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ADDENDUM 2

COMMENTS BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION OF UNESCO (ISAU)

Pursuant to Item 9.2.7 of the UNESCO Human Resources Manual, the International Staff Association of UNESCO (ISAU) submits its comments on human resources issues (document 206 EX/5.III.A).



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A. Report on geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat, and progress on the implementation of the measures taken to redress any imbalance
(Follow-up to 204 EX/Decision 5.III.A)

Geographical distribution

We welcome the increasingly detailed information provided in document 206 EX/5.III.A. It continues, however, to be regrettable that the report still does not provide information on the **distribution by regional groups in all professional classes in the Secretariat**, which would give **comprehensive readability of the geographical distribution of staff in the Organization**. ISAU would like in the future to see an analysis including PA posts (although recorded as staff members) as well as all extrabudgetary posts, as has been done for gender balance. This would reflect more realistically the geographical distribution within our Organization. In this regard, we recall the lack of transparency in the recruitment of PA posts, left solely to the sectors. We are thus in a situation where the recruitment for more than 400 posts escapes the control of the Bureau of Human Resources Management (HRM) and the Staff Associations, since they are not subject to Appointment Review Boards (ARBs). It should be noted that these issues have been the subject of recurring requests from ISAU, which leads us to question the reasons why HRM has not responded to our requests.

While ISAU acknowledges the efforts made by the Administration through the recruitment of young professionals, which is certainly a good way of balancing geographical distribution, it regrets that the recruitment of nationals from over-represented countries continues to increase (+5 from January 2017 to December 2018) while under-represented countries have declined (-9) over the same period. It should be noted in particular that Group I has seen an increase of 11 posts, representing 38 per cent of increases. How can we justify the fact that some countries far exceed their maximum quota? In 2018, France had 50 posts while the maximum was 20, and Italy had 25 posts for a maximum quota of 16. ISAU requests that **concrete and immediate measures** be taken to definitively resolve this problem of geographical distribution. For example, why not **temporarily suspend the recruitment of nationals from significantly over-represented countries in order to favour those from non- or under-represented countries?**

Gender balance

ISAU welcomes efforts to ensure gender balance in the Organization but regrets, nonetheless, that the situation at the P-5 level has deteriorated further. ISAU requests that HRM take concrete measures to rectify this anomaly. In addition to the recruitment of women at this level, ISAU recommends that internal promotions be encouraged.



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SUMMARY

- A. Report on the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat and progress on the implementation of the measures taken to redress any imbalance**

The present document contains information on the situation concerning the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat, and progress on implementation of the measures taken to redress any imbalance, further to [204 EX/Decision 5.III.A](#).

Action expected of the Executive Board: Proposed decision in paragraph 28.



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A Report on geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat, and progress on the implementation of the measures taken to redress any imbalance
(Follow-up to 204 EX/Decision 5.III.A)

INTRODUCTION

1. 1. This document is submitted pursuant to 204 EX/Decision 5.III.A, inviting the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board, at its 206th session, a report on the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat and on the achievement of gender parity at the senior level. **Part I** of the report covers **the geographical distribution of staff** and **Part II** covers **the gender balance**, with an update on progress, including trends and statistical data as of December 2018.

PART I – GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE STAFF

Methodology for the calculation of geographical quotas

2. Geographical distribution applies to international professional staff occupying geographical posts, i.e. established posts financed from UNESCO's Regular Programme. The methodology for the calculation of the geographical quotas, adopted by the General Conference in 2003¹ is set out in [Annex I](#).

Overall situation and progress against the 85% target of Member States represented – Evolution between January 2017 and January 2019

3. Between January 2017 and December 2018, limited progress was made in reaching the 85% target. Throughout 2018, as a result of the entry into force of 65 years as the age of retirement for all staff members, job vacancies were limited. The recruitment of young professionals in early 2019 will improve geographic representation, particularly through the hiring of four young professionals from non-represented States.

4. From January 2017 to December 2018, the number of Member States represented dropped from 160 (82%) to 153 (78%) (Table 1). Although two countries (Haiti, Mauritania) became represented, six countries became non-represented following the departure of staff members mainly through retirement (Andorra, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Luxembourg, Panama and Somalia). Three other countries became non-represented following the internal appointment of staff who encumbered the geographical posts on posts not subject to geographical distribution (Rwanda, Bahamas and Barbados) (Annex V). These three movements alone resulted in a decrease of the representation by 2 percentage points; should they not be counted, the representation rate, as at December 2018, would be at 80%, and not 78%.

5. As at December 2018, out of the 195 Member States, 69 (35%) Member States were normally represented, 23 (12%) were over-represented, 61 (31%) were under-represented, and 42 (22%) were non-represented (Table 2). Detailed information by Member States and by representation status is included in Annexes III, IV and V.

¹ In [32 C/Resolution 71](#), Report by the Director-General on the situation concerning the geographical distribution of staff.

Table 1: Evolution of the geographical distribution situation (January 2017-January 2018-December 2018)

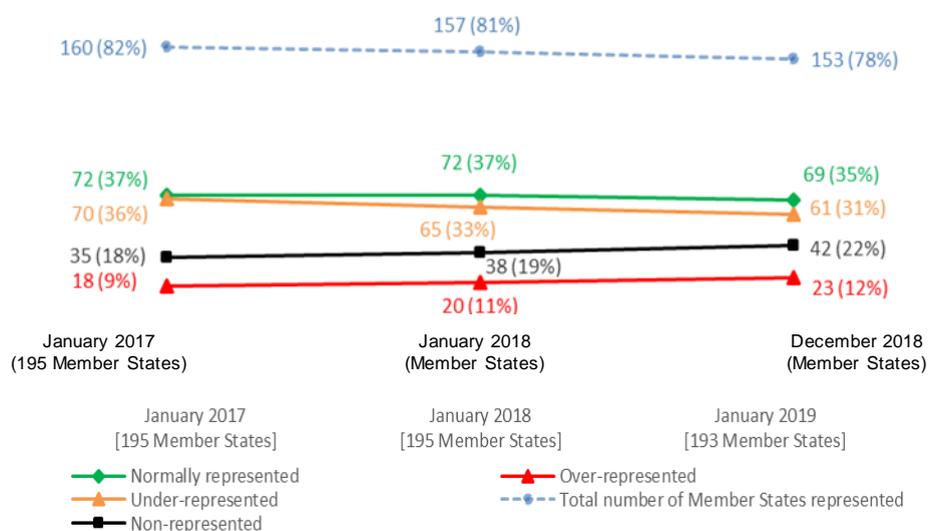


Table 2: Evolution of the geographical distribution situation (January 2017 and December 2018)

Status of representation	Number of Member States		Variation of the number of Member States Jan. 2017-Dec. 2018
	Jan. 2017	Dec. 2018	
Normally represented	72 (37%)	69 (35%)	-3
Over-represented	18 (9%)	23 (12%)	+5
Under-represented	70 (36%)	61 (31%)	-9
Total number of Member States represented	160 (82%)	153 (78%)	-7
Non-represented	35 (18%)	42 (22%)	+7
Total number of Member States	195	195	-

Measures to improve the geographical distribution

6. The Action Plan for the Improvement of Geographical Distribution was approved in 2017, as part of the Human Resource Strategy for 2017-2022 ([Annex VI](#)). Several initiatives, including the Young Professional Programme and the new outreach strategy, have been implemented over the reporting period, and are set out below.

