



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION

REGARDING THE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 772, 17 JUNE 2003, OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA ON THE APPROVAL OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE LITHUANIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

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Vilnius

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania has resolved:

1. To amend the Resolution No. 772, 17 June 2003, of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania “On the Approval of the Regulations of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO” and to set it forth to read as follows:

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LITHUANIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO AND APPROVAL OF ITS REGULATIONS

Recognizing the contribution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as the “UNESCO”) to strengthening the role of education, science, culture and communication in protecting human rights, maintaining peace and security in the world, ensuring sustainable development and human well-being, and seeking that the Republic of Lithuania be actively taking part in its activities, taking into account the fact that on 7 October 1991 the Republic of Lithuania was admitted to UNESCO in accordance with Article VII (1) of UNESCO Constitution adopted in London on 16 November 1945 and the Charter of the National Commissions for UNESCO, adopted in Paris on 27 November 1978, taking care of the institutions and agencies of the Republic of Lithuania in the fields of education, science, studies, culture, environment, communication and public information, non-governmental organisations whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, as well as citizens participate in UNESCO activities as actively as possible, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has resolved:

1. To set up the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO of the following composition (hereinafter referred to as the “National Commission”):

a representative of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative delegated by the Committee on Culture of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative delegated by the Committee on Education and Science of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative (a political (personal) appointee) of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative (a political (personal) appointee) of the Ministry of Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative (a political (personal) appointee) of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative (a political (personal) appointee) of the Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative (a political (personal) appointee) of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative (a political (personal) appointee) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania;

a representative of the Lithuanian Council for Culture;

a representative of the Department of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture;

a representative of the Research Council of Lithuania;

a representative of the National Agency for Education;

a representative of the State Service for Protected Areas under the Ministry of Environment;

a representative of the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania;

representatives of the National Committees for UNESCO Programmes (two), representatives of non-governmental organisations and/or experts outside them (six) proposed by the Secretariat of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO, taking into account UNESCO Programmes, projects and priorities of Lithuania in issues relevant to UNESCO and international community within the purview of UNESCO.

2. A member of the National Commission who is temporarily unable to carry out his/her duties (due to illness, leave, business trips or other important reasons), except for representatives of the National Committees for UNESCO Programmes and representatives of non-governmental organisations and/or experts outside them, shall be replaced by an alternate member delegated by the relevant authority together with the member of the National Commission. Alternates shall have all the rights and duties of a member of the National Commission, except for the right to be elected as a Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the National Commission.

3. To delegate to the Prime Minister to approve the personal composition of the National Commission (members and alternates of the National Commission).

4. To approve the Regulations of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO (annexed).“

2. To determine that the National Commission, established in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution No. 772 of 17 June 2003 of the Government of the Republic of

Lithuania “On the Approval of the Regulations of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO” that have been in force prior to the entry into force of this Resolution, shall act until setting up the Regulations of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO approved by this Resolution.

Prime Minister

Saulius Skvernelis

Minister of Culture

Mindaugas Kvietkauskas

APPROVED
by Resolution No 772 of 17 June 2003
of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania
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Resolution No 1163 of 21 October 2020
of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania)

REGULATIONS OF THE LITHUANIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as the “National Commission”) shall act as an unincorporated institution accountable to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, the main objectives of which shall be to contribute to the active participation of the Republic of Lithuania in the activity of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as the “UNESCO”) and implementation of the provisions of the UNESCO conventions and recommendations as well as objectives of the programmes and projects in the Republic of Lithuania.

2. In its activities, the National Commission shall adhere to the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, international treaties of the Republic of Lithuania, laws of the Republic of Lithuania, resolutions of the Government, other legal acts, as well as the UNESCO Constitution, the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO, other UNESCO legal acts and the Regulations of the Lithuanian Commission for UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”).

3. The National Commission shall be assisted by the Secretariat of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretariat of the National Commission”) which shall provide the administrative, organisational and technical framework for the implementation of the activity objectives and functions of the National Commission provided for in the Regulations.

CHAPTER II OPERATING STRUCTURE, FUNCTIONS AND RIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

4. The National Commission shall consist of 23 members appointed for 4 years and for a maximum of two terms. The National Commission shall consist of representatives (political (personal) appointees) of state institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, representatives of other state institutions and agencies with expertise in UNESCO competence areas, representatives of non-governmental organisations and/or experts outside them.

5. If a member of the National Commission is unable to continue to participate in the activities of the National Commission due to objective reasons (termination of public service or employment, illness, etc.), another representative of the entity delegating to the National Commission shall be delegated for the remaining term.

6. The National Commission shall be chaired by the Chairman of the National Commission or, in his absence, by the Deputy Chairman. The National Commission shall function through the Conference of the National Commission and the Executive Committee of the National Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Committee”). The Chairman of the National Commission, Deputy Chairman and the

Executive Committee shall be elected by the Conference of the National Commission by a simple majority of the members of the National Commission.

