



116th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2 and 3 December 2009

Summary of decisions:

The Executive Council, chaired by Alissandra Cummins, held its 116th meeting in Bridgetown, Barbados, on 2 and 3 December 2009. Several decisions were taken regarding: (1) the circulation of the Executive Council decisions amongst ICOM members; (2) the recommendations of the Working Group in charge of reviewing the ICOM Statutes and Policies; (3) the revised budget for fiscal year 2009; (4) the operating budget for the fiscal year 2010; (5) the financing and reorganisation of certain National Committees; (6) the premises of the ICOM Secretariat; and (7) the assessment of the 2008 □ 2010 Strategic Plan and preparation of the 2011 □ 2013 Plan.

1- Circulation of Executive Council decisions

In order to keep all the members of ICOM informed about its deliberations, the Council decided to produce summaries thereof dealing with the issues at stake for ICOM and its general orientation, and to circulate these announcements through an e-Newsletter; it also decided to publish a summary of its decisions on the ICOM website.

2- The recommendations of the Working Group in charge of reviewing the ICOM Statutes and Policies

The Council received the preliminary report drawn up by the Working Group formed at the 114th Session to review ICOM's Statutes and Management Policies. It approved a number of the Working Group's recommendations and amended some of them. It also decided to postpone the General Assembly's adoption of the revised ICOM Statutes until 2011; asked the Director General to have a lawyer specialised in French non-profit law certify that the French and English versions of the Statutes match; and enjoined the Working Group to complete its assignment and produce a final report before the Council's June 2010 meeting.

3- The revised budget for the fiscal year 2009

The Council approved the balanced revised budget for fiscal year 2009.

4- The operating budget for fiscal year 2010

The Council approved the balanced operating budget for fiscal year 2010.

5- Financing and reorganisation of certain National Committees

The Council approved financial aid for the Belorussian and Icelandic National Committees. It declared a number of National Committees □ those of Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Uzbekistan, Niger and Zimbabwe □ "committees under reorganisation", and enjoined the Director General to make the necessary arrangements to regularise these Committees' situations.

6- The premises of the ICOM Secretariat

Several decisions were made regarding the ICOM Secretariat in Paris. The Council approved the termination of the lease on the Secretariat's current premises in rue François Bonvin; decided to decline the Ministry of Culture's offer to house the Secretariat in the *Maison du Patrimoine de France*; authorised the Director General to undertake a search for a building to purchase and begin negotiating a bank loan that is not to exceed €2,500,000; and, should the purchase of a building prove impossible, set the maximum yearly rent expense at €138,000.

7- Assessment of the 2008 □ 2010 Strategic Plan and preparation of a Strategic Plan for 2011 □ 2013

The Council decided to form an ad-hoc committee to assess the results of the 2008 □ 2010 Strategic Plan and resolved to postpone forming the committee tasked with establishing the 2011 □ 2013 Strategic Plan until the next Executive Council.