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¹ Former Rule 52.

ITEM 1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OF THE TIMETABLE OF WORK
(145 EX/1 and 145 EX/INF.1)

At its first meeting, the Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 145 EX/1 and 145 EX/INF.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 3.3.2, 5.1 (Part II), 5.2.1 to 5.2.5, 5.3.2, 5.4.1 to 5.4.3, 5.5.1 to 5.5.8, 5.6.1, 5.7.1, 5.8.1, 6.2, 6.3 (joint meeting of PX and FA Commissions) and 8.1 to 8.3.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission:** items 4.1 (Part III), 5.1 (Part III), 5.3.1, 6.3 (joint meeting of PX and FA Commissions) and 7.1 to 7.7.
3. **Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations:** items 3.3.1 and 6.4.

(145 EX/SR.1)

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 144th SESSION
(144 EX/SR.1-11)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 144th session.

(145 EX/SR.1)

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 (145 EX/4 and Add., 145 EX/39, 145 EX/45 and 145 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

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1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 39 in which the General Conference asked it 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. Recalling 144 EX/Decision 3.1.1,
3. Having considered the report of the President of the General Conference on the results of the consultation of Member States (145 EX/4 and Add.)

and the report of the Director-General on the results of the studies which the Executive Board had asked him to carry out (145 EX/39),

4. Congratulates the President of the General Conference on the role he played in the preparation of the questionnaire sent to Member States, which enabled progress to be made in the examination of questions concerning the methods of work of the General Conference;
5. Invites the Director-General to include in the document that he will be submitting to the Executive Board at its 146th session on the organization of the work of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference proposals that take into account the following comments and indications and the observations made during the discussion:
 - (a) the discussion of items of the agenda should be organized around major themes;
 - (b) in commissions, debates of a general nature and the introductions to debates should be abolished;
 - (c) the commissions should make use of informal working or drafting groups as often as required, based on the regional groups;
 - (d) in debates where the President has called for speakers opposing a proposal to identify themselves without result, the decision may be adopted after four speakers have taken the floor (experimental measure);
 - (e) when a general agreement or a consensus emerges in a debate the President may decide to take a vote before all on the list have spoken;
 - (f) the President should enforce the agreed time-limit for speeches;
 - (g) the general policy debate should focus on one or more major themes, proposed by the Executive Board;
 - (h) sponsors of draft resolutions with budgetary implications other than those changing the budget ceiling should identify where, in the draft budget, the funding they propose is to come from;
 - (i) candidatures for elections to the Executive Board and intergovernmental bodies should be submitted no later than one week after the opening of the session;
 - (j) during the twenty-eighth session a method of voting should be tried out that is less time-consuming than the present method, in which debate is interrupted for a full roll-call in the Conference;
 - (k) the present programme commissions should be maintained at the twenty-eighth session;

- (l) the intersectoral nature of debates in commission should be reinforced, as and when necessary, by organizing joint meetings of different commissions and by organizing debates on intersectoral themes within the same commission;
 - (m) the General Committee of the General Conference should be able to set up subsidiary working groups when that might assist particular discussions;
 - (n) the bureaux of the commissions should be made responsible for preparing the processing of draft resolutions (classification, grouping of draft resolutions, contacts with sponsors) and could act as negotiation groups as and when required;
 - (o) reports of regional conferences and of intergovernmental organs should be made available to delegates without being systematically distributed;
 - (p) stricter norms should be adopted in order to reduce the distribution of documents during the session;
6. Also invites the Director-General, in preparing this document, to take into consideration, as a possible alternative to the usual timetable which places the general policy debate at the beginning of the session, the option put forward in paragraphs 49 and 50 of document 145 EX/39, and to state what the technical, budgetary and practical implications of this option would be;
7. Recommends that the General Conference ask the Executive Board, in the preparations for the twenty-ninth session and with the assistance of the Secretariat, to conduct a preliminary examination of the admissibility of draft resolutions, creating, if need be, an ad hoc group for that purpose;
8. Suggests that the General Conference delegate the examination of certain questions (particularly administrative and financial) to the Executive Board and approve without debate, as a general rule, the reports submitted to it on such questions by the Board;
9. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to further improve the quality and clarity of the working documents of the General Conference in all language versions, to reduce their volume as far as possible and to ensure that they are distributed on time;
10. Decides to reconsider the following questions at its 146th session, with a view to submitting recommendations to the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference:
- (a) classification criteria and deadlines for the submission of draft resolutions;
 - (b) standardization of election procedures;

- (c) possible strengthening of Rules 14.2 and 71 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- (d) place and role of the general policy debate in the organization of the work of the General Conference;
- (e) selection of a topic or topics to be suggested to the General Conference for consideration during the general policy debate;
- (f) other broad reform issues concerning the Organization's governing bodies that have been introduced during the debates of the Executive Board at its 145th session;

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11. Recalling 144 EX/Decision 3.1.1 (para. 8), whereby it 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),
12. Thanks the working group for the efforts it has made and the report it has drawn up;
13. Takes note of this report, as contained in document 145 EX/45;
14. Decides:
 - (a) to extend the duration of the working group, whose composition will remain the same, until the 146th session of the Executive Board, in order to enable a consensus to be reached;
 - (b) to have recourse, as required, to the existing organs and provisions, and in particular to Rule 17 of its Rules of Procedure, for the purpose of this intersessional work;

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15. Instructs the Special Committee to carry out an in-depth study on ways of improving the quality of the working documents of the General Conference and the Executive Board;
16. Invites the Special Committee to submit to it at its 146th session an interim report, followed by a final report at its 147th session;
17. Requests Denmark to undertake a preliminary study and to report to the Special Committee at the 146th session of the Board.

(145 EX/SR.15, 16)

3.1.2 Substantive review of Rules 13, 15, 16 and 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board¹ (145 EX/40 and 145 EX/49)

The Executive Board decided to examine this matter at a subsequent session.

(145 EX/SR.15, 16)

3.1.3 Report by the Bureau on questions that do not appear to require debate (145 EX/2)

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 145 EX/2 concerning item 6.5 - Relations with the Economic Co-operation Organization (ECO) and referred item 5.2.3 - Draft Statutes of the Regional Committee on Education in Asia and the Pacific to the Programme and External Relations Commission.

(145 EX/SR.1)

3.1.4 Operating costs of meetings of the Executive Board (145 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 26 C/Resolution 19.3,
2. Recognizing the need for economies to be effected by reducing operating costs and improving cost efficiency in UNESCO,
3. Seeking to examine this matter in a comprehensive manner on the level both of the governance and of the management of the Organization,
4. Affirming the right of Member States to participate on an equal basis in the work of the Board and its subsidiary organs,
5. Having examined document 145 EX/42, entitled 'Operating costs of meetings of the Executive Board',
6. Taking into account the views exchanged during the meetings of the Special Committee and in plenary meetings of the Board at its 144th and 145th sessions,
7. Decides:
 - (a) that the standard for air travel by the Board representatives shall be business class but that the Chairperson of the Executive Board shall continue to be entitled to a first class ticket;
 - (b) that a mechanism should be established to enable Members of the Executive Board who so wish to forgo the travel and/or daily subsistence allowances allocated to their representatives;

¹. Former Rules 12, 13, 14 and 15.

- (c) that the adoption and implementation of any changes in the operating costs of any structure of UNESCO should be considered as part of a package of wider economies in the operation of the Organization. Such savings shall be redeployed for priority activities which have been established by the General Conference in its resolutions, including the Participation Programme;
8. Invites the Director-General to prepare for the 146th session a draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure to enable the Executive Board to effect this change;
 9. Further invites the Director-General, while taking into account the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit's reports and recommendations on how to reduce the operating costs of United Nations organizations, to prepare, *inter alia*, a report on the following matters for its 147th session:
 - (a) the actual travel costs of members of the Secretariat during the 1992-1993 biennium and their relationship to the decentralization policy of the Organization and to improvements in communications between Headquarters and field offices;
 - (b) the costs to the Organization of accommodating and supporting non-governmental organizations in the Headquarters buildings;
 - (c) the manner in which the expenditure of funds is authorized under the Headquarters Utilization Fund.

(145 EX/SR.15, 16, 17)

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 (145 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(145 EX/SR.15)

3.3 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNESCO

3.3.1 Working with NGOs: operational activities for development of the United Nations system with non-governmental organizations and governments at the grass-roots and national levels (JIU/REP/93/1) (145 EX/6 and 145 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/6,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'Working with NGOs: operational activities for development of the United Nations

system with non-governmental organizations and governments at the grass-roots and national levels' (JIU/REP/93/1);

3. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report, and of the Director-General's comments thereon.

(145 EX/SR.15)

3.3.2 A review of the specific development needs of small Member States and the responsiveness of the United Nations development system to these needs (JIU/REP/93/4) (145 EX/7 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/7,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'A review of the specific development needs of small Member States and the responsiveness of the United Nations development system to these needs' (JIU/REP/93/4);
3. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report, and of the Director-General's comments thereon.

(145 EX/SR.17)

3.3.3 Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993) (A/48/34) (145 EX/8 and Add. and 145 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/8 and its Addendum,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report for the period from 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993 (A/48/34);
3. Takes note of that report of the Joint Inspection Unit;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to submit to it detailed reports on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit of concern to UNESCO, together with his observations on possible follow-up.

(145 EX/SR.15, 16)

3.4 Interim report on PROAP evaluation, review of UNESCO decentralization activities in the regions and overall review of decentralization (145 EX/38, 145 EX/50 and 145 EX/50 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the consolidated report of the five regional working groups on the overall review of decentralization and of the discussions

held during the plenary debate under this agenda item (145 EX/50 and 145 EX/50 Rev.),

2. Expresses its satisfaction at the innovative approach adopted to consider this important issue and at the close co-operation extended by the Director-General and the Secretariat, at Headquarters and in the Field, in the debate's preparation and proceedings;
3. Endorses the analyses and considerations formulated in the consolidated report, as amended in the light of the plenary discussions;
4. Commends to Member States these analyses and considerations, notably in so far as they concern the role and functioning of the National Commissions;
5. Requests the Director-General to take full account of the contents of this report in the planning and implementation of UNESCO's policy on decentralization.

