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Re: TRANSMISSION OF LETTER RE ECOSOC COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Your Excellency, Dear Colleague, Dear Ambassador Kapambwe,

I am pleased and honored to transmit the letter of EUCLIDE Secretary-General Syed Zahid Ali to your attention, in view of which I would be grateful if you would include in the Bureau and Council's upcoming sessions as agenda item EUCLIDE's possible designation of as ECOSOC intergovernmental organization observer on a continuing basis (cf. Rule 79 of the Rules of Procedure). It would certainly be timely if this request could be reviewed before the upcoming UNGA which would allow Secretary-General Syed Zahid Ali to come in person to New York in September / October 2011.

If needed, this letter and its attachments may be circulated as an official document of the ECOSOC Council.

Being familiar with implementation of the EUCLID programs, I am sure that this institution's participation in

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ECOSOC as observer on a continuing basis will offer a welcome contribution.

Hoping therefore for a favorable outcome to this procedure, I take this opportunity to convey the assurance of my most sincere consideration.

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June 24, 2011

RE: EUCLIDE PARTICIPATION IN ECOSOC

Your Excellency, Dear Ambassador Kapambwe,

I am pleased to write to you as Secretary-General of EUCLIDE (Pôle Universitaire Euclide / Euclid University) to request your support in registering our institution as an intergovernmental organization with the status of observer on a continuing basis with the Economic and Social Council.

EUCLIDE is a voluntary and specialized intergovernmental organization established in 2008 as an educational framework having international legal personality and a university charter. It is listed by the UNESCO-based International Association of Universities as one of the world's 5 regional / international institutions, along with the United Nations University, the European University Institute, the Word Maritime University and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute.¹

EUCLIDE's primary mandate it to provide educational support to its Participating States and to be a source of scholarly yet practical publications and textbooks in the area of

¹ http://www.iau-aiu.net/content/list-heis



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sustainable economic development, international relations, education sector development, and inter-religious dialogue (notably between Christianity and Islam).

In view of the completion of our institutional processes (namely the filing of our constitutive instruments by the Permanent Mission of Eritrea in December 2010 with the Treaty Section, followed by the registration of our headquarters agreement in April 2011 by the Permanent Mission of the Central African Republic), we would also like to be able to be of service to the wider UN community, especially through ECOSOC participation under Rule 79.

I believe that EUCLIDE's specialized mandate in the area of education and towards developing States is relevant to the priorities of the Council, and that access to education through technology and public-private partnership is one area where we hope to offer constructive input to the UN community via the ECOSOC forum. It is for this reason that our organization was invited by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as consulting expert in 2009.²

For the purpose of this procedure, please find attached an information sheet presenting our organization which counts 10 Participating States, including the Union of the Comoros as transmitting Party and current member of the ECOSOC Council.

Remaining at your disposal should any other information or documentation be needed, I would like to express, Dear Ambassador and ECOSOC President, the assurance of my sincere appreciation for your facilitation of this procedure as well as the expression of my highest consideration.

Syed Zahid Ali Secretary-General

² http://www.unctad.org/en/docs//ciem1d3 en.pdf

Feuille d'information préparée pour ECOSOC - Juin 2011

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Note: Le nom et les emblèmes d'EUCLIDE sont protégés en application de l'Article 6ter de la Convention de Paris :

http://www.wipo.int/ipdl/en/6ter/

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Secrétaire-Général: Syed Zahid Ali

Présentation:

EUCLIDE (Pôle Universitaire EUCLIDE / Université d'Euclide) est une organisation internationale intergouvernementale dotée d'une charte universitaire et créée en 2008.

Note: Collection des traités des Nations Unies: LA 41 TR/16092008

Ses Etats participants sont Saint Vincent et les Grenadines, Sierra Leone, l'Érythrée, l'Ouganda, le Vanuatu, le Sénégal, les Comores, le Burundi, la République centrafricaine et le Timor-Leste. En tant qu'institution autonome, EUCLIDE est le résultat de l'adoption par les États participants des programmes académiques développés par le « Pôle d'Extension Universitaire Euclide » qui est un consortium d'universités (dirigé par les universités de Bangui et de N'Djamena) établi en 2005.

