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Resolution 11.12

In paragraph 1, page 96:

After subparagraph (d), add the following two subparagraphs:

- '(e) to promote their contribution to the Decade by establishing national committees as proposed in the Plan of Action;
- (f) to collaborate with the Intergovernmental Committee, in order to co-ordinate and evaluate through that body the attainment of the four main objectives of the Decade;'

Resolution 11.13

Page 97, fifth line:

Replace 'Programme' by 'Plan'.

DANS LA VERSION FRANÇAISE

Résolution 10.1

Page 83, ligne 40:

Remplacer '11' par '3' avant les mots 'Invite en outre'.

Resolution 52.1

Page 211, premier considérant:

Remplacer 'le document 23 C/39' par 'le document 24 C/39'.

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## 0.1 Credentials

- 0.11 The General Conference, at its first plenary meeting, on 20 October 1987, set up a Credentials Committee consisting of representatives of the following Member States: China, Colombia, Federal Republic of Germany, Guyana, Jordan, Philippines, Poland, Sierra Leone, Zaire.
- 0.12 On the report of the Credentials Committee or on the reports of the Chairman specially authorized by the Committee, the General Conference recognized as valid the credentials of:

(a) The delegations of the following Member States:

Afghanistan	Central African	France
Albania	Republic	Gabon
Algeria	Chad	Gambia
Angola	Chile	German Democratic Republic
Antigua and Barbuda	China	Germany, Federal Republic of
Argentina	Colombia	Ghana
Australia	Comoros	Greece
Austria	Congo	Grenada
Bahrain	Costa Rica	Guatemala
Bangladesh	Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea
Barbados	Cuba	Guinea-Bissau
Belgium	Cyprus	Guyana
Benin	Czechoslovakia	Haiti
Bhutan	Democratic Kampuchea	Honduras
Bolivia	Democratic People's	Hungary
Botswana	Republic of Korea	Iceland
Brazil	Democratic Yemen	India
Bulgaria	Denmark	Indonesia
Burkina Faso	Dominica	Iran, Islamic Republic of
Burma	Dominican Republic	Iraq
Burundi	Ecuador	Ireland
Belorussian Soviet	Egypt	Israel
Socialist Republic	El Salvador	Italy
Cameroon	Equatorial Guinea	Jamaica
Canada	Ethiopia	Japan
Cape Verde	Finland	

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Jordan	Norway	Switzerland
Kenya	Oman	Syrian Arab Republic
Kuwait	Pakistan	Thailand
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Panama	Togo
Lebanon	Papua New Guinea	Tonga
Lesotho	Peru	Trinidad and Tobago
Liberia	Philippines	Tunisia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Poland	Turkey
Luxembourg	Portugal	Uganda
Madagascar	Qatar	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Malawi	Republic of Korea	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Malaysia	Romania	United Arab Emirates
Maldives	Rwanda	United Republic of Tanzania
Mali	Saint Christopher and Nevis	Uruguay
Malta	Saint Lucia	Venezuela
Mauritania	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Viet Nam
Mauritius	San Marino	Yemen
Mexico	Saudi Arabia	Yugoslavia
Monaco	Senegal	Zaire
Mongolia	Seychelles	Zambia
Morocco	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe
Mozambique	Somalia	
Namibia	Spain	
Nepal	Sri Lanka	
Netherlands	Sudan	
New Zealand	Suriname	
Nicaragua	Swaziland	
Niger	Sweden	
Nigeria		

(b) The delegations of the following Associate Members:

Aruba  
Netherlands Antilles

(c) The observers from the following non-Member States:

Holy See  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
United States of America

## 0.2 Communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV. C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution

At its first, second, third, fourth and sixth plenary meetings held on 20, 21 and 22 October 1987, the General Conference, after considering the recommendation made by the Executive Board at its 127th session on communications received from Bolivia, Chad, Lebanon, Paraguay, Peru and the Syrian Arab Republic, invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution (24 C/42, Annexes I to VI), as well as the communications received from Antigua and Barbuda, Bhutan, Burundi, Central African Republic, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Liberia, Romania, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone and Uganda, invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution, decided by virtue of the powers vested in it by Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution to permit Antigua and Barbuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Lebanon, Liberia, Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic and Uganda to take part in the voting at the twenty-fourth session.

## 0.3 Adoption of the agenda

At its second plenary meeting, on 20 October 1987, the General Conference, having considered the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Board (24 C/1 Prov. Rev.), adopted that document, with the exception of item 16.5 which it decided to delete from that agenda. In addition, it decided at its nineteenth plenary meeting, on 30 October 1987, to delete item 7.4 (24 C/BUR/18). Furthermore, at its seventh and fifteenth plenary meetings, held on 23 and 28 October 1987 respectively, it decided to add to its agenda item 18.1 (24 C/BUR/5) and item 18.2 (24 C/BUR/10).

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| 1.1 Opening of the session by the Head of the Delegation of Bulgaria   | 1.4 Adoption of the revised provisional agenda   |
| 1.2 Establishment of the Credentials Committee and Report by the Committee to the General Conference               | 1.5 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and the Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteurs of the Commissions |
| 1.3 Report by the Executive Board on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article | 1.6 Organization of the work of the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference  |

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- 6.5 Report by the Director-General on Unesco's contribution to the International Year of Peace
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- 6.7 Implementation of 23 C/Resolution 27, concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories
- 6.8 Proposal for the proclamation by the United Nations of an International Year of the Family
- 6.9 World Decade for Cultural Development: Report by the Director-General
- 6.10 Report by the Director-General on the world situation in the fields covered by the Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice
7. Constitutional and legal questions
- 7.1 Harmonization of constitutional and statutory texts
1. Amendment of Articles II, V, IX and XV of the Constitution and deletion of the transitional provisions contained in Articles IV.F.15, V.C.13 and VI.7 of the Constitution
2. Deletion of the transitional provisions contained in Rules 1A and 95A of the Rules of
3. Amendment of Articles 7 and 12 of the Financial Regulations (item proposed by Canada and Australia)
- 7.2 Examination of the measures necessary to specify what would be the financial obligations of a Member State which withdraws from the Organization in the middle of a two-year budgetary period, including the possibility of a request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the interpretation that should be given to the Constitution in this matter
- 7.3 Consideration of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure from the point of view of form and language (item proposed by the Director-General)
- 7.4<sup>1</sup> Draft amendment to Article IV.C.8(C) of the Constitution (item proposed by Canada)
- 7.5 Draft amendment to Article VI, paragraph 2, of the Constitution (item proposed by Australia and Canada)
- 7.6 Draft amendments to Article II, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Constitution (item proposed by Australia and New Zealand)
- 7.7 Draft amendments to Article II, paragraph 6, and Article V, paragraph 4, of the Constitution (item proposed by Venezuela)
- 7.8 Draft amendments to Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10 of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (item proposed by the Director-General)
1. Item deleted.

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8. Conventions, recommendations and other international instruments
  - A. Application of existing instruments
- 8.1 Initial special reports submitted by Member States on the action taken by them to give effect to the Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Statistics on the Production and Distribution of Books, Newspapers and Periodicals
- 8.2 Proposal by the Director-General concerning the procedure for, and frequency of, the submission and consideration of reports of Member States on their implementation of the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education
- 8.3 Consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education: Report by the Executive Board's Committee on Conventions and Recommendations
- 8.4 Reports of Member States on the action taken by them to implement the Convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property (1970)
  - B. Proposals concerning the preparation of new instruments
- 8.5 Desirability of adopting a general international instrument on the safeguarding of folklore
- 8.6 Desirability of adopting an international instrument on the protection of works in the public domain
- 8.7 Preliminary report and analysis of observations made by Member States on the preliminary draft convention on technical and vocational education
9. Relations with international organizations
  - 9.1 Report by the Director-General on changes in the classification of international non-governmental organizations
10. Methods of work of the Organization
  - 10.1 Report by the Director-General on the results of the evaluation of the methods of operation of the International Bureau of Education
  - 10.2 Establishment of a Standing Conference of the Directors of the National Science and Technology Policy-making Bodies of the Unesco Member States of the Africa Region
  - 10.3 Participation of the following Member States in the regional activities undertaken by the Organization in the Asia and the Pacific region: Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen
  - 10.4 Wider use of the Russian language
  - 10.5 Report by the Director-General on publications

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- 10.6 Definition of regions with a view to the implementation of regional activities (item proposed by the Director-General)
- 10.7 Implementation of resolutions 43.31 and 38.11, adopted by the General Conference at its eighteenth and nineteenth sessions respectively, concerning the effective equality of treatment of the Spanish language with the most widely used languages of the Organization (item proposed by Spain and Venezuela)
- 10.8 Use of the Chinese language (item proposed by the People's Republic of China)
- 10.9 Guidelines for the celebration of anniversaries (item proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany)
- 11. Financial questions
  - 11.1 Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the accounts of Unesco for the financial period ended 31 December 1985, and report by the External Auditor
  - 11.2 Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme at 31 December 1985, and report by the External Auditor
  - 11.3 Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of Unesco as at 31 December 1986 for the financial period ending 31 December 1987
  - 11.4 Scale of contributions of Member States
  - 11.5 Currency of contributions of Member States
  - 11.6 Collection of contributions of Member States
  - 11.7 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility and desirability of introducing positive incentives to Member States to pay their contributions promptly, as well as possible measures to achieve such a policy objective
  - 11.8 Working Capital Fund: level and administration
  - 11.9 Amendment of Article 12.6 of the Financial Regulations as follows: 'Both the General Conference and the Executive Board may request the External Auditor to perform certain specific examinations and to issue separate reports on the results'
  - 11.10 Appointment of a new External Auditor
- 12. Staff questions
  - 12.1 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
  - 12.2 Salaries, allowances and other benefits of staff: Professional category and above
  - 12.3 Salaries, allowances and other benefits of staff: General Service category
  - 12.4 Geographical distribution of the staff and medium-term overall plan (1984-1989) for the recruitment and renewal of the staff
  - 12.5 Report by the Director-General on staff questions
  - 12.6 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: Report by the Director-General



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| 12.7 Unesco Staff Pension Committee: Election of representatives of Member States for 1988-1989   | 14.7 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport  |
| 12.8 State of the Medical Benefits Fund: Report by the Director-General (item proposed by the Director-General)   | 14.8 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme   |
| 13. Headquarters questions  | 14.9 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the General Information Programme  |
| 13.1 Report by the Headquarters Committee   | 14.10 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme   |
| 13.2 Headquarters premises: long-term solution  | 14.11 Election of members of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere  |
| 13.3 Terms of reference of the Headquarters Committee   | 14.12 Election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo |
| 14. Elections   | 14.13 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation           |
| 14.1 Election of members of the Executive Board   | 14.14 Election of the members of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development   |
| 14.2 Election of the members of the Legal Committee of the General Conference for the twenty-fifth session  | 15. Twenty-fifth session of the General Conference  |
| 14.3 Election of the members of the Headquarters Committee of the General Conference for the twenty-fifth session   | 15.1 Place of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference  |
| 14.4 Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education |   |
| 14.5 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication   |   |
| 14.6 Election of members of the Council of the International Bureau of Education  |   |



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| 16.               | Other business   | carried out for its preparation  |
| 16.1              | Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 1986-1987. supplementary estimates                      | 16.8 Celebration in 1988 of the 400th anniversary of the death of the architect Sinan (item proposed by Turkey)  |
| 16.2              | State of the Account for end-of-service grants and indemnities   | 17. Supplementary items  |
| 16.3              | Admission of Aruba as an Associate Member (item proposed by the Netherlands)   | 17.1 Unesco's role in ensuring the application and implementation of the provisions of the 1954 Hague Convention for the protection of cultural property, educational establishments and historical monuments and the preservation of the human and natural environment in the event of armed conflict (item proposed by the Islamic Republic of Iran) |
| 16.4              | Celebration in 1990 of the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Ho Chi Minh (item proposed by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam) | 17.2 Use of the Arabic language on an equal footing with the most widely used languages of the Organization (item proposed by Iraq, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan and Yemen Arab Republic)  |
| 16.5 <sup>1</sup> | Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of René Cassin (item proposed by France)   |  |
| 16.6              | Celebration in 1989 of the centenary of the birth of Jawaharlal Nehru (item proposed by India)   | 18. New questions  |
| 16.7              | Report by the Director-General on the draft programme for International Literacy Year and report on the results of the work-             | 18.1 Change of name and Statute of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit  |
|                   |  | 18.2 Use of the Portuguese language in Unesco  |

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## Composition of the General Committee

On the report of the Nominations Committee, which had before it the proposals made by the Executive Board, and after suspending Rule 25, paragraph 1, and Rule 38, paragraph 1, of its Rules of Procedure for the duration of the twenty-fourth session, in accordance with Rule 108 of the aforesaid Rules, the General Conference at its second plenary meeting, on 20 October 1987, elected its General Committee<sup>2</sup> as follows:

1. Item deleted.
2. The complete list of elected officers of the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference is shown in the Annex to this volume.

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President of the General Conference: Mr Guillermo Putzeys Alvarez (Guatemala)

Vice-Presidents of the General Conference: the heads of the delegations of the following Member States:

Austria	Italy	Switzerland
Brazil	Jamaica	Tunisia
Cameroon	Japan	Uganda
Canada	Jordan	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
China	Lebanon	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Ethiopia	Mongolia	United Republic of Tanzania
France	Mozambique	Uruguay
German Democratic Republic	Nepal	Yemen
Ghana	Netherlands	Zaire
Haiti	New Zealand	Zimbabwe
India	Nigeria	
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Peru	
Iraq	Sudan	

Chairwoman of Commission I: Mrs Savitri Suwansathit (Thailand)<sup>1</sup>

Chairman of Commission II: Mr Jaroslav Kubrycht (Czechoslovakia)

Chairman of Commission III: Mr Marcel Roche (Venezuela)

Chairman of Commission IV: Mr Alphonse Blagué (Central African Republic)

Chairman of Commission V: Mr Iba Der Thiam (Senegal)

Chairman of the Administrative Commission: Mr Andri Isaksson (Iceland)

Chairman of the Nominations Committee: Mr Mohamed Fathallah El-Khatib (Egypt)

Chairwoman of the Legal Committee: Mrs Elsa Kelly (Argentina)

Chairman of the Credentials Committee: Mr Edward Victor Luckhoo (Guyana)

Chairman of the Headquarters Committee: Mr Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland)

## 0.5 Organization of the work of the session

0.51 At its third plenary meeting, on 21 October 1987, on the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Conference approved the plan for the organization of the work of the session submitted by the Executive Board (24 C/2 and Add.).

0.52 At its seventh and thirty-fifth plenary meetings, on 23 October and 18 November 1987, the General Conference appointed the following Member States to form the Drafting and Negotiation Group:

1. Mrs Savitri Suwansathit (Thailand) was elected Chairwoman of Commission I following the resignation of Mr Majeed Khan (Bangladesh).

Algeria	India	Pakistan
Benin	Italy	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Japan	Switzerland
Cuba	Kenya	Trinidad and Tobago
France	Lebanon	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Gabon	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	United Arab Emirates <sup>1</sup>
German Democratic Republic	Malawi	Yugoslavia
Germany, Federal Republic of	Mali	
	Mexico	
	Norway	

## 0.6 Admission of an Associate Member

At its second plenary meeting, on 20 October 1987, the General Conference decided to admit Aruba as an Associate Member.

## 0.7 Admission to the twenty-fourth session of observers from an intergovernmental organization

At its third plenary meeting, on 21 October 1987, the General Conference decided to admit as observers the representatives of the following intergovernmental organization:

African Bureau of Educational Sciences

## 0.8 Admission to the twenty-fourth session of observers from international non-governmental organizations

At its second plenary meeting, on 20 October 1987, the General Conference decided to admit as observers the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations:

Organizations in category C

World Press Freedom Committee (Major Programmes III and XII)  
European Council for Social Research on Latin America (Major Programmes I, II, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, X, XI, XII and XIII and items 6.3 and 6.9)  
International Abolitionist Federation (Major programmes XIII and XIV)  
Arab Lawyers Union (Major programmes XII, XIII and XIV)

1. The United Arab Emirates was elected following the withdrawal of Sudan.

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Unclassified organization

Pan-African Union for Science and Technology (Major programmes VI and IX)

### 0.9 Appointment of the Director-General<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

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Having considered the Executive Board's proposal in document 24 C/NOM/17, concerning an appointment to the post of Director-General,

Acting in accordance with Article VI.2 of the Constitution,

1. Appoints Mr Federico Mayor Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for a period of six years from 15 November 1987;

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2. Approves the draft contract submitted to it by the Executive Board in document 24 C/12, establishing the terms of appointment, salary, allowances and status of the Director-General.

Annex Statute relating to the Director-General<sup>2</sup>

#### Article 1

The Director-General is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization. In the discharge of his duties he shall observe the provisions of the Constitution and any rules made by the General Conference and by the Executive

Board, and shall give effect to the decisions of these two organs.

#### Article 2

If the Director-General dies or resigns, the Executive Board shall appoint an Acting Director-General to serve until the following session of the General Conference.

1. Resolution adopted on the proposal of the Chairman of the Executive Board at the twenty-eighth plenary meeting, on 7 November 1987.
2. Text adopted by the General Conference at its first session and ratified at its third extraordinary session and at its tenth, twelfth, fifteenth, eighteenth and twenty-first sessions.

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### Article 3

In the event of the Director-General being incapacitated, the Executive Board may grant him leave of absence on such conditions and for such period as the Board may decide pending the following session of the General Conference; in such case, the duties of the Director-General shall be exercised by an Acting Director-General appointed by the Executive Board.

If, in the opinion of the General Conference, the incapacity of the Director-General renders it impossible for him to continue to exercise his functions, the Conference will request the Executive Board to make a new nomination and will proceed to a new election. In such circumstances the Conference

may grant to the former Director-General such indemnity as it deems proper.

### Article 4

The Executive Board by a vote of two thirds of its members may suspend the Director-General on grounds of misconduct, or of violation of the Constitution or Rules of the Conference and of the Executive Board; in such case it may appoint an Acting Director-General to exercise the functions of the Director-General until the following session of the General Conference. If the General Conference endorses the decision of the Executive Board, the contract of the Director-General shall be terminated forthwith, and the Executive Board shall be requested to make a new nomination for appointment to the position of Director-General.

## 0.10 Election of members of the Executive Board

The General Conference, at its twentieth plenary meeting, on 31 October 1987, proceeded to the election, on the report of the Nominations Committee, of twenty-five members of the Executive Board.

The following candidates (listed in alphabetical order), having obtained the required majority of the votes cast, were declared elected:

Mr Yahya Aliyu (Nigeria)	Mr Luis Bernardo Honwana (Mozambique)
Mr Fahd Bin Jassem Bin Hamad Al Thani (Qatar)	Mr Abdisalam Sheikh Hussein (Somalia)
Mr Anwar Ibrahim (Malaysia)	Mr Youri Evguenievitch Karlov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Mrs Marie-Claude Cabana (France)	Mr Mumtaz Ali Kazi (Pakistan)
Mr Brown B. Chimphamba (Malawi)	Mr Mizuo Kuroda (Japan)
Mr Federico Edjo Ovono (Equatorial Guinea)	Mr Allan Siegfried Li Fo Sjoe (Suriname)
Mr Alfredo Guevara (Cuba)	

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Mrs Margaretha Mickwitz (Finland)	Mr Komlavi Fofoli Seddoh (Togo)
Mr Frans Muheim (Switzerland)	Mrs Stella Soulioti (Cyprus)
Mr Bethuel Allan Ogot (Kenya)	Mr Asavia Wandira (Uganda)
Mr Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Weddady (Mauritania)	Mr Nissanka Parakrama Wijeyeratne (Sri Lanka)
Mr Luis Manuel Peñalver (Venezuela)	Mr Suk-Heun Yun (Republic of Korea)
Mr Luis Ignacio Ramallo (Spain)	Mr Kazimierz Zygulski (Poland)

## 0.11 Tributes

### 0.111 Tribute to the Director-General<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Considering that the term of office of Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, Director-General of Unesco, will end on 14 November 1987,

Aware of the deep commitment to the principles and ideals of Unesco which he has always sought to interpret faithfully, and to defend with vigour,

Conscious of the eminent contribution which, throughout his career in the Organization, Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow has unstintingly made to its development, progress and success,

1. Fully endorses the decision adopted by the Executive Board at its meeting on 2 November 1987, which reads as follows:

'The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, after having been an elected member of the Executive Board of Unesco from 1966 to 1970, joined the Secretariat in 1970 and served successively as Assistant Director-General, Education Sector, and as Director-General,
2. Further recalling that, on 14 November 1974, he was appointed to the office of Director-General by the General Conference at its eighteenth session, and that, on 27 September 1980, his appointment was unanimously renewed by the General Conference at its twenty-first session for a second term which will expire on 14 November 1987,
3. Considering that Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, in discharging his high responsibilities, has never ceased to exert himself to the utmost in the service of the Organization and that, by the clarity of his vision of the Organization's mission, his incisive grasp of the problems of the modern world, his dynamic humanism and his unremitting efforts to secure a consensus and full participation by Member States, National Commissions and intergovernmental

1. Resolution adopted on the proposal of the General Committee at the twenty-fifth plenary meeting, on 4 November 1987.

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and non-governmental organizations in Unesco's activities, he has contributed signally to giving the Organization an unprecedented impetus and range of influence which have enabled it to make substantial advances in serving the international community, and to become an effective force in the effort to promote peace, human rights and development,

4. Considering further his thorough understanding of the United Nations system and the manner in which he has enabled the Organization to contribute to its effectiveness, and to make its voice heard and play its due part within the system,
5. Convinced that the example he has set, which signally exemplifies the virtues of international intellectual co-operation and the international civil service and is a source of pride to the Secretariat of which he was a member and which he has led with such distinction, will continue in the future to inspire all those who, in whatever capacity, endeavour to put into practice the Organization's ideals,
6. Appreciative of the mutually respectful co-operation which developed between him and the Executive Board in shouldering the tasks attributed to them both by the Constitution and the General Conference,
7. Pays solemn tribute to Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow at its plenary meeting on 2 November 1987, and conveys to him its profound gratitude;
8. Expresses the hope that the coming years will afford him many sources of satisfaction and offer him further opportunities of giving the international community the benefit of his experience and of his tireless devotion to the great causes of humanity' ;

Appreciative of the close co-operation which has been maintained between Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow and the General Conference, and of the perspicacity and sensitivity with which he interpreted its wishes and the dedication which he demonstrated in the implementation of its decisions,

2. Pays tribute to Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow and expresses its deepest gratitude to him on the occasion of this plenary meeting of 4 November 1987.

### 0.112 Tribute to Dr Ivo Margan, Chairman of the Executive Board<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Noting that Dr Ivo Margan will conclude his term of office as Chairman of the Executive Board at the end of the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference,

1. Resolution adopted on the proposal of the General Committee at the thirty-eighth plenary meeting, on 20 November 1987.



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Recalling his long and fruitful association with Unesco, which has enabled him to contribute in many diverse ways to its activities: first as President of the General Conference at its twenty-first session (1980) and then at its fourth extraordinary session (1982); subsequently as a member of the Executive Board, Chairman of the Special Committee and of the Temporary Committee established with a view to presenting to the Board recommendations designed to improve the functioning of the Organization; and finally as Chairman of the Executive Board, and recalling also the efforts which he has made to strengthen the role of the Executive Board,

Considering the equanimity, scrupulous fairness, open-mindedness and unflinching sense of commitment to the noble aims of Unesco, all of which he has brought to his high office during a particularly difficult period in the life of the Organization,

Recognizing the major contribution to the work of the present session of the General Conference which the Executive Board made under his leadership,

Expresses its deep gratitude to Dr Ivo Margan for the distinguished services he has rendered to Unesco.

### 0.113 Tribute to Mr Guillermo Putzeys Alvarez, President of the General Conference<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Noting that Mr Guillermo Putzeys Alvarez was elected President of the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference by acclamation,

Recalling that he has for many years been closely associated with Unesco, initially as Minister of Education of Guatemala, later as a member of the Executive Board, Chairman of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and Vice-Chairman of the Board itself and, subsequently, as Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of his country,

Considering that his moderation and sense of dialogue, scrupulous impartiality and wisdom have permeated the spirit in which the General Conference has adopted its resolutions at a critical time for the Organization,

Aware of his unflinching loyalty to the lofty aims of Unesco and of the invaluable contribution that he has made to the attainment of those aims,

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1. Resolution adopted at the thirty-eighth plenary meeting, on 20 November 1987.



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Expresses its deep gratitude and pays tribute to Mr Guillermo Putzeys Alvarez for the dignity and impartiality with which he has presided over the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference, bringing valid opinions and points of view into harmony, and also for the outstanding services that he has rendered to Unesco.

## II Reports on the activities of the Organization and programme evaluation

### 0.12 Report by the Executive Board on its own activities in 1986-1987, including the reform process

At its third plenary meeting, on 21 October 1987, the General Conference took note of the Executive Boards report on its own activities in 1986-1987, including the reform process.

### III Programme for 1988-1989

#### A. *Major programmes*

##### 1 Reflection on world problems and future-oriented studies<sup>1</sup>

###### 1.1 Major Programme I: 'Reflection on world problems and future-oriented studies'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/01, 22 C/Resolution 1.1 and 23 C/Resolution 1.1 concerning Major Programme I 'Reflection on world problems and future-oriented studies',

Recalling further that Major Programme I is in keeping with Unesco's intellectual mission and is designed to contribute to the first task defined in the second Medium-Term Plan, namely 'to contribute to a continuing study of present world problems so as to create a greater awareness of the common destiny which now unites individuals and peoples alike',

Considering, moreover, that the work to be carried out under Major Programme I, by identifying emerging trends in the Organization's fields of competence, will be of assistance in charting more successfully the future course of its programmes,

Noting the need to undertake and to disseminate the conspectus of the studies and research conducted since 1984,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme I 'Reflection on world problems and future-oriented studies' ;

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission I at the twenty-ninth plenary meeting, on 13 November 1987.

1 Reflection on world problems and future-oriented studies

2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:

- (a) to promote and develop knowledge of major world problems with due regard for the work done during the two previous budgetary periods, ensuring that account is taken of the various schools of thought, sensibilities and cultures;
- (b) to highlight the situations, emerging trends, changes and challenges that can be foreseen up to the year 2000 within the Organization's fields of competence both regionally and worldwide;
- (c) to promote reflection on the contribution that the Organization might make in its fields of competence to solving world problems, ensuring wherever possible that options are identified;
- (d) to intensify exchanges of information and ideas concerning reflection on world problems and to disseminate the results of the studies and research carried out under Major Programme I, in particular by issuing a general survey of all the research conducted since 1984;
- (e) to extend, as far as possible, the Organization's assistance, under the participation programme, to Member States that wish to carry out activities consonant with the objectives of Major Programme I;

3. Further requests the Director-General, in the implementation of these activities:

- (a) to establish close co-operation with the international governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, especially the organizations of the United Nations system and the United Nations University;
- (b) to make sure that the situations, problems, viewpoints and outlooks particular to women are appropriately reflected in this work.

1.2 Support for the Simón Bolívar International Centre for Scientific Co-operation (Venezuela)

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/01, 22 C/Resolution 1.1 and 23 C/Resolution 1.1 concerning Major Programme I 'Reflection on world problems and future-oriented studies',

Bearing in mind its recommendations concerning:

- (a) the promotion of reflection on the contribution the Organization might make in its fields of competence to solving world problems, ensuring wherever possible that options are identified, and
- (b) the intensification of exchanges of information and ideas concerning reflection on world problems and the dissemination of the results of the studies and research carried out under Major

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Programme I, in particular by issuing a general survey of all the research conducted since 1984,

Considering the influence of the development of scientific research and science teaching on economic and social progress,

Bearing in mind the agreement between the Government of Venezuela and Unesco concerning the Simón Bolívar International Centre for Scientific Co-operation, signed on 24 July 1983 and ratified by the Congress of the Republic of Venezuela by the Law of 26 November 1985,

Conscious of the need for combined effort in Latin America and the Caribbean to intensify exchanges of information and ideas concerning reflection on world problems and, in particular, the promotion of future-oriented reflection in the field of science and technology,

Taking into account the efforts being made by various Latin American and Caribbean institutions, such as the College of Mexico, the Centre for Research on Development Problems (CENDES) of the Central University of Venezuela, and the Simón Bolívar International Centre for Scientific Co-operation of the International Institute for Advanced Studies (IDEA), to promote research, reflection and teaching on the future-oriented approach in science and technology,

Authorizes the Director-General to provide technical and financial support for the Simón Bolívar International Centre for Scientific Co-operation of Venezuela, which is located in the International Institute for Advanced Studies, in the framework of the activities provided for under Major Programme I and in particular in subparagraphs 2.6 of paragraph 01005, 3.1 of paragraph 01006 and 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 of paragraph 01007 in the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989.

## 2 Education for all<sup>1</sup>

### 2.1 Major Programme II: 'Education for all'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/02, 22 C/Resolution 2.1 and 23 C/Resolution 2.1 concerning Major Programme II 'Education for all',

Recognizing the importance of Major Programme II for Unesco's second task as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Reaffirming that the right to education is one of the fundamental human rights and that education is one of the prerequisites for exercising the other human rights,

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission II at the thirtieth plenary meeting, on 13 November 1987.

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Recalling that the exercise of the right to education is still far from being a reality throughout the world and that the illiteracy of hundreds of millions of people, one of the principal social problems of our time, represents a particularly serious denial of this right, a major obstacle to economic, social and cultural progress and a challenge to the conscience of the international community,

Considering that if the right to education is to be exercised there must be a strong political will on the part of Member States for democratization, expressed through sustained efforts to base education on the principles of equity and justice, and to eliminate all the forms of inequality and discrimination suffered by large sections of the population,

Stressing the need for greater participation by girls and women in all educational development programmes in order to ensure that they have genuine equality of access to and opportunity in all forms and all levels of education,

Recalling the importance, for the attainment of the objectives of Major Programme II, of implementing the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education and the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education,

Considering that the exercise of the right to education must henceforth be seen in the context of the kind of lifelong education that incorporates all the different levels and forms of education,

Stressing the importance of the role the Organization is required to play in the eradication of illiteracy by alerting world public opinion to the problem, encouraging co-operation between Member States and supporting national efforts to tackle it,

Referring to the resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-third session on Major Programme II, 'Education for all', to 23 C/Resolution 4.6 on the 'Plan of action to eradicate illiteracy by the year 2000' and to resolution 41/118 on International Literacy Year, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-first session,

Referring also to resolution 37/52, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-seventh session, on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and to resolution 1986/2, adopted by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations at its fifteenth plenary session (1986), on the situation of migrant workers and members of their families,

Recalling the resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board relating to the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue to implement Major Programme II, 'Education for all';

2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:

- (a) under Programme II.1 'Promotion of general access to education: development and renewal of primary education and intensification of the struggle against illiteracy' ,
- (i) to further the dissemination, and regional, interregional and international exchanges of information on national strategies for and experiences of the struggle against illiteracy in children and adults, particularly in the context of regional programmes and projects for the eradication of illiteracy and through the network established in the Europe region for the exchange of information on the prevention of functional illiteracy and the integration of young people into the world of work;
  - (ii) to continue, particularly within the framework of preparations for International Literacy Year, to alert world public opinion to the problem and seek broad moral, material and financial support for Member States' efforts to eradicate illiteracy from all regions of the world by the year 2000, by appealing for international solidarity;
  - (iii) to provide continued support to Member States for the formulation and execution of integrated plans for eradicating illiteracy based on a global approach designed to stem illiteracy at its source by extending the coverage of primary education and improving its relevance; also step up literacy and post-literacy work in the context of lifelong education and efforts to prevent and eradicate the various forms of functional illiteracy, including that found in the industrial countries;
  - (iv) to continue to pay particular attention to activities concerned directly with the promotion of general access to and the improvement of primary education as an essential component of the education process;
  - (v) to take fully into account, in activities promoting general access to primary education and in literacy work, the specific needs and conditions of rural areas and isolated regions;
  - (vi) to continue to give special attention to the Major Project in the Field of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Regional Programme for the Eradication of Illiteracy in Africa and the Regional Programme for the Universalization and Renewal of Primary Education and the Eradication of Illiteracy in Asia and the Pacific (APPEAL) and collaborate with the Member States concerned on the preparation and execution of a similar programme in the region of the Arab States;
  - (vii) to continue to give high priority to the training and further training of adult-literacy and primary education personnel and pay special attention to the training of trainers and personnel exercising a multiplier effect and to the strengthening of networks of training institutions under

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regional and subregional programmes for the eradication of illiteracy;

(b) under Programme II.2, 'Democratization of education',

- (i) to continue to further the application of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education and the adoption and implementation of measures and reforms to ensure equality of educational opportunity and treatment, especially for the most disadvantaged groups;
- (ii) to encourage efforts to give full effect to the different aspects of the democratization of education by stimulating research, reflection and reforms with a view to introducing into education systems the changes required to provide lifelong education for all which meets the foreseeable needs of societies in the twenty-first century;
- (iii) to co-operate with Member States to promote educational reforms, measures and projects aimed at encouraging better co-ordination between formal and non-formal education, greater mobility between different forms of education and genuine participation by the groups and communities concerned in the formulation of plans and programmes for educational development and in the management of educational establishments and activities;
- (iv) to contribute to the development of national capabilities for the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies for the development of early childhood education, particularly through its extension to disadvantaged groups;

(c) under Programme II.3, 'Adult education',

- (i) to continue to encourage and support the implementation of the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education (Nairobi, 1976) and the recommendations of the Fourth International Conference on Adult Education (Paris, 1985) and put into operation the procedure established by the General Conference for the presentation and examination of the reports from Member States relating to the application of the 1976 Recommendation;
- (ii) to promote adult education by helping to improve knowledge of new trends and approaches, to improve staff training and to disseminate information on the institutions and international non-governmental organizations concerned and their activities;
- (iii) to encourage activities designed to ensure that employment needs and changes in the structure of employment are taken into account in general education and continuing education, to promote scientific and technological extension work and to improve the training of those concerned in the education of workers;
- (iv) to co-operate more forcefully with Member States and international non-governmental organizations in providing



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education designed to give adults a better understanding of the major problems of the modern world and an increased awareness of their civic rights and responsibilities and to prepare them to participate more actively in socio-economic and cultural life and in the management of the community's affairs;

- (v) to promote exchanges of information about experiments in using the services of elderly people to conduct educational activities for young people and adults;
- (d) under Programme II.4, 'Equality of educational opportunity for girls and women', to continue and step up co-operation with Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and the international non-governmental organizations with a view to,
- (i) gaining a deeper knowledge of the economic, social and cultural obstacles to educational equality between women and men and preparing and implementing innovative approaches and strategies for eliminating those obstacles; disseminating information regarding national strategies for promoting education for girls and women, and providing for the exchange of relevant experience and expertise among Member States;
  - (ii) promoting general access to education for girls and women, particularly through co-ordinated action to provide schooling for girls, reduce educational wastage and intensify literacy and education programmes for women;
  - (iii) encouraging, particularly through the improvement of school and vocational guidance, increased participation by girls and women in scientific studies and at all levels of technical and vocational education, particularly in courses leading to careers in key areas and advanced sectors of the economy and important jobs and positions in society;
  - (iv) bringing about greater understanding and recognition of women's educational role in society, promoting their access to positions of responsibility in the field of education and encouraging parents to approach the problems of the education of children in a spirit of shared responsibility;
- (e) under Programme II,5, 'Extension and improvement of education in rural areas', to continue to co-operate with Member States in the implementation of strategies for the extension and diversification of educational services and the promotion of legislative and financial measures likely to promote access to education in rural areas with a view to:
- (i) reducing the existing disparities in education between rural and urban populations and ensuring equality of educational opportunity and treatment;

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- (ii) improving the quality of educational content and methods and their relevance to the needs and centres of interest of rural populations and raising the qualifications of the staff involved in education in rural areas;
  - (iii) promoting the participation of rural populations in the preparation and implementation of measures conducive to the development and improvement of education;
  - (iv) increasing the contribution of general and specialized education to socio-economic development, scientific and technological progress, the modernization of rural areas and the improvement of the living and working conditions of rural populations, in particular through the implementation of educational reforms aimed at strengthening the contribution of community schools to development;
- (f) under Programme II.6, 'Promotion of the right to education of particular groups',
- (i) to continue and step up activities to foster the education of the disabled, in particular those activities aimed at making national officials, decision-makers, planners and the general public more aware of the problems raised by such education and those aimed at improving the content, methods and techniques of education for people with different disabilities and of training for education staff, taking into account their specific needs and the contributions of the new information and communication technologies, with a view to the integration of disabled young people into the ordinary school environment and into working life;
  - (ii) to continue to support, within the framework of co-operation with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and with the other institutions providing educational assistance to refugees and national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), recognized by the League of Arab States, the educational activities being conducted in this context and the activities aimed at training the teachers and key personnel of these movements;
  - (iii) to continue the efforts made to enable Unesco to monitor on a permanent basis the functioning of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories, and strengthen Unesco's technical and material support for the educational and cultural institutions in those territories;
  - (iv) also to pursue his efforts to create a scholarship fund, to be financed by donations, for students from the occupied Arab territories, in pursuance of resolutions 23 and 2.1 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-second and its twenty-third sessions respectively;

- (v) to promote educational activities on behalf of migrant workers and their families, literacy training for women and girls, particularly in their mother tongue, the preservation of their cultural identity, pre-vocational and technical education for second-generation migrants and the preparation and dissemination by the media of educational programmes in the migrants' mother tongue, with a view to-facilitating their integration in their countries of immigration and their subsequent reintegration in their countries of origin.

## 2.2 Eradication of illiteracy

The General Conference,

Considering the prominent role and catalytic function of innovative concepts linking literacy and post-literacy programmes to general education for all and to continuing and lifelong education, including vocational training, within Unesco's educational activities as a whole,

Stressing in this context the high priority which should be given to the eradication of illiteracy in Unesco's programmes,

Recalling resolutions 2.2 and 4.6, adopted at its twenty-third session, the first concerning International Literacy Year, which was the subject of document 24 C/67 (Report of the Director-General on the draft programme for International Literacy Year and the results of the work carried out for its preparation) and the second concerning the plan of action to eradicate illiteracy by the year 2000 (document 24 C/78, Report of the Director-General on the preparation of the plan of action for the eradication of illiteracy by the year 2000),

Welcoming ECOSOC resolution 1987/80, in which the Economic and Social Council invites the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 1990 International Literacy Year, and expressing the hope that the General Assembly will approve this proposal,

Recalling paragraph 29 of document 24 C/6, in which the Executive Board recommends that the General Conference effect a further increase, amounting to at least US \$500,000, in the resources for Subprogrammes II.1.2 (Assistance for framing and implementation of national, regional and international strategies for the promotion of general access to primary education and its renewal and for the eradication of illiteracy) and II.1.3 (Training of literacy personnel),

1. Decides to strengthen Subprogrammes II.1.2 and II.1.3 by allocating to each of them half of an additional amount that would be added to the amount proposed in document 24 C/5, stressing in particular the importance of basing literacy work on national and local culture, taking into account the interests and needs of women, men, girls and boys, and devoting special attention to literacy and teacher training for women;

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2. Invites the Director-General to continue the evaluation of Unesco's activities in the field of literacy as a follow-up to the in-depth study (document 126 EX/SP/RAP) conducted by the Special Committee on the basis of the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1984-1985, and to make use of the additional funds to strengthen the innovative aspects and the efficiency of Unesco's activities in the field of literacy;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to use US \$200,000 from the Reserve for draft resolutions to provide the additional funds referred to above;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to solicit voluntary contributions and extra-budgetary funds in order to give effect to the recommendation of the Executive Board contained in 24 C/6, paragraph 29, and invites him to report to the Board if necessary on any other additional source to which he might be able to appeal;
5. Invites the Council of the International Bureau of Education to seek all possible savings in the budget for the organization of the 41st session of the International Conference on Education with a view to conducting, under the programme of the International Bureau of Education, comparative studies on innovations in combating illiteracy;
6. Recommends that Member States pay special attention to literacy programmes in the search for and identification of projects financed from extra-budgetary sources;
7. Urges Member States to reinforce the Special Account for Voluntary Contributions for Literacy Work.