(145 EX/SR.13, 18)

ITEM 4 MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING FROM 1996 (28 C/4) AND DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1996-1997 (28 C/5)

4.1 Preliminary proposals for medium-term planning from 1996 (28 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 (28 C/5) (145 EX/5, Parts I, II and III, 145 EX/53 and 145 EX/INF.4)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's preliminary proposals concerning medium-term planning from 1996 (28 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 (28 C/5) presented in document 145 EX/5, Parts II and III,
2. Taking into account the results of the consultation of Member States, associated members and intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, which are reflected in document 145 EX/5, Part I, and 145 EX/INF.4,
3. Notes with satisfaction that the new consultation process made possible a rich and fruitful debate between the Member States themselves, through their National Commissions, and between the Member States and the Secretariat;
4. Also taking into account the debates that were held at the present session, in particular the observations and suggestions made in plenary by the Members of the Executive Board on agenda item 4.1, the Director-General's reply to this debate, and the deliberations of the Programme and

External Relations Commission and the Finance and Administrative Commission,

5. Thanks the Director-General for preparing a clear, concise and readable document, which constituted a good basis for its debate;
6. Invites the Director-General to prepare documents 28 C/4 and 28 C/5 on the basis of the proposals contained in document 145 EX/5, Parts II and III, and taking into account the following recommendations:

A

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7. Considers that document 28 C/4 should be conceived as a short and flexible general policy document entitled 'Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001';
8. Considers further that this document should present strategic orientations and clearly stated objectives with a view to facilitating evaluation, and that it could be adjusted as necessary by the General Conference;
9. Notes the proposals submitted in paragraphs 4 to 59 of document 145 EX/5, Part II, with the following considerations and amendments:

I. UNESCO's missions (paras. 6-8)¹

- (a) UNESCO's specific role is to work towards the twin objectives of development and peace (para. 6);
- (b) the Organization should only undertake activities within its fields of competence and avoid duplication with actions undertaken by other institutions of the United Nations system (para. 6);
- (c) UNESCO's ethical role in the United Nations system should be reinforced and restricted to areas within UNESCO's competence. At the same time, the definition of this very important function should be further clarified (para. 7);
- (d) among the functions assigned to UNESCO for promoting international intellectual co-operation mentioned in paragraph 8, priority should be placed on co-operation for development (sectoral analyses, drafting of policies and programmes, selection of projects and raising of extra-budgetary resources) (para. 8);
- (e) in addition, the following aspects should be taken into account:

1. Paragraphs mentioned in parentheses refer to those in document 145 EX/5, Part II.

- (i) assistance for the maintenance, increase and diffusion of knowledge;
 - (ii) the function of the world intellectual forum, with a view to making progress in the analysis and the understanding of changes in the contemporary world;
 - (iii) the function of 'upstream' expert advice in the definition of strategies and projects at regional and national levels (para 8);
- (f) UNESCO's work in these fields should be better co-ordinated with the Organization's international partners (para. 8);

II. UNESCO's strategies (paras. 9-40)

- (a) **The presentation of the objectives of long-term action** (paras. 9-11) **should:**
- (i) underscore the interdependence of the two objectives: peace and development (para. 9);
 - (ii) link the concept of development with that of equity (para. 9);
 - (iii) lay stress on the development of human resources (para. 10);
 - (iv) recall that the struggle against poverty and exclusion must be a major concern of the strategies of the Organization in all its fields of competence (para. 10);
 - (v) highlight the fact that **peace** is the ultimate purpose of all UNESCO's activities (para. 11);
- (b) **UNESCO's medium-term strategies for contributing to sustainable development** (paras. 12-26)

To promote lifelong education for all (paras. 12-16)

- (i) this strategy should emphasize the necessary innovations to be introduced in the educational process (paras. 12-14);
- (ii) the renovation of methods and of the contents of programmes at all levels should be encouraged with a view to improving the quality and the relevance of education, paying particular attention to:
 - values education, which includes moral, ethical, spiritual, human and civic values;

scientific knowledge and technological skills;

the training and retraining of teachers (para. 14);

multilingual education (para. 14);

- (iii) the importance of technical and vocational education should be emphasized (para. 14);
- (iv) university education and inter-university co-operation should be promoted;
- (v) the Organization should encourage the full utilization of information technology and modern means of communication, in particular for distance education (paras. 12-15);
- (vi) the nine high-population countries with high illiteracy rates should be a special priority target group for education, within the framework of the Jomtien goals, appropriate attention continuing to be paid to any other country with high illiteracy rates;

To promote scientific research and the transfer and sharing of scientific and technical knowledge, research findings and information, and to promote their application to the utilization of natural resources and the management of social transformations (paras. 17-20)

- (vii) within its fields of competence, UNESCO should promote research in development strategies; carry out an in-depth study on the nature of underdevelopment and its evolution over recent decades, highlighting the threat to peace that underdevelopment constitutes; and contribute to informing the public at large on these subjects;
- (viii) particular emphasis should be placed on:
 - the role that UNESCO can play in the promotion of basic and engineering sciences;
 - the transfer of technological knowledge (applied sciences);
 - activities relating to renewable sources of energy, especially solar energy (para. 19);
- (ix) the strategy should facilitate the development of interdisciplinary approaches and, at the same time, encourage the strengthening of disciplines in both the

natural sciences and the social and human sciences (para. 19);

- (x) the strategy will rest upon increased collaboration between the intergovernmental programmes of the two major areas of scientific knowledge, it being understood that this bringing together should not adversely affect the identity of the programmes concerned (para. 19);
- (xi) interdisciplinary projects which may be implemented in this context should also include a cultural component (para. 19);

To preserve cultural heritage, promote living cultures and encourage creativity (paras. 21-23)

- (xii) the interdependence between culture and peace and also the interactions between culture and development must be emphasized;
- (xiii) the monitoring of sites on the World Heritage List should be undertaken in accordance with the Rules of the World Heritage Convention and the guidelines that should govern its implementation, keeping in mind that Member States themselves will undertake the monitoring of their world heritage sites, in consultation with UNESCO and other specialized organizations (para. 21);
- (xiv) the training of agents of cultural development should be included (para. 23);
- (xv) activities undertaken in the area of copyright should be closely co-ordinated with those of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) so as to avoid any duplication (para. 23);
- (xvi) UNESCO's role in the area of cultural industries should be clarified (para. 23);

To promote the free flow of information and the development of communication (paras. 24-26)

- (xvii) the Organization's action will continue the new strategy adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session, which consists in encouraging the free flow of information at international as well as at national level and its wider and better balanced dissemination without any obstacle to freedom of expression, and in developing all appropriate means

of strengthening communication capacities in the developing countries (para. 24);

(xviii) the importance of the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in reflection on the effects and possibilities of the new applications of information and communication technology deserves to be underlined (para. 25);

(c) **UNESCO's medium-term strategies for contributing to peace-building** (paras. 27-40)

(i) Article I of the Constitution should be cited, since it is the basis for UNESCO's contribution to the maintenance of peace and security (para. 27);

(ii) mention should also be made of the need to pursue the process of elaborating the concept of culture of peace (para. 27);

(iii) the following three main objectives should receive priority (para. 27):

to encourage education for non-violence, tolerance, human rights, democracy and international understanding (paras. 28-29);

to promote human rights and the struggle against discrimination (paras. 30-31);

to encourage cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue (paras. 34-35);

(iv) the titles of the other two objectives should be modified as follows:

to promote the consolidation of democratic processes (paras. 32-33);

to contribute to peace-building within the framework of actions undertaken under the mandate of the United Nations (paras. 36-40);

(v) the activities implemented under the last two objectives represent new domains of action for UNESCO. At this experimental stage, the greatest caution is required so as to ensure that all the Organization's actions under the five objectives set out above always come within its fields of competence (para. 27);

- (vi) the activities carried out under UNESCO's medium-term strategies for contributing to peace-building should be closely and efficiently co-ordinated with those of the other organizations of the United Nations system (para. 27);
- (vii) reference should be made to the 1974 recommendation concerning international education and to the results of the 44th session of the International Conference on Education (para. 28);
- (viii) mention should be made of the essential role of history in fostering better mutual understanding, particularly among neighbouring countries (para. 29);
- (ix) UNESCO should play a promotional role *vis-à-vis* the Member States wishing to revise the teaching of history, through bilateral and multilateral co-operation; UNESCO should also support the bilateral or multilateral co-production of textbooks for history teaching (para. 29);
- (x) the network of schools of journalism associated with UNESCO should be included among the 'centres of excellence for the dissemination of UNESCO's ethical message' (para. 29);
- (xi) equity and the solidarity of today's generations with the most underprivileged groups should be added to the theme concerning 'the present generation's responsibility towards future generations' (para. 31);
- (xii) the action envisaged under 'the definition of cultural rights and their content', and in particular the cultural rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, should be very clearly stated (para. 31);
- (xiii) with respect to the consolidation of democratic processes, UNESCO should encourage reflection and the exchange of information and experience on the nature and functioning of democracy in the different regions of the world and in relation to diverse cultural contexts. UNESCO should also continue its efforts to promote education and training for human rights and democracy, particularly at university level (UNESCO chairs and UNITWIN programme) (para. 32);
- (xiv) it should be specified that the development of national capacities in communication constitutes an

equally important element for the consolidation of democratic processes (para. 33);

- (xv) in the area of cultural pluralism, particular attention should be given to the cultures of minorities and indigenous populations (para. 34);
- (xvi) mention should be made of the need to promote knowledge of, and dialogue among, religions (para. 34);
- (xvii) the strategy proposed under paragraphs 36 to 40 should be implemented at the request of Member States or within the framework of the initiatives taken by the United Nations for conflict prevention, for humanitarian action co-ordinated by the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and for post-conflict peace-building; it should clearly come within the fields of UNESCO's competence;
- (xviii) the support that UNESCO may extend to initiatives that the media may take in situations of conflict should be specified (para. 38);

III. UNESCO's partners (paras. 41-46)

(a) In the Member States (paras. 41-43)

- (i) it should be emphasized that governments and National Commissions are the major partners of UNESCO for its activities in the Member States (para. 41);
- (ii) efforts should be made to elaborate a medium-term strategy for selecting, in close collaboration with governments and National Commissions, appropriate partners in Member States (in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Conference, such as those concerning the Charter of National Commissions, co-operation with National Commissions (27 C/Resolution 13.12), and the Guidelines for Establishing Official Relations with Foundations and Similar Institutions) (para. 42);

(b) International partners (paras. 44-46)

- (i) a medium-term strategy should be elaborated for improved policy co-ordination and project co-operation with institutional partners, emphasizing progress towards increased complementarity based on division of labour (para. 44);

- (ii) efforts should be made to further strengthen co-operation with international non-governmental organizations on the basis of the relevant decisions adopted by the Executive Board and in particular, those concerning the setting up of 'framework agreements' (para. 46);

IV. The principles for action (paras. 47-59)

(a) Evaluation and concentration (paras. 50-51)

efforts directed towards programme concentration and evaluation should be pursued, and Member States should be invited to establish criteria for the identification of priorities for UNESCO's action;

(b) Priority groups (para. 52)

- (i) women, youth, Sub-Saharan Africa and the least-developed countries should be recognized as priority groups in the Organization's activities;
- (ii) specific strategies should be elaborated to respond to the special and urgent needs of certain groups of countries with common characteristics (e.g. countries in transition, small island countries);

(c) Procedures (para. 53)

- (i) the emphasis placed on procedures that give direct support to the development efforts of Member States is welcomed; half the total of direct programme costs might be assigned to activities of this kind; these procedures should be so designed as to further strengthen the Organization's co-operation with Member States, National Commissions and, through them, competent NGOs and representatives of civil society;
- (ii) efforts to reduce the number of meetings, reports and publications should go hand in hand with greater attention to enhancing the quality of such activities and to following up the results of meetings;

(d) Decentralization (paras. 54-57)

- (i) it should be recalled that, according to their Charter, the National Commissions ensure the permanent presence of UNESCO in the Member States (para. 56);

- (ii) a medium-term strategy for decentralization should be elaborated in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Executive Board since its 136th session and the relevant resolutions of the General Conference (para. 57);
- (e) **Public information and publications services** (para. 58)

the importance should be emphasized of UNESCO making greater use of the communication media to get its message across to its beneficiaries directly and massively (para. 58);