La mission principale d'EUCLIDE est de former les cadres et diplomates des gouvernements participants ainsi que des groupes d'intérêt spéciaux telles que les femmes. EUCLIDE offre aussi des services spécialisés et de l'expertise-conseil dans les domaines suivants: droit international, développement durable, et dialogue interreligieux.

EUCLIDE est classé par l'Association Internationale des Universités (basée à l'UNESCO) parmi les 5 institutions régionales et internationales du monde, un groupe qui inclue l'Université de Nations Unies, l'Institut Universitaire Européen et 2 Instituts de formation maritime liés à l'ONU.

EUCLIDE est également un partenaire éducatif pour d'autres organisations intergouvernementales: la CEDEAO (Communauté Economique des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest), la CICI (Chambre Islamique de Commerce et d'Industrie, une institution de l'Organisation de la Conférence islamique) et le CAFRAD (Centre Africain de Formation et de Recherche pour le Développement).

Puisque le Conseil Economique et Social vise à favoriser la participation du monde universitaire et éducationnel aux travaux des Nations Unies, EUCLIDE souhaite jouer un rôle actif comme observateur dans les domaines de discussion suivants: dialogue interreligieux (notamment entre le Christianisme et l'Islam), l'accès universel à l'éducation par le biais de la technologie, de développement économique durable, la médiation et résolution des conflits.

Information sheet prepared for ECOSOC – June 2011



Note: EUCLIDE's name and emblems are protected under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention:

http://www.wipo.int/ipdl/en/6ter/

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Secretary General: Syed Zahid Ali

Overview:

EUCLIDE (Pôle Universitaire EUCLIDE / Euclid University) is an international intergovernmental organization endowed with a university charter, established in 2008.

Note: United Nations Treaty Section reference: LA 41 TR/16092008

Its Participating States are Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Eritrea, Uganda, Vanuatu, Senegal, Comoros, Burundi, Central African Republic and Timor-Leste. As an autonomous institution, EUCLIDE is the result of the adoption by the Participating States of academic programs developed by the "Pôle d'Extension Universitaire Euclide," a consortium of universities (led by the University of Bangui and the University of N'Djamena) established in 2005.

EUCLIDE's primary mission is to train government staff and groups of special interest for its Participating States, but also to offer specialized services and consulting expertise in the following areas: e-government, international law, sustainable development, inter-religious dialogue.

EUCLIDE is listed by the UNESCO-based International Association of Universities as of the world's five regional / international institutions along with the United Nations Universities, the European University Institute, and 2 UN-related maritime education institutes.

EUCLIDE is also an educational partner and provider for other intergovernmental bodies: ECOWAS (Economic African Community of Western African States), ICCI (Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, an institution of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and CAFRAD (African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development).

Before ECOSOC aims at fostering academic participating in the work of the United Nations, EUCLIDE feels that it has a valuable role to play as observer in the following areas of discussion: inter-religious dialogue (notably between Christianity and Islam), universal access to education through technology, sustainable economic development, mediation and conflict resolution.

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

UNTS REFERENCE: LA 41 TR/16092008 ACCORD ET STATUTS --- AGREEMENT AND STATUTES¹

MULTILATÉRAL

Accord Cadre mis à jour concernant la Participation des Parties à EUCLIDE telle que constituée et définie ici.

MULTILATERAL

Updated Framework Agreement regarding the Parties' Participation in EUCLID as Constituted and Defined herein.

¹ Updated in 2009; the initial 'Open Memorandum of Understanding' entered into force on 16 April 2008 (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Eritrea, Vanuatu, Senegal, Comoros, Burundi, Timor-Leste). The 'Updated Framework Agreement' came into force on 03 September 2009, i.e. "on the date of signature by two Parties" in accordance Article VI:

Government	Date of definitive signature (or deposit of instrument of accession)	
Senegal *	03 August 2009 (definitive signature)	
Comoros *	03 September 2009 (definitive signature)	

Subsequently, the agreement came into force for the following Governments on the day of definitive signature in accordance with Article VI:

Government	Date of definitive signature (or deposit of instrument of accession)	
Sierra Leone *	25 September 2009 (definitive signature)	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines *	01 October 2009 (definitive signature)	
Burundi	25 May 2010 (definitive signature)	
Central African Republic *	31 May 2010 (definitive signature)	
Eritrea * (with reservation)	12 August 2010 (definitive signature)	
Timor-Leste	17 May 2011 (definitive signature)	

^(*) indicates the States that have completed their Article 102 submission to the UN Secretariat as of June 2011.