7. In pursuit of its operational objectives, the National Commission shall perform the following functions:

7.1. submit proposals and expert assessment to the Government, as well as to the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania, Ministry of Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania, Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and others state institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as the “responsible authorities”) regarding state policies and priorities in the implementation of UNESCO activities in Lithuania, coordination of state institutions and agencies and inclusion of measures related to UNESCO activities in planning documents prepared by the Government;

7.2. submit proposals to the Government, responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations regarding the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations, UNESCO programmes and projects relevant to Lithuania, as well as decisions adopted by UNESCO governing agencies;

7.3. inform the Government, responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations, as well as the public about the resolutions and recommendations adopted by UNESCO, provide other relevant information related to UNESCO activities;

7.4. together with the Secretariat of the National Commission, responsible authorities and independent experts, monitor the implementation of the provisions of UNESCO conventions and recommendations as well as programmes and projects in Lithuania;

7.5. together with the Secretariat of the National Commission, in cooperation with the responsible authorities and independent experts, submit proposals to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other responsible authorities on the positions of the Republic of Lithuania at the sessions of UNESCO General Conference, Executive Council, Intergovernmental Committees of Conventions and other UNESCO events;

7.6. together with the Secretariat of the National Commission, responsible authorities and independent experts, participate in the preparation and provision of information to UNESCO on the programmes, projects and other issues implemented in Lithuania within the purview of the National Commission;

7.7. cooperate with the UNESCO Secretariat, foreign National Commissions and experts, representatives of Lithuanian state and municipal institutions and agencies, non-governmental organisations and citizens, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassadors, UNESCO Associated Schools as well as University Twinning and Networking Programme (UNITWIN)/UNESCO Chairs;

7.8. annually account to the Government on its activities.

8. The National Commission, in implementing its objectives and performing the established functions, shall be entitled to:

8.1. request and receive information from the responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO and non-governmental organisations on the implementation of the provisions of UNESCO conventions, programmes and projects in Lithuania, as well as on other issues related to the activities of the National Commission;

8.2. submit proposals related to UNESCO activities and oriented towards the Government Programme and the Plan of Implementation of the Government Programme to the Government and responsible authorities, as well as proposals related to the implementation of UNESCO objectives to municipal institutions and agencies, non-governmental organisations and the public;

8.3. mobilise representatives of responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations and independent experts for the preparation of draft UNESCO strategic documents and implementation of the provisions of UNESCO conventions and recommendations, programmes and projects in Lithuania;

8.4. set up National Committees for UNESCO Programmes, as well as to set up ad hoc committees and working groups, which may include members of the National Commission, representatives of the responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations and independent experts; use these committees and working groups to perform the functions of the National Commission.

CHAPTER III CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

9. The supreme governing body of the National Commission shall be the Conference convening at least twice a year. Extraordinary meetings of the Conference may be convened as necessary on the initiative of the Chairman of the National Commission, upon request of the Executive Committee or the Secretary General of the Secretariat of the National Commission or upon request of at least five members of the National Commission.

10. The Conference of the National Commission shall be chaired by the Chairman of the National Commission or, in his absence, by the Deputy Chairman. The Secretary General of the Secretariat of the National Commission shall also act as a Secretary of the Conference of the National Commission. The Conference of the National Commission shall be chaired by a representative of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania until the Chairman of the National Commission is elected.

11. The Conference of the National Commission shall consist of the members of the National Commission. If necessary, representatives of the responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations and independent experts may be invited to the conference of the National Commission as observers.

12. The Conference of the National Commission shall:

12.1. consider, approve and submit proposals and expert assessment to the Government and responsible authorities regarding the state policies and priorities for the implementation of UNESCO activities in Lithuania and the coordination of actions of state institutions and agencies as well as the inclusion of measures related to UNESCO activities in planning documents prepared by the Government;

12.2. consider, approve and submit proposals to the Government, responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO and non-governmental organisations regarding the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations, UNESCO programmes and projects relevant to Lithuania, as well as resolutions adopted by UNESCO governing bodies;

12.3. consider and approve the annual activity plan of the National Commission;

12.4. consider and submit to the Government the annual report on the activities of the National Commission, consider and approve other reports, evaluate the performance of the national committees, ad hoc committees and working groups of the UNESCO programmes;

12.5. consider and approve proposals regarding the amendment of the Regulations and the composition of the National Commission;

12.6. elect the Chairman of the National Commission, the Deputy Chairman and the members of the Executive Committee;

12.7. taking into account UNESCO programmes and projects relevant to Lithuania, establish national committees for UNESCO programmes, as well as ad hoc committees and working groups, determine the objectives of their activities;

12.8. solve other issues within the purview of the National Commission.

13. Meetings of the Conference of the National Commission shall be legal if at least half of the members of the National Commission are present. Decisions of the National Commission shall be adopted by a simple majority of the members of the National Commission. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairman of the National Commission shall be taken or, in his absence, the vote of the Deputy Chairman, until the Chairman of the National Commission is elected – the vote of the representative of the Prime Minister.

