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Corrigendum

Decision 4.4.1 should read as follows:

4.4.1 Protection and promotion of the cultural rights of persons belonging to minorities, within UNESCO's fields of competence (144 EX/15 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 142 EX/Decision 5.5.3, in which it invited the Director-General to submit to it at its 144th session a detailed document on the protection and promotion of the cultural rights of persons belonging to minorities within UNESCO's fields of competence,

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the ongoing activities undertaken by the Secretariat as described in document 144 EX/15, as amended in its paragraph 62;

3. Invites the Director-General to continue to implement the activities scheduled for the 1994-1995 biennium and to report to it in due course.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)
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ITEM 1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (144 EX/1)

At its first meeting, the Executive Board adopted the agenda as set out in document 144 EX/1.

The Executive Board decided to refer to the commissions and committees specified below the following items of its agenda:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission**: items 3.3, 4.1 (Parts II and IV), 4.2.1 to 4.2.5, 4.2.7, 4.3.1, 4.4.1 to 4.4.3, 5.1, 5.1.1 to 5.1.5, 7.1 and 7.4.

2. **Finance and Administrative Commission**: items 3.4, 4.1 (Part III), 6.1 to 6.9.

3. **Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations**: item 5.2.

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 142nd AND 143rd SESSIONS (142 EX/SR.1-13 and 143 EX/SR.1-4)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 142nd and 143rd sessions.

ITEM 3 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

3.1 General Conference and Executive Board

3.1.1 Methods of work of the General Conference and the Executive Board, including measures to be taken to implement Part III, paragraph 6(b) of 26 C/Resolution 19.3 (144 EX/32 and Add. and 144 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 39, which requested the Executive Board to review the existing working methods of the General Conference for the purpose of bringing about greater efficiency and a more productive outcome, and to consult Member States in that connection by means of a questionnaire,

2. Further recalling paragraph III.6(b) of 26 C/Resolution 19.3, which requested the Executive Board to improve the structure and working methods of the Executive Board in its new form by all appropriate measures,

3. Thanks the President of the General Conference for having prepared for it the questionnaire proposed in document 132 EX/32 Add.;
4. **Approves** the questionnaire as revised by the President of the General Conference in the light of the comments made by members of the Special Committee (contained in the Annex to document 144 EX/38) and expresses the wish that it be sent with all speed to Member States, whenever possible through their permanent delegates to the Organization;

5. **Requests** the President of the General Conference, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to analyse and summarize the replies of Member States to the questionnaire and to communicate the findings and his own conclusions to it at its 145th session;

6. **Invites** the Director-General:

   (a) to distribute to Member States, Associate Member States and intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations his summary of the statements of the Heads of Delegation made during the general debate at each session of the General Conference, identifying and highlighting their opinions and expectations, for the preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Plan (C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5);

   (b) to ensure that, following the conclusion of consultations with National Commissions, the timetable for the preparation and presentation of future Draft Medium-Term Plans (C/4) and Programmes and Budgets (C/5) enables the General Conference, the Executive Board and the Secretariat to exercise their full constitutional role in the preparation and finalization of the Draft Medium-Term Plan and the Draft Programme and Budget;

   (c) to study, in consultation with the United Nations and other appropriate Specialized Agencies, and in the light of their experience, ways of improving the structure, conduct of proceedings and time management of the general debate at the General Conference, so that the debate is more relevant to the future work of the Organization, and of restructuring general debate in the commissions of the General Conference;

   (d) to examine the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference concerning the submission, consideration, categorization and adoption of draft resolutions with a view to clarifying and simplifying the categories of draft resolutions and the deadlines for their submission;

   (e) to review all the Organization's constitutional and statutory texts concerning voting with a view to making recommendations on the amendments that would be necessary to enable Member States to ensure uniform voting procedures in elections conducted during the General Conference;

   (f) to indicate the cost and benefit of introducing an electronic voting system in the General Conference and the Executive Board;
7. **Invites** the Director-General to report on the results of his studies on the above to the Executive Board and to submit to it recommendations, at its 145th session, taking into account the replies of Member States to the questionnaire;

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8. **Decides** to set up within the Special Committee a working group, composed of six members of the Committee (Benin, Brazil, Egypt, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation), to study, taking into account the opinions of the representatives of Member States, the various possible means whereby the Board could institute arrangements for thorough intersessional preparatory and follow-up work, and to submit recommendations thereon to the Special Committee at the 145th session of the Board;

9. **Decides also** that from now on:

   (a) the plenary of the Board will adopt draft decisions from each commission (Programme and External Relations Commission and Finance and Administrative Commission) as a whole, unless a Member State requests a specific decision to be adopted separately;

   (b) the Committees’ draft decisions and reports should be dealt with as at present.

(144 EX/SR.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

### 3.1.2 Report by the Bureau on questions that do not appear to require debate (144 EX/2)

The Executive Board **approved** the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 144 EX/2 concerning items:

4.3.2 Amendments to the General Regulations of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize

5.3 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the Commonwealth of Learning

5.4 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the International Centre for Agriculture and the Biosciences (CAB International)

5.5 Relations with the Latin American Parliament, and draft agreement between that body and UNESCO

and referred items:

4.2.4 Amendment to the Statutes of the Advisory Committee of the UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES) and

4.3.1 Draft Statutes of the Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy

and referred items:

4.2.4 Amendment to the Statutes of the Advisory Committee of the UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES) and

4.3.1 Draft Statutes of the Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy

and referred items:

(144 EX/SR.1, 2, 4)
3.1.3 **Question of the election of temporary chairmen of subsidiary bodies** *(144 EX/31)*

The Executive Board,

1. **Recalling** the discussion on the subject at its 143rd session,

2. **Recognizing** the possible need temporarily to replace the chairpersons of its commissions and committees,

3. **Decides**, on an experimental basis for the current biennium, that each commission and committee shall elect from among the representatives of its Member States at the opening of each session and for the duration of that session a temporary chairperson from the same electoral group as the one to which its chairperson belongs to replace the latter in the exercise of all his or her functions during his or her temporary absence.

 *(144 EX/SR.1, 4)*

3.1.4 **Placement of new Member States in electoral groups: equitable distribution between all electoral groups of seats on the Executive Board and all the subsidiary organs of the Organization** *(144 EX/INF.4)*

The Executive Board,

1. **Having examined** document 144 EX/INF.4,

2. **Takes note** of its content;

3. **Decides** to include this item on the agenda of its 145th session.

 *(144 EX/SR.6)*

3.1.5 **Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** *(144 EX/4, Parts I and II and 144 EX/38)*

The Executive Board,

1. **Having examined** the proposed amendments to its Rules of Procedure contained in Part II of document 144 EX/4,

2. **Decides** to amend Rules 5, 22, 35, 44 and 60 in accordance with the proposals set out in the above-mentioned document;

3. **Also decides** to add to its Rules of Procedure Rules 10a, 34a, 42a and 47a, as proposed in the above-mentioned document;

4. **Decides** to amend Rules 27 and 45 as follows:

   'Rule 27: Speeches

   1. No one may address the Board without having previously obtained the permission of the Chairman. The Chairman may call a speaker to
order if his or her remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

2. Representatives of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies may participate, without the right to vote, in the discussions of the Board and its subsidiary bodies.

3. Observers of Member States and of non-Member States may be invited by the Board to address it on matters under discussion.

4. Observers of intergovernmental or international non-governmental organizations and other qualified persons may be invited by the Board to address it on matters within their competence.

5. Any Member of the Board may take part in the work of subsidiary bodies to which it does not belong. In such cases, and in the absence of any contrary decision by the Board, it shall not have the right to vote'.

'Rule 45: Show of hands

Voting shall normally be by show of hands. In this case, if there is any doubt concerning the result of a vote, the Chairman may take a second vote by show of hands or by roll-call'.

5. Decides to delete Rule 49 of its Rules of Procedure and to replace the former Rule 12 by the following new Rules 12 and 12a:

'Rule 12: General powers of the Chairman

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these Rules, the Chairman shall have the following powers: he shall declare the opening and closing of meetings, shall direct the discussion, ensure the observance of these Rules, accord the right to speak, rule on points of order, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He shall have the right to take part in the discussions and to vote but shall not have a casting vote. He shall represent the Board with Member States, the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations and the Director-General. He shall exercise all other functions given to him by the Board.

Rule 12a: Bureau

1. To assist him in the exercise of his functions, the Chairman may convocate, in connection with sessions of the Board and, in case of necessity, between sessions, the Vice-Chairmen and the Chairmen of the permanent commissions, the Special Committee, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations who shall constitute, with him, the Bureau of the Board.
2. Questions relating to invitations to conferences and the conclusion of agreements with international organizations or other matters on which it appears unnecessary to open a discussion shall be studied by the Bureau, which shall transmit to the Board suggestions as to the required decision. Any Member may, at the time of the transmission of those suggestions, request a discussion of any item for which the Bureau has recommended adoption of decisions without discussion; in that case, the item mentioned shall be discussed by the Board.

3. The Bureau will act as an agenda committee to recommend the allocation of time and the order of business for the session.

6. Decides that Rule 10a shall take effect after the General Conference has given its agreement;

7. Also decides to invite the Special Committee to review substantially Rules 12, 13, 14 and 15 of its Rules of Procedure.

(144 EX/SR.5)

3.2 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (144 EX/3 PRIV.)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's deliberations on this subject.

(144 EX/SR.11)

3.3 Plan of action for decentralization (144 EX/5 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 144 EX/5 on the plan of action for decentralization and taken note of the achievements and prospects in terms of decentralization,

2. Recalling that decentralization must be based on strengthening the partnership between the Secretariat and the National Commissions of Member States in the definition and implementation of the activities of the Organization,

3. Considering that decentralization of resources and responsibilities must be accompanied by a clear statement of the role of each office,

4. Believing in the importance of carefully selecting regional and field office staff in accordance with the role those offices are to play,

5. Recalling the invitation to the Director-General at its 141st session to evaluate, region by region, each and every UNESCO field office,
6. Noting that the post of Director of the Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (PROAP) will become vacant at some time over the next 12 months,

7. Invites the Director-General to bring forward to 1994 an evaluation of the role, responsibilities and resources of PROAP and field offices in the Asia-Pacific region, in consultation with Member States and National Commissions of the Asia-Pacific region;

8. Requests the Director-General to present the interim report of that evaluation focusing on PROAP to it at its 145th session;

9. Decides that, at its 145th session, five regional working groups will be set up from among its Members to meet separately for a half day to:

   (a) review UNESCO's activities of decentralization in their respective regions;

   (b) be better informed of the roles of the respective subregional and Regional Offices and field units in realizing UNESCO's overall objective of decentralization;

   (c) review the co-operation with National Commissions, which are among the chief participants in the decentralization process;

10. Further decides that, at the 145th session, the plenary will be scheduled for a half day for an overall review of decentralization activities based on the reports of the above-mentioned five working groups.

