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- (a) to continue to ensure that ICTP goals and activities correspond to UNESCO's strategic programme objectives and to the priorities in the natural sciences, with special emphasis on the Organization's two global priorities, Africa and gender equality, and on the needs of youth, LDCs and SIDS as well as those of the most vulnerable segments of society, including indigenous peoples;
 - (b) to reinforce ICTP capacity for advanced research, training and networking in the physical and mathematical sciences, as well as in interdisciplinary areas, for the benefit of scientists from developing countries, ensuring that staff scientists remain at the forefront of their fields;
 - (c) to support the Centre's efforts in the use of theoretical physics and mathematics to advance scientific understanding of global environmental changes and sustainable development;
 - (d) to explore such avenues as medical physics, computation, biophysics, nuclear physics, nanotechnology, earth system physics including interdisciplinary areas such as climate change;
 - (e) to strengthen scientific cooperation in areas of common interest with Italian government research institutions and other interested institutions of Member States of UNESCO, especially in developing countries, within the core mandate of UNESCO, with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and with other concerned entities in the United Nations system;
2. *Authorizes* the Director-General to support ICTP by providing a financial allocation of \$1,015,000 under Major Programme II;
 3. *Expresses* its gratitude to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), to the Italian Government, which gives a substantial financial contribution and provides premises to the Centre free of charge, and to the Member States and foundations that have supported the Centre through voluntary contributions, and *invites* them to continue their support in 2012-2013 and beyond;
 4. *Appeals* to Member States, international organizations, donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to provide or renew support to enable ICTP to implement and expand the activities envisaged for the 2012-2013 biennium;
 5. *Requests* the Director-General to report periodically to the governing bodies, in the statutory reports, on the achievement of the following expected results:
 - (1) science, technology and innovation (STI) policies implemented, related capacities built, excellence promoted, and regional collaboration in developing countries supported;
 - (2) access increased to scientific knowledge for scientists and science educators, especially from developing countries;
 - (3) programmes on natural disaster risk reduction and mitigation and the impacts of climate change on water resources, food production and health offered, with the needs of end-user groups identified and addressed.

20 **Establishment in Beijing, China, of the International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO¹**

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 185 EX/Decision 16 (II),

Having examined document 36 C/29 Part I,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of China to establish in Beijing an international research and training centre for science and technology strategy, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103;
2. *Approves* the establishment in Beijing, China, of the International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 185th session (185 EX/Decision 16 (II));
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 185 EX/16 Part II Corr.

21 **Establishment in Lisbon, Portugal, of the International Centre for Advanced Training of Scientists from Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the Basic Sciences as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO¹**

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 185 EX/Decision 16 (III),

Having examined document 36 C/29 Part II,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Portugal to establish in Lisbon an international centre for advanced training of scientists from Portuguese-speaking countries in the basic sciences, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,
2. *Approves* the establishment in Lisbon, Portugal, of the International Centre for Advanced Training of Scientists from Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the Basic Sciences as a category 2 centre under the

¹ Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2011.

auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 185th session (185 EX/Decision 16 (II));

3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 185 EX/16 Part III.

22 Establishment in Almaty, Kazakhstan, of the Central Asian Regional Glaciology Centre as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 186 EX/Decision 14 (II),

Further recalling Resolution XVIII-3 adopted at the 18th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP),

Having examined document 36 C/29 Part III,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of Kazakhstan to establish in Almaty a central Asian regional glaciological centre, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,
2. *Approves* the establishment in Almaty, Kazakhstan, of the Central Asian Regional Glaciological Centre, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 186th session (186 EX/Decision 14 (II));
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 186 EX/14 Part II.

23 Establishment in Kaduna, Nigeria, of the Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management (RC-IRBM) as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 186 EX/Decision 14 (III),

Further recalling Resolution XVII-6 adopted at the 17th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP),

Having examined document 36C/29 Part IV,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of Nigeria to establish in Kaduna a regional centre for integrated river basin management (RC-IRBM), as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,
2. *Approves* the establishment in Kaduna, Nigeria, of the Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management (RC-IRBM), as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 186th session (186 EX/Decision 14 (III));
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement contained in the Annex to document 186 EX/14 Part III.

24 Establishment in Nairobi, Kenya, of the Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources Education, Training and Research for East Africa as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 35 C/Resolution 103 and 186 EX/Decision 14 (IV);

Further recalling Resolution XIX-6 adopted at the 19th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP),

Having examined document 36 C/29 Part V,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of Kenya to establish in Nairobi a regional centre on groundwater resources education, training and research for East Africa, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with the integrated comprehensive strategy and the guidelines for the establishment of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) annexed to document 35 C/22 and Corr. and approved by the General Conference in 35 C/Resolution 103,
2. *Approves* the establishment in Nairobi, Kenya, of the Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources Education, Training and Research for East Africa, as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, as recommended by the Executive Board at its 186th session (186 EX/Decision 14 (IV));
3. *Authorizes* the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement (available on the website of the Natural Sciences Sector).

¹ Resolution adopted on the report of the SC Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2011.