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BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS 207th SESSION**

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

40 **World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture** (207 EX/40; 207 EX/DG.INF Rev.; 207 EX/PG/1.INF.3 and Corr.; 207 EX/57)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 207 EX/40, 207 EX/DG.INF Rev. and 207 EX/PG/1.INF.3 and Corr.,
2. Considering the Declaration of the Principles of International Cultural Cooperation adopted in 1966 by the General Conference of UNESCO at its fourteenth session, the Pan-African Cultural Manifesto of Algiers (1969), the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies in Africa, held in Accra in 1975, the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity (2001) and the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), as well as the activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024), proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly,
3. Also considering the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance, adopted on 24 January 2006 in Khartoum, Sudan, by the Heads of State and Government of the African Union,
4. Further considering the proceedings of the first Pan-African Congress conference held on 17 and 18 November 2011 in Lomé, Togo, by the African Network of Cultural Promoters and Entrepreneurs (RAPEC) in cooperation with the Government of Togo, UNESCO, the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group) and the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLGA), in particular the recommendation for the celebration of a world day for African and afrodescendant culture on 24 January of each year,
5. Recognizing that a world day for African and afrodescendant culture would provide humanity with an opportunity to celebrate its common origin and to highlight the role of culture as a lever for development,
6. Invites Member States to celebrate a world day for African and afrodescendant culture on 24 January each year, in memory of the date of the adoption by heads of State and government of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance;
7. Also invites Member States to develop the organization of a world day for African and afrodescendant culture at the discretion of each country, in particular through exhibitions of paintings and drawings, conferences, prizes for excellence and innovation in the field of culture, the organization of concerts and theatre plays, and radio and television broadcasts;

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8. Invites the Director-General to support all efforts leading to the proclamation of a world day for African and afrodescendant culture;
9. Recommends that this item be included in the agenda of the 40th session of the General Conference;
10. Also recommends that the General Conference at its 40th session adopt the draft resolution proclaiming 24 January of each year world day for African and afrodescendant culture.

(207 EX/SR.6)

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcement concerning the private meetings held on 15 October and 22 October

At the private meetings held on 15 October and 22 October, the Executive Board approved the summary records of its private meetings of the 206th session and considered items **3** and **22** of its agenda.

3 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (207 EX/PRIV.1; 207 EX/3.INF)

1. In pursuance of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the general situation regarding staff members at grade D-1 and above and the decisions she had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above.

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22 Communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (207 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 207 EX/3 PRIV. (Draft) Add and Corr..)

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board took note of the Committee's report.

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