KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON LITHUANIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 7 October 1991.

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Lithuania was elected to the Executive Board for the period 2015-2019. Elected as Vice-Chairperson of Group II during 38th session of the General Conference.

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
   - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation; Rapporteur: H.E. Mr Arūnas Gelūnas (term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee; Bureau Member (term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programs; Member (term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Member (term expires in 2017).

4. **The former Director-General’s visits to Lithuania:** 2
   - 8-9 July 2006: Official visit
   - 22-24 April 2001: to combine his participation in the Conference with an official visit to Lithuania

5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
   - Mr Jonas Skardinskas, Minister Plenipotentiary, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. (07 March 2017)
   - Staff: Ms Kristina Tamosaityte, Second Secretary; Ms Ringaile Kuočiutė, Third Secretary
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Arūnas Gelūnas (December 2012-November 2016); H.E. Ms Ina Marčiulionytė (January 2003 – January 2010); H.E. Ms Ugnė Karvelis (November 1993 – March 2002)

6. **UNESCO Office:** none

7. **Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO:**
   - Date of establishment: February 1992
   - Chairperson: Mr Romas Pakalnis (since February 2009)
   - Secretary-General: Ms Asta Junevičienė (since August 2015)

8. **Lithuanian personalities linked to UNESCO activities:**
   - Ms Violeta Urmana, UNESCO artist for peace
   - Mr Valdas Adamkus, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for the Construction of Knowledge Societies
   - Mr Virgilijus Alekna, UNESCO Champion for Sport

9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 3
   - UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Mechatronics, established at the Kaunas University of Technology (2006), the Kaunas University of Technology, Kaunas (729)
   - UNESCO Chair in Cultural Policy and Cultural Management, established at the Vilnius Academy of Fine Arts (1998)
   - UNESCO Chair in Informatics for the Humanities, established at the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics within the framework of ORBICOM (1994)

10. **Associated Schools:** 35 (6 primary, 13 primary and secondary, 15 secondary, and 1 vocational and technical). Lithuania joined the ASPnet in 1985.

11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

12. **UNESCO Clubs:** 5
13. **Biosphere Reserves**: 1
   - Zuvintas (2011)

14. **World Heritage Sites**: 4 cultural sites
   - Struve Geodetic Arc (shared with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine) (2005)
   - Kernavė Archaeological Site (Cultural Reserve of Kernavė)(2004)
   - Curonian Spit (jointly with the Russian Federation) (2000)
   - Vilnius Historic Centre (1994)

15. **Tentative List**: 2
   - Trakai Historical National Park (2003)

16. **Intangible Heritage Lists**: 3 elements inscribed
   - Sutartinės, Lithuanian multipart songs (2010)
   - The Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations (jointly with Estonia and Latvia) (2008)

17. **Memory of the World Register**: 2
   - Radzwill’s Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection (submitted by Belarus in cooperation with Lithuania, Finland, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine) (2009)

18. **Creative Cities Network**: 1
   - Kaunas, a UNESCO Creative City of Design (2015)

19. **Legal instruments**: 19 ratified and 21 non-ratified
   - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (2 August 2006)
   - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (21 January 2005). Lithuania was the second European Member State (after Latvia) to have ratified the convention.

20. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017**: 1
    - 100th anniversary of the birth of Algirdas Julius Greimas, linguist (1917-1992) (with the support of Estonia, France and Mexico)

21. **Participation Programme**:
    - 2016-2017: 1 project approved for a total amount of US$ 20,000
    - 2014-2015: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 51,504
    - 2010-2011: requests approved for a total amount of US$ 102,000
    - 2008-2009: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US$67,500

22. **Fellowships Programme**:
    - 1 fellowship awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US$ 8,000.
    - 5 fellowships awarded since 2004, for US$44,500

23. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO**: none

24. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016-2017**: fully paid
    - Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.072%
    - Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US$470,160
25. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US$):

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26. **Representation within the Secretariat**: normally represented
   - 3 International professional staff in geographical posts (min 2, max 4)