



## 117<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council

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### Summary of decisions:

The Executive Council, chaired by Alissandra Cummins, held its 117<sup>th</sup> session in Paris, on 29 and 30 May, 2010. Various decisions were taken regarding (1) the governance of ICOM (2) the financial reports (3) the reorganisation of certain National Committees (4) membership fees (5) Regional Alliances (6) fundraising activities (7) the acquisition of new premises for the Secretariat (8) the assessment of the Strategic Plan 2008 - 2010 and of ICOM's committees and working groups.

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### 1- The Governance of ICOM

In compliance with Article 25 of the **ICOM Statutes**, the Executive Council adopted the **ICOM Rules and Regulations**, which regroups all of ICOM's governing rules. The regulations describe in particular the provisions relating to the annual **General Assembly** and the procedure for electing members of the Executive Council, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee.

The ICOM Rules and Regulations are effective since 1 June, 2010. They can be viewed on the ICOM website.

### 2- Financial Reports

The Council received a report analysing the **optimisation of ICOM's resources** from the Director General. The Secretariat conducted this analysis in response to a request made by the General Assembly in June 2009. The analysis showed a significant reduction in spending coupled with increased efficiency in management practices, programmes and services within ICOM.

The Council also approved the **Financial Reports for 2009**, certified by the Auditor, which indicate an income surplus of €41,600 Euros due to the increase in membership contributions and government grants, as well as reduced expenditure. The fiscal surplus has been allocated to the ICOM Reserve Fund.

The Council also received a progress report on the current **2010 budget**, which showed no significant difference in terms of approved budget estimates for the current year.

### 3- National Committees

The Council discussed various issues regarding the organisation of the **National Committees**. It decided to grant financial assistance to the **National Committee of Haiti** for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, it declared the **National Committee of Angola** a 'Committee under reorganisation' and authorised the Secretariat to receive direct contributions from individual members in this country.

The Council also declared efforts to **recruit members from the regions of Asia Pacific**,

**Africa and Arab countries a priority.** It requested that the Secretariat facilitate the organisation of discussion forums in these regions.

#### **4- Membership Fees for 2011 and 2012**

The Council received a statutory report on the **state of ICOM membership in 2009**. ICOM has some **28,000 members** and revenue from **membership fees increased by 3% during the past year**.

The Council also received from the Director General an impact analysis carried out with the National Committees with regard to the **new membership fees grid for 2010**. The Council noted the consultation of the Committees on the application of the new grid in the first few months.

The Council approved the **membership fees grid for the years 2011 and 2012**, including adjustments suggested by the National Committees, and **recommended its adoption by the General Assembly**.

In view of the late date of the General Assembly, scheduled for November 2010, the Council requested that the fee schedule for 2011 be communicated to members as soon as possible.

#### **5- Regional Alliances**

The Council reaffirmed the importance of the role and contribution of ICOM's **Regional Alliances**. It expressed its wish for these regional groups to develop primarily in regions where ICOM is underrepresented. Recognising that the actions of the Regional Alliances must reflect the general objectives of the ICOM Strategic Plan, the Council decided to **strengthen the role of the Regional Alliances**, by requesting they provide a three-year plan as well as an annual report. The Council decided to make the Regional Alliances eligible for grants for special projects and asked that specific sums be reserved for Regional Alliances from the year 2011.

#### **6- Fundraising Activities**

The Council took note of the various initiatives taken by the Director General in order to **diversify ICOM's revenue sources**, in accordance with the objective of "resource development" as stated in the Strategic Plan 2008 - 2010. To facilitate fundraising from private sources, the Council decided to establish an **endowment fund** to enable ICOM to collect individual donations eligible for tax deductions; to set up an **ICOM Foundation** to solicit donors in various countries, including the United States, and to create an **ICOM Partners Club** with the objective of sourcing funds from corporate donors.

The Council also requested that an **online fundraising system** be developed.

#### **7- Acquisition of Premises**

The Council approved the acquisition of a building at **22 rue Palestro, Paris** to house part of the **ICOM Secretariat** staff – the other part will remain in the UNESCO offices - and authorised the withdrawal of €400,000 from the Reserve Fund intended to cover a part of the acquisition's cost.

#### **8- Assessment of the ICOM Strategic Plan, Committees and Working Groups**

The Council decided to proceed with the assessment of the **2008 - 2010 Strategic Plan**, approved by the General Assembly in 2007 and to form a committee in charge of this assessment between now and the end of 2010.

It was also decided that an assessment would be carried out over the next few months of the performance of the **Standing Committees, Working Groups and Regional Alliances** formed over the last few years.

