

**MINUTES OF DECISIONS
OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD
20 MARCH 2007**

(Geneva, Hotel Crowne Plaza, 9:30 am to 13:45 pm)

Chair:

Geneva	Mr Guy-Olivier Segond, <i>President of the Executive Committee</i>
Senegal	Mr Amadou Top, <i>Adviser to the President of Senegal, Vice-President of the Executive Committee</i>

Founding Member Participants:

Algeria	Mr Hasma Khelif <i>Minister Plenipotentiary</i>	representing H.E. Mr Idriss Jazaïry <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Algeria</i>
Burkina Faso	H.E. Mr Moussa B. Nebié <i>Chargé d'Affaires a.i.</i> <i>Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso</i> accompanied by Ms Elise Balina <i>Embassy Attaché</i>	
China	Mr Wang Chuan <i>Second Secretary</i>	representing H.E. Mr Sha Zukang <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China</i>
France	Mr Christophe Guilhou <i>Deputy Permanent Representative</i> Mr Gilles Barrier <i>Minister Counsellor</i>	representing H.E. Mr Jean-Maurice Ripert <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of France</i>
Geneva City Council	Mr Christian Ferrazino <i>Member of Geneva City Council</i> <i>Spokesperson of the DSF</i> accompanied by Ms Laurence Wiedmer <i>Head of the External Relations Department,</i> <i>Geneva City Council</i>	
Ghana	H.E. Kwame Bawuah-Duodu <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Ghana</i> accompanied by Mr Lomotey <i>Minister Counsellor</i>	

Equatorial Guinea	Mr Sisinio Eyebe Mbana Makina <i>Chargé d'Affaires, Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea</i>	
Kenya	Mr Philippe Owada <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Kenya</i> accompanied by Ms Jean W. Kimani <i>Minister Counsellor</i>	
Lyon City Council	Mr Jean Pouly <i>Digital Solidarity and Information Society Project Manager, Lyon City Council</i>	representing Mr Gérard Collomb <i>French Senator and Mayor of Lyon</i>
Morocco	H.E. Mr Mohammed Loulichki <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Morocco</i> accompanied by Mr Nour-Eddine Halhoul <i>Minister Counsellor</i>	
Mauritania	H.E. Mr Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed Lemine <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Mauritania</i>	
Nigeria	H.E. Mr Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Nigeria</i> accompanied by Mr Gbara Awanen <i>Minister Counsellor</i>	
OIF	Mr Pietro Sicuro <i>Director INTIF</i>	representing H.E. Mr Abdou Diouf <i>Secretary-General of the OIF</i>
Piedmont Region	Ms Giulia Marcone <i>Head of International Affairs, Piedmont Region</i> accompanied by Mr Nicolas Pignatelli <i>International Affairs Department</i>	representing Ms Mercedes Bresso <i>President of the Piedmont Region</i>
Dominican Republic	H.E. Mr Homero Luis Hernandez Sanchez <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic</i>	
Senegal	H.E. Mr Moussar Bocar Ly <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Senegal</i> accompanied by Mr Ababacar Diop <i>Special NICT Advisor to the President</i>	
Tanzania	H.E. Mr Matern Y. C. Lumbanga <i>Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Tanzania</i> accompanied by Mr Baraka Luvanda <i>Minister Counsellor</i>	

Civil society participants:

African civil society	Ms Nnenna Nwakanma <i>Foundation Board Member</i>	
Latin American civil society	Mr Paolo Lima <i>President, RITS</i>	representing Mr Daniel Pimienta <i>Foundation Board Member</i>

Private sector participants:

StratXX Holding SA	Mr Kamal Alavi, CEO accompanied by Mr Volker Eberling, <i>Partner</i> Mr Marco Bobbio-Pallavicini, <i>Head of Research</i>	
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DSF Executive Secretariat:

Mr Alain Clerc, Executive Secretary, DSF
Ms Elena Ursache, Projects Section Manager, DSF
Mr Mehdy Davary, IT Section Manager, DSF
Mr Ayuba Kadafa, Director of the Africa Regional Office, DSF
Ms H�el�ene Herdt, Management Assistant, DSF
Ms Tania Zinoviev, Projects Assistant, DSF
Mr Denis Inkei, Communication Consultant