3.4 Report of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit on relationship agreements between the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies: review and strengthening of sections pertaining to the common system of salaries, allowances and conditions of service (JIU/REP/93/3) (144 EX/6 and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 144 EX/6,

2. Thanks JIU for its report entitled 'Relationship agreements between the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies: Review and strengthening of sections pertaining to the common system of salaries, allowances and conditions of service' (JIU/REP/93/3);

3. Takes note of the above report.
ITEM 4  EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

4.1 Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization since the 142nd session (144 EX/INF.3, Parts I, II, III and IV)

I

Culture of peace

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on the activities of the Organization since the 142nd session of the Executive Board (144 EX/INF.3, Part I, paras. 2 to 6),

2. Recalling document 141 EX/16: Action programme to promote a culture of peace,

3. Recalling further the support for the programme of peace-building activities in El Salvador set forth in section VI of the action programme to promote a culture of peace (142 EX/13),

4. Recognizing the importance attached by the General Conference to the subject of a culture of peace, reflected in paragraph 05206 of document 27 C/5 Approved,

5. Recognizing the desirability of analysing the subject in the preparation of the Medium-Term Plan for 1996-2001 (see circular letter CL/3345, para. 28),

6. Having noted with satisfaction the establishment within the Organization by the Director-General of a Culture of Peace Programme Unit to co-ordinate intersectoral activities and the implementation of the various national and subregional programmes in this field,

7. Invites the Director-General to:

   (a) summarize the ideas voiced during the debate at the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference on the concepts underlying a culture of peace;

   (b) take account of the thinking that emerged from the discussions at the first International Forum on the Culture of Peace, held in San Salvador from 16 to 18 February 1994;

   (c) recapitulate the practical proposals to promote a culture of peace put forward at the third meeting of the World Commission on Culture and Development (para. 107);

   (d) submit to it at its 145th session a report on this matter, accompanied by a project of universal scope for a culture of peace in UNESCO's fields of competence and applicable to diverse social, political and cultural contexts;
8. **Requests** the Director-General to submit to it at its 145th session a document outlining the arrangements envisaged by UNESCO for the preparation, funding and implementation of national programmes for the culture of peace. These should be based on broad co-operation and intersectoral participation at the national level.

II

**Universality of the Organization**

The Executive Board,

1. **Reaffirms** the importance it attaches to achieving the universality of the Organization;

2. **Welcomes** the admission of 24 Member States in recent years, thereby bringing UNESCO's membership to 182;

3. **Recalls** the appeal in 24 C/Resolution 28 to the States that have withdrawn from the Organization;

4. **Thanks** the Director-General for the information provided in his report on the activities of the Organization concerning progress made in achieving the universality of the Organization.

III

**Participation Programme**

The Executive Board,

1. **Recalling** 27 C/Resolution 12.1 concerning the Participation Programme, and in particular the decision to increase the total amount of funds under the Participation Programme for 1994-1995 to $25 million in response to the growing number of requests,

2. **Affirming** the importance of the Participation Programme to Member States, National Commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as a means of strengthening the partnership between UNESCO and Member States,

3. **Affirming further** the need for Member States to abide by the conditions specified in 27 C/Resolution 12.1, including the need to submit itemized statements accounting for contributions previously approved by the Director-General under earlier Participation Programmes,

4. **Recalling also** the decisions it adopted at its 131st, 132nd, 136th and 141st sessions on the need to develop further the UNESCO Fellowship Bank, and the allocation of $1,000,000 to the Fellowship Bank within the Participation Programme for 1994-1995,

5. **Expressing its appreciation** to Member States, organizations, institutions and individuals who have already contributed generously to the Fellowship Bank,
6. Recalling also the earmarking of $1,500,000 for activities under the World Decade for Cultural Development within the Participation Programme for 1994-1995,

7. Noting the concern expressed by representatives of Member States, during the present session, on the handling of requests under the Participation Programme,

8. Noting from the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization since the 142nd session (144 EX/INF.3, Part III) that, as at 28 February 1994, only 0.3 per cent of the Participation Programme for 1994-1995 had been implemented, and that information was lacking on the geographical distribution of the sums provided,

9. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for his efforts to respond to the generally expressed concern of Member States on the implementation of the programme and for the practical information given during the 144th session to supplement his circular letter dated 12 October 1993 (CL/3329) on the administration of the Participation Programme;

10. Invites the Director-General:

   (a) to strengthen further the administration of the Participation Programme so as to ensure the prompt, efficient, and transparent evaluation and processing of all requests submitted;

   (b) to ensure that Member States, including Member States not represented in Paris, receive acknowledgements of their requests, reports on the progress of the evaluation and implementation of the requests and on the need for supplementary information where necessary, advice on the methodology and criteria against which the requests are evaluated, and the reasons for rejection of requests where applicable;

   (c) in relation to the 15 requests invited in his circular letter of 12 October 1993 for funding under the Participation Programme for 1994-1995:

      (i) to receive in addition at least two requests from Member States for funding under the Fellowship Bank; and

      (ii) to consider requests already received for funding under the World Decade for Cultural Development, as separate from those 15 requests;

   (d) to continue his efforts to solicit contributions to the Fellowship Bank from the international community in order further to enable the Bank to enhance the academic, scientific and technological knowledge of its fellows;
(e) to observe, taking due consideration of the General Conference resolutions giving priority to women, Africa and least-developed countries, the need for equitable geographical distribution of the sums provided under the Participation Programme; and

(f) to report to it at its 145th session on the measures taken to implement this decision.

IV

Youth

The Executive Board,

1. **Bearing in mind** the importance attributed by UNESCO to the theme of youth, as demonstrated by the organization of many activities, and in accordance with the report by the Director-General contained in document 27 C/124, submitted at the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference, which emphasizes 'the increasingly important role played by young people in solving the major problems facing humankind and the resulting need to offer them greater opportunities to participate in all aspects of social, economic, political, educational and cultural life',

2. **Noting** that that report states that 'UNESCO, by the nature of its fields of competence, should remain the agency of the United Nations system most directly concerned by the problems of young people in contemporary society',

3. **Recognizing** that many of the numerous activities organized for young people by the United Nations system in general and principally by UNESCO have been carried out independently and in isolation,

4. **Realizing** that the fate of future generations will depend on the degree of development or the frustration of today's young people,

5. **Considering** that this population group bears the brunt of violence, poverty, hatred, frustration and the most serious dangers to health, such as drug addiction and AIDS,

6. **Noting** the measures provided for in section D of 27 C/Resolution 5.1 and in particular those provided for in subparagraph 2(g) of 27 C/Resolution 11.3, in which the Director-General is invited to 'take steps as appropriate to enhance co-operation with other relevant agencies in the United Nations system, particularly with a view to ensuring that the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year (1995) be marked with activities that grow from and appeal to the creative imagination of the younger generation',

7. **Requests** the Director-General:

   (a) to propose urgent measures by the international community as a whole, based on the realities of the present situation, to make it
possible, through the concerted efforts of that community, to recognize the real dimensions and importance of youth problems;

(b) to promote, in consultation with Member States and the United Nations bodies and other agencies that organize youth programmes, the drafting of a joint agenda and the creation of co-ordination machinery to ensure the implementation of that agenda within the spheres of competence of each body and agency;

8. Invites the Director-General to submit a report on this question at the 146th session of the Executive Board, which, if it considers it advisable, may decide to submit the proposal to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session.

V

Situation in Rwanda

The Executive Board,

1. Having learned of the tragic events currently taking place in Rwanda,

2. Deeply disturbed by the extent and exceptional gravity of the massacres affecting the civilian population, in particular,

3. Considering that, beyond historical and political factors, these events call for a searching debate on their causes and aggravating factors and on ways and means of creating a climate of tolerance, mutual understanding and coexistence between the populations concerned,

4. Appeals to the Member States of UNESCO to provide material assistance to the victims of this violence, in co-operation with the competent humanitarian organizations and the appropriate United Nations agencies;

5. Noting with appreciation the steps already taken by the Director-General concerning Rwanda,

6. Invites the Director-General:

(a) to ascertain the damage to educational and cultural institutions and property in the country and to draw up, in co-operation with the Rwandan authorities and international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, a programme of practical assistance in respect of such institutions and property;

(b) to consider as a matter of urgency concrete ways in which UNESCO can help children of school age, in their education, to overcome the harmful effects of the tragedy taking place in that country;

(c) to conduct an in-depth study, within UNESCO's fields of competence, on the causes of, and solutions to, the recurrent and devastating conflicts in the region;
(d) to establish for that purpose a working group of specialists recognized both within and outside Africa;

(e) to report to it at its 145th session on the state of implementation of the activities indicated above.

