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**PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES  
CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2012-2013  
WITH WHICH UNESCO COULD BE ASSOCIATED**

**SUMMARY**

**Source:** 186 EX/Decision 32 and 187 EX/Decision 38.

**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 186th and 187th sessions the proposals selected as complying with the statutory criteria and procedure.

**Purpose:** The General Conference is required to make a decision with regard to the recommendations made by the Executive Board concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2012-2013 and contained in 186 EX/Decision 32 and 187 EX/Decision 38.

**Decision required:** paragraph 4.

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 at its 186th and 187th sessions recommended that the General Conference select

for celebration the anniversaries proposed by Member States contained in 186 EX Decision 32 and 187 EX/Decision 38.

2. Moreover, in 186 EX/Decision 32, the Executive Board requested that the anniversaries, which contribute to increasing the visibility of the Organization and of Member States, be promoted more actively and that broader opportunities be provided to all Member States, especially to developing countries, to present their proposals. Pursuant to those provisions, the Director-General decided to extend the deadline for the current biennium to 15 August 2011. Thus, Member States were invited, following the 186th session of the Executive Board, to submit new proposals concerning anniversaries with which their countries wished UNESCO to be associated during the 2012-2013 biennium.

3. Accordingly, the Executive Board at its 187th session examined appeals submitted by Member States pursuant to the procedure mentioned above and new proposals submitted by Member States.

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

The General Conference,

*Having examined* document 36 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 in 2012-2013 with the celebration of the anniversaries in the Annex to this resolution;

*Further decides* that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations shall be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme.

## ANNEX

**Celebration of the anniversaries  
with which UNESCO will be associated in 2012-2013**  
(as recommended to the General Conference in 186 EX/Decision 32  
and 187 EX/Decision 38 of the Executive Board)

1. 50th anniversary of the death of Mouloud Feraoun, writer (1913-1962) (Algeria)
2. 350th anniversary of the death of Queen Nzinga Mbande Ngola Kiluanji (Kingdom of Matamba-Ndongo), emblematic figure of the struggle against slavery and for women's empowerment in Africa (1583-1663) (Angola)
3. 1,650th anniversary of the birth of Mesrop Mashtots, inventor of the Armenian alphabet (c.362-440) (Armenia)
4. 300th anniversary of the birth of Sayat-Nova (Harutyun (Arutin) Sayatyan), poet and musician (c.1712-1795) (Armenia, with the support of Georgia)
5. 500th anniversary of the first printed Armenian book (1512) (Armenia)
6. 1,400th anniversary of the birth of Anania Shirakatsi, scientist (612-685) (Armenia)
7. 100th anniversary of the musical comedy *Arshin Mal Alan* of Uzeyir Hajibeyli (1913) (Azerbaijan)
8. 900th anniversary of achievements of Mahsati Ganjavi, poetess (12th century) (Azerbaijan)
9. 550th anniversary of the death of Seyid Yahya Bakuvi (Shirvani), philosopher and poet (ca. 1390s-1463) (Azerbaijan)
10. 1,150th anniversary of the city of Polotsk mentioned in the Primary Chronicle (862) (Belarus)
11. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jorge Amado, writer (1912 -2001) (Brazil)
12. 50th anniversary of the death of Candido Portinari, artist (1903-1962) (Brazil)
13. 100th anniversary of the birth of Vinicius de Moraes, poet and musician (1913-1980) (Brazil)
14. 150th anniversary of the birth of Ernesto Nazareth, pianist (1863-1934) (Brazil)
15. 100th anniversary of the birth of academician Lyubomir Iliev (1913-2000) (Bulgaria)
16. 250th anniversary of the *Istoriya Slavyanobolgarskaya* by Paisij de Hilendar (1762) (Bulgaria)
17. 100th anniversary of the death of Rafael Pombo, writer (1833-1912) (Colombia)
18. 150th anniversary of the birth of Milka Trnina, opera singer (1863-1941) (Croatia)
19. 450th anniversary of the death of Andrija Medulić/Andrea Meldolla Schiavone, painter (c. 1510-1563) (Croatia, with the support of Italy)
20. 100th anniversary of the birth of René Portocarrero, painter (1912-1985) (Cuba)
21. 100th anniversary of the founding of the Museum of Fine Arts (1913) (Cuba)