B

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10. Takes note of the proposals submitted in paragraphs 60 to 97 along with the considerations and amendments presented below:
 - (a) all attempts at bringing closer together, on an experimental basis, the programmes in the natural sciences and in the social and human sciences should be preceded by an in-depth study and should in no way lead either to the merger of these programmes, the identity and autonomy of which should be preserved, or to the reduction of the budgetary resources currently allocated to each of them (para. 63);
 - (b) the implementation of the interdisciplinary project on coastal zones should take into account, in particular, the specific needs of the small island States (para. 65);
 - (c) the interdisciplinary project on cities should also pay attention to the cultural aspects of urban development (para. 66);
 - (d) an interdisciplinary and intersectoral programme should be established on science and technology in society;
 - (e) the intersectoral co-ordination of inter-university co-operation (UNITWIN programme and UNESCO chairs) should be strengthened and improved. These activities should be given preferential treatment under UNESCO's major programmes. The Director-General is invited to submit relevant proposals on the matter to the next session of the Executive Board (para. 67);
 - (f) UNESCO's strategies should emphasize the interdependence of the objectives of peace and development. In order to ensure the satisfactory co-ordination of concrete actions undertaken by UNESCO which are directly contributing to peace-building and to the emergence of a culture of peace, the Director-General is invited to elaborate the most appropriate programme structure, such as an interdisciplinary project or a coherent series of specific projects included in the major programmes, with appropriate mechanisms for intersectoral co-ordination (para. 68);

- (g) the Director-General's proposal that the activities for the benefit of the 'priority groups' should be presented in document 28 C/5 in the form of a series of 'special projects' is welcomed with appreciation (para. 70);
- (h) document 28 C/5 should include proposals for maintaining the integrity of the structure of PGI; these proposals, the budgetary implications of which should be clearly specified, should take into account new developments, such as the establishment of national and international structures for the 'Memory of the World' project, the ongoing debate on the concept of world heritage, and the new challenges such as the 'information superhighways' which should be made accessible for international co-operation in UNESCO's fields of competence (paras. 72-74). The Executive Board welcomes the Director-General's proposal to set up a working group responsible for making recommendations in this regard (para. 75);
- (i) the proposal to make a distinction in document 28 C/5 between recurrent activities and time-bound projects is noted with appreciation (para. 78);
- (j) the activities presented in paragraphs 79 to 97 should reflect the observations and amendments formulated above in connection with the preparation of document 28 C/4. In addition, they should take the following observations into account:
 - (i) emphasis should be placed throughout Major Programme I (Towards lifelong education for all) on a renovation of the teaching/learning process including values education; increased efforts should be made to collect and disseminate information and experience concerning innovative practices in this area (paras. 79-81);
 - (ii) the development of distance education and open learning systems should be particularly encouraged (paras. 79-81);
 - (iii) a priority programme entitled 'World Solar Programme' should be included in documents 28 C/4 and 28 C/5; other renewable sources of energy should be given appropriate support (para. 82);
 - (iv) the need to strengthen relations between the university, research and industry in the context of the UNISPAR programme should be underlined (paras. 67 and 82);
 - (v) under 'teaching, research and co-operation in the social and human sciences', reference should be made to the strengthening of disciplines, including the development of new analytical tools (para. 83);

- (vi) the integrity of the intergovernmental scientific programmes (IOC, MAB, IHP, IGCP, MOST) should be preserved (paras. 84-85);
- (vii) intercultural projects should receive appropriate support (para. 88);
- (viii) the training of agents of cultural development should be included (para. 90);
- (ix) the participation of the network of schools of journalism associated with UNESCO in the activities proposed under paragraph 91 should be ensured;
- (x) the activities proposed in paragraphs 93 to 97 should be restructured in the light of the recommendations formulated in paragraph 9.II(c) of the present decision;
- (xi) the recommendations of the 44th session of the International Conference on Education should be taken into account in the preparation of the activities envisaged under paragraph 93 (Education for peace, tolerance, human rights, democracy and international understanding);
- (xii) support should be extended to regional and interregional co-operation in the field of values education and international education (para. 93);
- (xiii) if the preparation of either the general or any of the regional histories is not completed in 1995 in accordance with the decisions of the General Conference, appropriate measures should be taken in order to ensure their completion in 1996-1997 (para. 95);
- (xiv) appropriate measures should be taken to ensure the effective participation of young people from the developing countries in the activities of the interdisciplinary project 'Youth and the culture of the future' (para. 97);

C

**BUDGETING TECHNIQUES AND THE PROBABLE
BUDGET BASE FOR 1996-1997**

11. Recommends that the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 (28 C/5) should be prepared by the Director-General on the basis of the following guidelines:

- (a) the following **budgeting techniques** should be applied:
- (i) the **constant dollar** principle - for document 28 C/5, the constant dollar rate will be fixed at 5.70 French francs to US \$1;
 - (ii) treatment of **inflation** through:
 - recosting;
 - anticipated cost increases;
 - (iii) description of the effects of **currency fluctuation** and the mechanism for dealing with it in the Appropriation Resolution, the budget to be approved by the General Conference to be that appearing in constant dollars in Parts I to VII;
 - (iv) zero-base budgeting;
 - (v) application of realistic budget standards;
 - (vi) a realistic adjustment for staff turnover and delays in recruitment (lapse factor) in document 28 C/5;
 - (vii) **distribution of staff and indirect programme costs**;
 - (viii) programme analysis by **form of action** and **function**;
 - (ix) distribution of **administrative and common service costs**;
 - (x) **integration of extra-budgetary resources**;
 - (xi) integration of **support costs income**;
- (b) a **reserve for draft resolutions** submitted by Member States amounting to US \$1.5 million should be foreseen within the budget base for 1996-1997;
- (c) the **budget base** for 1996-1997 for Parts I to VI of the budget should be **US \$470,185,000¹** (at 5.70 French francs to US \$1²);
- (d) the **inflation costs** for 1994-1995 (recosting) and the estimated cost of inflation in 1996-1997 (Part VII of the budget - Anticipated Cost Increases) should be budgeted for in document 28 C/5 and updated regularly until the eve of the General Conference, after careful examination of all data available;
- (e) a **provision for obligatory expenditure** (last of three instalments concerning the second phase of the amortization of the Account for

1. Or \$436,850,000 stated at the previous constant dollar rate of 6.45 French francs to US \$1.

2. Taking into account a comparable downward adjustment in the constant dollar rate for the Swiss franc from the present 1.64 SWF = US \$1 to 1.45 SWF = US \$1.

End-of-Service Grants and Indemnities) in the amount of US \$290,000 should be made within the overall budget for 1996-1997, in accordance with 25 C/Resolution 37, and returned to Miscellaneous Income;

12. Invites the Director-General to propose a realistic lapse factor, taking into account the discussions in the Finance and Administrative Commission, and to absorb any additional costs arising therefrom within the budget base for 1996-1997; proposals should also be submitted to the Executive Board at its 146th session on how the additional costs are to be absorbed in document 28 C/5, giving possible alternatives, in annexes to draft document 28 C/5, on the basis of lapse factors of 5, 4 and 3 per cent, in order to enable the Executive Board at its 146th session to adopt a final recommendation for submission to the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference.

(145 EX/SR.18)

II

Education for all

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that 27 C/Resolution 1.5 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) that the most populous countries with the highest illiteracy rates should be included in the special priority target groups recognized by UNESCO,
2. Recalling that 27 C/Resolution 1.5 authorized the Director-General to shape the programme and budget of UNESCO, in accordance with that recommendation, to focus on the most populous countries with the highest illiteracy rates, as another special priority target group,
3. Recalling further that the Executive Board in 144 EX/Decision 4.2.7 requested the Director-General to shape the Programme and Budget of UNESCO (28 C/5) in accordance with the decision to focus on the high-population countries with high illiteracy rates, as another special priority target group, and recommended to the General Conference that the draft Medium-Term Plan (1996-2001)¹ 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,
4. Noting the resolution adopted by the ministers of education or their representatives at a review meeting of EFA-9 countries which took place in Geneva on 8 October 1994 and which is reproduced below,

1. Henceforth entitled 'Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001'.

5. Requests the Director-General to report to each subsequent session of the Executive Board under 'education for all' on the specific activities undertaken by UNESCO and other United Nations agencies, as well as by donor agencies outside the United Nations system, in the interim period, as a follow-up to the World Declaration adopted at Jomtien, and to the Declaration and Framework of Action adopted at the New Delhi Summit in 1993.

Annex

Resolution adopted by the Ministers of Education of the EFA-9 countries or their representatives at the 44th session of the International Conference on Education Geneva, 5-8 October 1994

We, the Ministers of Education of the nine high-population countries with a large number of illiterates (Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Pakistan) believe that with the Delhi Declaration a historic opportunity has arisen for harnessing the political and popular commitment to education for all in our countries. The agenda for education for all in these nine countries has the most decisive bearing on the global goals set in Jomtien and, therefore, should remain the area of highest priority for our domestic governments as well as UNESCO, as the pace-setter for other international agencies.

In this context, we recall with satisfaction and expectation 27 C/Resolution 1.5 of the General Conference and 144 EX/Decision 4.2.7 of the Executive Board which designate our countries as a special target group in UNESCO. We call upon the 145th session of the Executive Board and the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference to accordingly give shape and content to this commitment through its adequate reflection in the Medium-Term Plan (1996-2001)¹ and in its Programme and Budget for the years 1996-1997. Similarly, we call upon UNICEF and UNFPA to announce their specific agenda for the follow-up activities of the New Delhi Summit.

(145 EX/SR.18)

ITEM 5 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

- 5.1 **Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization since the 144th session** (145 EX/INF.3, Parts I, II and III and Addenda, 145 EX/51, Part I and 145 EX/53)

I

Review of the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article V.6(b) of the Constitution which reads as follows: 'The Executive Board, acting under the authority of the General Conference, shall be responsible for the execution of the programme adopted by the

Conference. In accordance with the decisions of the General Conference and having regard to circumstances arising between two ordinary sessions, the Executive Board shall take all necessary measures to ensure the effective and rational execution of the programme by the Director-General',

2. Thanks the Director-General for enabling it to exercise this responsibility through the examination of his reports on the activities of the Organization which are submitted periodically;
3. Notes with appreciation the suggestions made by the Director-General in paragraphs 80 and 81 of Part I of his report on the activities of the Organization since the 144th session (145 EX/INF.3);
4. Decides to place on the agenda of each of its sessions an item entitled 'Review of the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference';
5. Requests the Director-General, for its 146th session and following sessions, to prepare documentation based, *inter alia*, on his present report, to be issued in the main series of documents and financed, to the extent possible, from savings on operating costs of meetings of the Board.

(145 EX/SR.17)

II

United Nations Year for Tolerance

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 144 EX/Decision 5.1.1, in which it invited the Director-General to propose, for the respective agendas of the meetings to be held under UNESCO's auspices for the United Nations Year for Tolerance (1995), the question, *inter alia*, of recommendations for a programme of action which might include a statement of principles, and decided also to prepare such a draft programme of action for adoption by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session,
2. Recalling also that UNESCO has prepared a report for the current forty-ninth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations dealing with the co-ordination work carried out by UNESCO pursuant to its mandate as lead agency for the Year, which recalls the principles of action adopted by UNESCO in this connection, gives details of the form such action should take, and, finally, reviews the co-operation between various officials responsible for projects for the Year,
3. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 146th session, through its Special Committee, draft proposals for a follow-up programme of action which might include a statement of principles, in order to enable it to consider it at its 146th session and if it so chooses recommend it to the

General Conference at its twenty-eighth session for adoption at an appropriate ceremony.

