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**PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES
CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES
IN 2010-2011 WITH WHICH UNESCO COULD BE ASSOCIATED**

OUTLINE

Source: 176 EX/Decision 45 and 182 EX/Decision 51.

Background: By 159 EX/Decision 7.5 of May 2000, the Executive Board adopted the criteria and procedure for consideration of proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries in Member States with which UNESCO could be associated, which were subsequently amended at its 166th (166 EX/Decision 9.3), 176th (176 EX/Decision 47) and 179th (179 EX/Decision 37) sessions. Pursuant to those decisions, the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 181st and 182nd sessions the proposals selected as complying with the statutory criteria and procedure.

Purpose: The Director-General submits to the General Conference for approval the recommendations of the Executive Board on the celebration of 63 anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2010-2011, contained in this document.

Decision required: paragraph 3.

1. In accordance with the procedure adopted by the Executive Board at its 159th session (159 EX/Decision 7.5) and amended at its 166th (166 EX/Decision 9.3), 176th (176 EX/Decision 47) and 179th (179 EX/Decision 37) sessions for consideration of the proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated, the Executive Board initially, at its 181st session, recommended that the General Conference select for celebration 57 anniversaries proposed by Member States (ref: 181 EX/Decision 45).

2. At its 182nd session, the Executive Board considered appeals submitted by Member States pursuant to the procedure referred to above and recommended that the General Conference include six additional anniversaries in the list of anniversaries to be celebrated by UNESCO in 2010-2011 (182 EX/Decision 5.1). The final list of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2010-2011 is reproduced below.

3. The General Conference may wish to adopt the following resolution:

The General Conference,

Having examined document 35 C/15,

Encourages the Member States of all regions to make proposals that will ensure improved geographical distribution and gender balance, by also selecting eminent women, as far as possible, according to the criteria approved by the governing bodies;

Decides that UNESCO will be associated with the celebration of the following anniversaries in 2010-2011 (listed in the French alphabetical order of Member States):

- (1) 100th anniversary of the first independent periodical (Seraj-ul-akhbar) created in 1911 by its founder-editor Mahmud Tarzi, the father of journalism in Afghanistan (Afghanistan);
- (2) 550th anniversary of the birth of Tilman Riemenschneider, sculptor (c.1460-1531) (Germany);
- (3) 150th anniversary of the death of Arthur Schopenhauer, philosopher (1788-1860) (Germany);
- (4) 200th anniversary of the death of Heinrich von Kleist, writer (1777-1811) (Germany);
- (5) 200th anniversary of the birth of Robert Schumann, composer (1810-1856) (Germany);
- (6) 800th anniversary of the birth of Toros Roslin, manuscript illuminator (1210-1270) (Armenia);
- (7) 1600th anniversary of the birth of Movses Khorenatsi, historian (c. 410-493) (Armenia);
- (8) 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Khrutsky, painter (1810-1885) (Belarus);
- (9) 200th anniversary of the birth of Zachari Zographe, representative of Bulgarian Renaissance art (1810–1853) (Bulgaria);
- (10) 100th anniversary of the birth of Roberto Matta Echaurren, painter (1911-2002) (Chile);
- (11) 50th anniversary of the start of the intellectual career of Professor Harris Memel-Foté (1930-2008) (Côte d'Ivoire);
- (12) 100th anniversary of the discovery of the Mohorovičić Discontinuity by Andrija Mohorovičić (1910) (Croatia);
- (13) 300th anniversary of the birth of Ruđer Josip Bošković, physicist, astronomer, mathematician (1711-1787) (Croatia);

