



114th session of the Executive Council 1 and 2 December 2008

Summary of decisions:

The Executive Council, chaired by Alissandra Cummins, held its 114th session in Shanghai (People's Republic of China) on 1 and 2 December, 2008. Various decisions were taken regarding (1) the adoption of the revised operational budget for 2008 (2) the Director General's Management Plan (3) the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2010 (4) the General Assembly of 2009 (5) the adoption of a provisional budget for the financial year 2009 (6) the adoption of Management Policies (7) the formation of a Working Group entrusted with reviewing the Statutes and Policies of ICOM (8) the holding of ICOM General Conferences.

1- Adoption of the revised operational budget for 2008

Considering that the revised operational budget for the financial year 2008 had been approved only by members of the Board of the Executive Council and during the term of an Acting Director General, the Council ratified the decision of the Board and approved the revised budget for 2008.

2- The Director General's Management Plan

Having received from the newly appointed Director General a comprehensive report on the state of the Secretariat's human, financial, and material resources, the Council approves the Management Plan of the Director General regarding the new organisation of the Secretariat, a comprehensive audit of financial and technological resources, and the new organisation of technologies.

3- Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2010

Taking note of the fact that the Director General's Management Plan takes into account the objectives set forth in the ICOM Strategic Plan, the Executive Council asked the Director General to implement the Strategic Plan 2008-2010 and to submit regular progress reports to the Council, the Advisory Committee and the General Assembly.

The Council decided to establish a Review Committee to assess the impact of the implementation of strategic objectives.

4- General Assembly of 2009

Following the decision by the General Assembly held in Vienna in 2007 to hold an annual General Assembly of members, the Council approves that the General Assembly be held in accordance with the 1901 French Law on associations.

5- Adoption of a provisional budget for the financial year 2009

In view of its decisions concerning the Management Plan of the Director General and a comprehensive audit of ICOM resources, the Council decided to postpone the approval of the operational budget for 2009; to set the submission date of a detailed budget for 2009 at 15 April; to entrust the Board of the Executive Council with the power to approve the operational budget for 2009; to allocate a provisional operational budget not exceeding the sum of €900,000 for the first four months of 2009; to allocate an additional budget, taken from the Reserve Fund and not exceeding the sum of €350,000, to the immediate implementation of some of the measures contained in the Management Plan, approved by the Council; to produce a comprehensive report of those expenses for which funds from the Reserve Fund were employed.

6- Adoption of Management Policies

The Council approved two Management Policies: a Policy on investing ICOM Funds and a Policy on the designation of ICOM Funds.

7- Formation of a Working Group entrusted with reviewing the Statutes and Policies of ICOM

Noting some redundancies within the Statutes and management Policies of ICOM and wishing to differentiate between the rules of governance of the Council and those applicable to the management of ICOM, the Council decided to establish a Working Group in charge of revising the Statutes of ICOM and the Management Policies, eliminating the redundancies therein, and submitting a report to the Council at its December 2009 session.

The Council also decided to entrust the same Working Group with reviewing several recommendations submitted pertaining to Regional Alliances.

8- The holding of ICOM General Conferences

The Executive Council judged that reflection on the aim of General Conferences and on criteria for selecting host countries would be advisable. It therefore decided to entrust the Working Group on Statutes and Policies, in cooperation with the ICOM Treasurer, with drawing up a working document to this effect and submitting it to the Advisory Committee for discussion.