ACCORD CADRE MIS A JOUR CONCERNANT LA PARTICIPATION DES PARTIES A EUCLIDE TELLE QUE CONSTITUÉE ET DÉFINIE ICI

Les Parties Participantes,

S'appuyant sur divers accords signés entre 2005 et 2008;

Cherchant à promouvoir le Développement Durable de leurs nations, en particulier par la promotion de l'accès à l'éducation supérieure certains groupes spécifiques tel que les femmes, les officiels et fonctionnaires éligibles, ainsi que pour le grand public ;

Conviennent comme suit:

Article I

Les Parties participent déjà et continuent à participer à EUCLIDE / EUCLID (Euclid University) (pouvant aussi être appelé Pôle Universitaire Euclide) qui a déjà et qui continue à avoir la personnalité juridique internationale, un statut sans but lucratif, et les capacités telles que nécessaire à l'exercice de ses fonctions et pour accomplir ses objectifs. EUCLID (Euclid University) est déjà et continue à être éligible pour la protection de sa propriété intellectuelle par l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle en accord avec l'Article 6ter de la Convention de Paris.

Afin d'assurer l'utilité internationale des formations offertes, EUCLIDE est autorisée à conférer des diplômes, titres et certificats accrédités par les ministères de l'Education des Parties Participantes. EUCLIDE, membre du Consortium Euclide, reçoit le mandat de faciliter l'accès universel à l'éducation supérieure et de promouvoir l'acquisition du savoir et des compétences sous la supervision des ministères de l'Education et des Affaires Etrangères des Parties Participantes.

Article II

Les Parties Participantes ne prennent aucun engagement budgétaire ou financier en rapport avec EUCLIDE au-delà de contributions volontaires. Elles ne seront pas non plus responsables, individuellement ou collectivement, pour aucune dette, passif ou obligations contractés par l'institution.

Article III

Les opérations d'EUCLIDE sont régulées par ses statuts (considérés comme Annexe) qui sont postés officiellement à www.euclid.int/statutes.pdf

Article IV

Tout Etat ou entité éligible pourra à tout moment notifier le Secrétaire Général (précédemment aussi désigné comme Président Exécutif) d'EUCLIDE de sa requête de

participer à l'organisation. Si la requête est approuvée, la participation deviendra effective 15 jours après la date de dépôt de l'instrument approprié.

Article V

Cet accord cadre peut être modifié par accord mutuel des Parties, le Secrétaire Général d'EUCLIDE agissant comme dépositaire pour enregistrement sous Article 102 auprès du Secrétariat Général des Nations Unies.

Article VI

Ce mémorandum multilatéral et ouvert renouvelle et met à jour l'accord précédent déjà approuvé par 8 Parties et il entre en vigueur à la date de signature par deux Parties. Il reste en vigueur pour chaque Partie jusqu'à sa déclaration d'intention de terminer sa participation en fournissant au Secrétaire Général une notification écrite au moins six mois avant la rescision de sa participation.

	, ,	en accordance avec les procédures activité initiée avant sa résiliation.
FAIT àen anglais ou français (les deux textes ayant la même v	en deux exemplaires alidité).

UPDATED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PARTIES' PARTICIPATION IN EUCLID AS CONSTITUTED AND DEFINED HEREIN

The Participating Parties,

Building on the results of various agreements signed between 2005 and 2008;

Seeking to promote the Sustainable Development of their nations, especially by promoting accessibility to higher education for special service groups such as women, eligible government officials and staff, as well as for the general public;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties are and shall continue to participate in EUCLID (Euclid University) (also properly called Pôle Universitaire Euclide) which already has and shall continue to have international legal personality, not-for-profit status, and such capacities as may be necessary to exercise its functions and fulfill its objectives. EUCLID (Euclid University) already is and shall continue to be eligible for intellectual property protection by the World Intellectual Property Organization under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention.

