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To Permanent Delegates and
Observers to UNESCO

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Subject: **Renewal of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO
(IBC)**

Sir/Madam,

In accordance with its Statutes (copy attached herewith), the Director-General will proceed, at the beginning of 2018, with the renewal of one half of the membership of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (IBC), whose terms of office expire at the end of 2017.

Article 3, paragraph 1 of the afore-mentioned Statutes states that members of IBC *"shall be independent and shall act in their personal capacity. When making his/her choice, the Director-General shall take into account cultural diversity, balanced geographical representation and the need to ensure appropriate rotation. He/she shall also take into account the nominations for membership of the IBC received from the Member States of UNESCO, Associate Members and non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO"*. In addition and in line with UNESCO's commitment to promote gender equality in all its activities, the choice of the Director-General also will take into account the need to ensure gender balance in the composition of the IBC.

Moreover, paragraph 2 of the same Article states that *"when proposing their candidates for the IBC, states shall endeavour to include eminent persons who are specialists in the life sciences and in the social and human sciences, including law, human rights, philosophy, education and communication, with the necessary competence and authority to perform the IBC's duties"*.

.../...

Pursuant to these provisions, I invite your country to propose to the Director-General the names of suitable personalities who might be considered for membership of the Committee for a period of four years, from 2018 to the end of 2021. I should be grateful if you would send details of your nominee(s), together with their *curriculum vitae*, to the Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section of the Social and Human Sciences Sector (7, place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France; tel.: +33 1 45 68 38 57 / 39 45; e-mail: ibc@unesco.org) **before 1 December 2017**.

In ending, allow me to take this opportunity to remind you that the Director-General cannot appoint more than one national of a Member State at any given time (Article 3, paragraph 3), and that she may not appoint any person for more than two consecutive terms of office (Article 6, paragraph 3).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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**COMPOSITION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE OF UNESCO (IBC)
(2016-2017)**

**COMPOSITION DU
COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE BIOETHIQUE DE L'UNESCO (CIB)
(2016-2017)**

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STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE OF UNESCO (IBC)*

Article 1

A permanent Committee, named the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC), hereafter referred to as 'the IBC', is hereby established within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Article 2 - Functions

1. The Committee shall have the following functions:
 - (a) it shall promote reflection on the ethical and legal issues raised by research in the life sciences and their applications, as well as encourage the exchange of ideas and information, particularly through education;
 - (b) it shall encourage action to heighten awareness among the general public, specialized groups and public and private decision-makers involved in bioethics;
 - (c) it shall co-operate with the international governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned by the issues raised in the field of bioethics as well as with the national and regional bioethics committees and similar bodies;
 - (d) in accordance with Article 24 of the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, hereafter referred to as 'the Declaration':
 - (i) it shall contribute to the dissemination of the principles set out in the Declaration and to the further examination of issues raised by their applications and by the evolution of the technologies in question;
 - (ii) it shall organize appropriate consultations with parties concerned, such as vulnerable groups;
 - (iii) it shall make recommendations, in accordance with UNESCO's statutory procedures, addressed to the General Conference and give advice concerning the follow-up of the Declaration, and it shall identify practices that could be contrary to human dignity.
2. The IBC shall determine its programme of work which shall be made public. The IBC shall include in that programme any item so requested by the Director-General or the Executive Board. It shall take into account the views of the Intergovernmental Committee, hereafter provided under Article 11, concerning its programme.

* Adopted by the Executive Board at its 154th Session, on 7 May 1998 (154 EX/Dec. 8.4).

Article 3 - Membership

1. The IBC shall be composed of 36 members appointed by the Director-General. The members shall be independent and shall act in their personal capacity. When making his choice, the Director-General shall take into account cultural diversity, balanced geographical representation and the need to ensure appropriate rotation. He shall also take into account the nominations for membership of the IBC received from the Member States of UNESCO, Associate Members and non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO.
2. When proposing their candidates for the IBC, states shall endeavour to include eminent persons who are specialists in the life sciences and in the social and human sciences, including law, human rights, philosophy, education and communication, with the necessary competence and authority to perform the IBC's duties.
3. The Director-General shall not appoint simultaneously more than one national of the same state.

Article 4 - Observers

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may take part as observers in the meetings of the IBC.
2. Non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO may take part as observers in the meetings of the IBC on the invitation of the Director-General.
3. The United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded an agreement providing for reciprocal representation may take part as observers in the meetings of the IBC.
4. International governmental or non-governmental organizations with similar objectives to those of the IBC may be invited to take part as observers in the meetings of the IBC.
5. Specialists or other relevant persons or groups may be consulted on matters within the competence of the IBC.

Article 5 - Sessions

The Director-General shall convene the IBC at least once a year.

