

**42<sup>ND</sup> SESSION - UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**SUMMARY OF DEBATES**  
**DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU**

**SHS COMMISSION**

<b>Date</b>	15 November 2023	<b>Room</b>	XI
<b>N° meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting	<b>Hour</b>	From: 10:00 a.m. To: 01:00 p.m.
<b>Chairperson(s)</b>	Ms. Monique van Daalen	<b>Country</b>	Kingdom of the Netherlands

**SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)**

<b>Items examined</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of the Bureau of the Commission</li> <li>• Organization of the work of the Commission and adoption of the timetable of work of the Commission</li> <li>• Item 3.1 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 - Part II.A: Major Programme III – Social and Human Sciences</li> </ul>		
<b>Debate no</b>	1	<b>Debate status</b>	Start
<b>Related documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/NOM/1 + ADD.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/COM.SHS/1 Prov.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/REP/15</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/REP/16</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/REP/17</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/REP/18</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/5 Rev.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/6 Rev.</a></li> </ul>		
<b>DRs examined</b>	-		
<b>Countries that took floor</b>	<p>On Item 3.1:  <b>38 Member States:</b> Canada, Paraguay, Denmark, Egypt, Kenya, China, Poland, Zimbabwe, Mongolia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Austria, Madagascar, Malawi, New Zealand, Norway, Türkiye, Uganda, Thailand, Togo, South Africa, Jamaica, Japan, Germany, Angola, Brazil, Belgium, Finland, Cuba, Republic of Korea, Ghana, Sweden, Iran, Russian Federation, France, Iceland, Senegal, Nigeria, Czech Republic.</p>		
<b>Summary of debate</b>	<p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of the Bureau of the SHS Commission: four Vice-Chairpersons have been elected, as below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Mariusz Lewicki (Poland)</li> <li>○ Ms. Ada Hernandez (Dominican Republic)</li> <li>○ Ms. Amal El Fallah Seghrouchni (Morocco)</li> <li>○ Mr. Linto Mchunu (South Africa)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Opening remarks of the Chairperson.</li> <li>• Organization and method of work of the Commission. The Commission approved the timetable without any modification.</li> </ul> <p>Item 3.1. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 - Part II.A: Major Programme III – Social and Human Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the item by ADG/SHS Gabriela Ramos.</li> <li>• 38 Member States took the floor on this item.</li> <li>• Following the reply of ADG/SHS, the resolution pertaining to item 3.1 was adopted as amended by the Executive Board in document 42 C/6 Rev.</li> </ul>		

**DETAILS NEXT MEETING**

<b>Date</b>	15 November 2023	<b>Room</b>	XI
<b>N° meeting</b>	2	<b>Hour</b>	From: 03:00 p.m. To: 06:00 p.m.
<b>Items to be examined</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Item 6.1 – Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the ethics of neurotechnology</li></ul>		
<b>Debate no</b>	2	<b>Debate status</b>	Start
<b>Related documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">42 C/30</a></li></ul>		
<b>DRs to be examined</b>	-		

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<b>Items examined</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 6.1 – Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the ethics of neurotechnology</li> <li>Item 4.14 – Strengthening the implementation of the Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers</li> </ul>		
<b>Debate no</b>	2	<b>Debate status</b>	Start
<b>Related documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">42 C/30</a></li> <li><a href="#">42 C/54</a></li> </ul>		
<b>DRs examined</b>	-		
<b>Countries that took floor</b>	<p>On Item 6.1:  <b>44 Member States:</b> Mozambique, Philippines, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Democratic Republic of the Congo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Chili, Germany, Republic of Korea, Saudia Arabia, Slovakia, Austria, France, Nigeria, Lithuania, Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Italy, Spain, Iceland, Thailand, Egypt, Mongolia, Venezuela, Sweden, Japan, Poland, India, Switzerland, Hungary, Iran, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, China, Russian Federation, Dominican Republic, Uganda, Indonesia  <b>2 Observers:</b> Holy See, IAUPL</p> <p>On Item 4.14 (to be continued)  <b>17 Member States:</b> Morocco, Lebanon, Tunisia, Lithuania, Philippines, Poland, Austria, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Kenya, Latvia, Republic of Korea, Finland, France, Sweden, Iceland, <i>(to be continued)</i>.</p>		
<b>Summary of debate</b>	<p>Item 6.1. Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the ethics of neurotechnology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the item by ADG/SHS Gabriela Ramos.</li> <li>44 Member States and 2 Observers took the floor on this item.</li> <li>Following the reply of ADG/SHS, the resolution pertaining to item 6.1 was adopted without amendments.</li> </ul> <p>Item 4.14 – Strengthening the implementation of the Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the item by ADG/SHS Gabriela Ramos.</li> <li>The first 17 Member States on the list took the floor on this item. The debate will continue during the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the SHS Commission on 16 November.</li> </ul>		