(145 EX/SR.17)

III

Universality of the Organization

The Executive Board,

1. Reaffirming the importance that it attaches to the universality of the Organization,
2. Welcoming the imminent return of South Africa to UNESCO,
3. Conscious of the benefit that UNESCO would derive from the return to the Organization of the States that have withdrawn from it,
4. Recalls the invitation issued by the General Conference in 24 C/Resolution 28 and renewed in 144 EX/Decision 4.1 (II) for the States that have withdrawn from UNESCO to resume their places in it;
5. Emphasizes that it would be desirable, both for UNESCO and for the Member States, to be given indications as to the intentions of these States concerning their return to the Organization.

(145 EX/SR.18)

IV

Declaration by the South African authorities

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the role played by UNESCO in providing educational support to South African exiles during the struggle against the apartheid regime,
2. Welcomes whole-heartedly the recent declaration by the South African authorities of their intention to take appropriate steps with a view to the resumption by South Africa of its membership of UNESCO;
3. Underscores the importance of this historic declaration and its immense significance for this Organization, which has always worked to remove all forms of racial discrimination and to promote and ensure respect for human rights;
4. Highlights the important and constructive role that South Africa would play in UNESCO's fields of competence in the Southern Africa region, the continent of Africa and the entire family of nations;

5. Requests the Director-General to continue to give assistance to South Africa in UNESCO's fields of competence, especially education.

(145 EX/SR.18)

V

Human rights and terrorism

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of resolution 48/122, entitled 'Human rights and terrorism', adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations by consensus at its forty-eighth session,
2. Also taking note of resolution 46/51, entitled 'Measures to eliminate international terrorism', adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations by consensus at its forty-sixth session,
3. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 5.1 and, in particular, its paragraph 2.B(e), in which the Director-General is invited to 'help foster public awareness of the need to eradicate terrorist acts, methods and practices and their link with drug trafficking, on account of their being activities calculated to destroy human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy and peace and having detrimental effects on education and culture',
4. Considering the statement of the Director-General condemning the latest terrorist acts which have taken place in the world,
5. Seriously concerned at the gross violations of human rights perpetrated by terrorist groups,
6. Unequivocally condemns, as the United Nations General Assembly has also done (resolution 48/122, operative paragraph 1), 'all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomever committed, as activities aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States, destabilizing legitimately constituted governments, undermining pluralistic civil societies and having adverse consequences on the economic and social development of States';
7. Proposes to the Director-General that he study the possible forms of UNESCO's participation in the endeavours of the international community to promote co-operation in combating the danger of terrorism, including the drawing up of appropriate recommendations and a plan of action, and submit to it at its 146th session a report on this matter which takes fully into account the proposals made at the present session.

(145 EX/SR.18)

VI

**Financing of special advisers and consultants
to the Secretariat**

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization since the 144th session;
2. Invites the Director-General to take into consideration the observations made in the report of the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters and in the discussions in the Finance and Administrative Commission, and to report to it at its 146th session on the financing of special advisers and consultants to the Secretariat and on the implementation of his instructions for savings to be made on staff travel.

(145 EX/SR.16)

VII

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

The Executive Board,

1. Having heard with admiration the address given by Ms Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate,
2. Inspired by the message of tolerance and peace which her life and work represent,
3. Endorses her proposal that the second Forum of the Indigenous Initiative for Peace, with representatives from all over the world, be held at UNESCO Headquarters, in the framework of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;
4. Recalling UNESCO's activities to protect cultural identities and promote their interaction,
5. Thanks Ms Menchú for this enlightening visit;
6. Considers her initiatives a most valuable contribution to the Organization's activities to promote a culture of peace;
7. Welcomes her proposal concerning the Forum to be convened at UNESCO Headquarters during 1995, the United Nations Year for Tolerance;
8. Invites the Director-General to support her proposal, in co-operation with other United Nations bodies and particularly with the Secretary-General of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, in

accordance with the responsibilities established by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 48/163, adopted on 21 December 1993.

(145 EX/SR.18)

VIII

Economic Conference for Development and Co-operation in the Middle East and in North Africa

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization, which underlined the interdependence between development and peace-building throughout the world,
2. Considering that economic expansion, however necessary, must be increasingly linked to human development,
3. Welcomes with great satisfaction the organization in Casablanca, from 30 October to 1 November 1994, under the aegis of the United States and the Russian Federation, of the Economic Conference for Development and Co-operation in the Middle East and in North Africa under the presidency of His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco;
4. Recognizes that this meeting, the aim of which was to establish the basis for harmonious and profitable co-operation between all the countries of that region without exception, will, as noted in the Casablanca Declaration, make it possible to define a framework conducive to practical and ambitious co-operative projects of a kind that will consolidate peace and prosperity throughout the region of the Middle East and North Africa;
5. Appreciates the efforts of the Kingdom of Morocco, which has worked strenuously to ensure the success of this important initiative, which is in line with the ideals and goals of the United Nations and UNESCO.

(145 EX/SR.18)

5.2 Education

5.2.1 Application of 144 EX/Decision 4.2.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (145 EX/9 Rev. and 145 EX/51, Part I)

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 (1959), the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education and the Fourth Geneva Convention (1949),

2. Considering that the exercise of this right has frequently been seriously hampered by armed conflicts and foreign occupation in the occupied Arab territories,
3. Considering that the Israeli-Palestinian Agreement signed on 13 September 1993 in Washington, entitled 'Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements', and the Agreement on the Interim Period concluded on 4 May 1994 in Cairo open up a new era of peace and harmony,
4. Referring to the 'Memorandum of Co-operation' between the PLO and UNESCO, signed in Granada (Spain) on 9 December 1993, and to the Plan of Action adopted by the Joint PLO-UNESCO Co-ordination Committee, signed in Tunis on 30 April 1994, which lay down the general framework of UNESCO's action in the Palestinian territories, the priority projects to be carried out, the activities to be undertaken in the short and medium term and co-ordination arrangements between the Palestinian authorities concerned and UNESCO in the fields of education, culture, science and communication,
5. Having taken note of the report by the Director-General on this matter (145 EX/9 Rev.),
6. Welcomes the transfer by Israel to the Palestinian Authority, as of 1 September 1994, of competence for education and culture, particularly in the West Bank and Gaza, and the exercise of this competence with realism and a lofty sense of responsibility, despite difficulties of all kinds, thereby giving a new dimension to co-operation between that Authority and UNESCO in the shaping and setting up of educational structures and systems, and their strengthening thanks to the co-operation and international experience provided via UNESCO;
7. Appreciates particularly the efforts made by the Director-General, in co-operation with the Palestinian Authority, for the implementation of the above-mentioned Memorandum of Co-operation through the immediate sending of high-level consultant missions, the vigorous impetus that he has given to this action by the strengthening of the 'ministry' of education and the restoration of schools, especially as competence in this field had only been transferred to the Palestinian Authority on 1 September 1994 and that this represented assistance and support without which the burden of the Palestinian Authority would have been difficult to shoulder;
8. Expresses its satisfaction regarding the progress of major projects, including assistance for the establishment of a 'ministry' of education and a 'ministry' of culture, a curriculum development centre and a teacher-training centre, the formulation of a strategy for the development of higher education and the training of Palestinian executives, the preparation of a cultural policy for executive training, the protection of historic sites, and legislation for the protection of the heritage, and also the establishment of museums and cultural centres;

9. Considers that UNESCO's action in favour of the establishment of the 'ministries' of education and culture and of scientific and social development for the benefit of the Palestinian people is of major importance and confers on the Organization a key role and responsibility within the United Nations system;
10. Expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to the Director-General for his effective, constructive and vigorous action in strengthening UNESCO's action in this connection;
11. Thanks the Member States, especially the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Italy and Norway, the various agencies of the United Nations system, the international financial institutions and regional organizations for their contribution in those fields;
12. Invites Member States and the international organizations and institutions concerned to make the financial contribution needed to carry out the projects recommended in document 145 EX/9 Rev., taking the opportunity being offered to all to build a modern and democratic education system on solid foundations, such support having necessarily to be provided from the start of the peace process, which it should help to consolidate;
13. Expresses the hope that the peace negotiations between the Arab States and Israel will achieve a just and global solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict based on a withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the implementation of Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 following the principle of land for peace;
14. Requests the Director-General to increase the funds earmarked for the Palestinians in the Participation Programme and the regular programme during this crucial transition period;
15. Invites the Director-General to continue, within the fields of competence of UNESCO:
 - (a) his approaches to the Israeli authorities in order to preserve the human and social make-up of the occupied Syrian Golan in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in that regard;
 - (b) to provide the necessary assistance to educational establishments in order to preserve the Syrian Arab cultural identity, and to offer grants to the students of the occupied Syrian Golan;
16. Decides to include this item on the agenda of its 146th session.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.2.2 Education for All (145 EX/10 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/10,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.2.3 Draft Statutes of the Regional Committee on Education in Asia and the Pacific (145 EX/11 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/11,
2. Taking note of the differences between an intergovernmental regional committee (category II) and a regional committee of specialists (category V),
3. Endorsing the view that it would be appropriate for the governments of the Member States of the Asia and Pacific region to be members of the regional committee on education,
4. Endorsing further the view that the proposed committee's objectives will best be met if the committee also provides for broad-based participation and includes representatives of funding agencies and relevant non-governmental organizations (as recommended by MINEDAP VI),
5. Requests the Director-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States in Asia and the Pacific, the draft statutes for an Intergovernmental Regional Committee on Education in Asia and the Pacific and to submit the draft statutes to it at its 146th session.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.2.4 Recommendations of the fourth meeting of the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (145 EX/12 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/12,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.2.5 World Conference on Special Needs Education: Access and Quality (145 EX/44 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Reaffirming the right of everyone to education, as recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and renewing the international community's commitment, made at the World Conference on Education for All in 1990, to guarantee that right for all, regardless of individual differences,
2. Recalling the various declarations of the United Nations, culminating in the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, which urges States to ensure that the education of persons with disabilities is made an integral part of the education system,
3. Noting with satisfaction the increased participation by governments, support groups, community groups and groups of parents and, particularly, by the organizations of persons with disabilities themselves in efforts to improve access to education for the majority of people with special needs who continue to be marginalized, and acknowledging as proof of this commitment the high level of participation of many governments, specialized organizations and intergovernmental organizations in the World Conference on Special Needs Education: Access and Quality which, organized by the Government of Spain in co-operation with UNESCO, was held in Salamanca, Spain, from 7 to 10 June 1994 and in the technical preparation of which UNESCO played a major role,
4. Recognizing the importance of UNESCO as the lead agency for matters concerning education, and noting with satisfaction that it is encouraging the education of persons with special needs in the Member States, as was recognized by participants in the World Conference referred to above,
5. Takes note of document 145 EX/44 and endorses the Salamanca Statement and framework for action adopted by the Conference;
6. Stresses the importance of following up the World Conference on Special Needs Education, both for the Member States and for UNESCO and other Specialized Agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations;
7. Requests the Director-General to inform it at its 146th session of the measures UNESCO intends to take to follow up the World Conference in Salamanca;
8. Invites the Director-General to take particular care, when preparing document 28 C/5, to ensure that special attention and priority is given to such measures;