- (14) 450th anniversary of the birth of Marko Antun de Dominis, philosopher and scientist (1560-1624) (Croatia);
- (15) 100th anniversary of the birth of José Lezama Lima, writer (1910-1976) (Cuba);
- (16) 100th anniversary of the birth of Monseñor Leonidas Proaño (1910-1988) (Ecuador);
- (17) 50th anniversary of the first holding of the International Festival “Struga Poetry Evenings” (SPE) (the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);
- (18) 1000th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Yaroslavl (1010) (Russian Federation);
- (19) 50th anniversary of the first manned mission to space (1961) (Russian Federation);
- (20) 150th anniversary of the birth of Anton Pavlovich Chekhov, writer (1860-1904) (Russian Federation);
- (21) 300th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail Lomonosov, scientist and writer (1711-1765) (Russian Federation);
- (22) 500th anniversary of the publication of *In Praise of Folly* by Erasmus (1511) (France);
- (23) 1100th anniversary of the foundation of the Abbey of Cluny (910) (France);
- (24) 150th anniversary of the birth of Vazha Pshavela, writer (1861-1915) (Georgia);
- (25) 100th anniversary of the birth of Vakhtang Chabukiani, ballet dancer, choreographer and teacher (1910-1992) (Georgia);
- (26) 1000th anniversary of the commencement of construction of Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (Georgia);
- (27) 300th anniversary of the foundation of the Town of Saint George’s (1710) (Grenada);
- (28) 200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt, composer (1811-1896) (Hungary, with the support of France);
- (29) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa (1910-1997) (India, with the support of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);
- (30) 150th anniversary of the birth of Rabindranath Tagore, thinker, philosopher and poet (1861-1941) (India);
- (31) 1300th anniversary of Heijo-kyo, Capital of Nara (710) (Japan);
- (32) 50th anniversary of the Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Celebration (1960) (Latvia, with the support of Estonia and Lithuania);
- (33) 100th anniversary of the death of Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis, painter (1875-1911) (Lithuania);
- (34) 100th anniversary of the birth of Czeslaw Milosz, writer (1911-2004) (Lithuania and Poland);

- (35) 150th anniversary of the birth of Fridtjof Nansen, explorer, and the 100th anniversary of the reaching of the South Pole by Roald Amundsen, explorer, (Norway);
- (36) 400th anniversary of the University of Santo Tomás (1611) (Philippines);
- (37) 150th anniversary of the birth of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, pianist and politician (1860-1941) (Poland);
- (38) 200th anniversary of the birth of Frédéric Chopin, composer (1810-1849) (Poland, with the support of France);
- (39) 50th anniversary of the University of Kisangani (Democratic Republic of the Congo);
- (40) 50th anniversary of the death of Patrice Emery Lumumba, symbol of pan-Africanism (1925-1961) (Democratic Republic of the Congo);
- (41) 1250th anniversary of the birth of Farsi Beyzavi, known as Sibouyeh, philologist (761-796) (Islamic Republic of Iran);
- (42) 1000th anniversary of the composition of the “Shâhnâme” (Book of the Kings) (Islamic Republic of Iran);
- (43) 750th anniversary of the active life of Khâje Nasîr-ud-Dîn Tûsî, scientist (1201-1274) (Islamic Republic of Iran, with the support of Azerbaijan);
- (44) 700th anniversary of the death of Qutb al-Din al-Shîrazî, scientist (1236-1311) (Islamic Republic of Iran);
- (45) 100th anniversary of the birth of Karel Zeman, film-maker (1910-1989) (Czech Republic);
- (46) 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Prague Conservatory (1811) (Czech Republic);
- (47) 50th anniversary of the death of Simion Stoilow, mathematician (1887-1961) (Romania);
- (48) 50th anniversary of the death of Lucian Blaga, poet (1895-1961) (Romania);
- (49) 50th anniversary of the death of Mihail Sadoveanu, writer (1880-1961) (Romania);
- (50) 450th anniversary of the birth of Francis Bacon, writer and philosopher (1561-1626) (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);
- (51) 100th anniversary of the birth of Alioune Diop, Senegalese intellectual (1910-1990) (Senegal);
- (52) 100th anniversary of the birth of Jan Cikker, composer (1911-1989) (Slovakia);
- (53) 150th anniversary of the birth of Martin Kukučín, writer (1860-1928) (Slovakia);
- (54) 100th anniversary of the birth of Jeanne Hersch, philosopher (1910-2000) (Switzerland);
- (55) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mirzo Turzun-Zade, poet (1911-1977) (Tajikistan);

- (56) 100th anniversary of the birth of Kukrit Pramoj (1911-1995) (Thailand);
- (57) 100th anniversary of the birth of Euah Suntornsanan, composer (1910-1981) (Thailand);
- (58) 100th anniversary of the death of Osman Hamdi Bey, painter, archaeologist and art expert (1842-1910) (Turkey);
- (59) 400th anniversary of the birth of Evliya Çelebi, writer (1611-1682) (Turkey);
- (60) 1000th anniversary of the founding of Saint Sophia Cathedral, Kyiv (1011) (Ukraine);
- (61) 150th anniversary of the death of Taras Shevchenko, writer (1814-1861) (Ukraine);
- (62) 500th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Fyodorov, founder of book printing in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine (1510-1583) (Ukraine, with the support of the Russian Federation and Belarus);
- (63) 1000th anniversary of the founding of the city of Thang Long Ha Noi (1010) (Viet Nam).

Also decides:

- (a) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme;
- (b) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 2010-2011 be hereby closed.