I. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. **Membership in UNESCO** since 12 May 1954

2. **Membership on the Executive Board**: current term expires in 2021

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions**: none

4. **The Director-General’s visits**: none [former Director-General’s visit: one in 2014]

5. **Permanent Delegation**:
   - H.E. Mr Igor Fissenko, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 25 March 2019)
   - Ms Elena Chpakova, Deputy Permanent Delegate
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: Mr Pavel Latushka (2013-2018)

6. **National Commission**:
   - Creation: 1956
   - President: Mr Vladimir Makei, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since August 2013)
   - Secretary-General: Ms Natalya Schasnovich

7. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities**: none

8. **UNESCO Chairs**: 7
   - 2014: Chair on Vocational Education in the Sphere of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) of Persons with Special Needs at the Institute of Information Technologies of the Belarusian State University, Minsk
   - 2011: Chair in Science Education with Emphasis on Natural Sciences at the Belarusian State University, Minsk
   - 2003: Chair in Information Technologies and Law at the National Centre of Legal Information, Minsk
   - 1999: Chair on Peace and Tolerance through Languages and Civic Education at the Minsk State Linguistic University
   - 1997: Chair in Culture of Peace and Democracy at the National Institute of Higher Education of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
   - 1996: Chair on Energy Conservation and Renewable Energies at the Belarusian State Polytechnic Academy, Minsk
   - 1994: Chair in Radiation and Environmental Management at the International Sakharov Environmental University, Minsk

9. **Associated Schools**: 24 institutions
   - 11 primary/secondary schools, 10 secondary schools and 3 vocational and technical institutions
   - Joined the ASP Network in 1967

10. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres**: none

11. **UNESCO Clubs**: 1 National Association and 58 Clubs

12. **Biosphere Reserves**: 3
   - 2003: West Polesie Transboundary Biosphere Reserve, with Poland and Ukraine
   - 1993: Belovezhskaya Puschcha
   - 1978: Berezinsky
13. **Global Geoparks:** none

14. **World Heritage Sites:** 4 (3 cultural; 1 natural)

   **Cultural:**
   - 2005: Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radziwill Family at Nesvizh
   - 2005: Struve Geodetic Arc, jointly with Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden and Ukraine
   - 2000: Mir Castle Complex

   **Natural:**
   - 1979: Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest, jointly with Poland

15. **Tentative List:** 5 properties

   - 2004: Augustow Canal
   - 2004: Saviour Transfiguration Church and St. Sophia Cathedral in the town of Polatsk
   - 2004: SS. Boris and Gleb (Kalozha) Church in the city of Hrodna
   - 2004: Edifices for Worship of Fortress Type in Belarus, Poland and Lithuania
   - 2004: Worship wooden architecture (17th-18th centuries) in Polesye

16. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 4 elements

   **Representative List**
   - 2020: Tree beekeeping culture (jointly with Poland)
   - 2018: Celebration in honor of the Budslaŭ icon of Our Lady (Budslaŭ fest)

   **Urgent Safeguarding List**
   - 2019: Spring rite of Juraŭski Karahod
   - 2009: Rite of the Kalyady Tsars (Christmas Tsars)

17. **Memory of the World Register:** 2 inscriptions

   - 2017: The Act of the Union of Lublin document, jointly with Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine
   - 2009: Radzwill’s Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection, submitted in cooperation with Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine

18. **Creative Cities:** none

19. **Legal instruments:** 17 ratified and 23 non-ratified

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*The States marked with two asterisks are parties to the 1971 Convention alone.*

20. **Anniversaries UNESCO is associated with in 2020-2021:** 3

- 150th anniversary of the birth of Ferdynand Ruszczyc, painter, graphic artist, theater designer and educator (1870 - 1936) (joint proposal of Belarus and Poland, with the support of Lithuania and Russian Federation)
- 100th anniversary of the Belarusian State University (1921) (with the support of Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation)
- 200th anniversary of the birth of Fyodor Dostoevsky, writer (1821-1881) (joint proposal of Côte d'Ivoire, Belarus, Italy, Mexico and Russian Federation, with the support of Brazil, Bulgaria, Cuba and Switzerland)

21. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** none

22. **Participation Programme:**

- 2018-2019: 4 projects approved for the total of US$ 69,200
- 28 projects approved for the total of US$ 299,700 between 2010 and 2017

23. **Fellowships:** 8 awarded for a total of US$ 70,000 since 2010

24. **Geographical distribution:** under-represented, with one professional (min. 2, max. 4) in geographical post at Headquarters: