

RESOLUTION

**of the expert meeting and round-table discussion
“ICTs in higher education in CIS and Baltic States:
state-of-the-art, challenges and prospects for development”**

within International Forum

**“Information-Communication Technologies and Higher Education –
Priorities of Modern Society Development”
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Acknowledging the UNESCO significant role in creating knowledge society and considering UNESCO initiatives' relevance and importance aimed at ICT development in modern society and, in particular, in higher education, the participants of the Forum approved the following:

to support joint efforts of UNESCO and Member States governments in forming each country national policy on ICT in education development and usage;

to appeal to support strengthening of cooperation between UNESCO Moscow Office, Almaty UNESCO Office, UNESCO IITE, CIS and Baltic States governments and leading organizations and CIS and Baltic States institutions involved into ICT in education development and usage;

to recognize necessity of developing long-term intergovernmental telecommunication projects and other forms of cooperation on ICT in education and science development;

to express interest in developing experience exchange in the framework of cooperation between profile research and educational institutions by on-line forums, portals creation and other forms of interaction for regular dialogue to be carried;

to recommend UNESCO IITE, taking into account the International Forum outcomes, to stimulate activities on providing international and regional cooperation in the field of ICT application in higher education in order to systematize experience and develop national educational capacity;

to appeal to UNESCO IITE with proposal to create a working group on ICT application in higher education engaged specialists from all CIS and Baltic States and international experts;

to support initiative of International Forum “Information-Communication Technologies and Higher Education – Priorities of Modern Society Development”
recommend to appeal to UNESCO Headquarter and 2009 World UNESCO

Conference on Higher Education committee and suggest the following issues of ICT development in higher education to be discussed during the Conference:

- i. Forming and developing legal basis and regulatory framework for ICT usage in education, including higher education;
- ii. Ensuring principles of equality and accessibility of electronic educational resources, especially for people with special educational needs;
- iii. Raising quality of vocational training of students on the basis of ICTs, developing distance and trans-border training;
- iv. Staff training for efficient usage of ICTs in education;
- v. Implementing and improving ICT use in education management both at national and institutional levels;
- vi. Creating, disseminating and promoting usage of open educational resources and software in higher education;
- vii. Creating of multi-level ICT-competence monitoring and certification systems;
- viii. Multi-language internet resources enlargement, including multi-language glossary elaboration, aimed at education and science cooperation and multilingualism support.

to support the initiative of carrying out conferences and other activities similar to International Forum “Information-Communication Technologies and Higher Education – Priorities of Modern Society Development” for CIS and Baltic States on a regular basis under the umbrella of UNESCO;

to express their gratitude to Organizing Committee, UNESCO Moscow Office, State University of Aerospace Instrumentation, UNESCO IITE and National Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO for preparing and carrying out the International Forum “Information-Communication Technologies and Higher Education – Priorities of Modern Society Development”.