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* Including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies before the plenary meetings.

4. Acknowledges the major contributions that UNESCO has made to the International Year of Small Island Developing States and the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (Samoa, 1-4 September 2014) and to its preparatory process;
5. Recognizes UNESCO's role in contributing to the identification of priorities for the sustainable development of small island developing States (SIDS) in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, especially in the formulation of sustainable development goals and actions with respect to, *inter alia*, inclusive and equitable quality education, and lifelong learning, climate change, oceans and coastal zone management, freshwater, youth and gender, social and cultural well-being, building knowledge societies and ICT;
6. Welcomes the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly at its 69th session of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway;
7. Expresses its appreciation of the draft action plan for small island developing States presented by the Director-General;
8. Notes the draft action plan for small island developing States for the period of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014 to 2021 (37 C/4);
9. Requests the Director-General to identify within the current quadrennial programme of work specific activities associated with small island developing States (SIDS) and to provide to it at its 197th session an analysis of the direct allocations for and costing of those activities earmarked in the regular biennial budget (2016-2017) and, separately, an analysis of the funding gap to be filled with extrabudgetary funds;
10. Invites UNESCO Member States to establish a wide range of partnerships to implement the Action Plan for Small Island Developing States, as a contribution to the implementation of the Samoa Pathway;
11. Also invites all Member States and relevant organizations and institutions to draw on the Action Plan for Small Island Developing States when developing their own priorities with a view to furthering commitment to the sustainable development of SIDS;
12. Also requests the Director-General to pursue her efforts to build awareness of the Action Plan for Small Island Developing States among all partners and to mobilize extrabudgetary funding in order to fully attain its objectives and implement its actions;
13. Further requests the Director-General to present a report on the implementation of the Action Plan for Small Island Developing States at its 199th session.

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UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 196 EX/5 Part I (C) and 196 EX/5 INF.3,
2. Recalling 195 EX/Decision 5 (I, A) which invited the Director-General to present to it at its 196th session draft statutes of the proposed international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP), and draft operational guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks,

3. Taking into account the considerable progress made at the seven meetings of the working group on UNESCO global geoparks since 2013 with a view to formalizing the establishment of UNESCO Global Geoparks, resulting in a complete proposal,
4. Expressing its appreciation of the important contribution made by the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) to global geopark activities and cooperation for sustainable development worldwide, and appreciating the added value brought by the GGN as the most capable and experienced association dealing with Global Geoparks,
5. Recognizing the need for UNESCO to increase the focus of its programme and ensure its cost-effectiveness,
6. Considering that the proposed international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP) and its secretariat will be supported within the framework of the financial and administrative implications of the current C/5 document, with no additional costs to UNESCO,
7. Noting that UNESCO Global Geoparks will be entitled to use a linked logo to be developed for UNESCO Global Geoparks, and governed by the 2007 Directives concerning the use of the name, acronym, logo and Internet domain names of UNESCO or any subsequent directives,
8. Recalling the importance of the provision of intergovernmental checks of nominations of UNESCO Global Geoparks,
9. Also recalling that UNESCO's legal responsibility is strictly limited to the designation of UNESCO Global Geoparks in accordance with the statutes and operational guidelines of the proposed international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP),
10. Invites the Director-General to take into account the proposed international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP) in the preparation of the work plan and budget for document 38 C/5;
11. Recommends that the General Conference at its 38th session:
 - (a) approve the statutes of the international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP) as well as the operational guidelines of UNESCO Global Geoparks which will permit the use of a linked logo and the name "UNESCO Global Geoparks" in accordance with the 2007 Directives concerning the use of the name, acronym, logo and Internet domain names of UNESCO;
 - (b) replace the Statutes of the International Geoscience Programme adopted by means of 32 C/Resolution 20 with the statutes of the international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP) as contained in document 196 EX/5 Part I (C);
 - (c) also approve the establishment of UNESCO Global Geoparks within the international geoscience and geoparks programme (IGGP) and the inclusion therein of all existing Global Geoparks as UNESCO Global Geoparks, subject to a letter of support from the National Commission for UNESCO or the relevant government body in charge of relations with UNESCO in each Member State as appropriate, bearing in mind that the existing criteria for Global Geoparks are essentially the same in terms of scientific quality and content as those proposed for UNESCO Global Geoparks, and recalling the ongoing four-year revalidation process which means that all Global Geoparks will be reviewed by 2020 at the latest, in line with the established frequency retained under the new system.