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1. At its first meeting, Commission I elected Mr Mohsen Tawfik (Egypt), as Chairperson, following the recommendation of the Nominations Committee.

2. At its second meeting, the Commission, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, constituted its Bureau as follows:

   Chairperson:
   Mr Mohsen Tawfik (Egypt)

   Vice-Chairpersons:
   Mr H. Gardos (Austria)
   Mr Khamphao Phonekeo (Lao People’s Democratic Republic)
   Mr J. Nsengimana (Rwanda)
   Mr F. Piñón (Argentina)

   Rapporteur:
   Mr Miroslav Musil (Slovakia)

3. The Commission proceeded to the examination and approval of the draft agenda and the draft timetable of work for the Commission, set out in document 28 C/COM.I/l, which was amended on the proposal of the Chairperson.

4. The following items on the agenda of the General Conference were submitted to the Commission for consideration:

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5. At its second and third meetings, Commission I examined Part II.B - Information and Dissemination Services, Chapter 3 - UNESCO Publishing Office, Chapter 4 - UNESCO Courier Office and Chapter 5 - Office of Public Information. Thirty delegates of Member States took the floor during the general debate.

6. The Commission decided that draft resolution 28 C/DR.53, submitted by Brazil and Colombia, should be examined by Commission IV.

7. The Commission examined draft resolution 28 C/DR.376 submitted by Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain and Suriname and supported by Senegal and Canada. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/DR.376, as amended during the debate:

   The General Conference,

   Considering the need to enhance the visibility and coherence of all activities aiming at bringing across UNESCO’s message to specialized communities and to the public at large,

   Welcomes the new structure grouping together most of the Organization’s information and dissemination services;

   Reaffirms the relevant resolutions of the General Conference on this matter, in particular 26 C/Resolution 13.3 and 27 C/Resolution 13.21;

   Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to implement Recommendation 100 by the Executive Board contained in document 28 C/6, with a view to developing greater synergy among the UNESCO Publishing Office, the UNESCO Courier Office, the Office of Public Information and the Clearing House;

   Further invites the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 150th session an impact evaluation on these divisions and a file containing a coherent strategy and the information required for a decision to be taken on the possible integration of Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of Part II.B of the Programme and Budget (29 C/5) including the necessary measures to ensure co-ordination with the information units of the programme sections and the Clearing House.

8. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution contained in document 28 C/124 - Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 1996-1997, as amended during the debate as follows:
The General Conference,

Having taken note of the Executive Board’s decisions (146 EX/Decision 9.2 and 147 EX/Decision 8.7),

Decides:

1. that UNESCO shall associate itself in 1996-1997 with the following celebrations:
   (i) centenary of the birth of the Cuban painter Amelia Peláez del Casal (5 January 1996);
   (ii) two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Polish patriot Tadeusz Kosciuszko (4 February 1996);
   (iii) centenary of the death of the Cuban literary critic Manuel de la Cruz Fernández (19 February 1996);
   (iv) centenary of the death of the Cuban naturalist Juan Cristóbal Gundlach (15 March 1996);
   (v) centenary of the birth of the Polish writer Jozef Czapski (3 April 1996);
   (vi) centenary of the rebirth of the Olympic Games (6 April 1996);
   (vii) seven hundredth anniversary of the city of Chiang Mai in Thailand (12 April 1996);
   (viii) centenary of the birth of the Russian chemist Nikolai Nikolaevich Semenov (15 April 1996);
   (ix) centenary of the death of the Colombian poet José Asunción Silva (24 May 1996);
   (x) fiftieth anniversary of the accession of His Majesty the King of Thailand Bhumibol Adulyadej to the throne (9 June 1996);
   (xi) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Nikolai Nikolaevich Mikhukho-Maklai (5 July 1996);
   (xii) centenary of the death of the Brazilian composer Carlos Gomes (10 September 1996);
   (xiii) hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the birth of the Georgian painter Nico Pirosmanishvili (September/October 1996);
   (xiv) centenary of the birth of Jean Piaget (September/December 1996);
   (xv) five hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the creation and proclamation of the Korean alphabet (Han-gul) (9 October 1996);
(xvi) centenary of the birth of the Slovak diplomat in the service of democracy and human rights, co-author of the United Nations Charter, Jan Papanek (24 October 1996);

(xvii) centenary of the birth of the Iranian poet Nima Yushij (11 November 1996);

(xviii) centenary of the birth of the Bulgarian painter Tsanko Ivanov Lavrenov (24 November 1996);

(xix) four hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Ukrainian man of culture Petro Mohyla (December 1996);

(xx) four hundredth anniversary of the birth of the French philosopher René Descartes (1996);

(xxi) two hundredth anniversary of the invention of lithography in the Cinch Republic (1996);

(xxii) one thousand three hundred and fifth anniversary of the building of the Dome of the Rock (Qubbat al-Sakhra) (1996);

(xxiii) two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the French landscape painter Jean-Baptiste Corot (1996);

(xxiv) six hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Iranian poet Mohammad Jami (1996);

(xxv) nine hundredth anniversary of the death of the Iranian scholar Omar Khayyam (1996);

(xxvi) centenary of the death of the Philippine humanist and national hero Dr Jose Rizal (1996);

(xxvii) centenary of the birth of the Romanian poet Tristan Tzara (1996);

(xxviii) eleven hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the Hungarians in Central Europe (1996);

(xxix) eleven hundredth anniversary of the documentary evidence of Romanian States in Transylvania (1996/1997);

(xxx) four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the first work in the Lithuanian language - ‘Common Words in the Catechism’ by Martinas Mazvydas (8 January 1997);

(xxii) thousandth anniversary of the death of the Czech intellectual Aldabert (Vojtech) Slavnikovec, a man of great distinction of mind (23 April 1997);

(xxxxii) two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Cuban philosopher José Antonio Saco (7 May 1997);
centenary of the death of the Bulgarian writer Aleko Konstantinov (11 May 1997);

centenary of the birth of the Belgian painter Paul Delvaux (23 September 1997);

centenary of the birth of the Kazak scientist Mukhtar Auezov (September 1997);

five hundredth anniversary of the publication in Russia of the first State Code of Laws, the Sudebnik (September 1997);

two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the poet Mirza Asadullah Khan Ghalib (27 December 1997);

three hundredth anniversary of the completion of Bayle’s Historical and Critical Dictionary (1997);

centenary of the birth of the Turkish poet and writer Hasan Ali Yücel (1997);

one thousand five hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Arab poet Imru’al-Qais (1997);

seven hundredth anniversary of the death of the Turkish humorist Nasreddin Hoca (Mulla Nasruddin, Goha) (1997);

five hundredth anniversary of the construction of the Neamt monastery (1997);

centenary of the death of Gamal ad-Din al-Afghani (1997);

centenary of the birth of Said Mahmud (1997);

seven hundredth anniversary of the birth of Salāh ad-Dîn as-Safadî (1997);

eight hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Moscow (1997);

centenary of the birth of the Ukrainian scientist and explorer, pioneer in space technology Yuri Kondratiuk (O. Sharguei) (1997);

two thousand five hundredth anniversaries of the cities of Bukhara and Khiva (1997);

six hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the Emir of Timur (1966);

centenary of the birth of Yuri Kondratiuk (21 June 1997);
2. that the Organization’s contribution to all of these celebrations be financed in the usual way under the Participation Programme for 1996-1997, in accordance with the rules governing that programme;

3. that the list of celebrations of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 1996-1997 shall be thus established.

9. *The* Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of draft resolution 28 C/DR.461, submitted by Senegal.

10. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 for the UNESCO Publishing Office, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $4,904,400 for Part II.B, Chapter 3, paragraph 11301 in document 28 C/5, as revised in document 28 C/5 Rev. 1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

11. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference take note of paragraphs 11315 and 11316 in document 28 C/5, concerning extra-budgetary resources for Chapter 3.

12. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan for the UNESCO Publishing Office in paragraphs 11302 to 11309 of document 28 C/5.

13. Finally, the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the Publications Plan in Appendix XIII of document 28 C/5.

14. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 for the UNESCO Courier Office, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $4,336,800 for Part II.B, Chapter 4, paragraph 11401 in document 28 C/5, as revised in document 28 C/5 Rev. 1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

15. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan for the UNESCO Courier Office as described in paragraphs 11402 to 11405 of document 28 C/5.

