



Item 16.4 of the provisional agenda

**REQUEST FOR THE ADMISSION OF NIUE AS A MEMBER OF UNESCO**  
(item proposed by the Executive Board)

1. By letter dated 20 August 1993 addressed to the Director-General, His Excellency Mr F.F. Li, Premier of Niue, applied on behalf of his government for the admission of Niue to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
2. The text of that letter is reproduced in the Annex.
3. In accordance with Rule 92 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, this application is accompanied by a statement that Niue undertakes to abide by the Constitution, to accept the obligations contained therein and to contribute to the expenses of the Organization.
4. Under the terms of Article II, paragraph 2, of the Constitution of UNESCO, States not members of the United Nations may be admitted to membership of the Organization, upon recommendation of the Executive Board, by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference.
5. At its 142nd session, the Executive Board adopted the following decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that the Premier of Niue has, on 20 August 1993 requested the admission of Niue to membership of UNESCO,
2. Having noted that Niue accepts UNESCO's Constitution and is ready to fulfil the obligations that will devolve upon it by virtue of its admission and to contribute towards meeting the expenses of the Organization,
3. Decides, pursuant to Article II, paragraph 2, of UNESCO's Constitution, to recommend that the General Conference, at its twenty-seventh session, admit Niue to membership of the Organization;

4. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following resolution:

The General Conference,

Considering that the Premier of Niue has, on 20 August 1993, requested the admission of Niue to membership of UNESCO,

Having noted that Niue accepts UNESCO's Constitution and is ready to fulfil the obligations which will devolve upon it by virtue of its admission and to contribute towards meeting the expenses of the Organization,

Having noted that the Executive Board, at its 142nd session, recommend the admission of Niue to membership of UNESCO,

Decides to admit Niue as a member of UNESCO.

6. Under the terms of Article II, paragraph 2, of the Constitution of UNESCO, and Rule 93 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, it is now for the General Conference, to decide whether to admit Niue to membership of UNESCO. In accordance with Article II, paragraph 2, of the Constitution and Rule 81, paragraph (a), of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, a majority of two thirds is required for this purpose.

**ANNEX**  
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Dear Director-General,

I refer to the application filed by Niue dated 2 August 1993 seeking associate membership of UNESCO. My Government has considered its position further, and now wishes to amend its application for associate membership in UNESCO to one seeking **FULL MEMBERSHIP**. In all other respects the details provided in the application remain unchanged, and I believe are supportive of the application for full membership.

I reaffirm the commitment of the Niue Government to meet all the obligations enshrined in the Constitution of UNESCO and my Government pledges and undertakes to abide by its provisions. My Government also accepts and agrees to contribute to the expenses of the Organization as a full member as required by the Constitution of UNESCO.

I submit, Sir, my very best wishes and kindest regards and the assurances of my Government's highest consideration.

(signed)

F.F. Lui  
Premier