9. Also requests the Director-General to ensure that the appeal made in the Salamanca Statement is reflected in a project which could be implemented in the period covered by the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001;
10. Decides to include on the agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference an item concerning the follow-up to the Salamanca Conference.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.3 Sciences

5.3.1 Establishment of the International Fund for the Technological Development of Africa (145 EX/13 and 145 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/13,
2. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 2.1 in which the General Conference invited the Director-General to 'facilitate the transfer of research findings from engineering faculties and schools to the industrial and service sectors' and noting that in view of the priority given to the Africa region in this area the Director-General decided to establish the International Fund for the Technological Development of Africa, the aim of which is to prepare projects in universities and research institutes whose results could be transferred to industry (27 C/5 Approved, para. 02114),
3. Further recalling the measures taken by the Director-General on the occasion of the two-day symposium on science and technology in Africa held in Nairobi last February, as reported to the Executive Board at its 144th session (144 EX/INF.3, Part I, paras. 26-28),
4. Takes note of the creation of a Special Account into which the revenue accruing to the Fund will be paid and also of the related financial regulations;
5. Invites the Director-General to call a donors' conference at the end of 1994 to enable them to contribute to the Fund through support to specific projects identified by the Director-General in African countries;
6. Also invites the Director-General to inform it of the results of this conference at its 146th session.

(145 EX/SR.16)

5.3.2 Draft Statutes of the World Solar Commission (145 EX/14 and Corr. and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/14,

2. Recalling that the World Solar Summit Process will be conducted in 1994-1995 in accordance with 27 C/Resolution 2.1 and paragraph 02117 of the work plan in document 27 C/5 Approved,
3. Approves the Statutes of the World Solar Commission as reproduced below.

Annex

Statutes of the World Solar Commission

Article 1

A World Solar Commission (hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission'), is hereby established.

Article 2

The Commission shall advise the Organization, the participants in the World Solar Summit Process and all other interested parties on measures for reinforcing global and regional co-operation in the promotion of renewable sources of energy in order to ensure that the resources available for activities in this field are being allocated in such a way as to maximize their effect, having regard to the present and future needs of Member States. The Commission shall have the following main tasks:

- (a) to advise on global and regional strategies and to make recommendations for the preparation of a plan of action prior to each session of the General Conference of UNESCO;
- (b) to advise UNESCO - on the basis of the foregoing - on the preparation of region-specific inputs into UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy (every six years) and Programme and Budget (every two years);
- (c) to advise on ways and means of strengthening the extra-budgetary programmes of UNESCO within the field of renewable energy;
- (d) to make recommendations for enhancing the capacity of UNESCO to respond rapidly and effectively to global, regional and national needs concerning the use of solar energy for development and environment.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) nationals of Member States of UNESCO serving in a personal capacity, with at least five members from developing countries. The Director-General, after consulting the authorities of the Member States concerned, shall appoint the members of the Commission.

2. The term of office of members of the Commission shall be four years. Members of the Commission shall be eligible for reappointment only once. The Director-General, in appointing the first members of the Commission, shall designate half of them for a first term of office to cease two years after their

appointment. In the event of the resignation, incapacity or death of a member of the Commission, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

3. In addition to the members of the Commission, the Director-General may invite to sessions of the Commission, as non-voting participants, persons who by reason of their functions and special knowledge and experience can assist the Commission in its work.

Article 4

1. A Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected by the members of the Commission for a period of four (4) years. He or she may be re-elected for a further period of four (4) years. The two Vice-Chairpersons shall also be elected for a period of four (4) years.

2. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and past Chairperson shall form the Bureau of the Commission. They shall remain in office until the election of the new Bureau.

Article 5

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

2. The secretariat of the Commission shall be provided by the Engineering and Technology Division of the Science Sector.

Article 6

The travel and subsistence expenses of members and other persons referred to in Article 3 shall not, in general, be borne by UNESCO. However, in cases where travel is, exceptionally, borne by UNESCO, it shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Organization's travel rules.

Article 7

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to sessions of the Commission. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may send representatives to sessions of the Commission.

2. The Director-General may extend invitations to send observers to sessions of the Commission to:

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

- (c) international non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the directives concerning UNESCO's relations with international non-governmental organizations.

Article 8

1. The Commission shall adopt its Rules of Procedure, which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.
2. The agenda for sessions of the Commission shall be drawn up by the Director-General, after consultation with the Chairperson of the Commission.
3. After each session, the Commission shall present a report on its work, together with recommendations, to the Director-General.

Article 9

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

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.4 Social and human sciences

5.4.1 The Culture of Peace Programme: from national programmes to a project of global scope (145 EX/15 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/15,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.4.2 Follow-up within UNESCO's fields of competence to the International Conference for the Protection of War Victims (145 EX/16 and 145 EX/51, Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that, in 18 C/Resolution 5.12, adopted in 1974, the General Conference recognized the need for the generalized dissemination and teaching of the principles of international humanitarian law, and invited governments and the Director-General to intensify teaching and research in the field of international humanitarian law,
2. Also recalling 144 EX/Decision 7.4,
3. Thanking the Director-General for having, in his report in document 145 EX/16, made a comprehensive study of the activities at present being carried out by the Centre for Human Rights, the other relevant bodies of

the United Nations and UNESCO to disseminate the standards of international humanitarian law,

4. Noting the action undertaken up to now by UNESCO in the above-mentioned field,
5. Considers it necessary, in view of current international developments and the grave prejudice caused to international humanitarian law during recent conflicts, to bring together the activities undertaken by UNESCO in its fields of competence on the basis of 18 C/Resolution 5.12, mentioned above, and to develop a pilot project to encourage the dissemination of international humanitarian law through its human rights education programmes, without losing sight of the importance of distinctive national and regional characteristics and historic, cultural and religious diversity;
6. Stresses the need for the close co-ordination of this action with that of the institutions mentioned in document 145 EX/16, bearing in mind the need to avoid duplication and recognizing that the primary responsibility for the dissemination of international humanitarian law lies with governments and the International Committee of the Red Cross;
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 146th session practical proposals concerning this pilot project with a view to the planning of this action within the framework of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 and within that of the Programme and Budget for 1996-1997;
8. Takes note of paragraph 53 of document 145 EX/16 and invites the Director-General to submit to it at one of its forthcoming sessions more precise information with a view to the discussion and approval of his project for the preparation of a declaration on the rights and duties attaching to humanitarian assistance.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.4.3 Question of the preparation of a declaration on the rights of future generations (145 EX/41 and 145 EX/51, Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 145 EX/41,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.5 Culture

5.5.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 27 C/Resolution 3.8 (145 EX/17 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Hague Convention and Protocol of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, the relevant provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention and its Additional Protocols, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the inclusion of the Old City of Jerusalem in the World Heritage List,
2. Welcoming the new era of peace in the Middle East, and recalling that, where the status of Jerusalem is concerned, UNESCO complies with the resolutions and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council,
3. Recalling UNESCO's previous decisions and resolutions on the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem, requesting that no measure or act be undertaken that alters the religious, cultural, historical or demographic nature of the city or impairs the balance of the site as a whole, pending final negotiations on the status of Jerusalem,
4. Having taken note of the report submitted to the Director-General by Professor Lemaire,
5. Notes:
 - (a) that, following the first tunnel dug in the 1970s, a further semi-circular tunnel, more than 2 metres high and 1.5 metres wide, and an underground platform have been dug under *Waqf* property, without first obtaining the agreement of the *Waqf* authorities or warning them;
 - (b) that the stability of the foundations of the historic buildings forming part of the *Al-Sarâm ash-Sharîf* has been endangered by the use, in digging the tunnel, of a chemical affecting the bedrock underlying those buildings, which could seriously threaten their stability owing to the highly porous nature of the rock;
 - (c) that the municipality of Jerusalem is planning to build a car park and a belvedere by the side of the *Al-Sarâm ash-Sharîf* Muslim cemetery, which would affect the *Al-Sarâm* complex and the way in which it fits into the site;
 - (d) that the completion of other car parks on the Mamilla site in the immediate vicinity of the Jaffa Gate in the Old City defaces one of the finest urban landscapes of the Holy City;

6. Notes with satisfaction that:
 - (a) the replacement of the roof of the Dome of the Rock of the *Al-Sarâm ash-Sharîf* and the renovation of the roofing and roof frame have been carried out by Jordan to very high technical, aesthetic and archaeological standards;
 - (b) urban development work has been undertaken in the Old City and in the vicinity of the Holy Sepulchre, thereby improving the appearance of the area;
7. Thanks the Director-General for his unceasing efforts to secure the implementation of UNESCO's decisions and resolutions and to ensure that due regard is shown for the character and features of the Old City;
8. Thanks the Israeli authorities as well as the religious authorities in Jerusalem for their co-operation and their support for Professor Lemaire's missions to Jerusalem;
9. Invites the Director-General to be particularly vigilant in carrying out the task of safeguarding the religious, cultural and historic heritage and the demographic character of Jerusalem pending the results of the current negotiations, and, as far as the safeguarding operations are concerned, to ensure that they are undertaken with full respect for the Venice Charter and the universally accepted principles in this field;
10. Also invites him to take the necessary steps to ensure that the following operations are carried out:
 - (a) preservation and conservation of the marble facing on the outer and inner walls of the *Al-Sarâm ash-Sharîf* and of the Umayyad mosaics, and restoration of the monumental stucco decorations sculpted inside the dome;
 - (b) restoration of the complex comprising the *Sûq al-Qattânîn* and the two Mamlûk *Tammâms* (*Sammâm ash-Shifâ* and *Sammâm al-'Ain*);
 - (c) restoration, as a matter of great urgency, of a number of manuscripts of the Al Aqsa Mosque, dating from the eighth and ninth centuries, whose condition is giving cause for concern;
 - (d) dispatch of a mission headed by Professor Lemaire with all the scientific assistance needed to examine the bedrock affected by the substance used in digging the tunnel, in order to propose, the digging having been stopped, any measures that might be taken to consolidate the bedrock should this prove necessary;
 - (e) drawing up of an inventory of the cultural and physical heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem by experts of high repute in the fields concerned, working on an interdisciplinary basis;