(144 EX/SR.1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

4.2 Education

4.2.1 Application of 142 EX/Decision 5.3.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (144 EX/7 and Add. and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. **Considering** that the right to education is universally recognized by many international legal instruments, in particular the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), the Declaration of the Rights of the Child (1958), the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education and the Fourth Geneva Convention (1949),

2. **Considering** that, regrettably, armed conflict and foreign occupation, notably in the Palestinian territories, Syrian Golan and occupied South Lebanon, have often been destructive factors with regard to those rights,

3. **Considering** that the Israeli-Palestinian Agreement signed on 13 September 1993 in Washington, entitled 'Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements', opens up a new era of peace and harmony,

4. **Considering** that the Memorandum of Co-operation signed by the President of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Mr Yasser Arafat, and the Director-General, Mr Federico Mayor, in Granada on 9 December 1993, is an important instrument following on logically from the Declaration of Principles,

5. **Aware** of the vital role of UNESCO in contributing to the establishment of cultural and educational institutions and to the training, within its fields of competence, of the key Palestinian personnel and specialists needed for human development,

6. **Aware** that UNESCO, faithful to its universal mission and its Constitution, will be able to make an effective contribution, in close cooperation with the relevant Palestinian authorities, to the reconstitution of an education system, taking into consideration the demands dictated by the special situation of a people emerging from a long period of foreign occupation and moving into an age of modernity, progress and peace,

7. **Considering** that UNESCO's action in this new phase is of the highest priority and that it must begin immediately after the transfer of authority
from the Israeli administration to the Palestinian authorities in the fields of education and culture, provided for in Article 6 of the above-mentioned Declaration of Principles, and that this action must be planned and must cover all aspects of the education system and the educational and cultural institutions, notably in the fields of training and structures,

8. **Reaffirms** that the implementation of UNESCO's programmes for the occupied Arab territories, within its fields of competence, depends on the application of all the resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations;

9. **Expresses** its deep concern at the delay in the implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, preventing the transfer of authority to the Palestinians, in particular in the fields of education, culture, science and communication, and hindering the work of UNESCO;

10. **Affirms** that UNESCO will spare no effort to assist in the establishment and consolidation of peace through education, culture, science and communication;

11. **Declares** that the reconstitution and development of the education system in the occupied Arab territories must receive UNESCO's full attention;

12. **Reaffirms** previous UNESCO decisions and resolutions on the subject;

13. **Expresses** its full satisfaction at the conclusion of the Memorandum of Co-operation between the PLO and UNESCO and pays tribute to President Yasser Arafat and Director-General Federico Mayor for achieving this agreement;

14. **Warmly thanks** the Director-General for his efforts to ensure the implementation of the Executive Board's decisions;

15. **Invites** the Director-General to pursue his efforts in accordance with the mandate given to him for this purpose by the General Conference and to take immediately the measures necessary for the implementation of the activities provided for in the Memorandum of Co-operation, and the recommendations of the Mission on Higher Education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip (144 EX/7 Add.);

16. **Also invites** the Director-General to provide, within UNESCO's fields of competence, the assistance required by schools to preserve Arab cultural identity and provide scholarships for students of occupied Syrian Golan;

17. **Further invites** the Director-General to pursue, within his fields of competence, his efforts with the Israeli authorities in order to preserve the human and social configuration of occupied Syrian Golan in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted on the subject;
18. **Invites** the Director-General to pursue, on the basis of the Executive Board decisions, the efforts that he has already undertaken with regard to the occupied Arab territories;

19. **Launches** an urgent appeal to Member States and to the financial institutions and foundations concerned to contribute the financing of the fund for higher education scholarships for Palestinian students and to the financing of projects submitted by UNESCO within the framework of the Co-ordinating Unit for Assistance to the Palestinian People;

20. **Decides** to include this question on the agenda of its 145th session.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

4.2.2 **United Nations University: Report by the Council of the University and the Director-General’s comments thereon** (144 EX/8 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. **Taking note** with interest of the annual reports for 1992 and 1993 of the Council and the Director-General’s report (144 EX/8),

2. **Notes** the high quality of the work of the University;

3. **Appreciates** the continued efforts of the Rector to establish new research and training centres and programmes, consonant with the Charter of the University, as well as his support to existing centres and programmes;

4. **Notes** with satisfaction the launching of the International Institute for Software Technology;

5. **Welcomes** the transfer of the Institute for National Resources in Africa to permanent headquarters in Ghana and expresses its gratitude to the Government of Ghana and the University of Ghana at Legon for the facilities offered to UNU;

6. **Expresses** its thanks to the governments which have contributed to the endowment or operating fund of the University or of its research and training centres and programmes;

7. **Expresses** its gratitude to the Government of Japan for its generous gift of a new university centre, as well as for its continued financial and intellectual support to the University, and in particular for the creation of a trust fund for the UNESCO/UNU joint programmes;

8. **Recommends** closer co-operation between UNESCO and the United Nations University, notably in relation to the UNITWIN and UNESCO chairs programme, and in the field of science, technology and society as well as in matters contributing to the conceptualization of the culture of peace;
9. **Invites** the Director-General to communicate to the Chairman of the Council of the United Nations University and to the Rector the text of the present decision together with the relevant documents.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

**4.2.3 Feasibility study in collaboration with the Council of Europe on a possible joint convention on academic mobility and recognition of studies and qualifications in higher education** (144 EX/9 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. **Recalling** the desire of the General Conference to encourage a strengthened partnership in the field of higher education between UNESCO and intergovernmental organizations, and in particular with the Council of Europe,

2. **Convinced** that an efficient and operational joint UNESCO/Council of Europe convention on the recognition of studies and qualifications in higher education in Europe which takes into account current developments in higher education, would promote UNESCO's objectives in this domain;

3. **Having examined** document 144 EX/9,

4. **Considers** that the elaboration of a new joint convention is desirable, timely and feasible;

5. **Invites** the Director-General to carry out, in collaboration with the Council of Europe, the activities proposed for the drafting of a joint convention and to submit the results thereof to the Executive Board at its 147th session.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

**4.2.4 Amendment to the Statutes of the Advisory Committee of the UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES)** (144 EX/10 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. **Having examined** document 144 EX/10 on the establishment of an Advisory Board of the UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES),

2. **Approves** the Statutes of the above-mentioned Advisory Board, annexed to this decision.
Annex

Statutes of the Advisory Board of the UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES)

Article 1

An 'Advisory Board of the UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES)', hereinafter referred to as 'the Board', is hereby established.

Article 2

The function of the Board will be to advise the Director-General on the activities and in particular the work plan of CEPES drawn up by the Director of the Centre, in order to ensure that the activities of the Centre are conducive to the development and the improvement of higher education in the Europe region and contribute to the promotion of regional co-operation in the field of higher education, particularly as regards the exchange of experience and information on reforms, innovations and the mobility of teaching staff and students.

Article 3

1. The Board shall be composed of:

   (a) eight members, serving in a personal capacity, appointed by the Director-General after consultation of the National Commissions of the Member States concerned;

   (b) three 'active observers' designated, upon the invitation of the Director-General, by intergovernmental organizations active in the field of higher education in Europe: Council of Europe, Commission of the European Union and OECD.

2. The term of office of members of the Board shall be four years. The term of office may be renewable. In the event of the resignation, incapacity or death of a member of the Board or interruption of the mandate for any other reason, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

3. The members of the Board shall be chosen in such a manner as to ensure equitable geographical distribution within the Europe region, and to represent the various disciplines and specialities in higher education.

4. In addition to the members and 'active observers' mentioned above, the Director-General may invite to sessions of the Board, as consultants without the right to vote, persons whose functions are such that they could aid the Board in its task.

Article 4

1. The Director-General shall convene the Board in ordinary session not less than once every two years.
2. The Director-General may convene an extraordinary session between the ordinary sessions.

Article 5

At each of its ordinary sessions, the Board shall elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a rapporteur, who shall constitute the Bureau of the Board and who shall remain in office until the election of the new members of the Bureau.

Article 6

1. The Director-General shall designate members of the Secretariat of UNESCO to represent him on the Board without the right to vote.

2. The Secretariat of the Board shall be provided by the Director of CEPES.

Article 7

The travel and subsistence expenses of the members of the Board mentioned in Article 3, paragraph 1(a), shall be borne by UNESCO, in accordance with the provisions of the 'Travel Rules'.

Article 8

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may also send observers to meetings of the Board.

2. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may send representatives to meetings of the Board.

3. The Director-General may extend invitations to send observers to meetings of the Board to:

   (a) other intergovernmental organizations;

   (b) international and regional non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the directives concerning UNESCO's relations with international non-governmental organizations, in particular those with activities relevant to higher education.

Article 9

1. The Board shall adopt its Rules of Procedure, which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.

2. The agenda of the sessions of the Board shall be drawn up by the Director-General.

3. After each session, the Board shall present a report of its work and recommendations to the Director-General. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board of the results of the Board's proceedings.
Article 10

These Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board on its own initiative or following proposals by the Director-General.

(144 EX/SR.1, 2, 7, 8)

4.2.5 Consideration of the proposal made by the Council of the International Bureau of Education concerning the frequency of the sessions of the International Conference on Education and the theme and date of its forty-fifth session (144 EX/11 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 1.2 (para. 1(e)), which proposes initiating ‘preparations for the 45th session in the context of an analysis of the periodicity and holding of all international conferences organized by UNESCO’,

2. Further recalling the General Conference decision to ask the IBE Council to examine the frequency of the sessions of the International Conference on Education and the theme and date of its 45th session (27 C/150, para. 25),

3. Taking note of the relevant proposals made by the IBE Council at its thirty-eighth session,

4. Acknowledging the important role of the International Conference on Education as a world forum for exchanges of views between decision-makers and other partners in the educational process,

5. Endorses the proposals of the IBE Council and decides to recommend to the General Conference that it convene the 45th session of the ICE in 1996 and to devote it to the role of teachers facing the challenges of rapid social and educational change;

6. Invites the IBE Council to propose a specific formulation of the theme for the 45th session in the context of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997;

7. Further invites the IBE Council to continue its examination of the frequency of ICE sessions and to make proposals thereon to it at its session preceding the twenty-eighth session of the UNESCO General Conference.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)
4.2.6 Regulations concerning the staff and financial administration of the International Bureau of Education (144 EX/12 and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 1.2 adopted by the General Conference to strengthen the intellectual and functional autonomy of the IBE,

2. Having taken note of the measures taken by the Director-General in order to give concrete form to that autonomy,

3. Takes note of the creation of a Special Account into which UNESCO's financial allocation for the IBE activities will be paid and also of the related financial regulations;

4. Agrees that the autonomy with regard to the management of posts and staff will be ensured by means of the delegation of authority from the Director-General to the Director of the IBE, it being understood that the staff of the IBE remains an integral part of the staff of UNESCO.