In order to ensure the international usefulness of the programs offered, EUCLID already is and shall continue to be chartered to confer diplomas, degrees and completion certificates accredited by the ministries of education of the Participating Parties. EUCLID, a member of the Euclid Consortium, receives the ongoing mandate to facilitate universal access to higher education and to foster the acquisition of knowledge and competencies under the supervision of the ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs of the Participating Parties.

Article II

The Participating Parties shall not be required to provide financial support to EUCLID beyond voluntary contributions, nor shall they be responsible, individually or collectively, for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the institution.

Article III

EUCLID's operations are and shall continue to be regulated by its statutes (considered as Annex) which are posted officially at www.euclid.int/statutes.pdf

Article IV

Any State or eligible entity may at any time notify the EUCLID Secretary General (formerly also designated as Executive President) of its request to participate in the organization. If the request is approved, participation shall become effective 15 days after the date of deposit of the proper instrument.

Article V

This framework agreement can be modified by mutual agreement of the Parties, the EUCLID Secretary General acting as depositary for Article 102 registration with the UN Secretariat General.

Article VI

This multilateral and open memorandum renews and updates the previous agreement already approved by 8 Participating Parties and it shall enter into force on the date of signature by two Parties. It shall continue for each Party until it declares its intent to terminate its participation by providing to the Secretary General a written notification no less than six months prior to the termination of its participation.

Should this agreement be termina outlined above, the Parties can con-		
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Annex: Statutes referred to in Article III:

In this document, EUCLID (Euclid University) is also referred to as 'EUCLID,' 'the Organization' or 'the Institution.'

SECTION I: PREAMBLE

Par. (1) Intention

These Statutes are referred to and approved as Annex in Article III of the intergovernmental agreement entitled "UPDATED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PARTIES' PARTICIPATION IN EUCLID AS CONSTITUTED AND DEFINED HEREIN." They are posted officially at http://www.euclid.int/statutes.pdf and they define the operations of EUCLID (Euclid University) as an international educational Framework and Institution.

The operations of the Euclid Consortium (distinct from EUCLID) are defined by the individual participation agreements signed with the participating universities.

Par. (2) Context and Background

The signatories of the intergovernmental agreement entitled 'Participation in the Euclid Educational Framework' ("OPEN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING EUCLID PARTIES REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK DEFINED HEREIN"), subsequently updated under the designation "UPDATED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PARTIES' PARTICIPATION IN EUCLID AS CONSTITUTED AND DEFINED HEREIN," also referred to as 'the EUCLID Agreement;'

- Having considered the fact that the Euclid Consortium was formed in 2005/2006 by means of international agreements between the *Université Libre Internationale* (Brussels, Belgium) / *Université Libre du Burkina*, the University of Bangui (Central African Republic), and the Ministry of Education of Chad / University of N'Djamena, under the High Stewardship of the Ambassador of the Central African Republic in Washington, D.C., Emmanuel Touaboy, and administered by the International Organization for Sustainable Development;
- Having considered the governmental-ministerial and intergovernmental
 accreditation or recognition granted to Euclid's programs and joint-degree
 issuance protocol by the Minister of Education of the Republic of Chad,
 Dr. Idriss Oumar Al-Farouk and confirmed by a Memorandum of
 Understanding between the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 and the International Organization for Sustainable Development;
- Having considered the high level of interest expressed by many governments and government officials regarding the programs offered;
- Noting that government officials from various countries have already benefited from Euclid's programs with full or partial scholarships;

- Desiring to ensure that the educational programs offered by this international framework should be globally recognized;
- Seeking to promote the Sustainable Development of their nations, especially by promoting accessibility to higher education;
- Having referred to the statutes and programs of the Academy of European Law (era.int) as a model of international cooperation in the field of specialized education;
- Desiring to take advantage of an international academic think-tank able to function as an advisory resource to the Participating Parties;

Are therefore Participating Parties in EUCLID.