Excused:

Mr Juan Jos�e Ibarretxe, President of the Basque Country
Mr Pape Diop, Mayor of Dakar
Mr Bertrand Delano�e, Mayor of Paris
Mr Roberto Salcedo, Mayor of Santo Domingo

Absent:

H.E. Mr Abdulwahab Abdulsalam Attar, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia
Mr Jean-Jack Queyranne, President of the Rh�one-Alpes Region

1. AGENDA AND MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF 20 MARCH 2006

The President welcomed the members, particularly Ababacar Diop, Special Advisor to Mr Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal and founding father of the DSF. He gave a special welcome to the representatives of StratXX, the first private company to have joined the DSF.

The President noted the apologies for absence from the representatives of the Basque Country, Dakar City Council, Paris City Council and Santo Domingo City Council.

1.1 Agenda

The representative of the French Republic asked for point 8.2 to be moved to section 9, *Other Business*, and renamed "*Charte d'éthique et de civilité commune aux usagers de l'Internet*" (Charter of Common Ethics and Etiquette for Internet Users).

The agenda, including the above-mentioned modification, was adopted.

1.2 Minutes of the 1st meeting of 20 March 2006

The President reviewed the minutes of the Foundation Board meeting of 20 March 2006, page by page.

On page 4, letter c), 3rd paragraph, the representative of the French Republic requested that the text "*and endeavour to determine the value thereof*" be added to the end of the sentence.

On page 8, point 11.7, letter b), the representative of the French Republic proposed the following wording:

"the Delegation for Internet Use of the French Ministry of National Education, of 17 March 2006 (see Appendix 3). The proposed Ethical Charter will be translated into English and Spanish and placed on the agenda of the next Board for discussion."

The minutes of the 1st meeting of the Foundation Board of 20 March 2006 were adopted with the above two changes.

2. ORGANS AND MEMBERS

2.1 Composition of organs

a) Foundation Board

The Board took note of the list of members and representatives.

b) Executive Committee

The Board took note of the list of members of the Executive Committee.

c) Scientific Committee

The Executive Secretary presented the Scientific Committee, which is in the process of being set up. It has equal representation and is composed of ICT experts put forward by the Regional Economic Commissions of the United Nations. The arrangements for cooperation between the Commissions and the DSF are established in cooperation agreements.

At present, the Scientific Committee is composed of:

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA):

- Mr Makane Faye, Senior Advisor on ICT & Manager of the Information Technology Centre for Africa
- Ms Aida Opoku-Mensah, Acting Director, Development Information Services Division

Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC):

- Mr João Carlos Ferraz, Director of Production of the Productivity and Management Division
- Mr Martin Hilbert, Executive Coordinator, Information Society Programme

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA):

- Ms Nibal Idlebi, First IT Officer, Information and Communication Technology Division
- Mr Rami Zaatari, First IT Officer, Information and Communication Technology Division

Cooperation agreements are currently being discussed with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

The Board discussed where the meetings of the Scientific Committee would be held and the Committee's areas of competence, particularly with regard to knowledge of community structures.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that the first meeting of the Scientific Committee would soon be organised in Geneva, at the offices of the Fund. As soon as possible, meetings will be transferred to Lyon, in accordance with the Statutes.

d) Executive Secretariat and Africa Regional Office

The Executive Secretariat is currently composed of:

- the Executive Secretary, Mr Alain Clerc;
- one Projects Section Manager, Ms Elena Ursache;
- one IT Section Manager, Mr Mehdy Davary;
- one Director of the Africa Regional Office, Mr Ayuba Kadafa;
- one Management Assistant, Ms H el ene Herdt;
- one Projects Assistant, Ms Tania Zinoviev.

The Executive Secretary and the Director of the Africa Regional Office presented the mission of the Office and its first activities. They emphasized the importance for the DSF of being represented on the African continent, especially to maintain ongoing links with all the stakeholders in Africa, particularly the heads of the African Union (AU). They mentioned the role of the Office in preparing the DSF's participation in the next AU Summit, scheduled for 3 July 2007, in Accra. They also acknowledged the contribution of the Nigerian government, which has provided the DSF with premises and equipment to enable it to carry out its activities in Africa.