7. The Young Professionals Programme (YPP) is one of the most effective mechanisms to improve the geographical representation of Member States. The Programme was launched in April 2018 and closed in February 2019. A total of 12 geographical posts at P-1/P-2 level have been reserved for the appointment of candidates from non-represented and under-represented Member States. Following a call for applications to National Commissions for UNESCO and a selection process led by the Bureau of Human Resources Management with the receiving sectors/bureaux, 12 candidates were selected for the Programme, of whom 4 from non-represented countries and 8 from under-represented countries. Out of the 12 candidates, 10 are women and 2 men. The Young Professionals will be assigned in majority to the Programme Sectors. The hiring of young professionals from non-represented Member States will have a positive impact on the geographical representation of Member States, bringing the representation rate from 78% to 80% (see paragraph 15).

8. A new outreach strategy was launched in November 2018 with a view to expanding a pool of qualified candidates, particularly from non-represented and under-represented member states. It places emphasis on collaboration with Member States: to identify sources of quality candidates; to promote the work of UNESCO and identify suitable mechanisms to do so; and to jointly conduct outreach activities. As the first step, information briefings were conducted with targeted National Commissions and Permanent Delegations. HRM has also reached out to all Permanent Delegations in the form of a survey to identify Member States priority areas for outreach activities and investments. The input provided will be taken into account in the design and implementation of further activities in support of improved geographical representation. The new outreach strategy also calls for more coordination with Programme Sectors so as to identify and reach quality candidates in their respective areas.

9. As part of the outreach efforts, outreach missions and job/career fairs as well as virtual career events for specific geographical regions and occupational groups have been undertaken. The advertisement of UNESCO's vacancies on UN Jobfinder, one of the most visited websites for candidates' job searches in international organizations, has also continued, while advertisements through Terra Firma and Impactpool, international recruitment advertising specialist firms, have also been conducted on an ad hoc basis, in order to attract qualified candidates as wide as possible. Other initiatives included sponsored trainee schemes (with, notably, the People's Republic of China and Singapore), which will contribute to expanding the pool of qualified candidates in the future.

Geographical distribution by regional group

10. The principle of individual quotas for each Member State is the sole official criterion of the Organization. The presentation of the situation by Regional Group is a usual practice in this report but is for indicative purposes only. The index for regional groups is calculated by adding the value of the minimum and maximum ranges for each Member State belonging to the regional group.

Evolution since January 2017

11. As shown in Table 3, the number of staff members from Regional Groups remained stable overall, with increases from 2 to 3 for Groups II, III, and IV. Groups V(a) and V(b) increased by 5 and 6 nationals respectively, while Group I increased by 11 nationals. The index remains unchanged between 2017 and 2018. Groups I, V(a) and V(b) are within the index. Groups II, III, and IV are below the minimum index.

Table 3: Evolution of the geographical distribution by regional group (January 2017-December 2018)

Regional groups*	Index January 2018		Jan. 2017	Dec. 2018	Difference between January 2017 and December 2018	Status as at December 2018
	Min.	Max.				
Group I	170	284	226	237	+11	Within index
Group II	62	113	56	58	+2	Below minimum index
Group III	83	157	65	68	+3	Below minimum index
Group IV	156	277	119	121	+2	Below minimum index
*Group V(a)	97	191	100	105	+ 5	Within index
Group V(b)	46	82	44	50	+6	Within index

* Group I: Europe and North America; Group II: Eastern Europe; Group III: GRULAC; Group IV: ASPAC; Group V(a): Africa; Group V(b): Arab States

12. Table 4 shows that non- and under-represented countries are present in all regional groups, including those that are within the index. While Group IV has the highest percentage of non-represented and under-represented Member States (68%), Group V(b) and Group III follow closely (58% and 55, respectively). Group II and Group V(a) have 48% and 49% of non-represented and

under-represented countries, respectively. Group I has the lowest percentage of non-represented and under-represented countries (33%).

Table 4: Number of non- and under-represented Member States within each regional group as at December 2018

Regional groups*	Total number of Member States	Number and % of non-represented and under-represented Member States
Group I	27	9 (33%)
Group II	25	12 (48%)
Group III	33	18 (55%)
Group IV	44	30 (68%)
Group V(a)	47	23 (49%)
Group V(b)	19	11 (58%)
Total	195	103 (53%)

Representation at Director level and above by regional group

13. The number of Directors on geographical posts increased from 59 to 66 (+7) between January 2017 and December 2018. Over that period, as shown in Table 5 below, the number of Directors increased by 4 in Groups I and V(b), and by 2 in Group II. Group V(a) remained stable, while Groups III and IV decreased by 1 and 2, respectively.

**Table 5. Geographical representation by regional group* of staff at Director level and above
Variation between January 2018 and December 2018**

Regional groups*	Directors and above level		Difference between January 2017 and December 2018
	Jan. 2017	Dec. 2018	
Group I	23 (39%)	27 (41%)	+4
Group II	2 (3%)	4 (6,5%)	+2
Group III	9 (15%)	8 (12%)	-1
Group IV	11 (19%)	9 (13,5%)	-2
Group V(a)	9 (15%)	9 (13,5%)	-
Group V(b)	5 (9%)	9 (13,5%)	+4
Total	59	66	+7

* Electoral groups: Group I: Europe and North America; Group II: Eastern Europe; Group III: GRULAC; Group IV: ASPAC; Group V (a): Africa and Group V(b): Arab States.

