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Panel on Education

**Proposed work plan for studying the subject of
academic freedom and institutional autonomy of higher education**

Purpose

This paper proposes a work plan for studying the subject of academic freedom and institutional autonomy of higher education.

Background

2. At the meeting of the Panel on Education on 11 June 2007, members agreed to examine the following seven major issues relating to academic freedom and institutional autonomy of higher education raised by the individuals and organizations attending the meetings on 28 February and 13 April 2007 -

- (1) the role, functions and composition of the University Grants Committee (UGC);
- (2) funding and research grants for the UGC-funded institutions;
- (3) governance of the UGC-funded institutions;
- (4) employment of staff of the UGC-funded institutions;
- (5) redress mechanism of the UGC-funded institutions;
- (6) commissioning of consultancy studies, projects and programmes;
and
- (7) institutionalized protection of academic freedom and institutional autonomy.

Members also agreed to discuss these issues at regular meetings of the Panel. The concerns and views of individuals and organizations in relation to these issues are set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)2071/06-07(06) issued to members on 6 June 2007.

Work plan

3. It is proposed that the Panel will discuss these issues one by one at regular meetings starting from October 2007 as follows -

<u>Month</u>	<u>Issue</u>
October 2007	The Role, functions and composition of UGC
November 2007	Funding and research grants for the UGC-funded institutions
December 2007	Governance of the UGC-funded institutions
January 2008	Employment of staff of the UGC-funded institutions
February 2008	Redress mechanism of the UGC-funded institutions
March 2008	Commissioning of consultancy studies, projects and programmes
April 2008	Institutionalized protection of academic freedom and institutional autonomy

4. The Panel will compile a report after the completion of deliberations on the subject.

Advice sought

5. Members are invited to endorse the proposed work plan in paragraph 3 above.