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BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS 7th SPECIAL SESSION**



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1 Agenda (7 X/EX/1 Prov. Rev.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda as set out in document 7 X/EX/1 Prov. Rev.

(7 X/EX/SR.1)

2 Impact and consequences of the current situation in Ukraine in all aspects of UNESCO's mandate (7 X/EX/DR.2.1 Corr.)¹

The Executive Board,

1. Keeping in mind the fundamental principles of UNESCO enumerated in the preamble of its Constitution, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties and other relevant international instruments and declarations, as well as the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocol I thereto, of 1977, as applicable, as well as relevant customary international law every other instrument relating to Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law,
2. Mindful of the fundamental principles of UNESCO contained in the preamble of its Constitution and all relevant instruments relating to human rights and international humanitarian law,
3. Reaffirming the fundamental UNESCO mission of constructing the defences of peace in the minds of all humankind,
4. Also reaffirming UNESCO's key role in ensuring education for all, in protecting the cultural, historical and natural heritage of humanity, and in facilitating the free flow of ideas,
5. Recalling resolution A/RES/68/262 of the United Nations General Assembly, adopted on 27 March 2014,
6. Also recalling resolution A/RES/ES-11/1 of the Eleventh Emergency Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted on 2 March 2022,
7. Further recalling resolution A/HRC/RES/49/1 of the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted on 4 March 2022,
8. Taking into account 194 EX/Decision 32, 195 EX/Decision 5.II.E,
196 EX/Decision 5.II.B, 197 EX/Decision 5.II, 199 EX/Decision 5.I.E,
200 EX/Decision 5.I.H, 201 EX/Decision 5.I.G, 202 EX/Decision 5.I.L,
204 EX/Decision 5.I.D, 205 EX/Decision 5.I.E, 207 EX/Decision 5.I.C,
210 EX/Decision 5.I.C, and 212 EX/Decision 5.I.E,

¹ The Executive Board adopted this decision following a roll-call vote: 33 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 20 abstentions:

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Benin, Botswana, Chile, Cook Islands, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay.

Against: Russian Federation.

Abstentions: Angola, Armenia, Brazil, China, Congo, Egypt, India, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Namibia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam.

Absent: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Togo.

9. Reaffirms its commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters;
10. Recalls the obligations of all States under Article 2 of the Charter to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means;
11. Deplores in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation, with the involvement of Belarus, against Ukraine in violation of Article 2 (4) of the United Nations Charter;
12. Urges the immediate peaceful resolution of the conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine through political dialogue, negotiations, mediation and other peaceful means;
13. Welcomes the continued efforts by the United Nations family, Member States, and other international and regional organizations to support the de-escalation of the current situation;
14. Underscores the need for UNESCO to address the situation in Ukraine, within its internationally recognized borders across UNESCO's fields of competence;
15. Underlines that the use of force by Russia against Ukraine is in contradiction to Article I of the UNESCO Constitution, which provides that the purpose of the Organization is to contribute to peace and security;
16. Demands the immediate cessation by Russia of any attack or further harm to civilians, children, youth, teachers, education workers or schools, colleges and universities, and the upholding of the right to education, in full respect of resolution S/RES/2601 (2021), of the United Nations Security Council;
17. Also demands the immediate end of the offensive against Ukraine so as to guarantee the protection from further damage and harm to Ukrainian natural, built and movable cultural heritage in all of its forms, in compliance with the 1970 Convention on the Prevention of the Illicit Traffic in Cultural Property and international humanitarian law, inter alia the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, as well as resolution S/RES/2347 (2017), of the United Nations Security Council, and all other relevant instruments;
18. Further demands the full respect of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2222 (2015) on the protection of journalists, media professionals and associated personnel in conflict situations, aiming at combatting disinformation and promoting free, independent, and impartial media as one of the essential foundations of a democratic society, and thereby can contribute to the protection of civilians and underscores the need for the media to treat information in an objective and non-discriminatory manner;
19. Strongly condemns the cases of discriminatory treatment meted out on communities of foreign origin, and demands that all those fleeing from the conflict in Ukraine be welcomed, protected and treated without discrimination on the basis of their origin, race, nationality or ethnic identity;
20. Similarly calls for the absolute respect of the security and integrity of artists, cultural workers, scientists and scientific staff in Ukraine;

21. Invites the governing bodies of all relevant UNESCO conventions and intergovernmental programmes, facilitated by the Director-General and the Secretariat, to assess and develop measures taking into account the situation in Ukraine, within its internationally recognized borders across UNESCO's fields of competence;
22. Calls upon the Director-General to actively monitor the situation in Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders in order to ensure direct UNESCO participation in the elaboration of relevant actions to be taken within the mandate of the Organization;
23. Requests the Director-General to immediately prepare a programme of emergency assistance for Ukraine to cope with the impact of the aggression with all tools at her disposal in the fields of education, culture, science, communication and information;
24. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 215th session on the results of the aforementioned activities, and on existing and planned actions within UNESCO's fields of competence.

(7 X/EX/SR.3)