Replying to various questions, the Director of the Africa Regional Office explained that the mission of the Office is clearly set out in the cooperation agreement concluded between the DSF and the Nigerian government and that the said agreement is included as an appendix to the 2006 Annual Review.

The President concluded the discussion by stressing the importance of the opening of the Africa Regional Office in terms of gaining useful experience, over the coming years, for the possible opening of additional regional offices.

2.2 Members

a) Founding Members

A list of the Founding Members, at 20 March 2007, was adopted by the Board.

b) Statement of contributions

The Executive Secretary presented the list of contributions of the Founding Members, as at 20 March 2007. He explained that some contributions are being paid in instalments and answered questions from the members regarding the status and actual payments of particular contributions.

In the light of these explanations, the Board adopted the list of contributions of Founding Members, as at 20 March 2007.

c) Definition of the status of Founding Member

The President submitted the Executive Committee's proposed definition of the status of Founding Member to the Board.

The Board adopted the proposal and asked the Executive Committee to present an appraisal of this decision at the next Foundation Board, particularly with regard to the balance of the geographical distribution of Founding Members.

3. GENERAL POLICY REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President presented his general policy report, dated 20 March 2007, for the 12 months of activity from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006. The Council reviewed the report, page by page.

Geneva City Council emphasized the importance of leading by example by effectively applying the "1% digital solidarity" principle. It invited other local authorities to show their commitment by joining it in implementing the innovative financing mechanism proposed by the DSF.

The Board adopted the general policy report of the President.

4. 2006 ANNUAL REVIEW

The President reviewed the 2006 Annual Review, page by page.

The Executive Secretary and the President replied to the various questions and requests for clarification from the members.

The discussion mainly focused on:

- Participation in the pilot group for solidarity contributions for development;
- The difficulties encountered in spreading the adoption of the "1% digital solidarity" principle;
- The benefits of providing, in the Annual Review, brief information about the implementation of projects co-financed by the DSF;
- The suspended project in the Dominican Republic.

Replying to questions, the Executive Secretary explained that an evaluation of the pilot projects, which began at the end of 2005, is still premature. He informed the Board that the projects are progressing well and that the Secretariat is committed to evaluating them in the course of 2007.

The Board congratulated the Secretariat on its achievements, highlighting its work on publicising the DSF.

In the light of the explanations provided, the Board adopted the 2006 Annual Review, with the addition of a paragraph regarding the project that had been planned in the Dominican Republic. It requested that the 2007 Review include brief, factual information about the projects supported by the DSF.

5. FINANCES

5.1 Statement of source and application of funds

The President presented the comparative statement of the source and application of funds of the DSF for 2005 and 2006.

5.2 Accounts 2006

5.2.1 Profit and loss statement 2006

The President carried out a line-by-line review of the various sections and figures in the profit and loss statement. During this detailed examination, the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer provided the necessary explanations and clarifications.

5.2.2 Balance sheet 2006

The President carried out a line-by-line review of the various sections and figures on the balance sheet as at 31 December 2006. During this detailed examination, the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer provided the necessary explanations and clarifications.

5.2.3 Auditor's report

The representative of the auditors read out the auditor's report of 27 February 2007, a dated and signed copy of which was given to all members of the Board. He recommended that the accounts be approved.

5.2.4 Discussion and adoption

The discussion focused on the *Communication strategy* and *Third party mandates* items, where overspending had been recorded. The Executive Secretary explained that the Africa Regional Office had not been included in the 2006 budget and underlined the importance of the communication strategy for DSF.

The Board adopted the profit and loss statement and balance sheet for 2006.

5.3 2007 Draft Budget

5.3.1 Presentation

The President carried out a line-by-line review of the various sections and figures in the 2007 Draft Budget. During this detailed examination, the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer provided the necessary explanations and clarifications.