11. Further invites him to ensure that the forecourt of the Chain Gate is restored to its former state and that the work on the car park and belvedere by the side of the *Al-Sarâm ash-Sharîf* Muslim cemetery is suspended;
12. Decides to place this item on the agenda of its 147th session.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.5.2 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Slave Route project (145 EX/18 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 3.13, by which the General Conference decided to launch an international co-operative project on the Slave Route,
2. Having noted the report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Slave Route project,
3. Aware that the Slave Route project can contribute to intercultural dialogue and lead to co-operation, understanding and mutual respect between Europe, Africa, the American continents and the Caribbean,
4. Stresses, in the context of the United Nations Year for Tolerance, the importance of the intercultural dialogue aspect of the Slave Route project;
5. Notes with satisfaction that the appointment by the Director-General of an International Scientific Committee should guarantee the scientific objectivity and the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach of the study of the black slave-trade route and its cultural consequences;
6. Considers that the six-year period covered by the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996 to 2001 is an adequate time-frame for the execution and further development of the project;
7. Invites the Director-General to engage, at the end of this period, in a global evaluation, which will determine what follow-up action might be taken on the project;
8. Welcomes the organization by Benin in Ouidah from 1 to 5 September 1994 of the International Conference on the Slave Route project;
9. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts undertaken to launch this project in accordance with paragraph 3 of 27 C/Resolution 3.13, which reads as follows:

'Asks the Director-General to reinforce UNESCO's support by all appropriate means and through the intersectoral activities of the Organization's programme, by establishing an international scientific committee for the Slave Route project, and also by mobilizing extra-budgetary resources';

10. Invites the Director-General to report to it on the progress of this project at its 147th session.

(145 EX/SR.17, 18)

5.5.3 Report by the Director-General on possible forms of action by UNESCO to combat piracy in the field of copyright, including the preparation of a recommendation and plan of action on this matter (145 EX/19 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/19, and referring to the discussions held on this subject during its 144th session (144 EX/Decision 4.2.2),
2. Invites the Director-General to continue to seek co-operation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) and to work with them in undertaking a study on forms of action that could be taken by the Organization to combat piracy of intellectual works.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.5.4 The International José Martí Prize (145 EX/20 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/20, concerning the International José Martí Prize,
2. Considering that the objectives of the Prize coincide with those of UNESCO, as defined in its Constitution,
3. Authorizes the Director-General to accept the offer of the Cuban Government concerning the institution of an international prize of US \$5,000, to be financed by the Cuban Government and awarded by UNESCO every two years from 1995, that year marking the centenary of the death of José Martí, the purpose of the prize being to promote and reward an activity of outstanding merit that, in accordance with the ideals and spirit of José Martí and embodying a nation's aspiration to sovereignty and its struggle for liberty, contributes, in any region of the world, to the unity and the integration of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and to the preservation of their identities, cultural traditions and historical values;
4. Invites the Director-General to convey to the Cuban Government the Executive Board's satisfaction and gratitude;
5. Approves the rules governing the International José Martí Prize as reproduced below.

Annex

Rules governing the International José Martí Prize

1. Purpose

The international prize named after José Martí (1853-1895), which is in the pure tradition of the International Simón Bolívar Prize, bears the name of a great apostle and a man of action recognized as the intellectual author of the liberation of Cuba, a political thinker who was also an eminent writer and the chief precursor of the literary movement called *modernismo*. The purpose of the Prize is to promote and reward an activity of outstanding merit that, in accordance with the ideals and spirit of José Martí and embodying a nation's aspiration to sovereignty and its struggle for liberty, contributes, in any region of the world, to the unity and the integration of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and to the preservation of their identities, cultural traditions and historical values.

2. Selection of the prizewinner

The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General of UNESCO on the recommendation of a jury.

3. Value and frequency of the Prize

The prizewinner shall receive the sum of US \$5,000. The Prize shall be awarded every second year, in the years of UNESCO's General Conference sessions. It shall be awarded for the first time in 1995, the year marking the centenary of the death of José Martí, and shall be financed by the Government of Cuba.

4. Requirements

The candidate may be a person, a group of persons or an organization.

5. Jury

The jury, which shall consider the nominations for the Prize and make recommendations, shall consist of seven members:

five eminent persons appointed in a personal and honorary capacity by the Director-General for a period of four years;

one eminent person appointed by the Government of Cuba;

one representative of the Director-General.

The work of the jury shall be carried out exclusively by correspondence.

6. Submission of nominations and presentation of the Prize

- (a) The nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General of UNESCO by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, or by appropriate non-governmental organizations having

consultative relations with UNESCO. Only one nomination may be submitted by each government or organization.

- (b) Nominations should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae for each of the candidates, whether individual or collective, together with a detailed description of the work in recognition of which the nomination is made.
- (c) The Director-General shall inform the prizewinner; he shall award the Prize for the first time during the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.5.5 Report by the Director-General on the review of the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (145 EX/21 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 3.5 inviting the Director-General and the States Parties to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (the Hague Convention, 1954) to take further steps following the review of that Convention,
2. Notes the action taken so far by the Director-General to implement that resolution;
3. Approves the Director-General's proposal to convene at UNESCO Headquarters, at the time of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference, a meeting of the States Parties to the 1954 Hague Convention in order to consider appropriate steps to improve the application of the Convention and possibly to take decisions in that connection.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.5.6 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of safeguarding activities on the site of Angkor (145 EX/22 and 145 EX/51, Part I Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Reaffirming the utmost importance of safeguarding both the monuments and the environment of Angkor,
2. Taking into consideration the results of the project entitled 'Zoning and Environmental Management Plan for the Site of Angkor' (ZEMP),
3. Expressing its gratitude to the members of the International Co-ordinating Committee for Angkor (ICC), which is co-chaired by the Governments of France and Japan,
4. Calls on all Member States, the international community, and public and private donors to increase their efforts to reinforce UNESCO's action to

improve the implementation of international technical and financial assistance for the safeguarding and development of Angkor;

5. Recommends that the Director-General, in close consultation and collaboration with the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and ICC, implement the recommendations of the ZEMP project for the preparation of a master plan for the consolidation and restoration of the monuments of Angkor.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.5.7 Follow-up to 144 EX/Decision 4.4.3, concerning cultural co-operation by UNESCO with Latin America and the Caribbean (145 EX/46 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling decision 4.4.3 adopted at its 144th session, which invites the Director-General ‘to 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’,
2. Noting with satisfaction the results of the four previous meetings of the Centre for Critical Thinking,
3. Underlining the active role already played by the Centre for Critical Thinking with a view to making culture a fundamental factor in the strategy for the cultural, economic, social and political development of the Latin America and Caribbean region,
4. Recognizing the intellectual and institutional support provided by UNESCO in the implementation of the Centre’s activities,
5. Noting with satisfaction the intention of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) to collaborate in the organization of a meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay, of the Centre for Critical Thinking,
6. Thanks the Director-General for what has already been done to support the activities of the Centre for Critical Thinking;
7. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) encourage still greater support on the part of UNESCO for the activities of the Centre for Critical Thinking and to provide facilities for the meetings of the Centre that will take place at UNESCO’s Headquarters;
 - (b) examine ways in which UNESCO could stimulate initiatives similar to the Centre for Critical Thinking in other regions;

- (c) prepare a report for the 146th session on the follow-up of the implementation of 144 EX/Decision 4.4.3.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.5.8 General agreement on culture and development (145 EX/47 and 145 EX/51, Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 26 C/Resolution 3.4 establishing the World Commission on Culture and Development,
2. Recalling further 27 C/Resolution 3.4, authorizing the Director-General 'to provide the World Commission on Culture and Development, as an advance, with sufficient additional support for it to complete its mandate',
3. Emphasizing the outstanding importance of the establishment of an international agreement on matters concerning culture and development,
4. Emphasizing also that discussions concerning such an agreement, based on dialogue and negotiation involving the entire world community, could help resolve crises arising from cultural problems and establish new guidelines for development,
5. Emphasizing, in addition, that such discussions would contribute to the establishment and consolidation of a genuine culture of peace based on the outlawing of violence and on tolerance, justice and development, in keeping with the conclusions and recommendations of the first International Forum on a Culture of Peace, held in El Salvador from 16 to 18 February 1994,
6. Taking note with satisfaction of the International Conference on Peace and Development held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on 24 and 25 October 1994,
7. Considering that the draft Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 (28 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 (28 C/5) are in the course of preparation,
8. Recognizes the urgent need for a start to be made forthwith on wide-ranging debate of a proposal for an international agreement on culture and development;
9. Invites the Director-General to submit to it an in-depth study on the feasibility of an international instrument on culture and development.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.6 Publications

5.6.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress made in correcting the imbalance in the use of the official languages for publications of the Organization (145 EX/23 Rev. and 145 EX/51, Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the efforts made regarding the use of certain official languages for UNESCO publications,
2. Noting with satisfaction the establishment of a fund to encourage the translation of UNESCO publications into national languages (TRANSPUBLIC),
3. Requests the Director-General to do what is necessary to reduce the imbalance in the use of other official languages for UNESCO publications;
4. Invites the Director-General to take all appropriate measures to ensure the implementation and smooth running of the TRANSPUBLIC Fund.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.7 Constitutional and statutory questions

5.7.1 Report on the revision of UNESCO's basic texts to ensure the use of neutral terminology and wording (145 EX/24 and 145 EX/51, Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the revision of UNESCO's basic texts to ensure the use of neutral terminology and wording (145 EX/24),
2. Requests the Director-General to ensure that, in further editions of the basic texts, the following note is added at the bottom of the last page of the contents, as proposed in document 145 EX/24:

'None of the terms used in the basic texts to designate the person discharging duties or functions is to be interpreted as implying that men and women are not equally eligible to fill any post or seat associated with the discharge of these duties or functions';

3. Invites the Director-General to communicate his report on the revision of UNESCO's basic texts to ensure the use of neutral terminology and wording to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session.

(145 EX/SR.17)

5.8 Communication, information and informatics

5.8.1 Establishment of the UNESCO Regional Institute of Information Technology in Viet Nam (145 EX/43 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/43,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(145 EX/SR.17)

ITEM 6 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

6.1 Placement of new Member States in electoral groups

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 43 in which the General Conference invited it to study the question of the assignment of new Member States to electoral groups and to make recommendations thereon to it at its twenty-eighth session, in order to ensure a definitive solution of the problem,
2. Considering that:
 - (a) both geographical situation and cultural identity are basic criteria for assigning new Member States to electoral groups,
 - (b) the ratio of approximately one seat on the Executive Board for every three Member States in each group should be applied in the most equitable way possible,
 - (c) in any case where the criteria for assigning a Member State to an electoral group are not distinct, or when a Member State wishes to join an electoral group or change to another one, the decision should be taken with the concurrence of the relevant Member State and the electoral group or groups as the case may be,
3. Decides to recommend to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session that the electoral groups be composed as follows:

Group I (25)

Austria	Greece	Netherlands
Andorra	Iceland	Norway
Belgium	Ireland	Portugal
Canada	Israel	San Marino
Cyprus	Italy	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
Finland	Malta	Switzerland
France	Monaco	Turkey
Germany		

Group II (24)

Albania	Estonia	Slovakia
Armenia	Georgia	Slovenia
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Tajikistan
Belarus	Latvia	the former Yugoslav
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lithuania	Republic of
Bulgaria	Poland	Macedonia
Croatia	Republic of Moldova	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Romania	Uzbekistan
	Russian Federation	Yugoslavia

Group III (33)

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Panama
Argentina	Ecuador	Paraguay
Bahamas	El Salvador	Peru
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belize	Guatemala	Saint Lucia
Bolivia	Guyana	Saint Vincent and the
Brazil	Haiti	Grenadines
Chile	Honduras	Suriname
Colombia	Jamaica	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Mexico	Uruguay
Cuba	Nicaragua	Venezuela
Dominica		