SECTION II: THE EUCLID COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORK

Par. (3) Name and Legal Personality

The Institution / Organization is known as Euclid University (in English) and Pôle Universitaire Euclide / Université Euclide (in French), or simply as "EUCLID." Its constitutive document is the "OPEN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING EUCLID PARTIES REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK DEFINED HEREIN," subsequently updated under the designation "UPDATED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PARTIES' PARTICIPATION IN EUCLID AS CONSTITUTED AND DEFINED HEREIN," which grants EUCLID international legal personality (Article I), and which implies such capacities as may be necessary to exercise its functions and fulfill its objectives, *inter alia*, the capacity to:

- a. Acquire and dispose of real and personal property;
- b. Enter into contracts and other types of agreements;
- c. Hire staff and accept personnel on loan;
- d. Institute and defend in legal proceedings;
- e. Invest the money and property of the Organization;
- f. Take other lawful actions necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Organization.

Par. (4) Headquarters and Offices

The operational offices of EUCLID are allowed to remain in Brussels, Belgium and may be relocated or extended elsewhere upon recommendation of the Governing Board or by resolution of the Oversight Council.

The Organization may establish or maintain operational offices and regional headquarters in other locations to support its activities.

SECTION III: OBJECTIVES

The mission of EUCLID is to:

- a. Develop and offer training programs for officials and employees of the Participating Parties, especially Ministry and University senior staff;
- b. Develop and offer high-quality degree programs for the general public, regardless of location and citizenship;
- c. Facilitate the creation of cooperative networks and programs relevant to its educational initiatives;
- d. Promote the international image of the Participating Parties, as well as cooperate with and offer support to the educational institutions located in the Participating Parties;
- e. Broaden the understanding of the field of distance education and to promote the implementation and dissemination of methods, norms, rules and guidelines that apply to this field;
- f. Function as a think-tank and technical advisor to the Participating Parties, including in such areas as public relations, e-government, MCC support and general grant writing or fundraising;
- g. Strengthen and support the national capacity to engage in Sustainable Development through ad-hoc training and education, while taking into consideration the traditional social and cultural values of each nation.

In order to accomplish the foregoing objectives, EUCLID may engage in the following types of activities, *inter alia*:

- a. Create secondary institutes and associations;
- b. Develop global networks;
- c. Establish and maintain Information Services;
- d. Provide advice, guidance and support on issues pertaining to the field of Educational Access and Methods, Sustainable Development, International Relations, etc.;
- e. Encourage education, research and the dissemination of research findings;
- f. Organize and facilitate conferences, seminars and educational programs dealing with distance education, educational methodologies, economic development, educational access, human knowledge, etc.;
- g. Engage in other activities related to the missions of the Organization, as the need arises.

SECTION IV: FINANCE AND BUDGET

The Participating Parties shall not be required to provide financial support to the Institution / Organization beyond voluntary contributions, nor shall they be responsible, individually or collectively, for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the Institution.

SECTION V: OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Par. (1) Logo and Seal

EUCLID's official logo and seal are reproduced hereunder and posted on the official Internet site for public reference and legal protection.





Par. (2) Language(s)

The official languages are English and French. Education programs in Arabic and Spanish may also be developed at the request of the Participating Parties.

SECTION VI: GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED STUDENTS

The Ministries of each Participating Party may communicate the names of employees or officials to be enrolled in EUCLID's programs on an annual basis. The number of admissible students will be communicated by the Secretary-General to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and/or the Ministry of Education of the requesting Participating Party at the end of each academic cycle and at least annually.

SECTION VII: <u>OVERSEAS STUDENTS</u>

Citizens of the Participating Parties living overseas will be eligible for a significant reduction on all Euclid tuition fees, the exact percentage being established annually by the Secretary-General.

SECTION VIII: OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNICATIONS

An annual activities report or brochure shall be presented to the Minister of Education and Minister of Foreign Affairs of each Participating Party.

In addition to the annual report, the Ministry of Education of each Participating Party will have supervisory access to the Euclid online database.

The official Internet site shall be publicly accessed at www.euclid.int

It shall be considered that the posting of any information on the 'Official Notices' page of the Institution's Internet site qualifies as proper notification, provided that such a posting occurs at least fifteen days prior to the event.

SECTION IX: <u>DEGREES AND PROGRAMS</u>

EUCLID's programs shall conform to international academic standards and be adequately documented. They are, *inter alia*:

- Bachelors of Arts / Bachelors of Sciences
- Masters of Arts / Masters of Sciences, especially:
 - Masters in Business Administration
 - o Masters in Diplomacy and International Affairs
 - Masters in Information Systems / Technologies
 - Masters in Inter-religious Dialogue / Theology
- Specialized Doctorates

SECTION X: ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT

Par. (1) Organs

The following administrative structure is established:

- A Governing Board,
- A Board of Advisors.
- An Executive Board, and
- An Oversight Council.