5.3.2 Discussion and adoption

The discussion centred on the precautionary principle and the importance of putting maximum effort into projects undertaken, right until completion.

Replying to questions about the revenue expected from application of the digital solidarity contribution and the contributions of the Founding Members, the President explained that the 2007 budget had been based on realistic expectations of both income and spending. He also mentioned the steps taken by the DSF to obtain European Union funds earmarked for financing community-based development projects on the African continent.

After the discussion, the Board adopted the 2007 budget.

6. OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

6.1. Draft regulations regarding the processing of requests for funding

The President presented Draft No. 8 of the Regulations regarding the processing of requests for funding, dated 16 March 2007. He explained that the said regulations had been the subject of numerous consultations and proposed that the Board adopt them. He said that it was necessary to reach a decision regarding the number of years that the organisation presenting the project must have existed in order for a project to be eligible.

The President went through Draft No. 8 of the Regulations regarding the processing of requests for funding, article-by-article and page-by-page.

Article 1 was adopted without comment.

Article 2 was adopted without comment.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 3 were adopted without comment.

Article 3, items 3 and 4, were discussed. The President described the positions of Nigeria, speaking on behalf of the African Union, and France, concerning the number of years that the organisation presenting the project must have existed in order for its project to be eligible. Nigeria thinks that applications should be accepted from organisations that have existed for less than two years, while France considers that funding applications from organisations that have existed for less than two years should not be accepted.

A discussion ensued, primarily regarding:

- the importance of reliable and experienced organisations, to ensure effective execution of projects;
- the difficulties linked to the reality on the ground and contexts of instability in which organisations have necessarily been recently formed, as well as the need to promote development in certain particularly marginalised regions;
- the reliability of local authorities.

After the discussion, the President summed up the different arguments and put to the vote of the Board the following amended versions of Article 3, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5:

“ Article 3

[...]

3. *To obtain financing by the Fund, if the organisation presenting the project has existed for more than two years, it must submit the following documents with its application:*
 - a) *the statutes of the organisation;*
 - b) *a list of organs and senior members of the organisation;*
 - c) *its activity reports, **accounts and balance sheets, certified by the local authorities;***
4. *To obtain financing by the Fund, if the organisation presenting the project has existed for less than two years, it must submit the following documents with its request for financing:*
 - a) *the statutes of the organisation;*

- b) *a list of organs and senior members of the organisation;*
- c) *a certificate from the local authorities **regarding:***
 - ***the competencies and experience of the organisation and its senior members;***
 - ***the activities of the organisation in the twelve months prior to filing the application;***
 - ***the public interest of the project submitted;***

5. The Fund reserves the right to obtain any additional documents or information it considers necessary.”

This new wording was adopted by 17 votes to 1, with no abstentions.

Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted without comment.

Article 8 was adopted with the following wording:

*“Once a decision has been made to fund a project, a monitoring procedure, consisting of at least a written summary quarterly report **from the beneficiary organisation** and a written detailed annual report must be put in place. These arrangements are set out in Article 7, paragraph 3 of the aforementioned contract.”*

Article 9, paragraph 1, was adopted without comment.

Article 9, paragraph 2, was adopted by 16 votes to 1, with no abstentions, with the following wording:

*“2. The Executive Secretary must send the final report and, where applicable, the independent evaluation, to the Executive Committee, which will verify the correct execution of the project. The Scientific Committee, **the Foundation Board** and the organisation presenting the project will be informed.”*

The draft regulations for the procedure for the processing of funding applications were adopted, in their entirety, by the Board. They came into force on 21 March 2007 and are enclosed in the appendix to these minutes.

6.2 List of funding requests for funding submitted

The Board took note of the list of funding applications submitted.

6.3 List of pilot projects

The Board took note of the list of pilot projects.

7. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2007

The Executive Secretary presented the work programme for 2007, dated 20 March 2007, briefly outlining the organisational, operational and administrative aspects thereof.

The discussion focused on the importance of using traditional sources of funding as a temporary solution to cover the transition phase between political support for the "1% digital solidarity" principle and its widespread application. The issue of the geographical distribution of resources was also addressed: the Board stressed the importance of building closer relations with Latin America.