Situation as at January 2019

14. In January 2019, the geographical quotas were re-calculated, following two events: the withdrawal from UNESCO of the United States of America and Israel; and the adoption by the General Conference at its 39th session² of the revised scale of assessed contributions based on the revised scale of assessments adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 73th session. The quotas of 37 Member States were adjusted, and the Member States affected were duly informed (list of those Member States in Annex II). Of the 37 Member States, only three had a change in their respective representation status: the United Kingdom (previously over-represented) became

² [39 C/Resolution 68](#)

normally represented; Hungary and Switzerland (previously normally represented) became under-represented (see Annex II).

15. As at January 2019, UNESCO counted 193 Member States, as compared with 195 as at 31 December 2018. Of these 193 Member States, 150, or 78%, are represented. The hiring of 12 young professionals in early 2019 will have a positive impact on geographical representation: the hiring of 4 young professionals who are nationals of non-represented Member States will bring the representation rate to 80%. Four Member States will become normally represented through the recruitment of young professionals from under-represented States. Finally, the Member States of which the other 4 young professionals are nationals will see their status improve, although they will remain under-represented.

PART II – GENDER BALANCE OF STAFF

16. This part of the report presents an update on the gender balance in the Secretariat, and a progress report on the Action Plan for Gender Parity for 2017-2022 (Annex VII), which aims at achieving gender parity at all levels, including at the Director level and above, by 2020.

17. The population covered by this report is larger than in the geographical distribution report, since the gender data covers all staff on fixed-term contracts irrespective of the source of funding of their posts (geographical and non-geographical). While geographical distribution data is restricted to staff on geographical posts, as per the approved methodology.³

Progress report: Gender balance at Director level and above

18. As at December 2018, at the Director and above levels, women are a majority (51%) by a slight margin (see Table 6). From January 2017 to December 2018, the percentage of women Directors increased by 4%, going from 47% to 51%.

Table 6. Senior personnel gender balance, by grade, regular programme and extra-budgetary funds (January 2017 - January 2018)

	Jan. 2017					Dec. 2018					Difference %F
	F	%F	M	%M	Total	F	%F	M	%M	Total	
DDG	-	-	1	100%	1	-	-	1	100%	1	-
ADG	2	25%	6	75%	8	3	33%	6	67%	9	+8%
D-2	11	73%	4	27%	15	11	55%	9	45%	20	-18%
D-1	20	43%	26	57%	46	26	54%	22	46%	48	+11%
Total D	33	47%	37	53%	70	40	51%	38	49%	78	+4%
P-5	46	34%	88	66%	134	38	30%	89	70%	127	-4%
P-4	108	47%	122	53%	230	122	48%	133	52%	255	+1%
P-3	166	52%	152	48%	318	177	54%	148	46%	325	+2%
P-2/P-1	142	61%	89	39%	231	154	60%	101	40%	255	-1%
Total P	462	51%	451	49%	913	491	51%	471	49%	962	0%
Total D/P	495	50%	488	50%	983	531	51%	509	49%	1 040	1%
Total NO	74	50%	75	50%	149	93	53%	81	47%	174	3%
Total GS	569	60%	379	40%	948	583	60%	386	40%	969	0%
Total UNESCO	1138	55%	942	45%	2080	1207	55%	976	45%	2 183	0%

Gender balance overall

³ In [32 C/Resolution 71](#), Report by the Director-General on the situation concerning the geographical distribution of staff.

19. Women are a majority in the Secretariat (55%); in the General Service they represent 60%, and 53% in the National Professional Officer category. In the Professional category, women represent a slight majority (51%) as at December 2018.

20. UNESCO is among the highest-ranking agencies in this respect, while the average representation of women in the United Nations system is 44%.⁴ At the junior levels, with 60% at P-1/P-2 level and 54% at P-3 level, women are the majority among UNESCO staff. Gender parity is near achievement at P-4 level (48%).

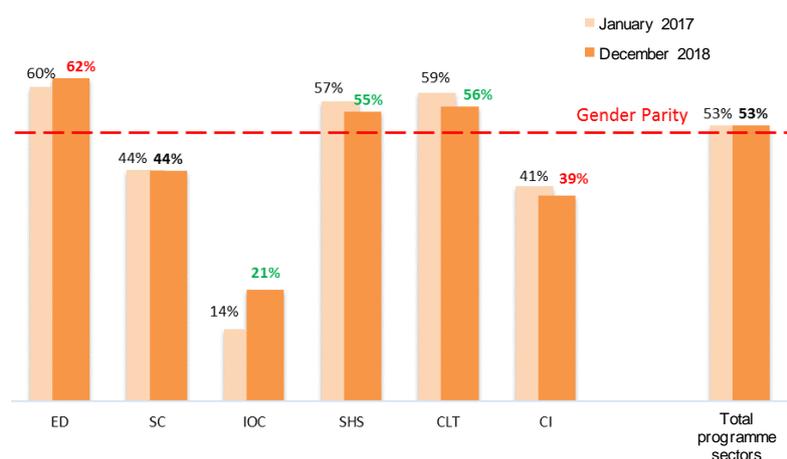
21. However, more efforts need to be made at P-5 level, as the percentage of women is at 30%, having decreased by 4 percentage points since January 2017. This decrease is also the result of the promotion of women in P-5 posts to Director posts.

22. Those levels that have not achieved the gender parity will be given focus in the implementation of the new outreach strategy.

23. It should, however, be noted that the higher representation of women at the P-1/P-2 (60%) and P-3 (54%) levels, may help to increase the pool of qualified women at a later career stage, possibly reducing the imbalance at the P-5 level. To realise such a scenario, adequate career support should be given to women whose careers can be affected by a 'motherhood tax' (career breaks and slower progression for child birth and parenting reasons).

24. As at December 2018, women represent the majority of Professional and above staff in the programme sectors taken as a whole (52%). The Education Sector (ED) has the largest percentage of women on board (62%), followed by the Culture Sector (CLT) (56%) and the Social and Human Sciences Sector (SHS) (55%). Progress has been made in the International Oceanographic Commission (IOC) (23%, increase by 7%), while the representation of women in the Communication and Information Sector (CI) decreased by 5 points (37%) and in the Natural Science Sector (SC) by 1 point (43%). Efforts need to continue to reach gender parity in these sectors.

Table 7
Gender parity at Professional and Director level (P/D) in programme sectors*
regular programme and extrabudgetary funds (January 2017– December 2018)



⁴ Personnel Statistics – Data as at 31 December 2017, *CEB/2018/HLC/MHR/10, 30 September 2018*

PART III – CONCLUSION

25. As at December 2018, a total of 153 (78%) Member States were represented in UNESCO. The 2019 Young Professional Programme (YPP) should help to bring the level of representation to 80%, as YPs from non-represented countries will join the Organization.

26. The Young Professionals Programme alone will not suffice, and sustained efforts in cooperation with Member States and National Commissions will continue to be made over the next biennia to reach the 85% target of Member States represented. The new outreach strategy, which has been launched to make progress on geographical representation and gender parity, will need to be implemented with rigor. However, it will require necessary collaboration and support from Member States to have a positive outcome.

27. As of December 2018, UNESCO counts 55% of women; including 51% at the Director and above levels, and 51% at the Professional level. Efforts will need to be pursued to ensure that gender parity is maintained at all levels, as well as to improve the percentage of P-5 women staff. The Gender Parity Action Plan for 2017-2022 sets out several initiatives in support of achieving gender parity, and will continue to be implemented in support of this goal.

Proposed decision

28. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling [204 EX/Decision 5.III.A](#),
2. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General regarding the situation of the geographical distribution and the gender balance of the staff as at December 2018;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 209th session a report on the situation of the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat and on the achievement of gender parity at the senior level.

ANNEX I

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE STAFF

NOTE ON THE METHODOLOGY FOR THE CALCULATION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL QUOTAS IN UNESCO⁵

UNESCO uses a formal geographical distribution mechanism. The current methodology for the calculation of geographical quotas was approved by the General Conference at its 32nd session in October 2003 ([32 C/Resolution 71](#)).

The methodology is based on a base figure. Three factors are used to determine the share of the base figure for allocation to Member States: the membership factor, the contribution factor and the population factor. The quota is expressed as a range of posts with a maximum (which triggers over-representation) and a minimum (which triggers under-representation).

The base figure

The base figure represents the total number of posts subject to geographical distribution (geographical posts). Geographical posts are established posts in the Professional and higher categories financed from the regular budget of the Organization, with the exception of language posts (interpreters, translators and revisers). The current base figure of 850 posts was set by the General Conference as from 1 January 1990 ([25 C/Resolution 40](#)).

The factors

To calculate the quota, UNESCO allocates to Member States a share of posts from the base figure, based on three factors:

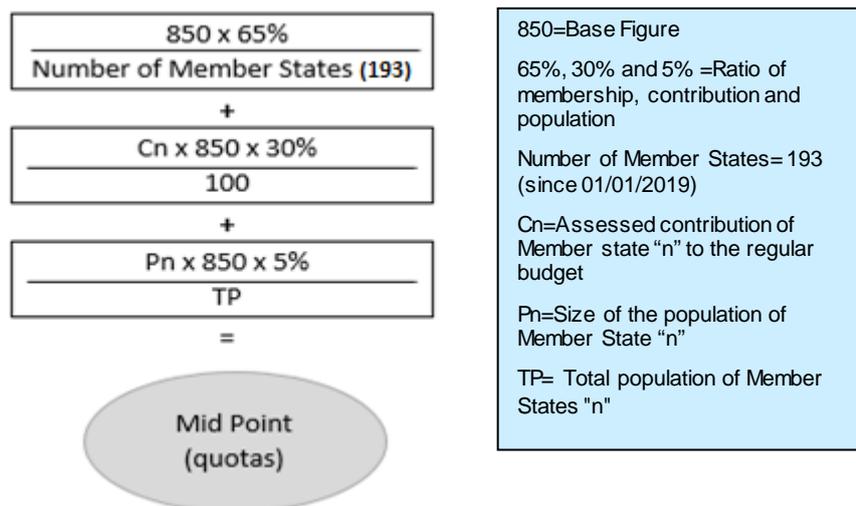
The Membership factor (65%): recognizes the fact that a State, as a Member of the Organization, can expect to have a certain number of posts attributed to its nationals. This number is equal for all Member States. A minimum of two posts is attributed to each Member State.

The Contribution factor (30%): considers the Member States in proportion to their contribution to the regular budget.

The Population factor (5%): considers the Member States in proportion to the size of their respective population.

The method for calculating the quota is illustrated below:

⁵ Updated in January 2019



The ratios attributed to factors in UNESCO have evolved since 1995, as shown in Table 1 below:

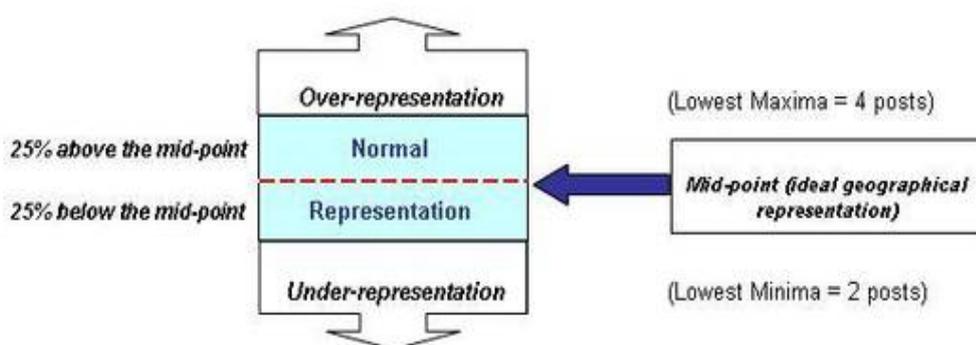
Table 1: Evolution of the ratio of factors for the calculation of geographical quotas

Factors	Prior to 1995	1995	1999	2003
Membership Factor	76%	70%	65%	65%
Contribution Factor	24%	30%	35%	30%
Population Factor	–	–	–	5%

The quota

The quota is not construed as an absolute number of posts but as a mid-point with a desirable range of 25% above and 25% below this mid-point. The mid-point represents the ideal number of posts attributable to each Member State. The desirable range comprises two figures: the maximum and the minimum number of posts beyond which a Member State is considered over-represented or under-represented. Countries are normally represented when they are in the desirable range.

The lowest range of posts is two to four, which represents the minimum quota.