**DETAILS NEXT MEETING**

<b>Date</b>	16 November 2023	<b>Room</b>	XI
<b>N° meeting</b>	3	<b>Hour</b>	From: 10:00 a.m. To: 01:00 p.m.
<b>Items to be examined</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Item 4.14 – Strengthening the implementation of the Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers (continued)</li><li>• Item 4.4 – Category 2 institutes and centres – Designation of the International Centre of AI Research and Ethics in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) under the auspices of UNESCO (Category 2)</li></ul>		
<b>Debate no</b>	3	<b>Debate status</b>	Continuation
<b>Related documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">42 C/54</a></li><li>• <a href="#">42 C/18.III</a></li></ul>		
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<b>Items examined</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 4.14 – Strengthening the implementation of the Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers (continued)</li> <li>• Item 4.4 – Category 2 institutes and centres – Designation of the International Centre of AI Research and Ethics in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) under the auspices of UNESCO (Category 2)</li> <li>• Item 4.16 – UNESCO Collection on History of Nomadic Civilizations</li> </ul>		
<b>Debate no</b>	3	<b>Debate status</b>	Continuation
<b>Related documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/54</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/18.III</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/56</a></li> </ul>		
<b>DRs examined</b>	-		
<b>Countries that took floor</b>	<p>On Item 4.14 (continued)  <b>Additional 14 Member States:</b> Iran, Cuba, Thailand, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Africa, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, China, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Bulgaria, Jamaica.  <b>2 Observers:</b> IAUPL, ISC</p> <p>On Item 4.4  <b>The item was considered without debate.</b></p> <p>On Item 4.16  <b>11 Member States:</b> Norway, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Hungary, Azerbaijan, Uganda, China, Russian Federation, India, Côte d'Ivoire, Thailand.</p>		
<b>Summary of debate</b>	<p>Item 4.14 – Strengthening the implementation of the Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The debate on item 4.14 continued with 14 additional Member States and 2 Observers taking the floor.</li> <li>• Following the reply of ADG/SHS, the resolution pertaining to item 4.14 was adopted with amendments.</li> </ul> <p>Item 4.4 – Category 2 institutes and centres – Designation of the International Centre of AI Research and Ethics in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) under the auspices of UNESCO (Category 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resolution pertaining to item 4.4 was adopted by acclamation.</li> <li>• Following the adoption, Saudi Arabia took the floor for a short statement.</li> </ul> <p>Item 4.16 - UNESCO Collection on History of Nomadic Civilizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the presentation of the item by Mongolia, 11 Member States took the floor.</li> <li>• Following the replies of Mongolia and ADG/SHS, the resolution pertaining to item 4.16 was adopted without amendments.</li> </ul>		

**DETAILS NEXT MEETING**

<b>Date</b>	16 November 2023	<b>Room</b>	XI
<b>N° meeting</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	<b>Hour</b>	From: 03:00 p.m. To: 06:00 p.m.
<b>Items to be examined</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Item 4.15 – Olympic and Paralympic Movements as the Catalyst of UNESCO Values through Sport, Education, and Development</li></ul>		
<b>Debate no</b>	4	<b>Debate status</b>	Start
<b>Related documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">42 C/55</a></li></ul>		
<b>DRs to be examined</b>	-		

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<b>SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)</b>
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<b>Items examined</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 4.15 – Olympic and Paralympic Movements as the Catalyst of UNESCO Values through Sport, Education, and Development</li> </ul>		
<b>Debate no</b>	4	<b>Debate status</b>	Conclusion
<b>Related documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">42 C/55</a></li> </ul>		
<b>DRs examined</b>	-		
<b>Countries that took floor</b>	On Item 4.15 <b>18 Member States:</b> France, Brazil, Mongolia, Senegal, Paraguay, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Russian Federation, Italy, Jamaica, Iran, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Hungary, Greece, China, Venezuela, Uganda.		
<b>Summary of debate</b>	Item 4.15 – Olympic and Paralympic Movements as the Catalyst of UNESCO Values through Sport, Education, and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the presentation of the item by Poland, 18 Member States took the floor.</li> <li>• Following the replies of Poland and ADG/SHS, the resolution pertaining to item 4.15 was adopted with amendments.</li> <li>• The Chairperson of the SHS Commission closed the session.</li> </ul>		

<b>DETAILS NEXT MEETING: END OF COMMISSION</b>
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