Group IV (37)

Afghanistan	Japan	Pakistan
Australia	Kazakhstan	Papua New Guinea
Bangladesh	Kiribati	Philippines
Bhutan	Kyrgyzstan	Republic of Korea
Cambodia	Lao People's	Samoa
China	Democratic	Solomon Islands
Cook Islands	Republic	Sri Lanka
Democratic People's	Malaysia	Thailand
Republic of Korea	Maldives	Tonga
Fiji	Mongolia	Turkmenistan
India	Myanmar	Tuvalu
Indonesia	Nepal	Vanuatu
Iran, Islamic	New Zealand	Viet Nam
Republic of	Niue	

Group V (63)

Algeria	Burkina Faso	Central African
Angola	Burundi	Republic
Bahrain	Cameroon	Chad
Benin	Cape Verde	Comoros
Botswana		

Congo	Liberia	Saudi Arabia
Côte d'Ivoire	Libyan Arab	Senegal
Djibouti	Jamahiriya	Seychelles
Egypt	Madagascar	Sierra Leone
Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	Somalia
Eritrea	Mali	Sudan
Ethiopia	Mauritania	Swaziland
Gabon	Mauritius	Syrian Arab Republic
Gambia	Morocco	Togo
Ghana	Mozambique	Tunisia
Guinea	Namibia	Uganda
Guinea-Bissau	Niger	United Arab Emirates
Iraq	Nigeria	United Republic of
Jordan	Oman	Tanzania
Kenya	Qatar	Yemen
Kuwait	Rwanda	Zaire
Lebanon	Sao Tome and	Zambia
Lesotho	Principe	Zimbabwe

4. Decides further to recommend to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session that:

- (a) the number of seats on the Executive Board be increased from 51 to 58;
- (b) the seats on the Executive Board be distributed as follows:

Group I	9
Group II	7
Group III	10
Group IV	12
Group V	20

5. Notes that:

- (a) Estonia and Slovenia reserve the right not to participate in the work of any of the electoral groups;
- (b) while Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have expressed their wish to be placed in Group IV at the United Nations, no communication has been received of their wishes regarding UNESCO;
- (c) the question of the number of seats on the Executive Board and of their distribution among electoral groups might be reconsidered in the light of the possible admission of new Member States, while keeping in mind the need for coherence in the reform process in the entire United Nations system;

6. Invites the Director-General to communicate the text of the present decision to the Member States and Associate Members within the time-limit laid down in Article XIII of the Constitution.

(145 EX/SR.14)

6.2 Operational activities for development (145 EX/25 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/25 containing the Director-General's annual report on UNESCO's operational activities,
2. Notes with interest the information it contains;
3. Requests the Director-General to keep a close watch on and analyse carefully the way in which the policies and priorities applied by the various extra-budgetary funding sources develop, and asks him to keep it informed on this matter;
4. Further requests the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO is capable of responding effectively at Headquarters and in the Field to requests connected with the negotiation and execution of programmes or projects financed by these extra-budgetary funding sources;
5. Asks the Director-General to give it detailed information on programmes and projects financed by extra-budgetary funding sources.

(145 EX/SR.17)

6.3 Implementation of 144 EX/Decision 4.1, Part III, concerning the Participation Programme (145 EX/26 and Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/26 and its Addendum,
2. Takes note of the content of the oral report by the Chairperson of the Programme and External Relations and Finance and Administrative Commissions' joint meeting and endorses the recommendations therein.

(145 EX/SR.17)

6.4 Preparation of the sexennial report by the Executive Board on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by international non-governmental organizations (145 EX/27 and 145 EX/52)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to Section VIII.3 of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with international non-governmental organizations, which

provides that the General Conference shall receive, every six years, a report by the Executive Board on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by organizations enjoying consultative status (categories A and B),

2. Having examined document 145 EX/27,
3. Considering that the sexennial report which it will submit to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session should be prepared essentially with a view to charting the future lines of emphasis of UNESCO's co-operation with international non-governmental organizations within the framework of the Organization's Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001,
4. Decides to set up a working group to prepare, with the assistance of the Secretariat, the sexennial report which it will consider at its 146th session, the composition of the working group to be as follows:

Group I	-	France
Group II	-	Russian Federation
Group III	-	Colombia (alternating with El Salvador)
Group IV	-	Malaysia
Group Va	-	Ethiopia
Group Vb	-	Jordan (alternating with Algeria);
5. Invites the working group to prepare the report along the lines summarized in paragraphs 7 to 13 of document 145 EX/27, taking into account the observations made by members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind that the Director-General is to submit to it at its 146th session a revised version of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with international non-governmental organizations (adopted by the General Conference at its eleventh session, in 1960) for subsequent adoption by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session (October-November 1995),
2. Decides to defer to its 149th session (the first regular session in 1996) the examination of requests for the admission and reclassification of international non-governmental organizations;
3. Invites the Director-General to inform the international non-governmental organizations concerned of this decision and meanwhile to continue and further develop co-operation with all international non-governmental organizations.

(145 EX/SR.15)

6.5 Relations with the Economic Co-operation Organization (ECO)
(145 EX/48 and 145 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the document submitted by the Director-General concerning the relations which may be established between UNESCO and the Economic Co-operation Organization (145 EX/48),
2. Authorizes the Director-General to undertake negotiations with the Secretary-General of that Organization in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, with a view to preparing a draft agreement between UNESCO and the Economic Co-operation Organization concerning the establishment of formal relations between the two organizations;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit the draft agreement for its approval at a subsequent session.

(145 EX/SR.1)

ITEM 7 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

7.1 Financial report and audited financial statements of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 1993 and report by the External Auditor (145 EX/28 and Addenda and 145 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/28 and its Addenda,
2. Takes note of the United Nations System Accounting Standards drawn up by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and of the commitment made by the Director-General to take these standards into account in the preparation of UNESCO's financial statements in the future;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the quality and objectivity of his work;
4. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to report to it at its 146th session on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor concerning information resources development and on the registration and stocktaking of non-expendable property;
 - (b) to report on the implementation of all the recommendations of the External Auditor to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session and to submit this report to the Executive Board at its 147th session for prior review;

5. Recommends that the General Conference include the requirement for internal audit in Financial Regulation 10.1 and consequently amend the introductory phrase of Financial Regulation 10.1(d) to read 'Maintain an internal financial control and internal audit which shall provide for an effective current examination and/or review of financial transactions in order to ensure:';
6. Decides to transmit to the General Conference the report of the External Auditor and the audited financial statements of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 1993.

(145 EX/SR.16)

7.2 Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1993 and report by the External Auditor (145 EX/29 and Add. and 145 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/29 and its Addendum,
2. Approves on behalf of the General Conference, as authorized by it in 27 C/Resolution 25.2, the report of the External Auditor together with the audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1993.

(145 EX/SR.16)

7.3 Report by the Director-General on the cash situation of the Organization and on the contingency planning mechanism to ensure the rational execution of the Programme and Budget for 1994-1995 (145 EX/30 and Add. and 145 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

I

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the cash situation of the Organization and on the implementation of the contingency planning mechanism to ensure the rational execution of the Programme and Budget for 1994-1995 (145 EX/30 and Add.), and having taken note of the up-to-date information provided during the debate of the Finance and Administrative Commission at the current session,
2. Expresses its gratitude to Member States which have paid their contributions for 1994 and to those which 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 other Member States are in arrears in the payment of the amounts assessed,

4. Regrets, however, that there has been an insufficient 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 and non-payment of contributions assessed;
6. Believing that 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 their right to vote at the General Conference;
8. Calls upon Member States, in application 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 forthcoming contribution, in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;

II

10. Taking note of developments concerning the implementation by the Director-General of a contingency planning mechanism to ensure the rational execution of the Programme and Budget for 1994-1995,
11. Recommends that, in view of the present critical financial situation of the Organization, the contingency planning mechanism be reinforced by ensuring that further allotments of funds, particularly for 1995, be made only for activities whose priority has been established by the General Conference in its resolutions and in the work plans of document 27 C/5 Approved, and that the mechanism be used to enable rational execution of the programme and to prevent borrowing;

III

12. Taking note of the information contained in document 145 EX/30 concerning incentive and penalty schemes, requests the Director-General to make proposals to it at its 146th session on a possible innovative positive incentive scheme to encourage prompt payment of contributions, which would be financed not only from interest earned on the investment

of regular programme funds but also from available miscellaneous income and budget surpluses;

13. Considers that a position on the two proposals contained in paragraphs 23 and 24 of document 145 EX/30 will be adopted at its 146th session on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Director-General, and therefore that the provisions of paragraph 35(b) of 130 EX/Decision 5.1.2 should not be applied regarding the apportionment of budget surpluses at the end of 1994;
14. Recalling the difficulties and problems encountered at its 142nd session during the discussion of item 8.1 of its agenda concerning the examination of communications received from Member States invoking the terms of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution concerning the voting rights of Member States at the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference and recalling also that 39 Member States were obliged to request the right to vote from the General Conference because their arrears of contributions would otherwise have prevented them from voting,
15. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 146th session recommendations on possible reforms in the procedures to be followed by the Organization's governing bodies in the consideration of requests from Member States to vote at sessions of the General Conference invoking the terms of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution, and in doing so to take into account current policies and practices in other United Nations organizations, as well as the proposals and observations formulated in the course of the work of the Finance and Administrative Commission during the 145th session.

(145 EX/SR.16)

7.4 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1994-1995 (145 EX/31 and 145 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined Parts I and II of document 145 EX/31 concerning the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1994-1995 budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its twenty-seventh session (27 C/Resolution 14, paragraph A(d) and (e)) and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (145 EX/53),
2. Approves the following between-line transfers amounting to **US \$6,768,200** to cover increases in the costs of goods and services on account of estimated inflation:

Appropriation line	Transfers	
	To	From
	\$	\$
PART I - GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION		
➤ General Conference	9,500	-
➤ Executive Board	23,200	-
➤ Directorate	10,600	-
➤ Services of the Directorate	94,100	-
➤ Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	15,300	-
Total, Part I	152,700	-
PART II - PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND SERVICES		
A. Major Programme Areas		
➤ Major Programme Area I	1,584,100	-
➤ Major Programme Area II	1,312,500	-
➤ Major Programme Area III	699,200	-
➤ Major Programme Area IV	639,400	-
➤ Major Programme Area V	477,900	-
Subtotal, Part II.A	4,713,100	-
B. Transverse Themes, Programmes and Activities		
➤ 'Priority: Africa' programme	9,000	-
➤ Programme for Central and Eastern European Development	8,500	-
➤ Clearing house	54,800	-
➤ Statistical programmes and services	52,200	-
➤ UNESCO Publishing Office	48,200	-
➤ UNESCO Courier Office	65,400	-
Subtotal, Part II.B	238,100	-
Total, Part II	4,951,200	-
PART III - SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION	637,800	-
PART IV - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	330,900	-
PART V - MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY	695,600	-
PART VI - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	-	-
PART VII - ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	-	6,768,200
Total, Parts I to VII	6,768,200	6,768,200

