

182 EX/DECISION 18 OF THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD*

18 Report by the Director-General on the proposal for the establishment of a cyber network for learning languages (182 EX/18; 182 EX/71)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 180 EX/Decision 61,
2. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the proposal for the establishment of a cyber network for learning languages (182 EX/18),
3. Considering that this proposal is in line with the purpose and content of the relevant paragraphs of the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education (19 C/Resolution 22) and the Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (32 C/Resolution 42),
4. Taking note of the conclusions and recommendations of the meetings of experts, convened in March and May 2009 to study the feasibility of establishing a cyber network for learning languages,
5. Expressing appreciation to the People's Republic of China for having covered the local costs of the above meetings of experts, including board and lodging and the travel costs of the experts from the developing countries,
6. Confirms its strong commitment to the goal of promoting languages in cyberspace, research, teaching and learning languages using information and communication technologies (ICTs) and the Internet;
7. Expresses appreciation to the experts who have contributed to the preparation of the feasibility study with its findings and recommendations;
8. Recognizes the potential of the proposed initiative to contribute to the enhancement of learning languages by means of a collaborative online platform under UNESCO's auspices;
9. Invites the Director-General to take appropriate measures in order to facilitate, together with all concerned stakeholders, the fundraising process for the initial design and planning of such a platform, both from Member States and from private sector donors;
10. Encourages all Member States to contribute to this initiative.

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* Pending the publication of the official UNESCO document containing all the Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its 182nd session.