16. As regards the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 for the Office of Public Information, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $10,251,300 for Part II.B, Chapter 5, paragraph 11501 of document 28 C/5, as revised in document 28 C/5 Rev. 1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

17. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference take note of paragraphs 11508 to 11513 in document 28 C/5, concerning extra-budgetary resources for Chapter 5.
18. Finally, the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan for the Office of Public Information as described in paragraphs 11502 to 11504 in document 28 C/5.
Chapter 1  - Clearing House

Chapter 2  - Statistical programmes and Services

19. At its fourth meeting, Commission I examined Part II.B - Information and Dissemination Services, Chapter 1- Clearing House and Chapter 2 - Statistical programmes and Services. Twenty-four delegates of Member States took the floor during the general debate.

20. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/DR.273, submitted by Belarus and supported by Slovakia:

The General Conference,

Noting with satisfaction the intention of the Member States of the Organization to step up co-operation aimed at improving the statistical services and capabilities of States in the Organization’s fields of competence,

Emphasizing the need to ensure the international comparability of statistics,

Stressing urgent need to adapt the statistical data collection and processing system in Central and Eastern Europe to comply with international standards,

Recalling that a process of reform of educational, scientific and cultural systems has begun in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe,

Deeming it desirable to continue the harmonization of statistical services in Central and Eastern European States in keeping with the work of the subregional seminar on educational statistics in the countries of the former Soviet Union, held from 12 to 14 September 1995 in Moscow,

Requests the Director-General to provide assistance, within the framework of the Programme and Budget for 1996-1997, for the holding of an international practical seminar (workshop) on the topic ‘The problems of comparability of statistics in Central and Eastern European countries in transition’ (Minsk, 1966) by allocating the sum of US $27,000.

21. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed by the Director-General in Part II.B, Chapter 1, paragraph 11102 of document 28 C/5, as amended by France and Germany and reproduced below:

11.1 The General Conference,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to continue to implement the clearing-house programme;

2. Requests him, in particular:

   (a) to develop the clearing house by:

      (i) harmonizing the existing data bases and information services more closely, with a view to introducing new technologies in this field and to ensuring compatibility and interconnection of existing and emerging
in-house information systems such as PROMIS, UMS (UNESCO in its Member States) and other data bases;

(ii) using Internet for international dissemination of the information available in the working languages of UNESCO;

(iii) distributing UNESCO’s main databases more widely;

(b) with regard to information, library, archives and microform services:

(i) to further improve the library, central information and documentation services, emphasizing computerization; to distribute the ‘UNESCO List of Documents and Publications’ (ULDP) and the ‘UNESCO Library Acquisitions’ (ULA); to update the UNESCO Bibliographic Data Base (UNESBIB); to strengthen the UNESCO Integrated Documentation Network; and to enhance co-operation between the libraries of the United Nations system;

(ii) to facilitate access to UNESCO’s archives, through modern electronic document management systems; to improve conditions of preservation and management of archives; and to continue the security microfilming and dissemination of documents and publications on microfiches;

(c) to provide wider access to the FUTURESCO bibliographic data base on future-oriented studies and to increase the exchange of information in this field.

22. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed by the Director-General in Part II.B, Chapter 2, paragraph 11202 of document 28 C/5, as amended by France and Germany and reproduced below:

11.2 The General Conference,

1. **Authorizes** the Director-General to implement the activities under ‘Statistical programmes and Services’;

2. **Invites** the Director-General, in particular:

   (a) to pursue the regional and subregional co-operation aimed at improving national statistical capabilities and infrastructures for data collection and analysis in the Organization’s fields of competence, especially in Africa (and the least-developed countries (LDCs));

   (b) to continue to collect, analyse and disseminate relevant and up-to-date statistical information on education, science, culture and communication, and to prepare statistical documents and publications, including the **UNESCO Statistical Yearbook**, taking account of the decisive role played in this regard by UNESCO’s Statistics Unit;

   (c) to improve international comparability of education indicators, to contribute to the revision of international classifications, standards and methods, to co-operate with agencies of the United Nations system and other
organizations in order to harmonize and standardize international data collection activities, and to exchange statistical information, while avoiding duplication of work;

(d) to further follow up the relevant resolutions of the General Conference, in particular, 26 C/Resolution 11.5 and its predecessors.

23. Regarding the clearing house, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $5,572,000 for Part II.B, Chapter 1, paragraph 11101 of document 28 C/5, as revised in document 28 C/5 Rev.1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

24. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference take note of paragraph 11113 concerning extra-budgetary resources for this Chapter.

25. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan for the clearing house as described in paragraphs 11103 to 11108.

26. Regarding the Statistical programmes and Services, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $5,876,700 for Part II.B, Chapter 2, paragraph 11201 of document 28 C/5, as revised in document 28 C/5 Rev.1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

27. Finally, the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan, including activities financed by extra-budgetary resources, as described in paragraphs 11203 to 11208 of document 28 C/5.
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28. Commission I examined at its fifth, sixth and eleventh meetings item 9.2- Methods of work of the General Conference: recommendations by the Executive Board, item 9.3- Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 40, concerning balance in the use of the six working languages of the General Conference and the use of other official languages, and item 9.4- Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 41, concerning balance of languages in UNESCO’s publications. Forty-five delegates of Member States took the floor during the general debate.

29. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/COM.I/DR.3, submitted by a group of Member States including the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Slovakia and Slovenia as amended by the Chairman of the Commission and the Legal Committee:

The General Conference,

Recalling 27 C/Resolution 39 on reform of the working methods of the General Conference,

Taking note of document 28 C/47 containing valuable suggestions implying a decision by the General Conference,

Convinced that all concrete measures possible to take effect at the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference should be decided now,

Decides:

1. to clarify and simplify the categories of draft resolutions and to fix deadlines of their submission, in correspondence with Annex VII, Part I, paragraphs 6 and 7, of document 28 C/47, and as outlined in Annex A to this resolution;

2. to ask the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board, a study on the limitation of the number of draft resolutions to be submitted by a single Member State;

3. to simplify and harmonize the procedures in election conducted during the General Conference, in correspondence with Annex VII, Part II, Option One, paragraphs 12 and 13 of document 28 C/47 and as outlined in Annex B to this resolution.
ANNEX A

Clarification and simplification of categories of draft resolutions and the deadlines of their submission
(corresponding to document 28 C/47, Annex VII, Part I, para. 6)

Amendment of Rule 78 (A to C) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference

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<td>Proposals (draft resolutions) for adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget, whenever they involve substantial programme or budget modifications, entailing the addition, reduction or deletion of activities as well as the increase or decrease in the proposed budget ceiling, shall be submitted in writing and shall reach the Director-General at least 11 weeks before the opening of the session of the General Conference; the Director-General shall communicate them to Member States and Associate Members at least seven weeks before the opening of the session.</td>
<td>Rule 78A, paragraph 1: Proposals for the adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the draft programme shall, whenever they involve the undertaking of new activities or a substantial increase in budgetary expenditure, be submitted in writing, and shall reach the Director-General at least 11 weeks before the opening of the session; the Director-General shall communicate them to Member States and Associate Members at least seven weeks before the opening of the session.</td>
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<td>All other proposals relating to the Draft Programme and Budget, including amendments to proposals covered by paragraph 1 of this rule not involving substantial programme or budget implications, shall be submitted in writing to the Director-General not later than five working days before the start of the debate on the section of the Draft Programme and Budget to which they relate.</td>
<td>Rule 78A, paragraph 2: Proposed amendments to the draft programme, and draft amendments to the proposals covered by paragraph 1, not involving the undertaking of new activities but implying an increase in budgetary expenditure which is not considered substantial within the meaning of paragraph 1, shall be transmitted in writing to the Director-General not later than the end of the seventh working day of the session.</td>
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<td>Rule 78A, paragraph 3: Proposed amendments to the draft programme, and draft amendments to the proposals covered by paragraphs 1 and 2, not involving the undertaking of new activities or a substantial increase in budgetary expenditure, shall be submitted not later than five working days before the start of the debate on the section of the draft programme to which they relate.</td>
<td>Rule 78A, paragraph 6: Proposals for the deletion of given activities from the draft programme, or, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of Rule 78B, for budgetary reduction shall be submitted within the time-limits fixed in paragraph 3 above.</td>
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<td>Rule 78B, paragraph 2: The provisions of paragraph 1 do not apply to proposals for fixing the budget ceiling at any figure falling between the maximum and minimum totals that may previously have been proposed. Such proposals may therefore be put forward at any time prior to the vote on the budget ceiling, subject however to the provisions of Rule 78A, paragraph 3.</td>
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<td>To be considered admissible, draft resolutions proposing the adoption by the General Conference of amendments to the draft programme must be concerned with the overall direction and general strategy of the Organization, particularly in the case of modifications made to the proposed resolutions in the draft programme. Draft resolutions concerning activities which are purely national in scope, <em>which propose no more than a modification of the work plan</em> or which could be financed under the Participation Programme shall not be admissible.¹</td>
<td>Rule 78A, paragraph 4: Draft resolutions concerning activities which could be financed under the Participation Programme shall not be admissible. Rule 78A, paragraph 5: Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 6 below, draft resolutions that propose nothing but a modification of the work plan that accompanies resolutions proposed by the Director-General in the draft programme shall be considered as inadmissible, except where the work plan proposed by the Director-General is considered incompatible or inconsistent with the resolution proposed by the Director-General, in which case it will be for the officers of the concerned organ of the General Conference to recommend the steps to be taken.</td>
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| 6 | **New Rule 78B is identical with former Rule 78C (UNCHANGED)** |