ANNEX II

MEMBER STATES WHOSE QUOTAS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED FOLLOWING THE
WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ISRAEL, AND THE REVISION
OF THE SCALE OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019

Member States	Acronym	Group	Quotas 2018		Quotas 2019	
			Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
Argentina	ARG	Group III	7	4	8	5
Australia	AUS	Group IV	11	7	13	8
Belgium	BEL	Group I	6	4	7	4
Canada	CAN	Group I	13	8	15	9
China	CHN	Group IV	39	23	63	38
Democratic Republic of the Congo	COD	Group Va	4	2	4	3
Denmark	DNK	Group I	5	3	6	4
France	FRA	Group I	20	12	22	13
Germany	DEU	Group I	24	15	29	18
Hungary	HUN	Group II	4	2	4	3
India	IND	Group IV	15	9	17	10
Indonesia	IDN	Group IV	7	4	8	5
Italy	ITA	Group I	16	10	18	11
Japan	JPN	Group IV	35	21	40	24
Kuwait	KWT	Group Vb	4	3	5	3
Mexico	MEX	Group III	9	5	10	6
Netherlands	NLD	Group I	8	5	9	6
New Zealand	NZL	Group IV	4	3	5	3
Nigeria	NGA	Group Va	6	3	6	4
Norway	NOR	Group I	6	4	7	4
Pakistan	PAK	Group IV	5	3	6	3
Poland	POL	Group II	6	4	7	4
Qatar	QAT	Group Vb	4	3	5	3
Republic of Korea	KOR	Group IV	10	6	13	8
Romania	ROU	Group II	4	3	5	3
Russian Federation	RUS	Group II	14	9	15	9
Saudi Arabia	SAU	Group Vb	7	4	9	5
Singapore	SGP	Group IV	5	3	6	3
Slovakia	SVK	Group II	4	2	4	3
Spain	ESP	Group I	12	7	13	8
Switzerland	CHE	Group I	7	4	8	5
Turkey	TUR	Group I	7	4	10	6
Ukraine	UKR	Group II	4	3	4	2
United Arab Emirates	ARE	Group Vb	6	3	6	4
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	GBR	Group I	18	11	23	14
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	VEN	Group III	6	3	7	4
Viet Nam	VNM	Group IV	4	3	5	3

ANNEX III

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION BY MEMBER STATES AND BY GRADE,
STATUS AS AT DECEMBER 2018

: Under- and non-represented Member States

Member States	Acronym	Group	DDG	ADG	D2	D1	P5	P4	P3	P2	P1	Total	Max.	Min.	Situation
1	Afghanistan	AFG	Group IV					1	1			2	4	2	=
2	Albania	ALB	Group II			1		1				2	4	2	=
3	Algeria	DZA	Group Vb			1				3		4	4	3	=
4	Andorra	AND	Group I										4	2	O
5	Angola	AGO	Group Va										4	2	O
6	Antigua and Barbuda	ATG	Group III							1		1	4	2	-
7	Argentina	ARG	Group III				3	2	2	2		9	7	4	+
8	Armenia	ARM	Group II										4	2	O
9	Australia	AUS	Group IV			1	1	2	1	1		6	11	7	-
10	Austria	AUT	Group I				1	2		1		4	6	4	=
11	Azerbaijan	AZE	Group II					1		2		3	4	2	=
12	Bahamas	BHS	Group III										4	2	O
13	Bahrain	BHR	Group Vb										4	2	O
14	Bangladesh	BGD	Group IV						2	1		3	5	3	=
15	Barbados	BRB	Group III										4	2	O
16	Belarus	BLR	Group II				1					1	4	2	-
17	Belgium	BEL	Group I		1		4	3	3			11	6	4	+
18	Belize	BLZ	Group III							1		1	4	2	-
19	Benin	BEN	Group Va					2	1	3		6	4	2	+
20	Bhutan	BTN	Group IV							1		1	4	2	-
21	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	BOL	Group III						2			2	4	2	=
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina	BIH	Group II							1		1	4	2	-
23	Botswana	BWA	Group Va						1			1	4	2	-
24	Brazil	BRA	Group III			2		1	2	1		6	17	10	-
25	Brunei Darussalam	BRN	Group IV										4	2	O
26	Bulgaria	BGR	Group II				2	2	1	2		7	4	2	+
27	Burkina Faso	BFA	Group Va			1	1	1	2			5	4	2	+
28	Burundi	BDI	Group Va					3		1		4	4	2	=
29	Cabo Verde	CPV	Group Va										4	2	O
30	Cambodia	KHM	Group IV				1			1		2	4	2	=
31	Cameroon	CMR	Group Va			1	1	3	3	1		9	4	2	+
32	Canada	CAN	Group I			2	4	6	1	3		16	13	8	+
33	Central African Republic	CAF	Group Va										4	2	O
34	Chad	TCD	Group Va										4	2	O
35	Chile	CHL	Group III		1			1	1	1		4	5	3	=
36	China	CHN	Group IV	1		1	2	3	2	1		10	39	23	-
37	Colombia	COL	Group III		1			2	1			4	5	3	=
38	Comoros	COM	Group Va				1					1	4	2	-
39	Congo	COG	Group Va		1			1	2			4	4	2	=
40	Cook Islands	COK	Group IV					1				1	4	2	-
41	Costa Rica	CRI	Group III			1		1				2	4	2	=
42	Côte d'Ivoire	CIV	Group Va					2	1			3	4	2	=
43	Croatia	HRV	Group II					2				2	4	2	=
44	Cuba	CUB	Group III				1	2		1		4	4	2	=

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Member States	Acronym	Group	DDG	ADG	D2	D1	P5	P4	P3	P2	P1	Total	Max.	Min.	Situation
45	Cyprus	CYP	Group I						2			2	4	2	=
46	Czechia	CZE	Group II				1		2			3	5	3	=
47	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PRK	Group IV				1	1				2	4	2	=
48	Democratic Republic of the Congo	COD	Group Va				1		1	1		3	4	2	=
49	Denmark	DNK	Group I			2	3	2				7	5	3	+
50	Djibouti	DJI	Group Va				1	1				2	4	2	=
51	Dominica	DMA	Group III							1		1	4	2	-
52	Dominican Republic	DOM	Group III										4	2	O
53	Ecuador	ECU	Group III				1		1	1		3	4	2	=
54	Egypt	EGY	Group Vb			1		1				2	5	3	-
55	El Salvador	SLV	Group III										4	2	O
56	Equatorial Guinea	GNQ	Group Va										4	2	O
57	Eritrea	ERI	Group Va						1			1	4	2	-
58	Estonia	EST	Group II			1						1	4	2	-
59	Eswatini	SWZ	Group Va					1				1	4	2	-
60	Ethiopia	ETH	Group Va					1	3	1	1	6	4	3	+
61	Fiji	FJI	Group IV					1				1	4	2	-
62	Finland	FIN	Group I				1	3				4	5	3	=
63	France	FRA	Group I		3	1	8	14	15	9		50	20	12	+
64	Gabon	GAB	Group Va							1			4	2	-
65	Gambia	GMB	Group Va		1		2			2		5	4	2	+
66	Georgia	GEO	Group II						1			1	4	2	-
67	Germany	DEU	Group I		2	1	3	5	8	2		21	24	15	=
68	Ghana	GHA	Group Va			1						1	4	2	-
69	Greece	GRC	Group I						4	2		6	5	3	+
70	Grenada	GRD	Group III					1				1	4	2	-
71	Guatemala	GTM	Group III										4	2	O
72	Guinea	GIN	Group Va					1				1	4	2	-
73	Guinea-Bissau	GNB	Group Va					1				1	4	2	-
74	Guyana	GUY	Group III										4	2	O
75	Haiti	HTI	Group III							1		1	4	2	-
76	Honduras	HND	Group III					1		1		2	4	2	=
77	Hungary	HUN	Group II				1		1			2	4	2	=
78	Iceland	ISL	Group I										4	2	O
79	India	IND	Group IV			3	4	2		1		10	15	9	=
80	Indonesia	IDN	Group IV						2	1		3	7	4	-
81	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	IRN	Group IV							1		1	6	3	-
82	Iraq	IRQ	Group Vb						1			1	4	3	-
83	Ireland	IRL	Group I				2		2			4	5	3	=
84	Israel	ISR	Group I					2	1			3	5	3	=
85	Italy	ITA	Group I	1		3	8	7	5	1		25	16	10	+
86	Jamaica	JAM	Group III						1	1		2	4	2	=
87	Japan	JPN	Group IV		1		4	11	15	1		32	35	21	=
88	Jordan	JOR	Group Vb	1		1		1		1		4	4	2	=
89	Kazakhstan	KAZ	Group IV						1			1	4	3	-
90	Kenya	KEN	Group Va					1	1			2	4	2	=
91	Kiribati	KIR	Group IV										4	2	O
92	Kuwait	KWT	Group Vb										4	3	O
93	Kyrgyzstan	KGZ	Group IV						1			1	4	2	-
94	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LAO	Group IV					1	1			2	4	2	=

