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UNESCO'S MAN AND BIOSPHERE (MAB) PROGRAMME

HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT

28th Session of the International Coordinating Council (ICC) of the MAB Programme Lima, Peru



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A. NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE MEETINGS

Under the "Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO", adopted by the General Conference at its 14th session (14 C/Resolution 23), these meetings come under Category II, "Intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of States".

The purpose of the meetings is the further implementation of the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB).

B. PARTICIPATION

B.I BUREAU OF THE INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE MAB PROGRAMME (18 and 19 March 2016)

It is expected that the Chairperson shall meet with the Bureau (six members) on a daily basis, therefore, both on 18 and 19 March 2016.

B.II INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE MAB PROGRAMME (18 and 19 March 2016)

(i) Chief Participants

The chief participants at the 28th session of the International Co-ordinating Council (ICC) will be the 34 Member States of the ICC.

(ii) Representatives and Observers

- Representatives of the Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO which are not members of the Council may nevertheless attend, as observers, meetings of the Council and of its committees.
- Representatives of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.
- 3. Representatives of the International Council for Science, the International Social Science Council and the World Conservation Union may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.
- 4. The Council shall determine the conditions under which other international governmental or non-governmental organizations and, in particular, the International Atomic Energy Agency and Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization, will be invited to attend its meetings, without the right to vote, whenever questions of common interest are discussed.

The total number of participants, including experts, representatives, observes and members of the UNESCO Secretariat, is expected to be 20 at the Bureau session and 100 at the ICC session.

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I have the honour to submit for your consideration the customary proposals regarding arrangements for the holding of these meetings.

C. PLACE AND DATE OF THE MEETINGS

The meetings shall take place at the "Lima Convention Centre" in Lima, Av. Arqueologia No 161 San Borja, Peru, on 18 and 19 March 2016.

In the event that special circumstances (natural disaster, epidemic, etc.) make it impossible or inadvisable to hold the meetings at this place and/or time, either Party shall have the right to cancel the meetings if alternate arrangements cannot be made by mutual agreement.

D. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETINGS

The responsibility for the technical and material organization of the meetings shall be shared by the competent host authorities and UNESCO, on the basis of the attached Statement of Requirements.

However, nothing in the provisions of this letter or in the Statement of Requirements shall prevent the two Parties from agreeing mutually to make such adjustments as may be desirable to ensure the proper organization of the meetings.

E PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

The Government of Peru shall apply, in all matters relating to the meetings, the provisions of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 1946. In particular, the Government shall ensure that no restriction is placed upon the entry into, sojourn in and departure from the territory of Peru of all persons, of whatever nationality, entitled to attend the meetings by virtue of a decision of the appropriate authorities of UNESCO and in accordance with the Organization's relevant rules and regulations.

In addition, the Government of Peru shall apply *mutatis mutandis* the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 to government representatives participating in the meetings.

F. DAMAGE AND ACCIDENTS

As long as the premises reserved for the meetings are at the disposal of UNESCO, the Government of Peru shall bear the risk of damage to the premises, facilities and furniture and shall assume and bear all responsibility and liability for accidents that may occur to persons present therein. The authorities of Peru shall adopt appropriate measures to ensure the protection, particularly against fire and other risks, of the abovementioned premises, facilities, furniture and participants. The Government of Peru also may claim from UNESCO compensation for any damage to persons and property caused by the fault of staff members or agents of the Organization.

If, as I hope, the above proposals are acceptable to you, I should be grateful if you would sign both copies of this letter and return one to me at your earliest convenience.

Upon signature by both Parties, the present letter shall constitute the Agreement between the Government of Peru and UNESCO in respect of these meetings.

For UNESCO

Signature

Mr Eric Falt Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information

Date:

- 4 FEB 2016

For the Government of Peru

Signature

Mr Jose Manuel Rodriguez Cuadros Ambassador

Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Peru to UNESCO

Date: 0 4 FFR, 2016