¹ Wording in italics added to the text proposed in document 28 C/47, Annex VII, Part I, paragraph 7.
ANNEX B

Simplification and harmonization of voting procedures in elections conducted during the General Conference
(corresponding to document 28 C/47, Annex VII, Part II, paras. 12 and 13)'

Amendment of Rules 88 and 89 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference

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Paragraph 1:
Without prejudice to the special rules governing the appointment of the Director-General, whenever elections are conducted by secret ballot the President of the General Conference (or the Chairperson of the commission or committee concerned) shall declare elected those candidates who obtain the greatest number of votes, up to the number of seats to be filled. If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, and, as a result, there are still more candidates than seats to be filled, there shall be a second secret ballot restricted to those candidates who obtained the same number of votes. If the results are identical after the second ballot the President shall then decide among those candidates by drawing lots.  

Paragraph 2:
Unless otherwise required by the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, there is no need to take a vote by secret ballot if the number of candidates is the same as the number of posts to be filled. This provision would then become paragraph 3 of Article 87.

Rule 88:
When a single elective place is to be filled and no candidate obtains in the first ballot the majority required, additional ballots shall be taken which shall be restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If in the third ballot the votes are equally divided, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

Rule 89:
When two or more places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot the majority required shall be elected. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, to a number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled.

The task to identify and formulate the corresponding changes in the provisions of Appendices 1 and 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference shall be entrusted to the Legal Committee of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference.

1 For further clarification see also document 28 C/47, Annex VII, Part II, paragraphs 10 and 11.
2 Wording in italics changed or added with regard to the text proposed in document 28 C/47, Annex VII, Part II, paragraph 12.
30. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/COM.I/DR.4, submitted by Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bangladesh, Iceland, Sweden, Jamaica, Australia, Burundi, Cameroon, Netherlands, Chile, Côte d’Ivoire, Tunisia, Croatia, Colombia and Belgium:

The General Conference,

Appreciating the changes made recently in its working methods,

Recalling that Article IV of the Constitution stipulates that the primary function of the General Conference is to determine the policy and the major orientations of the Organization,

Recalling resolution 39, adopted at its twenty-seventh session, on the reform of the working methods of the General Conference,

Wishing to make further improvements to its capacity to fulfil its mandate fully and efficiently,

Requests that the President of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference establish an ad hoc working group whose mandate will be to examine the structure and function of the General Conference and recommend the most effective means to once again give to the General Conference its original function as a full-fledged policy-making body;

Requests that the ad hoc working group explore the possibility of using UNESCO intergovernmental committees and councils for preparatory work for the sessions of the General Conference, in conjunction with other current consultative processes;

Recommends that the ad hoc working group be made up of a limited number of qualified specialists from Member States, appointed by the President of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference, taking into account the need for satisfactory geographical distribution;

Recommends that the ad hoc working group present its conclusions to an Executive Board meeting prior to their submission with the Executive Board’s comments for consideration by the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference, which will dissolve it;

Requests the Director-General to provide all necessary technical support required by the working group and to do everything possible to obtain the extra-budgetary funds needed to attain this objective.

31. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/COM.I/DR.2, submitted by Spain, Colombia, Cuba, Argentina, Chile, Bolivía, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Uruguay, Panama, Ecuador, Venezuela, Belgium and France:

The General Conference,

Considering the importance of languages as irreplaceable means of interpersonal communication and cultural experience,
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Bearing in mind 26 C/Resolution 34 and previous resolutions on the subject,

Considering the provisions of 27 C/Resolution 40, substantive paragraphs 1 and 2,

Expressing its deep concern at the continuing imbalance in the use in UNESCO of the six working languages at the General Conference,

Invites the Director-General to continue the efforts already initiated so as to achieve a truly balanced use of the six working languages of the General Conference and, at the same time, facilitate the use of the other official languages.

32. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 28 C/48 - Report by the Director-General on the use of the six working languages of the General Conference and of other official languages, and on balance in UNESCO’s publications.
PART II.C - PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

33. At its seventh meeting, Commission I examined Part II.C - Participation Programme. The delegates of 41 countries took part in the debate.

34. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/DR.360, submitted by Australia and New Zealand, as amended by the co-authors and by Canada, Uruguay, Colombia and the Czech Republic:

The General Conference,

Acknowledging the fundamental importance of the Participation Programme to the Member States, and some recent improvements in its administration,

Recognizing the achievement of the Programme in empowering Member States to achieve the various aspects of UNESCO’s mandate,

Noting the ongoing concerns of Member States that the administration of the Participation Programme has not met fully the objectives outlined by the Executive Board in its invitation to the Director-General set out in paragraph 1 of document 145 EX/26 (144th session, 144 EX/Decision 4.1, Part III),

Calls on the Director-General to establish an external review of the Participation Programme to address issues of the effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and timeliness of the delivery of the Programme and the potential for decentralization with particular regard to a more extensive co-ordination of Regional and Subregional Offices, upon request of National Commissions, and report on the results of the review to the 149th session of the Executive Board.

35. Concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution in paragraph 12002 of document 28 C/5, as amended by Germany and France:

12.0 The General Conference,

Authorizes the Director-General to participate in the activities of Member States in accordance with the following principles and conditions:

A. Principles

1. The Participation Programme is one of the means employed by the Organization to achieve its objectives, through participation in activities carried out by Member States or Associate Members, or by territories, organizations or institutions, in its fields of competence. This participation is designed to strengthen the partnership between UNESCO and its Member States and make that partnership more effective through a sharing of contributions;

2. Each Member State may submit through its National Commission up to 15 requests, including two requests for projects falling within the framework of the World Decade for Cultural Development. These (15) requests should show an order of priority, numbered from 1 to 15, it being understood that all the requests submitted will not necessarily be approved. Each request must be related to the
activities of the Organization, as described under the major programmes, statistical programmed and services and co-operation with National Commissions sections in the Approved Programme and Budget. Member States are requested to ensure that a sufficient number of projects specifically devoted to women are submitted under this Programme;

3. Assistance under the Participation Programme may be accorded only upon (a) a written request to the Director-General by the National Commissions of Member States or of Associate Members or territories, organizations or institutions, including intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO, and (b) a written agreement between the parties concerned specifying the form and manner of participation and acceptance of the conditions listed under section B below, together with such other conditions as may be jointly agreed upon;

4. **Beneficiaries.** Assistance under the Participation Programme may be accorded to:

(a) Member States or Associate Members upon request through their National Commissions, to promote activities of a national character. For activities of a subregional, regional or interregional character, requests are submitted by the National Commissions of the Member States or Associate Members on whose territory they take place. These requests must be supported by at least two other National Commissions of participating Member States or Associate Members;

(b) a non-self-governing or trust territory, upon the request of the National Commissions of the Member State responsible for the conduct of the territory’s external relations;

(c) a national institution, upon a request by the National Commission of the Member State or Associate Member in whose territory it is situated;

(d) an intergovernmental organization, which has signed a co-operation agreement with UNESCO, where the participation relates to activities of direct interest to several Member States;

(e) an international non-governmental organization maintaining formal relations with UNESCO, upon a request endorsed by the National Commission of the Member State or Associate Member in whose territory the planned activity is to be carried out; a request by an NGO maintaining ad hoc relations with UNESCO must be supported by the National Commissions of at least two Member States;

(f) an international non-governmental institution having no official relations with UNESCO, upon a request submitted on its behalf by the National Commission of the Member State in whose territory it is situated; such requests must be supported by at least two National Commissions of other participating Member States;

