

# Consultation Meeting on the Proposal of the International Turkic Language Day

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# Submitting Draft Resolutions - Roadmap

## **Draft Resolution (DR)**

- A draft decision is either a new decision relating to an item on the agenda or a draft amendment to an existing decision in a document.

## **Who can present draft decisions (DR)?**

- any Member State of the Executive Board
- Chairpersons or Vice-Chairpersons
- a group of countries Members of the Board.

## **How and when should a DR be presented?**

- The draft decision should be presented in relation with a document which relates to an item.
- It can be presented any time before or during the session.
- Unless the Board decides otherwise, it shall not discuss any items, except the reports of commissions and committees, until at least 48 hours after the distribution of the relevant documents in its working languages to Members present (Ex. Board, Rules of Proc., rule 22, 3)
- The draft decision with appropriate signatures is processed by the Executive Board Secretariat and sent for translation and distribution to Board Members in the working languages of the Board.

# International Days Celebrated by UNESCO Regarding Languages

- 21 February – International Mother Language Day
- 20 March – International Francophonie Day
- 5 November – World Day of Romani Language
- 18 December – World Arabic Language Day

# International Mother Language Day

- BM General Assembly- 56/262.(A/56/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1) welcomes the decision on International Mother Language Day.
- Decision dated 15 February 2002, distributed on 9 April 2002.
- It is entitled «Multilingualism».
- It refers to the decision of UNESCO: «*Welcomes* the decision by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 17 November 1999 that 21 February should be proclaimed “International Mother Language Day”, and calls upon Member States and the Secretariat to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world;»

# International Mother Language Day

## Decision of UNESCO:

- 30 C/62
- 30 C/DR.35 (by Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia; supported by Oman, Benin, Sri Lanka, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Belarus, the Philippines, Côte d'Ivoire, India, Honduras, Gambia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Vanuatu, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Comoros, Pakistan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Lithuania, Italy and the Syrian Arab Republic).
- 21 February 1952 – day proposed by Bangladesh in memory of this date.
- Emphasizes «linguistic diversity» «international understanding» «tolerance» «dialogue» «awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions »
- Adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO on 17 November 1999.

# UN Press Release «Language Days at the United Nations»

- OBV/853-PI/1926 – 19 February 2010.
- <http://www.un.org/press/en/2010/obv853.doc.htm>
- Seeks to celebrate «multilingualism and cultural diversity»
- Language day for 6 UN official languages.

# World Arabic Language Day

- 190 EX/ Decision48; 190 Ex/48 and 190 EX/55 are the reference documents.
- Adopted on 8 November 2012.
- Decision highlights that Arabic is one of the official and working language of UN and that it is used widely for various purposes.
- Decision refers to the document OBV/853-PI/1926 of UN.

# World Day of Romani Language

- Adopted on 13 November 2015.
- 38 C/Resolution 74
- 38 C/65
- Submitted by Croatia.
- «promoting mother tongue minority languages» «linguistic pluralism», «cultural rapprochement and dialogue among civilizations» «culture of Roma»



## Dates Proposed

- 25 January

Date on which the Divan-ü Lügat-it Türk started to be written.

- 10 February

Date on which Divan-ü Lügat-it Türk is completed.

- 10 April

Date of issuance of the first copy of the Journal “Tercüman”

- 13 May

The date Karamanoglu Mehmet Bey declared Turkish as the official State language

## Dates Proposed

- 18 May

Day of Turkic Runic Inscriptions

- 21 August

Date on which the Köl Tigin Monument (*Bengütash*) was erected in Turkish.

- 24 September

Date on which the Bilge Qaghan Monument (*Bengütash*) was written in Turkish.

- 26 September

Opening date of the first Turkish Language Congress

## Dates Proposed

- 3 October

Date of establishment of the Cooperation Council of the Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council)

- 25 November

Date of proclamation by W. Thomsen about the decipherment of Orkhon inscriptions.

- 15 December

Date of proclamation by V. Thomsen about the decipherment of Orkhon inscriptions.

Thank you.