(144 EX/SR.9)

4.2.7 Report by the Director-General on the Education-for-All Summit of Nine High-Population Countries (144 EX/30 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

I

1. Having examined document 144 EX/30,

2. Endorses the Declaration and Framework for Action adopted by the Education-for-All Summit of Nine High-Population Countries, New Delhi, 13-16 December 1993, and calls upon UNESCO and its Jomtien partner agencies to provide their full support to the proposed follow-up action outlined in this document.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the World Declaration on Education for All and the Framework for Action to meet Basic Learning Needs adopted at the World Conference on Education for All held in Jomtien (Thailand) from 5 to 9 March 1990,

2. Noting the importance of the initiative, taken jointly by UNESCO and UNICEF with the co-sponsorship of UNFPA, to focus on the attainment of the goal of education for all in nine high-population countries,

3. Recalling further 27 C/Resolution 1.5 on education for all in nine high-population countries,
4. Noting further that a Summit of Heads of State and Government of the nine countries held in New Delhi on 16 December 1993 on the subject of education for all (EFA) adopted the Delhi Declaration and a Framework for Action,

5. Emphasizing that the expected outcome of the Summit was to mobilize political support for EFA at the highest levels and to renew the commitment of the members of the international community as partners in the struggle to eradicate illiteracy,

6. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of India for having successfully organized the Summit;

7. Expresses its satisfaction with the contribution of UNESCO to substantive preparations for the Summit;

8. Takes note of document 144 EX/30 which contains, inter alia, the Delhi Declaration and the Framework for Action adopted at the EFA Summit;

9. Recognizes that a continuous exchange of experience acquired in working towards EFA in the nine high-population countries would be of great value to all countries in planning and executing strategies and programmes for EFA, and that progress towards EFA in the nine countries will take the international community substantially closer to achieving the goal of the Jomtien Conference on EFA;

10. Notes that the issues of gender disparity, mobilization of resources, teacher training and working conditions, early childhood care, decentralization of education policies, distance education, demographic issues, social mobilization, production of reading and literacy campaign materials, and ways of generating demand for basic education, inter alia, were stressed in the country papers submitted at the Summit;

11. Emphasizes the importance of follow-up action on the EFA Summit, both by the nine Member States and by the United Nations system which would, inter alia, utilize also the latent and salient potentialities and characteristics of each of these States;

12. Notes that the Framework for Action includes ways and means of a more systematic sharing of experience and co-operation among the nine countries and beyond, particularly by way of a joint initiative on distance education;

13. Requests the Director-General to secure the full co-operation of international organizations, of the other Specialized Agencies and of bodies within the United Nations system working at the regional and international levels in the implementation of the Framework for Action;

14. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 145th session, under an agenda item entitled 'Education for all', on the follow-up action which UNESCO has taken and proposes to take in co-operation with
other Specialized Agencies and donor agencies and organizations, in order to implement the decisions adopted at the EFA Summit;

15. **Recalls** that, in **27 C/Resolution 1.5**, the General Conference endorsed the recommendation of the sixth Regional Conference of Ministers of Education and Those Responsible for Economic Planning in Asia and the Pacific (MINEDAP VI), held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in June 1993, that the high-population countries with high illiteracy rates should be included among special priority target groups recognized by UNESCO;

16. **Requests** the Director-General to shape the programme and budget of UNESCO (document **28 C/5**) in accordance with that decision to focus on the high-population countries with high illiteracy rates, as another special priority target group;

17. **Recommends** to the General Conference that the Draft Medium-Term Plan (1996-2001), should include, structurally and cross sectorally, a focus on the high-population countries with high illiteracy rates, as another special target group within the framework of the World Declaration adopted at Jomtien;

18. **Requests** the Director-General to include the decision of the General Conference at its twenty-seventh session on the new special target group on the agenda of all forthcoming regional and other consultations on the Draft Medium-Term Plan (1996-2001), and accordingly to present programmes and proposals for the Draft Medium-Term Plan to the Executive Board at forthcoming sessions, for adoption by the next General Conference;

19. **Further requests** the Director-General to include in his report on the situation of education for all in the world an account of the EFA Summit and progress on the Framework for Action adopted at the Summit as UNESCO's presentation to the forthcoming World Population Conference (Cairo, 1994), the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995) and the World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995).

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

### 4.3 Social and human sciences

#### 4.3.1 Draft Statutes of the Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy (**144 EX/13** and **144 EX/40**)

The Executive Board,

1. **Having examined** document 144 EX/13,

2. **Approves** the Statutes of the Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy, as contained in the Annex to the present decision. This Committee replaces the Consultative Committee on Steps to Promote the Full and Comprehensive Implementation of the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding,
Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;

3. Will re-examine, at its 146th session, Article 2, paragraph 1, second subparagraph, in the light of the recommendations adopted by the 44th International Conference on Education (Geneva, 3-8 October 1994).

Annex

Statutes of the Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy

Article 1

An Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy, hereinafter called 'the Committee' (category V), is hereby established.

Article 2

1. The Committee shall follow up, promote and supervise the implementation of:

the World Plan of Action on Education for Human Rights and Democracy, adopted at the International Congress on Education for Human Rights and Democracy (Montreal, Canada, March 1993) and approved by the General Conference in 27 C/Resolution 5.8;

the 1974 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 (Paris, 19 November 1974), or any revised version of this international instrument, as well as the recommendations of the 44th International Conference on Education (October 1994) or any other basic document resulting from this Conference, in particular a possible Strategic Framework for Action.

2. The Committee shall in particular:

(a) help develop strategies, approaches and methods as well as learning and teaching materials usable in formal and non-formal education;

(b) receive, collect and follow up relevant communications as provided for in the strategy of the World Plan of Action on Education for Human Rights and Democracy (item 7), and cooperate, in this context, closely with the United Nations, its relevant bodies and Specialized Agencies;

(c) give advice on the preparation of questionnaires and regular progress reports foreseen in the World Plan of Action and in the Permanent System of Reporting on the steps taken by Member
States to implement the 1974 Recommendation, and provide for the
evaluation of relevant individual projects and activities of UNESCO;

(d) give advice in the course of medium-term planning and during the
preparation of draft programmes and budgets of the Organization
with regard to the inclusion of activities and projects of UNESCO
referring to the Committee's mandate;

(e) pay special attention to the development of the Associated Schools
Project on the basis of 27 C/Resolution 5.10;

(f) promote (wherever possible) an integrated approach to
international, intercultural and peace education and to education for
human rights and democracy;

(g) advise the Director-General on the information of the public in the
fields covered by its mandate and help disseminate the World Plan
of Action and the 1974 Recommendation.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall be composed of 12 persons, all nationals of Member
States, who are experts in the various disciplines and fields of education for
peace, human rights and democracy.

Members shall be appointed in a personal capacity by the Director-General after
consultation with the National Commissions of the Member States concerned.

They shall be chosen in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical
representation.

Each member shall have one vote. If the vote is equally divided, the Chairperson
shall have a casting vote.

2. The term of office of members of the Committee shall be four years. This
term shall be renewable. When he appoints the first members of the Committee,
the Director-General shall indicate those (half of the total) whose first term shall
expire in two years' time.

In the event of resignation, incapacity, death or any other circumstance that
brings the term of office of a member of the Committee to an end, the Director-
General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Article 4

The Director-General shall convene the Committee in regular session once a
year. He may convene special sessions.

In addition, the members of the Committee shall be consulted between the
sessions, collectively or individually, on any question falling within its
competence, as defined in Article 2. Any consultation shall be reported to the
Committee at its next session.
Other working methods, not affected by possible financial restraints, shall be explored with a view to making full use of the competence of the Committee on a more permanent basis, and to making the Committee's work most efficient and effective.

Article 5

The Committee shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur, who shall form the Bureau.

1. The members of the Bureau shall remain in office until the second session following their election.

   Outgoing members of the Bureau may stand for re-election.

2. The Director-General shall convene the meetings of the Bureau.

3. The Bureau shall attend to the execution, during the period between sessions, of tasks entrusted to it by the Committee.

Article 6

1. The Director-General shall designate members of the UNESCO Secretariat to represent him on the Committee and its Bureau, without the right to vote.

2. The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the UNESCO Secretariat.

3. The members of the secretariat of the Committee shall be chosen on an intersectoral basis, including especially representatives of the Education and Social and Human Sciences Sectors.

Article 7

The travel and subsistence expenses of members of the Committee mentioned in Article 3, paragraph 1, shall normally be borne by UNESCO, in accordance with the provisions of the Organization's travel rules.

Article 8

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to the Committee's meetings.

2. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may send representatives to the Committee's meetings.

3. The Director-General may extend invitations to send observers to the Committee's meetings to:

   (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements;
(b) intergovernmental organizations;

(c) international non-governmental organizations specializing in the field of education for peace, human rights and democracy, in accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with international non-governmental organizations.

In addition to the members of the Committee, the Director-General may invite to attend sessions of the Committee, as consultants, without the right to vote, persons who, by reason of their functions and special knowledge and experience, can assist the Committee in its work.

Article 9

1. The Committee shall, at its first session, adopt its Rules of Procedure, which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.

2. The Director-General shall draw up the agenda for the Committee's sessions, after consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

3. After each session, the Committee shall submit a report on the work done and its recommendations to the Director-General.

The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board and the General Conference of the results of the Committee's work.

Article 10

The Executive Board may amend the Statutes of the Committee on its own initiative or on the proposal of the Director-General.

4.3.2 Amendments to the General Regulations of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize (144 EX/14 and 144 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the document concerning the proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize (144 EX/14),

2. Approves the amendments as set out in the Annex.

Annex

Amendments to the General Regulations of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize

Article I

The Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize is intended to honour living individuals and active public or private institutions or bodies that have made a
significant contribution to promoting, seeking, safeguarding or maintaining peace in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO.

**Article II(a)**

The Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize may be awarded each year by an international jury. Should the jury decide, exceptionally, not to award the Prize, the amount of the Prize which has not been awarded shall be paid back into the initial endowment.

**Article II(b)**

The value of the Prize shall be 800,000 French francs. If several prize-winners are designated, the amount of the Prize shall be shared out equally among them.