22. 100th anniversary of the birth of Rita Longa, sculptor (1912-2000) (Cuba)
23. 100th anniversary of the birth of Virgilio Piñera, writer (1912-1979) (Cuba)
24. 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of the missionaries Cyril and Methodius in Great Moravia (863) (Czech Republic and Slovakia, with the support of Serbia)<sup>1</sup>
25. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jiří Trnka, designer and director of animated films (1912-1969) (Czech Republic, with the support of Slovakia)
26. 100th anniversary of the birth of Otto Wichterle, scientist (1913-1998) (Czech Republic, with the support of Slovakia)
27. 100th anniversary of the publication of Niels Bohr's model of atom structure in *Philosophical Magazine*: "On the Constitution of Atoms and Molecules" (1913) (Denmark)
28. 200th anniversary of the birth of Søren Kierkegaard, philosopher (1813-1855) (Denmark)
29. 100th anniversary of the death of José Eloy Alfaro Delgado, statesman and thinker (1842-1912) (Ecuador)
30. 100th anniversary of the birth of Naguib Mahfouz, author and writer (1911-2006) (Egypt)
31. 150th anniversary of the birth of Qasim Amin, author (1863-1908) (Egypt)
32. 300th anniversary of the birth of Denis Diderot, writer and philosopher (1713) (France)
33. 150th anniversary of the birth of Claude Debussy, composer (1862-1918) (France)
34. 100th anniversary of the birth of Aimé Césaire, poet and writer (1913-2008) (France)
35. 100th anniversary of the birth of Albert Camus, writer (1913-1960) (France)
36. 300th anniversary of the printed edition of the epic poem *The Knight in the Panther's Skin* (1712) (Georgia)
37. 150th anniversary of the birth of Niko Pirosmiani, painter (1862-1918) (Georgia)
38. 150th anniversary of the birth of Ekvtime Takaishvili, historian and archaeologist (1863-1953) (Georgia)
39. 200th anniversary of the birth of Richard Wagner, composer (1813-1883) (Germany)
40. 50th anniversary of the death of Hermann Hesse, poet and novelist (1877- 1962) (Germany)
41. 100th anniversary of the death of Rudolf Diesel, inventor and mechanical engineer (1858-1913) (Germany)
42. 250th anniversary of the death of Dorothea Christiane Erxleben, medical scientist (1715-1762) (Germany)
43. 50th anniversary of the death of George N Papanicolaou, scientist (1883-1962) (Greece)
44. 150th anniversary of the birth of Constantine Cavafy, poet (1863-1933) (Greece)

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<sup>1</sup> This anniversary, originally proposed by the Czech Republic and Slovakia with the support of Serbia, following the 186th session of the Executive Board, received support from Bulgaria, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Poland.

45. 100th anniversary of the birth of Robert Capa, photographer (1913-1954) (Hungary, with the support of France and the United States of America)
46. 100th anniversary of the birth of János Szentágothai, neuroscientist (1912-1994) (Hungary)
47. 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir Georg Solti, conductor (1912-1997) (Hungary, with the support of the United Kingdom and Switzerland)
48. 150th anniversary of the birth of Swami Vivekananda, philosopher and spiritual thinker (1863-1902) (India)
49. 100th anniversary of the birth of Amrita Sher-Gil, painter (1913-1941) (India)
50. 1,000th anniversary of the compilation of Avicenna's *Kitab-al-Qānūn fī ṭ-ṭibb* (The Canon of Medicine) (1013) (Iran, Islamic Republic of)
51. 1,000th anniversary of the achievements of Abu Saeed Ab al-Kheir, writer and philosopher (978-1059) (Iran, Islamic Republic of)
52. 500th anniversary of the achievements of Abd-ol-Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Husayn Birjandi, scientist and astronomer (born 16th century; died 1528) (Iran, Islamic Republic of)
53. 1,100th anniversary of al-A'lāq al-Nafisa compilation of the prominent work of Iranian geographer Ebn Rosteh (Ibn Rusta), geographer and explorer (913) (Iran, Islamic Republic of)
54. 200th anniversary of the birth of Giuseppe Verdi, musician (1813-1901) (Italy)
55. 100th anniversary of the birth of Giulio Einaudi, publisher (1912-1999) (Italy)
56. 200th anniversary of the rediscovery of Petra (1812) (Jordan)
57. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ufa Mendbayevich Ahmetsafin, scientist (1912-1984) (Kazakhstan)
58. 150th anniversary of the birth of Pauls Valdens, chemist (1863-1957) (Latvia)
59. 150th anniversary of the birth of Rūdolfs Blaumanis, writer (1863-1908) (Latvia)
60. 150th anniversary of the birth of Jāzeps Vītols, composer (1863-1948) (Latvia)
61. 100th anniversary of the birth of Meilė Lukšienė, professor and social scientist (1913-2009) (Lithuania)
62. 600th anniversary of the institutionalization of Kabary by King Andriamoraony (1412) (Madagascar)
63. 700th anniversary of the work of Kankou Moussa, the "Builder" of education, religious dialogue and the rapprochement of Arab and African civilizations (Mali)
64. 1,150th anniversary of the foundation of the University of al-Qaraouiyyine (Morocco)
65. 200th anniversary of the foundation of the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua (UNAN) (1812) (Nicaragua)
66. 100th anniversary of the birth of Witold Lutosławski, composer (1913-1994) (Poland)