(g) the Organization of African Unity, for activities in UNESCO’s fields of competence;
(h) the Palestine observer at UNESCO, where the participation requested relates to activities in UNESCO’s fields of competence of direct interest to Palestinians;

5. **Forms of assistance.** Assistance under the Participation Programme may comprise the provision of:

(a) the services of specialists and consultants;

(b) fellowships and study grants;

(c) publications, periodicals and documentation;

(d) equipment;

(e) conferences and meetings, seminars and training courses; translation and interpretation services, participants’ travel costs, the services of consultants, and other services deemed necessary by all concerned;

(f) financial contributions, if the Director-General determines that this is the most effective and expedient means of implementing the activity in question, and provided that the amount, except in cases of emergency assistance specifically decided on by the Director-General, is not in excess of $26,000 for a national project or activity and $35,000 for a subregional, regional or interregional project or activity; and that the financial provision made by the applicant is sufficient to execute the activity satisfactorily;

(g) UNESCO/PAS personnel;

6. **Approval of requests.** When deciding upon a request the Director-General shall take into account:

(a) the total amount approved by the General Conference for this programme;

(b) the contribution that such participation can effectively make to the attainment of Member States’ objectives in UNESCO’s fields of competence and within the framework of the programme activities approved by the General Conference, to which participation must be closely linked;

(c) the needs of developing countries and particularly those of the least-developed countries among them, and the increase in participation by new Member States in the activities of the Organization;

(d) the need to achieve equitable geographical distribution of the participation provided;

7. **Implementation**

(a) the Participation Programme will be implemented within the biennial programme of the Organization, of which it forms an integral part. Implementation of a request is the responsibility of the National Commission of a Member State, Associate Member or other applicant. The request
submitted to the Director-General must show specific scheduled commencement and termination dates. A greater effort to rationalize and simplify implementation procedures for the Participation Programme, coupled with increased participation by field units, will help Member States to draw up their requests better and enable them to be processed more effectively;

(b) the Participation Programme’s administrative procedures must continue to be made more efficient; the achievements of the Participation Programme must be made more widely known and be more widely used with a view to the planning and implementation of the Organization’s future activities;

B. Conditions

8. Assistance under the Participation Programme will be provided only if in the written request containing all 15 requests submitted to the Director-General the applicant certifies acceptance of the following conditions. The applicant shall:

(a) assume full financial and administrative responsibility for implementing the plans and programmes for which participation is provided; in the case of a financial contribution, submit to the Director-General at the close of the project an itemized statement accounting for the activities executed and certifying that the funds allocated have been used for the implementation of the project, and return to UNESCO any balance not used for project purposes; it is to be understood that no new financial contribution will be granted until the applicant has submitted all the financial reports and all the additional supporting documents necessary in respect of contributions previously approved by the Director-General and for which the funds were obligated prior to 31 December of the first year of the previous budgetary period;

(b) undertake to provide on a compulsory basis together with the financial report mentioned in subparagraph (a) above an evaluation report on the results of the activities financed and their usefulness for the Member State or States and UNESCO;

(c) pay, where participation is accorded in the form of study grants, the cost of the grant-holders’ passports, visas, medical examinations and salaries while they are abroad, if they are in receipt of a salary; help them find suitable employment when they return to their country of origin;

(d) maintain and insure against all risks any property supplied by UNESCO, from the time of its arrival at the point of delivery;

(e) undertake to cover UNESCO against any claim or liability resulting from the activities provided for in this resolution, except where it is agreed by UNESCO and the National Commission of the Member State concerned that such claim or liability arises from gross negligence or wilful misconduct;

(f) grant to personnel recruited under the Participation Programme who are officials of UNESCO the privileges and immunities set out in Articles VI and
VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies; it shall grant to personnel recruited under the Participation Programme who are not officials of UNESCO the privileges and immunities provided for in paragraph 3 of Annex IV to the aforementioned Convention, it being understood that additional privileges and immunities may be granted in supplementary agreements concluded with the Director-General; no restriction should be imposed upon the rights of entry, sojourn and departure of the persons mentioned in the present subparagraph;

C. Emergency aid

9. Where emergency aid is concerned, the following conditions and principles are to be observed:

(a) faced with an emergency situation, the Director-General shall take the initiative of informing the Member State through the National Commission, so far as possible, that he has earmarked a certain sum for immediate assistance and suggest as appropriate the content (with options) that assistance could take;

(b) the National Commission or the government shall then cable its choice of assistance or suggest suitable alternatives;

(c) in the case of services or goods to be supplied by UNESCO there shall be no international competitive bidding, owing to the urgency of requirements;

(d) in the case of financial contributions, the US $26,000 limit shall not apply; a financial statement certifying that the funds allocated have been used for the purposes approved shall subsequently be submitted by the Member State;

D. Other provisions

10. Where the National Commission of the Member State requests the provision of operational assistance (UNESCOPAS) personnel to carry out a Participation Programme project, the Director-General may grant such exemption from the application of provisions of this resolution as may be necessary.

36. The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $22,000,000 for Part II.C - Participation Programme, paragraph 12001 of document 28 C/5, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions,

37. Finally, the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan for Part II.C - Participation Programme, described in paragraphs 12003 to 12005 of document 28 C/5.
PART III - SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION

Chapter 1 - Bureau for External Relations

1. Relations with Member States

2. Co-operation with National Commissions and with UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

3. Co-operation with volunteers and voluntary service

4. Relations with international organizations

5. Decentralization and relations with field units

6. General operating costs of the Office of the Assistant Director-General

Chapter 2- Bureau for Relations with Extra-Budgetary Funding Sources

Chapter 3- Programme Support Services

38. Commission I examined together the above items at its eighth and ninth meetings. Delegates from 60 countries and the representative of one non-governmental organization took part in the debate.

39. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/DR.236, submitted by Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine, and supported by Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Uganda, Russian Federation, Chile, Belgium, Bolivia and Suriname, as amended by Slovakia and France, and that this draft resolution receive an allocation from the Reserve for Draft Resolutions:

The General Conference,

1. Referring to the decision of the 146th session of the Executive Board that mention should be made, among the active promoters of education for peace, human rights, democracy, tolerance, non-violence and international understanding of the UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations,

2. Recalling the recommendations of the IVth Congress of FMACU in Sinaia, Romania,

3. With the intention:

   (a) to establish in the longer term a European network of UNESCO Clubs, including Central and East European countries;

   (b) to promote among citizens, especially young people, in the countries in transition public awareness, tolerance and non-violence;

   (c) to achieve a wider mobilization of UNESCO Club movement by intensifying the training of Club leaders at the regional and interregional level;
(d) to mobilize the support of decision-makers and opinion leaders at regional level in favour of programmes and activities dealing, in an integrated manner, with environment, cultural heritage, human rights and education and tolerance;

4. Invites the Director-General to organize a regional seminar for young people including UNESCO Club promoters and leaders aimed at the exchange of information, expertise and know-how in the areas of cultural heritage, culture of peace, education, environment, human rights and tolerance - with the participation of existing local UNESCO Chairs for human rights, sustainable development, environment, for women issues and others - and to allocate in the Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 for this organization financial support of US $37,000.

40. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/DR.361, submitted by Australia, New Zealand and Slovakia, supported by Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Cook Islands, Pakistan, Madagascar, Austria, Slovenia, Congo, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Morocco, India, Argentina and Romania, as amended by the authors and Canada:

The General Conference,

Recognizing the importance of regional and subregional consultations preparatory to the General Conference,

Affirming the desirability of maintaining such consultations as part of the regular cycle of UNESCO’s determination of its Medium-Term Strategy and Draft Programme and Budget,

Acknowledging the exceptionally fruitful outcome of these consultations in aiding the work of the General Conference and the Executive Board,

Calls on the Director-General to provide the funds for such consultations from within the provisional budgetary ceiling to be approved by the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference.

41. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/DR.377, submitted by Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain, Colombia and Suriname, and supported by Senegal, Belgium, Slovenia, Austria, Bolivia, India, Italy, Romania, Croatia, Poland, France, Zaire, Lithuania, Russian Federation and Cameroon, as amended by Canada:

The General Conference,

Considering that the National Commissions play a leading role in adjusting programme implementation to the specific characteristics of the different regions and in ensuring the Organization’s active presence in its Member States,

Recognizing the need to further improve the modalities for identifying new partners for UNESCO in its Member States,

Recalling 26 C/Resolution 13.23,
Taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Executive Board (28 C/6, 107-110 and 28 C/9, 56-60),

Invites the Director-General to ensure that it is through co-operation with the National Commissions that new partnerships will be forged with competent representative bodies of civil society as well as with private bodies;

Decides to add to the ‘Directives concerning UNESCO’s relations with foundations and similar institutions’ (26 C/Resolution 13.23) the following ‘Article VII: The procedures for establishing official relationships with foundations or institutions, in particular Article II, paragraph 2, as well as other relevant regulations of these Directives shall also be applied when establishing new partnerships with all bodies representing civil society as well as with all bodies representing the private sector. The Director-General shall submit to the Executive Board specific Directives concerning co-operation with private extra-budgetary funding sources and the rights of new partners to use UNESCO’s name, emblem, or any other type of representation of UNESCO’s corporate identity’.

42. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the following draft resolutions:

28 C/DR.110 Rev., submitted by Malawi and Slovakia, and supported by Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Senegal, Egypt, Gambia, Chad, Mauritania, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Zambia, Belgium, Botswana, Pakistan, Madagascar, Côte d’Ivoire, Mali, Argentina, Mozambique and Suriname;

28 C/DR.111, submitted by Uganda and supported by Belgium, Botswana, Pakistan, Madagascar, Côte d’Ivoire, Saint Lucia, Mali, Zimbabwe, Argentina, Mozambique, Mauritania and Suriname;

28 C/DR.362, submitted by Australia and New Zealand, and supported by Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands, France, Chile, Pakistan and Bangladesh;

28 C/DR.455, submitted by Japan, China, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Venezuela, supported by Poland, Chile, United Republic of Tanzania, Russian Federation, Pakistan, Madagascar, Slovenia, Congo, Sierra Leone, India, Mozambique, Bangladesh and Suriname, as amended by Cuba, France and Uruguay.

43. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 for the Bureau for External Relations, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $20,371,500 for Part III, Chapter 1, paragraph 13101 in document 28 C/5, as revised in document 28 C/5 Rev. 1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

44. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference take note of paragraph 13127 in document 28 C/5, concerning extra-budgetary resources for Chapter 1.

45. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan for the Bureau for External Relations in paragraphs 13102 to 13123 of document 28 C/5.
46. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt paragraph 109 of document 28 C/6:

109. **Considers** that the proposal for the establishment of a UNESCO Voluntary Service needs further clarification as regards its tasks and functions and the danger of its duplicating the work of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and the Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), the independent NGO status of which should not be put in doubt by new UNESCO activities;

47. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt paragraphs 15 to 19 in document 28 C/6-28 C/9 Add.:

**IV**

**Volunteer Unit**

15. **Considers** that voluntary service is one of the most important forms in the development of active solidarity between States, between populations, between citizens of the world, most notably in the expanding networks of non-governmental organizations, which will be brought together for the 26th CCIVS Conference ‘Network for World Development’ in Berlin (November 1995);

16. **Stresses** the importance of further developing and strengthening UNESCO’s participation in these efforts, through close co-operation with United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and the Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), created in 1948 by UNESCO and today representing 130 NGOs in all regions of the world, and organizing 20,000 voluntary services per year;

17. **Invites** the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO’s collaboration with CCIVS in short-term and long-term activities including intellectual co-operation and exchange of experience, rather than taking over such activities by the Organization itself;

18. **Decides** that the budgetary provision foreseen in document 28 C/5 for volunteers’ activities (para. 131 13) be devoted entirely to involving CCIVS in activities aiming at a culture of peace and fostering international solidarity;

19. **Invites** the Director-General to reassess the necessity of creating a unit for this purpose and to report on the matter to the 149th session of the Executive Board.

48. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 for the Bureau for Relations with Extra-Budgetary Funding Sources, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $9,822,100 for Part III, Chapter 2, paragraph 13201 in document 28 C/5, as revised in document 28 C/5 Rev.1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.
49. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference take note of paragraph 13213 in document 28 C/5, concerning extra-budgetary resources for Chapter 2.

50. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan for Part III, Chapter 2, in paragraphs 13202 to 13209 of document 28 C/5.

51. Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 for the Programme Support Services, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $33,740,400, for Part III, Chapter 3, paragraph 13301 in document 28 C/5, as revised in document 28 C/5 Rev.1, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and on the use of the Reserve for Draft Resolutions, and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

52. The Commission also recommended that the General Conference take note of paragraph 13307 in document 28 C/5, concerning extra-budgetary resources for Chapter 3.

53. Finally, the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the work plan for the Programme Support Services in paragraphs 13302 to 13303 of document 28 C/5.
Item 8.1- Sexennial report by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contributions made to UNESCO’s activities by international non-governmental organizations (1988-1993)

Item 8.2- Revision of the Directives concerning UNESCO’S relations with international non-governmental organizations

54. The Commission examined at its eleventh meeting item 8.1 - Sexennial report by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contributions made to UNESCO’s activities by international non-governmental organizations (1988-1993), and item 8.2- Revision of the Directives concerning UNESCO’s relations with international non-governmental organizations. Twelve delegates of Member States and two delegates of non-governmental organizations took the floor during the debate.

55. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed in document 28 C/42 - Sexennial report by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contributions made to UNESCO’s activities by international non-governmental organizations (1988-1993), as amended by France and Germany:

The General Conference,

Having examined the sexennial report submitted to it by the Executive Board on the contribution made to UNESCO’s activities by international non-governmental organizations (categories A, B and C) from 1988 to 1993, in application of Section VIII.3 of the Directives adopted at its eleventh session and amended at its fourteenth session,

Considering that the participation of international non-governmental organizations in UNESCO’s task is an ideal means for the Organization of associating people everywhere with its work, particularly the appropriate scientific and intellectual communities and movements reflecting public opinion that are concerned with the development of education, science, culture and communication in the world,

Recalling that such co-operation is based on Article XI of the Constitution of the Organization and is governed by Directives that constitute the framework for its implementation,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the clear and concise presentation of the report, with the evaluation it contains and with the proposals for the improvement of cooperation between UNESCO and NGOs that emerge from it;

2. Thanks the Executive Board, the Director-General and the NGO Standing Committee for the contribution they have made to the preparation of this report;

3. Stresses the diligence shown by the international NGOs themselves in the contribution they were asked to make to the preparation of this report;

4. Welcomes the useful dialogue and mutual confidence established on this occasion, creating a climate conducive to the continuation in the future of a relationship of constructive collaboration between UNESCO and NGOs;
5. **Expresses the hope** that this dialogue may continue and become more rewarding within the Executive Board, especially as a result of the work done by its NGO Committee;

6. **Considers** that 25 C/Resolution 37 adopted by the General Conference following its examination of the report covering the previous period has been carefully implemented by the Director-General and that co-operation with NGOs has been maintained at a high level despite the reduction in the Organization’s resources during the period now ending;

7. **Thanks** the international non-governmental organizations for the efficient way in which they have combined their own resources with the means made available to them by UNESCO, especially in the form of subventions and contracts, enabling them to associate the various scientific, cultural and educational communities they represent with the implementation of the Organization’s programme;

8. **Also thanks** the many organizations that, despite having received no financial assistance from UNESCO during the six-year period now ending, have nevertheless taken part in UNESCO’s activities and in the extension of the Organization’s influence in the world;

9. **Stresses** the importance of improving and strengthening co-operation between UNESCO and NGOs so that the Organization, in accordance with the functions it exercises, may develop, as regards both numbers and quality, the networks of experts from which it must necessarily draw its support;

10. **Recognizes** the need, in improving such co-operation, to bear in mind the elements determined in its ‘Medium-Term Strategy: 1996-2001’;

11. **Expresses the wish** that, in the development of this co-operation, account be taken at the same time of the diversity of NGOs and of the role the Organization must necessarily play as regards co-ordination and follow-up, at Headquarters and through its decentralized units;

12. **Welcomes** the establishment of a data base within the Secretariat so as to ensure greater transparency in regard to information concerning NGOs and to promote better knowledge of the services they are capable of rendering to international co-operation;

13. **Reminds** NGOs of the obligations entailed by their acceptance of the revised Directives, which are an inherent part of their new or continued admission to the status of organization with relations with UNESCO;

14. **Requests** the Director-General to do everything possible to provide the Standing Committee of NGOs with the secretariat services it needs in order to operate, the provision of such services being in accordance with the Directives;

15. **Invites** the Director-General, in so far as is possible, to build-up the strength in the various Secretariat sectors of the staff with responsibility for co-ordinating and following up UNESCO’s co-operation with NGOs so that greater and more
effective use may be made of the networks these organizations constitute by developing communication between NGOs and UNESCO;