8. PROPOSAL FROM FOUNDING MEMBERS

The Board took note of the letter from Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, in which he asks the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to detach a representative to work with the DSF.

The President reminded the Board that any person working for the DSF and remunerated by a member State is under the sole authority of the Executive Secretary.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Information about various technologies designed to reduce costs

The President informed the Board that a presentation of such technologies would take place that afternoon; he invited the members to attend.

9.2 Amendment of the statutes

The President informed the members that they could submit proposals for amendments to the statutes to each meeting of the Foundation Board. Such proposals will be grouped together for adoption. Given that amendment of the statutes is a long and costly procedure, the DSF will address this matter once sufficient proposals have been received.

9.3 Calendar of upcoming international events

The Board took note of the list of upcoming international events.

9.4 Next Foundation Board meeting

The Board decided that the next Foundation Board meeting would take place on 20 March 2008, unless an extraordinary meeting is called in the meantime.

9.5 Other business

9.5.1 Ethical and Civility Charter for the Common Use of the Internet

The French representative underlined France's commitment to the ethical use of the Internet. He specified that the said charter is not intended for international use, but is proposed at a ministerial (rather than governmental) level. He proposed that the Board take note of this document.

The Board took note of the Ethical and Civility Charter for the Common Use of the Internet.

9.5.2 Contract awarded to the World Digital Solidarity Agency

The representatives of France and Senegal expressed their concern regarding the cost of the contract awarded by the DSF to the World Digital Solidarity Agency.

The President noted these comments. It was decided that the said contract would be discussed at the next Foundation Board meeting, with full details.

After thanking the participants, the Executive Committee, the Secretariat and the interpreters, the President closed the meeting at 13:45 pm.



Annex: Regulations regarding the processing of requests for financing, dated 20 March 2007
(entering into force on 21 March 2007)

REGULATIONS
REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR FINANCING
of 20 March 2007

SECTION I

OBJECTIVE AND PROCEDURE

Article 1

With a view to bridging the digital divide and creating new activities, new jobs and, in the long run, new markets, the Global Digital Solidarity Fund (hereinafter referred to as *the Fund*) participates in the financing of community development projects involving the use of information technology (hereinafter referred to as the *projects*).

Article 2

1. Receipt of requests for financing addressed to the Fund in the form of a comprehensive project proposal is acknowledged to the applicant within 10 days, by the same ways and means as the request.
2. Following mailing of the receipt, the request for financing is processed in three stages as follows:
 - a) **an admissibility phase** (maximum duration 20 days): the project is subjected to a summary examination, resulting, where applicable, in the decision to proceed;
 - b) **an evaluation phase** (maximum duration 60 days following the decision to proceed): the project is subjected to a detailed examination;
 - c) **a selection phase** (maximum duration 10 days following the evaluation phase): on the basis of the results of the detailed examination, a decision is taken on the financing of the project, as appropriate.
3. Once the decision to proceed has been taken, the requests for financing follow a step-by-step process handled through an internal electronic platform.
4. Once a decision has been taken to finance the project, a follow-up procedure – comprising a summary quarterly report and a detailed annual report – is put in place up to the effective execution of the project, at which time a final evaluation report is issued.

SECTION II

SUMMARY EXAMINATION AND DECISION TO PROCEED

Article 3

1. Once the request for financing has been acknowledged, the Executive Secretariat of the Fund undertakes a summary examination of the project and of the organization proposing it. This summary examination covers the project's conformity with the criteria defined by the Fund and the structures, activities and managers of the organization presenting the project.
2. To obtain financing by the Fund, the project must satisfy the following conditions:
 - a) it must be a community development project making use of information technology (telephony, radio broadcasting, television, computer science, Internet, etc.), amounting to less than 500,000 euros, over one or several years, in the framework of a given national policy and addressing the insolvent demand;
 - b) it must be adapted to the real needs of the populations and conditions in the field, respectful of local know-how, developed in partnership with local or decentralised public institutions (schools, hospitals, community centres, etc.), and readily replicable in other communities;
 - c) it must be based on at least one public sector / private sector / civil society partnership, ensure the traceability of its financial backing and benefit from at least one other source of financing;
 - d) preferably, it should come from a women's organization and, if possible, involve South-South cooperation.
3. To obtain financing by the Fund, if the organisation presenting the project has existed for more than two years, it must submit the following documents with its request for financing:
 - d) the statutes of the organisation;
 - e) a list of organs and senior members of the organisation;
 - f) its activity reports, accounts and balance sheets, certified by the local authorities;
4. To obtain financing by the Fund, if the organisation presenting the project has existed for less than two years, it must submit the following documents with its request for financing:
 - d) the statutes of the organisation;
 - e) a list of organs and senior members of the organisation;
 - f) a certificate from the local authorities regarding:

- the competencies and experience of the organisation and its senior members;
 - the activities of the organisation in the twelve months prior to filing the application;
 - the public interest of the project submitted.
5. The Fund reserves the right to obtain any additional documents or information it considers necessary.

Article 4

1. On the basis of the results of the summary examination, the Executive Secretary presents a draft decision to the Executive Committee, which decides without appeal:
- a) to proceed;
 - b) not to proceed.
2. The Executive Secretary communicates the Executive Committee's decision to the organization presenting the project by the same ways and means as the acknowledgement of receipt.

SECTION III

DETAILED EXAMINATION

Article 5

1. On the basis of the decision to proceed on the part of the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretary charges the Scientific Committee with a detailed examination of the project.
2. The detailed examination of the project carried out by the Scientific Committee covers, among other things, the following items:
- a) its appropriateness;
 - b) its feasibility;
 - c) its usefulness;
 - d) its durability;
 - e) its reliability;
 - f) its replicability;
 - g) its cost-efficiency;
 - h) the result indicators;

- i) the traceability of the financial contributions;
 - j) the procedures for implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
 - k) the contribution of information technology and verification of the technical aspects (satellites and networks, links and connections, hardware and software, local content, skills, implementation, etc.).
3. In the case of complex projects or those presenting specific problems, the Scientific Committee, within a period of 10 days following its receipt, may delegate the detailed examination of the project to qualified contractors, in particular to:
- a) the World Agency for Digital Solidarity, Lyons, France;
 - b) the International Agency for Computer Training, Turin, Italy.

In the above cases, the maximum duration of the detailed examination phase of the project is extended to 90 days.

Article 6

- 1. The Scientific Committee submits the evaluation report – either internal or external – to the Executive Secretary, accompanied by a technical notification.
- 3. The Executive Secretary transmits the evaluation report and the Scientific Committee’s technical notification to the Executive Committee, accompanied by a financial notification.

SECTION IV

DECISION

Article 7

- 1. The Executive Committee decides without appeal to grant or to refuse the requested financing. Where applicable, it determines the sum to be financed and the payment schedule.
- 2. The Executive Secretary communicates the Executive Committee’s decision to the organization presenting the project by the same ways and means as the acknowledgement of receipt. The Scientific Committee is informed.
- 3. Relations between the organisation presenting the project and the Fund are established through a written contract, signed by the Executive Secretary, namely setting the amount of the financing, the planning of instalments, the monitoring reports and the conditions posed for good project execution.
- 4. Three times per year, the Foundation Board is informed of the decisions taken by the Executive Committee.

SECTION V

FOLLOW-UP AND FINAL EVALUATION

Article 8

1. Once a decision has been made to fund a project, a monitoring procedure must be put in place, consisting of at least a written summary quarterly report from the beneficiary organisation, and a written detailed annual report. These arrangements are set out in Article 7, paragraph 3 of the aforementioned contract.

Article 9

1. When the project has been completed, the organisation that presented it communicates a final report to the Executive Secretary, who, when applicable, can request an independent review.
2. The final report and, when applicable, the independent review, are transmitted by the Executive Secretary to the Executive Committee, which takes note of the satisfactory execution of the project. The Scientific Committee, the Foundation Board and the organisation that presented the project are informed.

SECTION VI

Article 10

The present Regulations enter into force on 21 March 2007.