**Article II(c)**

The Jury may decide, according to the interest earned from the initial endowment and in agreement with the Director-General, to increase the amount of the Prize in order to maintain its value in constant francs.

**Article II(d)**

The period during which the Prize may be awarded shall be indeterminate, its existence being linked to that of UNESCO and to its programmes to strengthen the intellectual and moral solidarity of humanity, and to 'construct the defences of peace in the minds of men'.

**Article II(e)**

The Prize shall be financed by the interest earned on the capital constituted by the initial endowment of 40 million French francs received from the Félix Houphouët-Boigny International Foundation for Peace.

**Article II(g)**

The initial endowment of 40 million French francs shall be invested for the purpose of earning interest, which alone shall be withdrawn annually in order to finance the Prize and the activities of the Jury and its Executive Secretariat.

**Article III(a)**

A Jury consisting of eleven members, to be known as the 'Félix Houphouët-Boigny Committee for Peace', shall be appointed by the Director-General.

**Article III(b)**

It shall be formed of figures of international repute, who are known and respected for their attachment to the cause of peace.
Article III(c)

The Jury thus appointed to award, under the auspices of UNESCO, the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize shall, by virtue of the calibre of its members and of the prize-winners selected by it, be one of the most authoritative international peace-prize panels. The Executive Secretary of the Prize, who is the representative of the Director-General of UNESCO, shall serve on the panel without the right to vote.

Article III(d)

At each meeting, the Jury shall elect a Bureau composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

Article III(f)

Members whose term of office expires, or who have resigned or died, shall be replaced as soon as possible by a decision of the Director-General, and in any event no later than six months after the seat falls vacant.

Article IV(a)

An International Scientific Commission for Peace Research composed of nine members shall be set up to provide backing for the Prize in order to establish its international credibility. The Jury shall appoint three of its members to the International Scientific Commission.

Article IV(c)

The role of the International Scientific Commission shall be to promote the Prize internationally and to assist the Jury's action in pursuit of peace, *inter alia*, by activities involving studies and co-operation with peace institutions and centres. Under the authority of the Director-General, this Commission shall define and give guidance in accordance with the spirit of the Prize, on peace research activities to be carried out by the Executive Secretariat of the Prize (studies, publications, meetings of experts, and activities involving co-operation with peace centres and foundations).

Article V(a)

The Director-General shall by circular letter no later than 15 January each year invite all Member States and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with UNESCO to submit nominations, the deadline for which shall be the end of April.

Article V(c)

The Jury may, however, award the Prize to any living individual or active institution or body of its choice not included in the list of candidates.
Article V(d)

The list of candidates together with their biographical notes (or histories in the case of institutions and bodies) shall be communicated to the members of the Jury.

Article V(e)

The Jury shall meet once a year for the purpose of its deliberations. At the close of its meeting, it shall communicate the name(s) of the prize-winner(s) to the international press through its President, one of its Vice-Presidents or its Rapporteur.

Article V(f)

The Prize shall be presented officially at a date fixed in agreement with the prize-winner(s) and the Jury. If a prize-winner dies between the announcement of the award and the presentation of the Prize, the amount of the Prize shall be presented to the heirs and assigns.

Article VI(a)

The Prize shall be presented at an official ceremony to be held at UNESCO Headquarters, or at any other place proposed to the Director-General by the Jury.

Article VI(b)

The Director-General may invite any person, institution or association whose presence would add lustre to the ceremony.

New Article VI(c)

The Director-General shall present to the prize-winner(s) a cheque or cheques of a total value of 800,000 French francs, or of an equivalent value in another currency.

New Article VI(d)

The President of the Jury shall present to each prize-winner:

(i) a gold medal;

(ii) UNESCO's Peace Diploma.

New Article VI(f)

During the ceremony, addresses shall be delivered by the Director-General, the President or one of the Vice-Presidents of the Jury, very important guests and the prize-winner(s). The speeches made during the ceremony shall be published by the Executive Secretariat of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize.
New Article VII(b)

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible, under the authority of the Director-General, for the execution of these Regulations and all activities relating to the Prize.

(144 EX/SR.1)

4.4 Culture

4.4.1 Protection and promotion of the cultural rights of persons belonging to minorities, within UNESCO’s fields of competence (144 EX/15 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 142 EX/Decision 5.5.3, in which it invited the Director-General to submit to it at its 144th session a detailed document on the protection and promotion of the cultural rights of persons belonging to minorities within UNESCO's fields of competence,

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the ongoing activities undertaken by the Secretariat as described in document 144 EX/15;

3. Invites the Director-General to continue to implement the activities scheduled for the 1994-1995 biennium and to report to it in due course.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

4.4.2 Measures against piracy in the field of copyright and neighbouring rights (144 EX/36 Rev. and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Noting the important and useful nature of UNESCO's activity in the field of copyright and neighbouring rights,

2. Considering the protection of copyright and neighbouring rights to be an integral part of the efforts made by States to further the development of creativity and the establishment and defence of cultural values,

3. Acknowledging the need to improve the standards of international law and of national legislation in this field,

4. Concerned at the growing danger of illegal activity, or so-called 'piracy', which undermines intellectual property rights,

5. Aware of the need for collective and individual measures to be taken by every possible means in the fight against piracy, including the elaboration of appropriate standards in international law and national legislation and the preparation of recommendations, educational programmes, and so on,
6. Invites the Director-General, after consultation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) with a view to avoiding any duplication of work, to study possible forms of activity by UNESCO to combat piracy in the field of copyright, including the preparation of a corresponding recommendation and plan of action, and to report to it on this matter at its 145th session;

7. Also invites the Director-General, when preparing the fourth Medium-Term Plan, to take into account the conclusions of the discussion of this matter by the Executive Board.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

4.4.3 Cultural co-operation of UNESCO with Latin America and the Caribbean
(144 EX/37 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering the fundamental importance of culture in the lives of human beings and the fruitful interactions between culture and development,


3. Recognizing UNESCO's contribution of intellectual support to that process through its organization of the 'Visión Iberoamericana 2000' Forums (Antigua, Guatemala, 1993 and Cartagena de Indias, 1994),

4. Considering the leading role of UNESCO in implementing the World Decade for Cultural Development,

5. Considering the decisions of the sixth Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, held at La Serena, Chile, in November 1993,

6. Considering the decision by that meeting to establish a Centre for Critical Thinking, which will be responsible for submitting to the seventh Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean the data and information required for the formulation of a regional policy,

7. Recognizing that the main objective of the Centre for Critical Thinking will be to identify culture's place as the key factor in the strategy for the economic, social and political development of the Latin America and the Caribbean region,
8. **Noting** with satisfaction the results of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development,

9. **Recognizing** the broad convergence between the proposals and objectives of the Centre for Critical Thinking and those of the World Decade for Cultural Development,

10. **Invites** the Director-General to:

    (a) ensure UNESCO's support for the activities of the Centre for Critical Thinking by contributing, in particular, to the holding of periodic meetings of thinkers, intellectuals, artists and the authorities of the countries of the region;

    (b) stimulate collaboration between UNESCO and the Forum of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, OAS, CEPALC, ALADI, the Fundación Memorial de America Latina and the bodies of MERCOSUR, within the framework of the Centre's activities;

    (c) contribute, through the 'Latin America-Caribbean 2000' project, to the co-ordination of the activities of the Centre for Critical Thinking as well as to the achievement of its objectives;

    (d) take account of the reflections of the Centre for Critical Thinking in the cultural projects drawn up and implemented by UNESCO in the Latin America and the Caribbean region;

II

11. **Considering** the desirability of co-ordinating the efforts of the countries of the region to ensure the broadest possible access by the citizens of Latin America and the Caribbean to all regional artistic and cultural events,

12. **Invites** the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO makes a contribution to the drawing up of a Cultural Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean through collaboration between the Organization and the temporary secretariat of the Forum of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean;

III

13. **Emphasizing** the importance of the 'Regional Cultural Capitals' project, proposed by the Secretariat, within the framework of the World Decade for Cultural Development and of the strategies of the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean for enhancing their countries' culture,

14. **Considering** the desirability of holding a representative series of artistic and cultural events focusing periodically on one city in the region so as to offer the citizens of each country the opportunity to become acquainted, on their own soil, with the diversity and wealth of regional culture,
15. **Having taken note** with satisfaction of the results of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development,

16. **Recognizing** that the proposal for Rotating Cultural Capitals made by the Forum of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean is in line with the Regional Cultural Capitals project,

17. **Invites** the Director-General to:

   (a) support the idea of making the Regional Cultural Capitals project a major activity within the World Decade for Cultural Development, and make provision for it in document 28 C/5;

   (b) recognize the proposal for Rotating Cultural Capitals made by the Forum of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean as the regional manifestation of the Regional Cultural Capitals project;

   (c) co-ordinate efforts by UNESCO and the temporary secretariat of the Forum of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in order to facilitate the selection of the cultural capitals of the region and ensure the success of the activities planned within this framework;

IV

18. **Considering** the decision of the sixth Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to request the General Secretariat of ALADI to consider the possibility of submitting proposals and suggestions for the establishment of a Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Community that would deal with the dissemination of knowledge, books, music, radio, cinema, video and television and the performing and plastic arts in the region,

19. **Invites** the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO contributes to the efforts made by the General Secretariat of ALADI to formulate proposals and suggestions for submission to the Forum of Ministers of Culture and Those Responsible for Cultural Policy in the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, for the setting up of a Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Community.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)
ITEM 5 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

5.1 Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (144 EX/16 and 144 EX/40)

5.1.1 United Nations Year for Tolerance

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 144 EX/16 (Part I.B),

2. Noting with satisfaction resolution 48/126 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-eighth session, proclaiming 1995 as the United Nations Year for Tolerance and inviting UNESCO to assume the role of lead organization,

3. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 17 which recognizes that the universal nature of the issues of environment, tolerance and non-violence calls for their intersectoral application in UNESCO’s work,

4. Recalling also 27 C/Resolution 5.14 which notes a preliminary draft of the declaration on tolerance, as well as the debate on this draft at the 141st session of the Executive Board,

5. Bearing in mind that the programmes drawn up under the United Nations Year for Tolerance may make an important contribution to the promotion of a culture of peace,

