



UNITED STATES MISSION TO UNESCO

Paris, 8 October 2010

H.E. Eleonora Mitrofanova  
Chairman of the Executive Board  
UNESCO  
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Dear Madame Chairman:

I am writing to you to follow up to my letter of October 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the request of the United States to introduce a new agenda item for the Executive Board on the Obiang Prize.

In light of the Bureau's recommendation this morning to forward a new agenda item to the Executive Board entitled, "Examination of the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences" (new Item 47), I am forwarding to you the text of a proposed draft Decision on this point.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David T. Killion".

David T. Killion  
Ambassador

Attachment: Proposed Draft Decision text

**UNESCO Executive Board**  
**185<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Proposed Item 47 by the United States of America**

**EXAMINATION OF THE UNESCO-OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO  
INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR RESEARCH IN THE LIFE SCIENCES**

Proposed Decision:

1. In view of the strong global reaction to the establishment of the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences, and its negative impact on the credibility, prestige and basic values of UNESCO, the Executive Board may wish to consider the following decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Decides to rescind the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences; and
2. Requests the Director-General to return any monies associated with the Prize to the original donor.