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## FOR DECISION

### SEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

### Chairmanship of the Committee on Freedom of Association

1. At its 208th Session (November 1978), the Governing Body decided to appoint an independent chairperson of its Committee on Freedom of Association.
2. Following that decision, the duties of independent chairperson were performed successively by Judge Roberto Ago, Professor Max Rood and Professor Paul van der Heijden, who were appointed to that office by the Governing Body.
3. In accordance with the usual practice, the term of office of the Chairperson of the Committee on Freedom of Association runs until the expiry of the three-year mandate of the Governing Body. Thus, the Governing Body is called on to appoint an independent chairperson who will hold office until June 2011, that is, until the expiry of the three-year mandate of the Governing Body.
4. The Director-General proposes that this office should be conferred, once again, on Professor Paul van der Heijden, Rector Magnificus and President of the University of Leiden (Netherlands) and current Chairperson of the Committee on Freedom of Association.
5. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend to the Governing Body that Professor Paul van der Heijden be appointed as Chairperson of the Committee on Freedom of Association, until the expiry in June 2011 of the term of office of the current Governing Body.*

Geneva, 5 June 2008.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 5.