6. Notes with satisfaction the preparations under way for meetings which a number of Member States already intend to organize as part of the United Nations Year for Tolerance;

7. Decides to work out a programme of action, which might include a statement of principles, as a follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (1995);

8. Invites the Director-General to take all measures likely to ensure the success of this activity, and accordingly to prepare, for the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, a report on action undertaken and proposed by UNESCO in its capacity as the lead agency for the United Nations Year for Tolerance;

9. Further invites the Director-General to propose the following questions for the respective agendas of the meetings proposed under UNESCO auspices for the United Nations Year for Tolerance:

   (a) recommendations for a programme of action which might include a statement of principles;

   (b) recommendations on possible co-ordination of the follow-up programme of action for the United Nations Year for Tolerance and the programmes for a culture of peace;
10. **Decides** that at its 147th session it will discuss and prepare a draft programme of action which might include a statement of principles, on the basis of recommendations prepared by the meetings for the United Nations Year for Tolerance referred to above, and with the assistance of the Director-General, and recommend it to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session for adoption in an appropriate ceremony;

11. **Requests** the Director-General to inform it at its 147th session of measures taken, in accordance with 27 C/Resolution 17, to ensure that UNESCO's programmes in all its sectors in the next Draft Medium-Term Plan and the next biennium 1996-1997 are interlocked to contribute to the diffusion of the spirit of peace and non-violence and the promotion of tolerance.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

5.1.2 Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Executive Board,

1. **Having examined** document 144 EX/16 (Part I.C),

2. **Recalling** 141 EX/Decision 7.2.2 concerning UNESCO's contribution to the preparations for, content of and follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna, 14-25 June 1993), 27 C/Resolution 5.8 concerning the World Plan of Action on Education for Human Rights and Democracy, as well as the follow-up to be given to the recommendations of the 44th International Conference on Education (ICE) in 1994, 27 C/Resolution 5.9 on Education for Human Rights and Democracy, and 27 C/Resolution 5.10 concerning the Associated Schools Project,

3. **Taking into consideration** the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, and United Nations General Assembly resolution 48/121, which endorsed the results of the World Conference,

4. **Emphasizing** that the World Conference on Human Rights recommended the development of 'specific programmes and strategies for ensuring the widest human rights education and the dissemination of public information ...',


6. **Takes note** of the action already taken by the Director-General to ensure the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action in UNESCO's fields of competence;

7. **Invites** the Director-General to:
(a) continue the implementation of the World Plan of Action on Education for Human Rights and Democracy, of Montreal, and contribute to the application and follow-up of the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna, June 1993);

(b) set up a comprehensive system of education for peace, human rights and democracy, respecting the Montreal Plan of Action as well as the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and drawn up in pursuance of the recommendations of the International Conference on Education (ICE) at its 44th session;

(c) establish an Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy, in line with 27 C/Resolution 5.8;

(d) prepare teaching aids on peace, human rights and democracy for formal and non-formal education;

(e) strengthen the UNESCO Voluntary Fund for the Development of Knowledge of Human Rights through Education and Information;

(f) pay special attention to the development of the Associated Schools Project;

(g) develop co-operation with the Member States, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, Specialized Agencies, regional intergovernmental and international and national non-governmental organizations and institutions;

(h) ensure the highest possible standard of UNESCO's activities aimed at the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and the preparation of a plan of action for the United Nations Human Rights Education Decade;

(i) ensure, in implementing this decision, adequate intersectoral co-ordination, in particular through co-operation between the Education and the Social and Human Sciences Sectors.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

5.1.3 Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the content of document 144 EX/16 (Part I.D), dealing, inter alia, with UNESCO's contribution to the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED),

2. Recalling 141 EX/Decision 7.2.1 and 142 EX/Decision 7.2 (paras. 14 and 15),
3. Invites Member States:

(a) to continue to support UNESCO’s action in response to UNCED, notably by ensuring the integration of sciences, including social sciences and education, in national plans for sustainable development and by ensuring appropriate cross-sectoral co-ordination and co-operation at the national level, considered indispensable for the effective implementation of Agenda 21;

(b) to promote further and enhance, within the governing bodies of financing institutions such as UNDP and mechanisms such as the Global Environment Facility (GEF), a policy of appropriate involvement by Specialized Agencies such as UNESCO;

4. Invites the Director-General:

(a) to continue to give priority importance to UNESCO activities concerned with follow-up to UNCED, in particular the implementation of relevant chapters of Agenda 21, within the competence of UNESCO, both in the present biennium and in preparing the fourth Medium-Term Plan (1996-2001);

(b) to devote particular attention to UNESCO’s contribution to the preparation and content of, and follow-up to, major intergovernmental undertakings and events directly related to UNCED follow-up, such as the planned convention on desertification and drought and the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and to the implementation of global programmes for research on and observation of terrestrial and marine environments;

(c) to pursue efforts to seek funds from relevant funding agencies and mechanisms, including GEF, UNDP’s ‘Capacity 21’ and UNEP, for the implementation of Agenda 21 and to assist Member States, particularly developing countries, in their national efforts to obtain extra-budgetary funds;

(d) to report periodically to it on progress made both at the level of UNESCO and at the level of the United Nations system in the implementation of UNCED agreements, in particular Agenda 21.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)
5.1.4 Major United Nations conferences and events

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 144 EX/16 (Part I.E),

2. Notes the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-eighth session concerning the following major conferences and events and the information provided by the Director-General on the action already taken and arrangements already made and the activities planned by UNESCO in order to make a full contribution to them:

   - World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (1994) (resolution 48/188)
   - World Summit for Social Development (1995) (resolution 48/100)
   - International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1994-2004) (resolution 48/163);

3. Recalls 141 EX/Decision 7.2.2 concerning UNESCO's contribution to the above-mentioned conferences and events;

4. Invites the Director-General, once again, to pursue his efforts, in conjunction with the other organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, National Commissions, UNESCO Associations and Clubs and other representatives of civil society, with a view to making a contribution of the highest possible standard to the preparation and follow-up of the major conferences and events planned for 1994-1996.

The Executive Board,

1. Considering document 144 EX/16 concerning recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO, which presents in this context the
Organization's contribution to the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace (Beijing, 1995),

2. Having noted that the access of women to decision-making in all UNESCO's fields of competence, and in particular science, as well as the elimination of stereotypes, are among the priority objectives of that contribution,

3. Believing that the platform for action and the publications that are contemplated should therefore provide an opportunity to stress the importance of the acquisition by women of a genuine scientific and technical culture and the importance of their advancement in careers associated with science and technology,

4. Welcoming the work already undertaken by UNESCO in this field,

5. Approves the provisions set forth in document 144 EX/16;

6. Invites the Director-General, when making preparations for the Beijing Conference, to take into account the action strategy employed under the transverse programme for women and, more particularly, matters concerning relations between women, science and technology, including specific actions undertaken in co-operation with the National Commissions in this area.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

5.1.5 Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 144 EX/16 (Part I.A),

2. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 1.1, paragraph 2.C, concerning the establishment of the interdisciplinary and inter-agency co-operation project 'Environment and population education and information for human development',

3. Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/51 on the co-ordination of activities of the United Nations system related to HIV/AIDS, as well as resolution WHA 46.37 adopted by the World Health Assembly and resolution EB 93.R5 adopted by the WHO Executive Board at its 93rd session, concerning a Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS,

4. Welcomes and endorses the proposal to set up a Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, in the framework of which UNESCO's action in this field will be pursued and strengthened;

5. Takes note of the Director-General's efforts aimed at enhancing co-operation among United Nations agencies in the global fight against AIDS;
6. Calls upon Member States to give their full moral and material support to the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, particularly by associating their National Commissions and their intellectual and scientific communities in the fight against AIDS;

7. Invites the Director-General:

(a) to continue to accord very high priority to activities responding to countries' increasing and specific needs in the fight against AIDS;

(b) to take the necessary measures to enable UNESCO to be part of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, in conformity with the consensus option (option 'A');

(c) to strengthen UNESCO's human and financial resources to ensure an effective UNESCO contribution to this joint and co-sponsored programme, and to report to it at its 146th session on progress made in this regard.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

5.2 Classification of international non-governmental organizations and establishment of official relations with foundations and similar institutions

(144 EX/17 and 144 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 144 EX/17 and the report of its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (144 EX/41), concerning the classification of international non-governmental organizations,

2. Decides:

(a) to admit the following organizations to category A (consultative and associate relations):

   International Council for Distance Education
   International Federation of Journalists;

(b) to postpone examination of the request from the following organization to be admitted to category B (information and consultative relations):

   Community of Mediterranean Universities;

3. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions:

(a) to admit the following organizations to category C (mutual information relationship):

   Association francophone internationale des directeurs d'établissements scolaires
International Scientific Council for Island Development
Defence for Children International
European Law Students' Association
International Corporation of Graduates of Soviet Educational Institutions
International Council for Education of the Visually Handicapped
International Association of University Presidents
Public Services International;

(b) to postpone examination of the request from the following organization to be admitted to category C:

World Council of Professional Photographers;

(c) not to admit the following organizations to category C:

International Ergonomics Association
World Council of Credit Unions;

(d) to remove the name of the following organization from the list of category C:

World Academy of Art and Science;

4. Takes note of paragraphs 21, 22, 25 and 26 of document 144 EX/17, in which the Director-General requests the Executive Board's opinion on the statements provided by the NGOs concerned regarding their members in the Republic of South Africa and Taiwan of China, prior to classifying these organizations in category C, and also of paragraph 32 of that document regarding the statement by an association network that is also concerned in this matter;

5. Takes note of the Director-General's decision, in implementation of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions, to establish official relations between UNESCO and the following institutions for a period of six years:

as foundations:

Félix Houphouët-Boigny International Foundation for Peace
Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC)
Fondation Léopold Senghor
Fondation Paix et Développement (FPD)
Bariloche Foundation
World Academy of Art and Science

as an association network:

Literacy Research Centre.