### 2.3 International Literacy Year

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 2.2 appealing to the General Assembly of the United Nations to proclaim an International Literacy Year,

Mindful that the elimination of illiteracy is essential in order to guarantee the right to education recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Emphasizing the gravity of the problem of illiteracy and the impediment it poses to efforts to promote development, combat poverty and ensure relations of equity and justice among individuals and nations,

Referring to 23 C/Resolution 4.6 inviting the Director-General, when the third Medium-Term Plan is being drawn up, to prepare a plan of action to help Member States in all regions of the world to eradicate illiteracy by the year 2000,

Noting the close relationship between 23 C/Resolution 2.2 and 23 C/Resolution 4.6, International Literacy Year being a means of promoting greater understanding by world public opinion of the

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problem of illiteracy and intensifying efforts to extend the coverage of education, thereby preparing a sound basis for launching a plan of action to eradicate illiteracy before the end of the century,

Noting with satisfaction resolution 41/118 of the General Assembly of the United Nations entitled 'Efforts and measures for promoting the eradication of illiteracy', approving the appeal of the General Conference for the proclamation of an International Literacy Year,

Being informed of 126 EX/Decision 7.1.2, in which the Executive Board approved the preliminary proposals made by the Director-General and authorized him to transmit these proposals to the Economic and Social Council, as requested by the General Assembly,

Welcoming resolution 1987/80 of the Economic and Social Council inviting the General Assembly to proclaim International Literacy Year in 1990,

1. Approves the draft programme for International Literacy Year submitted by the Director-General;
2. Authorizes the Director-General to submit the programme for International Literacy Year to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for whatever action he may judge appropriate in relation to ongoing deliberations on the proclamation of International Literacy Year;
3. Requests the General Assembly of the United Nations to proclaim 1990 International Literacy Year, as recommended by the Economic and Social Council;
4. Appeals to Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take immediate measures to prepare programmes and activities for International Literacy Year in the context of the plan of action for the eradication of illiteracy by the year 2000.

2.4 Regional programme for the universalization and renewal of primary education and the eradication of illiteracy in Asia and the Pacific (APPEAL)

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/02 on Major Programme II, 'Education for all' in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Recalling further 23 C/Resolution 2.1 on the promotion of general access to education and the development and renewal of primary education and the intensification of the struggle against illiteracy,

Considering that the Asia and the Pacific region, encompassing some of the most populous countries in the world, has the bulk of the world's illiterates and the highest number of non-enrolled children in the primary age-group,

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Realizing that Member States in the Asia and the Pacific region have already accepted Universal Primary Education (UPE) as a priority objective and fixed target dates for achieving it and eradicating illiteracy,

Referring to Recommendation No. 10 of the fifth Regional Conference of Ministers of Education and Those Responsible for Economic Planning in Asia and the Pacific (MINEDAP V), asking the Director-General to study the possibility of launching a regional programme to eradicate illiteracy before the end of the century, by co-ordinated action directed towards the universal provision and renewal of primary education, coupled with literacy work among adults,

Appreciating the efforts already made by Unesco in launching the Regional Programme for the Universalization and Renewal of Primary Education and the Eradication of Illiteracy in Asia and the Pacific (APPEAL) during the 1986-1987 biennium,

1. Recommends that Member States reinforce existing institutional mechanisms or establish new ones, depending on their requirements, which will be responsible for the co-ordination of different activities involved in the universalization of primary education, literacy and continuing education at the national level, and adopt a holistic approach with a view to intensifying their efforts to devise an intersectoral approach involving education, labour, health and nutrition, agriculture and rural development in achieving the target of 'education for all';
2. Authorizes the Director-General to take all possible steps, within the framework of the Organization's Programme and Budget for 1988-1989, with a view to: providing increased support for the development of innovative approaches and strategies to achieve the objectives of the Regional Programme for the Universalization and Renewal of Primary Education and the Eradication of Illiteracy in Asia and the Pacific (APPEAL); providing technical and other necessary assistance to strengthen the national capabilities of the Member States for eradicating illiteracy and achieving universal primary education; arranging training activities for their key personnel; and promoting exchanges of information, experience and expertise involving APPEAL among the Member States.

### 2.5 Regional programme for the universalization and renewal of primary education and the eradication of adult illiteracy in the Arab States region

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/02, 22 C/Resolution 2.1, 23 C/Resolution 2.1 and 23 C/Resolution 4.6 concerning Major Programme II, 'Education for all', and resolution 41/118 concerning International Literacy Year, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 41st session,

Considering that many Arab States have made marked progress in the area of primary education and adult literacy, but noting that the



illiteracy rate in the Arab States region, which was 56.5 per cent in 1985, remains high,

Bearing in mind Unesco's action in other regions, for example the Major Project in the Field of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Regional Programme for the Eradication of Illiteracy in Africa and the Regional Programme for the Universalization and Renewal of Primary Education and the Eradication of Illiteracy in Asia and the Pacific (APPEAL),

Considering that the meeting held at Amman (June 1987), which was attended by senior educational officials from the Arab States, expressed the hope that a regional programme for the universalization and renewal of primary education and the eradication of adult illiteracy would be prepared and implemented in the Arab States region,

Noting that the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 makes provision for a regional meeting of experts to finalize a regional plan of action for the eradication of illiteracy in the Arab States region, and for many activities that would lend support to the Arab States' efforts, at national and regional levels, to prepare and implement such a regional programme,

1. Invites the Director-General, in consultation with the competent authorities in the Member States concerned, to take all the measures he may deem necessary within the framework of the Organization's Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 and within the limits of available resources, to facilitate the preparation and implementation of a regional programme for the universalization and renewal of primary education and the eradication of adult illiteracy in the Arab States region and, for that purpose, to secure the collaboration of the regional organizations, institutions and centres and regional-oriented national organizations existing in the region;
2. Launches an appeal to all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, foundations and public and private institutions to provide material, financial and technical support, within the regional programme, for the efforts made by the Arab States to eradicate illiteracy through co-ordinated action to promote the universalization and renewal of primary education and adult literacy training.

- 2.6 Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Elects in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2, of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be

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1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.

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responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education, the following persons to be members of the said Commission: Mr Mohamed Ben Bachir (Morocco), Mrs Hilda Chen Apuy (Costa Rica), Mr Ricardo Alberto Guibourg (Argentina) and Mr Alassane Ndaw (Senegal).

### 2.7 Implementation of the recommendation on the development of adult education

The General Conference,

Considering that the development of adult education is one of the fundamental aspects of the promotion of the right to education, of the democratization of education and of the introduction of lifelong education for all,

Recalling that at its nineteenth session (1976), it adopted the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education and considering that the Organization should encourage its full and complete application and keep itself informed of progress made in implementing it in the Member States,

Referring to the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution and of Article 16.3 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions, and recalling that in the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education it 'recommends that Member States report to it, at such dates and in such form as shall be determined by it, on the action taken by them in pursuance' of that Recommendation,

Further l l i n g that the fourth International Conference on Adult Education (Paris, 1985) recommended to the General Conference that it 'establish a procedure and periodicity for the submission and consideration of reports of Member States on their implementation of the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education' ,

Having examined document 24 C/72 containing the Director-General's proposal concerning the procedure for and frequency of the submission and consideration of reports of Member States on their implementation of the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education,

1. Approves the procedure and periodicity and the timetable proposed in document 24 C/72 for the submission and consideration of these reports from Member States;
2. Invites the Director-General to prepare a draft questionnaire for the Member States with a view to the drafting of their reports on the implementation of the 1976 Recommendation, to submit it to the Committee for Conventions and Recommendations of the Executive Board and for the approval of the Executive Board, and to send the approved questionnaire to the Member States in the course of 1991;
3. Invites the Member States to ensure that their reports reach the Director-General within a period of ten months from the date of dispatch of the questionnaire;



4. Invites the Director-General to prepare analytical summaries of these reports and a general synoptic report;
5. Invites the Executive Board to have the national reports and the synoptic report prepared by the Director-General examined by its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and to examine them itself;
6. Decides that the analytical summaries of the national reports, the synoptic report and the report of the above-mentioned Committee, with the observations of the Executive Board, shall be submitted to the General Conference at its twenty-seventh session (1993).

## 2.8 Development of adult education

The General Conference,

Recalling the importance of education as a determining factor of development,

Conscious of the fundamental importance attaching to the full exercise of the right to education, free from any discrimination, for the complete fulfillment of the human person and for the effective exercise of other fundamental rights and freedoms,

Recalling the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education, adopted by the General Conference at its nineteenth session (Nairobi, 1976),

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 2.1 on Major Programme II, 'Education for all',

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 4.6, "'Plan of action to eradicate illiteracy by the year 2000', adopted in connection with Major Programme IV,

Taking account also of the recommendations of the Fourth International Conference on Adult Education (Paris, 1985),

Considering that basic adult education is a matter of particular urgency for the effective, overall implementation of the right to education, and should therefore be recognized as a priority of the international community and of Unesco,

Conscious of the need to ensure the general introduction of basic adult education as soon as possible, incorporating therein literacy activities designed to meet the needs expressed by individuals or groups,

Requests the Director-General:

- (a) to encourage the general introduction of adult education as soon as possible;
- (b) to plan adult education as a set of measures making it possible:

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- (i) to make the mastery of writing, reading and elementary written calculation accessible to illiterate individuals and groups, including women;
  - (ii) to ensure the organization of sustained post-literacy activities and of continuing education;
  - (iii) to provide the means of improving the quality of life, through the acquisition of knowledge and skills in the areas of nutrition, health, information, housing, social and political participation and the upbringing of children;
  - (iv) to offer the possibility of participating in economic production and its expansion;
- (c) to include in this approach concern to ensure continual adjustment to the social and economic development prospects of countries, to their cultural contexts and to the needs expressed by individuals or groups, by means more particularly of basic technological education conducive to polyvalence and adaptability;
- (d) to assist Member States in working out educational strategies based on the problems, interests and needs of groups or individuals;
- (e) to encourage them to put into effect a range of adult education activities;
- (f) to provide for the comprehensive pooling of experience gained and results achieved in the field of adult education and its methods at regional and international level.

### 2.9 National plan for the development of adult education in Honduras

The General Conference,

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Honduras has drawn up and is giving priority to the implementation of education policies aimed at the full development of the education system to enable it to perform its mission at this moment of history for the benefit of all Hondurans, in particular the large disadvantaged groups which form the majority of the population,

Considering that in this effort to achieve progress for Honduran education it has given pride of place to primary education for children and basic all-round education for adults,

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Honduras, in an endeavour that has full inter-agency and intersectoral participation and backing, expressed in practical terms in the activity of the 'Comisión Nacional Impulsora del Desarrollo de la Educación de Adultos' (CONIDEA), has begun to implement the innovative National Plan for the Development of Adult Education in Honduras (PLANDEA),

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Recognizing that PLANDEA represents a goal and a strategic national effort to provide basic all-round adult education which, with its permanent, functional, unified, participatory and dynamic character and its consonance with the Major Project in the Field of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, is seeking systematically to transform and foster the development of adult education in Honduras,

Recognizing that Honduras is one of the countries with the largest number of inhabitants who have not been able to satisfy their basic educational needs,

Bearing in mind. and emphasizing, that the Government and the people of Honduras are meeting the requirements of adult education in a creative way through PLANDEA,

Taking into account the fact that PLANDEA reflects the objectives of the Major Project in the Field of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, the resolutions of the General Conference of Unesco, and the declarations of the world conferences on adult education as well as the recommendations made in this area of education by regional and subregional meetings,

Authorizes the Director-General to appeal to the international community to provide the material, financial, technical and moral support that Honduras needs in order to implement its National Plan for the Development of Adult Education.

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### 3.1 Major Programme III: 'Communication in the service of man'<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/03, 22 C/Resolution 3.1 and 23 C/Resolution 3.1 relating to Major Programme III, 'Communication in the service of man',

Recalling the relevant provisions which are set forth in the Constitution, in various international instruments, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and in General Conference resolutions and declarations, as referred to in the above-mentioned 4 XC/Resolution 2/03, 22 C/Resolution 3.1 and 23 C/Resolution 3.1,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations since its thirty-fourth session that deal with co-operation with Unesco in the fields of communication and

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1. Resolution adopted on the report of Commission IV at the thirty-seventh plenary meeting, on 20 November 1987.

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information and with the central role played by Unesco in that connection within its mandate,

Stressing the importance of Major Programme III for the accomplishment of Unesco's second task as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan,

1. Reaffirms that it is essential gradually to eliminate existing imbalances in the field of communication, in particular by fostering the development of infrastructures, the training of people and the strengthening of production and dissemination capacities in the developing countries, and to encourage a free flow and a wider and better balanced dissemination of information, with a view to the establishment of a new world information and communication order seen as an evolving and continuous process;
2. Urgently appeals to Member States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, professional circles and the various sources of financing to increase their support for the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) by making a greater volume of funds available to it, as well as more personnel, equipment and training facilities;
3. Stresses the importance of the intellectual co-operation mission Unesco is carrying out by encouraging collaboration between the competent research institutions and professional organizations for a better understanding of the place of communication in the development of societies and of the opportunities it provides for strengthening international understanding;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme III, 'Communication in the service of man', ensuring that an appropriate balance is maintained between activities relating to studies and operational activities and giving high priority to those contemplated under Programme III.3, 'The development of communication' ;
5. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) under Programme III.1, 'Studies on communication',
    - (i) to stimulate research on the socio-cultural impact of new communication technologies;
    - (ii) to encourage the collection, synthesis, evaluation and dissemination, in close co-operation with the competent professional and non-governmental organizations, of work on the concepts of a new world information and communication order seen as an evolving and continuous process, the right to communicate, pluralism and access to and participation in communication, taking steps where necessary to broaden the study base in keeping with the spirit of the twenty-third session of the General Conference;
    - (iii) to contribute to the strengthening of research and documentation capacities in communication and to the training and further training of research workers;

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- (iv) to encourage the development of research on the image of women projected by the media;
- (b) under Programme III.2, 'Free flow and wider and better balanced dissemination of information, increased exchanges of news and programmes',
  - (i) to help to eliminate all obstacles to the free flow and wider and better balanced exchanges of news and programmes, in particular by fostering better understanding of such obstacles and of the means of overcoming them and by encouraging the establishment or strengthening of machinery for exchanges and co-operation in all areas of communication;
  - (ii) to co-operate with Member States and, where applicable, professional associations and non-governmental organizations to follow up the findings of the evaluation undertaken in 1986-1987 of the effect of the Declaration on Fundamental Principles concerning the Contribution of the Mass Media to Strengthening Peace and International Understanding, to the Promotion of Human Rights and to Countering Racism, Apartheid and Incitement to War, and in particular to seek the media's assistance in improving international understanding and the public's knowledge of major world problems with a view to contributing to the creation of a climate of confidence in international relations;
  - (iii) to encourage the media to contribute to the promotion of equality between women and men and further the training, recruitment and advancement of women in the various areas and professional specializations in communication;
- (c) under Programme III.3, 'The development of communication' ,
  - (i) to encourage the formulation and implementation of communication development policies and plans and, in conjunction with the activities undertaken under the IPDC, to disseminate and evaluate the first World Communication Report with a view to considering activities relating to its further development;
  - (ii) to give high priority to activities relating to the training and further training of communication personnel, the development of infrastructures, the establishment of appropriate facilities and the endogenous production of messages and programmes;
  - (iii) to continue to take action to strengthen the IPDC;
  - (iv) to continue the action being taken for the preservation of moving images, in particular through the development of audiovisual archives;
  - (v) to stimulate international and interprofessional co-operation in media education;

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6. Further invites the Director-General:
  - (a) to maintain close co-operation, especially within the framework of the IPDC, with the other organizations of the United Nations system that have responsibilities or conduct activities in the field of communication;
  - (b) to associate the competent international governmental and non-governmental organizations, National Commissions and professional circles very closely with the Organization's activities in the field of communication;
  - (c) to co-operate with the extra-budgetary funding agencies and programmes with a view to increasing the Organization's operational capacity in the field of communication;
  
7. Requests the Director-General to give special attention, in the implementation of these activities, to those that:
  - (a) contribute to solving the most urgent practical problems or can facilitate decision-making in the field of communication;
  - (b) answer the needs and priorities of the countries with the least developed communication infrastructures and systems and of their respective citizens;
  - (c) encourage a plurality of information sources and channels by facilitating access to such sources and channels, giving rise to their establishment or fostering public participation in their management;
  - (d) take account, in the implementation of the programme, of the need to reflect knowledge about different solutions to communication problems, having regard to the social, political, cultural and economic diversity of the contemporary world;
  - (e) contribute to the implementation of the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development;
  - (f) are best able to stimulate exchanges at all levels and co-operation among professional organizations and circles engaged in communication activities;
  - (g) can contribute to the reduction of international and internal imbalances in the field of communication and are aimed especially at the least well-endowed regions, the most disadvantaged social groups and women, and also that can facilitate the acquisition of new technologies;
  - (h) stimulate research on problems to which Member States consider priority should be given.

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##### 3.2 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Elects, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication, the following Member States to be members of the Council:<sup>2</sup>

Algeria	Germany (Federal	Spain
Cameroon	Republic of)	Sweden
Colombia	Guinea	United Republic of Tanzania
Congo	Guinea-Bissau	Yemen
Cuba	Italy	Yugoslavia
France	Madagascar	Zimbabwe

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##### 4.1 Major Programme IV: 'The formulation and application of education policies'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/04, 22 C/Resolution 4.1 and 23 C/Resolution 4.1 concerning Major Programme IV, 'The formulation and application of education policies' ,

Recognizing the importance of Major Programme IV for the accomplishment of Unesco's third task as described in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Considering that this major programme, which is designed to facilitate the planning and implementation of action on a broad front to ensure general access to education in the Member States and to improve the quality of education within the context of lifelong education for all, should provide a framework for the co-ordination of all the Organization's activities in this field,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.
2. The other members of the Council, who were elected at the twenty-third session and whose term of office will expire at the close of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, are: China, Ecuador, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Venezuela.
3. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission II at the thirtieth plenary meeting, on 13 November 1987.



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Considering that the strengthening of regional and international co-operation with a view to the development of education is an important means of helping towards the improvement of education systems, their expansion and their adaptation to the needs of Member States,

Reaffirming the intellectual character of the task of international co-operation which is that of Unesco and the need to ensure that activities involving study and reflection and those of an operational character counterbalance and complement one another,

Considering the role which this major programme can play in strengthening and broadening future-oriented reflection and intellectual co-operation among Member States, their institutions and their specialists in order to help solve the various problems facing them in their action to match education systems more effectively to their development needs and to reform them so as to afford the younger generations a better preparation for the coming decades,

Considering that, in order to widen access to education and provide greater opportunities for all to complete their studies successfully, it is vital to aim for a constant improvement in the quality of education, which requires greater financial resources and the rationalization of their management, the development and modernization of the material and technical infrastructures of educational establishments and the expansion of teacher training,

Considering the need to promote education in the context of overall development, economic and social no less than scientific and cultural, in particular by co-ordinating and harmonizing education policies with those aimed at developing science, technology, culture and communication,

Recognizing the important role that the new information and communication technologies, and particularly informatics, can play in extending educational services to new sections of the population, and in improving the quality and efficacy of the educational process,

Convinced that priority must continue to be given to the consolidation and diversification of training activities for the different categories of educational personnel,

Recalling the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Conference on Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a View to Developing a Climate of Opinion Favorable to the Strengthening of Security and Disarmament, the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education, Recommendation No.71 adopted by the International Conference on Education at its 36th session concerning the problem of information at the national and international level which is posed by the improvement of education systems, and Recommendation No.75 adopted by the International Conference on Education at its 40th session concerning the improvement of secondary education, its objectives, structures, content and methods,



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Recalling further the recommendation adopted by the International Conference on Education at its 40th session concerning education for the prevention of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS),

Referring to resolutions 4.8, 4.9 and 26.2 which it adopted at its twenty-third session concerning education for the prevention of drug abuse, population education, and action and education to combat drug trafficking and misuse, and to resolution 41/127 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 41st session relating to the international campaign against traffic in drugs, and reasserting the need to co-ordinate Unesco's activities in these fields with those of the other organizations of the United Nations system with a view to ensuring greater complementarily and efficacy,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to implement Major Programme IV 'The formulation and application of education policies';
2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) under Programme IV.1 'Contribution to the formulation and application of education policies and strengthening of national capacities with regard to educational planning, management, administration and economics',
    - (i) to pursue and develop reflection, consultation and co-ordination and the exchange of information and experience concerning education policies and their harmonization with the requirements of economic, social, cultural, scientific and technological development; to convene in 1988 the 41st session of the International Conference on Education (category II) and the fourth Conference (category II) of Ministers of Education of Member States of the Europe Region (MINEDEUROPE IV) and to prepare for the sixth Conference (category II) of Ministers of Education and Those Responsible for Economic Planning in African Member States (MINEDAF VI);
    - (ii) to contribute, in particular through training activities, to the strengthening of the capacities of Member States to analyse, design, plan, manage, and evaluate their education systems, having due regard for the objective of democratizing education, and more effectively to co-ordinate their development plans for formal and non-formal education, giving special prominence to training in modern management methods and techniques and to the use of informatics;
    - (iii) to promote co-operation with Member States with a view to ascertaining what practical means could be used for a more effective mobilization and a more rational use of internal and external resources to develop and democratize education;
    - (iv) to continue, with a view to mobilizing external financial resources for education, to co-operate with the World Bank, the regional development banks, the bilateral and multi-lateral funds, UNICEF and the World Food Programme, and to help strengthen the capacity of Member States to identify

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and prepare educational projects to be submitted to external funding sources, and to execute and evaluate such projects;

- (b) under Programme IV.2 'The educational sciences and their application to the renewal of the educational process' ,
  - (i) to stimulate future-oriented reflection in regard to education and the development of the educational sciences and to make better and wider use of their findings in educational practice with a view to ensuring that, in terms of quality, education matches the foreseeable requirements of the twenty-first century;
  - (ii) to foster collaboration among educational research institutes with a view in particular to promoting co-operative research programmes on priority themes for educational development and for improving the efficacy of the education system and process;
  - (iii) to continue to encourage innovations in educational content, methods and techniques with a view to furthering the democratization of education and strengthening its role in relation to socio-economic and cultural development, and to that end to develop the co-operative networks for educational innovation by adapting their activities to the new trends of education in each region;
  - (iv) to continue publication of the journal Prospects and to increase its circulation;
  - (v) to promote reflection on the coherence, balance and relevance of educational content, having regard in particular to the provisions of the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and to contribute, during the biennium, to a better understanding of problems of the relevance of secondary school curricula, with a view to meeting individual needs and those of society both today and in the foreseeable future;
  - (vi) to foster, in the context of the World Decade for Cultural Development, the strengthening of the cultural aspects of educational content and practice and, to that end, to encourage wider recourse to the national and the world cultural heritage and to the use of mother tongues and national languages at the different levels and in the different forms of education, to undertake activities designed to develop creativity and aesthetic education and to promote ethical values through education;
  - (vii) to continue to provide Member States, at their request, with assistance in integrating into formal and non-formal education interdisciplinary curricula relating to problems of the quality of life, concerning, in particular, population, the prevention of drug abuse and the prevention of AIDS, and in interlining such curricula with curricula relating to health and the environment;

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- (viii) to strengthen the activities relating to the introduction of new information and communication technologies into education, and in particular those relating to informatics as a subject taught, as a teaching aid, and as a research and management tool, for all levels and all forms of education, including distance education;
- (c) under Programme IV.3 'Policies and methods for the training of educational personnel',
- (i) to continue to encourage the formulation and implementation, by Member States, of integrated training policies designed to ensure the co-ordination of all training activities concerning personnel at different levels and in different forms and fields of teaching and education;
  - (ii) to contribute to the improvement of the conditions of training and employment of teaching staff, in liaison with the International Labour Office and in collaboration with the international non-governmental associations of the teaching profession, in particular by continuing activities to promote the application of the 1966 Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, by ensuring its broader dissemination and by making the various procedures for implementing it better known;
  - (iii) to continue to co-operate with Member States, particularly with the developing countries, in order to improve the initial and in-service training of educational personnel, particularly of personnel who, on account of their functions, are in a position to speed up the implementation of effective methods of training by giving due prominence to the new subjects on the curriculum, including data-processing, and to the strengthening of the cultural aspects of education;
- (d) under Programme IV.4 'Means and infrastructures - information systems, educational facilities and educational industries',
- (i) to encourage, at regional, subregional and international levels, the exchange of information on education and to continue the development of information and documentation services, with a view to establishing an international network for the exchange of information on education;
  - (ii) to help towards the strengthening of national capacities in matters of planning, design and management of programmes for the construction of educational buildings and facilities in Member States, through the exchange of information and experience, the training and further training of personnel and the production of prototypes of multi-purpose buildings and equipment making use of local techniques and materials;
  - (iii) to assist Member States in seeking ways of improving management methods and increasing their capacities with regard to the production and distribution of materials and equipment for education and for cultural action, including school books and equipment for science teaching;

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- (iv) to undertake activities aimed at reducing the cost of educational equipment and materials by improving management procedures and by drawing more widely on local resources, techniques and materials;
- (v) to encourage exchanges of technical information and of teaching materials among specialized educational institutions.

#### 4.2 International Bureau of Education

The General Conference,

Noting that the programme of the International Bureau of Education (IBE) comes within the framework of the Medium-Term Plan for 1984-1989 and, in particular, Major programmes II, IV and V of that Plan,

Referring to the resolutions authorizing the Director-General to carry out in 1988-1989 activities designed to ensure the implementation of the programmes and subprogrammes of these major programmes,

Considering that, in accordance with the Organization's international mission, the International Bureau of Education should extend its co-operation to all Member States, all regions and all competent bodies,

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1. Authorizes the Director-General to maintain the International Bureau of Education and, to that end, to incur expenditure, under the regular programme, of US \$4,450,900, which will be used to finance activities undertaken by the International Bureau of Education within the framework of these major programmes, for the purpose of contributing, in accordance with its terms of reference, to the development of education in Member States:
  - (a) by preparing for and organizing the 41st session of the International Conference on Education, which will be held in Geneva in 1988 on the theme 'Diversification of post-secondary education in relation to employment', and by preparing for the 42nd session, which will be held in 1990 on the theme of the new educational problems facing teachers;
  - (b) by undertaking, in co-operation with the competent units at Headquarters, the Regional Offices of Unesco, specialized national and regional institutions, National Commissions and interested governmental and non-governmental organizations, studies in the field of comparative education possibly of a future-oriented nature, on the basis of the identified requirements of Member States, with the aim of contributing to the rational development of education systems and the renewal of the educational process, through the publication and dissemination, as appropriate, of the results of these studies;
  - (c) by developing its activities in documentation and the exchange of information on education, continuing to introduce an international

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computerized system for the exchange of educational information and participating in the training of specialists of Member States in this field;

(d) by continuing to maintain and to develop the services provided by the Documentation and Information Centre in the field of education;

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2. Appeals to Member States to support the development of the activities of the International Bureau of Education, in particular by contributing to the financing of these activities and, as appropriate, by providing associate experts and research fellowships;

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3. Elects, in accordance with Article III of the Statutes of the International Bureau of Education, the Member States that will form part of the Council of the Bureau<sup>2</sup>:

Angola	Japan
China	Peru
Egypt	Switzerland
Ghana	Uganda
India	Yugoslavia

#### 4.3 Methods of operation of the International Bureau of Education and amendment of its Statutes

The General Conference,

Having regard to the agreement between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Bureau of Education, which entered into force on 1 January 1969,

Considering the Statutes of the International Bureau of Education, which it adopted at its fifteenth session, under the terms of which was established, within the framework of Unesco and as an integral part thereof, an international centre of comparative education enjoying, subject to the conditions laid down in its Statutes, wide intellectual and functional autonomy,

Referring to 23 C/Resolution 4.3 by which it invited the Director-General to have an evaluation carried out of the methods of operation of the IBE and the results achieved over the last two financial

1. This part of the resolution was adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the twenty-fourth plenary session, on 16 November 1987.
2. The other members of the Council of the Bureau, who were elected at the twenty-third session and whose term of office expires at the close of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, are: Bangladesh, Burundi, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Kenya, Kuwait, Madagascar, Norway, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela.

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periods, an evaluation which should include proposals relating, where appropriate, to amendments to rules or regulations but not reopening the question of the share of the regular budget resources to be devoted to the IBE,

Having considered the results of this evaluation set out in document 24 C/36 and taken note in paragraph 129 of that which has to do with the Headquarters of the IBE,

Having regard to the work and deliberations of the Council of the IBE, which, in recent years, has pronounced upon various problems dealt with in the evaluation,

Reaffirming the importance of the specific role of the IBE within Unesco and stressing the need to determine its specific field of action in respect of the exercise of its functions and the categories for whose benefit it carries out its activities: ministerial departments and authorities responsible for education, and research and documentation institutions, but also researchers and practitioners, especially teachers, and their associations and organizations,

1. Considers that the activities of the IBE should be reoriented and that it should be opened to more extensive collaboration with educational and university organizations and institutions as well as intergovernmental organizations working in the field of education and with international organizations representing the teaching professions, and to participation in these activities by high-level fellowship-holders and trainees, and that its capability for the processing and dissemination of information and documentation should be increased through the use of modern facilities and within the framework of Unesco information networks;
2. Emphasizes the importance of strengthening links between the Documentation and Information Centre of the IBE and those of other Unesco units at and away from Headquarters, and of developing exchanges with the various national and regional bodies, and considers that these links and exchanges could assist the IBE in the choice of its studies and surveys when drawing up its programmes;
3. Considers that the IBE as a world centre of comparative education should produce summaries of the information which it collects, stores and processes and thus perform the role of an international memory bank and permanent observation post for educational development throughout the world, contributing to the preparation and implementation of the Organizations's programme in the field of education;
4. Recalls that, under the terms of Article V of the Statutes, the Council of the International Bureau of Education is responsible for drawing up, on the proposals of the Director of the IBE, the draft general programme and budget and for defining in detail the annual activities of the IBE within the framework of the programme and budget approved by the General Conference and within the limits of the budgetary provision and staff resources;
5. Wishes the Council, in the performance of these duties, to take full account of the lines of emphasis of the Medium-Term Plan and to ensure the co-ordination of these IBE activities with Unesco's



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other activities in the field of education with a view to complementarity, and also to ensure the monitoring of IBE activities, thus assisting the Director in the performance of the duties assigned to him by the Statutes;

6. Recalls the importance of the International Conference on Education as a meeting place for the exchange of ideas and for consultation with a view to defining guidelines and solutions for the major problems in education;
7. Stresses the importance of strengthening the relationship between the International Conference on Education and the other international and regional conferences organized by Unesco in the field of education;
8. Decides, after examining the various relevant factors, that the International Conference on Education shall be held every two years;
9. Invites the Director-General, within the limits of available resources, to organize, at a more constant rate, meetings of educational researchers and officials likely to promote expert reflection on educational problems, bearing in mind all the meetings organized by the other units at and away from Headquarters;
10. Considers that the means necessary for the organization of the International Exhibition on Education, which is held during the Conference, should be administered by the IBE Documentation and Information Centre;
11. Notes that the conception and promotion of IBE publications should be subject to a new policy in keeping with the needs of Member States and the various groups of users, in accordance with the guidelines in paragraph 139 of document 24 C/36;
12. Considers that the IBE should provide Member States with essentially methodological support, in co-operation with the other competent units of the Secretariat, for the training of educational documentation and information personnel;
13. Recommends that, for that purpose and also for the implementation of other IBE activities, extra-budgetary resources should be sought;
14. Decides to revise the Statutes of the International Bureau of Education Articles 11.1, 11.5 and V (a) and (b) as follows:

##### 'Article II

1. The Bureau shall contribute to the design and implementation of the programme of the Organization in regard to education. To that end, its functions shall be:

- (a) to prepare for and organize every two years the sessions of the International Conference on Education in accordance with the decisions of the General Conference and subject to Unesco rules in force and applicable;
- (b) to collect, process, store and disseminate, using the latest techniques, documentation and information concerning

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education, in co-operation with the other competent units of Unesco and in liaison with national, regional and international centres; and to make seminars of the information collected and processed;

- (c) to undertake, in co-operation with the other units at and away from Headquarters and co-ordinating or linking its work with that of other national, regional and international institutions pursuing similar objectives, surveys and studies in the field of education, particularly comparative education, and to publish and disseminate the results;
- (d) to maintain and develop an international educational library and an educational documentation and information centre.

##### Article 111.5

The Member States of the Council shall choose as their representatives persons of eminence in the field of education. They shall ensure that these persons are in a position to represent them regularly at sessions of the Council.

##### Article V

The tasks of the Council shall be:

- (a) to draw up, on the proposals of the Director of the Bureau, taking into account the lines of emphasis of the Medium-Term Plan, the draft general programme and budget of the Bureau, for submission to the General Conference with the observations or recommendations of the Director-General and the Executive Board, and to take steps to ensure the consistency and complementarity of the activities foreseen in the draft general programme and budget of the Bureau with the other activities foreseen in the draft programme and budget of Unesco;
- (b) to define in detail, within the framework of the programme and budget approved by the General Conference and taking available extra-budgetary resources into account, as appropriate, the activities to be undertaken by the Bureau. The Council shall be responsible for the conduct of these activities;
- (c) to make proposals for the preparation and organization of sessions of the International Conference on Education. `

#### 4.4 International Institute for Educational Planning

The General Conference,

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Noting that the programme of the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) comes more particularly within the framework of Major Programme IV,



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Recalling the resolutions authorizing the Director-General to continue the implementation of this major programme,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to take the necessary measures to provide for the operation of the IIEP, including the granting under the regular, programme (Part II.A) of \$3,700,700 within the framework of Major programmes II, IV and V, so as to enable the Institute:
  - (a) to carry out long-term and short-term training activities in order to meet the needs of Member States regarding educational planning and administration and, in particular, to strengthen national and regional training programmes in these same fields in co-operation with the Regional Offices;
  - (b) to undertake research aimed at the constant updating of empirical and theoretical knowledge in the fields of educational planning and administration and at assisting in the continuing adaptation of all the Institute's training programmes;
  - (c) to ensure appropriate dissemination, in Member States, of the results of the work carried out by the IIEP on educational planning and administration;

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2. Appeals to Member States to grant, renew or increase their voluntary contributions with a view to strengthening the activities of the IIEP in accordance with Article VIII of its Statutes, so that, with additional resources, and its headquarters premises provided by the French Government, it can maintain its activities at their present level and possibly expand them, so as to satisfy the growing needs of Member States with regard to training and research in educational planning and administration.

#### 4.5 Unesco Institute for Education, Hamburg

The General Conference,

Noting that the activities of the Unesco Institute for Education, Hamburg, have a bearing on lifelong education and particularly on its implications for educational content and methods,

Noting also that these activities are linked in particular to those proposed under Major Programme II and Major Programme IV,

Noting lastly that the Institute has, with the help of substantial voluntary contributions, developed an international programme for research and guidance in the field of post-literacy training and lifelong education, which might be included as part of the plan of action to eradicate illiteracy by the year 2000, provided for in 23 C/Resolution 4.6,

Observing with satisfaction the progress achieved during the 1986-1987 biennium in associating the Institute more closely with the implementation of the Organization's programme,

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1. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Unesco Institute for Education in Hamburg to supplement the contribution of the Federal Republic of Germany;
2. Authorizes the Director-General:
  - (a) to support the Institute, in particular by providing it with the services of a director, and to take the measures required to ensure greater participation by staff members of the Organization in the implementation of activities entrusted by the Organization to the Institute;
  - (b) to continue to associate the Institute with the execution of certain of the Organization's activities, especially those aimed at promoting research in education and the development of educational content in the context of lifelong education and with a view to the eradication of illiteracy by the year 2000.

#### 4.6 Unesco's Plan of Action in Education for the Prevention of AIDS

The General Conference,

Recalling the special recommendation entitled 'Education in the fight against AIDS' adopted by the International Conference on Education at its fortieth session,

Recalling 126 EX/Decision 4.1, Part C, in which the Executive Board drew the attention of the General Conference to the need to co-ordinate Unesco's educational activities with the action which the World Health Organization is conducting in its own field of competence for the prevention and elimination of AIDS,

Referring to resolution WHA40.26 by which the World Health Assembly, at its fortieth session, in May 1987, approved the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of AIDS, and urged Member States to take effective educational and preventive measures for the control and elimination of AIDS,

Considering resolution 42/8 adopted by the General Assembly on 26 October 1987 in which the General Assembly '... urges all appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, including the Specialized Agencies . . . in conformity with the Global Strategy, to support the worldwide struggle against AIDS',

Aware that the AIDS pandemic has created throughout the world an emergency situation that calls for international action to control this malady to be taken as quickly as possible on a world scale,

Convinced that the transmission of AIDS can be prevented and that education must constitute an essential part of the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of AIDS,

Considering that educational circles in many countries are not equipped for this task,

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Having examined the report of the Director-General on the implementation of the special recommendation adopted by the International Conference on Education at its fortieth session (24 C/33),

Noting with satisfaction the fruitful co-operation instituted between Unesco and the World Health Organization,

1. Congratulates the Director-General on the measures he has taken so far;
2. Approves the proposals relating to 'Unesco's Plan of Action in Education for the Prevention of AIDS', as part of the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of AIDS, which are annexed to document 24 C/33;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to undertake, under the regular programme, the activities envisaged in paragraph 04214, action 4.4, of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 for an amount of \$45,000 to be financed by funds from the reserve for draft resolutions;
4. Requests the Director-General to accord particular attention when these activities are being implemented to strengthening co-ordination with the other organizations of the United Nations system within the framework of the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of AIDS, drawn up by the World Health Organization;
5. Invites the Director-General, in addition, to seek extra-budgetary resources for the rapid implementation of the plan of action, particularly through co-operation with the World Health Organization and other multilateral and bilateral funding sources;
6. Urges Member States to participate actively, through educational programmes and through activities for young people, in the prevention of this new disease and to ensure that educational authorities play a part in the national AIDS committees set up under the auspices of the public health authorities;
7. Invites Member States to make generous financial contributions to educational activities for the prevention and control of AIDS and to provide the Organization with contributions in the form of services so as to enable it to carry out its action against AIDS with the requisite effectiveness.

#### 4.7 Teaching of foreign languages and literature

The General Conference,

Considering that the development of the teaching of foreign languages and literature contributes to a raising of the standard of general objective knowledge, to a mutual familiarity of peoples with one another's lives and to a strengthening, in relations between them, of a spirit of understanding and agreement,

Recalling the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human

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Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, which it adopted at its eighteenth session in November 1974,

Further recalling the recommendations concerning the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace, and the introduction of the corresponding content in formal and non-formal curricula, adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-third session in November 1985,

Also taking into consideration the recommendations of the expert consultations on the teaching of foreign languages and literature for international understanding and peace conducted under the auspices of Unesco in 1984-1987, with special reference to the recommendation of the European seminar of Unesco Associated Schools on the teaching of foreign languages as a means of education for understanding and peace, held in Sonnenberg (Federal Republic of Germany) in September 1985, and the recommendation of the expert Consultative Meeting in Kiev in January 1987, referred to as 'The Kiev Declaration',

Invites the Director-General to begin preparing, in 1988-1989, within the framework of Major Programme IV, an international project on the development of the teaching of foreign languages and literature for greater understanding and co-operation among the peoples, based upon the working experience of Unesco Associated Schools.

#### 4.8 Application of informatics in education

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 4.11 concerning Major Programme IV (The formulation and application of education policies),

Mindful of the growing role of informatics in different fields of human activity,

Considering that the application of informatics is an increasingly important aspect of education, as a tool for teachers and students, as a subject of great importance in the curriculum, and as an instrument of instruction and research,

Noting that in Unesco's draft programme in the field of education, reference is made in the programme actions to various aspects of technology in the sphere of education, for example, in Programme IV.2 (para. 04216), in the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP) and in the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC),

Aware that the application of informatics in the process of instruction is of increasing importance,

Recognizing the importance of the role which informatics can play, as a means of managing educational systems and the education process, in raising the quality and effectiveness of education,

Recognizing also that broad international co-operation and the activity of scientific organizations can be of significant help in the successful solution of this problem,

1. Recommends that, the application of informatics being such an important subject, the text of the Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 should include a broad recapitulation of activities in this area;
2. Recommends that, in the preparation of future programmes of Unesco, provision should be made for the further strengthening of activities having to do with the application of informatics in education, adopting an overall approach to the field concerned;
3. Proposes that Member States should be helped to seek solutions to problems connected with the application and development of informatics in the instruction process, and also that technical assistance and consultancy services should be provided to assist national and subregional institutions in utilizing technology and informatics for educational purposes;
4. Invites Member States to seek ways and means of better utilizing informatics for the development and improvement of education systems and processes, and of strengthening international co-operation in this field.

## 5 Education, training and society<sup>1</sup>

### 5.1 Major Programme V: 'Education, training and society'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/05, 22 C/Resolution 5.1 and 23 C/Resolution 5.1 relating to Major Programme V, 'Education, training and society',

Recognizing the importance of Major Programme V for the accomplishment of the third main task of Unesco as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Reaffirming that education does much to determine progress towards peace and respect for fundamental freedoms, and also largely influences the future of society and mankind, and that it can, to varying degrees, assist in solving their problems,

Considering that education is an essential prerequisite for personal fulfillment and for the individual's contribution to the progress and harmonious development of society, and that in a rapidly developing world, education must prepare people to experience and participate in change,

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission II at the thirtieth plenary meeting, on 13 November 1987.

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Recalling the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, which it adopted at its eighteenth session, and the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Conference on Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a View to Developing a Climate of Opinion Favorable to the Strengthening of Security and Disarmament,

Stressing that the development of technical and vocational education is an important prerequisite for economic and social progress,

Recalling the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education, which it adopted at its eighteenth session, and 23 C/Resolution 5.2 by which the General Conference deemed 'desirable the adoption of an international convention on technical and vocational education', and the need to strengthen the links between technical and vocational education and the teaching of science and technology,

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the International Congress on the Development and Improvement of Technical and Vocational Education (Berlin, German Democratic Republic, 1987), notably those on international co-operation in technical and vocational education,

Noting Recommendations No. 74 and No. 75 adopted by the International Conference on Education at its 39th and 40th sessions respectively, and convinced that development in these closing stages of the twentieth century makes it more than ever necessary that scientific or technical training should form a part of every person's education,

Noting that science education and technical and vocational education require appropriate educational policies, equipment and structures,

Reaffirming the need to improve the links between education and the world of work, recalling Recommendation No. 73 on the interaction between education and productive work, adopted by the International Conference on Education at its 38th session, and regarding this interaction as an important means of democratizing education and society as a whole,

Considering that educational and vocational guidance represents an important dimension of secondary education,

Recalling the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport, which it adopted at its twentieth session, and mindful of the importance for everyone, children and adults alike, of physical education and the practice of sport for the harmonious development of the individual, and of physical abilities and moral qualities in particular,

Referring to 23 C/Resolution 5.3 regarding the convening of the Second International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport,

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Noting the recommendations adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport at its fifth session,

Taking into consideration the recommendations made by the World Congress on Youth (Barcelona, Spain, 1985) concerning the particular importance of sport for young people, both as an instrument for the harmonious development of the individual and as a particularly propitious domain for the activities of associations and the practical and creative participation of young people in the life of the community,

Reaffirming the importance of extending and improving higher education for social progress and for the solution of problems related to development, and the role which devolves on education at this level in the development and dissemination of culture,

Stressing the need to strengthen the contribution of higher education to the improvement of the education system in its entirety,

Endorsing decision 5.2.5 on the implementation of the regional conventions on the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education, adopted by the Executive Board at its 125th session,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme V, 'Education, training and society';
2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) under Programme V.2, 'Teaching of science and technology',
    - (i) to promote the improvement and modernization of the teaching of science and technology, in particular through the introduction of content relating to new domains, such as biotechnology and the space and marine sciences, and with due regard to national development needs;
    - (ii) to encourage innovations and experiments in content, methods and materials, and to support the development of teacher-training programmes and projects;
    - (iii) to encourage the development of out-of-school scientific activities for young people, and to promote scientific and technological extension work programmes for adults, particularly in developing countries;
    - (iv) to strengthen international and regional information exchange and co-operation in the teaching of science and technology, in school and out of school, in close association with the competent national institutions and international non-governmental organizations;
  - (b) under Programme V.3, 'Education and the world of work',
    - (i) to encourage the implementation of activities designed to open up education systems more widely to the world of work, in particular by promoting the introduction of experience in productive and/or socially useful work into the educational process and ensuring its structural linking with educational



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and vocational guidance, and by intensifying the exchange of information and experience in these fields; to encourage the development of educational and vocational guidance services, especially in secondary education; and to foster the harmonization of education and employment by analysing the consequences, for educational planning, of science and technology development policies;

- (ii) to continue to promote the expansion and improvement of technical and vocational education, including intermediate agricultural education, through standard-setting action and, in particular, the preparation of an international convention on technical and vocational education, and the convening for this purpose of a committee of governmental experts (category II) to prepare the final draft of the Convention, which will be submitted to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session, through the encouragement of innovations concerning the content and methods of such education, through training in new fields such as computer technology, the improvement of personnel training and the exchange of information, as well as support for the development of national infrastructures and the strengthening of regional and international co-operation;

(c) under Programme V.4, 'Promotion of physical education and sport',

- (i) to contribute to the development of physical education and sport, in application of the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport, to strengthen international co-operation in this field, in particular through increased collaboration with international sports organizations, and to convene the Second International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport;
- (ii) to continue to support the efforts being made by Member States to train key physical education and sports personnel, to develop the programme of activities financed by contributions to the International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport, with the aim of extending physical education and the practice of sport to all categories of the population, greater attention being given in this regard to girls and women, and to support the holding, in Member States which so desire, of a second World Week of Physical Fitness and Sport for All;
- (iii) to strengthen, in co-operation with sports organizations, the action undertaken to stimulate the participation of young people and youth movements in national efforts to develop physical education and sport, particularly with regard to the establishment, through voluntary work by young people, of sports facilities for the least privileged young people, and to contribute to the promotion of traditional games and sports that reflect the cultural values of each society;

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- (d) under Programme V.5, 'Higher education, training and research',
- (i) to continue efforts designed to further the expansion and improvement of higher education and enhance its relevance to the demands of economic, social, scientific and technological progress and to the objectives of cultural development, to encourage the strengthening of the links between this education and the world of work, particularly through the integration of practical work sessions in training programmes, and to promote the utilization of new technologies in higher education, including distance education, and the harmonization of training and research activities;
  - (ii) to reinforce international, regional and subregional co-operation in higher education and the action undertaken to promote the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education, thus encouraging the mobility of students, teachers and researchers, and to help specialists trained abroad to settle down on their return to their own countries, thus contributing to the expansion of national training and research capacities and to prevention of the brain drain;
  - (iii) to encourage Member States to become parties to conventions in this field, to facilitate co-operation between the committees for the application of these conventions, and to continue work on the desirability and possibility of preparing an international convention on the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education, taking into account international experience in this matter;
  - (iv) to continue to promote the training of educational personnel, particularly teachers in higher education, and the training of research workers in the educational sciences;
  - (v) to intensify efforts to extend participation by women at all levels and in all areas of higher education;
  - (vi) to continue to support experiments in the integration of interdisciplinary training and research relating to specific development problems within Unesco's fields of competence, with a view to promoting integrated training and research policies.

5.2 Preparation of a convention on technical and vocational education

The General Conference,

Recalling the obligations incumbent upon the Organization by virtue of its Constitution,

Recalling also the principles laid down in Articles 23 and 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

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Considering in that connection that each individual has the right to a technical and vocational education which would enable him or her to participate fully in the life of modern society,

Having noted the provisions of the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education, the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education, the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Considering that the development of national systems of technical and vocational education is an essential precondition for the establishment of a new world economic order,

Recognizing, that international co-operation in technical and vocational education contributes to friendly understanding and the maintenance of peace among peoples and thus corresponds to the requirements of the Organization's Constitution,

Stressing that technical and vocational education is an essential prerequisite for the economic and social development of society,

Noting that the rapid development of technology is leading to increasing inequality in the economic situations of different countries and that that poses with particular acuteness the problem of broadening co-operation with the aim of improving the technical and vocational education of young people and adults,

Considering the diversity of socio-economic situations and systems of education in the world,

Considering that, in spite of that diversity, technical and vocational education has the same objective everywhere, and that in the pursuit of that objective similar problems arise for the effective solution of which concerted measures and common norms are essential,

Recognizing that the combined efforts made by Member States, on the basis of international agreements, in developing technical and vocational education, will assist in increasing the effectiveness and quality of instruction and, consequently, in accelerating technical and economic development,

Taking into consideration the preliminary report and analysis of the observations made by Member States on the preliminary draft convention on technical and vocational education (24 C/79),

Authorizes the Director-General to complete the preparation of a convention on technical and vocational education and, in accordance with 23 C/Resolution 5.2, to convene a committee of governmental experts in 1989 to prepare a final draft of the convention to be submitted to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session.

5.3 Implementation of the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education

The General Conference,

Reaffirming the importance of the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education and its implementation by Member States for the fulfillment of the right to education and economic and social development,

Recalling 22 C/Resolution 25 which it adopted concerning the procedures for reporting on the implementation of the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education,

Having examined the Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations regarding the first consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Revised Recommendation (24 C/73),

Noting with satisfaction the work performed by this Committee,

Having noted 126 EX/Decision 5.2.6 concerning the Committee's Report (24 C/73 Add.),

Associating itself with the appreciation expressed by the Executive Board with regard to the effort made by the Member States that have submitted a report on the implementation of the Revised Recommendation, while noting, however, that out of 158 Member States only 44 replied to the questionnaire,

1. Approves the recommendations of the Executive Board's Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and, in particular, the proposed timetable for the second consultation of Member States;
2. Invites Member States that have not yet submitted a report in response to the first consultation to do so as soon as possible, and decides that the analytical summaries of their replies shall be submitted to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session together with the corresponding report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
3. Invites the Director-General to prepare a questionnaire for Member States with a view to the presentation, at the second consultation, of reports on the additional measures which they have taken to implement the Revised Recommendation on Technical and Vocational Education;
4. Further invites the Director-General to dispatch this questionnaire to Member States in 1990, after submitting it to the Executive Board, with the request to complete and return it within a period of ten months;
5. Decides that the analytical summaries of the reports of Member States shall be submitted, together with the report thereon by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, to the General Conference at its twenty-seventh session.

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### 5.4 Priorities in technical and vocational education

The General Conference,

Recalling the importance of international co-operation in the sphere of technical and vocational education, called for by the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education which it adopted at its eighteenth session,

Recognizing that international co-operation in the field of technical and vocational education contributes to friendly understanding and the maintenance of peace between nations,

Stressing that technical and vocational education is an important factor of social and economic development,

Considering that the development of national systems of technical and vocational education is a prerequisite for the establishment of a new international economic order and recalling the relevant resolutions concerning Unesco's contribution to the establishment of a new international economic order, adopted by the General Conference at its eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions,

Considering that in spite of the diversity of education systems in the world, similar questions and problems concerning technical and vocational education arise in all countries,

Taking into account the rapidity of scientific and technological progress and of technological and structural changes in industry and agriculture, resulting in the need for dynamic forecasting and timely adjustment of the content and methods of technical and vocational education,

Aware that, to solve the many problems of technical and vocational education, a common strategy and serious research extending beyond national boundaries - and hence wider international co-operation between specialists - are required,

Recognizing that, in spite of the unanimous approval, within the framework of Unesco, of the priority of programmes of technical and vocational education, they are far from meeting the requirements of our times and that the growing problems cannot be solved by existing means,

Taking into account the recommendations of the International Congress on the Development and Improvement of Technical and Vocational Education (Berlin, 1987),

Requests the Director-General,

- (a) to focus the activity of the Organization in the sphere of technical and vocational education on the following priorities:
  - (i) the development and expansion of technological literacy;
  - (ii) the humanization of technical education at all levels and its development as a means of international communication and mutual understanding;

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- (iii) research into the economic aspects of technical and vocational education;
  - (iv) the pedagogical and psychological problems of using computers in education;
  - (v) the problems of vocational education in the mother tongue;
  - (vi) the development of international syllabuses and teaching materials for technical and vocational education;
- (b) to study, during the elaboration of future programmes and budgets, the possibility of assigning technical and vocational education to a separate programme.

5.5 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Elects, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport, the following Member States as members of that Committee:<sup>2</sup>

Benin	Gabon	Oman
Canada	Guinea	Spain
Chile	Israel	Sweden
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Nepal	Thailand
	Nigeria	Turkey

5.6 Preliminary study on the advisability of preparing an international convention on the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education

The General Conference,

Recalling 15 C/Resolution 1.262 which authorized the Director-General 'to continue comparative studies in specific disciplines and carry out inquiries and studies on the expediency and practicability of preparing an international convention on the recognition and the validity of degrees, diplomas and certificates issued by establishments of higher learning and research in all countries' ,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.
2. The other members of the Committee, who were elected at the twenty-third session and whose term of office expires at the close of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, are: Argentina, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Central African Republic, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Netherlands, Pakistan, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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Considering that conventions on the recognition of studies and diplomas of higher learning were adopted by the States of Latin America and the Caribbean, by the Arab States and the European States bordering on the Mediterranean, by the Arab States, by the States belonging to the Europe region, by the African States and by the States in Asia and the Pacific,

Stressing that this network of regional and interregional conventions should be completed by a universal instrument,

Recalling that in decision 4.1 (para. 40) adopted at its 120th session, the Executive Board considered 'that preliminary work should be undertaken in 1986-1987 with a view to the subsequent preparation of an international convention on the recognition of the studies, diplomas and degrees concerning higher education',

Recalling that by decision 5.2.5 adopted at its 125th session, the Executive Board invited the Director-General 'to propose in the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989, activities aimed at reviewing and continuing work on the desirability and possibility of preparing an international convention on the recognition and validity of degrees, diplomas and certificates issued by establishments of higher learning and research in all countries, taking into account international experience in this matter',

Invites the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 130th session a preliminary study on the advisability of preparing an international convention on the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education.

### 5.7 Open and distance education

The General Conference,

Considering the importance of distance teaching at different levels of education on account of the role it can play both in the personal fulfillment of the individual and in national development,

Realizing that the opportunities for education at the higher level are restricted in developing countries because of limited resources and socio-economic handicaps suffered by a large number of young people,

Appreciating that the open university model has great potential for the democratization of higher education by providing integrated university level courses in order to upgrade the knowledge and skills of working adults in the public and private sectors and by affording the opportunity of enrolling in a degree or diploma course to such adults who live in rural areas, and the chance to work and study at the same time,

Invites the Director-General to continue to support the efforts of the Member States in extending the range of educational opportunities and improving access to higher education by establishing national systems of open and distance education, with particular regard to the development of teaching-learning materials, methods and



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techniques appropriate to distance education and training of educational personnel involved in these activities.

### 5.8 Development of higher education and its cultural dimensions

The General Conference,

Taking account of the need to broaden access to higher education while improving its quality and introducing into it components of cultural development,

Being convinced of the importance of regional and international co-operation in order to improve the humanist aspects of education systems with a view to satisfying the needs of Member States,

Recalling the Recommendation on participation by the people at large in cultural life and their contribution to it, adopted by the General Conference at its nineteenth session (Nairobi, 1976),

Taking into account the Declaration on cultural policy adopted by the World Conference on Cultural Policies (MONDIACULT) (Mexico City, 1982),

Noting the recommendations of the Third Conference of Ministers of Education of the Europe Region (Sofia, 1980),

Recognizing the importance of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997),

Invites the Director-General:

(a) to foster by all possible means the measures taken by Member States to develop higher education and its cultural dimensions;

(b) to devote all due attention, when executing the programme, to the implementation of activities aimed at promoting the cultural dimensions of higher education, together with its role in cultural development and the promotion of humanist values and creativity.

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### 6.1 Major Programme VI: \*The sciences and their application to development\*

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/06, 22 C/Resolution 6.1 and 23 C/Resolution 6.1, concerning Major Programme VI 'The sciences and their application to development',

1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission III at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.

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Considering that the development of national research and training capabilities in science and technology, as well as in the social and human sciences, is an important task in all countries,

Stressing the importance of Major Programme VI for the completion of Unesco's third task as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Recognizing the key role of science and technology and of the social and human sciences in the development process,

Stressing that international co-operation makes an essential contribution to the progress of knowledge and to the strengthening of the scientific and technological potential of countries,

Considering that interaction between the natural sciences and the social and human sciences requires the strengthening of the interdisciplinary character of Major Programme VI,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme VI 'The sciences and their application to development';
2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) under Programme VI.1 'Research, training and international co-operation in the natural sciences' ,
    - (i) to promote international and regional co-operation among research institutes and universities in connection with advanced training and basic and applied research in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and interdisciplinary areas, particularly through international non-governmental organizations and specialized international and regional networks and centres;
    - (ii) to encourage the development of innovation in the university teaching of the sciences, the application of computers in such teaching and in postgraduate training and the local production by universities of laboratory equipment; also to contribute to the training of specialists by means of international postgraduate training courses and seminars;
  - (b) under Programme VI.2 'Research, training and international co-operation in technology and the engineering sciences' ,
    - (i) to contribute to the improvement of university and postgraduate training activities for engineers and technicians (specifically technicians specializing in laboratory equipment and techniques), particularly women, by encouraging the use of new technologies and teaching methods such as modular distance teaching systems;
    - (ii) to continue to develop and consolidate technological networks and infrastructures, particularly regional networks of technological training and research institutions, and to contribute to increased co-operation with the appropriate international non-governmental organizations, especially in relation to activities concerned with interaction between

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teaching, training and research on the one hand and the productive sector on the other;

- (c) under Programme VI.3 'Research, training and international co-operation in key areas in science and technology' ,
- (i) to encourage the use of computer technology as an aid to development by promoting the training of specialists and research, and to contribute to the better spread of knowledge and technology in this field through the introduction of the teaching of computer technology at all levels of higher education and its use as an aid to teaching and research, using the network established under the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP);
  - (ii) to increase the interdisciplinary and intersectoral character of the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme and assist its expansion on the basis of the recommendations of its Intergovernmental Committee, taking particular care to encourage the framing of national policies and strategies with due regard for the specific needs of Member States in the field of computer technology, training at all levels, software production and the development of networks and of telematics;
  - (iii) to contribute to the spread of scientific knowledge and know-how in biotechnology, encouraging the development of areas relevant to agriculture, medicine and industry, and to promote research and training activities by investigating the most appropriate forms of international co-operation in this field;
  - (iv) to contribute to the greater use of new and renewable sources of energy, particularly in the developing countries, taking account of their socio-economic and cultural impact and the role of cultural values in the shaping of attitudes towards energy resources;
  - (v) to promote activities concerned with the social, economic, cultural and ethical implications of the new technologies (informatics, microbiology and biotechnologies), by means of a greater contribution from the social and human sciences;
- (d) under Programme VI.4 'Research, training and international co-operation in the social and human sciences' ,
- (i) to promote, particularly in the developing countries, the development of national capacities to undertake project-oriented research in the field of social and human sciences as well as the development of the different branches of the social and human sciences, inter alia, by encouraging the training of specialists, national programmes of basic and applied research and the exchange of documentation, specialized information and knowledge;
  - (ii) to improve international, regional and subregional co-operation in the social and human sciences by providing support to regional programmes, organizations and networks

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for training, research, documentation and information, and by ensuring adequate participation of the national experts of those countries in the implementation of Unesco's technical assistance and other relevant field Projects;

(iii) to promote a programme of international and multidisciplinary research on the position and role of the family in contemporary societies;

(iv) to encourage research, training and education relating to the status of women in the different regions of the world and to strengthen the national, regional and international institutions and scientific networks dealing with the status of women;

3. Also invites the Director-General to co-operate with financing bodies and programmes with a view to developing the Organization's operational activities in the areas covered by Major Programme VI.

### 6.2 The intellectual contribution of philosophy and the human sciences to Unesco's programme

The General Conference,

Recalling the interest that it has taken, since its thirteenth session, in philosophical reflection and interdisciplinary co-operation and in the human sciences and their role in contemporary culture,

Further recalling the importance of philosophy and the human sciences in the analysis of the ethical principles that should govern co-operation between peoples, human solidarity, respect for human rights and the furtherance of peace,

Recognizing philosophy's unifying function in relation to the various fields of knowledge and its role as a mediator between, on the one hand, the scientific and technical achievements on which daily life depends, and on the other hand, mankind's profound aspirations,

Invites the Director-General:

(a) to ensure that philosophy and the human sciences are accorded the scope and coherence befitting them in the respective programmes;

(b) to allocate to these programmes the means of action required to enable Unesco duly to discharge the task of reflection that it falls to it to perform in the United Nations system.

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### 6.3 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling resolution 6.2 adopted at its twenty-third session, by which it approved the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme, amended by resolution 32.1 at the same session,

Elects, in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Article 2 of the Statutes, the following 16 Member States to be members of the Committee:<sup>2</sup>

Afghanistan	Germany (Federal Republic of)	Pakistan
Australia	Iraq	Paraguay
Bulgaria	Italy	Portugal
Chile	Jordan	Uruguay
China	Nigeria	Zaire
		Zambia

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### 7.1 Major Programme VII: 'Information systems and access to knowledge'<sup>3</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 X/C Resolution 2/07, 22 C/Resolution 7.1 and 23 C/Resolution 7.1 relating to Major Programme VII, 'Information systems and access to knowledge',

Stressing the importance of Major Programme VII for the accomplishment of Unesco's third task, as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Having taken note of the recommendations made by the Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Programme at its sixth session (Paris, November 1986),

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the 34th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.
2. The other members of the Committee who were elected at the twenty-third session and whose term of office expires at the close of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, are: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Egypt, France, Gabon, Greece, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malawi, Mexico, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
3. Resolution adopted on the report of Commission IV at the thirty-seventh plenary meeting, on 20 November 1987.

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Reaffirming the essential role played by specialized information in the growth of knowledge and in the mastering of knowledge and know-how,

Emphasizing the need to maintain, within the General Information Programme, the existing balance among the various subprogrammes, to promote activities having catalytic and multiplier effects and to give high priority to the application of the scientific and technical knowledge developed through this programme,

Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme VII, 'Information systems and access to knowledge' ;

Invites the Director-General, in particular:

- (a) under Programme VII.1, 'Improvement of access to information: modern technologies, standardization and interconnection of information systems', to continue to develop the conceptual framework of UNISIST and to make the normative instruments of this programme available in Member States, in the United Nations system and within the Organization itself; to help Member States to establish national data bases, in particular by assisting them in the choice and application of new technologies, standards and appropriate documentary software packages; to execute integrated projects; to participate actively in the establishment and development of regional networks; and to co-ordinate General Information Programme activities with those of the various Unesco information systems and services;
- (b) under Programme VII.2, 'Infrastructures, policies and training required for the processing and dissemination of specialized information', to pursue activities relating to infrastructures, policies and training and, in particular, to strengthen national information systems and their institutions, including library, archives, documentation and specialized information services, to continue to assist Member States in drawing up their information policies and as a priority to facilitate the training of information users and personnel;
- (c) under Programme VII.3, 'Unesco information and documentation systems and services', to develop Unesco's documentation, library and archives services, to continue to develop and supply documentary and statistical analysis software packages to Member States, and to enhance their utilization capacity and potential;

Further invites the Director-General to co-operate with extra-budgetary funding agencies and programmes with a view to developing the Organization's operational activities in the fields covered by the General Information Programme.

## 8 Principles, methods and strategies of action for development

### 7.2 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Programme<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling Article 2, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Programme, as amended by resolution 36.1 adopted at its twentieth session,

Elects the following Member States as members of the Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Programme:<sup>2</sup>

Belgium	Jordan
Burkina Faso	Kenya
China	Kuwait
India	Mauritius
Italy	Peru
Jamaica	Uruguay
Japan	Zimbabwe

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### 8.1 Major Programme VIII: 'Principles, methods and strategies of action for development'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 X/C Resolution 2/08, 22 C/Resolution 8.1 and 23 C/Resolution 8.1 relating to Major Programme VIII, 'Principles, methods and strategies of action for development' ,

Emphasizing the importance of Major Programme VIII for the accomplishment of Unesco's fourth task as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Emphasizing anew the major role of education, science, culture, communication and the social and human sciences in promoting integrated and balanced development that enables each country to control its own development,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.
2. The other members of the Council who were elected at the twenty-third session and whose term of office will expire at the end of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, are: Austria, Brazil, Belorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, Germany (Federal Republic of), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria, Poland, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Uganda and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
3. Resolution adopted on the report of Commission V at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.



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Highlighting the key role that the human and social sciences are called upon to play, both in the understanding of development problems and in the search for solutions to them,

Emphasizing that cultural identity and cultural values underlie the vision that each people has of itself and of its future evolution, and that culture accordingly constitutes a fundamental dimension of development,

Expressing its conviction that, in view of the ever greater interdependence of peoples and nations, international co-operation for development should be based on the values of solidarity and the need for an international climate conducive to constructive dialogue and joint efforts in solving development problems and that to this end, action, while reflecting an overall view of the problems, should be guided at all times by respect for national development choices,

Considering that co-operation among developing countries should be strengthened, and should make it possible to implement projects of common interest within Unesco's fields of competence,

Stressing the need to link consideration of the ultimate aims of development, the obstacles standing in its way and the factors working in its favour, with planning and action related to the implementation and co-ordination of development projects within Unesco's fields of competence,

Mindful that the integrated, overall nature of development calls for close co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system working in complementary areas, and with the intergovernmental and non-governmental international and regional organizations concerned with development,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme VIII 'Principles, methods and strategies of action for development' and in doing so to give special importance to the needs of the least developed countries;
2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) Under Programme VIII.1 'Study and planning of development',
    - (i) to look at development processes in a comprehensive light that takes account of the whole range of economic, social and cultural aspects while, in particular, fostering awareness of the national and international factors which may constitute either obstacles or, on the contrary, factors favorable to endogenous development;
    - (ii) to co-operate with Member States and the other organizations of the United Nations system with a view to facilitating the implementation of integrated development policies, in particular by encouraging the preparation of development planning and evaluation methods in Unesco's fields of competence, paying particular attention in development planning to problems affecting women and to those of disadvantaged social groups;

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- (iii) to strengthen co-operation among developing countries in Unesco's fields of competence, in particular by encouraging the exchange of experience and the implementation of joint projects, and by providing support for schemes initiated by Member States and organizations involved in technical and intellectual co-operation among developing countries, particular attention being paid to activities geared to improving the integration of young people in social, economic and cultural life;
- (b) Under Programme VIII.2 'Co-operation with Member States with a view to identifying priority projects for development' ,
- (i) to provide Member States with the necessary assistance in training national personnel in the techniques of assembling the basic data required for the identification and preparation of priority projects in Unesco's fields of competence, thus strengthening their capacity to mobilize and channel in an appropriate fashion the financial, manpower and intellectual resources required for development;
  - (ii) to co-operate with Member States in the identification and preparation of those priority projects by putting at their disposal the conclusions and recommendations of expert and consultant missions, reports on projects carried out with the assistance of the Organization and basic data gathered by the Secretariat;
- (c) Under Programme VIII.3 'Implementation of action for development',
- (i) to continue the systematic effort to find and mobilize financial resources for development projects and programmes, by strengthening co-operation with the various sources of aid - multilateral and bilateral, public and private, international and regional - and by urging them more particularly to broaden the compass of their funding criteria;
  - (ii) to assist Member States in identifying their training needs and in improving the planning of their programmes in this field;
  - (iii) to co-operate with Member States for the purpose of formulating policies and programmes designed to encourage young people, particularly through voluntary work, to make an active contribution to development;
  - (iv) to co-operate with Member States in the choice, acquisition and use of equipment within various development projects and to contribute to the training of users;
  - (v) to implement, in Unesco's fields of competence, innovator pilot projects that correspond to the priorities and urgent needs of Member States, that are interdisciplinary in character and that embody multiplier effects;
  - (vi) to ensure, through appropriate channels, co-ordination of the whole of the Organization's operational activities.

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9.1 Major Programme IX: 'Science, technology and society'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/09, 22 C/Resolution 9.1 and 23 C/Resolutions 9.1 and 9.2, concerning Major Programme IX 'Science, technology and society' ,

Recalling the declarations and recommendations adopted by the Regional Conferences of Ministers Responsible for the Application of Science and Technology to Development, convened periodically by Unesco, and the Vienna Programme of Action adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (1979),

Stressing the importance of Major Programme IX for the accomplishment of Unesco's fourth task, as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Stressing further the role of the social and human sciences in the study of the interactions between science, technology and society,

Considering that questions relating to the development and planning of science and technology should be studied on the basis of an interdisciplinary approach,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue implementation of Major Programme IX (Science, technology and society);

2. Invites the Director-General in particular:

(a) under Programme IX.1 'Study and improvement of the relationship between science, technology and society',

(i) to support national and international programmes concerned with studying future trends in science and technology and examining the effects of scientific and technological progress on societies, to promote the role of women in science and technology and to contribute to strengthening the role of scientists and engineers in directing scientific and technological progress towards the greater well-being of societies and in the maintenance of peace and to securing their participation in analysing the risks created by the introduction of new technologies and in their prevention;

(ii) to contribute to the development of national scientific and technological extension programmes and to the training of the personnel responsible for them, and to promote international co-operation in this field;

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission III at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.

(b) under Programme IX.2 'Science and technology policies',

- (i) to contribute to the development policies for scientific and technological co-operation, at the regional and subregional levels, by giving effect to the recommendations of regional ministerial conferences (CASTAFRICA II, CASTALAC II), convening a conference of governmental representatives of Arab States, giving special attention to co-operation in regions composed of small island countries (Pacific and Caribbean) and promoting the exchange of experience and views on possible forms and projects of scientific and technological co-operation in Asia and Europe;
- (ii) to contribute to policies integrating science and technology with the production sphere, and to the drawing up, in Member States, of scientific and technological development policies and programmes, including in the social and human sciences, and to the integration of these programmes with the national development strategies and plans;
- (iii) to continue the international programme of training, research and information exchange for the management of science and technology development;
- (iv) to continue activities connected with training, research, the transfer of know-how and international co-operation within the framework of the International Comparative Study on the Organization and Performance of Research Units (ICSOPRU);

3. Further invites the Director-General to co-operate with funding agencies and programmes with a view to developing the Organization's operational activities in the fields covered by Major Programme IX.

9.2 Establishment of a Standing Conference of the Directors of the National Science and Technology Policy-making Bodies of the Unesco Member States of the Africa Region

The General Conference,

Having examined the report by the Director-General entitled 'Establishment of a Standing Conference of the Directors of the National Science and Technology Policy-making Bodies of the Unesco Member States of the Africa Region' (24 C/37) and his report on the work of the CASTAFRICA II Conference (24 C/88),

1. Invites the Director-General to convene, in Africa, during the 1988-1989 biennium, a first regional non-governmental meeting of the directors of national science and technology policy-making bodies in Africa, the purpose of this meeting being:

- (a) to examine problems of mutual interest concerning national policy-making so as to assist the Member States of the region to develop self-reliant national capabilities for the development and application of science and technology;

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- (b) to promote co-operation among those Member States for the harmonization of their science and technology policies, the formulation and elaboration of concerted strategies for the application of science and technology, and the strengthening of regional socio-economic development;
- (c) to discuss the follow-up of CASTAFRICA II and the possibility of Unesco's organizing further conferences in the CASTAFRICA series;
- (d) to express views on the management and development of the Unesco Special Fund for Research and Experimental Development (R&D) in Africa;
- (e) to contribute to Unesco's participation in the execution of the Science and Technology chapter of the Lagos Plan of Action;

### 2. Also invites the Director-General:

- (a) to include proposals, in his medium-term planning, for meetings similar to the one proposed in paragraph 1 above, to be held at regular intervals and on a subregional rotational basis;
- (b) to transmit the conclusions of the proceedings of the meetings proposed in paragraphs 1 and 2(a) above to the governments of the African Member States of Unesco and to the intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerned;

### 3. Further invites the Director-General to co-operate with the African Member States with a view to the organization of subregional committees to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of CASTAFRICA II.

## 9.3 Follow-up to the Second Conference of Ministers Responsible for the Application of Science and Technology to Development in Africa (CASTAFRICA II)

The General Conference,

Having examined the reports presented to it by the Director-General:

- (a) on the work of the second Conference of Ministers Responsible for the Application of Science and Technology to Development in Africa (CASTAFRICA II) held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 6 to 15 July 1987 (24 C/88), and on the Kilimanjaro Declaration and the 15 recommendations adopted by CASTAFRICA II,
- (b) on the establishment of a standing conference of the directors of the national science and technology policy-making bodies of the Unesco Member States of the Africa region (24 C/37),

1. Concurs with the advice tendered by the Director-General in those reports;
2. Recalls that the practical implications of the texts adopted by CASTAFRICA II bear on a wide variety of themes pertinent to Unesco's fields of competence and have relevance:

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- (a) to the Organization's three major programmes principally concerned with science and technology (VI, IX and XI);
  - (b) to a number of its other major programmes (such as those dealing with different aspects of education; with information; with strategies for development; with the particular interests and the development roles of women and young people);
3. Recalls also that these practical implications deserve to be borne closely in mind in the planning and implementation of Unesco's activities in the immediate and medium-term future;
4. Authorizes the Director-General:
- (a) to take carefully into account the texts adopted by the conference CASTAFRICA II in implementing the work plan set out in the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 (24 C/5) and in preparing Unesco's third Medium-Term Plan;
  - (b) to make use, in these contexts, of the follow-up mechanism for CASTAFRICA II created (or to be created) in accordance with 24 C/Resolution 9.2 and entrusted with the task inter alia of facilitating the execution of Unesco's responsibilities in respect of the implementation of the Special Programme of Assistance to Africa in the fields of scientific and technological research and of research and development (SPAA), drawn up by Unesco at the invitation of the Organization of African Unity.

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### 10.1 Major Programme X: 'The human environment and terrestrial and marine resources'<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/10, 22 C/Resolution 10.1 and 23 C/Resolution 10.1 relating to Major Programme X, 'The human environment and terrestrial and marine resources' ,

Recognizing the importance of Major Programme X for the accomplishment of Unesco's fourth task as laid down in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Bearing in mind the importance of the protection of the environment and the rational management of natural resources for ensuring balanced socio-economic development and proper living conditions,

Further recognizing that the international and intergovernmental scientific programmes (IGCP, IHP, MAB) and the programmes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) have a vital role to play in the implementation of this major programme, and emphasizing the

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importance of active participation by Member States, particularly the developing countries, in these programmes,

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the co-ordinating bodies of the international and intergovernmental scientific programmes, in particular those of the Board of the International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP) at its fifteenth session, the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) at its seventh session, the International Conference on Hydrology and Scientific Bases of Water Resources Management (Geneva, March 1987), and the International Co-ordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) at its ninth session, together with the resolutions of the Assembly of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and its Executive Council,

Stressing the importance of environmental education in the prevention and solution of environmental problems and in the rational management of natural resources,

Recalling the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Conference on Environmental Education (Tbilisi, USSR, 1977) and the conclusions of the International Congress on Environmental Education and Training (Moscow, USSR, 1987),

Approving the proposals of the Director-General and of the Executive Board concerning the regrouping of certain activities with a view to achieving greater programme concentration and improved delimitation of responsibilities in programme implementation,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme X, 'The human environment and terrestrial and marine resources' ;
2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) under Programme XI, 'The earth's crust and its mineral and energy resources' ,
    - (i) to continue implementation of the International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP) and to strengthen the links between this programme and the other international governmental and non-governmental scientific programmes so as to preserve the IGCP's interdisciplinary character;
    - (ii) to develop the activities under the Major Regional Project 'Geology for economic development' concerning the evaluation of mineral potential in Africa, by extending them to Latin America and by placing emphasis on strengthening field research and training projects;
    - (iii) to pursue the collection and publication of the findings of research on the lithosphere and its applications to land-use planning, and the publication of continental thematic maps;
    - (iv) to provide support for the organization of training courses for the personnel needed by Member States in the earth sciences;



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- (b) under Programme X.2, "Natural hazards",
  - (i) **to contribute to a better knowledge of the mechanisms involved in natural hazards and to the improvement of methods of assessing and predicting such hazards;**
  - (ii) to promote the establishment of warning systems for natural hazards and the means required to mitigate the effects of those hazards, particularly as regards loss of life and material damage;
- (c) under Programme X.3, 'Water Resources',
  - (i) to continue implementation of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in order to improve the scientific bases for the evaluation, use and rational management of water resources; to complete the third phase (1984-1989) of the IHP, in accordance with the plan adopted by the Intergovernmental Council of the Programme, and to prepare the planning of the fourth phase (1990-1995), in accordance with the recommendations made by the International Conference on Hydrology and Scientific Bases of Water Resources Management (Geneva, March 1987);
  - (ii) to promote appropriate technologies for the use and conservation of water resources, having regard to the specific nature of environmental conditions and socio-economic contexts, particularly within the framework of major regional projects in progress or proposed in Africa, Latin America, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific;
  - (iii) to contribute to the training of scientific and technical personnel in hydrology and in the improvement and management of water resources, by co-operating with existing training centres and encouraging the development of regional and international networks;
  - (iv) to contribute also to improved public information on water problems and their impact on economic and social development and to the strengthening of scientific and technical information systems relating to water;
- (d) under Programme X,4, 'The ocean and its resources',
  - (i) to strengthen the work programme and potential for action of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission in regard to oceanography and ocean services, training, teaching and mutual assistance so as to meet the growing needs of its Member States and of its regional subsidiary bodies;
  - (ii) to contribute to the strengthening of national and regional research and training capabilities in the marine sciences, by placing special stress on the execution of the Unesco/IOC Comprehensive Plan for a Major Assistance Programme to enhance the marine science capabilities of the developing countries;

- (iii) to contribute also to the strengthening of international co-operation - both global and regional - through the work of the Commission as a joint specialized mechanism of the organizations of the United Nations system for the co-ordination of activities relating to oceanography and its associated aspects;
- (e) under Programme X.5, 'Training and research in marine sciences and their application to coastal management',
- (i) to strengthen national and regional research and training programmes in the marine sciences, and infrastructures for the management of coastal regions;
  - (ii) to promote the establishment of scientific bases for the management of the coastal environment and the rational exploitation of marine resources, particularly within the framework of the Major Interregional project on Research and Training Leading to the Integrated Management of Coastal Systems (COMAR);
- (f) under Programme X.6, 'The scientific bases for land-use planning and conservation of the resources of the biosphere - the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB)',
- (i) to continue implementation of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB), in particular by strengthening the networks of pilot projects for research, training and demonstration relating to integrated land-use planning and the rational management of natural resources;
  - (ii) to promote, in co-operation with the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), integrated comparative research and studies on the functioning of ecosystems, the management of their resources and the development of new methods of planning the use of those resources in the different biogeographical and ecological zones;
  - (iii) to pursue implementation, in collaboration with UNEP, FAO and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), of the Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves aimed at improving and developing the international network of these multifunctional representative ecological zones under the MAB programme, of the World Conservation Strategy, and of other programmes relating to nature conservation;
  - (iv) to promote the training of the scientific and technical personnel needed by Member States for land-use planning and rational use of the resources of terrestrial ecosystems, and to strengthen national infrastructures in this field;
- (g) under Programme X.7, 'Urban systems and urbanization',
- (i) to pursue pilot projects for the rehabilitation of urban and rural areas, having regard to the diversity of socio-economic situations in the various regions;

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- (ii) to intensify research and exchanges of information on urbanization phenomena and on population movements and their influence on land-use planning processes;
  - (iii) to promote the training, at all levels, of specialists in human settlements and to encourage public participation in solving the problems of urbanization and the preservation of the built environment;
- (h) under Programme X.8, 'The natural heritage',
- (i) to ensure, in conjunction with the activities under Programme XI.1, the implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage in so far as it concerns the natural heritage, and to encourage other Member States to accede to this Convention;
- (i) under Programme X.9, 'Environmental education and information' ,
- (i) to continue making available to specialists, teachers, those responsible for the environment, decision-makers and the general public, particularly through the publication in five languages of the quarterly journal \*Nature and Resources', scientific information on the environment and the management of natural resources obtained by means of Unesco's programmes;
  - (ii) to pursue, in conjunction with relevant activities under the Organization's other programmes, implementation of the Unesco/UNEP International Environmental Education Programme, and to continue to promote the development of general environmental education at all levels of the education system, particularly in higher education and in technical and vocational education, together with public information and education;
  - (iii) to encourage the taking into account of environmental problems and ways of solving them in the framing of education policies, plans and curricula and in the training of the various types of specialists whose activities may affect the quality of the environment;
3. Further invites the Director-General, in implementing this major programme, to ensure:
- (a) that the activities provided for under the nine programmes of Major Programme X are carried out in a co-ordinated way in order to derive the greatest possible advantage from their complementarity and their interdisciplinary character;
  - (b) that activities are designed in such a way as to contribute, through the improvement of scientific knowledge, of specialist training and of public information, to solving the practical problems relating to the protection of the environment and the rational use of natural resources;
  - (c) that regional and subregional co-operation, for the purpose of studying problems shared by several Member States and finding

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appropriate solutions, is encouraged. through technical co-operation among developing countries and through joint operation by developing and industrialized countries in this field;

- (d) that co-operation is strengthened with the other relevant organizations of the United Nations system and with the regional governmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations concerned;
- (e) that co-operation with funding bodies and programmes is maintained with the aim of developing the Organization's operational activities in the fields covered by Major Programme X.

10.2 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling Article II of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme, approved by 18 C/Resolution 2.232 and amended by 20 C/Resolution 36.1 and 23 C/Resolution 32.1,

Elects the following sixteen Member States to be members of the Intergovernmental Council until the end of the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference:<sup>2</sup>

Belgium	India	Qatar
Brazil	Morocco	Sweden
Cameroon	Nigeria	Switzerland
Chile	Peru	Tunisia
Czechoslovakia	Portugal	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Ghana		

10.3 Election of members of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere<sup>3</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling Article II of the Statutes of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere, approved by 16 C/Resolution 2.313 and amended by 19 C/Resolution 2.152, 20 C/Resolution 36.1 and 23 C/Resolution 32.1,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.
2. The other members of the Council, who were elected at the twenty-third session and whose term of office will expire at the end of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, are: Argentina, Canada, Central African Republic, China, Costa Rica, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Federal Republic of Germany, Guinea, Iraq, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Netherlands and Yugoslavia.
3. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.

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Elects the following fourteen Member States to be members of the International Co-ordinating Council until the end of the twenty-sixth session:<sup>1</sup>

Antigua and Barbuda	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Benin	Italy
Canada	Malaysia
Colombia	Mexico
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Nigeria
Ethiopia	Togo
France	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

10.4 Amendments to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

The General Conference,

Having examined the amendments to the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) recommended by the fourteenth session of the IOC Assembly (24 C/101, Part II), and taken note of the report of the Legal Committee thereon (24 C/133),

1. Decides to amend the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission as follows:

Article 1, paragraph 1:

'(a) The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, hereafter called the Commission, is established as a body with functional autonomy within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. '

'(b) It guides the conception and follows the implementation of its programme as approved by the General Conference in the framework of the latter's adopted budget. '

Article 1, paragraph 2:

'The purpose of the Commission is to promote marine scientific investigations and related ocean services, with a view to learning more about the nature and resources of the oceans through the concerted action of its members. '

1. The other members of the Council, who **were** elected at the twenty-third session and whose term of office will expire at the end of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, are: Angola, Austria, Brazil, China, Congo, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Gabon, Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan and Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.
2. Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at its thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.

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Article 2, paragraph 1:

'(b) Develop, recommend and co-ordinate international programmes for scientific investigation of the oceans and related ocean services which call for concerted action by its members; '

'(c) Develop, recommend and co-ordinate with interested international organizations, international programmes for scientific investigation of the oceans and related ocean services which call for concerted action with interested organizations; '

'(f) Promote and co-ordinate the development and transfer of marine science and its technology, particularly to developing countries;'

'(g) Make recommendations to strengthen education and training in marine science and its technology, and promote relevant projects in these fields as components of each of its programmes; '

'(h)' and '(i)'<sup>1</sup>

'(j) Promote scientific investigation of the oceans and application of the results thereof for the benefit of all mankind, and assist, on request, Member States wishing to co-operate to these ends. Activities undertaken under this subparagraph shall be subject, in accordance with international law, to the regime for marine scientific research in zones under national jurisdiction; '

'(k) Promote, plan and co-ordinate observing and monitoring systems on the properties and quality of the marine environment, as well as the preparation and dissemination of processed oceanographic data and information, and of assessment studies;'

'(l) Promote, recommend and co-ordinate, with international organizations, as appropriate, the development of standards, reference materials and nomenclature for use in marine science and related ocean services; '

'(m) Undertake, as appropriate, any other action compatible with its purpose and functions concerning the scientific investigation of the ocean and its interfaces. '

Article 2, paragraph 2:

'The Commission, in carrying out its functions, shall take into account the special needs and interests of developing countries, including in particular the need to further the capabilities of these countries in marine science and technology. '

Article 2, paragraph 3:

'Nothing in this Article shall imply the adoption of a position by the Commission regarding the nature or extent of the jurisdiction of coastal States in general or of any coastal State in particular. '

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1. These subparagraphs reproduce former subparagraphs (g) and (h) of the Statutes.

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Article 3:

'1. The Commission shall give due attention to supporting the objectives of the international organizations with which it collaborates. On the other hand, the Commission may request these organizations to take its requirements into account in planning and executing their own programmes. '

'2. The Commission may act also as a joint specialized mechanism of the organizations of the United Nations system that have agreed to use the Commission for discharging certain of their responsibilities in the fields of marine science and ocean services, and have agreed accordingly to sustain the work of the Commission. '

Article 4, paragraph 3:

'3. Any Member State of the Commission may withdraw from it by giving notice of its intention to do so to the Director-General of Unesco. The date of such notice shall be that of its receipt by the Director-General. The notice shall take effect on the first day of the next ordinary session of the Assembly following the date of notice of withdrawal if the notice is given more than one year before the first day of said session; if the notice of withdrawal is given less than one year before the first day of the said session, it shall take effect one year after the date of notice of withdrawal. '

Article 5, paragraph 4:

'4. During the course of each ordinary session, the Assembly, taking into account the principles of geographical distribution, shall elect:

- (a) a Chairman and four Vice-Chairmen who shall be the officers of the Commission, its Assembly and its Executive Council;
- (b) a number of Member States to the Executive Council, which number shall not exceed one quarter of the Member States of the Commission; each Member State so elected shall designate its representative on the Executive Council. '

Article 9, paragraph 1:

'1. With due regard to the applicable Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Secretariat of the Commission shall consist of a Secretary and such other staff as may be necessary, provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as such personnel as may be provided, at their expense, by the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Maritime Organization and other organizations of the United Nations system. '

Article 10, paragraph 2:

'2. The expenditure of the Commission shall be financed from funds appropriated for this purpose by the General Conference of



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Unesco, from contributions by Member States of the Commission that are not Member States of Unesco, as well as from such additional resources as may be made available by other organizations of the United Nations system and by Member States, and from other sources. '

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### 11.1 Major Programme XI: 'Culture and the future'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/11, 22 C/Resolution 11.1 and 23 C/Resolution 11.1 concerning Major Programme XI, 'Culture and the future',

Considering the relevant provisions of the various international instruments and of the resolutions of the General Conference referred to in the resolutions mentioned above,

Recalling the Mexico City Declaration and the recommendations adopted by the World Conference on Cultural Policies (Mexico City, 1982),

Noting resolution 41/187 by which the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its forty-first session, proclaimed 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be celebrated under the joint auspices of the United Nations and Unesco,

Recalling the importance of Major Programme XI for the accomplishment of Unesco's fifth task as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan, and for the implementation of the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development,

Mindful of the recommendations of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace (Nairobi, 1985), which were supported by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fortieth session (1985),

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue implementation of Major Programme XI, 'Culture and the future';
2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) under Programme XI.1, 'Cultural heritage',
    - (i) to work out a ten-year plan of action for the preservation and presentation, in the various geocultural regions, of the different forms of the non-physical heritage, particularly those in danger of disappearance, to promote, for that purpose, the collection and dissemination, in published form or by audiovisual means, of non-verbal and oral traditions and

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission IV at the thirty-seventh plenary meeting, on 20 November 1987.

to encourage the inventorying, recording and transcription of languages that do not yet possess an alphabet or are not widely spoken or studied;

- (ii) to promote extension of the field of application of the international conventions and recommendations concerning the protection and preservation of the cultural heritage;
  - (iii) to continue operational action to safeguard the immovable cultural heritage, particularly in the context of international campaigns for the preservation and enhancement of historical monuments, complexes and sites that are considered to be essential components of the common heritage of mankind, and enlist international support for this purpose;
  - (iv) to contribute to the strengthening of facilities for the preservation and presentation of the movable cultural heritage and encourage bilateral negotiations for the return or restitution of cultural property to its country of origin, and in particular for the return of elements of cultural collections the main part of which remains in the country of origin;
  - (v) to promote specialist training in the cataloging, preservation and presentation of the cultural heritage and contribute to the strengthening of training facilities;
  - (vi) to encourage international exchanges of information between specialists and make the public, especially young people, aware of the importance of preserving and presenting the heritage;
- (b) under Programme XI.2, 'Cultural identity and intercultural relations' ,
- (i) to extend knowledge of different cultures and stimulate the expression of cultural identities, particularly by continuing the preparation of a new edition of the History of the Scientific and Cultural Development of Mankind and the drafting and publishing in the most appropriate form (books, cassettes, etc.) of regional histories such as the General History of Africa, the General History of Latin America, the General History of the Caribbean, the General History of Central Asia and the work on the various aspects of Islamic culture, and by stepping up work on historical studies and research on various geocultural regions;
  - (ii) to promote the mutual appreciation of cultures by disseminating literary works and oral traditions, by producing and distributing gramophone records and audiocassettes of traditional music, by producing exhibitions and art books, by promoting cultural exchanges, by support for the translation of literary, scientific and other works and by greater co-operation with international non-governmental organizations, devoting special attention to the artistic contributions of women;

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- (c) under Programme XI.3, 'Creation and creativity',
  - (i) to promote traditional and modern creative work in the various artistic fields (e.g. music, dance, the theatre, literature, the plastic arts and the cinema) and work out a plan of action for the development of craftsmanship;
  - (ii) to contribute to the development of national and regional capacities for the initial and continuing training of artists and craftsmen, taking into consideration the specific needs of women, by encouraging in particular the use of the audiovisual and other new technologies for the purpose of artistic creation;
  - (iii) to co-operate with creative artists and their organizations on the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development, encourage the application of the Recommendation on the Status of the Artist (Belgrade, 1980), help to publicize the new forms of modern creativity by preparing reference works and encourage meetings between artists and performers, particularly in the framework of co-operation with international non-governmental organizations;
- (d) under Programme XI.4, 'Cultural development and cultural policies',
  - (i) to promote greater awareness of the cultural dimension in development processes both through research activities and exchanges of information and through support for the preparation of development strategies and projects;
  - (ii) to stimulate active participation by the greatest possible number of people in cultural life, without forgetting the most deprived population groups, particularly by providing support to Member States for the framing, implementation and evaluation of cultural development policies and projects and by promoting the dissemination and exchange of cultural information;
  - (iii) to contribute to the strengthening of training facilities for the personnel involved in cultural development by helping to develop teaching programmes and aids, organize training and further-training sessions and networks and make development workers aware of the cultural aspects of their tasks;
  - (iv) to promote international cultural co-operation by stimulating and co-ordinating initiatives on the part of Member States, United Nations agencies and international governmental and non-governmental organizations to implement the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development;
- (e) under Programme XI.5, 'Development of books and reading',
  - (i) to encourage the formulation and implementation of integrated development strategies for book-related industries, particularly in countries where such industries do not exist, and strengthen international and interprofessional co-operation machinery in the world of book production;

- (ii) to contribute to the development of training resources at all levels and in all trades in the book industry;
  - (iii) to encourage the habit of reading, particularly among young people and women in rural areas and in the poorest population groups;
3. Requests the Director-General, in the implementation of these activities, to pay particular attention to:
- (a) the integration of the point of view and the interests of women into all activities, in particular those carried out within the framework of the World Decade for Cultural Development, both in policy-making and concrete projects, stressing the need to publicize the specific contribution made by women to cultural life, and to seek ways of guaranteeing women their rightful place as beneficiaries and agents of cultural development and international cultural co-operation;
  - (b) the establishment of close co-operation with national authorities and international governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned by the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development, including organizations providing aid for development;
  - (c) the strengthening of the International Fund for the Promotion of culture and the broadening of its scope to include innovative and experimental projects relating to the promotion of cultures, artistic creation and regional and international cultural co-operation;
  - (d) the promotion of international cultural co-operation in the spirit of the Declaration of the Principles of International Cultural Co-operation adopted by the General Conference at its fourteenth session.

11.2 Unesco's contribution to the application and implementation of the provisions of the 1954 Hague Convention for the protection of cultural property, educational establishments and historic monuments and the preservation of the human and natural environment in the event of armed conflict

The General Conference,

Considering that, by virtue of Unesco's Constitution, it is incumbent on the Organization to contribute to peace and to promote the protection and conservation of the cultural heritage,

Recognizing that cultural property suffers grave damage during armed conflicts and that damage to cultural property belonging to any people whatsoever means damage to the cultural heritage of all mankind,

Recalling the objectives of the Convention for the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict (The Hague, 1954),

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Recalling the commitments of the High Contracting Parties as set out in this Convention,

1. Reaffirms the role of Unesco with respect to the application of the Convention, as set out in the relevant articles of the Convention and of the Regulations for its execution;
2. Invites the Director-General to further study the mechanisms for the implementation of the aforementioned articles of the Hague Convention, and of the Regulations for its execution, so as to contribute to the attainment of the objectives of this Convention.

### 11.3 Reports of States on the action taken by them to implement the Convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property (1970)

The General Conference,

Having examined the reports of States on the action taken by them to implement the Convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property (1970),

Recognizing the importance and value of the action taken on the implementation of the Convention as described in the reports received,

Noting however that, as at 24 September 1987, only 60 States had deposited their instrument of ratification or acceptance of the Convention, a fact which limits its effective impact,

Considering that action against illicit traffic in cultural property urgently needs to be strengthened at the national as well as international levels,

1. Reiterates the invitations which it addressed to States in 22 C/Resolution 11.4, concerning measures to be taken to strengthen action against illicit traffic of cultural property at the international and national levels and, in particular, its invitation to States to become parties to the Convention if they are not so already;
2. Calls the attention of all States to the importance of drawing up national inventories of cultural property and of training specialized personnel to ensure the adequate protection of the cultural heritage and invites the Director-General to provide all possible assistance to States to this end;
3. Invites States to which illegally exported cultural property is often conveyed and which have not yet ratified the Convention to examine the systems adopted by certain States Parties to regulate the import of cultural property;
4. Invites each State to facilitate the rapid circulation, where appropriate through the relevant international organizations, of all useful information which could contribute to the suppression of

illicit traffic of cultural property, and in particular, so far as is possible, of lists of stolen objects;

5. Invites States and the Director-General to pursue activities aimed at strengthening regional co-operation in this field;
6. Recommends that States consider the possibility of concluding bilateral agreements for the restitution of illicitly exported cultural property;
7. Invites Member States and other States Parties to the Convention to forward a further report on the action they have taken to implement the Convention for examination by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session.

#### 11.4 Strategy for the international safeguarding campaigns programme

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/104 and in particular the draft Strategy for the International Safeguarding Campaigns Programme, set out in Annex II of document 126 EX/20,

Having noted the Executive Board's decision to approve the Strategy for the International Safeguarding Campaigns Programme and its invitation to Member States to contribute fully to the extent of their means to the planning and accomplishment of the individual international campaigns,

Paying due consideration to the fact that a number of Member States are not parties to the World Heritage Convention, and to the desirability of not accepting additional international campaigns until phases (v) and (vi) of the Director-General's plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the in-depth study of international campaigns have been implemented,

1. Decides to adopt the Strategy for the International Safeguarding Campaigns Programme as a policy document to guide Member States and the Secretariat in the management and organization of international campaigns to safeguard significant aspects of the common cultural heritage of mankind; and
2. Invites all Member States and the Director-General to apply the provisions of the Strategy to all existing and new international safeguarding campaigns.

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### 11.5 Election of members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling resolution 4/11 adopted at its twenty-first session, whereby it approved the setting up of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo,

Elects the following fifteen Member States to be members of the Committee:

Antigua and Barbuda	Egypt	Japan
Argentina	France	Netherlands
Belgium	Germany (Federal Republic of)	Senegal
Côte d'Ivoire	Greece	Sudan
Czechoslovakia	Italy	Sweden

### 11.6 Jerusalem and the implementation of 23 C/Resolution 11.3

The General Conference,

Recalling the provisions of the Constitution of Unesco relating to the conservation and protection of and respect for the natural heritage and cultural property, especially property of outstanding universal value,

Recalling the Hague Convention and Protocol of 1954 concerning the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict,

Recalling that the Israeli military occupation and the present status of the city of Jerusalem entail dangers for the safeguarding of its essential vocation,

Having examined the report by the Director-General on this matter (24 C/15 & Add.) and noting the results recorded in the synoptic report by Professor Lemaire,

Noting that recent incidents have given rise to genuine concern on the part of the high authorities and the Palestinian population of Jerusalem, who consider that the measures taken by the occupation administration to avoid the repetition of these incidents do not always provide an adequate and lasting guarantee,

Reaffirming the unique role of the city of Jerusalem in the history of humanity and, consequently, the necessity and urgency of taking all appropriate measures to safeguard its cultural character, its homogeneity and its irreplaceable universal value,

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1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.



1. Recalls and reaffirms the previous resolutions adopted by the General Conference, which seek to ensure the safeguarding of all the spiritual, cultural, historical and other values of the holy city;
2. Deplores the fact that assaults and attempted assaults have been perpetrated on the holy places of Islam, which constitutes a grave derogation of the ecumenical vocation of the city;
3. Deplores the fact that the monumental heritage and the traditional historical site of the city have been subjected to destruction and alterations during the occupation;
4. Thanks the Director-General for everything he has done to ensure that the decisions and resolutions of Unesco are applied;
5. Once more draws the attention of the international community as a matter of urgency to the state of degradation of the Islamic cultural and religious heritage belonging to the Waqf and invites Member States, foundations and individuals to support the financial efforts of the Waqf to maintain and restore this heritage;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue the strict application of the decisions and resolutions of Unesco relating to the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem so long as the city is occupied;
7. Decides to include this question in the agenda of its twenty-fifth session with a view to taking such decisions as may be required by the situation obtaining at that time.

11.7 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Recalling resolution 4/7.6/5, adopted at its twentieth session, by which it approved the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation,

Elects, in accordance with Article 2 of the Statutes, the following ten Member States to be members of the Committee:<sup>2</sup>

Canada	Greece	Nigeria
Dominican Republic	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Turkey
Gabon	Lebanon	Zambia
German Democratic Republic		

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.
2. The other members of the Committee, who were elected at the twenty-third session and whose term of office will expire at the close of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, are: Australia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Kampuchea, Egypt, Guatemala, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Peru, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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### 11.8 Preservation and dissemination of contemporary literary manuscripts

The General Conference,

Recalling recommendation No. 61 concerning manuscripts of contemporary authors, adopted by the World Conference on Cultural Policies (MONDIACULT, Mexico City, 1982),

Convinced that manuscripts form part of the cultural heritage and that they should be safeguarded at the national and the international level,

Mindful of the fact that the conservation and preservation of these manuscripts pose increasingly difficult problems,

Noting that nineteenth- and twentieth-century manuscripts are more particularly affected by these problems, owing, inter alia, to the spread of new techniques for manufacturing copies of them,

Considering that this situation calls for urgent action in the case of developing countries

Disturbed by the absence at the international level of specific legal instruments to guarantee the protection and conservation of manuscripts,

Noting with satisfaction that under the regular programme approved by the General Conference at its twenty-third session, a symposium on the safeguarding of the written records of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries was held in Paris in September 1987, organized by the Association of Archives of Twentieth-Century Latin American, Caribbean and African Literature (ALLCA XX C.), attended by 60 specialists and officials from the national libraries of 22 countries,

Noting that at the close of that symposium, national libraries of 10 Member States and the Association of Archives of Twentieth-Century Latin American, Caribbean and African Literature, signed, on that occasion, a first co-operation agreement on the preservation and dissemination of contemporary literary manuscripts,

Convinced that the preservation and dissemination of nineteenth- and twentieth-century manuscripts can become a prominent and exemplary branch of international cultural co-operation and play an important role in the affirmation of cultural identities,

1. Congratulates the Director-General on the preliminary efforts made to find solutions to these problems;
2. Urgently appeals to Member States, public and private institutions and individuals to lend their intellectual, technical and financial support to this international safeguarding activity;
3. Requests the Director-General to continue the co-operation undertaken with the Association of Archives of Twentieth-Century Latin American, Caribbean and African Literature;

4. Requests the Director-General to continue to provide the support of the Organization for efforts to improve the institutional and legal instruments relating to the safeguarding of manuscripts of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, which are an integral part of the cultural heritage.

11.9 Commemoration of the 600th anniversary of the death of Khajeh Shams Od-Din Mohammad Hafez Shirazi

The General Conference,

Considering that the international celebration of the anniversaries of eminent intellectual and cultural figures contributes to the achievement of Unesco's objectives and to international understanding,

Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351 concerning the commemoration of great personalities who have left an imprint on the development of humanity,

Bearing in mind 127 EX/Decision 9.3 of the Executive Board concerning the commemoration of the 600th anniversary of the death of the Iranian poet Khajeh Shams Od-Din Mohammad Hafez Shirazi,

Considering the great importance of the work of Khajeh Shams Od-Din Mohammad Hafez Shirazi and its tremendous influence on Persian literature and on other world literatures and cultures,

Aware of the high esteem in which Hafez is held by countries and peoples familiar with the Persian language and literature,

Recalling that the year 1988 sees the 600th anniversary of the distinguished poet's death,

1. Requests the Director-General to associate Unesco, within the limits of the budget indicated in document 24 C/5, with the commemoration of this anniversary;
2. Recommends to the Member States of Unesco which are interested in the life and work of Hafez that they commemorate him with all the means at their disposal.

11.10 Celebration of the centenary of the birth of Fernando Pessoa

The General Conference,

Considering that the international celebration of the anniversaries of great personalities in the intellectual, moral and cultural fields contributes to the attainment of Unesco's objectives and the strengthening of understanding between peoples and helps to bring cultures closer together,

Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351 which emphasizes the importance of celebrating such anniversaries in order to make known personalities who have left an imprint on the development of humanity,

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Recalling that 1988 is the centenary of the birth of the Portuguese poet and writer Fernando Pessoa,

Considering that Fernando Pessoa, who wrote in three languages and whose writings have been translated into nearly every language, has through his writings helped to transcend national, linguistic and racial boundaries, attaining a capacity for universal representation,

Recalling that his dream of a spiritual brotherhood among men is not far from the ideal of co-operation among all peoples echoed in Unesco's Constitution,

Welcoming the decision to include the poem Mensagem in the Unesco Collection of Representative Works of World Literature,

1. Requests Member States to ensure that Pessoa's centenary is celebrated in an appropriate manner, particularly through support for international non-governmental organizations and national cultural associations;

2. Requests the Director-General:

(a) to promote, within the framework of cultural activities organized at Headquarters, a commemorative ceremony for Fernando Pessoa's centenary, with the assistance of the permanent delegation of Portugal to Unesco;

(b) to encourage and support non-governmental organizations wishing to participate in that commemoration.

### 11.11 'Banner of Peace' movement

The General Conference,

Recalling that in conformity with its Constitution, Unesco is required to collaborate in the work of advancing the mutual knowledge and understanding of peoples,

Recalling that recommendation No. 170 of the World Conference on Cultural Policies (MONDIACULT) invited Unesco and the Member States to support the 'Banner of Peace' movement,

Recalling also 23 C/Resolution 26.1 in which the General Conference considered, inter alia, that meetings in the fields of music, the fine arts and other areas of culture in the broadest sense contribute to the strengthening of international understanding,

Noting the decision taken by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-first session proclaiming the period 1988-1997 the 'World Decade for Cultural Development',

Bearing in mind that two of the main objectives of the Decade consist in broadening participation in culture and promoting international co-operation,

1. Invites Member States, Unesco and international non-governmental organizations to strengthen, within the framework of the World Decade, their co-operation with the 'Banner of Peace' movement, particularly as regards its international events, whose spirit and ideas are totally in accord with the noble ideals of Unesco;
2. Invites the Director-General to associate Unesco, in the framework of the programme activities relating to the World Decade for Cultural Development, with the initiatives of the 'Banner of Peace' movement.

#### 11.12 World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Conference,

Recalling recommendation No. 27 of the World Conference on Cultural Policies (Mexico City, 1982), 23 C/Resolution 11.10 on the World Decade for Cultural Development, and resolution 187 by which the forty-first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed that Decade,

Taking into account paragraph 3(b) of 23 C/Resolution 11.10 inviting Member States 'to promote all forms of regional and interregional co-operation so as to foster, in collaboration with the competent regional and international organizations, the strengthening of international cultural co-operation and the emergence of new strategies for development',

Aware of the eminent role that the acknowledgement of the cultural dimension of development, the affirmation and enrichment of cultural identities, the broadening of participation in culture and the promotion of international cultural co-operation can play as regards overall development and as regards Unesco's own programme in general,

Conscious of the need to focus and concentrate the relevant activities of Unesco's programme on the major objectives of the World Decade for Cultural Development,


Aware of the important task of co-ordinating the various activities of Member States and of inter-agency, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Welcoming in particular, the results of the meeting of the National Commissions for Unesco in the Europe region, held in Budapest from 24 to 27 June 1987 with a view to formulating proposals concerning joint activities and projects - regional or interregional - which might be carried out with the participation of the European Member States of Unesco,

1. Invites Member States:
  - (a) to continue, intensify and multiply their efforts so as to contribute effectively to the acknowledgement of the cultural dimension of development, the affirmation and enrichment of cultural identities, the broadening of participation in cultural life and the

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strengthening of peace and understanding between peoples through the promotion of international cultural co-operation;

- (b) to implement, to this end, at the national, regional and international levels, significant activities and projects, drawn up along interdisciplinary lines, having an innovatory character and an enduring and multiplier effect, catering for the priority issues of their economic, social and cultural development and involving the active participation of creative workers and the people at large;
- (c) to provide the necessary means for this purpose through, more especially, the rational and co-ordinated use of the available human and financial resources;
-  (d) to co-operate actively in the implementation of the specific activities planned as the Organization's contribution to the Decade in Unesco's regular programme;

### 2. Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to take the necessary steps, within the context of the regular programme, the participation programme and extra-budgetary projects, to ensure the provision of effective assistance, through Unesco's various major programmes, for the activities undertaken by Member States with a view to implementing the Plan of Action for the Decade;
- (b) to devote special attention in this context to support for the joint projects of the National Commissions for Unesco;
- (c) to take steps, during the preparation of the third Medium-Term Plan, to secure the co-ordination of its objectives with those of the Decade;
- (d) to strengthen the Permanent Secretariat of the World Decade so as to enable it to co-ordinate the action of Unesco's sectors and to co-operate closely with the Intergovernmental Committee.

### 11.13 Establishment of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Conference,

Recalling the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly, at its forty-first session, of resolution 41/187, whereby the General Assembly, 'taking note of the draft plan of action for the world decade for cultural development, submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization', proclaimed 'the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization',

Also recalling 124 EX/Decision 5.4.1 by which the Executive Board approved, in particular, the Director-General's proposals concerning the

machinery to be set up for co-ordinating the implementation of the Plan of Action,



Emphasizing that, in the Plan of Action (124 EX/18), it was proposed that an Intergovernmental Committee be set up, with responsibility for following and evaluating the implementation of the Programme,

Recalling that the Executive Board, in 126 EX/Decision 5.4.5, took note, with satisfaction, of the report submitted by the Director-General on the proposed setting-up of this Committee and of the draft statutes annexed to that report (126 EX/24),

1. Decides to set up this Committee and approves its statutes annexed to this resolution;
2. Elects,<sup>1</sup> in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article II of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development, the following Member States to be members of the Committee:

Angola	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Antigua and Barbuda	Italy
Argentina	Japan
Austria	Kenya
Benin	Kuwait
Cameroon	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Central African Republic	Luxembourg
Colombia	Mauritius
Congo	Nepal
Cuba	Philippines
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Poland
Egypt	Portugal
Finland	Syrian Arab Republic
France	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Germany (Federal Republic of)	United Republic of Tanzania
Guatemala	Venezuela
Hungary	Yemen
India	Zambia

3. Decides,<sup>1</sup> in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article II of the Statutes of the Committee, that the term of office of the following members of the Committee shall cease at the end of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference:

Angola	Hungary
Benin	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Central African Republic	Italy
Colombia	Kenya
Congo	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Cuba	Luxembourg
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Nepal
Egypt	Portugal
Germany (Federal Republic of)	Venezuela

1. This part of the resolution was adopted on the report of the Nominations Committee at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.



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### Annex Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development

#### Article I: Establishment

An Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development, hereafter called 'the Committee', is hereby established, for a period of ten years, within Unesco.

#### Article II: Membership

1. The Committee shall be composed of thirty-six Member States of Unesco, elected by the General Conference on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and appropriate rotation.
2. The term of office of members of the Committee shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its second subsequent ordinary session.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the term of office of half of the members designated at the first election shall cease at the end of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following that at which they were elected. These members shall be chosen by lot according to regional group, after the first election, by the President of the General Conference; outgoing members shall be replaced by members belonging to the same regional group.
4. Members of the Committee may be immediately eligible for re-election.
5. The persons designated by the Member States as their representatives on the Committee should, preferably, be eminent persons who are competent in the fields covered by the Plan of Action for the Decade - in particular education, the sciences, the spread of ideas, the arts and literature - or specialists possessing the required experience in the preparation and implementation, in the Member States, of the activities of the Decade.

#### Article III: Functions

1. The Committee shall be responsible, in Unesco's fields of competence, for stimulating, following and evaluating the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade and for recommending, in particular to the General Conference and to the various parties concerned with the Decade, any measures which in its opinion are of such a kind as to ensure its orderly progress and success. It shall endeavour, in particular:
  - (a) to help to marshal intellectual and material resources and to enlist the support of international opinion for the Decade, making inter alia any relevant recommendations;
  - (b) to gather and analyse information relating to the implementation of the Plan of Action, with a view to evaluating the results obtained, identifying the difficulties encountered and recommending any measures whereby they may be overcome;
  - (c) to put forward any recommendations whereby the Plan of Action may be improved during its implementation;

- (d) to recommend any measures which would ensure better co-ordination of the efforts made in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade, and, in particular, those making it possible to strengthen the co-ordination of the activities undertaken by Unesco under the various major programmes, as well as the co-ordination of such activities with those of the other institutions and organs of the United Nations;
  - (e) to make any proposals of such a nature as would strengthen the contribution of Unesco to the implementation of the Plan of Action and to advise on the preparation, implementation, financing and evaluation of any national, subregional, regional or international project coming within the framework of the Decade.
2. The Committee shall be kept regularly informed of the activities undertaken by the National Committees which may be set up by the Member States, in keeping with the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development, and of the activities undertaken by other parties involved.
  3. The Committee may seek the views of appropriate international non-governmental organizations with which Unesco maintains official relations, so as to secure their active support.

Article IV: Sessions

1. The Committee shall meet in regular plenary session once every two years. Extraordinary sessions may be convened, in agreement with the Director-General, taking into account the resources available and under the conditions which shall be established by its Rules of Procedure.
2. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote; a member may be assisted, during the sessions of the Committee, by a limited number of experts or advisers.
3. The Committee shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure. These Rules shall not contradict any of the provisions of the present Statutes nor those of Unesco's Constitution.

Article V: Bureau

1. At the beginning of its first session and, subsequently, whenever the membership of the Committee is modified by the General Conference, in accordance with Article II, the Committee shall elect a Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; these shall form the Committee's Bureau. The membership of the Bureau shall reflect equitable geographical distribution. The members of the Bureau, who shall be representatives of Member States of Unesco, shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected.
2. The Bureau shall discharge the following functions:
  - (a) it shall establish, in agreement with the Director-General, the date and place of the sessions of the Committee, in accordance with the general directives drawn up by the Committee;
  - (b) it shall prepare, in agreement with the Director-General, the sessions of the Committee, including its provisional agenda;

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- (c) it shall examine the follow-up action taken on the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee and shall make a report to each session of the Committee;
  - (d) it shall prepare for the Committee the reports requested of it by the General Conference;
  - (e) it shall discharge all such other functions as the Committee may confer upon it, within the framework of the Committee's terms of reference.
3. Meetings of the Bureau may be convened between meetings of the Committee, at the request of the Committee itself, of the Director-General or of the majority of the members of the Bureau. The Bureau may also be consulted by correspondence by the Director-General or by the Chairman of the Committee.

### Article VI: Observers

1. The representatives of Member States and Associate Members of Unesco which are not members of the Committee may attend all the meetings of the Committee as observers, without the right to vote. The Committee may invite States which are not members of Unesco but which are members of the United Nations or of other institutions of the United Nations system to send observers to its meetings.
2. Representatives of the United Nations and other institutions of the United Nations system shall be invited to take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Committee.
3. The Committee shall establish the conditions under which other international governmental or non-governmental organizations belonging to categories A and B might be invited to send observers, without the right to vote, to its meetings, when specific issues of common interest are submitted for its consideration.

### Article VII: Secretariat

1. The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the Director-General of Unesco, who shall place at the Committee's disposal the means required for its operation, within the limit of the appropriations approved by the General Conference.
2. The secretariat designated by the Director-General shall provide the services for the sessions of the Committee and meetings of the Bureau, including their convocation.
3. The Director-General shall submit for consideration by the Committee the information, reports and proposals received by him from the Member States of Unesco and international organizations in regard to the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade. He shall inform the Member States and the National Committees that they have established (cf. Article III, paragraph 2, above) of the appropriate recommendations of the Committee.
4. The Director-General shall ensure the co-ordination of the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee.

Article VIII: Expenses

1. The Committee may address to the Director-General and to the organizations mentioned in Article VI, paragraph 2, any recommendations it deems appropriate with a view to supporting Member States' efforts to strengthen or implement projects for co-operation among Member States within the framework of the World Decade for Cultural Development.
2. Member States shall bear all the expenses of the participation of their representatives in sessions of the Committee. The running expenses of the Committee shall be covered by an appropriation voted for this purpose by the General Conference.
3. Voluntary contributions may be accepted in accordance with the Financial Regulations of Unesco; such contributions shall be administered by the Director-General. The Committee shall submit to the Director-General recommendations concerning the allocation of these contributions to international projects coming under the Plan of Action for the Decade. Voluntary contributions may take the form of trust funds, to be used for purposes determined by the donor.

Article IX: Reporting

1. The Committee shall report on its activities to the General Conference of Unesco at each of the Conference's ordinary sessions. These reports, which shall be examined by the Executive Board as well, shall also be communicated by the Director-General, together with his comments, to the United Nations General Assembly, the other international organizations mentioned in Article VI, paragraphs 2 and 3 above, and to Member States.
2. The Committee may receive reports concerning the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade from the other international organizations.

11.14 International Fund for the Promotion of Culture

The General Conference,

Having taken note of the report by the Director-General (24 C/95) on the activities of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture covering the period from May 1985 to April 1987,

Noting with satisfaction that the Fund has continued to extend its activities in conformity with its vocation for cultural promotion and innovation,

Observing that the Fund, since being established, has contributed a total of US \$3,162,000 for the implementation of 244 projects in 81 countries, without touching its initial capital,

Concerned by the reduction in the Fund's income as a result of the international financial situation, particularly the fall in interest rates and the exchange rate of the dollar,

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1. Thanks the members of the Administrative Council of the Fund for the results achieved, due to their efforts, for the benefit of international cultural life;
2. Congratulates the Director-General on the good management of the Fund and on the promotional efforts undertaken;
3. Pays tribute to all donors and benefactors, particularly to those Member States which, from the very beginning, allowed the Fund to be launched, and to those which have decided to renew their contribution annually;
4. Appeals to Member States, public and private institutions and to individuals to add to the Fund's resources by making financial contributions, however modest, or by participating directly in its operational projects.

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- 12.1 Major Programme XII: 'The elimination of prejudice, intolerance, racism and apartheid'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/12, 22 C/Resolution 12.1 and 23 C/Resolution 12.1, relating to Major Programme XII, 'The elimination of prejudice, intolerance, racism and apartheid',

Recalling the relevant provisions of Unesco's Constitution and the principle of non-discrimination enshrined in it, the various international instruments and the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and of the General Conference of Unesco to which reference is made in the above-mentioned resolutions,

Recalling the Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice adopted unanimously at its twentieth session on 27 November 1978, and the resolution for the implementation of that Declaration, together with the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education adopted at its eleventh session on 14 December 1960,

Recalling that in 23 C/Resolution 12.1, it referred to resolution 39/114 of the United Nations General Assembly in which the appropriate Specialized Agencies, as well as intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations are called upon to initiate measures against 'all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, including Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred and terror, which deprive people of basic human rights and fundamental

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freedoms and of equality of opportunity' or to 'intensify measures against [such] ideologies and practices',

Recalling resolution 40/148 whereby the United Nations General Assembly reiterated this request, as well as resolution 41/160, concerning whose implementation the United Nations General Assembly invited 'all . . . international organizations to submit to the Secretary-General their comments and information',

Recalling the United Nations Declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (resolution 36/55) and resolution 1987/15 of the Human Rights Commission,

Recalling the importance of Major Programme XII for the accomplishment of Unesco's fifth task as defined in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Stressing the importance of the contribution already made by Unesco to reflection on prejudice, intolerance, racism and apartheid, as well as to the action carried out within its fields of competence with a view to the elimination of discrimination in all its forms,

Considering that it is important that Unesco pursue and intensify the activities it conducts to this end, in particular concerning the elimination of discrimination between the sexes, by strengthening co-operation with the United Nations and with other agencies of the United Nations system as well as collaboration with international and regional non-governmental organizations and with the competent scientific and university institutes,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme XII;
2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) under Programme XII.1, 'Studies and research on prejudice, intolerance and racism',
    - (i) to encourage scientific and ethical reflection on the unity of the human species;
    - (ii) to contribute to international intellectual co-operation on the study of intolerance, racism and discrimination in all their forms and to encourage research in the social and human sciences in these areas;
    - (iii) to contribute to the development of research intended to improve the coherence and effectiveness of those policies which favour tolerance and the disappearance of discrimination in all its forms, especially those based on prejudice or stereotypes in respect of race, ethnic origin, religion, socio-economic and class background or affiliation to a current of opinion;

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- (b) under Programme XII.2, 'Action against prejudice, intolerance and racism in the fields of education, science, culture and communication' ,
  - (i) to contribute to the struggle against intolerance, prejudice, racism and discrimination in all their forms in Unesco's fields of competence, in co-operation with the competent bodies and Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and with the appropriate international and regional non-governmental organizations;
  - (ii) to evaluate the impact of the Declarations on race and racial prejudice (1978) and on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (1981);
  - (iii) to encourage reciprocal tolerance and mutual respect between cultures and to promote training and exchanges of information relating to the philosophical significance of tolerance;
  - (iv) to promote initiatives by Member States leading, in the educational field, to the elimination of discriminatory treatment in all its forms and to the combating of the continued existence of prejudice, intolerance and incitement to hatred;
- (c) under Programme XII.3, 'The struggle against apartheid',
  - (i) to contribute to a better understanding of the existing economic and social situation in South Africa and in Namibia and of its historical development;
  - (ii) to assist, through the contribution made by the social and human sciences, in the struggle against apartheid, by encouragement to specialists and' centres and institutions of scientific research on apartheid to exchange information and the results of their work and by increased mobilization of public opinion in support of this struggle;
  - (iii) to bring out clearly the effects of apartheid on the situation in South Africa and in Namibia in the fields of education, science, culture, communication and information;
  - (iv) to strengthen co-operation, in regard to training, with the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of Africa Unity;
- (d) under Programme XII.4, 'Elimination of discrimination based on sex',<sup>1</sup>
  - (i) to encourage, within Unesco's fields of competence, the application of the provisions of the United Nations Convention

1. The operative paragraphs relating to Programme XII.4 are the same as those appearing in 24 C/Resolution 13.1 (para. 2d) relating to Programme XIII.4. The purpose of this dual reference is to indicate that the programme on the 'Elimination of discrimination based on sex' belongs both to Major Programme XII and to Major Programme XIII.



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on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979) and the implementation of the recommendations of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (Nairobi, 1985);

- (ii) to continue to encourage research and activities to increase awareness and provide information relating to women's fundamental rights, special attention being paid to the structural and legal obstacles impeding equality and access to rights; to promote research and information activities concerning assaults on the dignity of women (in particular acts of violence perpetrated within the family) and on the causes of the prostitution of women by others, in order to help to identify means of prevention within Unesco's fields of competence; to collect data on the effects of recurrent drought on the situation of women, in order to contribute to the efforts of the international community to combat the consequences of this scourge for the people concerned;
- (iii) to continue to promote the investigation, by research and in higher education, of the problems associated with women, stress being placed on changes in the social and cultural roles of men and women and on the emergence of new values connected with the greater prominence assumed recently by women in the social and public spheres; to evaluate in this regard the impact of their increased participation in paid work and of their wider access to the world of knowledge;
- (iv) to intensify the action taken to promote the participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life) particularly in decision-making; to foster a broader understanding of the forms which such participation may take in the different national and regional contexts; and to identify measures that could be taken in order to eliminate the obstacles impeding full participation by women in public life, both locally and nationally, particularly in the fields of science and technology;
- (v) to co-operate for the purpose of implementing this programme with the other organizations of the United Nations and with national, regional and international governmental or non-governmental women's organizations working in the fields of Unesco's competence.

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13.1 Major Programme XIII: 'Peace, international understanding,  
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The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/13, 22 C/Resolutions 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 18 and 20 and 23 C/Resolutions 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 25, 26.1 and 26.4,

1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission V at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.

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Recalling the relevant provisions, and particularly Article I, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, of the Charter of the United Nations, and of various international instruments, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, and other Conventions of the United Nations system relating to human rights,

Stressing the importance of Major Programme XIII for the accomplishment of Unesco's fifth task as laid down in the second Medium-Term Plan,

Recalling the provisions of the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, adopted by it at its eighteenth session, and the need to continue and consolidate its application,

Bearing in mind document 24 C/n, 23 C/Resolution 13.3 (para. 2) and 126 EX/Decision 5.2.4 of the Executive Board, and having taken note of the 'Malta Recommendations' adopted in the same spirit by the International Congress on Human Rights Teaching, Information and Documentation, which recognized the role the Consultative Committee on the steps to promote the Full and Comprehensive Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation could play in the co-ordination of the activities under the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and under the Plan of Development of Human Rights Teaching, while continuing to consider human rights as a specialization within the legal sciences and certain social sciences, as an area for problem-oriented pluridisciplinary university teaching, and maintaining specialized courses for certain socio-professional categories,

Further recalling the recommendations adopted by the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference on Education for International Understanding, co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a View to Developing a Climate of Opinion Favourable to the Strengthening of Security and Disarmament,

Recalling the need for mutual co-ordination and collaboration between Unesco, the United Nations and the other agencies of the United Nations system and the importance of co-operation with the appropriate international governmental and non-governmental organizations and with regional, subregional and national research and training institutions, to avoid any duplication within the United Nations system in the design and execution of Major Programme XIII,

Taking note of the provisions of Section E of resolution 39/151 of 17 December 1984, as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, entitled 'Contribution of the Specialized Agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to the cause of arms limitation and disarmament', to which reference is made in 23 C/Resolution 13.1, and of Section K 'International co-operation for disarmament' of resolution 41/86 which the United Nations General Assembly adopted at its forty-first session,

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Considering in particular that, the technical aspects of disarmament being the responsibility of the competent organs of the United Nations, Unesco's activities in the field of disarmament should, in accordance with 22 C/Resolution 20 of the General Conference, focus on the promotion of greater awareness in educational, scientific and cultural circles and at the level of public opinion, of the full range of activities being carried out in this field, particularly within the United Nations system, and on the encouragement of exchanges of information between experts in this field,

Considering that, in accordance with the Preamble of Unesco's Constitution which states that the defences of peace must be constructed in the minds of men, the activities of the Organization in this domain should also aim at the promotion of studies on the still widespread cultivation of hostile preconceptions in education systems and possible confidence-building measures that could be envisaged in order to detect and reduce hostile preconceptions,

Taking note of the provisions of the Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace, as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, to which reference is made in 23 C/Resolution 13.1, and of resolution 41/10, which the United Nations General Assembly adopted at its forty-first session and which 'calls upon all States and international organizations to do their utmost to contribute to the implementation of the right of peoples to peace through the adoption of appropriate measures at both the national and international levels' ,

Taking into consideration the dangers of any war, and in particular of nuclear war, the contribution made by Unesco in its fields of competence to the activities conducted in 1986 in connection with the International Year of Peace, and resolution 41/9 which the United Nations General Assembly adopted at its forty-first session,

Also taking into consideration the importance of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for peaceful relations within and among nations,

Stressing the indivisible nature of human rights and the equal importance of economic, social and cultural rights and civil and political rights, bearing in mind that Unesco should pay attention to the promotion of all these rights,

Taking note of resolution 41/155 on the 'Strengthening of international co-operation in the field of human rights', which the United Nations General Assembly adopted at its forty-first session,

Taking note of resolution 41/131 'Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms', which the United Nations General Assembly adopted at its forty-first session,

Stressing the need for Unesco to contribute to the celebration of the bicentenary of the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen (1789), and of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), in accordance with resolution 41/150 and annex, which the United Nations General Assembly adopted at its forty-first session,

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Considering that Unesco's dissemination and education activities with respect to human rights and the rights of peoples should be based on rights defined in existing instruments of universal scope, international or regional, and that these activities should pay special attention to the development of information and documentation networks,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue the implementation of Major Programme XIII, 'Peace, international understanding, human rights and the rights of peoples' ;
2. Invites the Director-General, in particular:
  - (a) under Programme XIII.1, 'Maintenance of peace and international understanding' ,
    - (i) to promote capacities for research and training and exchanges of information from the standpoint of the social and human sciences, including the legal sciences and philosophy, with respect to factors, in Unesco's fields of competence, which can contribute to the maintenance and strengthening of peace, in particular through the support given to international, regional, subregional and national scientific institutions and through the preparation and dissemination of syntheses and comprehensive surveys relating, on the one hand, to work in the social and human sciences done by national, regional or international research institutions on educational, scientific and cultural factors conducive to peace and, on the other hand, to the promotion of a better understanding of the causes and consequences of violations of the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, the use or threat of use of force, foreign intervention, interference in the internal affairs of States and armed aggression, and to follow up the measures taken during the International Year of Peace (1986);
    - (ii) to encourage the development of the study and teaching of public international law and research and training devoted to international relations, international co-operation and understanding, as well as scientific theories relating to the prevention and to the resolution of conflicts;
    - (iii) to contribute to the broadest possible dissemination of information and to facilitate unhindered access by the public at large to all information, including particularly that produced by the appropriate bodies of the United Nations system, likely to give them an adequate knowledge and better understanding of the level of armaments, of the questions of arms limitation, disarmament and the consequences of the arms race, in order that public opinion may be in a position to exert a positive influence on the achievement of the objectives of peace and disarmament;
    - (iv) to promote capacities for research in the social and human sciences and exchanges of information, academic contacts and awareness among experts and institutions specializing in the field of disarmament concerning all aspects of disarmament, including the causes and consequences of the arms race and

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the relationship between peace, security and disarmament and the potential interrelations between disarmament and educational, scientific and cultural development; and to contribute, in Unesco's fields of competence, to a better knowledge and understanding of all questions concerning disarmament, particularly through measures calculated to improve the use of materials produced by the competent bodies of the United Nations system and through the preparation of a comprehensive survey of research in the social and human sciences carried out by national, regional or international scientific institutions, with the aim of encouraging such work;

- (v) to promote reflection on the question of how the defences of peace can be constructed in the minds of men, including particularly a programme for the worldwide 'eradication of hostile preconceptions' appearing in Unesco's fields of competence, and a study on their psychological, ideological, historical and sociological foundations and the use that is made of them;
- (b) under Programme XIII.2, 'Respect for human rights',
- (i) to encourage exchanges of information among national, regional and international institutions and organizations specializing in research in human rights; to promote the capacities for research in the social and human sciences in these fields; to contribute to reflection on human rights and to the elucidation and better understanding of the concept of rights of peoples and of the relationship between rights of peoples and human rights as they are defined in existing international instruments of universal scope;
  - (ii) to promote the study of the conditions necessary for the effective exercise of human rights, particularly by providing support to social and human science institutions for analysis of the impact of recent scientific and technological progress on the effective protection of human rights, such support applying only to new aspects or to aspects that are complementary to those dealt with by the United Nations, and by examining institutional requirements for the realization of human rights, with a view to clarifying the role of an incorporation of the principles of justice and the rule of law;
  - (iii) to contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights by encouraging the dissemination, knowledge, ratification and application of the international instruments; to promote the full exercise of human rights in Unesco's spheres of competence, and to contribute to the implementation of the procedure adopted by the Executive Board for the examination of such cases and questions as may be submitted to Unesco concerning violations of human rights in the spheres of its competence;

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- (c) under Programme XIII.3, 'Education for peace and respect for human rights and the rights of peoples' ,
- (i) to continue to promote and to intensify, through the development of co-operation with Member States and with international non-governmental organizations and through Unesco's own activities, the implementation at all stages and in all forms of education of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and to follow up the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference on Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a View to Developing a Climate of Opinion Favourable to the Strengthening of Security and Disarmament;
  - (ii) to launch, in this connection, the permanent system for the preparation of reports on measures taken by Member States to apply the 1974 Recommendation; to continue to carry out the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace, and to make appropriate arrangements, when the third Medium-Term Plan and the draft programmes and budgets for its implementation are being drawn up, for executing the second phase of the Plan; to extend the period covered by the Plan for the Development of Human Rights Teaching until 1989, without prejudice to any follow-up action to the Plan that might be taken under the third Medium-Term Plan, and to take account of the specific nature of each of the two above-mentioned Plans and of their complementarity; to take follow-up action on the International Congress on Human Rights Teaching, Information and Documentation (1987); to bear in mind that, as stated in the 1974 Recommendation, 'the terms "international understanding", "co-operation" and "peace" are to be considered as an indivisible whole based on the principle of friendly relations between peoples and States having different social and political systems and on the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms' ;
  - (iii) to co-ordinate the activities under the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and under the Plan for the Development of Human Rights Teaching, so as to ensure their complementarity, thus avoiding possible duplications and maintaining their specific nature, and to study in detail how and whether the elements of the two plans covered by the 1974 Recommendation could be possibly merged in a single plan;
  - (iv) to foster the extension and consolidation of the Associated Schools Project and a wider application, within the different education systems, of the experience gained by the Associated Schools, particularly in regard to educational content, methods and materials, in order to promote international education and tolerance by generating a greater awareness of the cultures and traditions of other peoples, and to this end to encourage contacts and exchanges between Associated Schools, and Unesco Associations, Centres and Clubs from different cultural heritages and socio-economic systems;



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- (v) to foster the development of bilateral and multilateral agreements between Member States for the reciprocal study and revision of textbooks and other educational materials in order to ensure that they are accurate, balanced, up-to-date and unprejudiced and will enhance mutual knowledge and understanding between different peoples, as stipulated in the 1974 Recommendation, and to provide technical support to Member States for this purpose;
  - (vi) to encourage the inclusion of human rights teaching in the training of professional groups such as lawyers, law enforcement agencies and military personnel;
  - (vii) to encourage, extend and strengthen the action already undertaken at all stages and in all forms of education, in particular in school education, including technical and vocational education, in teacher training and in higher education, and to elicit a contribution from educational institutions at various levels to the World Disarmament Campaign proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly at its twelfth special session;
  - (viii) to continue to encourage the incorporation of content relating to international education in curricula for out-of-school and adult education;
  - (ix) to continue to follow up the measures taken during International Youth Year with particular respect to the recommendations and the Barcelona Statement unanimously adopted at the World Congress on Youth in 1985, in order to promote international understanding, co-operation and peace and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as solidarity among the young people of the different regions of the world;
- (d) under Programme XIII.4, 'Elimination of discrimination based on sex',<sup>1</sup>
- (i) to encourage, within Unesco's fields of competence, the application of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979) and the implementation of the recommendations of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (Nairobi, 1985);
  - (ii) to continue to encourage research and activities to increase awareness and provide information relating to women's fundamental rights, special attention being paid to the structural and legal obstacles impeding equality and access to rights; to promote research and information

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1. The operative paragraphs relating to Programme XIII.4 are the same as those appearing in 24 C/Resolution 12.1 (para. 2(d)) relating to Programme XII.4. The purpose of this dual reference is to indicate that the programme on the 'Elimination of discrimination based on sex' belongs both to Major Programme XIII and to Major Programme XII.



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activities concerning assaults on the dignity of women (in particular acts of violence perpetrated within the family) and on the causes of the prostitution of women by others, in order to help to identify means of prevention within Unesco's fields of competence; to collect data on the effects of recurrent drought on the situation of women, in order to contribute to the efforts of the international community to combat the consequences of this scourge for the people concerned;

- (iii) to continue to promote the investigation, by research and in higher education, of the problems associated with women, stress being placed on changes in the social and cultural roles of men and women and on the emergence of new values connected with the greater prominence assumed recently by women in the social and public spheres; to evaluate in this regard the impact of their increased participation in paid work and of their wider access to the world of knowledge;
- (iv) to intensify the action taken to promote the participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural life, particularly in decision-making; to foster a broader understanding of the forms which such participation may take in the different national and regional contexts; and to identify measures that could be taken in order to eliminate the obstacles impeding full participation by women in public life, both locally and nationally, particularly in the fields of science and technology;
- (v) to co-operate for the purpose of implementing this programme with the other organizations of the United Nations and with national, regional and international governmental or non-governmental women's organizations working in the fields of Unesco's competence.

13.2 Intellectual and technical support for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America

The General Conference,

Considering that Unesco's Constitution places special emphasis on the objective of peace, and that Article I refers to the purpose of contributing to its preservation through education, science and culture,

Bearing in mind that 23 C/Resolution 13.1 proposed activities that would enable Unesco to make an important contribution to peace, security, disarmament and international understanding in its fields of competence,

Noting that resolution 41/60 J of the General Assembly of the United Nations established the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America, with headquarters in Lima, Peru,

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Taking into account Unesco's decentralization policy and paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, which invites contributions to the activities of the Regional Centre,

Recalling that Article XI of the Agreement between the United Nations and Unesco recommends that any regional offices which Unesco may establish should, so far as practicable, be closely associated with those established by the United Nations,

Requests the Director-General, in implementing Major Programme XIII, to provide intellectual and technical support for the above-mentioned Regional Centre so as to promote educational, research and information activities in Unesco's fields of competence that would contribute to peace, disarmament and development in the region.

13.3 Human rights and cultural identity in existing international instruments of universal scope

The General Conference,

Referring to the Declaration of the Principles of International Cultural Co-operation (1966), Article I of which states that 'each culture has a dignity and value which must be respected and preserved' and that 'every people has the right and the duty to develop its culture' ,

Recalling that, in accordance with resolution 41/187 in which the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the World Decade for Cultural Development, one of the four main objectives of the Decade consists in 'affirming and enriching cultural identities',

Taking into consideration the Declaration of the World Conference on Cultural Policies (MONDIACULT, Mexico City, 1982), which stated in paragraph 9 that 'the equality and dignity of all cultures must be recognized, as must the right of each people and cultural community to affirm and preserve its cultural identity and have it respected by others',

Recalling the consensus arrived at during the twenty-third session of the General Conference on Major Programme XIII, and convinced of the need to preserve the spirit and the terms of this consensus,

1. Invites the Director-General - within the context of Unesco's contribution to reflection on human rights and to the elucidation and better understanding of the concept of rights of peoples, and to clarifying the relationship between rights of peoples and human rights as they are defined in existing universal international instruments, as described in paragraph 13205 of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 (24 C/S) - to prepare an analysis of the relevant provisions of such instruments relating to the preservation, safeguarding and development of cultures and cultural identities;
2. Further invites the Director-General to give added weight to such provisions when implementing Unesco's programme relative to the World Decade for Cultural Development.

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13.4 The full and comprehensive implementation of the 1974 Recommendation and follow-up to the recommendations of the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference

The General Conference,

Recalling the provisions of the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1974) as well as the recommendations adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference on Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a View to Developing a Climate of Opinion Favorable to the Strengthening of Security and Disarmament (1983),

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 1/01 which 'emphasizes the central place which has rightly been given, in the analysis of world problems, to the need to promote peace at a time when the arms race is still swallowing up immense resources and is threatening mankind with extremely serious dangers' ,

Welcoming the efforts of Member States aimed at seeking paths towards international understanding, co-operation, mutual respect, and a change in the whole climate of international relations,

Emphasizing the specific mission of Unesco to develop the intellectual climate of reason and co-operation by promoting international education and its integration into all educational fields and levels,

Considering that, in the present situation, the role played by education in the solution of world problems, in particular the problems of peace and the strengthening of trust between peoples, is steadily growing in importance,

Recognizing the importance of activities undertaken so far to give effect to the recommendations of the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference and described in document 24 C/92, notably the setting up of a permanent system of reporting on the steps taken by Member States to apply the 1974 Recommendation, and the implementation of the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace,

Noting with satisfaction the outcome and suggestions of the first session of the Consultative Committee on Steps to Promote the Full and Comprehensive Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation, as summarized in document 24 C/92,

1. Expresses its satisfaction in connection with the efforts made by the Director-General, the competent bodies and institutions of Member States and non-governmental organizations, to ensure the full and comprehensive implementation of the 1974 Recommendation and to follow up the recommendations of the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference;

2. Calls upon all Member States:

(a) to work actively for the realization of the purposes and actions provided for under Programme XIII.3, and in particular to answer

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the questionnaire on the application of the 1974 Recommendation, to derive therefrom conclusions for the full and comprehensive implementation of this Recommendation, to participate in the activities foreseen under the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and to bring them to life by appropriate measures;

- (b) to take the necessary measures to make more widely known, and to acquaint teachers and educators, parents, youth organizations and other social organizations, and representatives of the mass media more closely with, the 1974 Recommendation and also the documents and recommendations of the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference so as to ensure their fullest implementation;
- (c) to expand and intensify their activity concerning education for international understanding by strengthening the specific actions at all levels and in all forms of their systems of education, information and documentation, by broadening training opportunities for education personnel and also by exchanging experience and information at the international, interregional and national levels, as required by the ever-growing importance of such education in contributing to the preservation of peace and the security of peoples;

3. Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to give priority to the full and comprehensive implementation of the 1974 Recommendation and to following up the recommendations of the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference, paying particular attention to the implementation of all projects provided for under Programme XI.1.3;
- (b) to stimulate to a greater extent the active participation of Member States and international non-governmental organizations in these projects;
- (c) to take full account of the 1974 Recommendation and of the recommendations of the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference in drawing up the future programmes and budgets of the Organization;
- (d) to draw up, in preparing the Organization's future programmes and budgets, the second phase of the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace (1990-1995) in view of the challenges and conditions of the twenty-first century, taking into account the study on the merger of the two plans which is to be conducted in accordance with paragraph 2 c(iii) of 24 C/Resolution 13.1;
- (e) to use to a greater extent the competence of the Consultative Committee and its members for the implementation of international education, in particular for helping to prepare a synopsis of the reports of Member States on the application of the 1974 Recommendation, for the continuation of the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace, and for the preparation of the Organization's future programmes and budgets as provided for by its Statutes and by 23 C/Resolution 13.3;

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- (f) to examine the desirability of convening, ten years after the Intergovernmental Conference of 1983, another international meeting to assess the implementation of its recommendations and to update them in the light of the prospects facing mankind, and in view of this, to envisage that the second session of the Consultative Committee on Steps to Promote the Full and Comprehensive Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation (paras. 13304, 1.1 and 13305, 2.1) should discuss, inter alia, the desirability, general arrangements for and possible content of such a meeting;
- (g) to submit to the General Conference, at its twenty-fifth session, a report to be prepared, in accordance with paragraph 13305, 2.5, for the 132nd session of the Executive Board, on progress in implementing the first phase of the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace, and also taking into account the provisions of this resolution.

13.5 Follow-up to the recommendations of the International Congress on Human Rights Teaching, Information and Documentation (1987)

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolutions 13.1, 13.3 and 13.4,

Recalling further the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, adopted by it at its eighteenth session, and the recommendations adopted by the 1983 Intergovernmental Conference on Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a View to Developing a Climate of Opinion Favorable to the Strengthening of Security and Disarmament,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Executive Board Concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989, contained in document 24 C/6, in particular paragraphs 146-149, as well as that part of document 24 C/n concerning Major Programme XIII, and in particular paragraphs 18-32,

Stressing the importance of human rights teaching and education and the need for Unesco to pursue and intensify its activities in this field,

Considering that the activities of Unesco for human rights teaching and education should include the development and co-ordination of information and documentation systems and networks,

Recognizing the progress achieved in the field of human rights teaching and education during the past decade, in particular since the International Congress on the Teaching of Human Rights, held in Vienna from 12 to 16 September 1978,

1. Congratulates the Director-General on the holding of the International Congress on Human Rights Teaching, Information and Documentation, in Malta, from 31 August to 5 September 1987;

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2. Takes note of the recommendations adopted by the Malta Congress;
3. Decides to refer the Malta recommendations to the Executive Board for further study at its 129th session;
4. Invites the Executive Board to consider the Malta recommendations and the Final Report on the Malta Congress, as well as the preparatory documents submitted by the Director-General to the Executive Board, with a view to giving guidelines to the Director-General on follow-up action on the Malta Congress, so as to integrate the relevant recommendations on human rights teaching, information and documentation in Programme XIII.3 (Education for peace and respect for human rights and the rights of peoples), taking into account 24 C/Resolution 13.1;
5. Invites the Director-General to seek the advice of the Consultative Committee on Steps to Promote the Full and Comprehensive Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation when preparing follow-up action on the results of the Malta Congress in relation to human rights teaching;
6. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its twenty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

13.6 The role of Associated Schools and Unesco Clubs in international education

The General Conference,

Stressing the importance of the role of Unesco for education in a spirit of international understanding,

Having regard to the objectives and principles contained in the Constitution of Unesco and the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Conference on Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a View to Developing a Climate of Opinion Favorable to the Strengthening of Security and Disarmament (Paris, 1983),

Stressing the importance and complementarity of the Associated Schools and Unesco Clubs in the achievement of the Organization's ideals and, in particular, the principles of the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, adopted by the General Conference at its eighteenth session in 1974,

Noting the Appeal adopted unanimously by the first International Congress of Associated Schools (Sofia, 1983) and the resolutions of the first and second Congresses of the World Federation of Unesco Clubs and Associations (Tokyo, 1984, and Madrid, 1987),

Noting the growing importance of education for the achievement of the purposes of Unesco set forth in Article I of its Constitution,



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Considering that education for international understanding should form part of the efforts made by Member States to modernize education,

Recognizing the fundamental importance of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997),

1. Invites Member States:

- (a) to take all the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the 1974 and 1983 recommendations within the Associated Schools and Unesco Clubs;
- (b) to pay greater attention to extending the activities of the Associated Schools and Unesco Clubs and to improving their effectiveness;
- (c) to disseminate information on the objectives and goals of the Associated Schools and Unesco Clubs and their activities, and to give special attention to activities relating to education, culture and informatics;

2. Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to continue to support the development of the Associated Schools Project and the Unesco Clubs movement, in particular through their World Federation of Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations, and to contribute to the wider dissemination of the experience they have gained;
- (b) to contribute to the development of interaction and mutual complementarity between the Associated Schools and Unesco Clubs, and to the dissemination of the experience of certain Member States in this field;
- (c) to encourage and stimulate the carrying out of interdisciplinary research by the Associated Schools and Unesco Clubs which contributes to the development of education in a spirit of peace and international co-operation;
- (d) to encourage the Associated Schools and Unesco Clubs, in particular through the World Federation of Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations, to participate in the World Decade for Cultural Development and to develop their activities aimed at making the cultures of other peoples more widely known;
- (e) to encourage the exchange of teachers and students and the study of foreign languages, by using the possibilities offered by the Associated Schools Project and the Unesco Clubs movement.



## 14 The status of women<sup>1</sup>

### 14.1 Major Programme XIV: 'The status of women'

The General Conference,

Recalling 4 XC/Resolution 2/14 concerning Major Programme XIV 'The status of women', and the relevant provisions of the international instruments and the resolutions of the General Conference referred to in that resolution,

Recalling also 22 C/Resolutions 14.1 and 14.2 and 23 C/Resolutions 14.1 and 14.2,

Recalling further the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session (1979),

Remembering the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace (Nairobi, 1985),

Emphasizing the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (A/40/108), endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly at its fortieth session (1985),

Recalling the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation (A/37/63), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,

Reaffirming that the improvement of the status of women, their full participation in social, economic, political and cultural life, and their effective access to responsibilities related to development and to the advantages resulting therefrom should constitute one of the Organization's major areas of concern,

Considering that the improvement of the status of women is impossible unless their role in the consolidation of international co-operation and understanding and in the preservation of peace is strengthened,

Stressing the need to implement a twofold strategy of action to that end, integrating the female dimension into all the Organization's programmes and at the same time developing activities specifically designed to improve the status of women and increase their participation in decision-making in the fields of education, science, culture and communication,

Convinced of the need for Member States and Unesco to engage in resolute, systematic and large-scale efforts to ensure that women and men participate on an equal footing, as agents and beneficiaries, in the social, cultural, economic and political processes of development,

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1. Resolution adopted on the report of Commission I at the twenty-ninth plenary meeting, on 13 November 1987.

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Supporting the intensification of Unesco's activities under programmes specifically designed to improve the status of women, and the inclusion of women and the female dimension in all the Organization's programmes and activities,

Considering that despite efforts at the national, regional and international levels to achieve the aims of the United Nations Decade for Women, the situation of many women with regard to employment, education and health care continues to be unsatisfactory,

1. Recommends that Member States should make a special effort to:

- (a) ensure that the interests of women and men are equally taken into consideration in their proposals to Unesco for the preparation of the Organization's programmes;
- (b) take all possible steps to ensure that education (formal and non-formal, technical and vocational) and the labour policy contribute to the involvement of women in active work in the different spheres of science and technology, culture, education and communication, to the nomination of more women for managerial posts and to more participation by women in decision-making at all levels;
- (c) propose for vacant posts in Unesco's Secretariat and as consultants a larger number of qualified women candidates with a view to moving towards the balanced representation of women and men;
- (d) increase the number of women put forward for participation in meetings, training courses, seminars and exchange and fellowship programmes organized or administered by Unesco, with a view to ensuring, as soon as possible, balance at all levels based on equality between women and men;
- (e) further a balanced representation of women and men at all levels in their National Commissions for Unesco and delegations to the Organization's conferences;
- (f) increase the proportion of projects specifically designed for women in the proposals they submit for financing under the participation programme or from extra-budgetary resources;
- (g) study ways and means, including by means of legislation, to enable women to play a determinant role in the fields of competence of Unesco and in particular in those related to the improvement of their status;

2. Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to do everything possible to ensure that in the preparation and adoption of programmes, projects and action organized by Unesco or conducted with its participation in 1988-1989, the needs and interests of women are duly taken into account;
- (b) to envisage in the next biennium (in document 25 C/5) a further increase in the financial and personnel resources for programmes

specifically designed for women, particularly for the activities of the Co-ordinator of the programmes relating to the status of women and coming under Major programmes VIII, XI and XIII, so as to promote multidisciplinary approaches and develop intersectoral co-ordination with respect to all research, training and information activities concerning women;

- (c) to implement in Unesco's fields of competence the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (Nairobi, 1985) and the System-wide Medium-Term Plan for Women and Development (E/1987/86 and 52);
- (d) to conduct activities and studies aimed at improving methods of ensuring health care, education and cultural and social development for women, taking women's viewpoints, needs and interests into special consideration in development and in environmental issues;
- (e) to attach particular importance to the execution of programme actions designed specifically for women;
- (f) to take all appropriate measures to increase the number of women proposed for participation in meetings, seminars, training courses, exchange and fellowship programmes organized or administered by Unesco;
- (g) to take practical steps to ensure the application of the instructions that are to be given for 1988-1989 concerning the integration of women and their needs and interests into Unesco's activities, especially operational activities;
- (h) to implement more forcefully measures aimed at achieving equality in the participation of qualified men and women in Unesco programmes and action and, having regard to Article VI.4 of Unesco's Constitution, to take practical steps in that direction by a temporary preferential approach to increase the representation of women at all levels in the Professional category and above in the Unesco Secretariat, to at least 30 per cent by 1995;
- (i) to provide increased opportunities for the upgrading of the professional qualifications and the promotion of women working both at and away from Headquarters and to improve the career opportunities for women currently employed by Unesco, and particularly to take steps to facilitate the submission of applications from qualified female members of the Secretariat for vacancies, when they occur;
- (j) to examine in greater depth the obstacles to female participation in Unesco's activities and to intensify the efforts to remove such obstacles;
- (k) to organize regular training programmes concerning Unesco's contribution to improving the status of women, particularly for higher-level professional staff and directors;
- (l) to adopt a policy related to the drafting of all the Organization's working documents aimed at avoiding, to the extent possible, the use of language which refers explicitly or

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implicitly to only one sex except where positive action measures are being considered;

- (m) to ensure co-operation and co-ordination with other competent United Nations agencies in the implementation of the System-wide Medium-Term Plan for Women and Development for the period 1990-1995;
- (n) to step up co-operation between Unesco and women's organizations, especially international non-governmental organizations and institutions concerned with the advancement of women at the national, regional and international levels;
- (o) to strengthen co-ordination of the programmes relating to the status of women and to use appropriate machinery to co-ordinate all activities relating to the status of women, whether these concern the programmes, subprogrammes, actions and activities specifically designed to improve the status of women set out in Major Programme XIV, or the inclusion of the female dimension in all of the Organization's programmes and activities;
- (P) to submit reports every two years to the Executive Board and the General Conference on the results of these efforts.

## *B. General programme activities<sup>1</sup>*

## 15 Copyright

### 15.1 Copyright

The General Conference,

Recalling section XV.1 of 4 XC/Resolution 2/15,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue activities to promote the protection of the moral and material interests of authors and other copyright-holders as well as those of performers and to encourage, through the widest possible dissemination, the circulation of intellectual works among the general public;
2. Invites the Director-General:
  - (a) to continue activities to promote accession to the international instruments on copyright and neighboring rights adopted under the auspices of Unesco and to contribute to the safeguarding of the heritage belonging to the public domain and of folklore;

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission I at the twenty-ninth plenary meeting, on 13 November 1987.

- (b) to promote the updating of national laws and regulations in force in the field of copyright so that they can more effectively serve their cultural, economic and social purposes, or, where appropriate, to encourage Member States to adopt such legislation, in conformity with the basic principle of national treatment established as a general rule by the international copyright conventions (i.e. avoiding choosing legislative procedures which might exclude foreign copyright owners from protection), and to provide them with assistance for such purposes;
- (c) to promote general knowledge of legislation on copyright and neighboring rights and of its practical applications by drawing on all the resources offered by education and modern communications technology;
- (d) to contribute to the development and strengthening of existing national infrastructures in the field of copyright administration or to the establishment of such infrastructures;
- (e) to ensure that the new legal relationships arising from the development of the techniques used to create, reproduce and circulate intellectual works respect the rights of the creators and of the users of the works;
- (f) to undertake actions to strengthen the defence of the rights of creators and of the interests of legitimate users of protected works in response to the critical development of the piracy of intellectual works;
- (g) to Promote access by the developing countries to works protected by copyright.

15.2 Desirability of adopting an international instrument on the protection of works in the public domain

The General Conference,

Having regard to Articles 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,

Having examined the report and preliminary study contained in document 24 C/32,

1. Decides that the question of the safeguarding of works in the public domain should be regulated at the international level by means of a recommendation to Member States;
2. Requests the Director-General to convene a special committee consisting of technical and legal experts appointed by Member States to draw up the final draft for submission to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session in 1989.

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### 15.3 Desirability of adopting a general international instrument on the safeguarding of folklore

The General Conference,

Having regard to Articles 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,

Having examined the report and preliminary study contained in document 24 C/31,

1. Decides that the question of the safeguarding of folklore should be the subject of a recommendation to Member States;
2. Invites the Director-General to convene a special committee of technical and legal experts appointed by Member States to draw up the final draft for submission to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session in 1989.

## 16 **Statistics**

### 16.1 Statistics

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 16,

Authorizes the Director-General to continue and to develop activities relating to the collection, analysis and circulation of statistical data, and activities that aim to bring about progress in statistical methods and in the international comparability of data and the strengthening of the statistical infrastructure of Member States, particularly through the training of statisticians in Unesco's fields of competence, care being taken to ensure that these activities:

- (a) contribute to knowledge of situations and trends in education, science and technology and culture and communication;
- (b) are based on a multidisciplinary approach in keeping with the requirements of economic, social, cultural and technological development.

### 16.2 Statistics on the Palestinian people

The General Conference,

Recalling the agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which stipulates (Article XIV, paragraph 3) that the United Nations

recognizes Unesco as the appropriate agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics within its special sphere (i.e. the fields of education, the sciences, technology, culture and communication),

Having regard to 24 C/Resolution 16.1 authorizing the Director-General to continue and to develop activities relating to the collection, analysis and circulation of statistical data, and activities that aim to bring about progress in statistical methods and in the comparability of data,

Considering that Unesco has the task of broadening the scope of the statistical data which it collects and of increasing its reliability, in accordance with the work plan of the Office of Statistics,

Requests the Director-General to collect from Member States, international organizations and all the other bodies concerned statistics on the Palestinian people within Unesco's fields of competence, to analyse and standardize these statistics and to publish them in the Unesco Statistical Yearbook under a specific heading, it being understood that all the financial implications will be covered by extra-budgetary resources.

## 17 *Unesco Courier* and periodicals

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolutions 17.1 and 17.2,

Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to continue to publish the monthly periodical Unesco Courier in English, French and Spanish at Headquarters, to give support to the editions published away from Headquarters in other languages (Arabic, Basque, Bengali, Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, German, Greek, Hausa, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Kiswahili, Korean, Macedonia, Malay, Pashto, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Serbo-Croatian (one using the Cyrillic alphabet and one the Roman), Sinhalese, Slovene, Swedish, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese) and the Caribbean edition and to publish a quarterly Braille selection in four languages;
- (b) to continue publication of the periodicals Impact, Nature and Resources, International Social Science Journal, Prospects, Museum and Copyright Bulletin, while making further efforts to coordinate the editing of these periodicals better and improve their production, promotion and marketing.



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18.1 European co-operation

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 18.1 and resolutions on European co-operation adopted at previous sessions,

Recognizing the great role European co-operation can play in the framework of Unesco in the strengthening of mutual confidence among the States and peoples of the region,

Commending the diverse activities of the National Commissions for Unesco of the Europe region for the development of all-European co-operation,

Referring to the 9th Meeting of Secretaries-General of the National Commissions for Unesco of the Europe region held in Dieppe (France) in 1986, which at this crucial period for Unesco was an opportunity to analyse the main trends and possibilities regarding European co-operation, to confirm its urgency and to outline its principal perspectives,

Noting with satisfaction that, as a result of the Dieppe meeting, European events on selected topics of the work of Unesco were organized by the National Commissions, such as the meetings in Trieste, Leipzig, The Hague, Schloss Ottenstein, Budapest, Burg Schlaining and Aulanko, testifying to the interest European States have in filling their co-operation with concrete and practical content that, in general, responds to the tasks of all-European development,

Underlining the fact that European countries develop their co-operation with a view towards strengthening the prestige of Unesco, enhancing its effectiveness and increasing its share in the solution of urgent problems facing mankind including those of primary interest and importance to developing countries,

1. Invites the Member States of the Europe region:

- (a) to strengthen the role of the National Commissions for Unesco in European co-operation;
- (b) to favour the involvement of representatives of educational, scientific and creative work circles in the implementation of European projects, to promote their contacts and co-operation with a view to reaching the main objectives set forth in the Constitution of Unesco;
- (c) to make available the results of European co-operation to other regions;
- (d) to encourage the holding of regular meetings of the chairmen or representatives of the National Committees of European countries for intergovernmental scientific programmes with a view to thus

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promoting the extension of European projects within those programmes and further improving the methods of regional co-operation;

- (e) to extend the European networks of scientific co-operation in the framework of the expert committees set up as a result of the MINESPOL conferences;
- (f) to continue joint European studies in the fields of Unesco's competence;
- (g) to undertake joint studies on the development and application of new technologies in the fields of information and communication in Europe;
- (h) to disseminate knowledge of the cultural heritage of European States beyond frontiers by appropriate means;

### 2. Recommends to the Director-General:

- (a) to take due account of the proposals submitted by the Member States of the Europe region concerning the extension of European programmes in the preparation of the third Medium-Term Plan and the elaboration of the biennial programmes to be implemented in the period 1990 to 1995;
- (b) to create better conditions for the strengthening of scientific and technological co-operation in Europe, i.e. by making the best possible use of the resources made available by the Scientific Co-operation Bureau of Europe;
- (c) to further, to a greater extent, functions and measures in the framework of European co-operation in the programme period 1988-1989 through the funds of the participation programme.

## 18.2 Co-operation with National Commissions

The General Conference,

### I

Recalling Article VII of Unesco's Constitution and the Charter of National Commissions for Unesco,

Considering that National Commissions, as consultative, liaison, executive and informational bodies, have an important role to play in making Unesco's objectives known, extending its influence and promoting the execution of its programme at the national, subregional, regional and interregional levels,

Considering that it is therefore important to develop co-operation between the Organization and National Commissions and to help the latter to co-operate more closely with each other at all levels and with non-governmental organizations, foundations and Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations,

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1. Invites Member States:
  - (a) to strengthen the activities of National Commissions by fully implementing the terms of Article VII of Unesco's Constitution and the relevant provisions of the Charter of National Commissions for Unesco;
  - (b) to make more use of the skills and experience of non-governmental organizations, foundations and the Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations by associating them with the activities of National Commissions at the national, subregional, regional and inter-regional levels;
2. Authorizes the Director-General to assist Member States as far as possible, at their request, in the establishment or development of their National Commissions, particularly by means of information, consultation and training activities that enable their members and staff to gain a better knowledge of the programmes and working methods of Unesco and to participate more fully in its work;
3. Invites the Director-General:
  - (a) to continue to give National Commissions all possible assistance to enable them to participate actively in the formulation, execution and evaluation of the Organization's programmes;
  - (b) to encourage the National Commissions to step up their activities in the field of information in order to give the widest possible publicity to Unesco's objectives, programme and achievements;
  - (c) to assist the National Commissions in developing their activities and co-operating among themselves with a view to promoting multi-disciplinary and intercultural reflection in Unesco's fields of competence;

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Considering the important role played by National Commissions as consultative, executive and information bodies and in associating the principal bodies interested in education, science, culture and communication with the work of the Organization,

Noting the need to develop and strengthen National Commissions, particularly those in developing countries, to enable them to discharge their functions effectively and to play a more active role in the activities of the Organization,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 18.3 by which it invited the Director-General, inter alia, to 'continue to give the National Commissions all the aid necessary to participate fully in the formulation, execution and evaluation of the Organization's programmes' and 'maintain the staff and budget of the programme for co-operation with National Commissions at a sufficiently high level, taking particularly into account the needs of National Commissions in the developing countries' ,

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4. Decides, in order to ensure the implementation of the programme for co-operation with National Commissions foreseen in paragraphs 15457-15460 of document 24 C/5 and in particular the organization of three regional conferences of National Commissions and the training programme for officials of the Commissions, to increase the funds foreseen in the said paragraphs by \$200,000 through a transfer of a corresponding amount from the funds foreseen in paragraph 15461;
5. Invites the Director-General to ensure that the funds for the participation programme for support to National Commissions foreseen in paragraph 15461 of document 24 C/5 are totally used for the activities enumerated in the said paragraph and to make every possible effort to increase the funds under the participation programme for co-operation with National Commissions in the next draft programme and budget;
6. Also invites the Director-General to strengthen the National Commissions Unit in the Secretariat by providing it with a sufficient number of staff so as to enable the Unit to effectively carry out the tasks demanded of it.

### 18.3 Co-operation with international non-governmental organizations

The General Conference,

Recalling the Directives concerning Unesco's relations with international non-governmental organizations, approved by the General Conference at its eleventh session and amended at its fourteenth session,

Considering 4 XC/Resolution 2/15, section XV.10 of which concerns co-operation with international non-governmental organizations, and 22 C/Resolution 15.5 adopted following consideration of the septennial report by the Executive Board on international non-governmental organizations in categories A and B (22 C/30),

1. Invites international non-governmental organizations:
  - (a) to comply with the Directives and with the resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board concerning their co-operation with Unesco;
  - (b) to increase their membership in all regions of the world and to diversify the location of their activities as much as possible;
  - (c) to develop their ties of co-operation at the national level with the National Commissions for Unesco with a view to associating the educational, scientific and cultural communities involved in their activities as closely as possible with Unesco's work;
  - (d) to contribute actively to the preparation of the Organization's short- and medium-term programmes in the framework of the individual and joint consultations organized by the Secretariat and the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations;

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2. Requests Member States to involve non-governmental organizations more closely in their co-operation activities with Unesco, especially those undertaken by National Commissions;
3. Requests the Director-General:
  - (a) to encourage the establishment of non-governmental organizations in the different regions;
  - (b) to promote as far as possible consultations with non-governmental organizations at the regional level and to encourage the organizations concerned to co-operate closely in the execution of decentralized programmes through the Regional and Subregional Offices;
  - (c) to strengthen the system of information on international non-governmental organizations for Member States, especially National Commissions, in order to shed more light on the role that these organizations can play in developing multilateral co-operation in Unesco's fields of competence;
  - (d) to support activities by international non-governmental organizations designed to inform the public about Unesco's objectives and programmes;
  - (e) to promote, in the interest of public information, co-operation with international non-governmental organizations having parliamentary members and with municipal authorities interested in international co-operation in Unesco's fields of competence;
4. Invites the Director-General to associate international non-governmental organizations as closely as possible with the execution of the Organization's programme and to study ways of strengthening the co-operation of competent non-governmental organizations in the implementation of operational projects;
5. Decides, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI.7 of the above-mentioned Directives, that subventions to international non-governmental organizations under each major programme shall not exceed the following totals:

<u>Major Programme</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$
II. Education for all	113,400
III. Communication in the service of man	38,900
IV. The formulation and application of education policies	79,900
V. Education, training and society	109,400
VI. The sciences and their application to development	1,487,800
VII. Information systems and access to knowledge	166,800
X. The human environment and terrestrial and marine resources	132,900
XI. Culture and the future	1,640,600
Part II.B, Chapter 2 - Statistics	50,400
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>3,820,100</u>

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18.4 Co-operation with Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations

The General Conference,

Considering Article 1.2(b) of the Charter of National Commissions for Unesco and the conclusions of the various regional conferences of the National Commissions,

Welcoming the expansion of the Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations movement and the development of the increasing number of activities it undertakes to create awareness among the public of Unesco's work and to associate it with the Organization's activities,

Recognizing the importance of the role played by the World Federation of Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA) in promoting and co-ordinating the movement and in disseminating the Organization's ideals and objectives to the widest sections of the public,

Recalling 20 C/Resolution 6.32, 21 C/Resolution 6.04 and 22 C/Resolution 15.9 concerning Unesco Clubs and Associations and their World Federation,

1. Invites Member States:

- (a) to take all the necessary steps to establish and develop Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations, to encourage implementation of their programmes and to foster their closer organization at all levels and the pursuit of joint ventures with the Associated Schools in the spirit of 22 C/Resolution 13.4 and 23 C/Resolution 13.5;
- (b) to support the World Federation of Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations in every possible way;

2. Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to continue, to the fullest extent possible, to provide Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations with the Organization's intellectual, material and financial support;
- (b) to encourage the National Commissions to create Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations and to associate them more and more closely with their own activities;
- (c) to provide the greatest possible assistance in regard to the functioning and activities of the World Federation of Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations, with a view to helping it by all available means to pursue its action in Unesco's service and enhance the Organization's influence in all spheres.

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### 18.5 Co-operation with voluntary foundations and organizations

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 18.5,

Authorizes the Director-General to continue to co-operate with the voluntary foundations and organizations whose activities come within the Organization's spheres of competence and to encourage, to the greatest possible extent, the carrying out of joint activities.

### 18.6 Commemoration of anniversaries

#### 18.61 Calendar of anniversaries of great personalities and events

The General Conference,

Recalling that, as stipulated in Article I, paragraph 2, of its Constitution, one of the main objectives of Unesco consists in advancing the mutual knowledge and understanding of peoples,

Convinced that international commemoration of the anniversaries of great personalities and events constitutes an important contribution to the fulfillment of Unesco's objectives relating to the strengthening of international understanding and co-operation,

Noting that the commemoration of anniversaries of great personalities and events by Unesco has been largely approved and supported for many years and will gain in importance in the framework of the World Decade for Cultural Development,

Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351, in which it authorized the Director-General to publish a two-year calendar of anniversaries of great personalities and events,

Mindful of the wishes of Member States of Unesco regarding renewed publication of the calendar,

1. Recommends to the Director-General that he resume preparation for the publication, beginning in 1990, of the Unesco calendar of anniversaries of great personalities and events, making the appropriate provision in section IV (Public Relations) of Chapter 4 of Part II.B and adding after paragraph 15470 of document 24 C/5: 'A calendar for the years 1990 and 1991 of anniversaries (centenaries and multiples of centenaries) of great personalities and events connected with education, science, culture and communication will be prepared in 1989 on the basis of information provided by National Commissions and will be widely distributed';
2. Invites the National Commissions for Unesco to submit to the Director-General lists with selected anniversaries.



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18.62 Centenary of the birth of Phya Anuman Rajadhon

The General Conference,

Considering the Royal Thai Government's intention to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Phya Amman Rajadhon on 14 December 1988 and its request to include Phya Anuman Rajadhon among the personalities to be commemorated internationally,

Recalling the success of the celebration of the bicentenary of Sunthon Phu in 1987 and the participation of Unesco in the commemorative activities,

Recognizing that Phya Anuman Rajadhon was a great scholar whose contributions to the literary world will always be remembered and appreciated, and was the light that guided his contemporaries and succeeding generations towards truth, goodness and beauty,

Considering that the international commemoration of the anniversaries of great intellectual and cultural personalities contributes to the realization of Unesco's objectives and to the promotion of the mutual appreciation of national identities and cultural values,

Recalling that in 18 C/Resolution 4.351 it promoted the commemoration of the anniversaries of great personalities and events.

Invites the Director-General, within the budgetary resources foreseen in document 24 C/S, to involve Unesco with the activities organized on the occasion of that anniversary in Member States.

18.63 Five-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Müntzer

The General Conference,

Convinced that the appreciation of great personalities of history contributes to international understanding and to the mutual respect and mutual knowledge of peoples,

Recalling that in 18 C/Resolution 4.351 it advocated the commemoration of anniversaries of personalities and events in Member States which have left an imprint on the development of humanity,

Noting that the five-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the progressive preacher Thomas Müntzer is commemorated in 1989,

Considering that Thomas Müntzer was one of the outstanding personalities of the German Reformation Movement and early bourgeois revolution which took up a number of impulses from other countries and which, in their turn, left an imprint on the history of Europe and the world,

Bearing in mind that Müntzer's work in its unity of theological thought and practical action was deeply pervaded with the striving for liberation from oppression, for equality and justice and for ensuring a decent life for the whole people,

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Considering that the aspirations of Thomas Müntzer coincide with the humanist objectives and ideals of Unesco,

1. Invites Unesco and its Member States to participate, on the broadest possible basis, in marking the five-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Müntzer;
2. Invites the international non-governmental organizations associated with Unesco to pay due attention to the five-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Müntzer.

### 18.64 Centenary of the birth of Anton Semionovitch Makarenko

The General Conference,

Convinced that the international commemoration of the anniversaries of great personalities constitutes an important contribution to the fulfillment of Unesco's objectives relating to international understanding and co-operation,

Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351 on the commemoration of the anniversaries of great personalities and events,

Considering that the year 1988 marks the centenary of the birth of Anton Semionovitch Makarenko, the great Soviet writer and educational theorist, whose work considerably influenced the subsequent development of pedagogic, the formation of educational methods and the moral development and creative education of young people,

1. Appeals to scientific and cultural circles in Unesco's Member States to mark extensively this outstanding anniversary;
2. Invites the Director-General to ensure the fullest participation of Unesco in celebrating the centenary of the birth of A.S. Makarenko and to publicize this outstanding date worldwide, in particular by publishing articles on the work of this great Soviet writer and educational theorist in the relevant publications of the Organization.

### 18.65 Centenary of the birth of President Ho Chi Minh

The General Conference,

Considering that the international celebration of the anniversaries of eminent intellectual and cultural personalities contributes to the realization of Unesco's objectives and to international understanding,

Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351 concerning the commemoration of the anniversaries of great personalities and events which have left an imprint on the development of humanity,

18 External relations and public information

Noting that the year 1990 will mark the centenary of the birth of President Ho Chi Minh, Vietnamese hero of national liberation and great man of culture,

Considering that President Ho Chi Minh, an outstanding symbol of national affirmation, devoted his whole life to the national liberation of the Vietnamese people, contributing to the common struggle of peoples for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress,

Considering that the important and many-sided contribution of President Ho Chi Minh in the fields of culture, education and the arts crystallizes the cultural tradition of the Vietnamese people which stretches back several thousand years, and that his ideals embody the aspirations of peoples in the affirmation of their cultural identity and the promotion of mutual understanding,

1. Recommends to Member States that they join in the commemoration of the centenary of the birth of President Ho Chi Minh by organizing various events as a tribute to his memory, in order to spread knowledge of the greatness of his ideals and of his work for national liberation;
2. Requests the Director-General of Unesco to take appropriate steps to celebrate the centenary of the birth of President Ho Chi Minh and to lend his support to commemorative activities organized on that occasion, in particular those taking place in Viet Nam.

18.66 Centenary of the birth of Jawaharlal Nehru

The General Conference,

Considering that the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Jawaharlal Nehru, one of the most distinguished figures of the twentieth century, a great champion of liberation movements and international solidarity, a world leader who espoused the cause of equity among men and nations and the unity of mankind, falls on 14 November 1989,

Considering also the fact that he dedicated his life to the cause of promoting peace and international understanding,

Recognizing that the scholarly writings of Jawaharlal Nehru constitute an integral part of the cultural heritage of the world,

Emphasizing the special relevance to our times of Jawaharlal Nehru's vision of world peace, of understanding and friendship between peoples and nations, and of a world order in which different national cultures are appreciated by humanity as a whole,

Considering that Jawaharlal Nehru has been widely acclaimed as a man of universal culture and that the international celebration of anniversaries of leading figures in science and culture constitutes an important contribution to the attainment of Unesco's aims in regard to the promotion of international understanding and co-operation,

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Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351 concerning the commemoration of anniversaries of great personalities and events,

Invites the Director-General to carry out a series of practical activities involving Unesco in the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Jawaharlal Nehru and to associate the Organization with the activities organized on the occasion of that anniversary in Member States.

### 18.67 Four-hundredth anniversary of the death of the architect Sinan

The General Conference,

Considering that 1988 will mark the four-hundredth anniversary of the death of the world-famous Turkish architect, Sinan, whose monumental works stand on the present territory of Turkey and of several Balkan and Arab countries,

Considering also that Sinan's architectural works are an integral part of the cultural heritage of mankind,

Emphasizing the very special value for new generations of architects and art historians of the 304 works bequeathed by Sinan to posterity, which make an exceptional contribution to the mutual knowledge of cultures,

Recalling that one of his masterpieces, the architectural group of the Süleymaniye Mosque in Istanbul, is included in the plan of action of the international campaign launched by Unesco to safeguard the cultural heritage of Istanbul and Göreme,

Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351 on the commemoration of the anniversaries of great personalities and events,

Considering that the international celebration of the anniversaries of great personalities of science and culture constitutes a major contribution to the achievement of the aims of Unesco,

Invites the Member States and Unesco to participate through cultural activities in the commemoration in 1988 of the 400th anniversary of the death of the architect Sinan.

## 19 Participation programme

### 19.1 Participation programme

The General Conference,

Authorizes the Director-General to participate in the activities of Member States at national level and at the subregional, regional or interregional level, in accordance with the following principles and conditions:

A. Principles

1. The participation programme constitutes one means of carrying out the approved objectives, and enables the Organization to associate itself, in fields specified by the General Conference, with the activities through which its Member States participate in the pursuit of the goals of Unesco.
2. All Member States and Associate Members may avail themselves of the facilities of the participation programme for carrying out their activities in the fields approved by the General Conference.
3. Participation may be provided only upon a written request to the Director-General by a Member State or an Associate Member or a group of Member States or of Associate Members, or territories, organizations or institutions. Such requests must always include a clause of acceptance of the conditions laid down in Article 9 hereunder.
4. Participation may be provided for:
  - (a) national institutions in Unesco's fields of competence, upon a request to the Director-General by the government of the Member State or Associate Member in whose territory they are situated;
  - (b) non-self-governing territories or trust territories, upon the request of the Member State responsible for the conduct of the territory's international relations;
  - (c) activities of a subregional, regional or interregional character, upon a request to the Director-General by the Member State or Associate Member in whose territory the activity is to take place; such requests must be supported at the time of their submission by at least two other Member States or Associate Members participating in the activity;
  - (d) intergovernmental organizations, particularly those which have signed a co-operation agreement with Unesco, where the participation requested is closely connected with the programme of Unesco and relates to activities of direct interest to several Member States;
  - (e) international non-governmental organizations having consultative status with Unesco, upon a request submitted to the Director-General, on behalf of the international non-governmental organization concerned, by the government of the Member State or Associate Member in whose territory it has its headquarters or in which the activity is to be carried out;
  - (f) international or regional non-governmental institutions active in Unesco's fields of competence, upon a request submitted to the Director-General on behalf of the institution by the government of the Member State in whose territory it is situated; such requests must be supported at the time of their submission by at least two other Member States participating in the activities of the institution;

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- (g) the Organization of African Unity, for activities of direct interest to the African liberation movements recognized by it, where that participation is closely connected with the programme of Unesco, facilitating to the maximum extent the practical procedures for obtaining it;
  - (h) the League of Arab States and the Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization, where the participation requested relates to activities of direct interest to the Palestine Liberation Organization, recognized by the League of Arab States, and where that participation is closely connected with the programme of Unesco, facilitating to the maximum extent the practical procedures for obtaining it.
5. Participation will be provided only on the basis of a written agreement between Unesco and the government or governments or the inter-governmental organization concerned. Such an agreement may also be made with a National Commission for Unesco when duly empowered by the government of the requesting Member State or Associate Member. The agreement will specify the form and manner of the participation, and will set out explicitly the conditions of participation listed in section B below, together with such other conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.
6. Participation may take the form of provision of specialists or of fellowships; it may also take the form of equipment and documentation, the organization of meetings, conferences, seminars or courses of training. In the latter cases, participation may also take the form of translation and interpretation services, travel of participants, or consultant and other services deemed necessary by common consent.
7. Participation may also be provided to specific projects in the form of a financial contribution if the Director-General decides that such contribution is the most effective means of implementing the activity in question, and provided that the amount is not in excess of \$25,000 and that the financial provision made by the applicant is sufficient to execute the proposed project satisfactorily.
8. In considering for approval requests under this programme, the Director-General shall take into account:
- (a) the contribution that participation can make to the advancement of knowledge, the strengthening of international co-operation and the attainment of the development objectives of Member States in Unesco's fields of competence and within the framework of the programme activities approved by the General Conference;
  - (b) the need to achieve an equitable geographical distribution of the participation provided under this programme;
  - (c) the importance of supporting the efforts made by the developing countries and particularly by the least developed amongst them in the Organization's fields of competence;
  - (d) the priorities identified by Member States.

B. Conditions

9. Participation will be provided only if the Member State or the beneficiary organization has included in the written request to the Director-General a clause of acceptance of the following conditions:
- (a) it shall assume full financial and administrative responsibility for implementing the plans and programmes for which participation is provided;
  - (b) it shall, in the case of a financial contribution, submit a statement to the Director-General at the close of the project indicating that the funds allocated have been used for the implementation of the project, and shall return to Unesco any funds not used for project purposes; it is agreed that no Member State or body may receive a financial contribution unless it has submitted all the financial reports and supporting documents in respect of contributions previously approved by the Director-General for which the funds were obligated prior to 31 December of the first year of the previous budgetary period;
  - (c) it shall pay, where participation is provided in the form of fellowships, the cost of passports, visas, medical examination and the salary of the fellow while he is abroad, if he is in receipt of a salary. It shall guarantee suitable employment for the fellow upon his return to his country;
  - (d) it shall maintain and insure against all risks any property supplied by Unesco from the time of its arrival at the point of delivery;
  - (e) it shall undertake to hold Unesco harmless in case of any claims or liabilities resulting from the activities provided for in this resolution, except in cases where it is agreed by Unesco and the Member State concerned that such claims or liabilities arise from gross negligence or wilful misconduct;
  - (f) it shall grant to personnel recruited under the participation programme who are officials of Unesco the privileges and immunities set out in Articles VI and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies; it shall grant to personnel recruited under the participation programme who are not officials of Unesco the privileges and immunities provided for in paragraph 3 of Annex IV to the above-mentioned Convention; the remuneration of such personnel shall not be subject to taxation, and they shall be immune from all immigration restrictions and alien registration. No restriction shall be imposed on the rights of entry and sojourn of any persons mentioned in this subparagraph or of any persons invited to attend meetings, seminars, conferences or training courses; further, no restriction shall be imposed upon the right of departure of such persons except as a consequence of acts or omissions unconnected with the Unesco participation programme.
10. Where the Member State requests the provision of operational assistance (UNESCOMPAS) personnel to carry out a participation programme project, the Director-General may grant such exemption from the application of provisions of this resolution as may be necessary.



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19.2 Study on the privileges and immunities of personnel recruited under the participation programme

The General Conference,

Having referred to its Legal Committee a draft resolution on the privileges and immunities of the Specialized Agencies, particularly as regards personnel recruited under the participation programme,

Noting the opinion formulated by the Legal Committee on the subject of that draft resolution,

Invites the Director-General to undertake a study on the matter to be submitted for the appraisal of the Executive Board with a view to submitting a report to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session.

## IV Programme supporting services<sup>1</sup>

### 20 Unesco publications

#### 20.1 Office of the Unesco Press

The General Conference,

Stressing the importance of Unesco's publications for the execution of the Organization's programme and for promoting a better acquaintance with its activities in the world's various intellectual communities and among the general public,

Recalling 23 C/Resolutions 20.1 and 20.2,

Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to improve the content, quality, distribution and marketing of Unesco's publications:

(a) by eliciting the advice of:

- (i) the Publications Board, whose responsibility it is to advise him on the Organization's general policy in regard to publications, and in particular to submit to him recommendations concerning Unesco's publications plan;
- (ii) the Reading Committee, whose function it is to assist, in close liaison with the programme sectors, in defining target readerships and in examining manuscripts in order to ascertain their quality and their conformity with the publications plan;

(b) by ensuring that wider recourse is had to co-publishing arrangements in order to secure a broader linguistic spectrum of works, to reduce publishing costs and to distribute publications more widely;

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission I at the twenty-ninth plenary session, on 13 November 1987.

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(c) by strengthening to the utmost the decentralization of the activities of production, promotion and distribution of publications.

20.2 Unesco publications

The General Conference,

1. Takes note of document 127 EX/17 entitled 'Report by the Director-General on publications' which the Executive Board considered at its 127th session;
2. Endorses the provisions of 127 EX/Decision 5.6.1 which the Executive Board adopted on this subject.

## V Budget

### 21 Appropriation resolution for 1988-1989<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference resolves that:

#### I. REGULAR PROGRAMME

##### A. Appropriation

(a) For the financial period 1988-1989 the total amount of \$350,386,000 is hereby appropriated for the purposes indicated in the appropriation table, as follows:

<i>Appropriation line</i>	<u><i>Amount</i></u>
	\$
<b><i>Part I. General policy and direction</i></b>	
1. General Conference	5,425,900
2. Executive Board	6,358,900
3. Directorate	1,027,400
4. Services of the Directorate	12,713,900
5. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	1,023,200
Total, Part I	<u>26,549,300</u>
<b><i>Part II. Programme operations and services</i></b>	
<b><i>II.A Major Programmes</i></b>	
I. Reflection on world problems and future-oriented studies	1,825,900
II. Education for all	26,230,900
III. Communication in the service of man	9,966,900
IV. The formulation and application of education policies	28,630,300
V. Education, training and society	13,341,400
VI. The sciences and their application to development	22,910,200

1. Resolution adopted at the thirty-seventh plenary meeting, on 20 November 1987.

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<i>Appropriation line</i>	<u>Amount</u>
	\$
VII. Information systems and access to knowledge	10,250,400
VIII Principles, methods and strategies of action for development	12,008,000
IX. Science, technology and society	5,730,400
X. The human environment and terrestrial and marine resources	26,038,100
XI. Culture and the future	22,634,500
XII. The elimination of prejudice, intolerance, racism and apartheid	1,796,800
XIII Peace, international understanding, human rights and the rights of peoples	5,243,300
XIV The status of women	415,300
Subtotal II.A	<u>187,022,400</u>
<b>II.B <i>General programme activities</i></b>	
1. Copyright	1,542,300
2. Statistics	4,264,000
3. <i>Unesco Courier</i> and periodicals	4,148,400
4. External relations and public information	22,756,500
5. Participation programme	-
Subtotal II.B	<u>32,711,200</u>
Total, Part II	219,733,600
<b><i>Part III. Programme supporting services</i></b>	29,450,400
<b><i>Part IV. General administrative services</i></b>	25,020,900
<b><i>Part V. Common services</i></b>	25,716,800
<b><i>Part VI. Capital expenditure</i></b>	1,364,000
Less: Absorption of Reserve for draft resolutions submitted by Member States and approved by the General Conference under the budget lines to which they relate	<u>(1,000,000)</u>
Total, Parts I to VI	326,835,000
<b><i>Part VII. Appropriation reserve</i></b>	9,840,000
<b><i>Part VIII. Currency fluctuation</i></b>	13,711,000
Total, Appropriation	<u>350,386,000</u>
Provision for items not included in the budget, to be absorbed within the limits of the approved budget, up to the following maximum amounts:	
- Mandatory increase in the Organization's contribution to the Medical Benefits Fund	300,000
- Amortization of the Account for End-of-Service Grants and Indemnities	4,025,200
- Repayment to the Working Capital Fund of unamortized construction costs	<u>3,191,000</u>
Total	<u>7,516,200</u>

The Director-General shall make maximum efforts to maintain the staff turnover rate at 5 per cent, it being understood, however, that any increase in staff costs which may arise in case of a change in that rate should be absorbed within the limits of the approved budget.

- (b) Obligations may be incurred up to the total amount appropriated for Parts I to VIII of the budget, in accordance with the resolutions of the General Conference and the regulations of the Organization, it being understood:
- (i) that the Appropriation Reserve under Part VII of the budget may be used by the Director-General, with the approval of the Executive Board, for the purpose of meeting increases arising in the course of the biennium, in accordance with the decisions of the General Conference, in staff costs included under Parts I to VI of the budget, and increases arising in the course of the biennium in the cost of goods and services budgeted for under Parts I to VI of the budget. Any sum used under this authorization shall be transferred from Part VII of the budget to the appropriation line concerned;
  - (ii) that the provision for covering fluctuation in the value of the dollar of the United States of America, which comes under Part VIII of the budget and was established on the basis of the exchange rates of 6.04 French or 1.50 Swiss francs to one United States dollar, may be used by the Director-General if and when the rates of exchange between the United States dollar and the French and Swiss francs are lower than those assumed (i.e. 6.45 French francs and 2.01 Swiss francs to one United States dollar) in Parts I to VI of the budget approved by the General Conference. Conversely, if the rates of exchange between the United States dollar and the French and Swiss francs are higher than those assumed (i.e. 6.45 French francs or 2.01 Swiss francs to one United States dollar) in Parts I to VI of the budget approved by the General Conference, the amounts thus saved shall be credited by the Director-General to Part VIII of the budget. However, under no circumstances shall funds in Part VIII be transferred for other purposes, notwithstanding the provisions under (d) and (e) below. Any difference between the equivalent in US dollars of the contributions payable in French francs converted at the exchange rate of FF 6.04 to US \$1 and the equivalent in US dollars of these contributions converted at the United Nations operational rate of exchange applicable at the time when these contributions are credited to a bank account of the Organization will be debited or credited to Part VIII.
- (c) Moreover, if at the end of the biennium, there remains a credit or debit balance in Part VIII, which may be due to any of the following factors:
- (i) the French franc expenditure pattern being different from the pattern of receipt of contributions assessed in French francs for the biennium,
  - (ii) the actual percentage of expenditure in French francs being different from the estimated percentage used for the assessment of Member States' contributions,

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(iii) the rate of exchange of the US dollar vis-à-vis the Swiss franc being lower or higher than the rate of 1.50 Swiss francs to one US dollar,

such balance will be added to or deducted from the estimate of Miscellaneous Income for 1992-1993.

- (d) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (e) below, transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the approval of the Executive Board, except that in urgent and special circumstances the Director-General may make transfers between appropriation lines, informing the members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of the transfers and the reasons for them.
- (e) Subject to the restriction concerning Part VIII of the budget in paragraph (b) (ii) above, the Director-General is authorized to make transfers between appropriation lines if estimated expenditure for a given appropriation line exceeds the sum appropriated under paragraph (a) above on account of changes in the proportion of expenditure in French francs, United States dollars and other currencies as compared with that assumed when the budget was prepared. He is also authorized to make transfers between appropriation lines in respect of common staff costs if the actual needs under these costs in an appropriation line exceed the provision therefor. He shall inform the Executive Board at its following session of the details of any such transfers made under this authorization.
- (f) The Director-General is authorized, with the approval of the Executive Board, to add to the appropriation approved under paragraph (a) above expenditure relating to the administrative and operational services for execution of the United Nations Development Programme projects to the extent that the volume of the projects proves larger than anticipated and that the additional services in support thereof can be financed from the contributions from the United Nations Development Programme to Unesco for agency support costs for 1988-1989 in excess of the amount specified in Note 1, paragraph (iii), to this resolution. Conversely, if the volume of the projects and of the supporting services proves less than anticipated, the Director-General is authorized, with the approval of the Executive Board, to take appropriate measures to reduce the amount appropriated in paragraph (a) above.
- (g) The total number of established posts at Headquarters and in the Field chargeable to the appropriation in paragraph (a) above shall be 2,081 in 1988 and 2,082 in 1989 (see Note 2 below). The Director-General may, however, establish additional posts on a temporary basis beyond this total, if he is satisfied that they are essential for the execution of the programme and for the good administration of the Organization and do not require transfers of funds to be approved by the Executive Board.

B. Miscellaneous Income

- (h) For the purposes of assessing the contributions of Member States, an estimate of \$14,510,640 for Miscellaneous Income (see Note 1 below) is approved for 1988-1989.



- (i) The estimate of \$14,510,640 for Miscellaneous Income includes the sum of \$4,025,200, which is the first installment repayable to Miscellaneous Income in 1988-1989 for the amortization of the Account for End-of-Service Grants and Indemnities, in accordance with resolution 38 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-third session and decision 4.2 (para. 174(d)) adopted by the Executive Board at its 125th session. Pursuant to these resolutions, the Director-General is authorized to take austerity measures to save \$4,025,200 within the appropriations. approved by the General Conference for 1988-1989 'without affecting the integrity of the programme' (23 C/Resolution 38, para. 2 (c)).

C. Amount for the contributions of Member States

- (j) Under the provisions of Article 5, paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2, of the Financial Regulations, the contributions of Member States shall thus amount to \$335,875,360.

D. Supplementary estimates

- (k) Unforeseen and unavoidable expenses arising in the course of the financial period for which no appropriation has been provided in the budget and for which no transfers within the budget are deemed by the Executive Board to be possible shall be the subject of supplementary estimates in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Financial Regulations.

II. UNITED NATIONS SOURCES

- (1) The Director-General is authorized:

- (i) to co-operate with the United Nations organizations and programmes in accordance with the directives of the General Assembly of the United Nations and the procedures and decisions of the governing organ concerned, and in particular to participate, as executing agency, or in co-operation with another executing agency, in the implementation of projects;
- (ii) to receive money and other resources which may be made available to Unesco by these organizations and programmes for the purpose of participating, as executing agency, in the implementation of their projects;
- (iii) to incur obligations for such projects, subject to the appropriate financial and administrative rules and regulations of these organizations and programmes and of Unesco.

III. OTHER FUNDS

- (m) The Director-General may, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, receive funds from Member States and international, regional or national organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, for the purpose of paying, at their request,

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salaries and allowances of personnel, fellowships, grants, equipment and other related expenses, in order to carry out certain tasks consistent with the aims, policies and activities of the Organization.

NOTE 1. The total of Miscellaneous Income is estimated on the following basis:

(i) Miscellaneous Income:	\$	
Refunds of previous years' expenditure	250,000	
Transfer from the Public Information, Liaison and Relations Fund	50,000	
Contributions from Associate Members	143,742	
Interest on investments and exchange adjustments (net)	120,000	
Other receipts	41,698	
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Subtotal		605,440
(ii) Contributions of new Member States for 1986-1987		
(iii) Contributions from the United Nations Development Programme for agency support costs for 1988-1989		9,880,000
(iv) Amortization of the Account for End-of-Service Grants and Indemnities		4,025,200
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Total		14,510,640
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NOTE 2. The figures of 2,081 posts in 1988 and 2,082 posts in 1989 are derived as follows:

	<u>Number of posts</u>	
	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Part I - General policy and direction		
Executive Board	7	7
Directorate	4	4
Services of the Directorate	125 <sup>1</sup>	125 <sup>1</sup>
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Total (Part I)	136	136
Part II - Programme operations and services		
II.A Major programmes		
Education Sector	444	444
Sector of Natural Sciences and their Application to Development	268	268
Sector of Social and Human Sciences	70	70
Culture and Communication Sector	165	165
General Information Programme Division	33	33
Unesco Library, Archives and Documentation Services	30	31
Bureau of Studies, Action and Co-ordination for Development	94	94
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Total (Part II.A)	1,104	1,105
II.B General programme activities		
Division of Copyright	11	11
Office of Statistics	39	39
Division of the <u>Unesco Courier</u> and Periodicals	32	32
Sector for External Relations and Public Information	187	187
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Total (Part II.B)	269	269
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Total (Part II)	1,373	1,374

1. Includes the five posts provided for in the budget of Major Programme I and the four posts provided for in the budget of Major Programme XIV, which are attached to the Bureau of Studies and Programming.

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Part III - Programme support	304	304
Part IV - General administrative services	268	268
Part V - Common services <sup>1</sup>	_____	_____
TOTAL NUMBER OF POSTS BUDGETED	2,081	2,082
	_____	_____

Margin allowing the Director-General to create posts, to a limit of four per cent of those included in the budget approved by the General Conference, in order to meet programme requirements

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These figures do not include temporary posts, experts with UNESCO-PAS status, maintenance and security staff<sup>1</sup> or established posts chargeable to joint operations or to extra-budgetary funds (e.g. posts under the Public Information, Liaison and Relations Fund, the Publications and Auditory and Visual Material Fund, etc.); under this provision the Director-General may authorize the temporary substitution of one post for another that is vacant.

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1. Maintenance and security staff posts (numbering 278 in 1988 and 287 in 1989) are included in the budget for the staff costs of the sectors concerned.

## VI General resolutions<sup>1</sup>

### 22 **Unesco's contribution to peace and its tasks with respect to the promotion of human rights and the elimination of colonialism and racism**

22.1 Implemental ion of 22 C/Resolution 18 and 23 C/Resolution 24 concerning Unesco's contribution to peace and its tasks with respect to the promotion of human rights and the elimination of colonialism and racism<sup>2</sup>

The General Conference,

Having examined item 6.3 of its agenda (Unesco's contribution to peace and its tasks with respect to the promotion of human rights and the elimination of colonialism and racism))

1. Notes with satisfaction the report submitted by the Director-General in document 24 C/17;
2. Invites the Director-General to monitor the progress made in the implementation of 22 C/Resolution 18 and 23 C/Resolution 24 and to submit a report on this matter to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session.

22.2 Support for the Esquipulas II Agreement

The General Conference,

Considering that the Esquipulas II Agreement signed in Guatemala City on 7 August 1987 by the presidents of the republics of Costa Rica,

1. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission V at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.
2. Resolution adopted on the proposal of the General Committee at the twenty-sixth plenary meeting, on 6 November 1987.

## General resolutions

El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua constitutes the decision of Central America fully to take up the historic challenge of forging a peaceful future for Central America,

Considering that the peoples of Central America desire to attain peace, stability, development and justice in accordance with their own decision and their historical experience, without any external influences and abiding by the principles of self-determination and non-intervention,

Recognizing that the Contadora Group composed of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela and its Support Group comprising Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay have been performing outstanding work in furtherance of peace in the Central American region and have reaffirmed that it is up to the nations of the region to take decisions to attain that goal,

Recalling that in 1985 Unesco awarded the first Simón Bolívar Prize to the Contadora Group for its contribution to the establishment and consolidation of peace in the region,

Noting that in this year, 1987, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the President of Costa Rica, Dr Oscar Arias, for his contribution to the peace process in Central America,

1. Expresses its most resolute support for the Esquipulas II Agreement which comprises the Peace Plan signed in Guatemala City on 7 August 1987 by the presidents of the Central American republics in their efforts to achieve peace in the region and reiterates its recognition of the steps taken by the Contadora Group and its Support Group;
2. Requests the international community to give its firm support to the initiative of the presidents of the Central American republics, bearing in mind that peace is indispensable for progress to be made in the fields of education, science, culture and communication.

### 22.3 Unesco's contribution to the International Year of Peace

The General Conference,

Noting the Report by the Director-General on Unesco's contribution to the International Year of Peace (24 C/19),

Recalling Recommendation No. 172 of the World Conference on Cultural Policies held by Unesco in Mexico (MONDIACULT, 1982),

Considering the undiminished typicality of the purposes and principles set forth in the Organization's Constitution,

Noting that in implementing the Approved Programme and Budget for 1986-1987 (23 C/5 Approved, Major Programme XI, paragraph 11428(e)), an international symposium entitled Cultural Workers and Artists in Work for Peace (Potsdam, 1986) was held to mark the International Year of Peace,

Considering that the outstanding cultural workers and artists from Africa, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean present at the symposium had an open discussion, free from prejudice, and adopted joint recommendations for follow-up action despite their differences in creed, cultural traditions and outlook,

1. Invites the Director-General:
  - (a) to bring the recommendations of the Symposium to the notice of Member States and relevant non-governmental organizations in an appropriate manner;
  - (b) to inform the Intergovernmental Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development of the recommendations of the Symposium, with the request to study them;
  - (c) to consider, under the Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 (24 C/5), the modalities for the foundation of an international peace prize to be awarded for an outstanding artistic contribution to the promotion of peace, trust and international understanding as set out in one of the Symposium's recommendations;
2. Recommends that the Member States reflect as widely as possible the concern expressed by the Symposium;
3. Appeals to international non-governmental organizations and to cultural workers and artists to pay attention in their work to the concern expressed by the Symposium.

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## **Promotion of contacts and co-operation among specialists in education, science and culture in order to contribute to the attainment of Unesco's objectives**

The General Conference,

Reaffirming the conviction expressed in the Constitution of Unesco that 'a peace based exclusively upon the political and economic arrangements of governments would not be a peace which could secure the unanimous, lasting and sincere support of the peoples of the world, and that the peace must therefore be founded, if it is not to fail, upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind',

Recalling that, in accordance with the aims set forth in Unesco's Constitution and with its intellectual function, the prime tasks of the Organization, as specified in its second Medium-Term Plan, are, in particular, to 'contribute to a continuing study of present world problems so as to create a greater awareness of the common destiny which now unites individuals and peoples alike' and to 'arouse and encourage a renewal of values within a context of genuine understanding among peoples, thereby advancing the cause of peace and human rights' ,



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Mindful in this connection of the great importance of co-operation, exchanges and contacts at the international level among representatives of the world of education, science and culture for the shaping and affirmation of new ideas and conceptions that stem from the growing interdependence and integration of the world, with due regard to the diversity of points of view, philosophical and artistic trends and schools of scientific thought,

1. Recommends to Member States that they:

- (a) encourage the participation of members of their scientific and cultural communities, and of outstanding personalities in the world of literature and art, in international co-operation based on the quest for new approaches to the solution of the global problems of humankind and the development of a new type of thinking attuned to the realities of the modern world;
- (b) guide accordingly the activities of their National Commissions for Unesco and of their associations of specialists and creative artists and other educational, scientific and artistic organizations, and lend the necessary support to their initiatives aimed at activating co-operation and contacts which facilitate international understanding in the spirit of the aims and ideals of Unesco;

2. Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to make every effort to strengthen the role of Unesco as an instrument of international intellectual co-operation and as a place and centre of contact for educators, scientists, writers, painters and performers, journalists and other creative intellectuals, with the aim of seeking out the ideas and values most likely to foster a climate of peace and international understanding and make human beings realize that they belong to a common civilization and are jointly responsible for its future;
- (b) to use all the possibilities and means at his disposal to involve the aforesaid persons and non-governmental organizations in the work of the Organization, particularly in activities and projects aimed at throwing light on the major problems of the day and seeking the most constructive solutions to these problems from the point of view of the most lofty human interests and values;
- (c) to take due account, in particular, of the conclusions and recommendations put forward in recent years by participants in international meetings of scientists and creative individuals, and take the necessary steps to disseminate and publicize them widely;
- (d) to inform the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session, in the most appropriate manner and, in particular, in the context of document 25 C/n, of the steps taken to follow up this resolution.

## Unesco's contribution to the promotion of international co-operation with regard to young people

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 26.4 on the role of youth and the provisions contained in the second Medium-Term Plan in the note on the lines of emphasis with regard to young people (22 C/4),

Mindful of the recommendations of the Final Report of the World Congress on Youth (Barcelona, 8-15 July 1985) and of the Barcelona Statement,

Taking note of resolution 37/48 in which the General Assembly of the United Nations invited the Specialized Agencies to support the implementation of the United Nations Programme for the International Youth Year and its follow-up, in which the General Assembly also mentioned its awareness of the valuable contribution which Unesco makes in the promotion of international co-operation in the field of youth,

Reaffirming the fact that young people represent a substantial and ever-growing section of the world population and have an increasingly important role to play in the solution of the major problems facing mankind, and that it is therefore necessary to offer them even broader opportunities of playing an active part in all aspects of the social, economic, political, educational and cultural life of the society to which they belong,

Recognizing the right of the young generation to live in peace, freedom and security in the social context, as well as their right to education, work and occupational development,

Convinced that the effective functioning of channels of communication between Unesco, young people and youth organizations is a basic prerequisite for the proper information and active involvement of young people in the work of Unesco,

Noting with satisfaction the report by the Director-General (24 C/20) on Unesco's contribution to International Youth Year and to the promotion of its future objectives,

1. Recommends that Member States and all the institutions concerned:
  - (a) participate actively in the implementation of the programme on behalf of youth provided for under the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989;
  - (b) take into account the aspirations of the young generation to share responsibility for the solution of national and international problems by means of appropriate strategies for youth policies and legal action in connection with the topics examined by the World Congress on Youth, namely 'youth, education and work', 'youth and cultural development' and 'youth, mutual understanding and international co-operation', and the objectives of International Youth Year: 'Participation, Development, Peace';

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- (c) assist national youth organizations in mobilizing young people and enabling them to participate in the life of society, both at the national and international level;
  - (d) promote the exchange of experience between their national youth organizations and those of other Member States, and the holding of international youth meetings;
2. Invites the Director-General:
- (a) to continue to devote particular attention to and strengthen, within the Approved Programme and Budget, Unesco's youth activities, laying particular emphasis upon concrete activities not only for but also with and by young people;
  - (b) to pay due attention to the consistent implementation of the activities provided for under the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 on behalf of youth (24 C/5, Appendix B/XV - Summary of activities on behalf of youth) and to ensure, in particular, the direct participation of youth in important long-term projects of Unesco, such as the World Decade for Cultural Development, the Plan for the Eradication of Illiteracy by the Year 2000 and the Plan for the Development of Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace;
  - (c) to ensure in the future, beginning with the 1988-1989 biennium, a more complete co-ordination and evaluation within the Secretariat of all matters concerning youth by means of strengthening the activities of the Youth Division within the limits of available resources;
  - (d) to encourage, in an appropriate manner, the dialogue between national and international youth organizations of different philosophical and political views on possible collaboration in the solution of the most urgent problems facing mankind and on questions relating to the participation of young people in social life in the framework of the Approved Programme and Budget for 1988-1989, notably such activity as the international meeting of students to encourage reflection and action by young people to promote peace, disarmament, development and respect for human rights (paragraph 13322, 3.1);
  - (e) to consult and to involve to a greater extent, in carrying out these activities, the main international non-governmental youth organizations, making use of the annual consultation of international, regional and national non-governmental youth organizations (paragraph 13320, 1.1) and of other appropriate mechanisms;
  - (f) to assist interested Member States in the elaboration of youth policies and programmes in education, science, culture and communication, and to encourage the exchange of experience in this field at the regional and international levels;
  - (g) to develop a more coherent, clearly unified youth policy and to devote a more profiled attention to youth in future biennial programmes;

- (h) to continue to co-operate with the United Nations system, and in particular with ILO, FAO, WHO, the ECOSOC Commission for Social Development and the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as well as with other appropriate inter-governmental organizations, in order to ensure a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach to youth policies and programmes, taking into account the contribution of the Inter-Agency Ad Hoc Working Group on Youth;
- (i) to submit to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session a report on the follow-up and implementation of this resolution.

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## **Implementation of 23 C/Resolution 27 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories**

The General Conference,

Recalling the Geneva Convention (1949), the Hague Convention (1954), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Considering that institutions of higher education should constitute free communities of intellectuals and students enjoying academic freedoms recognized worldwide,

Being of the opinion that the existence and the free functioning of such institutions constitute fundamental and essential elements of the affirmation and strengthening of the cultural identity of the Palestinian people,

Having considered the report by the Director-General (24 C/21 and Add.),

Noting that the report submitted by Father E. Boné, following the mission entrusted to him by the Director-General in accordance with 23 C/Resolution 27, makes reference, on the basis of observations or conclusions drawn from convincing and concordant testimonies, to several forms of violation of academic freedoms,

1. Reaffirms the previous decisions and resolutions of Unesco concerning the cultural and educational institutions in the occupied Arab territories, in the form in which they were adopted;
2. Deeply deplores all violations of academic freedoms, in all their forms, as related in the report by Father Boné, and considers that these constitute a serious threat to the cultural identity of the Palestinian people and a violation of international legal instruments, in particular the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
3. Deplores the obstruction and the repression practised by the occupying authorities against educational and cultural institutions in the Palestinian territories and other occupied Arab territories, which could threaten the very existence of those institutions;

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4. Asks the occupation authorities to respect the Geneva and Hague Conventions by canceling all the measures taken, all the acts committed, all discrimination regarding taxes and customs duties on imported cultural, educational and scientific material, and all the military orders issued against educational and cultural institutions, and to preserve the academic freedoms of the universities and other educational and cultural institutions so that they may conduct their activities without let or hindrance;
5. Thanks the Director-General and his representative, Father Boné, for the efforts undertaken to ensure implementation of the decisions and resolutions of Unesco concerning the aforesaid institutions and commends the high quality of the report submitted to it;
6. Recognizes that the co-operation given to enable Father Boné to carry out his mission impartially appears to offer a valuable opportunity for exploring new and constructive action under the auspices of Unesco;
7. Invites the Director-General to explore with the relevant parties feasible means of engaging Unesco in facilitating and increasing constructive co-operation to assist Palestinian educational institutions in playing their appropriate educational roles in the development of the areas in question, in their transmission of their cultural heritage and in the pursuit of knowledge in collaboration with other institutions;
8. Invites the Director-General to ask Father Boné to complement his mission by examining other educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, and to submit his report to the Executive Board at its 130th session;
9. Invites the Director-General to renew his appeal to Member States and intergovernmental organizations, addressing also foundations and private individuals, for contributions to the Special Account opened within Unesco to provide fellowships for students from the occupied territories;
10. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its twenty-fifth session with a view to taking an appropriate decision.

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## **Proposal for the proclamation by the United Nations of an International Year of the Family**

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind 127 EX/Decision 5.3.1 of the Executive Board,

1. Approves the principle of the proclamation of an International Year of the Family, the celebration of which should stimulate overall reflection on the problems and needs of the family and encourage governments to formulate economic, social and cultural policies on behalf of the family;

2. Requests the Director-General:

- (a) to bring this resolution to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly when it considers the report submitted to it by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/42;
- (b) to ensure that the Organization makes a contribution to the preparation of the said report.

27 **Fortieth anniversary of the founding of Unesco<sup>1</sup>**

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 23 concerning the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Unesco,

Taking note of the report of the Director-General on this matter (24 C/18),

Noting with satisfaction that the anniversary was used as an opportunity to pay due tribute to Unesco's impressive achievements in the service of peace, international co-operation and the progress of all States and peoples in the fields of education, science, culture and communication, and, at the same time, to seek ways using the possibilities inherent in the Organization even more comprehensively and effectively to these ends in the future,

Emphasizing the confidence of the international community, which became apparent in connection with the celebrations of the anniversary, that the Organization will live up to its indispensable role and responsibility even better in regard to developing intellectual co-operation, to the international exchange of experience and to intellectual groundwork in education, science, culture and communication,

Thanking the Member States as well as the international non-governmental organizations for the activities they organized to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Unesco,

1. Invites Member States:

- (a) to work for a permanent, constructive and result-oriented dialogue between all Member States and their National Commissions, and among the various groups of States and regions, so that the Organization, mindful of the interests of all mankind and drawing on a broad consensus, will be able, in the future as in the past, effectively to discharge the functions assigned to it in its Constitution;
- (b) to set an example for the future shaping of international relations by launching joint actions involving all groups of States

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and all regions to solve global problems in accordance with the purposes of the Organization;

- (c) to contribute actively to the realization of the jointly adopted programmes and plans of the Organization and to encourage their most competent scientists and scholars, experts and institutions to join in this endeavour;
  - (d) increasingly to focus the activities of the Organization under its programmes on laying the intellectual groundwork for the solution of urgent problems facing mankind in the fields of education, science, culture and communication;
  - (e) to devote particular attention to ensuring a smooth work rhythm and the efficient functioning of the Organization;
  - (f) effectively to promote the dissemination of objective and comprehensive information about the Organization and its activities;
2. Calls upon educators, scientists and scholars, cultural workers, journalists and intellectuals, as well as upon their national and international associations and organizations, actively to support the purposes, principles and activities of Unesco as well as multilateral intellectual co-operation in general, and to this end to make their own contribution to international co-operation and to the dialogue between all States and peoples along these lines;
3. Invites the Director-General:
- (a) to propose measures designed to guide Unesco's work increasingly by the highest international standards of knowledge and to focus on intellectual groundwork in education, science, culture and communication, and to give the most competent scientists, scholars and experts the opportunity for international exchanges of information and experience and for co-operation;
  - (b) to give greater coverage in the Organization's periodicals to results achieved in the realization of programme projects and to advanced methods used by Unesco in its work, with a view to making relevant suggestions to Member States;
  - (c) increasingly to draw, in the realization of programme projects, on the potentialities of Member States and in doing so to secure a balanced representation of the various groups of States, regions and cultures;
  - (d) consistently to pursue the efforts aimed at improving the functioning of the Organization, ensuring a more effective use of the means available to it and providing the public more quickly with more comprehensive information on the practical work of the Organization;
  - (e) to submit to the General Conference in good time proposals concerning plans for celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of Unesco's Constitution and its coming into force;
  - (f) to report to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session on the implementation of this resolution.



## 28 Appeal for the universality of Unesco<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Reaffirming the importance that it attaches to the universal character of the United Nations system, including its Specialized Agencies,

Concerned to facilitate and encourage the universality of Unesco,

1. Appeals to the States that have withdrawn to resume their place in the Organization;
2. Invites those States that are not yet members of the Organization to join it;
3. Requests the Director-General to take appropriate action to give effect to this resolution and to report to the Executive Board on the matter.

## 29 Appeal to Iran and Iraq

The General Conference,

Recalling the noble aim enshrined in the Constitution of Unesco, in accordance with which the role of the Organization must be founded upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind,

Profoundly saddened by the conflict between Iraq and Iran, which has given rise, in each of those Member States, to an incalculable loss of human life, particularly among the civilian populations, and has done irreparable damage to their educational, scientific and cultural institutions as well as to their cultural heritage and their natural environment, which form part of the heritage of mankind as a whole,

Recalling the efforts that have been made by international agencies for both countries,

Determined to exercise its responsibility in order to encourage the search for a just and overall solution,

Determined likewise to fulfil its obligations to ensure that, despite this terrible conflict, the best possible protection is afforded to the scientific, educational and cultural institutions of the two States involved and to their cultural and natural heritage,

1. Solemnly appeals to the two Member States engaged in the conflict to seek a solution based on mutual respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity and on non-interference in each other's internal affairs;

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2. Appeals also to the governments of both countries to abide strictly by international humanitarian principles and regulations, and particularly by those relating to the protection of the cultural and natural heritage;
3. Invites all governments and the international community as a whole to contribute to bringing about a peaceful and just end to this conflict and to contribute to the protection of the cultural and natural heritage endangered by the hostilities;
4. Requests the Director-General to take any measures that might achieve these aims, which the international community holds so dear, and to report on this matter to the Executive Board.

## VII Standard-setting activities of the Organization

### 30 Initial special reports submitted by Member States on the action taken by them to give effect to the Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Statistics on the Production and Distribution of Books, Newspapers and Periodicals<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Having considered the initial special reports submitted by Member States on the action taken by them to give effect to the Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Statistics on the Production and Distribution of Books, Newspapers and Periodicals, adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-third session (24 C/30 and Addenda),

Having noted the report of the Legal Committee relating to these special reports (24 C/121),

Recalling that, under Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution, the General Conference, after considering the special reports, 'shall embody its comments on the action taken by Member States in pursuance of a convention or recommendation in one or more general reports, which the Conference shall prepare at such times as it may deem appropriate',

Recalling the terms of 10 C/Resolution 50,

1. Adopts the General Report (24 C/121, Annex) embodying its comments on the action taken by Member States to give effect to the above-mentioned Recommendation adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-third session;

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1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the thirty-fifth plenary meeting, on 18 November 1987.

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2. Decides that this General Report shall be transmitted to Member States, to the United Nations and to National Commissions, in accordance with Article 19 of the above-mentioned Rules of Procedure;
3. invites Member States whose reports have not yet reached the Organization or that do not contain the information specified in the above-mentioned 10 C/Resolution 50 to forward them or to supplement them.

Annex      General Report on the initial reports submitted by Member States on the action taken by them to give effect to the Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Statistics on the Production and Distribution of Books, Newspapers and Periodicals, adopted **by the General Conference at its twenty-third session**

Introduction

1. Article VIII of the Constitution of Unesco requires that 'Each Member State shall submit to the Organization, at such times and in such manner as shall be determined by the General Conference, reports . . . on the action taken upon the Recommendations and Conventions referred to in Article IV, paragraph 4'. Each of the Member States shall submit recommendations or conventions adopted by the General Conference to its competent authorities within a period of one year from the close of the session of the General Conference at which they were adopted (Article IV(4) of the Constitution).
2. Article 16 of the Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions adopted by the General Conference states that initial special reports relating to any convention or recommendation adopted shall be transmitted not less than two months prior to the first ordinary session of the General Conference following that at which such recommendation

or convention was adopted. These Rules of Procedure also stipulate, in Articles 17 and 18, that the General Conference shall consider these reports and embody its comments in one or more general reports.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Rule 32.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the functions of the Legal Committee include the examination of those initial special reports. The Committee had before it documents 24 C/30 and Addenda, which reproduce those reports.
4. Acting on the report of the Legal Committee (24 C/121), the General Conference, pursuant to Article 18 of the aforementioned Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations and conventions, has embodied in this General Report the comments given hereunder.

Comments of the General Conference

5. A certified true copy of the Recommendation was transmitted to Member States by a circular letter (CL/2992) dated

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- 27 January 1986. In that letter, the Director-General recalled the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution which make it obligatory for Member States to submit the Recommendation to their 'competent authorities' within a specified period.
6. At the same time, the Director-General transmitted to Member States a document entitled 'Memorandum concerning the Obligation to Submit Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the General Conference to the "Competent Authorities" and the Submission of Initial Special Reports on the Action taken upon these Conventions and Recommendations' .
  7. Member States were subsequently invited by circular letter (CL/3047) dated 7 February 1987 to send within the prescribed time-limits, i.e. by 20 August 1987, initial special reports on the action taken to give effect to the Recommendation, so that those reports could be communicated in good time to the General Conference.
  8. The General Conference notes that only 12 Member States have sent their reports to the Secretariat.<sup>1</sup> This figure shows that in spite of their constitutional obligation to do so, of the importance attached by the General Conference to the reports procedure and of the decisive role this procedure should play in monitoring the application of the standards established by the General Conference, the great majority of Member States have not taken
- account of such considerations. The General Conference regrets this state of affairs and requests Member States that have not submitted their reports to do so at their earliest opportunity.
9. The General Conference, at its twelfth session, had already stressed how important it was for all Member States to fulfil the twofold obligation laid on them by the Constitution: first to submit conventions and recommendations adopted by the General Conference to the competent authorities within a year from the close of the session of the General Conference and, second, to report on the action taken upon those instruments.
  10. The essential role of these provisions of the Constitution is, on the one hand, to ensure the widest possible implementation and application of the instruments adopted and, on the other hand, to enable the General Conference - and hence Member States themselves - to assess the effectiveness of the Organization's standard-setting activity.
  11. In 10 C/Resolution 50 the General Conference invited Member States, when submitting an initial special report, to include in that report, as far as possible, the following information:
    - '(a) whether the convention or recommendation has been submitted to the competent national authority or authorities in accordance with Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution and Article 1

1. Bulgaria, Chile, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Mauritius, New Zealand, Switzerland and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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- of the Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions;
- (b) the name of the competent authority or authorities in the reporting State;
- (c) whether such authority or authorities have taken any steps to give effect to the convention or recommendation;
- (d) the nature of such steps'.
12. The General Conference at its twelfth session approved the following interpretation of the words 'competent authorities' appearing in Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution. Such authorities are those empowered, under the Constitution or the laws of each Member State, to enact the laws, issue the regulations or take any other measures necessary to give effect to conventions or recommendations. It is for the government of each Member State to specify and to indicate those authorities which are competent in respect of each convention and recommendation.
13. At its thirteenth session, the General Conference further stipulated that a distinction should, in this context, be drawn between the authorities which are competent to enact laws or issue regulations, on the one hand, and the government departments responsible for studying or preparing the laws or regulations which may be enacted or issued by those authorities and for submitting appropriate proposals to them, on the other. The definition adopted by the General Conference at its previous session shows clearly that the constitutional obligation laid down in Article IV, paragraph 4, relates to the former and not to the latter.
14. The General Conference also feels it desirable to point out once again that the obligation to submit the instruments adopted by the General Conference to the 'competent authorities' is incumbent on all Member States and consequently on those among these States which were unable to declare themselves in favour of the adoption of the instrument concerned, even though they might consider it desirable not to give effect to the provisions of a recommendation.
15. The General Conference notes that not all the reports contain all the indications on the points listed in 10 C/Resolution 50. The General Conference again requests Member States to endeavour in future to provide such information.
16. In concluding these comments, the General Conference once more underlines the importance it attaches to Member States' fulfilling their constitutional obligations as regards the submission of international instruments to the competent authorities and the procedure of reporting on the action taken.
17. In accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution, this General Report will be transmitted, by the Director-General, to the Member States, to the United Nations and to the National Commissions.

## VIII Constitutional and legal questions

### 31 Amendments to the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference<sup>1</sup>

#### 31.1 Amendment to Article V, paragraph 4, of the Constitution

The General Conference,

Having examined documents 24 C/26 and Add. and 24 C/100 Rev.1 and taken note of the report of the Legal Committee on the subject (24 C/123),

Decides to add to Article V, paragraph 4, of the Constitution a subparagraph (d) to read as follows:

'In the event of the withdrawal from the Organization of a Member State a national of which is a member of the Executive Board, that member's term of office shall be terminated on the date the withdrawal becomes effective. '

#### 31.2 Amendments to Article XV, paragraphs 2 and 4, of the Constitution

The General Conference,

Having considered document 24 C/26 and Add. and taken note of the reports of the Legal Committee on the subject (24 C/125 and 24 C/129),

1. Decides to amend Article XV, paragraph 2, of the Constitution by adding a fourth sentence to read as follows: 'However, a State that has withdrawn from the Organization shall simply deposit a new instrument of acceptance in order to resume membership. ' ;
2. Decides to add to paragraph 4 of Article XV of the Constitution, after the words 'United Nations', the following phrase: 'and the Director-General' .

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the thirty-fifth plenary meeting, on 18 November 1987.



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- 31.3 Deletion of the transitional provisions contained in Articles IV.F.15, V.C.13 and VI.7 of the Constitution and deletion of the transitional provisions contained in Rules IA and 95A of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/26 and Add. and taken note of the report of the Legal Committee on the subject (24 C/130),

1. Decides to delete from the Constitution the transitional provisions contained in Articles IV.F.15, V.C.13 and VI.7 thereof;
2. Decides to delete from the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference the transitional provisions contained in Rules 1A and 95A.

- 31.4 Proposed amendment to Article II, paragraph 6, of the Constitution

The General Conference,

Having considered documents 24 C/26 and Add. and 24 C/100 Rev. and taken note of the report of the Legal Committee on the subject (24 C/122),

1. Invites the Director-General to communicate to Member States and Associate Members, within the statutory time-limits, the text of the proposed amendment to Article II, paragraph 6, of the Constitution in the form recommended to it by the Legal Committee, to be considered within the context of Articles XIII and XIV of the Constitution;
2. Decides to consider this draft amendment at its twenty-fifth session.

- 31.5 Proposed amendment to Article VI, paragraph 2, of the Constitution<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Having considered document 24 C/98 and taken note of the report of the Legal Committee on the subject (24 C/128 and Corr.),

Recalling that Unesco, like the other organizations of the United Nations system, has its own Constitution and enjoys autonomy within that system,

Recognizing, however, that the proposal to limit the number of terms of office of the Director-General of Unesco has policy implications for the United Nations system as a whole,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.

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1. Invites Member States to study the consequences of limiting the number of terms of office of the Director-General of Unesco, taking into account the above-mentioned implications;
2. Decides to reconsider this question at its twenty-fifth session.

31.6 Proposed amendment to Article IX, paragraph 3, of the Constitution

The General Conference,

Having considered document 24 C/26 and Add. and taken note of the report of the Legal Committee on the subject (24 C/124),

Decides to postpone consideration of the proposed amendment to Article IX, paragraph 3, of the Constitution until its twenty-fifth session.

32 **Consideration of the constitutional and statutory texts from the point of view of form and language<sup>1</sup>**

The General Conference,

Having considered document 24 C/25 and taken note of the report of the Legal Committee on the subject (24 C/131),

1. Invites the Executive Board to undertake an overall review of the constitutional and statutory texts from the point of view of form and language in their various language versions;
2. Invites the Director-General to communicate to the Member States and Associate Members, within the time-limit laid down by the Constitution, any modifications to the Constitution which the Executive Board may have decided to propose and to report to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session on those modifications and on those which the Board may suggest making to the statutory texts.

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1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.

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33 **Examination of the measures necessary to specify what would be the financial obligations of a Member State which withdraws from the Organization in the course of a two-year budgetary period, including the possibility of requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the interpretation that should be given to the Constitution in this matter<sup>1</sup>**

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/27 and the report of the Legal Committee on the subject (24 C/132),

Recalling that, at its twenty-third session, it took note, in 23 C/Resolution 0.9, Part II, of the conclusions of the Legal Committee expressed in its report (23 C/103) on the study which it had carried out on the possibility of requesting the International Court of Justice to deliver an advisory opinion on the financial obligations of a Member State which withdraws from the Organization in the course of a budgetary period, and reaffirming the continuing applicability of the above-mentioned resolution,

Noting that the Legal Committee confirms its previous conclusions on this subject,

Considering that the Executive Board, at its 125th session, adopted decision 8.2, paragraphs 8 and 9 of which read as follows:

- '8. Decides to report to the General Conference at its twenty-fourth session the Board's conclusion that, of all the possible measures examined with a view to clarifying for the future the obligations mentioned in paragraph 6 above, the optimum measure would be that involving the amendment of Article 11.6 of the Constitution to eliminate any ambiguity in its interpretation;
9. Also decides to study again, at a later session of the Board, the possibility of requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice. '

Considering also that in decision 8.2 the Executive Board did not exclude the principle of requesting such an advisory opinion,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting, on 19 November 1987.

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Bearing in mind its decision to postpone until its twenty-fifth session consideration of the proposed amendments to Article II, paragraph 6, and Article IX, paragraph 3, of the Constitution, designed to clarify the financial obligations of a Member State which withdraws from the Organization in the course of a budgetary period and to eliminate any ambiguity of interpretation in this respect,

Considers that, in the circumstances, the Executive Board should continue to study the possibility of requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice and should report to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session.

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### 34 Financial reports

- 34.1 Financial report and audited financial statements of Unesco for the financial period ended 31 December 1985 together with the report of the External Auditor

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/43,

1. Records its appreciation of the work of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom who since 1951 has performed the work of the External Auditor of Unesco;
2. Receives and accepts the report of the External Auditor together with the audited financial statements on the accounts of Unesco for the financial period ended 31 December 1985.

- 34.2 Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1985, and the report of the External Auditor

The General Conference,

Noting that the Executive Board has approved on its behalf, as authorized by 23 C/Resolution 33.2, the report of the External Auditor together with the audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1985,

1. Receives this report and these financial statements;
2. Authorizes the Executive Board to approve, on its behalf, the report of the External Auditor together with the audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1987.

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the thirty-second plenary meeting, on 14 November 1987.

34.3 Financial report and interim financial statements of Unesco as at 31 December 1986 for the financial period ending 31 December 1987

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/45 and Add.,

Receives and accepts the financial report of the Director-General together with the interim financial statements 'of Unesco as at 31 December 1986 for the financial period ending 31 December 1987.

## 35 Contributions of Member States

35.1 Scale of assessments

The General Conference,

Recalling Article IX of the Constitution, which stipulates in paragraph 2 that 'the General Conference shall approve and give final effect to the budget and to the apportionment of financial responsibility among the States members of the Organization' ,

Considering that the scale of assessments for Member States of Unesco has always been based on that of the United Nations (which includes a minimum rate of 0.01 per cent and a maximum rate of 25 per cent), subject to the adjustments necessitated by the difference in membership between the two organizations,

Recalling that in resolution 0.71 adopted at its twentieth session it admitted Namibia as a member of Unesco and taking account of resolution 19.32 adopted at its nineteenth session, whereby it decided, in paragraph 2, to suspend the assessment of Namibia as from the year 1977 until such time as it acceded to independence,

Resolves that:

- (a) the scale of assessments of Member States of Unesco for the 1988-1989 biennium shall be identical to that approved by the General Conference at its twenty-third session for Member States for 1986-1987, which is based on the scale of assessments adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fortieth session; contributions shall be determined on the basis of the rate of assessment assigned to each Member State, taken in proportion to the total of these rates, as shown in the annex to this resolution;
- (b) new members depositing their instruments of ratification after 28 February 1987 shall be assessed for the years 1988 and 1989 as follows:

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- (i) Member States of the United Nations appearing on the United Nations scale of assessments: on the basis of the percentage assigned to them in that scale;
  - (ii) Member States of the United Nations not appearing on the United Nations scale of assessments: on the basis of the percentages assigned to them by the United Nations General Assembly;
  - (iii) States that are not members of the United Nations: on the basis of the theoretical percentage that would probably be assigned to them in the United Nations scale;
- (c) the contributions of new Member States shall be further adjusted as necessary to take into account the date on which they become members, the amount payable being calculated in accordance with the following formula:
- (i) 100 per cent of the annual sum due if they become members before the close of the first quarter of the year;
  - (ii) 80 per cent of the annual sum due if they become members during the second quarter;
  - (iii) 60 per cent of the annual sum due if they become members during the third quarter;
  - (iv) 40 per cent of the annual sum due if they become members during the fourth quarter;
- (d) the contributions of new Member States shall be accounted for in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.2(c); such States shall consequently not be eligible to participate in the distribution of any surplus under Part VIII of the budget or of any budgetary surplus arising under other parts of the budget during the financial period 1988-1989;
- (e) the assessment of Associate Members shall be fixed at 60 per cent of the minimum rate of assessment of Member States, and their contributions shall be accounted for as miscellaneous income;
- (f) the contributions of Associate Members that become Member States during the 1988-1989 biennium shall be calculated in accordance with the formula set forth in paragraph 8 of resolution 18 adopted by the General Conference at its twelfth session (1962).

Annex Scale of assessments of Member States' contributions

<u>Member States</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Member States</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Afghanistan	.01	Austria	.73
Albania	.01	Bahamas	.01
Algeria	.14	Bahrain	.02
Angola	.01	Bangladesh	.02
Antigua and Barbuda	.01	Barbados	.01
Argentina	.61	Belgium	1.17
Australia	1.64	Belize	.01



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<u>Member States</u>	Rate	<u>Member States</u>	Rate
Benin	.01	Hungary	.22
Bhutan	.01	Iceland	.03
Bolivia	.01	India	.34
Botswana	.01	Indonesia	.14
Brazil	1.38	Iran, Islamic Republic of	.62
Bulgaria	.16	Iraq	.12
Burkina Faso	.01	Ireland	.18
Burma	.01	Israel	.22
Burundi	.01	Italy	3.74
Belorussian SSR	.34	Jamaica	.02
Cameroon	.01	Japan	10.71
Canada	3.02	Jordan	.01
Cape Verde	.01	Kenya	.01
Central African Republic	.01	Kuwait	.29
Chad	.01	Lao People's Democratic Republic	.01
Chile	.07	Lebanon	.01
China	.78	Lesotho	.01
Colombia	.13	Liberia	.01
Comoros	.01	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	.26
Congo	.01	Luxembourg	.05
Costa Rica	.02	Madagascar	.01
Côte d'Ivoire	.02	Malawi	.01
Cuba	.09	Malaysia	.10
Cyprus	.02	Maldives	.01
Czechoslovakia	.69	Mali	.01
Democratic Kampuchea	.01	Malta	.01
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	.05	Mauritania	.01
Democratic Yemen	.01	Mauritius	.01
Denmark	.71	Mexico	.88
Dominica	.01	Monaco	.01
Dominican Republic	.03	Mongolia	.01
Ecuador	.03	Morocco	.05
Egypt	.07	Mozambique	.01
El Salvador	.01	Nepal	.01
Equatorial Guinea	.01	Netherlands	1.72
Ethiopia	.01	New Zealand	.24
Fiji	.01	Nicaragua	.01
Finland	.49	Niger	.01
France	6.29	Nigeria	.19
Gabon	.03	Norway	.53
Gambia	.01	Oman	.02
German Democratic Republic	1.31	Pakistan	.06
Germany, Federal Republic of	8.16	Panama	.02
Ghana	.01	Papua New Guinea	.01
Greece	.43	Paraguay	.02
Grenada	.01	Peru	.07
Guatemala	.02	Philippines	.10
Guinea	.01	Poland	.63
Guinea-Bissau	.01	Portugal	.18
Guyana	.01	Qatar	.04
Haiti	.01	Republic of Korea	.20
Honduras	.01	Romania	.19
		Rwanda	.01

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<u>Member States</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Member States</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Saint Christopher and Nevis	.01	Togo	.01
Saint Lucia	.01	Tonga	.01
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	.01	Trinidad and Tobago	.04
Samoa	.01	Tunisia	.03
San Marino	.01	Turkey	.34
Sao Tome and Principe	.01	Uganda	.01
Saudi Arabia	.96	Ukrainian SSR	1.26
Senegal	.01	USSR	10.08
Seychelles	.01	United Arab Emirates	.18
Sierra Leone	.01	United Republic of Tanzania	.01
Somalia	.01	Uruguay	.04
Spain	2.00	Venezuela	.59
Sri Lanka	.01	Viet Nam	.01
Sudan	.01	Yemen	.01
Suriname	.01	Yugoslavia	.45
Swaziland	.01	Zaire	.01
Sweden	1.24	Zambia	.01
Switzerland	1.11	Zimbabwe	.02
Syrian Arab Republic	.04		
Thailand	.09	Total for Member States	70.10

35.2 Introduction, for a trial period of four years, of an incentive scheme for prompt payment of contributions

The General Conference,

Having examined the report of the Director-General on the feasibility and desirability of introducing positive incentives to Member States to pay their contributions promptly and on possible measures to achieve such a policy objective, prepared in accordance with 23 C/Resolution 34.3 (document 24 C/49 and Add.),

Having examined also the decision of the Executive Board on the Director-General's report (127 EX/Decision 8.8),

1. Notes that arrears in the payment of contributions continue to give rise to cash shortages and threaten the Organization's ability to meet its financial obligations;
2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their contributions for the year 1987;
3. Urges Member States that are still in arrears to pay their assessed contributions promptly;
4. Considers that a positive incentive scheme for prompt payment of contributions is desirable;

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5. Decides that an incentive scheme shall be introduced effective 1 January 1988 for a trial period of four years, whereby interest earned on investments of the General Fund for each financial period, excluding investments of the Working Capital Fund, shall be distributed to each Member State that has paid its contribution in full for each year of the financial period in question, in accordance with a system of incentive points derived from a weighted scale as utilized in the International Civil Aviation Organization - points being accumulated on the basis of the dates and amounts of contributions paid for the current financial period and of shares of budget surpluses from previous financial periods available for surrender. The share of a Member State's budget surpluses available for surrender shall be taken into account to determine whether its contribution for each year of the financial period is fully paid. The appropriate share of interest so calculated shall be distributed to each eligible Member State at the end of the first year of the two-year financial period following that in which such interest was brought to account;
6. Decides to amend Article 7 of the Financial Regulations:
  - (a) by adding to Regulation 7.1 a phrase relating to a new category of income to be excluded from miscellaneous income, worded as follows:

` (d) interest on investments, excluding that on investments of the Working Capital Fund, ';
  - (b) by including in Article 7 a new Regulation 7.2, to read:

` Interest on investments, excluding that on investments of the Working Capital Fund, shall be disposed of in a manner to be decided by the General Conference. '

35.3 Currency of contributions  
(having regard to Part VIII - Currency Fluctuation)

The General Conference,

Noting decision 8.9 adopted by the Executive Board at its 127th session relating to the study on measures that could be taken to reduce the effects of currency fluctuation on Member States' contributions,

Having considered the different options proposed by the Executive Board for this purpose,

1. Resolves, in respect of contributions for the years 1988 and 1989, that notwithstanding the provisions of Article 5.6 of the Financial Regulations:
  - (a) contributions to the budget shall be assessed on the basis of the approved scale of assessments as follows:
    - (i) in French francs - 55 per cent of the total of Parts I-VII of the budget calculated at the rate of one US dollar to FF 6.45;

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- (ii) in US dollars - the remainder of the amount of contributions of Member States shown in Part C of the Appropriation Resolution for 1988-1989, that is the amount in Part C after deduction of the equivalent in US dollars of the French franc amount determined under paragraph 1(a)(i) above, as translated at the rate of FF 6.04 to one US dollar;
- (b) payment may be made at the choice of the Member State either in US dollars or in French francs and, unless the amounts assessed are received simultaneously in full, credit shall be given against contributions due in proportion to the amounts assessed in both currencies, by the application of the United Nations operational rate of exchange between the US dollar and the French franc on the date on which the contribution is credited to a bank account of the Organization;

Considering nevertheless that Member States may find it desirable to discharge part of their contributions in the currency of their choice,

2. Resolves that:

- (a) the Director-General is authorized, on request, to accept payment in the national currency of a Member State if he considers that there is a foreseeable need of a substantial amount of that currency in the remaining months of the calendar year;
- (b) in accepting national currencies the Director-General, in consultation with the Member State concerned, shall determine that part of the contribution which can be accepted in the national currency, taking into account any amount accepted in payment of Unesco Coupons;
- (c) in order to ensure that contributions paid in national currencies will be usable by the Organization, the Director-General is authorized to fix a time-limit for payment, after which contributions would become payable in the currencies mentioned in paragraph 1 above;
- (d) acceptance of currencies other than the US dollar or the French franc is subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) currencies so accepted must be usable, without further negotiation, within the exchange regulations of the country concerned, for meeting all expenditures incurred by Unesco within that country;
  - (ii) the rate of exchange to be applied shall be the most favorable rate which Unesco can obtain for the conversion of the currency in question into dollars at the date at which the contribution is credited to a bank account of the Organization;
  - (iii) such contributions shall be translated into US dollars in the manner specified in subparagraph 2(d)(ii) above, and credited in proportion to the amounts assessed in US dollars

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and French francs specified in subparagraph 1(a) above, by the application of the United Nations operational rate of exchange prevailing between the US dollar and the French franc on the date the contribution is credited to a bank account of the Organization;

(iv) if, at any time within the 12 months following the payment of a contribution in a currency other than the US dollar or the French franc, there should occur a reduction in the exchange value or a devaluation of such currency in terms of US dollars, the Member State concerned may be required, upon notification, to make an adjustment payment to cover the exchange loss pertaining to the unspent balance of the contribution;

(e) in the event of acceptance of currencies other than the US dollar or the French franc, any differences due to variations in the rates of exchange which do not exceed \$50 and which relate to the last payment against contributions due for the biennium in question shall be posted to exchange profit and loss account.