16. **Recommends**, with respect to **programme preparation**:

(a) that NGOs reply more promptly, and in greater numbers, to the consultations undertaken by the Director-General, particularly concerning the preparation of the medium-term strategies and UNESCO’s programme and budget;

(b) that the **Director-General**:

(i) modify the procedures for consulting individual NGOs on the preparation of future draft biennial programmes and medium-term strategies so that they yield fuller and better results;

(ii) intensify formal and informal sectoral consultations between the Secretariat and NGOs in order to increase the complementarily of their respective efforts in the preparation and implementation of UNESCO’s activities;

(iii) decentralize, to the greatest possible extent, the sectoral and intersectoral NGO collective consultations;

17. **Recommends**, with respect to **programme execution**, that the Director-General:

(a) encourage joint projects undertaken by NGOs that are the reflection of the Organization’s interdisciplinary programmes adopted by the Member States;

(b) support the creation of regional networks based on regional NGOs and regional branches of international NGOs specializing in UNESCO’s fields of competence in co-operation with NGOs, in so far as these meet a demand;

(c) associate the largest possible number of NGOs with UNESCO’s Co-Action Programme;

(d) invite NGOs, on as broad a basis as possible, to attend conferences on specialized subjects as observers and, whenever the Organization’s resources allow, invite eminent persons and representatives of NGOs to participate in these meetings as experts; ensure that the interests and opinions of NGOs taken collectively are reflected by UNESCO in the preparation of major world conferences organized by the United Nations;

(e) conclude framework agreements with NGOs that are representative, effective and competent and that have formal associate relations with the Organization so as to associate them effectively with the activities of UNESCO in the spirit of 27 C/Resolution 13.141; and to include relevant information on all applications by and negotiations with NGOs in his reports on programme implementation to the Executive Board;

(f) draw on existing procedures and investigate the possibility of adding new ones to extend co-operation with NGOs in the execution of the
Organization’s programme and make full use of the findings of review and assessment documents;

(g) take all useful measures to ensure that the contributions of NGOs with relations with UNESCO to United Nations world summits are taken into account;

18. Recommends, with regard to decentralization and geographical extension:

(a) that Member States and their National Commissions co-operate more closely with members and national committees of NGOs;

(b) that the Director-General make appropriate provision for:

(i) strengthening the Regional Offices’ role of stimulation and co-ordination in developing activity by voluntary organizations, at the regional and subregional levels, in UNESCO’s various fields of competence;

(ii) contributing to the setting up, especially in the poorest regions, of regional and subregional NGOs working in UNESCO’s fields of competence and to the strengthening of existing organizations, in the context of the new arrangements already approved by this General Conference;

(c) that NGOs:

(i) intensify their efforts to achieve broad geographical extension, in terms of their composition and of their activities, and, in order to do this, allow national bodies to be associated in their work;

(ii) establish closer co-operation with National Commissions, particularly through increased participation by their national sections in Commissions’ activities;

19. Recommends to the Executive Board, with regard to the classification of NGOs:

(a) that, when admitting NGOs, it take account both of the desirability of the best possible geographical balance, paying particular attention to requests from developing countries - according to the priorities defined within the framework of the Medium-Term Strategy 1996-2001- and of the nature of the expected co-operation with UNESCO;

(b) that it review all admissions in the light of the revised Directives and the commitment undertaken by NGOs which have confirmed their desire for co-operation;

20. Instructs the Executive Board to provide for the introduction of financial co-operation arrangements corresponding to the Directives revised by the Board at this session, and for the possible later adaptation of those financial arrangements;
21. Recommends, lastly, that a joint study be carried out by the Executive Board and the Director-General to prepare for the amendment of the provisions approved by the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session, as amended at its twenty-eighth session, concerning relations between UNESCO and foundations and similar institutions, with a view to adapting them to the Directives concerning relations between UNESCO and NGOs as revised at this session.

56. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed in document 28 C/43 - Revision of the Directives concerning UNESCO’s relations with international non-governmental organizations, as stated:

The General Conference,

Welcoming the impressive rise in the number of non-governmental organizations and their vitality, which bear witness to the growing role played by various actors in civil society all over the world,

Considering the complexity and diversity of the social fabric in each country, which has led UNESCO for several years now to explore new ways to achieve synergies and to design innovative machinery in order to diversify, revitalize and strengthen its co-operation with NGOs,

Bearing in mind the need to elaborate a statutory framework for such co-operation which takes better account of the fields of activity of the NGOs, their representativeness, vitality, competence and effectiveness, and the nature of their co-operation with UNESCO,

Recalling the pattern that it established for such co-operation in 27 C/Resolution 13.141, in particular regarding the financial arrangements for co-operation,

Having examined the recommendation of the Executive Board contained in 146 EX/Decision 7.3,

Adopts the following revised Directives concerning UNESCO’s relations with non-governmental organizations:

**DIRECTIVES CONCERNING UNESCO’s RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**PREAMBLE**

1. In implementation of the provisions of Article XI of its Constitution, UNESCO has built up over the years a valuable network of co-operative relations in its fields of competence with non-governmental organizations representing civil society. Given the pre-eminent role that the founders of UNESCO intended non-governmental organizations to play, this partnership bears witness to the importance of the work of those organizations alongside government-sponsored action in international co-operation in the service of peoples for development, equality, international understanding and peace.
2. Fifty years after its foundation, and on the threshold of the third millennium, UNESCO notes with satisfaction the increasingly active role being played by organizations representing civil society in international co-operation, and wishes to define a new framework within which the relations it desires to maintain with such organizations may develop under the most favorable conditions.

3. These relations are designed, on the one hand, to enable UNESCO to secure advice, technical co-operation and documentation from non-governmental organizations, and, on the other, to enable such organizations, which represent important sections of public opinion, to express the views of their members. Since UNESCO is not a funding institution, these relations will be essentially of an intellectual nature.

4. The following provisional ¹ are designed to further the aims of UNESCO by securing the broadest possible assistance from competent non-governmental organizations representing civil society in the preparation and in the execution of its programme, and thus increasing international co-operation in the fields of education, science, culture and communication. In addition, they should promote the emergence of new organizations that are representative of civil society in those regions of the world where such organizations, for historical, cultural or geographical reasons, are isolated or weak, and help to integrate such organizations into the network.

5. Taking into account the non-governmental organization’s own objectives and the type of collaboration that is possible with UNESCO, two main types of relations will be established: the first will involve sustained co-operation both upstream and downstream from UNESCO’s programming and priorities (formal relations); the second will consist of a flexible and dynamic partnership in the implementation of UNESCO’s programmes (operational relations).

I. FORMAL RELATIONS

1. General principles

1.1 UNESCO may establish formal relations with international ¹ non-governmental organizations. According to the structure and aims of such organizations, the nature of their co-operation with UNESCO and the scale of the contribution they are able to make, such relations shall come under one of two different categories: consultative relations and associate relations. Relations shall be established for renewable periods of six years.

2. Conditions

2.1 An international organization shall qualify as an organization that may maintain formal relations with UNESCO provided that it has not been established by intergovernmental agreement and that its purposes, functions and operation are non-governmental and non-profit-making in character.

¹ These Directives have been drawn up in such a way as to ensure that they are, as far as possible, fully consistent with the principles and practices of the United Nations, as laid down by the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council.

² The co-operation relations that UNESCO may maintain with foundations is governed by a separate set of Directives adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session, in November 1991.

³ An ‘international’ non-governmental organization is defined as a body that may be either interregional or regional, in both the geographical and the cultural sense of the term.
2.2 Such an organization shall fulfil the following conditions:

(a) it shall be engaged in activities in one or more specific fields of UNESCO’s competence, and it shall be able and willing to make an effective contribution to the achievement of UNESCO’s objectives, in conformity with the principles proclaimed in UNESCO’s Constitution;

(b) it shall be effectively engaged in activities at the international level in a spirit of cooperation, tolerance and solidarity in the interests of humankind and with respect for cultural identities;

(c) its regular active membership (consisting of groups and/or persons) shall be international, permitting it, as far as possible, to ensure significant representation of the various cultural regions its vocation is to serve;

(d) it shall form, through its membership, a community linked by a desire to pursue the objectives for which it was established;

(e) it shall have a recognized legal status;

(f) it shall have an established headquarters and be governed by democratically adopted statutes stipulating, in particular, that its general policy shall be determined by a conference, congress or other representative body. Those statutes shall also stipulate that it shall have a permanent, representative and regularly renewed governing body, representatives who are duly elected by the main body of the organization, and basic resources, deriving chiefly from members’ contributions, that enable it to function and to communicate regularly with its members in various countries;

(g) it shall have been in existence and have been carrying out activities for at least four years at the time of its requesting the establishment of formal relations.