(144 EX/SR.7)
5.3 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the Commonwealth of Learning
(144 EX/18 and 144 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that, by 142 EX/Decision 7.5, it authorized the Director-General to undertake negotiations with the President of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) with a view to preparing a draft agreement concerning the establishment of formal relations between UNESCO and COL, and to submit the draft to it for approval,

2. Having examined document 144 EX/18 containing the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Commonwealth of Learning,

3. Approves that draft agreement;

4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign it on behalf of UNESCO.

(144 EX/SR.1)

5.4 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the International Centre for Agriculture and the Biosciences (CAB International) (144 EX/29 and 144 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that, by 142 EX/Decision 7.6, it authorized the Director-General to undertake negotiations with the Director-General of the International Centre for Agriculture and the Biosciences with a view to preparing a draft agreement concerning the establishment of formal relations between UNESCO and the Centre, and to submit the draft to it for approval,

2. Having examined document 144 EX/29 containing the draft agreement between UNESCO and the International Centre for Agriculture and the Biosciences,

3. Approves that draft agreement;

4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign it on behalf of UNESCO.

(144 EX/SR.1)

5.5 Relations with the Latin American Parliament and draft agreement between that body and UNESCO (144 EX/33 and 144 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the Latin American Parliament and the fact that the Bureau of that Parliament has approved the text of a possible co-operation agreement,
2. Having examined the document submitted by the Director-General entitled 'Relations with the Latin American Parliament, and draft agreement between that body and UNESCO' (144 EX/33),

3. Approves the draft agreement;

4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish relations with the Latin American Parliament and to sign the co-operation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

(144 EX/SR.1)

ITEM 6 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS


The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the terms of the Appropriation Resolution for 1992-1993 (26 C/Resolution 14A(g)) which authorizes the Director-General in urgent and special circumstances to 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 made and the reasons therefor,

2. Recalling also paragraph A(c) of the same Appropriation Resolution, which authorizes the Director-General to accept voluntary contributions, donations and contributions from governments towards the cost of established field units, reporting thereon to the members of the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action,

3. Having examined the Director-General's report on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 1992-1993 and the adjustments and transfers made by him (144 EX/19),

4. Takes note of the redeployment of funds effected by the Director-General to finance activities in the framework of the Approved Programme and Budget for 1992-1993, the adjustments between appropriation lines made by him to cover staff cost increases, increases in the Participation Programme and transfers to close the accounts for 1992-1993;

5. Takes note that the Director-General has increased the appropriations to the regular budget in an amount of $2,032,565 by accepting donations and contributions from governments and institutions towards the running costs of established offices;

6. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in Annex I of document 144 EX/19;
7. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 145th session a proposal for a realistic lapse factor for the future, so that it can be taken into account when preparing the next Draft Programme and Budget (28 C/5).

(144 EX/SR.9)

6.2 Report by the Director-General on the cash situation of the Organization, on measures taken with regard to it, and on a plan whereby Member States may settle their arrears of contributions in national currencies (144 EX/20 and Add. and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the cash situation of the Organization, on measures taken and on a plan whereby Member States may settle their arrears of contributions in national currencies (144 EX/20 and Add.), and taken note of the up-to-date information provided during the debate in the Finance and Administrative Commission during the current session,

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2. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for 1994 and to those that have speeded up the payment of their contributions in response to appeals;

3. Noting that while many Member States have paid their assessed contributions for 1994 and previous years, many more Member States are in arrears in the payment of the amounts assessed,

4. Regrets that there has been no sufficient improvement in contribution payments since the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference, with the result that the Director-General, on the basis of 27 C/Resolution 26.41, has entered into internal and external borrowing arrangements in order to supplement the resources of the Working Capital Fund;

5. Expresses deep concern at the possible adverse impact on the approved programme of work of persistent late payment of contributions assessed;

6. Believing that the borrowing to overcome the cash flow deficit entails a heavy burden of interest payments and should be discouraged, strongly supports the approaches that the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States in arrears with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;

7. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation devolving upon Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization and that it determines the right to vote at the General Conference;
8. **Calls upon** Member States, in pursuance of 27 C/Resolution 26.41, to take the necessary steps to ensure that their contributions are paid in full at as early a date as possible;

9. **Urges** Member States to inform the Director-General, promptly and to the extent possible, of the probable date, amount and method of payment of the contribution, in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;

10. **Taking note** of the miscellaneous income surplus of the financial period 1992-1993, after adjustment for the balance remaining on Part VIII of the budget for that biennium, amounting to $3,990,627, subject to any adjustment in final accounts that may be communicated to the Executive Board, and the recommendation of the Director-General that this and any budget surpluses that may become available for apportionment and surrender during 1994-1995 should be placed in a reserve account to bolster the cash position of the Organization, **considers** that the Executive Board should review again this recommendation, in the light of a further report to be submitted to it on this subject at its 145th session, taking into account the evolution of the cash position,

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11. **Having examined** the report by the Director-General on a scheme whereby Member States which are in arrears in the payment of their contributions and which are facing difficulties in finding convertible currencies to effect the necessary payments could settle such arrears in national currencies,

12. **Recalling** 27 C/Resolution 26.3 concerning currency of contributions, whereby the Director-General is authorized, upon request from a Member State, to accept payment of its contribution in national currency if he considers that there is a foreseeable need for that currency in the remaining months of the calendar year,

13. **Considers** that Member States with arrears of contributions can make arrangements with the Director-General to settle such arrears in national currencies within the limits of possible utilization to pay financial contributions under the Participation Programme.

(144 EX/SR.9)
6.3 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1994-1995, including details concerning the contingency planning mechanism to ensure the rational execution of the programme of document 27 C/5 Approved (144 EX/21 and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

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1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 0.52, wherein the General Conference decided that, of the total of $3,000,000 approved by it for the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, an amount of $1,500,000 should be absorbed through reductions in programmes and activities,

2. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the measures taken by him to balance the budget for 1994-1995,

3. Takes note of these measures and of the reductions totalling $1,500,000 under Part II of the budget made with the aim of absorbing part of the costs of draft resolutions submitted by Member States and approved by the General Conference;

B

4. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 28 in which the General Conference invited the Director-General to develop a contingency planning mechanism to ensure the rational execution of the programme in document 27 C/5 Approved and to present it to the Executive Board at its 144th session,

5. Having examined the details of this mechanism provided by the Director-General in Part I of document 144 EX/21, notes that it constitutes only a part of the mechanism requested by 27 C/Resolution 28;

6. Requests the Director-General:

   (a) to ensure that the essential priorities established by the General Conference in document 27 C/5 Approved are maintained in the detailed calendar of activities to be executed in 1994-1995;

   (b) to schedule the execution of planned activities on an annual basis whereby funds earmarked in the work plans for 1995 will remain unallotted until early 1995, after the 1994 programme implementation and financial situation have been analysed;

   (c) to rationalize the 1994 programme of action by ensuring that activities are phased and funds are allotted only on a quarterly basis;

7. Requests the Director-General to elaborate further, and present to it at its 145th session, a finalized contingency planning mechanism to ensure rational execution of the programme foreseen in document 27 C/5 Approved;
8. Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1994-1995 budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution for 1994-1995 (144 EX/21, Part II), and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (144 EX/39),

9. Approves the between-line transfers amounting to $4,055,000 to cover increases in staff costs on account of inflation and statutory factors;

10. Having examined the report by the Director-General on adjustments to the appropriation approved for 1994-1995 stemming from donations and contributions that have been appropriated to the regular budget for 1994-1995 (144 EX/21, Part III),

11. Expresses its appreciation to the Member States and donors listed in paragraph 22 of document 144 EX/21;

12. Takes note that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations, adjusted the appropriations to the regular budget by increasing it by an amount of $278,974 as follows:

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(144 EX/SR.9)

6.4 Long-term financial equilibrium of the Medical Benefits Fund (144 EX/22 and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report by the Director-General on the long-term financial equilibrium of the Medical Benefits Fund (144 EX/22),

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General and the Board of Management for the sound administration of the Fund;

3. Recognizes that adequate health care is an indispensable element of social protection for the serving and retired staff members of the Organization;

4. Considering the need to ensure the long-term financial equilibrium of the Medical Benefits Fund,
5. **Requests** the Director-General to submit a further report on the subject to it at its 145th session, taking into account the comments made at its 144th session.

(144 EX/SR.9)

### 6.5 Nineteenth annual report (1993) of the International Civil Service Commission: Report by the Director-General (144 EX/23 and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. **Having examined** document 144 EX/23 containing the Director-General's report on the nineteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission (1993),

2. **Takes note of:**
   
   (a) the contents of the said document 144 EX/23;
   
   (b) the nineteenth annual report (1993) of the International Civil Service Commission;
   
   (c) resolution 48/224 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly;

3. **Recognizing** the important role that the International Civil Service Commission plays in the management of the United Nations common system procedures for determining the salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of the staff of the system,

4. **Invites** the Director-General to continue his collaboration with the Commission.

(144 EX/SR.9)

### 6.6 Annual report by the Director-General on the use of outside consultants by the Secretariat (144 EX/24 and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. **Having examined** the annual report by the Director-General on the use of outside consultants by the Secretariat (144 EX/24),

2. **Invites** the Director-General, in preparing the future document, to take into account the suggestions made by it on this subject at its 144th session.

(144 EX/SR.9)
6.7 Geographical distribution of the staff: revision of the quota system (144 EX/25 and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 32.1 and 142 EX/Decision 8.7,

2. Recognizing the desire of all Member States for an equitable distribution of posts within the Secretariat,

3. Having considered document 144 EX/25, and taking into account 27 C/Resolution 32, which requires a further report at its 145th session,

4. Requests the Director-General to undertake measures to bring about improvements in the representation of Member States in the Secretariat and continue to ensure the high quality of personnel;

5. Invites the Director-General:
   (a) to provide information requested during its 144th session;
   
   (b) to present an information document on the state of play of this issue at its 145th session, in the light of the changing situation and the discussions on this subject at its 144th session, in order to enable it to submit to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session a proposal to revise the mechanism of apportioning posts in the Secretariat, bearing in mind the practice in the United Nations system.

