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Item 6 of the provisional agenda: Report concerning the Audit of the Governance of UNESCO and Dependent Funds, Programmes, and Entities

This document reports on the Audit of the Governance of UNESCO and Dependent Funds, Programmes, and Entities requested by the 37th session of the General Conference (37 C/Resolution 96), and specifically on the self-assessment exercise as it relates to the Committee and the Conference of Parties.

Decision required: paragraph 7

1. In 37 C/Resolution 96, the General Conference decided that a ‘strategic performance review of all governing bodies [...] shall be carried out [...] with a view to formulating governance reform and cost-saving measures as appropriate’. As one part of that strategic performance review, the General Conference invited “all governing bodies, intergovernmental programmes, committees and organs established by conventions (...) to perform a self-assessment covering the overall relevance of their work in relation to their specific terms of reference as well as the efficiency and effectiveness of their meetings, including the impact and utility of experts’ time; the outcomes of these self-assessments should be reported by January 2015”. The General Conference asked that a common framework be distributed among all entities concerned to facilitate that self-assessment.
2. The External Auditor is to present in 2015 an interim report on the findings and main recommendations of the governance review to the Executive Board at its 196th session, with the full report to be presented at the 197th session of the Executive Board, with a view to recommending relevant follow-up measures for consideration by the General Conference at its 38th session.
3. The Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereafter “the Committee”) established under the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereafter “the Convention”), in its seventh ordinary session in Decision 7.IGC13, paragraph 4, welcomed document 37 C/49 (item 6.4) examined by the 37th session of the General Conference on governance reform. The Committee invited all Parties to participate in the self-assessment exercise within the common assessment framework to be delivered by the external auditor, and requested the Secretariat to facilitate this work.
4. On 4 April 2014, the External Auditor sent to the heads of all governing bodies of UNESCO or of a dependent fund, intergovernmental programme or entity two questionnaires composing the aforementioned self-assessment framework, together with the terms of reference of the audit. The External Auditor requested their completion by 2 September 2014. The message was also copied to the respective Secretariats of the different entities. The Secretariat was invited to provide to the respective heads of each body any factual information or technical data to facilitate their completion of the questionnaires.
5. The Secretariat forwarded the cover-letter of the External Auditor, the Terms of Reference for the Audit, and the two questionnaires to the Chairperson of the fourth ordinary session of the Conference of Parties of the Convention (hereinafter referred to as “the Conference of Parties”), and to the Chairperson of the eighth ordinary session of the Committee. The Secretariat also met several times with the Chairperson of the fourth ordinary session of the Conference of Parties, and with the Chairperson of the eighth ordinary session of the Committee, to address specific factual or technical elements the questionnaires gave rise to. The Secretariat provided the factual or technical information requested.
6. In their independent work to complete the questionnaires, the Chairperson of the fourth Conference of Parties consulted with the Parties to the Convention and convened the Bureau to review the questionnaires with a view to finalizing them, and the Chairperson of the eighth ordinary session of the Committee convened the Bureau to review the questionnaires with a view to finalizing them. Following the accordancy by the External Auditor for a time extension, the Chairperson of the fourth ordinary session of the Conference of Parties submitted the completed questionnaires on 9 September 2014 to the External Auditor and later to all the Parties to the Convention, and the Chairperson of the eighth ordinary session of the Committee submitted the completed questionnaires on 12 September 2014 to the External Auditor and later to the current Members of the Committee.

7. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. *Having examined document CE/14/8.IGC/6;*
2. *Takes note of the Audit of the Governance of UNESCO and Dependent Funds, Programmes, and Entities and the exercise undertaken thereon; and*
3. *Thanks the Chairperson of the fourth ordinary session of the Conference of Parties and the Chairperson of the eighth ordinary session of the Committee for their diligent work in this connection.*