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## PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2020-2021 WITH WHICH UNESCO COULD BE ASSOCIATED

### OUTLINE

**Source:** 206 EX/Decision 30 and 207 EX/Decision 34

**Background:** In accordance with 195 EX/Decision 25 and 206 EX/Decision 30, the Director-General submitted at the 206th and 207th sessions of the Executive Board the proposals of Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries deemed to comply with the statutory criteria and procedure.

**Purpose:** The General Conference is required to make a decision with regard to the recommendations made by the Executive Board concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2020-2021, which are contained in 206 EX/Decision 30 and 207 EX/Decision 34.

**Decision required:** paragraph 4.

1. Following the adoption by the Executive Board, at its 195th session, of the revised version of the programme concerning anniversaries (195 EX/Decision 25) and in accordance with the statutory procedure for the selection of anniversaries, the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 206th session a list of 49 proposals for inclusion in the calendar of anniversary celebrations for the period 2020-2021 (document 206 EX/30).

2. At its 206th session, the Executive Board also approved a new revised version of the programme. In accordance with 195 EX/Decision 25 and 206 EX/Decision 30, Member States from



under-represented or unrepresented regions were invited to submit new proposals for the period 2020-2021 and to submit appeals, if they so wished, concerning requests which had been rejected in the first stage of the procedure. The Director-General thus submitted to the Executive Board at its 207th session a list of 10 proposals, including revised proposals and new proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2020-2021 (documents 207 EX/34 and Add.).

3. The Executive Board, at its 206th and 207th sessions, recommended that the General Conference select for celebration the anniversaries proposed by Member States and contained in 206 EX/Decision 30 and 207 EX/Decision 34.

4. The General Conference may wish to adopt the following resolution:

*The General Conference,*

*Having examined* document 40 C/15,

*Recalling* 195 EX/Decision 25 and 206 EX/Decision 30,

1. *Encourages* Member States to improve geographical representation and to promote gender equality in order to improve the quality, representativeness and visibility of the programme;
2. *Decides* that UNESCO will be associated in 2020-2021 with the celebration of the anniversaries contained in the Annex to document 40 C/15;
3. *Also decides* that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations shall be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme.

## ANNEX

### **The celebration of anniversaries in 2020-2021 with which UNESCO will be associated**

(as recommended to the General Conference in 206 EX/Decision 30 and 207 EX/Decision 34;  
listed in the alphabetical order of the English names of the Member States)

1. 100th anniversary of the birth of Henri Verneuil (Ashot Malakian), film director, screenplay writer and producer (1920-2002) (Armenia, with the support of France and Italy)
2. 150th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Spendiaryan, music composer and conductor (1871-1928) (Armenia, with the support of Georgia, Islamic Republic of Iran and Russian Federation)
3. 150th anniversary of the birth of Abdurrahim bey Hagverdiyev, playwright, stage director and public figure (1870-1933) (Azerbaijan, with the support of Georgia, Russian Federation and Turkey)
4. 100th anniversary of the birth of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, promotor of education, science and technology, art and culture (1920-1975) (Bangladesh, with the support of Cuba, India, Japan, Nepal and Poland)
5. 150th anniversary of the birth of Ferdynand Ruszczyc, painter, graphic artist, theatre designer and educator (1870-1936) (joint proposal of Belarus and Poland, with the support of Lithuania and Russian Federation)
6. 100th anniversary of the Belarusian State University (1921) (Belarus, with the support of Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation)
7. 100th anniversary of the death of Ivan Vazov, writer (1850-1921) (Bulgaria, with the support of Poland, Romania and Russian Federation)
8. 650th anniversary of the foundation of the Tarnovo Literary School (1371) (Bulgaria, with the support of Romania, Russian Federation and Slovenia)
9. 500th anniversary of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan to the Strait of Magellan and its importance as a milestone in the first circumnavigation of the Earth (1520) (Chile, with the support of Portugal and Spain)
10. 100th anniversary of the death of Julio Garavito Armero, engineer, mathematician and astronomer (1865-1920) (Colombia, with the support of Chile and Peru)
11. 150th anniversary of the birth of Slavoljub Eduard Penkala, scientist (1871-1922) (Croatia, with the support of North Macedonia and Poland)
12. 100th anniversary of the birth of Cintio Vitier, poet (1921-2009) (Cuba, with the support of Dominican Republic and Uruguay)
13. 200th anniversary of the birth of Rafael María de Mendive, poet (1821-1886) (Cuba, with the support of Ecuador and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)
14. 350th anniversary of the death of John (Iohannes) Amos Comenius, scholar (1592-1670) (Czechia, with the support of Netherlands and Poland)
15. 50th anniversary of the foundation of the National Agricultural Study and Research Institute (INERA) (1970) (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