(144 EX/SR.9)

6.8 Report by the Director-General on the implementation and financing of the Renovation Plan for Headquarters buildings and Report of the Headquarters Committee (144 EX/26 and Add. and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 26 C/Resolution 31 and 27 C/Resolution 36, in which the General Conference noted that certain maintenance and renovation work on Headquarters buildings had become urgent and could no longer be postponed, and recommended that in the proposals for the use of funds carried forward to 1994-1995 from the 1992-1993 biennium the Director-General give priority to the Renovation Plan,

2. Noting that 27 C/Resolution 36 authorized the Director-General to implement, as a priority, the Renovation Plan proposed in document 27 C/81 and Corr. and Add., after having re-examined the order of priorities and amounts required with a view to making further economies,
3. **Noting further** that the Headquarters Committee has endorsed the main lines of emphasis proposed in the Renovation Plan for 1994-1995 (144 EX/26),

4. **Having examined** the revised priorities submitted orally by the Secretariat, as well as the extra funds available from the Headquarters Utilization Fund which would entail a reduction in the expected shortfall from $801,000 to $295,000 for 1994-1995,

5. **Noting further** that work has started and that it will be continued within the limits of the funds available (i.e. $3,015,000),

6. **Invites** the Director-General to report to it on developments in the situation at its 145th session.

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The Executive Board,

1. **Having been informed** of the recommendations of the Headquarters Committee to the Director-General, in particular concerning the additional work on meeting rooms,

2. **Endorses** the proposal made by the Headquarters Committee inviting the Director-General to request the Executive Board to launch an appeal, on the occasion of the celebration of UNESCO's fiftieth anniversary, to Member States, public and private organizations and individuals for voluntary contributions in cash or kind to pay for the restoration, refitting and renovation work on UNESCO Headquarters buildings;

3. **Decides** to launch an appeal to Member States, public and private organizations and individuals for voluntary contributions in cash or kind to pay for the restoration, refitting and renovation work on UNESCO Headquarters buildings.

(144 EX/SR.9)

6.9 **Amendment to the Regulations on the utilization and terms for letting of meeting rooms and adjacent premises, offices, parking places and other premises** (144 EX/27 and 144 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. **Having examined** document 144 EX/27, concerning an amendment proposed by the Director-General to paragraph 27 of the Regulations concerning the Headquarters Utilization Fund, with a view to reflecting the decision taken by the General Conference on Part VI of document 27 C/5,

2. **Having taken note** in particular of the favourable opinion of the Headquarters Committee referred to in paragraph 5 of document 144 EX/27.
3. Approves the amendment to paragraph 27 of the Regulations concerning the Headquarters Utilization Fund proposed by the Director-General, as modified;

4. Recommends that the Headquarters Committee examine all issues related to the Renovation Plan for all the buildings.

(144 EX/SR.9)

6.10 Mandate and working methods of the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters (144 EX/INF.5)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling paragraph III.6(b) of 26 C/Resolution 19.3,

2. Recalling its previous decisions, and particularly 137 EX/Decision 8.6, which established an expert group on financial and administrative matters,

3. Decides that the mandate of this group of experts shall be as follows:

   (a) to assist the Finance and Administrative Commission in its work with a view to increasing its effectiveness;

   (b) to examine from a strictly technical point of view the administrative and financial aspects of the documents and issues that the Finance and Administrative Commission refers to it;

   (c) to raise no matters of policy during its work;

4. Decides that the group of experts shall normally meet one week before each of the sessions of the Executive Board;

5. Renews its decision to finance the expenses of the group of experts, including the cost of travel and subsistence allowances for experts not living in Paris whose expenses are not borne by their respective governments, from the budget of the Executive Board;

6. Invites Member States to take the necessary steps for the experts designated as members of the group to attend meetings regularly;

7. Requests the Director-General to provide every assistance to facilitate the work of the group.

(144 EX/SR.1, 4)

6.11 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (144 EX/PRIV.1)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's deliberations on this subject.

(144 EX/SR.11)
ITEM 7 GENERAL MATTERS

7.1 Proposals for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of UNESCO (144 EX/28 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 15 relating to the fiftieth anniversary of UNESCO,

2. Stressing that the highest importance should be given to the celebration of the Organization's fiftieth anniversary and its co-ordination with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations,

3. Having taken cognizance of the proposals submitted in document 144 EX/28,

4. Endorses the general approach and ideas proposed by the Director-General regarding the programme for the celebration of this anniversary, the aims that could be set for it and the principles that should guide its preparation;

5. Approves in particular the emphasis laid on activities of substance, which should contribute to the renewal of the Organization's programme and modes of action, and considers that these activities could constitute an important contribution to the preparation of the fourth Medium-Term Plan and be continued during its implementation;

6. Considers that full advantage must be taken of these activities, as of commemorative events, to strengthen UNESCO's traditional partnerships and develop co-operation with new partners, thus enabling the Organization to be even more closely involved with civil society;

7. Invites Member States to associate themselves with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of UNESCO and to mark this anniversary by means of significant action in the Organization's fields of competence;

8. Requests the Director-General to take into account as far as possible when finalizing the programme for the celebration of the anniversary the ideas and suggestions formulated during the debates of the present session and those obtained through the consultation he has undertaken of Member States and non-governmental organizations;

9. Invites the Director-General to inform it regularly of the implementation of the programme for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of UNESCO and of the action taken by Member States and international non-governmental organizations to mark that anniversary.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)
7.2 **Dates of the 145th session**

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(144 EX/SR.11)

7.3 **The situation of the cultural and architectural heritage and of educational and cultural institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina** *(144 EX/34)*

The Executive Board,

1. **Recalling** 139 EX/Decision 7.5, 140 EX/Decision 8.4, 141 EX/Decision 9.3 and 142 EX/Decision 9.2, on the situation of the cultural and architectural heritage and of educational and cultural institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina,

2. **Recalling** also 27 C/Resolution 4.8, on the same subject,

3. **Deeply concerned** about the continuing massacres of, and attacks against, innocent human beings and the destruction of the cultural and architectural heritage in Bosnia and Herzegovina under the policy of ethnic and cultural cleansing,

4. **Taking note** of the Director-General's report on assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina *(144 EX/INF.3, Part I, paras. 15-19)*, invites the Director-General to approach and consult the Government and the UNESCO National Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the course of future preparations for and implementation of the assistance project and to explore similar projects in the field of education;

5. **Expresses its satisfaction** at the Director-General's decision to appoint a permanent UNESCO representative in Sarajevo to co-ordinate UNESCO's activities in the fields of education, culture and information;

6. **Welcomes** the Director-General's appeal to the world intellectual community on 13 April 1994, in line with the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution, to contribute to the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina; also welcomes the contributions already made by Member States in response to this appeal;

7. **Taking note** of the preparatory mission sent to Croatia in February 1994 and of the meeting of a working group to be held at the end of June 1994 *(144 EX/INF.3, Part II)*, both of which are focused on the rehabilitation of the women of Bosnia and Herzegovina and their children, who have been the direct or indirect victims of systematic rape, invites the Director-
General to accomplish the study requested from him in 141 EX/Decision 9.3 and to prepare the programme of action for rehabilitation of the women of Bosnia and Herzegovina with a view to presenting it also to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995;

8. **Further invites** the Director-General:

   (a) to implement 139 EX/Decision 7.5 as soon as the situation permits;

   (b) to determine the damage to educational, historical, archaeological and cultural properties of the country and to prepare an updated list of these properties, in close and effective co-operation with the Government, the National Commission and other competent authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and with intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, and to present his findings to the Board;

   (c) to develop, in co-ordination with the above-mentioned authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and with the contribution of other international, regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, restoration and reconstruction projects under a general plan in which due attention should be paid to the multicultural and multireligious nature of the country and to the considerations of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning its priorities;

   (d) to elaborate a Mostar pilot project within the general plan for the restoration and reconstruction of the Bosnian cultural heritage by setting up a committee consisting of experts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and responsible staff of the Secretariat, together with experts from Member States wishing to participate on the basis of voluntary contributions; to prepare, as integral parts of the general plan, specific projects for each historical and architectural building or complex of buildings (mosques, churches, synagogues, bridges, baths, bazaars, etc.); taking as an example the Mostar bridge reconstruction project (see Annex to 144 EX/34), to appeal to partners at the bilateral or multilateral level who will finance or implement these projects as soon as the situation permits;

9. **Invites** the Director-General to undertake additional steps to encourage Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to make voluntary contributions to finance these activities;

10. **Requests** the Director-General to report to it on the implementation of this decision at its 145th session.
7.4 Follow-up in UNESCO's fields of competence to the International Conference for the Protection of War Victims (144 EX/35 and 144 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that UNESCO has an important task to fulfil regarding human rights education,

2. Noting that the International Conference for the Protection of War Victims was held in Geneva from 29 August to 1 September 1993,

3. Considering that the appeal addressed to all States in the Final Declaration adopted by that Conference on 1 September 1993, calling for the systematic dissemination of international humanitarian law, the teaching of its rules to the public and the organization of the teaching of international humanitarian law in the public bodies responsible for its application, should also encourage UNESCO to give support, in its fields of competence, to the action taken by those States,

4. Invites the Director-General to inform it at its 145th session on the activities at present being carried out by the Centre for Human Rights, other relevant bodies of the United Nations and UNESCO, for the dissemination of the standards of international humanitarian law and any other information that is relevant in that respect;

5. Decides to place on the agenda of its 145th session an item entitled: 'Follow-up within UNESCO's fields of competence to the International Conference for the Protection of War Victims'.

(144 EX/SR.7, 8)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 3 AND 5 MAY 1994

At the private meetings held on 3 and 5 May 1994, the Executive Board considered respectively items 3.2 and 6.11 of its agenda.

3.2 Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: examination of communications transmitted to the Committee in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (144 EX/3 PRIV.)

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence;

2. It took note of the narrative part of the report and endorsed the wishes expressed by the Committee.
6.11 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (144 EX/PRIV.1)

The Executive Board considered item 6.11 of its agenda, entitled 'Consultation in pursuance of Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board'.

In accordance with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General, having informed the Board of the decisions he had taken since its 142nd session, or was intending to take, concerning personnel policies, appointments, post reclassifications and promotions of officials at grade D-1 and above, consulted it concerning appointments, promotion and extension of the contracts of a number of officials at grade D-1 and above, and also regarding the structure of the Secretariat.