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95	Latvia	LVA	Group II						2			2	4	2	=
96	Lebanon	LBN	Group Vb			1	1	2	2	1		7	4	2	+
97	Lesotho	LSO	Group Va										4	2	O
98	Liberia	LBR	Group Va							1		1	4	2	-
99	Libya	LBY	Group Vb							1		1	4	2	-
100	Lithuania	LTU	Group II					2	1			3	4	2	=
101	Luxembourg	LUX	Group I										4	2	O
102	Madagascar	MDG	Group Va				1		1			2	4	2	=
103	Malawi	MWI	Group Va				1					1	4	2	-
104	Malaysia	MYS	Group IV					2	2			4	5	3	=
105	Maldives	MDV	Group IV							1		1	4	2	-
106	Mali	MLI	Group Va					1	1			2	4	2	=
107	Malta	MLT	Group I										4	2	O
108	Marshall Islands	MHL	Group IV										4	2	O
109	Mauritania	MRT	Group Vb					1				1	4	2	-
110	Mauritius	MUS	Group Va					1	1			2	4	2	=
111	Mexico	MEX	Group III			1	2	2	5	2		12	9	5	+
112	Micronesia (Federated States of)	FSM	Group IV										4	2	O
113	Monaco	MCO	Group I										4	2	O
114	Mongolia	MNG	Group IV						1			1	4	2	-
115	Montenegro	MNE	Group II							1		1	4	2	-
116	Morocco	MAR	Group Vb					5	1	2		8	4	2	+
117	Mozambique	MOZ	Group Va			3	1					4	4	2	=
118	Myanmar	MMR	Group IV					1				1	4	2	-
119	Namibia	NAM	Group Va						1	1		2	4	2	=
120	Nauru	NRU	Group IV										4	2	O
121	Nepal	NPL	Group IV					3	2	1		6	4	2	+
122	Netherlands	NLD	Group I			3			3			6	8	5	=
123	New Zealand	NZL	Group IV				1	1	1	1		4	4	3	=
124	Nicaragua	NIC	Group III			1			1			2	4	2	=
125	Niger	NER	Group Va				2		1	1		4	4	2	=
126	Nigeria	NGA	Group Va					1	1			2	6	3	-
127	Niue	NIU	Group IV										4	2	O
128	Norway	NOR	Group I					3	1			4	6	4	=
129	Oman	OMN	Group Vb		1					1		2	4	2	=
130	Pakistan	PAK	Group IV				1	1	1	1		4	5	3	=
131	Palau	PLW	Group IV										4	2	O
132	Palestine	PSE	Group Vb						2			2	4	2	=
133	Panama	PAN	Group III										4	2	O
134	Papua New Guinea	PNG	Group IV					1				1	4	2	-
135	Paraguay	PRY	Group III						1	1		2	4	2	=
136	Peru	PER	Group III					1				1	4	3	-
137	Philippines	PHL	Group IV				1	1		2		4	5	3	=
138	Poland	POL	Group II				1		2			3	6	4	-
139	Portugal	PRT	Group I					1	1	1		3	5	3	=
140	Qatar	QAT	Group Vb							1		1	4	3	-
141	Republic of Korea	KOR	Group IV		1	1	1	1	5	1		10	10	6	=
142	Republic of Moldova	MDA	Group II					1	1			2	4	2	=
143	Romania	ROU	Group II			1		2	2	1		6	4	3	+
144	Russian Federation	RUS	Group II		1		2	3		1		7	14	9	-
145	Rwanda	RWA	Group Va										4	2	O

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146	Saint Kitts and Nevis	KNA	Group III					1	1			2	4	2	=
147	Saint Lucia	LCA	Group III							2		2	4	2	=
148	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	VCT	Group III										4	2	O
149	Samoa	WSM	Group IV										4	2	O
150	San Marino	SMR	Group I						1			1	4	2	-
151	Sao Tome and Principe	STP	Group Va						1			1	4	2	-
152	Saudi Arabia	SAU	Group Vb			1				1		2	7	4	-
153	Senegal	SEN	Group Va				1	2	2	1		6	4	2	+
154	Serbia	SRB	Group II							1		1	4	2	-
155	Seychelles	SYC	Group Va					1	1			2	4	2	=
156	Sierra Leone	SLE	Group Va					1				1	4	2	-
157	Singapore	SGP	Group IV							1		1	5	3	-
158	Slovakia	SVK	Group II						1			1	4	2	-
159	Slovenia	SVN	Group II							1		1	4	2	-
160	Solomon Islands	SLB	Group IV										4	2	O
161	Somalia	SOM	Group Va										4	2	O
162	South Africa	ZAF	Group Va		1		1	2	1	1		6	5	3	+
163	South Sudan	SSD	Group Va										4	2	O
164	Spain	ESP	Group I				7	3	4	3		17	12	7	+
165	Sri Lanka	LKA	Group IV										4	2	O
166	Sudan	SDN	Group Vb				1					1	4	2	-
167	Suriname	SUR	Group III										4	2	O
168	Sweden	SWE	Group I			1		2				3	7	4	
169	Switzerland	CHE	Group I	1			1		2			4	7	4	
170	Syrian Arab Republic	SYR	Group Vb				2		1			3	4	2	=
171	Tajikistan	TJK	Group II										4	2	O
172	Thailand	THA	Group IV							1		1	5	3	-
173	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	MKD	Group II				1	1				2	4	2	=
174	Timor-Leste	TLS	Group IV										4	2	O
175	Togo	TGO	Group Va				1	1				2	4	2	=
176	Tonga	TON	Group IV										4	2	O
177	Trinidad and Tobago	TTO	Group III					1		1		2	4	2	=
178	Tunisia	TUN	Group Vb	1	1		1	2	4	1		10	4	2	+
179	Turkey	TUR	Group I		1			1		1		3	7	4	-
180	Turkmenistan	TKM	Group IV						1			1	4	2	-
181	Tuvalu	TUV	Group IV										4	2	O
182	Uganda	UGA	Group Va						4			4	4	2	=
183	Ukraine	UKR	Group II						3	1		4	4	3	=
184	United Arab Emirates	ARE	Group Vb										6	3	O
185	United Republic of Tanzania	TZA	Group Va					1				1	4	2	-
186	United States of America	USA				2	5	7	7	2		23	76	46	-
187	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	GBR	Group I	1	2		7	3	4	3		20	18	11	+
188	Uruguay	URY	Group III						1			1	4	2	-
189	Uzbekistan	UZB	Group II					1	1			2	4	2	=
190	Vanuatu	VUT	Group IV										4	2	O
191	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	VEN	Group III			1						1	6	3	-
192	Viet Nam	VNM	Group IV					1	2	1		4	4	3	=
193	Yemen	YEM	Group Vb						1			1	4	2	-

Member States		Acronym	Group	DDG	ADG	D2	D1	P5	P4	P3	P2	P1	Total	Max.	Min.	Situation
194	Zambia	ZMB	Group Va						1		1		2	4	2	=
195	Zimbabwe	ZWE	Group Va							2	1		3	4	2	=
Total				1	8	17	39	101	162	179	102	1	610			

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NORMALLY REPRESENTED MEMBER STATES (69)			
Afghanistan	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Madagascar	Republic of Moldova
Albania	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Malaysia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Algeria	Djibouti	Mali	Saint Lucia
Austria	Ecuador	Mauritius	Seychelles
Azerbaijan	Finland	Mozambique	Switzerland
Bangladesh	Germany	Namibia	Syrian Arab Republic
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Honduras	Netherlands	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Burundi	Hungary	New Zealand	Togo
Cambodia	India	Nicaragua	Trinidad and Tobago
Chile	Ireland	Niger	Uganda
Colombia	Israel	Norway	Ukraine
Congo	Jamaica	Oman	Uzbekistan
Costa Rica	Japan	Pakistan	Viet Nam
Côte d'Ivoire	Jordan	Palestine	Zambia
Croatia	Kenya	Paraguay	Zimbabwe
Cuba	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Philippines	
Cyprus	Latvia	Portugal	
Czechia	Lithuania	Republic of Korea	
OVER-REPRESENTED MEMBER STATES (23)			
Argentina	Canada	Italy	Senegal
Belgium	Denmark	Lebanon	South Africa
Benin	Ethiopia	Mexico	Spain
Bulgaria	France	Morocco	Tunisia
Burkina Faso	Gambia	Nepal	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Cameroon	Greece	Romania	
UNDER-REPRESENTED MEMBER STATES (61)			
Antigua and Barbuda	Fiji	Maldives	Singapore
Australia	Gabon	Mauritania	Slovakia
Belarus	Georgia	Mongolia	Slovenia
Belize	Ghana	Montenegro	Sudan
Bhutan	Grenada	Myanmar	Sweden
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guinea	Nigeria	Thailand
Botswana	Guinea-Bissau	Papua New Guinea	Turkey
Brazil	Haiti	Peru	Turkmenistan
China	Indonesia	Poland	United Republic of Tanzania
Comoros	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Qatar	United States of America
Cook Islands	Iraq	Russian Federation	Uruguay
Dominica	Kazakhstan	San Marino	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

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Egypt	Kyrgyzstan	Sao Tome and Principe	Yémen
Eritrea	Liberia	Saudi Arabia	
Estonia	Libya	Serbia	
Eswatini	Malawi	Sierra Leone	
NON-REPRESENTED MEMBER STATES (42)			
Andorra	El Salvador	Micronesia (Federated States of)	South Sudan
Angola	Equatorial Guinea	Monaco	Sri Lanka
Armenia	Guatemala	Nauru	Suriname
Bahamas	Guyana	Niue	Tajikistan
Bahrain	Iceland	Palau	Timor-Leste
Barbados	Kiribati	Panama	Tonga
Brunei Darussalam	Kuwait	Rwanda	Tuvalu
Cabo Verde	Lesotho	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	United Arab Emirates
Central African Republic	Luxembourg	Samoa	Vanuatu
Chad	Malta	Solomon Islands	
Dominican Republic	Marshall Islands	Somalia	

ANNEX V

**LIST OF MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE CHANGED REPRESENTATION STATUS
BETWEEN JANUARY 2017 AND DECEMBER 2018**

1. Member States **NORMALLY REPRESENTED** in **DECEMBER 2018** that were::

UNDER-REPRESENTED in JANUARY 2017	OVER-REPRESENTED in JANUARY 2017
Azerbaijan	Ireland
Chile	Netherlands
Kenya	
Palestine	
Paraguay	
Switzerland	

2. Member States **UNDER REPRESENTED** in **DECEMBER 2018** that were:

NON-REPRESENTED in JANUARY 2017	NORMALLY REPRESENTED in JANUARY 2017
Haiti	Australia
Mauritania	Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Mongolia
	Nigeria

3. Member States **NON-REPRESENTED** in **DECEMBER 2018** that were:

UNDER-REPRESENTED in JANUARY 2017
Andorra
Bahamas
Barbados
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Luxembourg
Panama
Rwanda
Somalia

4. Member States **OVER-REPRESENTED** in **DECEMBER 2018** that were:

NORMALLY REPRESENTED in JANUARY 2017
Argentina
Benin
Greece
Mexico
Senegal
South Africa
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

ANNEX VI

UNESCO GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION ACTION PLAN FOR 2017-2022