16. 150th anniversary of the foundation of the National Library of Egypt (1870) (Egypt, with the support of Algeria and Bahrain)
17. 100th anniversary of the birth of Oswaldo Guayasamín, painter (Ecuador, with the support of Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Uruguay)
18. 250th anniversary of the first literary work by Olympe de Gouges (1771) (France, with the support of Andorra and Romania)
19. 50th anniversary of the establishment of the philosophical thought of Paul Ricoeur (1970) (France, with the support of Andorra and Romania)
20. 150th anniversary of the birth of Zakaria Paliashvili, composer, conductor, teacher and public figure (1871-1933) (Georgia, with the support of Armenia and Latvia)
21. 100th anniversary of the birth of Sophia Magdalena Scholl, resistance fighter (1921-1943) (Germany, with the support of Austria and Luxembourg)
22. 250th anniversary of the birth of Ludwig van Beethoven, composer and pianist (1770-1827) (Germany, with the support of Austria and Poland)
23. 100th anniversary of the birth of Georges Cziffra, pianist (1921-1994) (Hungary, with the support of France, Serbia, Slovenia and Poland)
24. 100th anniversary of the birth of Hanna Szenes, poet and hero of Jewish resistance (1921-1944) (Hungary, with the support of Serbia, Slovenia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
25. 800th anniversary of the death of Farid al-Din Abu Hamed Mohammad Attar Neishaburi, mystic and poet (1146? -1221?) (Islamic Republic of Iran, with the support of Afghanistan, France, Oman and Syrian Arab Republic)
26. 700th anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri, poet (1265-1321) (Italy, with the support of San Marino and Switzerland)
27. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ihsan Abbas, scholar (1920-2003) (Jordan)
28. 1150th anniversary of the birth of Abu Nasr Farabi (Al-Farabi), scholar and philosopher (870-950) (joint proposal of Kazakhstan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, with the support of Iraq, Russian Federation and Turkey)
29. 2200th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Shymkent (181 BCE) (Kazakhstan, with the support of Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Turkey)
30. 300th anniversary of the birth of Rabbi Elijah ben Solomon Zalman, known as the Vilna Gaon, thinker and writer (1720-1797) (Lithuania, with the support of Belarus, Poland, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies)
31. 100th anniversary of the birth of Marija Gimbutas (Gimbutienė), archaeologist (1921-1994) (Lithuania, with the support of Latvia, Germany and Pacifica Graduate Institute, United States of America)
32. 800th anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Karakorum city (1220) (Mongolia, with the support of Germany)