Article 6 - Terms of office

1. The term of office for members of the IBC shall be four years.
2. Half the IBC's members shall be replaced every two years.
3. The Director-General shall not appoint the same person for more than two consecutive terms of office.

Article 7 - Advice and recommendations

The advice and recommendations of the IBC shall be taken by consensus, promptly made public and widely disseminated. Any member of the IBC shall have the right to record a dissenting opinion.

Article 8 - Rules of Procedure

The IBC shall adopt its Rules of Procedure.

Article 9 - Secretariat

1. The Director-General of UNESCO shall provide the staff and other means required for the operation of the secretariat of the IBC.
2. The Director-General shall appoint a member of the Secretariat of UNESCO as Secretary-General of the IBC.

Article 10 - Expenses

1. The servicing expenses of the sessions of the IBC shall be financed by the appropriations allocated for this purpose by the General Conference.
2. Member States of UNESCO, Associate Members and non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO shall bear the expenses of the participation of their observers at the sessions of the IBC and of their participation in the Intergovernmental Committee.
3. UNESCO shall bear the expenses of the participation of specialists in connection with hearings requested by the IBC.

Article 11 - Intergovernmental Committee

1. An Intergovernmental Committee, hereafter referred to as 'the Intergovernmental Committee', is hereby established within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
2. The Intergovernmental Committee shall examine the advice and recommendations of the IBC, including those concerned with the follow-up of the Universal Declaration. The Intergovernmental Committee shall inform the IBC of its opinions. It shall submit its opinions to the Director-General for transmission, together with the advice and recommendations of the IBC, to the Member States, the Executive Board and the General Conference. It may transmit any proposals for the follow-up of the advice and recommendations of the IBC.
3. The Intergovernmental Committee shall be composed of 36 representatives of the Member States elected by the General Conference. Associate Members of UNESCO shall be invited to participate. When electing the members of the Intergovernmental Committee, the General Conference shall take into account cultural diversity, balanced geographical representation and the need to ensure appropriate rotation.
4. The term of office of members of the Intergovernmental Committee shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its second subsequent ordinary session.
5. Member States of UNESCO, Associate Members and non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO may take part in the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee. The provisions of Article 4 relating to the IBC shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Intergovernmental Committee.
6. The sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee shall be convened by the Director-General at least once every two years.
7. Where the Intergovernmental Committee or the Director-General so decides, a Joint Session of the IBC and the Intergovernmental Committee, hereafter referred to as 'the Joint Session', shall be convened. The Joint Session shall foster dialogue between the IBC and the Intergovernmental Committee on matters of mutual concern. Without limiting the generality of such matters, they may include consideration of any proposals to:

- (a) amend the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights; or
- (b) adopt any further declaration or any other international instrument within the field of competence of the IBC.

The Joint Session shall:

- (a) be chaired by the chairpersons of the IBC and of the Intergovernmental Committee as joint presiding officers;
- (b) be open to observers *mutatis mutandis* in accordance with Article 4; and
- (c) present a report on the meeting to the Director-General, who shall provide it to the Member States for such action as they may decide before it is presented to the General Conference.

Article 12 - Revision

These Statutes may be revised by the UNESCO Executive Board.



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To Permanent Delegates and
Observers to UNESCO

23 MAR. 2017

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**Subject: Renewal of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific
Knowledge and Technology of UNESCO (COMEST)**

Sir/Madam,

In accordance with its Statutes (copy attached herewith), the Director-General will proceed, at the beginning of 2018, with the renewal of one half of the membership of the UNESCO World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST), whose terms of office expire at the end of 2017.

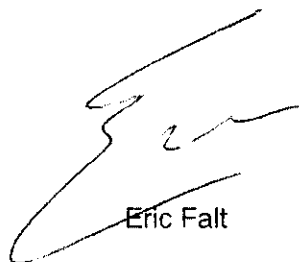
Article 3, paragraph 1 of the afore-mentioned Statutes states that members of COMEST "*shall be appointed by the Director-General following consultation with the National Commissions and Academies of Science of the Member States, and serving in a personal capacity*". Moreover, paragraph 4 of the same Article states that "*members of the Commission shall be chosen from among eminent personalities in the fields of science, professional engineering, law, philosophy, culture, religion or politics, having the competence and the authority necessary to fulfil the functions entrusted to the Commission, taking due account of geographical distribution and ensuring coverage of the various disciplines and schools of thought*". In addition and in line with UNESCO's commitment to promote gender equality in all its activities, the choice of the Director-General also will take into account the need to ensure gender balance in the composition of COMEST.

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Pursuant to these provisions, I invite your country to propose to the Director-General the names of suitable personalities who might be considered for membership of the Commission for a period of four years, from 2018 to the end of 2021. I should be grateful if you would send details of your nominee(s), together with their *curriculum vitae*, to the Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section of the Social and Human Sciences Sector (7, place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France; tel.: +33 1 45 68 38 57 / 39 45; e-mail: comest@unesco.org) **before 1 December 2017**.