35.4 Collection of contributions

The General Conference,

Having examined the report of the Director-General on the collection of contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund (24 C/48),

1. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the year 1987 and to those that have speeded up the payment of their contributions in response to appeals;
2. Expresses to the Director-General its appreciation of the approaches which he is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;
3. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation devolving upon Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
4. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay;
5. Calls upon Member States to take the necessary steps to ensure that their contributions are paid in full at as early a date as possible during the financial period 1988-1989;
6. Urges Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of assessed contributions, to inform the Director-General, as far as possible, in a timely way of the probable date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;

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7. Authorizes the Director-General, when it becomes necessary, to negotiate and contract short-term loans with lenders of his choice to enable the Organization to meet its financial commitments during 1988-1989 should the treasury situation of the Organization so dictate, and to report to the Executive Board.

### 35.5 Settlement of arrears of contributions

The General Conference,

Having examined the report of the Director-General on the problem concerning the arrears in contributions of the British Eastern Caribbean Group (24 C/48 and Add.),

Recommends that the Director-General withhold from the amount of budgetary surpluses that have accrued to the United Kingdom the sum of \$200,822, pending direct contact with the individual States and Anguilla and Montserrat, former members of the British Eastern Caribbean Group during the period 1 January 1969 to 31 December 1985, with a view to recovery of amounts due; the amount withheld or parts thereof could be surrendered to the United Kingdom as and when those individual States and Anguilla and Montserrat settle the portion of the arrears that could be attributed to them.

## 36 Working Capital Fund

### 36.1 Level and administration

The General Conference resolves that:

- (a) the authorized level of the Working Capital Fund for 1988-1989 shall be fixed at \$15 million, and that the amounts to be advanced by Member States shall be calculated according to the rates assigned to them under the scale of assessments for 1988-1989, taken in proportion to the total of such rates;
- (b) the Fund shall normally be held in United States dollars, but that the Director-General shall have the right, with the agreement of the Executive Board, to alter the currency or currencies in which the Fund is held in such a manner as he deems necessary to ensure the stability of the Fund;
- (c) income derived from the investments of the Working Capital Fund shall be credited to miscellaneous income;
- (d) the Director-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with Article 5.1 of the Financial Regulations, such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;

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- (e) the Director-General is authorized to advance during 1988-1989 sums not exceeding \$500,000 to finance self-liquidating expenditures, including those arising in connection with trust funds and special accounts; these sums are advanced pending availability of sufficient receipts from the trust funds and special accounts, international bodies and other extra-budgetary sources; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as rapidly as possible;
- (f) the Director-General is authorized, with the prior approval of the Executive Board, to advance during 1988-1989, from the Working Capital Fund, sums in total not exceeding \$200,000 to meet expenses arising from requests made by the United Nations relating to emergencies connected with the maintenance of peace and security;
- (g) the Director-General shall report to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session the circumstances in which advances were made under paragraph (f) above and, provided that the Executive Board has satisfied itself that these amounts cannot be reimbursed from savings within the current budget, shall include in the Appropriation Resolution provision for the reimbursement to the Working Capital Fund of such advances;
- (h) so as to reduce to a minimum any loans from banks or other commercial sources for this purpose, the Director-General is authorized, within the limits of available resources and after providing for the needs that may arise under paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of this resolution, to advance, during 1988-1989, funds required to finance unamortized costs for the construction of Headquarters buildings and the remodeling of existing premises that have been approved by the General Conference and to finance the corresponding preliminary design studies; he is also authorized, after consultation with the Headquarters Committee and while awaiting the decision of the General Conference on this matter, to advance funds not exceeding \$300,000 to finance similar expenses incurred in connection with design studies or unforeseen work that may prove necessary;
- (i) in his Financial Report for 1988-1989, the Director-General shall give an account of the use made of the Working Capital Fund during that biennium, stating the amount of interest earned on the Fund's investments.

36.2 Amortization of unamortized construction costs

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/50 and Add.,

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1. Considers that the interests of the Organization would be best served if for the future the policy governing the use and management of the Working Capital Fund were to reflect the objective that, in principle, it should serve one single purpose, that is, to finance



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authorized budgetary expenditures pending receipt of assessed contributions expected to be paid by Member States during each year of the financial period;

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Having noted that the Director-General had advanced \$13,500,000 from the Working Capital Fund as at 31 December 1986, pursuant to 23 C/Resolution 35.1(i), to finance unamortized construction costs already incurred, thus leaving only \$1,500,000 available for financing the programme of work of the Organization pending receipt of contributions,

Considering it desirable to repay as soon as possible to the Working Capital Fund the advances of \$13,500,000 mentioned in the previous paragraph, so as to replenish the Fund in order for it to be available to finance the programme of work pending receipt of contributions,

2. Decides that the Organization's unamortized construction costs should be fully amortized no later than 31 December 1993 by ensuring that appropriate provision is made for that purpose in Part VI of the budget in the next three biennia, it being understood in principle that those measures should not result in an increase of the budget base;
3. Takes note that the Director-General may have to contract loans to finance unamortized construction costs to the necessary minimum amount after all possibilities of reimbursements to the Working Capital Fund have been exhausted, and invites the Director-General to report on this matter to the Executive Board at an appropriate session.

36.3 Fund to assist Member States to acquire the educational and scientific material necessary for technological development

The General Conference,

Having noted the results achieved in pursuance of 23 C/Resolution 35.3 concerning the operation of the Fund to assist Member States to acquire educational and scientific material they consider necessary for technological development,

Authorizes the Director-General to make further allocations in 1988-1989 of Unesco Coupons payable in local currencies, up to a maximum of \$2,000,000.

## 37 Amendments to the Financial Regulations

### 37.1 Amendment to Article 7<sup>1/2</sup>/

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/26 and Add. and taken note of the Report of the Legal Committee on this subject (24 C/126),

Decides to include in Article 7 of the Financial Regulations a new Regulation 7.5 (the present Regulation 7.4 becoming 7.6) to read as follows:

'7.5 The Director-General may receive contributions in cash from States which, although neither Members nor Associate Members, participate in certain programme activities or enjoy certain facilities or services provided by the Organization; he shall report thereon to the Executive Board' .

### 37.2 Amendments to Financial Regulations 12.1 and 12.2<sup>3</sup>

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/26 and Add. and taken note of the Report of the Legal Committee (24 C/120),

1. Decides to replace the present text of Financial Regulation 12.1 by the following:

'An External Auditor, who shall be the Auditor-General (or an officer holding the equivalent title) of a Member State, shall be appointed in the manner decided by the General Conference, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the financial period following his appointment. Unless the General Conference decides to the contrary, his appointment shall be renewed for the following two financial periods, after which the General Conference shall again appoint an External Auditor' ;

2. Decides to replace, in the second sentence of the French version of Financial Regulation 12.2, the term 'relevé' by the term 'déchargé', and to make the same change wherever necessary, that is to say, in the Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish versions.

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1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the thirty-fifth plenary session, on 18 November 1987.
2. See also 24 C/Resolution 35.2.
3. Resolution adopted on the report of the Legal Committee at the twenty-first plenary session, on 12 November 1987.

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### 37.3 Amendment to Financial Regulation 12.6

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/51,

Decides to amend Financial Regulation 12.6 to read as follows:

'The General Conference may request the External Auditor to perform certain specific examinations and to issue separate reports on the results. Acting under the authority of the General Conference, the Executive Board may do likewise' .

### 38 **Appointment of a new External Auditor<sup>1</sup>**

The General Conference,

Recalling Article 12 of the Financial Regulations of the Organization and, in particular, Regulation 12.1 as amended by 24 C/Resolution 37.2,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor of the International Labour Organisation for providing services to carry out the external audit of Unesco's accounts for the 1986-1987 financial period;
2. Decides to appoint Mr Jeroom Van de Velde of Belgium as External Auditor to the Organization for a period of two years to carry out the audit of Unesco's accounts for the 1988-1989 financial period.

### 39 **Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 1986-1987<sup>2</sup>**

#### 39.1 Supplementary estimates

The General Conference,

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Having examined the supplementary estimates for 1986-1987 prepared by the Director-General in conformity with Financial Regulation 3.8 with

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.
2. Resolutions adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the twenty-seventh plenary meeting, on 6 November 1987.

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a view to covering the deficit under Part VIII of the budget estimated at \$39,768,000 due to the depreciation of the United States dollar (24 C/40 Rev.),

Noting that, in pursuance of Financial Regulation 3.8, the Executive Board extended the provisional authorization to the Director-General to incur the strictly necessary amount of supplementary obligations within the limit of 7.5 per cent (\$21,700,420) of the total appropriation for 1986-1987 (127 EX/Decision 8.4, para. 7),

1. Gives its final approval to the action taken by the Executive Board in this regard;

Also taking note of the recommendation of the Executive Board to the General Conference to approve at its twenty-fourth session the necessary total amount of supplementary estimates for 1986-1987 (127 EX/Decision 8.4, paragraph 9),

2. Urges the Director-General to effect further budget reductions - of between \$1 million and \$3 million - in respect of the 1986-1987 biennium in order to reduce the total amount of supplementary estimates;

Having noted that the Director-General has taken measures to absorb at least \$1 million of the estimated deficit under Part VIII of the budget,

3. Approves supplementary estimates up to a total amount of \$38,768,000, which is to be deducted from the negative provision under Part VIII (Currency Fluctuation) of the budget for 1986-1987, it being understood that any increase or reduction in the total deficit that might occur before the close of the financial period will be the subject of a report that the Director-General will submit to the Executive Board at its 129th session, and decides that any savings that might be realized until the end of the biennium will be surrendered to Member States in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.3;

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4. Decides that the supplementary appropriation should be financed by contributions from Member States calculated on the basis of the rates assigned to each Member State in the scale of assessments established by the General Conference at its twenty-third session, taken in proportion to the total of such rates - it being understood that any State that becomes a member of the Organization after the establishment of that scale of assessments should also be assessed in accordance with the principles established by the General Conference at its twenty-third session in resolution 34.1; the currency of payment of these contributions shall be as decided by the General Conference at its twenty-third session in 23 C/Resolution 34.2;

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5. Decides further that, in the assessment of contributions on Member States in respect of the supplementary appropriation above, adjustments should be effected to reduce the total amount to be paid by deducting therefrom:
  - (a) \$7,781,000 in respect of the surplus under Part VII (Appropriation Reserve) of the budget for 1986-1987;
  - (b) the excess of miscellaneous income over the amount estimated for 1984-1985, not yet authorized to be used for any specific purpose, amounting to \$5,989,831;
  - (c) \$4,500,000 of the foreseen excess of miscellaneous income over the amount estimated for 1986-1987;
6. Considers that, in application of Financial Regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.7, individual deductions should be made from contributions requested in respect of the supplementary appropriation by utilization of budget surpluses from the 1984-1985 period and prior financial periods;
7. Decides also that contributions assessed in respect of the supplementary appropriation should be considered as due and payable by Member States on the same date as their contributions for the first half of the financial period 1988-1989. As of 1 January 1989 the unpaid balance of such contributions shall be considered to be one year in arrears.

39.2 Voluntary contributions to reduce the Organization's financial deficit

The General Conference,

Noting that currency fluctuations have affected the capacity of many Member States, particularly the developing countries, to pay their assessed contributions,

1. Appeals to Member States that are in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions before 31 December 1987 to reduce the Organization's financial deficit resulting from currency fluctuations;
2. Decides that such voluntary contributions should be deducted from the approved supplementary estimates for 1986-1987 resulting from the deficit under Part VIII of the budget.

## X Staff questions<sup>1</sup>

### 40 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/55,

Notes the information which the Director-General has provided in this document.

### 41 Salaries, allowances and other benefits

#### 41.1 Staff in the Professional category and above

The General Conference,

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Having examined the report of the Director-General on salaries, allowances and other benefits of staff in the Professional category and above (24 C/56),

1. Takes note of the changes which have occurred since its twenty-third session in base salaries and allowances, and in pensionable remuneration;
2. Notes the measures applied by the Director-General with respect to staff in the Professional category and above;

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the thirty-second plenary meeting, on 14 November 1987.

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Mindful of the possibility that recommendations may be made by the International Civil Service Commission to the General Assembly of the United Nations affecting salaries, allowances and other benefits applicable to organizations participating in the common system of salaries and allowances,

3. Authorizes the Director-General to apply to Unesco staff any such measures adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, such application to take effect at the date determined by the General Assembly;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to the Executive Board on all measures taken to give effect to this resolution.

41.2 Staff in the General Service category

The General Conference,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on action taken in pursuance of 23 C/Resolution 40.2, concerning salaries, allowances and other benefits of staff in the General Service category at Headquarters (24 C/57),

1. Takes note of the revised salary scale and children's allowance which became effective on 1 December 1986;
2. Authorizes the Director-General:
  - (a) to participate with the International Civil Service Commission in the conduct of a survey on the best conditions of service in Paris in 1988 and 1989, and to examine together with the ICSC the appropriateness of the present system of adjustments;
  - (b) to continue, in the meantime, making pensionable adjustments to General Service salary scales at the rate of 4 per cent whenever the General Quarterly Index of Hourly Rates published by the French Ministry of Labour and Employment shows a movement of 5 per cent over the previous base index.

42 **Geographical distribution of the staff and  
medium-term overall plan (1984-1989)  
for the recruitment and renewal of the staff**

At its thirty-second plenary meeting, on 14 November 1987, the General Conference decided to defer consideration of the geographical distribution of staff and consideration of the quota system until its twenty-fifth session.



43 **Report by the Director-General  
on staff questions**

The General Conference,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 0.9 (Part III),

Having undertaken, in the light of the Report by the Director-General on Staff Questions (24 C/59), a review of the staff reduction and redeployment exercise within the Secretariat,

1. Welcomes 127 EX/Decision 5.1.2 (paras. 16 to 24) on personnel questions and in particular the in-depth study of a comprehensive personnel policy provided for in paragraph 23;
2. Thanks the Director-General for the information provided in that report on the initiatives taken and the results achieved within the framework of the above-mentioned exercise;
3. Takes note of the measures taken by the Director-General during the period concerned and of the action taken since the end of the operation to deal with its administrative and budgetary consequences.

44 **Unesco Staff Pension Committee:  
Election of representatives of Member States  
for 1988-1989**

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/61,

Appoints the representatives of the following six Member States to the Unesco Staff Pension Committee for the years 1988-1989:

As members

Belgium  
India  
Mexico

As alternates

Burundi  
Kuwait  
Belorussian Soviet  
Socialist Republic

45 **State of the Medical Benefits Fund**

The General Conference,

Having considered the report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (24 C/62 and Add.),

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Having taken note of the deficit in the operational account of the Fund for 1986 and for the period from 1 January to 30 September 1987,

Conscious of the need for the medium and long-term financial equilibrium of the Medical Benefits Fund to be ensured,

Recognizing that a sickness insurance scheme providing a sufficient level of benefits constitutes a vital component of the social protection of all the staff of the Organization,

1. Supports the austerity measures which the Director-General has taken to safeguard the financial balance of the Medical Benefits Fund;
2. Invites the Director-General to keep a close watch on developments in the Fund's financial situation and to report to the General Conference, at its twenty-fifth session, on any other measures that he has adopted or that he may intend to recommend for decision to the General Conference;
3. Further invites the Director-General to make proposals at a future time, when the financial situation of the Organization improves, to provide the Fund with the necessary means to ensure that medical reimbursements are maintained at an adequate level.

## XI Headquarters questions

### 46 Mandate of the Headquarters Committee<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Having taken note of the report of the Director-General (24 C/66) and of the report of the Headquarters Committee (24 C/64),

Recalling the provisions of Rules 42, 45 and 47.2 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Decides to renew the mandate of the Headquarters Committee, composed of 25 members, until the end of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference. The geographical distribution of the seats shall reflect that of the Executive Board. The Committee will elect a bureau consisting of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Rapporteur and two members, with a view to having each geographical group represented in the bureau;
2. Decides that the Committee shall meet, whenever necessary, at the request of the Director-General or on the initiative of its Chairman, in order to advise the Director-General on all questions relating to the Organization's Headquarters submitted by him or by a member of the Committee, and to provide the Director-General with advice, suggestions, guidance and recommendations in this connection;
3. Decides that, within the framework of this mandate, the Committee's business shall concern not only problems relating to the construction, improvement, conservation, maintenance, decoration, use, safety and security of the buildings and technical facilities at Headquarters as such but also, more generally, the management of all the common services which are directly involved in the operation of Headquarters and which affect the Secretariat and the permanent delegations and non-governmental organizations occupying Headquarters offices;
4. Invites the Headquarters Committee to report to the General Conference, at its twenty-fifth session, on the work undertaken within the frame of reference laid down above.

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1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the thirty-second plenary meeting, on 14 November 1987.

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### 47 Methods of preparing the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 and budgeting techniques<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

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Having examined the methods of preparing the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989,

1. Notes that the budgeting techniques decided upon by the General Conference in 22 C/Resolution 44 and by the Executive Board in 125 EX/Decision 7.3 have been correctly applied by the Director-General in preparing the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 (24 C/5);
2. Decides that the following items should be included in the budget provision of \$313,020,500 for Parts I to VI of document 24 C/5:
  - (a) the mandatory provision for the increase of \$300,000 in the Organization's contribution to the Medical Benefits Fund on behalf of associate members;
  - (b) any increase in staff costs which may arise in the event of a change in the rate of staff turnover;
  - (c) the reserve for draft resolutions submitted by Member States and approved by the General Conference;

II

Conscious of the interrelationship between the application of the Organization's budgeting techniques relating, in particular, to inflation and currency fluctuation, on the one hand, and Member States' contributions, on the other,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the twenty-seventh plenary meeting, on 6 November 1987.

3. Invites the Executive Board to pay particular attention to this interrelationship in its review of the budgeting techniques of the Organization, foreseen for 1988.

## 48 General Policy and Direction<sup>1</sup>

### 48.1 General Conference and Executive Board

The General Conference,

Cognizant of the recommendations made by the Executive Board at its 127th session (127 EX/Decision 5.1,2) concerning the simplification of the agenda and working procedures of the General Conference, and at its 126th session (126 EX/Decision 5.1.2 (Annex)) concerning the improvement of its own functioning and working methods,

Being of the opinion that the duration of future sessions of the General Conference and of the Executive Board could be curtailed consequent upon the necessary reduction in their respective agendas, notwithstanding the need for the next General Conference to consider the third Medium-Term Plan in addition to its regular work,

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- i. Invites the Executive Board to undertake a study of ways and means of achieving these objectives without detriment to the constitutional obligations and efficiency of the General Conference or of the Executive Board;

#### II

Noting that a reduction of five working days in the duration of the General Conference would result in savings of approximately \$500,000 in Part I, Chapter 1, of the Programme and Budget,

Being of the opinion that additional savings can be made in this and other areas, for example by reducing the volume of documentation,

2. Calls upon Member States to facilitate the achievement of the proposed economy measures, both as regards their documentation requests and by strict observance of the time-limits for the debates;
3. Further calls upon Member States to bear in mind, as of now, the need for careful selection of the number of items to be proposed for the agenda of the next session of the General Conference, whether originating from the Member States themselves, from decisions taken at the present session of the General Conference or from future sessions of the Executive Board;

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1. Resolutions adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the thirty-second plenary meeting, on 14 November 1987.

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III

Noting that a reduction of an average of five working days per session of the Executive Board would result in savings of approximately \$500,000 in Part I, Chapter 2, of the Programme and Budget,

4. Invites the Executive Board to aim at reducing, as far as possible, the duration of its sessions so as to achieve this objective, together with further economies<sup>1</sup> in its operating costs, in particular the travel, per diem and hospitality costs, without detriment to its constitutional obligations;
5. Invites the Executive Board to take a decision on this matter, at its 130th session at the latest;

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6. Decides that any savings thus made in the relevant parts of document 24 C/S, regarding both the General Conference and the Executive Board, should be transferred to Part VI of the budget to cover the unamortized construction costs;
7. Decides, in the meantime, to keep in reserve \$1,240,000 of the appropriations in Part I, Chapters 1 and 2.

48.2 Services of the Directorate

The General Conference,

Recalling 120 EX/Decisions 3.1 and 5.1.2, in which the Executive Board endorsed the recommendations of its Temporary Committee (120 EX/3) on the evaluation of the Organization's activities and 23 C/Resolution 46,

1. Indicative figures for amounts of further economies which should be effected in Part I, Chapter 2, are as follows:

Travel:	Reduction in the rate of reimbursement of air tickets for members of the Executive Board or their deputies from First Class to Business Class for flights not exceeding five hours	\$100,000
	Reduction in the number of air tickets to be reimbursed to members of the Executive Board residing in Paris to one return journey per year	\$ 60,000
Per Diem:	economies in the budget for per diem payable to members of the Executive Board residing in Paris	\$ 60,000
Hospitality:	Overall reduction	\$ 20,000

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Recalling further the establishment by the Director-General in January 1985 of a Central Evaluation Unit and acknowledging its functions and role, as described in document 23 C/5, with regard to the collation and analysis of the results of the various evaluation activities aimed at improving the execution of ongoing programmes and the preparation of future programmes,

Drawing attention to the need to enhance the capacity of the Central Evaluation Unit in order to enable it to provide effective guidance for the various evaluation activities of the different divisions and sections within the Secretariat and to manage the overall process of these activities,

Recognizing that an evaluation system is an important instrument enabling Member States to assess the effectiveness of Unesco's activities,

Underlining the importance of the work of the Central Evaluation Unit in implementing the Organization's evaluation system, and expressing its firm belief that the implementation of regular impact evaluations of the Organization's programmes can help the Secretariat and the Member States in making decisions on the appropriate adjustments to the planning, programming and implementation of the programmes,

Noting that so far out of a total of 151 Unesco programmes and subprogrammes the Central Evaluation Unit has completed nine impact evaluations or related studies, which have been submitted to the Executive Board,

Calling for the further enhancement of the role and capacity of the Central Evaluation Unit, consistent with its mandate,

Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to prepare, within the limits of existing resources, a report on the initiatives taken to enhance the functioning of the Central Evaluation Unit and to submit it to the Executive Board at its 129th session;
- (b) to submit suggestions concerning the organizational location of the Central Evaluation Unit within the Secretariat, in order to secure its more independent functioning under the direct responsibility of the Director-General;
- (c) to specify in qualitative and quantitative terms how the Central Evaluation Unit could be strengthened in the future.



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## 49 **Guidelines for the celebration of anniversaries of great personalities and events<sup>1</sup>**

The General Conference,

Considering that the international celebration of the anniversaries of great personalities and events whose impact in the fields of Unesco's competence is universal is a valuable contribution to the fulfillment of the aims of the Organization,

Mindful, however, that in view of the large number and the diversity of anniversaries the celebration of which might be considered desirable, a careful approach is necessary to ensure that Unesco will derive from its activities in this field the greatest possible benefit for its public image,

1. Deems it necessary that a suitable procedure be introduced for requesting and granting Unesco's participation in the celebration of such anniversaries and for the inclusion of activities related to them in the programme and budget;
2. Invites the Director-General to undertake, in co-operation with the Member States concerned, a study evaluating the Organization's past activities regarding the celebration of anniversaries of great personalities and events and to propose guidelines for future activities in this field for consideration by the Executive Board at its 129th session.

## 50 **Definition of regions with a view to the execution of regional activities<sup>2</sup>**

50.1 Participation by the following Member States in the Organization's regional activities in the Asia and the Pacific region: Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates and Yemen

The General Conference,

Considering 23 C/Resolution 50, by which it decided to defer to its twenty-fourth session the question of participation in the Organization's regional activities in Asia and the Pacific by the following 11 Member States: Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates and Yemen,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of Commission I at the twenty-ninth plenary meeting, on 13 November 1987.
2. Resolutions adopted on the report of Commission I at the twenty-ninth plenary meeting, on 13 November 1987.

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Bearing in mind the desire expressed by Egypt to take part in the Organization's regional activities in the Asia and the Pacific region,

Taking into consideration the feasibility study carried out by the Secretariat on the budgetary implications of participation by the countries concerned in the Organization's regional activities in Asia and the Pacific, as set out in the annex to document 24 C/38,

Convinced that this move is likely to reinforce co-operation resulting in educational and intercultural enrichment, the promotion and transfer of scientific and technical knowledge, and understanding between peoples,

1. Recognizes that the bringing about of such co-operation on a reciprocal basis should take place progressively, without financial implications for the host region, being implemented by means of non-representative meetings, that is meetings in categories V to VIII as defined by 14 C/Resolution 23, which deals with the classification of meetings convened by Unesco;
2. Decides to recommend that the countries of both the regions concerned evaluate the experience gained in this field before taking such other steps as may be mutually agreed.

50.2 Participation of Aruba, an Associate Member, in the regional activities of the Organization in Latin America and the Caribbean

The General Conference,

Having considered the documents on the definition of regions with a view to the implementation of regional activities (24 C/102) and the admission of Aruba as an Associate Member of the Organization (24 C/103),

Recalling 13 C/Resolution 5.91 and 18 C/Resolution 46.1 setting forth the principles for the inclusion of Member States in geographical regions for the purpose of programme execution,

Also recalling 19 C/Resolution 37.1 by which it decided 'to take all appropriate measures to complete the list of Member States empowered to participate in the regional activities of the Organization' ,

Having considered the request of Aruba to be admitted to the Latin American and Caribbean region for the purpose of programme execution,

Decides, having admitted Aruba as an Associate Member of the Organization, to authorize it also to take part in Unesco's activities in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

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## 51 **Change of name and Statute of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit<sup>1</sup>**

The General Conference,

Recalling 20 C/Resolution 39.1 in which the General Conference accepted the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit,

Taking note of decision 3.3.1 adopted by the Executive Board at its 127th session,

Taking note also of the recommendations of the Group of High-level Inter-governmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, which were approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolution 41/213,

Considering that, in accordance with the Group's Recommendation 63, the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-second session will be examining a change to the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, renaming it as Joint Inspection and Evaluation Unit in order to reflect the added emphasis on the evaluation aspect of its work,

Considering further that the change may come into effect before the next session of the General Conference,

Invites the Executive Board to study the changes to the Statute once they are approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations, to take appropriate measures to ensure that Unesco continues to benefit from the operation of the Unit, and to report to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session on the action it has taken.

## 52 **Working languages of the Organization<sup>2</sup>**

### 52.1 Wider use of the Russian language

The General Conference,

Having examined document 24 C/39,

Recalling 20 C/Resolution 38.11, 21 C/Resolution 41.1, 22 C/Resolution 47.1 and 23 C/Resolution 51, in which stress is laid on the importance of the Russian language and on the need to ensure that this

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the thirty-second plenary meeting, on 14 November 1987.
2. Resolutions adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission at the thirty-second plenary meeting, on 14 November 1987.

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language gradually attains the status enjoyed by the more widely used working languages. of the Organization,

1. Notes the measures taken by the Director-General to implement the above-mentioned resolutions;
2. Requests the Director-General to do everything possible, taking into account the reduction in the Organization's expenditure and the resulting reduction in the volume of its documentation and the number of its publications, to ensure the most appropriate level of use of the Russian language, within the limits of the appropriation in the Approved Programme and Budget for 1988-1989, and to take the necessary steps for its wider use;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session.

### 52.2 Use of the Chinese language

The General Conference,

Recalling 18 C/Resolution 43.11, entitled 'Progressive use of Chinese as a working language of the General Conference and the Executive Board',

Expressing its satisfaction with the measures adopted by the Director-General to implement that resolution,

Appreciating the Director-General's efforts to ensure wider use of the Chinese language in the Organization,

Mindful of the Organization's role as a centre for promoting rapprochement, exchanges, mutual appreciation and the interaction of many different cultures, and of its historic mission in that field,

Bearing in mind that the Chinese language is used by more than one fifth of the world's population, that it has been one of the principal media of communication of human civilization since the most ancient times, that its wider use in the Organization is of great importance for the attainment of the objectives laid down in the Organization's Constitution, and that growing numbers of people are learning and using the Chinese language in the world today,

Recognizing that the potential of the Chinese language as an effective medium of international communication has not yet been fully exploited,

Considering that the Chinese language should be given the same status as the other working languages in everyday use in the Organization,

1. Invites the Director-General to take the measures necessary to maintain the use of the Chinese language, in the 1988-1989 biennium, at the same level, in practice, as in the preceding biennium and to broaden its use;

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2. Also invites the Director-General to identify the measures to be taken to give Chinese progressively, during the period covered by the third Medium-Term Plan, the same status as the other working languages in everyday use in the Organization and to report on the subject to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session.

### 52.3 Implementation of 18 C/Resolution 43.31 and 19 C/Resolution 38.11 concerning the effective equality of treatment of the Spanish language with the more widely used languages of the Organization

The General Conference,

Confirming 18 C/Resolution 43.31 and 19 C/Resolution 38.11, under which an equivalent status to that of the more widely used working languages of the Organization is attributed to the Spanish language,

Stressing that Spanish is the means of communication of more than 20 States and some 300 million people for whom it is their mother tongue, and also the constant and vigorous demographic and cultural expansion of the Spanish-language population,

Recalling that, for the reasons given above, the Spanish language merits appropriate recognition on the part of the international agencies, in particular Unesco, in view of the fundamental importance languages have in the field of culture, education, science and communication - subjects which fall within Unesco's specific field of competence,

Considering in consequence that in Unesco languages are vital elements in a balanced implementation of the programme, which implies that when it is necessary to make savings in activities related to them they should be subject to reduction only as a last resort,

Having noted that despite the provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions, the Spanish language has recently suffered a considerable decline in percentage terms by comparison with the other more widely used working languages of the Organization, in particular as concerns publications other than periodicals, a relative decline which cannot be justified by the budgetary restraints to which Unesco is subjected,

Having also noted that as regards periodicals, the journal Impact and "the International Social Science Journal, which cover particular areas of interest and are distributed on a special basis, are not published in Spanish, and that the same is true of the newsletter Unesco News,

Considering that in recent biennia hardly any Spanish manuscript has been selected to serve as a basis for non-periodical publications,

Noting that of the publication units of the various sectors making up the Secretariat only that of the Education Sector has a Professional category official who is Spanish-speaking, which limits the number of Unesco publications in Spanish and, as a consequence, the

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access of the countries speaking that language to those publications,

Noting that the Draft Programme and Budget for 1988-1989 envisages the organization of category II meetings and meetings to be held in Spanish-speaking countries without any provision being made for interpretation or documentation in Spanish, contrary to the provisions of 19 C/Resolution 38.11,

1. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts he has made to give the Spanish language its due place within the Organization, but nevertheless expresses its concern at the way the situation has developed recently;
2. Invites the Director-General to do everything in his power, within the limits of the 1988-1989 budget, to ensure that:
  - (a) Spanish is effectively treated on an equal footing with the other more widely used working languages of the Organization, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions;
  - (b) the position of Spanish, especially in the field of publications, is restored to the right balance;
  - (c) steps are taken to remedy deficiencies with regard to the provision of interpretation and documentation in Spanish in the case of category II meetings, meetings held in Spanish-speaking countries and, generally, meetings that may be of special interest to those countries;
  - (d) the use of Spanish is encouraged among members of the Secretariat, especially in cases where the nature of the activity concerned so requires.

52.4 Use of the Portuguese language in Unesco

The General Conference,

Recalling Recommendation No. 73 of the World Conference on Cultural Policies, held in Mexico City in 1982, which requested the Director-General to study the possibility of introducing Portuguese as a working language of Unesco,

Recalling 23 C/Resolution 31.2, in which it decided to add Portuguese to the list of official languages of the General Conference,

Bearing in mind the ultimate aim of implementing to the full the above-mentioned resolution of the MONDIACULT Conference,

Taking account of the fact that, by the year 2000, over 200,000,000 people will be speaking Portuguese,

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### Requests the Director-General:

- (a) to prepare a study on the possibility of gradually introducing the Portuguese language as a working language of the Organization, as from 1990, having regard to the importance of that language, spoken in five continents, as a medium of international communication, an instrument for bringing peoples closer together and a means of expressing cultural identities, in the context of the objective recognized by Unesco of promoting cultural plurality within the Organization, and taking account of the financial resources available to the Organization;
- (b) to take steps to see that some of Unesco's major studies and publications are issued in Portuguese;
- (c) to continue to arrange for the publication, in the Unesco Collection of Representative Works, of the most outstanding literary writings in the Portuguese language;
- (d) to arrange for the publication in the Portuguese language of representative works of world literature;
- (e) to support by suitable means the national publishing capabilities of African countries whose official language is Portuguese, particularly in respect of school textbooks and other educational works;
- (f) to encourage the use of the Portuguese language by staff members of the Organization's Regional Offices, in Africa in particular.



## XIII Twenty-fifth session of the General Conference

### 53 Place of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference,

Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,

Considering that, on the date fixed by Rule 3, no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its twenty-fifth session on its territory,

Decides to hold its twenty-fifth session at the Headquarters of the Organization, in Paris.

### 54 Composition of the committees for the twenty-fifth session

On the report of the Nominations Committee, the General Conference, at its thirty-fourth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987, elected the following Member States as members of the undermentioned committees until the close of the twenty-fifth session:

#### Legal Committee (twenty-one members)

Afghanistan	Czechoslovakia	Sweden
Algeria	Egypt	Switzerland
Antigua and Barbuda	El Salvador	Togo
Argentina	France	Tunisia
Australia	Jordan	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Benin	Netherlands	Venezuela
Cameroon	Portugal	
Chile		

1. Resolution adopted at the thirty-fifth plenary meeting, on 16 November 1987.

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Headquarters Committee (twenty-five members)

Australia	Ghana	Suriname
Benin	India	Swaziland
Burkina Faso	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Switzerland
Costa Rica	Israel	Togo
Czechoslovakia	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Dominican Republic	Nigeria	Uruguay
Ethiopia	Oman	Yemen
Finland	Philippines	
France	Sri Lanka	

## **Annex**

## Annex: List of officers elected at the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference

The following are the elected officers of the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference:

### **President of the General Conference**

Mr Guillermo Putzeys Alvarez (Guatemala).

### **Vice-Presidents of the General Conference**

Heads of the delegations of the following Member States: Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Ethiopia, France, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Haiti, India, Iraq, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Peru, Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Yemen, Zaire, Zimbabwe.

### **Commission I**

Chairwoman: Mrs Savitri Suwansathit (Thailand).<sup>1</sup>

Vice-Chairmen and Vice-Chairwoman:  
Mr Domingos Van-Dunem (Angola),

Mr Siegfried Kaempf (German Democratic Republic), Mrs Diana Espino de Ortega (Uruguay) and Mr Ahmad Muhammad Hashim (Yemen).  
Rapporteur: Miss Geneviève Rouchet (France).

### **Commission II**

Chairman: Mr Jaroslav Kubrycht (Czechoslovakia).

Vice-Chairmen and Vice-Chairwoman:  
Mr Adamou Ndam Njoya (Cameroon), Mrs Vivanne Rivera de Solis (Costa Rica), Mr Ghiorgious Markou (Greece) and Mr Shouaib Almansouri (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya).

Rapporteur: Mr David Macintyre (Australia).

### **Commission III**

Chairman: Mr Marcel Roche (Venezuela).

Vice-Chairmen: Mr Klaus Thureau (Federal Republic of Germany), Mr Abdellah Maslout (Morocco), Mr Leland Villadolid (Philippines) and Mr Ignacy Malecki (Poland).

Rapporteur: Mr Michel Favereau (Madagascar).

1. Mrs Savitri Suwansathit was elected following the resignation of Mr Majeed Khan (Bangladesh).

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**Commission IV**

Chairman: Mr Alphonse Blagué (Central African Republic).

Vice-Chairmen and Vice-Chairwomen: Mr Sergio Martinez Baeza (Chile), Mr Réza Feiz (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mrs Ba Diye (Mauritania), Mrs Natasa Kohútkova (Czechoslovakia).

Rapporteur: Mr Georges-Henri Dumont (Belgium).

**Commission V**

Chairman: Mr Iba Der Thiam (Senegal).

Vice-Chairmen: Mr Juan Luis Martín Chávez (Cuba), Mr Harsja W. Bachtiar (Indonesia), Mr A.C. Zijderveld (Netherlands) and Mr Hicham Haddad (Syrian Arab Republic).

Rapporteur: Mr Aleksandr S. Slipchenko (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic).

**Administrative Commission**

Chairman: Mr Andri Isaksson (Iceland).

Vice-Chairmen: Mr Juan Archibald Lanús (Argentina), Mr Aleksandr B. Demine (Belorussian Soviet Socialist Republic), Mr Pierre Foulani (Niger) and Mr Hussein Bayoumi El Sayeh (Sudan).

Rapporteur: Mr Nobuo Nishizaki (Japan).

**Credentials Committee**

Chairman: Mr Edward Victor Luckhoo (Guyana).

**Nominations Committee**

Chairman: Mr Mohamed Fathallah El-Khatib (Egypt).

Vice-Chairmen: Mr Idris Tain (Malaysia) and Mr Musa Justice Nsi-bande (Swaziland).

**Legal Committee**

Chairwoman: Mrs Elsa Kelly (Argentina).

Vice-Chairman: Mr G.J. Leibbrandt (Netherlands).

Rapporteur: Mr Amer Jomard (Iraq).

**Headquarters Committee**

Chairman: Mr Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland).

Vice-Chairmen: Mr Laurent-Marie Biffot (Gabon) and Mr Guillermo Putzeys Alvarez (Guatemala).

Rapporteur: Mr Ananda Guruge (Sri Lanka).

**Drafting and Negotiation Group**

Chairwoman: Mrs Attiya Inayatullah (Pakistan).