3. Approves the following transfers for the activities listed in paragraph 9 of document 145 EX/31, Part II:

Appropriation line	27 C/5 Approved as adjusted ¹	Redeployment		27 C/5 Approved as adjusted
		To	From	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART I - GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION				
➤ General Conference	6,005,800	-	-	6,005,800
➤ Executive Board	7,511,700	-	-	7,511,700
➤ Directorate	1,523,700	-	-	1,523,700
➤ Services of the Directorate	17,229,100	-	201,800	17,027,300
➤ Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	1,313,500	-	-	1,313,500
Total, Part I	33,583,800	-	201,800	33,382,000
PART II - PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND SERVICES				
A. Major Programme Areas				
➤ Major Programme Area I	97,400,902	201,800	882,786	96,719,916
➤ Major Programme Area II	57,492,737	181,200	106,700	57,567,237
➤ Major Programme Area III	42,817,735	-	78,600	42,739,135
➤ Major Programme Area IV	28,177,400	-	39,500	28,137,900
➤ Major Programme Area V	25,233,700	573,986	26,100	25,781,586
Subtotal, Part II.A	251,122,474	956,986	1,133,686	250,945,774
B. Transverse Themes, Programmes and Activities				
➤ 'Priority: Africa' programme	1,185,100	-	-	1,185,100
➤ Programme for Central and Eastern European Development	580,600	-	-	580,600
➤ Clearing house	4,956,800	-	-	4,956,800
➤ Statistical programmes and services	5,440,400	-	-	5,440,400
➤ UNESCO Publishing Office	4,623,000	-	-	4,623,000
➤ UNESCO Courier Office	3,957,300	-	-	3,957,300
Subtotal, Part II.B	20,743,200	-	-	20,743,200
Total, Part II	271,865,674	956,986	1,133,686	271,688,974
PART III - SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION	64,981,000	363,000	-	65,344,000
PART IV - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	38,944,100	15,500	-	38,959,600
PART V - MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY	30,171,000	-	-	30,171,000
PART VI - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	1,348,400	-	-	1,348,400
Provision for obligatory expenditure	290,000	-	-	290,000
Total, Parts I to VI	441,183,974	1,335,486	1,335,486	441,183,974

4. Having examined the report by the Director-General on donations and special contributions received since the 144th session of the Executive Board and appropriated to the regular budget (145 EX/31, Part III),

1. 27 C/5 Approved plus between-line transfers and donations approved by the Executive Board at its 144th session.

5. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 11 of document 145 EX/31 as amended;
6. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, adjusted the appropriations to the regular budget by increasing it by an amount of **\$211,216** as follows:

	\$
Part II.A - Major Programme Area I	58,750
Part II.A - Major Programme Area II	64,407
Part II.A - Major Programme Area V	10,473
Part IV - Chapter 3	77,586
Total	211,216

7. Invites the Director-General, in future transfer papers, to make a clear distinction between those that require prior approval by the Executive Board and those that are allocated in the case of urgent and special activities;
8. Further recommends that, for all transfers between appropriation lines amounting to more than \$50,000, more details should be provided in the document, and that transfers which significantly change the priorities approved by the General Conference be submitted to the Programme and External Relations Commission before approval by the Executive Board;
9. Invites the Director-General to study, in consultation, *inter alia*, with the External Auditor, the possibility of making the system for transfers more transparent and efficient to further assist in the rational execution of the programme, and report to it thereon at its 146th session.

(145 EX/SR.16)

7.5 Long-term financial equilibrium of the Medical Benefits Fund (145 EX/32 and Add. and 145 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report by the Director-General on the long-term financial equilibrium of the Medical Benefits Fund (145 EX/32 and Add.),
2. Noting that UNESCO's health insurance scheme is well managed and the least costly to Member States among the major organizations of the United Nations system,
3. Recognizing that adequate health care is an indispensable element of social protection for serving and retired staff members of the Organization, and consequently that the level of reimbursement of health care costs to participants and associate participants of the Medical Benefits Fund should be maintained,

4. Recommends to the Director-General to suppress as of 1 January 1996 the surcharge of 0.25 per cent in contributions for each participant or protected person over 60 years of age (Schedule VI of the Rules of the Medical Benefits Fund);
5. Considers that the financial equilibrium of the Medical Benefits Fund can only be maintained by supplementary funding measures;
6. Recommends that appropriate increases in the scale of contributions should be made effective on 1 January 1996 and that Article 26 of the Rules of the Medical Benefits Fund should be applied, whereby 'the Organization shall make a contribution equal to that of the participant member of the Secretariat or associate participant' (Option 2A of document 145 EX/32);
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it proposals on how to absorb the extra costs involved within the budget base;
8. Requests that this matter be submitted to it again as soon as the total accumulated increase in the rate of contributions exceeds 30 per cent.

(145 EX/SR.16)

7.6 Geographical distribution of the staff: revision of the quota system
(145 EX/33 and 145 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 144 EX/Decision 6.7 and 27 C/Resolution 32.1,
2. Having considered document 145 EX/33 and, in particular the information concerning the options identified during the debates of the Finance and Administrative Commission, together with the other information provided in that document at its request,
3. Having noted with interest the efforts made to improve the geographical distribution of staff within the Secretariat since 1980,
4. Further noting that at this juncture the base figure of posts for geographical distribution (850) is very low, and that the number of Member States is on the increase,
5. Invites the Director-General to make every effort to improve the geographical distribution of the Secretariat, keeping in mind Article VI.4 of the Constitution, by applying the existing quotas in all recruitment actions;
6. Recommends to the General Conference to decide to progressively improve the present 76/24 formula, taking into account the practices of the other organizations of the United Nations system;

7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 147th session proposals including options aimed at achieving these results.

(145 EX/SR.16)

7.7 Report by the Director-General on the implementation and financing of the renovation plan for Headquarters buildings (145 EX/34 and 145 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/34 containing the report by the Director-General on the implementation and financing of the renovation plan for Headquarters buildings,
2. Takes note of the actions undertaken since its 144th session in the framework of the implementation of the renovation plan for Headquarters buildings;
3. Recalls that the Headquarters Committee must examine all matters concerning this plan (144 EX/27 and 144 EX/Decision 6.9);
4. Invites the Director-General to co-operate with the Headquarters Committee in setting up, within this framework, a working group with a view to ensuring the follow-up of the appeal launched by the Executive Board for voluntary contributions to carry out renovation work (144 EX/Decision 6.8, Part II);
5. Requests the Director-General to open a special account to receive these contributions;
6. Recommends that in future the Director-General submit his reports, listing the measures to be undertaken and giving details concerning their timetable, their cost, and their implementation, to the Headquarters Committee in reasonable time, for its opinion, before submitting them to the Executive Board;
7. Invites the Director-General to report to it on this matter at its 146th session.

(145 EX/SR.16)

7.8 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board¹ (145 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(145 EX/SR.15)

1. Former Rule 52.

ITEM 8 GENERAL MATTERS

8.1 Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 21 concerning the appeal for support to Haiti (145 EX/35 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 145 EX/35,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(145 EX/SR.17)

8.2 The situation of the cultural and architectural heritage and of educational and cultural institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (145 EX/36 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 139 EX/Decision 7.5, 140 EX/Decision 8.4, 141 EX/Decision 9.3, 142 EX/Decision 9.2, 144 EX/Decision 7.3 and 27 C/Resolution 4.8 on the situation of the cultural and architectural heritage and of educational and cultural institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
2. Having examined the report on this subject (145 EX/36),
3. Notes with satisfaction the opening of the UNESCO Office in Sarajevo and the appointment of a UNESCO representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
4. Requests the Director-General to report to it, at its 146th session, the results of:
 - (a) the examination of how the diverse cultural, religious and ethnic heritage of the population of Bosnia and Herzegovina can best be safeguarded (140 EX/Decision 8.4);
 - (b) the UNESCO study on 'the use of rape as a tool of war - its causes and consequences' and the preparation of the programme of action for the rehabilitation of the women of Bosnia and Herzegovina with a view to submitting it also to the fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 (141 EX/Decision 9.3 and 144 EX/Decision 7.3);
 - (c) the preparation, in close co-operation with the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and independent research organizations, of a special issue of *Sources*, devoted to the destruction of the historical and architectural heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the inclusion, in one of the forthcoming issues of the UNESCO *Courier*, in all language versions, of a major article on the same subject, also in close co-operation with the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and independent international research organizations (142 EX/Decision 9.2);

- (d) the undertaking, within the framework of the regular financial resources available in the programme and budget in 1994-1995, of the preparation of information programmes on the historical heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina, that has been destroyed or damaged, for wide dissemination in radio and television broadcasts (142 EX/Decision 9.2);
5. Also requests the Director-General to send a mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (139 EX/Decision 7.5, 140 EX/Decision 8.4, 144 EX/Decision 7.3 and 27 C/Resolution 4.8), composed of one art historian, one archaeologist and experts on education and communication, to determine the damage to educational, historical, archaeological and cultural property in the country and to consult the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the siting of schools and on future visits to be paid to the country by personalities representing UNESCO;
6. Further requests the Director-General to pursue his efforts to implement paragraph 8 of 144 EX/Decision 7.3.

(145 EX/SR.17)

8.3 Implementation of 144 EX/Decision 4.1, Part V, concerning the situation in Rwanda (145 EX/37 and 145 EX/51, Part I)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 144 EX/Decision 4.1, Part V, concerning the situation in Rwanda,
2. Having examined document 145 EX/37 concerning the implementation of 144 EX/Decision 4.1,
3. Congratulates the Director-General on the humanitarian and educational assistance activities carried out by UNESCO pursuant to that decision;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue and strengthen ongoing educational activities and to carry out, where necessary, any other action which he thinks would make a useful contribution to the resumption of activities in Rwanda in UNESCO's other fields of competence;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit a report to it at its 146th session concerning the progress of UNESCO's assistance to Rwanda.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of the report on the situation of human rights in Rwanda submitted by Mr R. Degni-Ségui, Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission for Human Rights, under paragraph 20 of the Commission's resolution E/CN.4/S-3/1 of 25 May 1994 which establishes

the fact that broadcasts were used with a view to 'programmed massacres',

2. Taking into consideration 144 EX/Decision 4.1, Part V, on the situation in Rwanda,
3. Concerned at the misuse of mass communication media for direct and public incitement to commit genocide,
4. Recalling the existing international remedies, and in particular the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1948,
5. Requests the Director-General to study the influence of propaganda involving incitement to genocide broadcast by radio and television or carried by the press, particularly in situations of ethnic or sectarian conflict;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit a report thereon to it at its 147th session.

(145 EX/SR.17, 18)

8.4 Dates of the 146th session

Special Committee)	
)	11-13 May 1995
Committee on Conventions and)	
Recommendations)	
Bureau		15 May 1995
Plenary meetings and commissions		16 May-3 June 1995

(145 EX/SR.18)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 29 OCTOBER AND 2 NOVEMBER 1994

At the private meetings held on 29 October and 2 November 1994, the Executive Board considered items 3.2 and 7.8 of its agenda.

3.2 Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: Examination of communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (145 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.

7.8 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board¹ (145 EX/PRIV.1)

The Executive Board considered item 7.8 of its agenda, entitled 'Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board'.

In accordance with Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General, having informed the Board of the decisions he had taken since its 144th 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 and the extension of the contracts of a number of officials also at grade D-1 and above.

(145 EX/SR.15)

1. Former Rule 52.