3. Consultative relations

3.1 If it deems such a decision to be useful for the achievement of the objectives of UNESCO, the Executive Board may, either on the proposal of the Director-General or at the request of the non-governmental organization itself, admit a non-governmental organization fulfilling the conditions defined in Article 2 above and wishing to co-operate with UNESCO to the category of formal relations known as ‘consultative relations’.

3.2 Such organizations must have given proof of their ability to supply UNESCO, at its request, with competent advice on questions coming within their purview and to contribute effectively by their activities to the implementation of UNESCO’s programme.

3.3 The Executive Board shall apply the following principles:

(a) where an organization’s primary objectives are related to those of another Specialized Agency of the United Nations system than UNESCO, that agency must be consulted;

(b) admission to the category of consultative relations (i) shall not be granted on an individual basis to organizations belonging to a larger body already admitted and
authorized to represent those organizations in respect of the whole of their functions; and (ii) shall be possible only once the organization has maintained continuous and effective operational relations with UNESCO for a period of at least two years;

(c) where a number of separate organizations exist in any particular field of UNESCO’s activity, their admission to the category of consultative relations on an individual basis may be deferred with the object of encouraging the establishment of umbrella organizations or co-ordinating bodies that are better able to further UNESCO’s aims by bringing all these organizations together and may be entitled to request the establishment of associate relations, as defined in Article 4 below. The application of this principle shall not, however, deprive UNESCO of the direct co-operation of organizations whose assistance in one of the fields that are within its competence would be especially desirable.

3.4 In addition, the Director-General may decide to broaden the scope of the conditions for admission to formal consultative relations to include international networks or similar institutions of a non-governmental nature that meet the criteria set out in paragraph 2.2 above and, in addition to the mere exchange of information, may make a significant contribution to the implementation of concrete projects in UNESCO’s fields of competence, but whose structure and governing bodies are not of an international nature owing to their legal status and the legal framework within which they conduct their activities. In such cases, before taking a decision the Director-General shall consult the competent authorities of the Member State in which the headquarters of the institution concerned is located. He shall keep the Executive Board informed of any decisions he may take under the terms of this paragraph.¹

4. **Associate relations**

4.1 A very small number of umbrella organizations that are broadly international in membership, bring together specialist international professional associations, have proven competence in an important field of education, science, culture or communication, and have a record of regular major contributions to UNESCO’s work may, at their request and on the recommendation of the Director-General, be admitted by the Executive Board to the category of formal relations known as ‘associate relations’.

4.2 In addition to the co-operation referred to in Article 3 above, close and continuous working relations shall be maintained with these organizations, which will be invited by the Director-General to advise him regularly on the preparation and execution of UNESCO’s programme and to participate in UNESCO’s activities.

5. **Admission**

5.1 The Director-General shall acquaint each organization admitted to either of the categories of formal relations with the corresponding obligations and advantages. UNESCO’s relations with these organizations shall not become effective until the competent body of the organization concerned has signified its acceptance of those

¹ The Directives concerning UNESCO’s relations with foundations and similar institutions, approved by the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session, will be revised so as to take account of the inclusion of this provision in these Directives.
obligations and advantages. Requests rejected by the Executive Board may not be resubmitted to the Board until at least four years have elapsed since its decision.

6. Modification, termination and suspension of relations

6.1 Where the Director-General considers that circumstances make it necessary to downgrade an organization to the other category, he shall refer the matter to the Executive Board for a decision. Before doing so, he shall inform the organization concerned of the grounds for his proposal and shall communicate any observations the organization may wish to make to the Executive Board before any final decision is taken.

6.2 The same provisions shall apply if the Director-General deems it necessary to terminate UNESCO’s formal relations with an international non-governmental organization. Furthermore, a complete absence of collaboration for a period of four years between UNESCO and an organization maintaining formal relations with UNESCO shall result in the automatic termination of those relations.

6.3 As an interim measure, the Director-General may, if circumstances so require, suspend relations with an organization until such time as the Executive Board is able to take a decision. This provision shall also apply in cases where an organization’s relations with the United Nations have been suspended or terminated.

7. Obligations of international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO

7.1 (a) Consultative relations

Organizations maintaining formal consultative relations shall:

(i) keep the Director-General regularly informed of those of their activities that are relevant to UNESCO’s programme and of the assistance given by them to the achievement of UNESCO’s objectives;

(ii) acquaint their members, by all the means at their command, with those UNESCO programme activities and achievements that are likely to interest them;

(iii) at the Director-General’s request, give advice and provide assistance in connection with consultations on the preparation of UNESCO’s programmes, and in connection with UNESCO’s inquiries, studies or publications falling within their competence;

(iv) contribute, by their activities, to the execution of UNESCO’s programme and, as far as possible, include in the agenda of their meetings specific items relating to UNESCO’s programme;

(v) invite UNESCO to be represented at those of their meetings whose agenda is of interest to UNESCO;

(vi) submit to the Director-General periodic reports on their activities, their statutory meetings and the support they have given to UNESCO’s action;
(vii) contribute substantially to the preparation of the sexennial report by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contributions made to UNESCO’s activities by non-governmental organizations, in accordance with Section V, paragraph 3, below;

(viii) send representatives, as far as possible at the highest level, to the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations provided for in Section 111, Article 1, below.

(b) Associate relations

In addition to the obligations contained in (a) above, organizations maintaining formal associate relations shall:

(i) collaborate closely with UNESCO in expanding those of their own activities that come within UNESCO’s fields of competence;

(ii) assist UNESCO in its efforts to promote international co-ordination of the activities of non-governmental organizations working in a common field and to bring them together under umbrella organizations;

(iii) send representatives at the most appropriate level to the various types of consultation in which the Director-General invites them to take part and for which their expertise is essential;

(iv) maintain, through their networks and regional and national representatives, effective co-ordination with UNESCO’s field units and with the National Commissions for UNESCO in the various countries.

8. Advantages granted to international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO

8.1 In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 14, of the Constitution, organizations maintaining formal consultative or associate relations with UNESCO shall be invited by the Director-General to send observers to sessions of the General Conference and its commissions. Both these observers and those referred to in Article IV, paragraph 13, of the Constitution may make statements on matters within their respective competence in the commissions, committees and subsidiary bodies of the General Conference, with the consent of the presiding officer.

8.2 Organizations maintaining formal consultative or associate relations with UNESCO may, under the authority of their governing body, submit written statements to the Director-General on UNESCO programme matters within their competence. The Director-General shall communicate the substance of these statements to the Executive Board, or, if appropriate, to the General Conference.

8.3 In addition, the following advantages shall be granted to organizations maintaining formal consultative or associate relations:
Consultative relations

(i) they shall receive, after agreement with the Secretariat, all appropriate documentation relating to the programme activities corresponding to the aims proclaimed in their constitutions;

(ii) they shall be consulted by the Director-General on UNESCO’s proposed programme;

(iii) they may address plenary meetings of the General Conference on particular matters of major importance that fall within their competence, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;

(iv) they may be invited by the Director-General to send observers to meetings organized by UNESCO on matters within their competence; if unable to be represented at those meetings, they may forward their views in writing;

(v) they shall be invited to attend periodic conferences of non-governmental organizations;

(vi) with a view to encouraging the emergence of organizations that are representative of civil society in those regions of the world where such organizations are still weak or isolated, and their inclusion in the network of international co-operation, the Director-General may propose the conclusion of co-operation agreements or plans of action concerning UNESCO’s programme priorities in the region concerned, subject to the same provisions as those contained in paragraph (b) (iv) below, with regional non-governmental organizations that are competent, effective and representative in those regions and maintain consultative relations with UNESCO.

Associate relations

In addition to the advantages described in paragraph (a) above:

(i) as a general principle, these organizations shall be associated as closely and regularly as possible with the various stages of the planning and execution of UNESCO’s activities within their own particular field;

(ii) they may address plenary meetings of the General Conference, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;

(iii) as far as is possible, office accommodation may be provided on the most favorable terms for those organizations with which it is particularly necessary for the Secretariat to keep in constant touch for the implementation of UNESCO’s programme;

(iv) framework agreements for co-operation may be concluded for a renewable period of six years with such organizations, setting the joint priorities they and UNESCO undertake to pursue during that period;

(v) international associations/federations that are members of umbrella organizations maintaining associate relations with UNESCO may receive directly, upon request,
the documentation that UNESCO sends to organizations maintaining formal relations with it.