In ending, allow me to take this opportunity to remind you that the Director-General cannot appoint any person for more than two consecutive terms of office (Article 3, paragraph 2).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Eric Falt

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STATUTES OF THE WORLD COMMISSION ON THE ETHICS OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY OF UNESCO (COMEST)

Article 1

A World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology, hereinafter called 'the Commission' (category V), is hereby established.

Article 2

The Commission shall be responsible for advising the Organization on its programme concerning the ethics of scientific knowledge and technology. It shall also be mandated:

- to be an intellectual forum for the exchange of ideas and experience;
- to detect on that basis the early signs of risk situations;
- to perform the role of adviser to decision-makers in this respect; and, lastly,
- to promote dialogue between scientific communities, decision-makers and the public at large.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be composed of 18 members, appointed by the Director-General following consultation with the National Commissions and Academies of Science of the Member States, and serving in a personal capacity. It shall have an open-ended structure and may bring in specialists on specific subjects.
2. The members shall be appointed for a four-year term, renewable once. In the event of the resignation or death of a Commission member, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the current term.
3. One half of the members of the Commission shall be replaced every two years. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, when appointing the first members of the Commission, the Director-General shall designate the nine members whose term shall expire on 31 December 1999.
4. The members of the Commission shall be chosen from among eminent personalities in the fields of science, professional engineering, law, philosophy, culture, religion or politics, having the competence and the authority necessary to fulfil the functions entrusted to the Commission, taking due account of geographical distribution and ensuring coverage of the various disciplines and schools of thought.

* Adopted by the Executive Board at its 154th Session, on 7 May 1998 (154 EX/Dec. 3.4.2).

5. The Presidents of UNESCO's five intergovernmental scientific programmes (IOC, MAB, MOST, IGCP and IHP), of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and the Intergovernmental Committee, and those of the International Council of Philosophy and Human Sciences (ICPHS), the International Council of Social Sciences (ICSS), the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs shall be invited to participate in the work of the Commission.
6. The Commission shall define, in agreement with the Director-General, the conditions under which certain specialists, representatives of non-governmental organizations or personalities may be consulted in person, on the questions listed in its programme.

Article 4

1. The Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may participate as observers in the meetings of the Commission.
2. States which are not Members of UNESCO, but Members of the United Nations system organizations, may participate as observers in the Commission's meetings at the invitation of the Director-General.
3. The United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may participate as observers in the Commission's meetings.
4. The Commission shall define, in agreement with the Director-General, the conditions under which other intergovernmental and international nongovernmental organizations with purposes similar to those of the Commission may be invited to attend its debates.

Article 5

1. The Director-General shall convene the Commission in ordinary session once every two years. He/she may convene extraordinary sessions at the request of the President of the Commission and subject to the availability of the necessary resources.
2. The Director-General, in consultation with the Bureau of the Commission, shall set the date and place of each session.
3. Any Member State of UNESCO, or Member of one of the United Nations system organizations, may invite the Director-General to convene a session of the Commission on its territory.

Article 6

1. At each of its ordinary sessions, the Commission shall elect a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur, who shall form the Bureau of the Commission and shall remain in office until the following ordinary session.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, the Director-General shall appoint the first President of the Commission.

3. The Director-General shall convene the Bureau, in consultation with the President, and shall be represented at the Bureau's meetings.

Article 7

1. The Director-General shall provide the staff and the resources needed to ensure the operation of the Commission's secretariat.
2. The Director-General of UNESCO shall designate a member of the UNESCO Secretariat as the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

Article 8

1. The travel expenses and subsistence allowances payable to Commission members in connection with meetings shall be borne by UNESCO, in accordance with the applicable travel regulations.
2. The costs arising from the participation of specialists, in connection with any hearings requested by the Commission, shall be borne by UNESCO, in accordance with the applicable travel regulations.
3. The international non-governmental organizations invited to participate in the Commission's work shall bear the expenses arising from the participation of their representative in the Commission's sessions.
4. The running expenses of the Commission shall be financed by an allocation made for that purpose by the General Conference at each of its ordinary sessions or by extrabudgetary resources that states may donate for that purpose.

Article 9

1. The Commission shall establish its Rules of Procedure, which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.
2. The Director-General shall draw up the agenda of the Commission's sessions, after consultation with the President of the Commission.
3. After each session, the Commission shall submit to the Director-General a report on its work, and its recommendations. The Director-General shall transmit the results of the Commission's work to the governing bodies of the Organization, and to the bodies concerned by the Commission's proposals.

Article 10

The present Statutes may be modified by the Executive Board at its own initiative or on a proposal by the Director-General.