33. 100th anniversary of the birth of Eduardo Mondlane, intellectual and human-rights and people's-rights activist (1920-1969) (Mozambique, with the support of South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe)
34. 100th anniversary of the birth of Blaze Koneski, philologist and poet (1921-1993) (North Macedonia, with the support of Croatia and Montenegro)
35. 50th anniversary of the death of Parashqevi Qiriazi, pedagogue and intellectual (1880-1970) (North Macedonia, with the support of Albania, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey)
36. 100th anniversary of the death of Nasser bin Salem al-Rawahi (Abu Muslim al-Bahlani), poet (1860-1920) (Oman, with the support of Kuwait, Qatar and United Republic of Tanzania)
37. 100th anniversary of the birth of Karol Wojtyła, Pope John Paul II (1920-2005) (Poland, with the support of Hungary and Lithuania)
38. 50th anniversary of the reconstruction of the Royal Castle in Warsaw – the final stage of recovery of Warsaw and its society (1971) (Poland, with the support of Croatia and Czechia)
39. 100th anniversary of the birth of Amália Rodrigues, fado singer, composer and actress (1920-1999) (Portugal, with the support of Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, France, Mozambique and Spain)
40. 200th anniversary of the birth of Saint Andrew Kim Dae-Geon, priest (1821-1846) (Republic of Korea, with the support of France, the Philippines and Viet Nam)
41. 100th anniversary of the foundation of Institute for Serums and Vaccines (1921) (Romania, with the support of Bulgaria, France, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation and Serbia)
42. 100th anniversary of the birth of Eugen Coșeriu, linguist (1921-2002) (Romania, with the support of France, Germany, Greece, Republic of Moldova and Turkey)
43. 200th anniversary of the birth of Fyodor Dostoevsky, writer (1821-1881) (joint proposal of Belarus, Côte d'Ivoire, Italy, Mexico and Russian Federation, with the support of Brazil, Bulgaria, Cuba and Switzerland)
44. 150th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Bunin, writer (1870-1953) (Russian Federation, with the support of France, Romania and Uzbekistan)
45. 200th anniversary of the birth of Nikolay Nekrasov, writer (1821-1878) (Russian Federation, with the support of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Serbia and Slovakia)
46. 150th anniversary of the birth of Jovan Dučić, poet and writer (1871-1943) (Serbia, with the support of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary and Romania)
47. 100th anniversary of the death of Pavol Országh Hviezdoslav, poet (1849-1921) (Slovakia, with the support of Czechia and Poland)
48. 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Slovak National Theatre (1920) (Slovakia, with the support of Bulgaria and Czechia)
49. 700th anniversary of the birth of Kamol Khujandi (Kamoliddin Masud Khujandi), poet (1320-1401) (Tajikistan, with the support of Islamic Republic of Iran and Kyrgyzstan)
50. 5500th anniversary of the foundation of the ancient city of Sarazm (Tajikistan, with the support of Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)

51. 150th anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Ajaan Mun Bhuridatta Thera, monk (1870-1949) (Thailand, with the support of China, Republic of Korea and Viet Nam)
52. 100th anniversary of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Vajirañāṇavarorasa (Somdet Phra Maha Samana Chao Krom Phraya Vajirañāṇavarorasa) (1860-1921) (Thailand, with the support of China, Republic of Korea and Viet Nam)
53. 100th anniversary of the birth of Mohamed Laroussi Métoui, writer (1920-2005) (Tunisia, with the support of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO))
54. 750th anniversary of the death of Hacı Bektaş Veli, writer, poet, humanist, and philosopher (1209-1271) (Turkey, with the support of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, North Macedonia and Romania)
55. 1300th anniversary of the construction of the Bilge Tonyukuk Monument (720) (Turkey, with the support of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia and Uzbekistan)
56. 700th anniversary of the death of Yunus Emre, poet and Sufi philosopher (1241-1321) (Turkey, with the support of Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Uzbekistan)
57. 850th anniversary of the birth of Ahi Evran, philosopher and writer (1171-1261) (joint nomination of Turkey, Islamic Republic of Iran and Azerbaijan, with the support of North Macedonia and Romania)
58. 150th anniversary of the birth of Lesia Ukrainka, poet (1871-1913) (Ukraine, with the support of Germany and Georgia)
59. 650th anniversary of the death of Chu Văn An, educator (1292-1370) (Viet Nam, with the support of India, Republic of Korea and Thailand)