when planning and implementing future strategies and programmes nationally.

DEBATE 10

Item 5.27 – Proclamation of World Radio Day

46. During its sixth meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.27 – Proclamation of World Radio Day (36 C/63).

47. The representatives of 34 Member States, one United Nations specialized agency, and one non-governmental organization took the floor.

48. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/63 entitled “Proclamation of World Radio Day”.

49. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the draft resolution contained in document 36 C/COM CI/DR.4 submitted

by the Russian Federation as amended orally by Member States. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Having considered* document 36 C/63 and the Executive Board's decision 187 EX/Decision 13,
2. *Welcoming* the results of the feasibility study presented by the Director-General on the proclamation of a World Radio Day,
3. *Recognizing* the contribution by the prominent scientists who laid the technological foundation for the long-distance transmission of sound messages by radio waves,
4. *Mindful* that the celebration of a World Radio Day will raise greater awareness among the public and the media of the importance of radio as well as enhance networking and international cooperation among broadcasters,
5. *Convinced* that this event will encourage decision-makers and those who work on radio broadcasting in all its forms to establish and provide access to information through radio, including community radio and to diversify the content in order that all may enjoy the benefit,
6. *Proclaims* 13 February as World Radio Day, the day the United Nations established the concept of United Nations Radio;
7. *Calls upon* the Member States of UNESCO to celebrate the Day with activities at both local and national levels, with the participation of National Commissions, NGOs, the general public as well as diverse institutions (schools, universities, municipalities, cities, broadcasters, the press, professional associations and unions, museums, cultural organizations and so forth);
8. *Invites* the national, regional and international broadcasting organizations and unions, as well as the media at large, to ensure the successful observance of World Radio Day by devoting it as appropriate to educational, cultural and public-awareness activities;
9. *Invites* the Director-General to encourage all national, regional and international initiatives taken in this respect;
10. *Requests* the Director-General to submit the present resolution to the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its 67th session (September 2012), for endorsement.

DEBATE 11

Item 5.26 – Revised draft strategy on UNESCO's contribution to the promotion of open access to scientific information and research

50. During its sixth meeting, the Commission examined Item 5.26 – Revised draft strategy on UNESCO's contribution to the promotion of open access to scientific information and research (36 C/62).

51. The representatives of 14 Member States took the floor.

52. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of document 36 C/62 entitled “Revised draft strategy on UNESCO’s contribution to the promotion of open access to scientific information and research”.

53. The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it adopt, for the records of the General Conference, the resolution proposed in paragraph 8 of document 36 C/62 as amended orally by Member States. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. *Recalling* 187 EX/Decision 10,
2. *Having examined* document 36 C/62,
3. *Recognizing* the need to promote universal and open access to scientific information and research,
4. *Taking note* of the comparative advantages of UNESCO as a standard-setting agency,
5. *Adopts* the strategy on UNESCO’s contribution to the promotion of open access to scientific information and research;
6. *Invites* Member States and other funding bodies to make extrabudgetary contributions for the implementation of the open access strategy to scientific information and research;
7. *Requests* the Director-General to implement the strategy and to incorporate it in the C/5 document.

Reports by the International Programme for the Development of Communication (36 C/REP/15) and the Information for All Programme (36 C/REP/16)

54. Having examined the reports the International Programme for the Development of Communication (36 C/REP/15) and the Information for All Programme (36 C/REP/16), the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it take note of these reports.