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### **REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE VENUE OF THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADULT EDUCATION (CONFINTEA VI) IN 2009**

#### **SUMMARY**

Pursuant to 33 C/Resolution 5 and 175 EX/Decision 9, the Director-General informs the Board on the decision to convene the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI) in Brazil in May 2009 and invites Member States to report on their activities as well as to contribute and participate in all consultations pertaining to this Conference.

No decision is required.

1. By 33 C/Resolution 5, the Director-General was invited to make the necessary arrangements to organize the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI) in 2009 and to include it in the draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5). Furthermore, 175 EX/Decision 9 invited the Director-General to take necessary measures for deciding on the venue while seeking additional extrabudgetary resources for the conference.
2. As regards the venue, in conformity with the established rules and procedures for convening category 2 meetings, the Director-General has accepted the offer made by the Government of Brazil to host CONFINTEA VI.
3. CONFINTEA is convened every 12 years to take stock of the new developments and challenges in the field of adult learning as well as to make recommendations to Member States, civil society organizations, and partners regarding its contribution to global commitments as well as to the empowerment, self-esteem and better quality of life of individuals, communities and nations.
4. CONFINTEA VI will also be an important occasion to assess the progress made in the implementation of the six Education for All (EFA) goals, the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD) and the Literacy Initiative for Empowerment (LIFE). Member States should use this opportunity to review their adult learning activities and align them yet more closely with the EFA goals, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the objectives of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD).

5. Member States are invited to report on their activities, issues and challenges related to adult education and to participate actively in all preparatory consultations and contribute to the Conference.

6. The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) will provide leadership, intellectual support and technical backstopping for this Conference in close collaboration with the relevant entities within the Education Sector at Headquarters, field offices and the institutes/centres.