OBJECTIVE 1: Increase the number of represented and normally represented countries to achieve a more balanced geographical distribution							
Expected Results	Initiatives	Performance Indicators	Timeframe	Responsible			Progress Update
				HRM	Managers	Staff	
1. 85% represented countries by 2022 2. 40% normally represented countries by 2022	(a) Recruit Young Professionals each biennium from non- (NR) and under-represented (UR) countries, and ensure that at least 70% of the P1/P2 posts be retained for the Young Professional Programme. (b) Create a roster for pre-selected YPP candidates in the e-recruit system to enable managers to identify qualified candidates for project assignment or other posts. (c) Use new technology, such as webinars, to outreach qualified candidates from UR/NR countries. (d) Keep traditional direct contact with candidates from UR/NR countries, through missions, job fairs, etc. (e) Organize meetings with regional groups, especially ASPAC, GRULAC and Africa, and individual meetings with targeted UR/NR countries. (f) Contact Heads of field offices of UNESCO to contribute to engaging UR/NR countries. (g) Implement the requirement that short-lists for all levels include at list one candidate from NR/UR countries. (h) Attract more candidates from NR/UR countries through UNV or other similar programmes.	Number of represented countries Number of normally represented countries	2017-2022	✓	✓		
OBJECTIVE 2: Achieve a better balance among regional groups at senior level (Director and above)							
Expected Results	Initiatives	Key Performance Indicators (KPI)	Time-frame	Responsible			Progress Update
				HRM	Managers CAB/GE	Staff	
3. Enhanced geographical balance of senior level staff across regional groups by 2022	(a) Establish specific objectives for senior posts (starting from P-5 and above) with each sector/bureau based on the forecasted vacancy rate, taking into account the impact of upcoming retirements over the next 6 years.	Representation of Director staff and above across regional groups	2017-2022	✓	✓	✓	

ANNEX VII

UNESCO GENDER PARITY ACTION PLAN FOR 2017-2022

OBJECTIVE 1: Achieve Gender Parity at all levels, including at Senior Level ⁶								
Expected Results	Initiatives	Performance Indicators	Time-frame	Responsible				Progress Update
				HRM	Managers	CAB/GE	Staff	
1. Gender balance achieved at all levels, including at senior level (P-5 and above).	<p>1.1 Establish gender targets at senior level by Sector/Bureau based on an assessment of the situation and monitor on regular basis.</p> <p>1.2 Set up outreach activities to increase the number of candidates from the under-represented gender: Contact professional associations and networks, and advertise P-5 and above posts through them. Outreach toward potential candidates through missions, webinars. Create roster for candidates in the e-recruitment system. Work with other United Nations agencies to identify qualified candidates of the under-represented gender at senior level positions</p> <p>1.3 Take measures at selection stage to increase the number of the under-represented gender.</p> <p>1.4 Implement requirement that short-lists include at least one qualified candidate of the under-represented gender; for P-5 posts and above, apply a hiring ratio of 1 to 1, in order to achieve parity</p>	<p>Gender Parity (50%) is achieved at Director and P-5 level.</p> <p>Number of qualified applicants from the under-represented gender increased.</p>	2017-2020	✓	✓	✓		
OBJECTIVE 2: Enhance women's professional development through dedicated training initiatives								
Expected Results	Initiatives	Performance Indicators	Time-frame	Responsible				Progress Update
				HRM	Managers	CAB/GE	Staff	
2. Increased number of women ready to take on new roles including leadership roles, and equipped with the required competencies and skills	<p>2.1 Launch mentoring programme for P-3/P-4 women staff.</p> <p>2.2 Organize training workshops for women staff such as on networking and succeeding in interviews.</p> <p>2.3 Develop "Women in Leadership" modules for women staff at P-4 and above levels.</p>	<p>% of women participating in development activities.</p> <p>% of women appointed to senior posts where there is no parity</p> <p>Effectiveness rate with the learning and development activities</p>	2017-2022	✓	✓	✓	✓	

OBJECTIVE 3: A gender equality conscious workplace								
Expected Results	Initiatives	Performance Indicators	Time-frame	Responsible				Progress Update
				HRM	Managers	CAB/GE	Staff	
3. Enhanced awareness of gender equality and gender unconscious bias	3.1 Include a module on Gender Equality in training programmes, such as induction and leadership 3.2 Monitor the implementation of the mandatory Gender Equality training for all staff. 3.3 Ensure Gender Equality is included in the interview process. Add interview questions on gender equality to assess candidates' competencies on gender equality matters; ensure that awareness of gender unconscious bias is included in competency-based interview training for hiring managers 3.4 Develop and implement actions to reduce gender unconscious bias.	Effectiveness of training programmes % of staff attending the Gender Equality training	2017-2022	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4. Gender conscious performance appraisal	4.1 Include Gender Equality indicators in the performance appraisal of managers.		2018	✓		✓	✓	
OBJECTIVE 4: A gender friendly workplace contributing to professional growth								
Expected Results	Initiatives	Performance Indicators	Time-frame	Responsible				Progress Update
				HRM	Managers	CAB/GE	Staff	
5. Exit interview for departing P/D staff	5.1 Conduct exit interviews with Professional and above staff who leave UNESCO	Number of exit interviews conducted	2017-2022	✓			✓	
6. Work-life balance working arrangements	6.1 Telework policy and other flexible work modalities	Number of staff taking up telework and their satisfaction rate, as well as the effectiveness of these arrangements within a team. Other flexible work modalities as required	2017-2022	✓				
7. Enhanced role of Gender Focal Points	7.1 Include Gender Focal points duties and responsibilities in the respective job descriptions.	Job descriptions reflecting gender focal points responsibilities	2018	✓		✓		
8. Setup informal gender networks	8.1 Support the setup of informal networks of HR staff/managers working on gender.	Output/outcome of the meetings within the gender networks	2017-2022	✓				



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CORRIGENDUM

With regard to Annexes III and IV, it should be noted that on 14 February 2019, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia became North Macedonia.

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CORRIGENDUM 2

Paragraph 24 should read as follows:

24. As at December 2018, women represented the majority of Professional and above staff in the programme sectors taken as a whole (53%). The Education Sector (ED) has the largest percentage of women on board (62%), followed by the Culture Sector (CLT) (56%) and the Social and Human Sciences Sector (SHS) (55%). Representation remains stable in the Natural Sciences Sector (SC), at 44%, while it has fallen slightly by two percentage points (39%) in the Communication and Information Sector (CI). Progress has been made in the secretariat of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) (21%, that is, up by seven percentage points). Efforts need to continue to reach gender parity in these sectors.