67. 100th anniversary of the death of Bolesław Prus, writer (1847-1912) (Poland)
68. 250th anniversary of the birth of Cheong Yagyong, philosopher (1762-1836) (Republic of Korea)
69. 400th anniversary of the publication of *Donguibogam* (1613) (Republic of Korea)
70. 100th anniversary of the birth of George Emil Palade, scientist (1912-2008) (Romania)
71. 100th anniversary of the birth of Sergiu Celibidache, conductor (1912-1996) (Romania)
72. 350th anniversary of the Church of the Holy Archangels in Rogoz (1663) (Romania)
73. 100th anniversary of the death of Spiru Haret, scientist (1851-1912) (Romania)
74. 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Rimsky-Korsakov Saint Petersburg State Conservatory (1862) (Russian Federation)
75. 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Alexander Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts (1912) (Russian Federation)
76. 150th anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Vernadsky (Volodymyr Vernads'ky), scientist and thinker (1863-1945) (Russian Federation and Ukraine)
77. 150th anniversary of the birth of Constantin Stanislavsky, actor and founder of the Moscow Art Theatre (1863-1938) (Russian Federation)
78. 100th anniversary of the birth of Tatarka Dominik, writer (1913-1989) (Slovakia)
79. 250th anniversary of the birth of Bernolák Anton, philologist (1762) (Slovakia)
80. 50th anniversary of the Rivonia process, which led to Nelson Mandela's imprisonment in his fight against apartheid (1962) (South Africa)
81. 50th anniversary of the creation of the Pan African Women's Organization (PAWO) (1962) (South Africa)
82. 200th anniversary of the Constitution of 1812 (Spain)
83. 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the city of Granada (1012-1013) (Spain)
84. 300th anniversary of the birth of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, philosopher, writer and educationalist (1712-1778) (Switzerland and France)
85. 150th anniversary of the birth of Queen Sri Savarindira, Queen Grandmother of Thailand (1862-1955) (Thailand)
86. 100th anniversary of the birth of Boonlua Debyasuvarn, teacher and educator (1911-1982) (Thailand)
87. 150th anniversary of Emancipation Day (1862) (Tonga)
88. 100th anniversary of the birth of Eric Williams, scholar and statesman (1911-1981) (Trinidad and Tobago)
89. 500th anniversary of the Piri Reis World Map (1513) (Turkey)

90. 300th anniversary of the death of Yusuf Nabi, poet and philosopher (1641-1712) (Turkey)
91. 100th anniversary of the birth of Kemal Ahmet Aru, architect and urban planner (1912-2005) (Turkey)
92. 300th anniversary of the death of Buhurizade Mustafa Itri, musician (1640-1712) (Turkey)
93. 50th anniversary of the foundation of the University of East Africa (1963) (Uganda)
94. 100th anniversary of the birth of Mykola (Nikolai) Amosov, scientist (1913-2002) (Ukraine)
95. 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech (1963) (United States of America)
96. 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (1863) (United States of America)
97. 150th anniversary of the birth of Edith Wharton, writer (1862-1937) (United States of America)
98. 100th anniversary of the birth of Rosa Parks, civil rights activist (1913-2005) (United States of America)