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**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
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NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
(UNESCO)**

Adopted by the UNESCO General Conference at its fifteenth session, at
Paris 4 November 1968; Entered into force 4 November 1968.

Composition of the Executive Board, Duration of Term of Office of Members and
Method of Election

The General Conference,

Recalling resolution 7 adopted at its fourteenth session (1966), which states, inter alia, that the problem of the composition of the Executive Board should be reviewed by the Board so as to ensure an equitable, balanced representation of the various cultures and geographical regions, bearing in mind that members elected to the Board should also be persons with experience and competence in the fields proper to Unesco, in accordance with the spirit and letter of Article V.A.2 of the Constitution;^[1] bearing in mind, further, that half the number of Member States have never been elected to membership of the Executive Board,

Having studied the report submitted by the Executive Board in compliance with the above-mentioned resolution, containing its recommendations on the composition of the Executive Board,

Noting with satisfaction that the number of Member States of Unesco has increased over the past few years,

Appreciating the need for taking the various measures specified in the present decision, which taken together constitute an appropriate means for achieving the objective of the above-mentioned resolution,

1. Decides:

(a) to increase the number, of members of the Executive Board to thirty-four;

{b) to change the length of the term of office of members of the Executive Board, who shall be elected for a term of six years, and shall not be immediately eligible for a second term, it being understood that this decision shall not affect the length of the term of office or the re-eligibility of the present members of the Executive Board under the provisions of the Constitution in force prior to the adoption of the present resolution;

(c) to establish for the fifteenth session, on a provisional and experimental basis, a system of electoral groups of Member States, which shall govern only elections to the Executive Board, and to examine the results of the new system in the light of the experience gained at that session; the allocation of seats and the composition of groups shall be as follows:

GROUPINGS OF MEMBER STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Group I (27). 9 seats

Australia	Greece	Norway
Austria	Iceland	Portugal
Belgium	Ireland	Spain
Canada	Israel	Sweden
Cyprus	Italy	Switzerland
Denmark	Luxembourg	Turkey
Finland	Malta	United Kingdom of Great
France	Monaco	Britain and Northern
Federal Republic of	New Zealand	United States of America
Netherlands Ireland		
Germany		

Group II (10). 3 seats -

Albania	Hungary	Union of Soviet Socialist
Bulgaria	Poland	Republics
Byelorussian Soviet	Romania	Yugoslavia
Socialist Republic	Ukrainian Soviet	
Czechoslovakia	Socialist Republic	

Group III (24). 6 seats

Argentina	Dominican Republic	Mexico
Barbados	Ecuador	Nicaragua
Bolivia	El Salvador	Panama
Brazil	Guatemala	Paraguay
Chile	Guyana	Peru
Colombia	Haiti	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Honduras	Uruguay
Cuba	Jamaica	Venezuela

Group IV (19). 5 seats

Afghanistan	Iran	Pakistan
Burma	Japan	Philippines
Cambodia	Republic of Korea	Singapore
Ceylon	Laos	Thailand
China	Malaysia	Republic of Viet-Nam
India	Mongolia	
Indonesia	Nepal	