



UNESCO Meeting Analysis Report

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Executive Summary

The series of roundtable sessions focused on preparing concise, highimpact documents for the upcoming UNESCO General Conference, with a particular emphasis on education as a core pillar of peace and development. A Chair (SPEAKER02) *steered the meetings*, a Secretariat/Bureau team (SPEAKER04) coordinated logistics and document drafting, and a group of national delegates (notably SPEAKER05) *contributed substantive content*. The Executive Council (SPEAKER03) approved the circulation of a short declaration, while the Bureau secretary (SPEAKER_00) managed administrative details. The discussions culminated in the agreement to produce a 500word declaration for the General Conference, to be presented Friday afternoon, and a separate supporting document due the next day. A joint UNorgan meeting was also planned to further operationalise the Bellagio papers recommendations.

Speaker Profiles

Speaker	Spoken Language(s)	Predicted Role/Name	Key Contributions
SPEAKER_00	English	Bureau Secretary	Managed timelines for the declaration, coordinated drafts, and confirmed submission to LordBoydR.
SPEAKER_01	French, Italian, English	Rapporteur / Secretary of the Round Table	Gathered feedback from the Bellagio group, compiled summaries, and facilitated the administrative agenda.
SPEAKER_02	English, Welsh, Russian, German, French, Turkish	Chair / Moderator	Opened sessions, called on Dr.Overt and Dr.Carnero, set agendas, maintained timekeeping, and underscored the education focus.
SPEAKER_03	French, Turkish, English	Executive Council Representative	Communicated the Councils decision to circulate the declaration as an information item, not binding.
SPEAKER_04	Arabic, English, Welsh, French, Turkish	Secretariat/Bureau Secretary	Directed the drafting of the supporting document, handled multilingual needs, and closed meetings.
SPEAKER_05	Welsh, English, Italian	National Delegate (memberstate representative)	Advocated for UNESCO educational programmes, aligned with Mr.TorresBadet, and provided countryspecific input.
SPEAKER_06	English	Junior Participant / IT Liaison	Assisted in notetaking, ensured technical readiness, and helped disseminate documents to the Bureau.

Main Topics Discussed

- Preparation of a Short Declaration** A 500word statement to be presented at the General Conference, emphasizing education as a cornerstone of peace.

2. **Supportive Documents for the Bellagio Process** Drafting a complementary paper to be circulated by the Bureau by the next day.
3. **Timing and Scheduling** Tight deadlines: draft tomorrow, finalise Friday afternoon, present Friday.
4. **Sovereignty of the Round Table** Clarification that the declaration originates from the Round Table, not the Bellagio group.
5. **Executive Councils Role** Circulate the declaration as an information item only.
6. **Funding for Education** Discussion of a 1% national income target or 500m per year for global education and development.
7. **UNOrgan Collaboration** Plan to invite all UN bodies and NGOs to a joint meeting to implement Bellagio recommendations.
8. **Multilingual Coordination** Use of multiple languages across participants, with English as the lingua franca.

Decisions Made

- The Round Table will issue its own 500word declaration for the General Conference.
- The declaration will be presented Friday afternoon.
- The supporting Bellagiorelated document will be drafted and circulated by the Bureau tomorrow.
- The declaration is an informationtype text, not a binding resolution.
- The Executive Council will circulate the document as an information item.
- A joint UNorgan meeting will be convened to discuss implementation of Bellagio recommendations.
- All documents will emphasize education as a key element of UNESCOs peace agenda.

Action Items

No.	Task	Owner	Deadline
1	Draft the 500word declaration	SPEAKER_02 (Chair) & supporting committee	Friday afternoon
2	Finalise and circulate the declaration draft	SPEAKER00 & SPEAKER06	Friday afternoon
3	Coordinate meeting with Dr.Carnero & Dr.Veronese for final review	SPEAKER_02	Friday morning
4	Circulate the declaration as an information item to member states	SPEAKER_03	Tomorrow morning
5	Prepare the supporting document for the Bellagio process	SPEAKER_04	By tomorrow
6	Invite all UN organs to a joint meeting	SPEAKER_02	ASAP
7	Draft concise declaration on humanity and peace	SPEAKER_02 & committee	Before next session
8	Prepare briefing documents for the Bureau	SPEAKER_04	Before next meeting
9	Coordinate national delegates contributions	SPEAKER_02	Ongoing
10	Ensure technical readiness (IT)	SPEAKER_06	11:00am (tomorrow)
11	Confirm submission of draft to LordBoydR.	SPEAKER_00	Tomorrow
12	Push the final declaration to shared location	SPEAKER_05	Within the session

Key Insights

1. **Education as the Central Pillar** Every participant repeatedly highlighted education as the most fundamental human right and a lever for peace, guiding the content of the declaration and funding discussions.
2. **Urgency and Tight Scheduling** The agenda was compressed, with multiple documents required within a 48-hour window, underscoring the need for efficient coordination across the Secretariat and national delegates.
3. **Clear Delineation of Authority** The Round Table asserted its sovereign right to issue the declaration independently of the Bellagio group, while the Executive Council positioned its role as informational only.
4. **Multilingual Collaboration** Speakers leveraged several languages (English, Welsh, Arabic, French, Turkish, Italian), yet English remained the operational lingua franca, indicating a truly global assembly.
5. **Strategic Cross-Organ Coordination** The plan to convene all UN bodies and NGOs reflects an understanding that the Bellagio papers recommendations cannot be executed by UNESCO alone; interagency collaboration is essential.