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Subject: Revision of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms - Invitation to recommend experts for the International Expert Group

Dear Ambassador,

Pursuant to 41 C/Resolution 17, I am writing to inform you that the Director-General will be proceeding with the revision of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (hereafter 1974 Recommendation), in consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders.

As outlined in document 41 C/51, this process will involve both formal consultations with Member States and technical consultations with individual experts, professional and civil society organizations, United Nations and other global and regional multilateral organizations on a range of topics relevant to the 1974 Recommendation. For more information on the planning of the revision process see the Annex that is attached.

In view of assisting the Organization in the preparation of initial revisions to the 1974 Recommendation, the Director-General will be establishing an ad hoc International Expert Group (IEG), in accordance with UNESCO's Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO (Category VI meeting).

In line with the above-mentioned Regulations, the Director-General will be appointing the members of the expert group who shall serve in a private capacity. The members to be nominated will be nationals of Member States or Associate Members of UNESCO or nationals of states, which are not members of UNESCO, but members of the United Nations.

The members of the expert group are expected to have the following profile:

- Extensive national and international expertise as a practitioner or an academic in one of the fields concerned by the thematic focus of the 1974 Recommendation or SDG Target 4.7. This can include but is not limited to the following: peace and human rights education, (global) citizenship education, education for sustainable development and/or transformative approaches to education;

- the level of expertise should be demonstrated through sufficient years of professional experience in the field (at least 15 years) or through a record of relevant peer reviewed publications;
- experience drafting, or participating in the elaboration of, policy documents or normative instruments of global or regional scope and involving government or non-governmental institutions;
- understanding of the education sector;
- understanding of inter-governmental processes;
- communicate sufficiently well in English or French - the working languages of the IEG.

The work to be accomplished by the expert group will be part of the technical consultation.

The members of the expert group will be expected to participate in at least three meetings - both *in presentia* and online - and contribute to the drafting of proposed revisions to the instrument. The majority of meetings will be held between March 2022 and July 2022.

The result of this work will be transmitted through a Preliminary Report sent to all Member States by the Director-General in September 2022.

With these considerations, I hereby invite each of the Electoral Groups to **submit four names** of persons suitable for appointment as members of the expert group by **20 February 2022** to: 1974recommendation@unesco.org cc adg-ed@unesco.org.

On the basis of these proposals, the Director-General will appoint two persons per electoral region to the expert group. In addition, she will appoint two persons in view of forming a group composed, in total, of fourteen members.

We encourage you to ensure a gender, geographical and professional balance among the four persons recommended.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that though, as a general rule, Category VI meetings are private, I intend to invite Member States (and intergovernmental or international non-governmental organizations) to send observers to follow the proceedings of these meetings, in line with UNESCO's commitment to provide a transparent and inclusive process.

Should you have any questions on any aspect of this process or the recommendation of experts, the team in charge of this work within the Division for Peace and Sustainable Development of the Education Sector is available to meet with you. Questions can also be sent by email to the team at the following address: 1974recommendation@unesco.org.

Yours sincerely,



Stefania Giannini

cc: All Permanent Delegations and National Commissions

ANNEX - Information relating to the planning and timing of the meetings and consultations for the Revision of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

The revision process will follow the below phases:

PHASE 1 PREPARATION	
Dec 2021- Jan 2022	Review of relevant documents, collection of data and information to identify the specific strengths and weaknesses of the instrument and ascertain expectations from the revised instrument.
PHASE 2 TECHNICAL CONSULTATION	
March 2022	UNESCO convenes an International Expert Group (IEG) to advise on the revisions of the 1974 Recommendation based on the relevant Resolution taken by the 41 st session of the General Conference, the Preliminary Study ¹ , other relevant studies and the outcomes of the consultations.
March - May 2022	Regional and thematic consultation meetings are held with a broad selection of experts and professionals working in relevant fields to discuss the priority issues to be considered in the revision of the 1974 Recommendation These consultations will include events dedicated to the 1974 Recommendation and focused discussions organized in the context of planned events on related issues. They will involve all concerned constituencies and stakeholders, namely international and regional IGOs, NGOs, professional networks, UNESCO Chairs, research institutions and academia, individual experts and youth, as appropriate.
PHASE 3 FORMAL CONSULTATION AND ADOPTION	
September 2022	The Preliminary Report on the revision process with the first draft of the revised Recommendation is sent to all Member States for comments and observations.
January 2023	Member States submit their written comments and observations on the first draft of the revised Recommendation.
April 2023	A draft Definitive Report with proposed revisions addressing the comments is sent to all Member States for examination.
June 2023	UNESCO convenes an Intergovernmental Special Committee to discuss the proposed revisions.
August 2023	The Definitive Report, with the final proposed revisions, is sent no later than 70 days before the opening of the 42 nd session of the General Conference to Member States for their examination
November 2023	The 42nd session of the General Conference considers adopting the revised text of the 1974 Recommendation.

¹ Preliminary study on the desirability of revising the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms submitted to the 211th session of the UNESCO Executive Board, cf. 211 EX/38.