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Following the presentation of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra,
Russian Federation, at the UNESCO Headquarters
(28-29 October 2014, Paris, France)

On 29 October 2014, Ms Natalia Komarova, Governor of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra (Russian Federation) met with Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General, following the presentation of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris on 28-29 October 2014.

During the meeting, it was stated that the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra of the Russian Federation possesses rich and strong educational, cultural and scientific potential. It was stressed that the region also implements important measures for environmental protection, for the social and economic development of the indigenous peoples of the North and the preservation of their unique cultures, and for the development of an information society.

The long-standing, fruitful cooperation between the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra (Russian Federation) and UNESCO was highlighted in particular.

During the meeting, the potential participation of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra in UNESCO's various programmes was discussed. Ms Komarova named the following priority areas for possible cooperation in 2014 – 2021, subject to the availability of funds:

In Education:

1. involvement of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra in UNESCO's Education for All Programme and in the achievement of post-2015 development goals in the field of education;

2. development of a system of technical and vocational education and training through the enhancement of its quality and attractiveness to young people, in cooperation with existing UNEVOC Centres in the Russian Federation and other members of the UNEVOC Network in the region;

3. strengthening institutional capacities of the State-funded institution of secondary vocational education of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra boarding school - "Arts Center for Talented Children of the North" - to deliver technical and vocational education and training with the aim of meeting institutional requirements to become a UNEVOC Centre in the long-term;

4. strengthening the research and cooperation of the UNESCO Chair in Environmental Dynamics and Global Climate Change at the Yugra State University, with the UNESCO Chair on Global Problems and Emerging Social and Ethical Challenges for Large Cities and their Population at the M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University. The focus of the joint research is on the arising global and ethical challenges faced by northern regions;

5. participation of the Federal State-Funded Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education "Yugra State University" in UNESCO projects in the fields of ecology, information technologies and sustainable development; and,

6. broadening the participation of educational institutions of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra in the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network



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through the development of joint projects at the national, regional and international level as an efficient form of cooperation to disseminate knowledge on the priorities of UNESCO and the UN, and promote Education for Sustainable Development, as well as to foster tolerance and dialogue of cultures among the younger generation.

In Natural, Social and Human Sciences:

1. cooperation in the organization of the Annual International Ecological Action "To Save and to Preserve" in the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra;
2. participation of research institutes and experts of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra, including the specialists of the UNESCO Chair in Environmental Dynamics and Global Climate Change at the Yugra State University, in the activities of the UNESCO natural sciences programmes with a focus on climatic, hydrological and environmental problems, including the contribution of indigenous knowledge systems to environmental assessments, adaptation and resilience;
3. study the impact of climate change on water resources and ecosystems of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra within the framework of the UNESCO IHP and MAB programmes in particular. Consider the possibility of initiating a targeted cooperation with the UNESCO International Scientific Programmes (MAB, IHP, IGCP, IBSP), in order to catalyze on-the-ground implementation of identified action,
4. promotion of a culture of peace and nonviolence, a dialogue of cultures, moral values, human rights and democracy by strengthening the role of the humanities and philosophy, as well as studying the history of the peoples inhabiting the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra, their cultures and traditions, history and archaeology of the region;
5. development of the sports and traditional games of the northern indigenous peoples; and,
6. consideration of the establishment of a grant programme, to support promising projects proposed by young scientists in the field of the ecological and geological sciences, under the condition of the availability of extrabudgetary resources at UNESCO.

In Culture:

1. organization of the 2nd International Congress of Traditional Artistic Culture: Problems of Fundamental Research in Folk Arts (November 2014, the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra), and of the international festival of arts and crafts of the world's indigenous peoples "Yugra" (the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra) with UNESCO's advice on suitable experts;
2. organization of the 2nd international research conference "Siberian Ugrians in the Necklace of Subarctic Cultures: Similar and Unique" (October 2017, the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra) with UNESCO's advice on suitable experts;
3. cooperation in the organization of the activities of the "International Art Plein-Air" project in the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra, aimed at the promotion of professional visual arts; as well as support young artists of Yugra and promote Yugra northern indigenous peoples' unique culture, including the creative legacy of Yugra's artist Gennady Raishev;
4. establishment of one or more inventories of the intangible cultural heritage present in the territory of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra; and,
5. identification and safeguarding, together with the Yugra indigenous peoples of their tangible and intangible cultural heritage (knowledge systems,



rituals, shrines, sacred areas), facilitating the possible inclusion of their traditional rite "Bear Festival" on the Intangible Cultural Heritage Register of the Russian Federation.

In Communication and Information:

1. participation of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra in the UNESCO Information for All Programme;

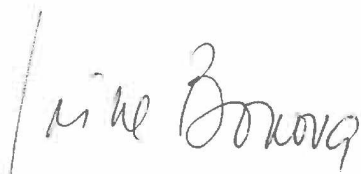
2. identification and preservation of research documents dedicated to the Ob river Ugric peoples in the archives of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra, and their inclusion on to the National Register of the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme; and,

3. cooperation in the organization of the International IT-Forum in the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area – Yugra including holding, within its framework, a Round-Table on Multilingualism in Cyberspace.

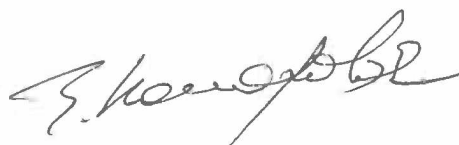
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