

Aide-mémoire

Candidature of Switzerland for a seat on the Executive Board of UNESCO

The Swiss Government has decided to put forward the candidature of Switzerland for a seat on the Executive Board of UNESCO at the elections that will be held during the General Conference's 27th session.

This decision of Switzerland, a Member of the Organization since 1948, is coherent with her long established and unwavering commitment to the fulfilment of UNESCO goals and objectives. In particular the decision reflects the following considerations:

- Within UNESCO, Switzerland aims of reinforcing international cooperation as one of the main objectives of her foreign policy, in particular with regard to developing countries, and especially in the field of intellectual cooperation.
- Switzerland's substantive participation in the activities of UNESCO contributes to the development of her educational, scientific and cultural exchanges with other countries, within a universal and pluridisciplinary framework, to which the Swiss authorities as well as the Swiss circles concerned attach great value.

Switzerland is particularly committed at present within UNESCO to concentrating the funds allocated to the Organization on priority activities beneficial to countries most in need as well as meeting the expectations of those which have just rejected oppressive systems for a pluralistic democracy. In general, Switzerland's actions are aimed at continually improving the ability of the Organization to give high quality services in its fields of competence.

Switzerland's policy of rotation within international organizations aims to afford all Member States in turn the opportunity to contribute in a common framework to international cooperation, while fully sharing in its responsibilities. Such a rule applies especially in the case of UNESCO, where it is in fact one of the principles for the representation of member states within executive bodies.

Currently, Switzerland is not represented on the Executive Board. She is submitting her candidature for a seat thereon in view of the elections to be held in application of the pertinent article VA of the UNESCO Constitution. Switzerland thereby intends to underline the



- 2 -

importance she attaches, more than ever, to the work of the Executive Board as the body mainly responsible for guiding the activities of UNESCO between the sessions of the General Conference. If elected, Switzerland will be represented on the Executive Board by Ms Doris MORF, Chairperson of the Swiss National Commission for UNESCO, journalist and writer, former Member of Parliament (National Councillor from 1975 to 1990), whose CV is attached.

Switzerland has supported the ongoing reforms within UNESCO and contributed to doing away with past disputes in sectors vital to the development of the Organization. In administrative and budgetary matters, she has maintained a strict line; active support has been given to projects such as the IPDC, the World Report on culture and development and the IBE. She wishes once again to take her place on the Executive Board, so as to highlight the particular perception of the alpine states at the heart of Europe, and especially their foremost commitment to peace and international cooperation.

Switzerland therefore counts on her friends to support her candidature.

Curriculum vitae

Doris MORF

Personal Data

Date of Birth September 17, 1927 in Zurich, Switzerland
 Marital Status widow (of the writer André KAMINSKI); 3 sons

Studies

University of Zurich (German Literature, History, Journalism)

Public Activities

1970 - 1977	Member of the city parliament of Zurich
1975 - 1990	Member of the Swiss national parliament (National Council) President of the Parliamentary Group for Cultural Questions Member of the Committees for Science and research Member of the Committee for Foreign affairs Member of the Committee for Economic affairs)
1979 - 1983	President of the Swiss association for solar energy
1984 - 1990	Member of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly, Strasbourg Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly Head of the Swiss delegation President of the subcommittees for Communication Member of the Committee for Culture and Education Member of the Committee for Science and Technology Delegate to the Council for Cultural Cooperation Delegate to the Steering Committee on the mass media
1980 - 1992	Member of the Arts Council of Switzerland "Pro Helvetia" Member of the Executive Board President of the Group for Communication President of the South-North Committee
1990 - 1993	Member of the Swiss advisory Council for the promotion of script-writing and film-making
1991 - 1993	Member of Eureka audiovisual (Swiss branch)
1989 - 1993	Member of the Zurich advisory board for 3rd world funding
from January 1, 1993	Chairperson of the Swiss National Commission for UNESCO

Curriculum vitae of Mrs. Doris MORF

Professional Activities**Journalist**

1949 - 1953 New York correspondent for Swiss newspapers and magazines;

Writer

Writer and columnist for newspapers and magazines

Novels published: Das Haus mit dem Magnolienbaum, 1964; Die Entgolder, 1966; Vexierbilder, 1968; Die Katzen gehn nach Wallisellen, 1969; Zürcher Vexierbilder, 1976; Hitler auf dem Rütli, 1984

Scenarios for Swiss television (German and French speaking branch)

Short stories in anthologies of Swiss authors

Travel reports (Asia and Maghreb)

Publisher

1966 - 1975 Publisher of books on human rights' topics

Miscellaneous**Languages**

German, French, English, Italian; some Spanish; starting Chinese

Mailing Address

Walchestr. 27, CH - 8006 Zurich (from 01.10.1993)

Phone

41-1-363 39 54