Such subsidiary organs and agencies as may be found necessary may be established in accordance with the present Statutes.

Par. (2) The Governing Board

The Governing Board shall consist of one representative or coordinator for each Participating Party, appointed in consultation with the Secretary-General.

The Governing Board may discuss any questions or any matters within the scope of EUCLID's Statutes and participation agreement and may make recommendations to the Participating Parties or to the Oversight Council on any such questions or matters.

The Governing Board is empowered to adopt resolutions by a two-thirds majority vote. In the spirit of paragraph 5, all resolutions shall be presented to the Oversight Council for constitutional validation.

It is the prerogative of the Secretary-General or his appointee to schedule and chair the meetings of the Governing Board.

Par. (3) The Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors provides expertise and guidance to the Participating Parties, to the Governing Board, Executive Board and Oversight Council.

The Board of Advisors shall have up to fifteen and not fewer than three members, appointed for life by the Oversight Council and confirmed by the Secretary-General.

The Governing Board may request the appointment or removal of an Advisor and shall present such a request to the Secretary-General for implementation.

The final approval and execution of all such appointments or removals remains the prerogative of the Oversight Council.

Par. (4) The Executive Board

The Executive Board (also properly called Secretariat General) shall be headed by a Secretary-General (also properly called Executive President) and such staff as may be required. He or she shall be the chief administrative officer of the Organization.

The Secretary-General may appoint a deputy to act as his personal representative.

Specifically, the scope of action of the Secretary-General includes:

- Relations with Euclid (University) Consortium member institutions
- Relations with ministries of Education of Participating Parties
- Relations with ministries of Foreign Affairs of Participating Parties
- Relations with other Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs)
- Relations with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- General Administration
- Financial reporting.

The Secretary-General may bring to the attention of the Governing Board or Oversight Council any matter relevant to the mission of the Organization.

The first Secretary-General shall be Mr. Syed Zahid Ali, current Executive President / Secretary-General of the Euclid (University) Consortium and IOSD.

The Secretary-General is appointed for a term of six years, renewable by consent of the Oversight Council.

The Deputy Secretary-General is appointed by the Secretary-General for a term of four years, renewable by consent of the Oversight Council.

The Governing Board may request the removal of the Secretary-General or any members of the Executive Board and shall present such a request to the Oversight Council for approval and implementation.

In case of vacancy, the Oversight Council will propose one or more candidates to the Governing Board for approval at a two-thirds majority vote. If the Governing Board fails to confirm the candidate within 8 weeks, the Oversight Council shall propose another candidate for approval. If five candidates are successively rejected by the Governing Board, the Oversight Council shall proceed with the appointment without having obtained the necessary vote from the Governing Board.

Par. (5) The Oversight Council

The Oversight Council can also be called 'Oversight Committee' or 'Constitutional Council.' Its role is to maintain the ideals, principles and values of the EUCLID Founders

and Founding Parties, in the event that any official, organ or Participating Party should attempt to commit the Institution to other values and activities.

In consequence, the Council is empowered:

- To review, approve or veto resolutions
- To review, approve or veto Board nominations
- To review, approve or veto the actions of any EUCLID employee, faculty or official
- To initiate revisions of the present Statutes.

The Oversight Council consists of five Councilors who are appointed for life to fulfill their mandate.

A sixth term-based position exists for the Secretary-General in office, in the event that the new appointee would not already be a member of the Council. It is at the discretion of the Oversight Council, by majority vote and with the consent of its Chair, to implement the present clause and to induct the Secretary-General to Oversight Council membership.

The Oversight Council shall make decisions by majority vote. In case of a tie, the vote of the Council Chair vote shall count twice.

Minor revisions to the current Statutes may be authorized by the Oversight Council, provided that such revisions do not affect substantial or organizational issues.