14. Members of the National Commission shall attend the meetings of the Conference of the National Commission.

15. The National Commission shall be entitled to organise the meetings of the Conference of the National Commission and to adopt the decisions of the National Commission remotely in real time by electronic means. When adopting the resolutions of the National Commission in this way, the identification of the member of the National Commission and the results of his/her voting shall be ensured.

CHAPTER IV CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

16. The Chairman of the National Commission or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman shall:

16.1. together with the Secretary General of the Secretariat of the National Commission, organise the activities of the Conference of the National Commission and the Executive Committee;

16.2. chair the Conference of the National Commission and the Executive Committee;

16.3. ensure the implementation of the resolutions of the National Commission and the resolutions of the Executive Committee;

16.4. represent the National Commission in cooperation with the responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies within the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations, the UNESCO Secretariat and the National Commissions of other Member States;

16.5. submit proposals to state and municipal institutions and agencies to participate in UNESCO events, programmes and projects.

CHAPTER V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

17. The Executive Committee shall consist of 7 members: 6 members of the National Commission and a Chairman of the National Commission. The Secretary General of the Secretariat of the National Commission shall also act as a Secretary of the Executive Committee.

18. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least once every 3 months.

19. Other members of the National Commission may attend meetings of the Executive Committee as observers. If necessary, representatives of the responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations and independent experts may be invited to the Conference of the National Commission as observers.

20. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be legal if at least half of the members of the Executive Committee, including the Chairman of the National Commission, are present. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by a simple majority of the members of the Executive Committee. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the National Commission shall have the casting vote.

21. The Executive Committee shall be entitled to organise the meetings and adopt the decisions of the Executive Committee remotely in real time by electronic means. When

adopting the decisions of the National Commission in this way, the identification of the member of the Executive Committee and the results of his/her voting shall be ensured.

22. The Executive Committee, in pursuit of the objectives of the National Commission, shall:

22.1. together with the Secretariat of the National Commission, prepare draft proposals to the Government and responsible authorities regarding the state policies and priorities for the implementation of UNESCO activities in Lithuania and the coordination of actions of state institutions and agencies as well as the inclusion of measures related to UNESCO activities in planning documents prepared by the Government;

22.2. ensure the implementation of the decisions of the National Commission;

22.3. inform the Government, responsible authorities, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations and the public about the resolutions and recommendations adopted by UNESCO, as well as provide other relevant information related to UNESCO activities;

22.4. together with the Secretariat of the National Commission, responsible authorities and independent experts, monitor the implementation of the provisions of UNESCO conventions and recommendations as well as programmes and projects in Lithuania;

22.5. together with the Secretariat of the National Commission, in cooperation with the responsible authorities and independent experts, submit proposals to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other responsible authorities on the positions of the Republic of Lithuania at the sessions of UNESCO General Conference, Executive Council, Intergovernmental Committees of Conventions and other UNESCO events;

22.6. together with the Secretariat of the National Commission, responsible authorities and independent experts, participate in the preparation and provision of information to UNESCO on the programmes, projects and other issues implemented in Lithuania within the purview of the National Commission;

22.7. decide on the composition and functioning of the national committees, ad hoc committees and working groups of the UNESCO programmes, use these committees and working groups to perform the functions of the Executive Committee;

22.8. make decisions regarding the granting of patronage (project custody) of the National Commission;

22.9. submit proposals to the Conference of the National Commission regarding the amendment of the Regulations and the composition of the National Commission;

22.10. together with the Secretariat of the National Commission, prepare the agenda of the Conference of the National Commission, prepare and submit to the Conference of the National Commission the draft annual activity plan of the National Commission and the draft annual activity report of the National Commission;

22.11. solve other matters within the purview of the Executive Committee.

23. Members of the Executive Committee shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER VI NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR UNESCO PROGRAMMES

24. The National Committees for UNESCO Programmes shall be established taking into account the UNESCO programmes relevant to Lithuania.

25. The National Committees for UNESCO Programmes, in pursuit of the objectives set by the UNESCO programmes and the National Commission, shall:

25.1. carry out the analysis of UNESCO activity documents, in coordination with the Executive Committee, submit proposals for amendments to the relevant secretariats for UNESCO programmes, make public the relevant UNESCO programmes and their objectives;

25.2. prepare recommendations for the Conference of the National Commission on the implementation of UNESCO programmes and reports on its activities, as well as reviews on Lithuania's participation in the implementation of the relevant UNESCO programmes;

25.3. mobilise representatives of the authorities responsible for their fields of activity, municipal institutions and agencies whose area of work falls under the purview of UNESCO, non-governmental organisations and independent experts for the implementation of the projects of the National Committees for UNESCO Programmes;

25.4. contribute to the performance of the functions of the National Commission;

25.5. account on its activities to the Conference of the National Commission.

CHAPTER VII AD HOC COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

26. Ad hoc committees and working groups shall be established to carry out short-term responsibilities, taking into account UNESCO projects and initiatives relevant to Lithuania and in order to promote their more effective implementation. They shall operate until the established goal is achieved.

27. Ad hoc committees and working groups shall contribute to the performance of the functions of the National Commission.

28. Ad hoc committees and working groups shall account on their activities to the Conference of the National Commission.