Par. (6) Other Bodies and Agencies

Institutes and associations may be created by decree of the Secretary-General with the deliberative vote of the Governing Board, Board of Advisors or Oversight Council. The following bodies or agencies are constituted and placed under the direct authority of the Secretary-General:

- EuroState University Institute
- Council on Ecological Desertification and Reforestation
- International Organization for Sustainable Development
- International Institute for Inter-Religious Diplomacy

SECTION XI: MISCELLANEOUS CONSIDERATIONS

Par. (1) Constitution and Participation

Any State or Intergovernmental Organization may at any time notify the Secretary-General of its request to participate in EUCLID. If the request is approved by the Governing Board or Oversight Council, participation will become effective 15 days after the date of deposit of its instrument of accession.

Participation in EUCLID can be signed on behalf of any Participating Party primarily by the Head of State (e.g. President), Head of Government (e.g. Prime Minister), Minister of Foreign Affairs, but also by the authorized Minister of Education, as well as other explicitly authorized government Minister or Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary.

Par. (2) Depositary

The EUCLID Secretary-General serves as depositary of these Statutes. He shall communicate all notifications relating to the present Statutes to all Participating Parties.

The EUCLID Secretary-General or an appointed representative will present the constitutive and participatory instrument to the United Nations legal department for registration.

Par. (3) <u>Dissolution</u>

The Institution may be dissolved if the majority of the members of the Oversight Council and Governing Board determines that it is no longer required, or that it will no longer be able to function effectively.

In case of dissolution, any assets of the Institution which remain after payment of its legal obligations shall be distributed to institutions having similar objectives, as decided by the Oversight Council, in consultation with the Governing Board.

Par. (4) Amendments

Amendments to the present Statutes shall become effective when they have been adopted by a majority vote of the Governing Board and approved by the Oversight Council.

Par. (5) Official Text

The official text of the Statutes is English.

In case of conflict between the constitutional intergovernmental agreement and the present Statutes, the first shall prevail.

In case of conflict between the Statutes referred to in Article III of the "OPEN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING EUCLID PARTIES REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK DEFINED HEREIN" and these present Statutes which are referred to in Article III of the "UPDATED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PARTIES' PARTICIPATION IN EUCLID AS CONSTITUTED AND DEFINED HEREIN," the first shall prevail until all Parties to the first agreement have also approved the second.

DEPOSITARY RECORD:

"OPEN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING EUCLID PARTIES REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK DEFINED HEREIN"

Signatories: The intergovernmental agreement defining the statutes and operations of EUCLID was approved on behalf of the Participating Parties by the following:

- Girlyn Miguel (March 5, 2008), Minister of Education, Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Zainab Bangura (April 16, 2008), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of Sierra Leone
- Osman Saleh Mohammed (June 8, 2008), Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Eritrea
- Sam Kutesa (July 10, 2008), Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Uganda
- Pakoa Kaltongga (December 2, 2008), Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Vanuatu
- Paulin Djakpo (December 10, 2008), Chief of Cabinet to the Minister of Foreign Affairs,
 Government of Benin (note: Benin's agreement is unique in that it is for informal participation in EUCLID, not for legally-binding effect)
- Abdoulaye Faye (February 2, 2009), Minister of State to the President, Government of Senegal
- Mohamed Toihiri (April 10, 2009), Permanent Representative to the United Nations,
 Government of the Comoros
- Augustin Nsanze (May 24, 2010), Minister of External Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of Burundi
- Joao Cancio Freitas (May 17, 2011), Minister of Education, Government of Timor-Leste

"UPDATED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PARTIES' PARTICIPATION IN EUCLID AS CONSTITUTED AND DEFINED HEREIN"

Framework Agreement Signatories: The revised intergovernmental agreement was approved on behalf of the Participating Parties by the following:

- Girlyn Miguel (October 1, 2009), Minister of Education, Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Zainab Bangura (September 25, 2009), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of Sierra Leone
- Abdoulaye Faye (August 13, 2009), Minister of State to the President, Government of Senegal
- Mohamed Toihiri (September 3, 2009), Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Government of the Comoros
- Augustin Nsanze (May 24, 2010), Minister of External Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of Burundi
- Faustin-Archange Touadéra (May 31, 2010), Prime Minister, Government of the Central African Republic
- Araya Desta (August 12, 2010), Permanent Representative to the United Nations,
 Government of the Eritrea
- Joao Cancio Freitas (May 17, 2011), Minister of Education, Government of Timor-Leste