II. OPERATIONAL RELATIONS

1. General principles

1.1 The Director-General may, if he deems it useful for the implementation of UNESCO’s programmes, cooperate with any non-governmental organization in a type of relations known as ‘operational relations’.

1.2 These relations are designed to enable UNESCO to establish and maintain flexible and dynamic partnerships with any organization of civil society that is active in UNESCO’s fields of competence at whatever level, and to benefit from that organization’s operational capacities in the field and its networks for the dissemination of information. Furthermore, these relations should make it possible to encourage the emergence of organizations representative of civil society, and their interaction at the international level, in those parts of the world in which they are weak or isolated. Finally, these relations should make it possible to gauge the competence and operational effectiveness of international non-governmental organizations with which UNESCO has previously had no relations whatsoever and which are desirous of establishing formal relations with it.

2. Conditions

2.1 Non-governmental organizations wishing to establish operational relations must meet the following conditions:

(a) organizations of an international nature that only partially meet the conditions laid down in Section I for the establishment of formal relations must have the operational capacity and the competence to implement, in the best possible manner, the activities provided for in UNESCO’s programme;

(b) organizations of a national, local or field nature must have the same operational capacity. AU co-operation with such organizations must be conducted in consultation with the National Commission for UNESCO of the Member State concerned and, if appropriate, in liaison with UNESCO’s field units. Such organizations may not be admitted to formal relations.

3. Obligations

3.1 Organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO shall undertake to keep the Director-General informed of their activities concerning UNESCO’s fields of competence and to contribute to the sexennial report drawn up by the Executive Board, in accordance with Section V, paragraph 3, below, on the assistance given by such organizations to the achievement of UNESCO’s objectives.

3.2 They shall further undertake to acquaint their members, by all the means at their disposal, with those of UNESCO’s programme activities and achievements that may be of interest to them.
4. Advantages

4.1 International organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO shall enjoy the following advantages:

(a) the Director-General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the appropriate exchange of information and documents with them on matters of joint interest:

(b) in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 13, of the Constitution, the General Conference, on the recommendation of the Executive Board and by a two-thirds majority, may invite them to be represented as observers at specified plenary meetings of the Conference and meetings of its commissions. Requests from these organizations, indicating those items of the Conference’s agenda in the discussion of which their representatives would like to take part, must reach the Director-General at least one month before the opening of the General Conference session;

(c) they may be invited to send observers to certain UNESCO meetings if, in the opinion of the Director-General, they are in a position to make a significant contribution to the work of those meetings;

(d) they may be invited to participate as observers in various collective consultations of NGOs organized by UNESCO in connection with the implementation of its programme;

(e) they may have access to some of the financial procedures for co-operation described in Section IV of these Directives, if the Director-General considers that they are the most competent to assist in the execution of certain tasks scheduled in UNESCO’s programme;

(f) they may be invited to send observers to the Conference of International Non-governmental Organizations provided for in Section III, Article 1 below; they may attend meetings of the Standing Committee provided for in paragraph 1.3.1 of Section III below, in the same capacity.

4.2 Contracts may be concluded with organizations of a national or local nature maintaining operational relations with UNESCO, if the Director-General deems them to be the most competent to contribute to the execution of certain tasks scheduled in UNESCO’s programme, due allowance being made for the provisions of Section II, paragraph 2.1(b). They may also be invited to attend certain meetings organized by UNESCO if it is felt that they may make an appropriate contribution.

5. Termination of relations

5.1 A complete absence of collaboration for a period of four years shall result in the automatic termination of relations.
III. COLLECTIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Conferences of non-governmental organizations

1.1 International conference

International non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO may, with the approval of the Director-General, hold a conference every two years, with a view to reviewing the state of co-operation with UNESCO, conducting collective consultations on the main lines of UNESCO’s programme and facilitating co-operation between organizations having common interests. This global forum shall enable the Director-General to gather advice and suggestions from international non-governmental organizations that are UNESCO’s partners in the priority fields of its programme.

1.2 Regional conferences

Non-governmental organizations maintaining formal or operational relations with UNESCO may, with the approval of the Director-General, hold conferences in the various regions at regular intervals, with a view to examining the state of co-operation with UNESCO, holding collective consultations on UNESCO’s programmes and regional priorities, and facilitating co-operation among organizations having common interests. Such conferences shall bring together, as a matter of priority, the organizations of the region concerned and the regional or national representatives or members of international organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO.

1.3 Follow-up and evaluation machinery

These conferences shall make provision for appropriate follow-up and evaluation machinery (networks), in co-operation with the field units and National Commissions.

1.3.1 Standing Committee

The Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations shall elect a Standing Committee that reflects the geocultural diversity of the Member States of UNESCO, at least one third of whose members shall be organizations maintaining formal associate relations with UNESCO. The Conference shall also adopt the Committee’s rules of procedure, which shall be proposed in draft form by the Committee and approved by the Director-General. The Standing Committee’s role between meetings of the Conference shall be to:

(a) represent the interests of all the organizations with regard to UNESCO;

(b) co-operate with the Director-General;

(c) implement the resolutions adopted by the Conference;

(d) ensure the appropriate exchange of information with the non-governmental community it represents and, in this connection, promote consultation among NGOs at all levels;
(e) make preparations, in consultation with the Director-General, for the next session of the Conference;

(f) take all possible steps to inform non-governmental organizations of the possibilities open to them for participation in an individual capacity in these conferences and in their preparation, in accordance with the rules laid down by the United Nations.

The premises and secretariat facilities necessary for the meetings of the Conference and for the work of the Standing Committee shall, as far as possible, be provided free of charge by the Director-General.

2. **Collective consultations on specific subjects**

2.1 All non-governmental organizations maintaining formal or operational relations with UNESCO may be invited to send representatives to the various collective consultations regularly held by UNESCO for the implementation of its various programmes, if such organizations can make a specific contribution to the subjects examined in these consultations. These arrangements shall serve the purpose of ensuring the best possible co-operation in the pursuit of the shared priority objectives.

**IV. FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CO-OPERATION**

1. UNESCO may grant various forms of financial and material contributions to non-governmental organizations likely to make a particularly effective contribution to the achievement of UNESCO’s objectives as defined in its Constitution and to the implementation of its programme.

2. **General principles**

2.1 Financial and material contributions granted by UNESCO to non-governmental organizations shall be governed as appropriate by the following principles:

(a) they shall be granted in accordance with the relevant rules currently in force;

(b) they shall be granted for programmes and activities that have a bearing on UNESCO’s priorities or constitute a useful addition to UNESCO’s programmes and activities;

(c) in no circumstances shall they constitute a permanent commitment on the part of the Organization;

(d) financial contributions shall be granted solely for the purpose of supplementing the revenue that the beneficiary organization derives from other sources;

(e) an organization receiving financial contributions shall have made appropriate arrangements for regular evaluation of the activities so financed and the submission of reports on the implementation of those activities.
3. **Forms of contribution**

3.1 The various forms of financial contribution shall comprise (i) the awarding of various types of contract (contracts for the implementation of framework agreements; other contracts for the implementation of UNESCO’s regular programmes; contracts under the special programme of support to non-governmental entities for activities in developing countries); (ii) contributions under the Participation Programme; and (iii) subventions.

3.2 Material contributions may include office accommodation, in accordance with the terms of Section I, paragraph 8.3(b) (iii); use of UNESCO’s conference facilities, and the granting of UNESCO’s patronage.

4. **Conditions for the granting of financial and material contributions and for the submission of reports**

4.1 The conditions for the granting of financial and material contributions and for the submission of the corresponding reports shall be considered and adopted by the Executive Board, on the proposal of the Director-General. They may be revised as needed.

V. **PERIODIC REVIEW OF RELATIONS**

1. The Director-General shall include in his periodic reports information on the main aspects of co-operation between UNESCO and non-governmental organizations.

2. At each ordinary session of the General Conference the Director-General shall present a concise report on any changes that have taken place by decision of the Executive Board in the classification of international organizations admitted to the various categories of formal relations with UNESCO. This report shall also contain the list of organizations that maintain operational relations with UNESCO, together with those that have submitted requests for admission to the two categories of formal relations or to the category of operational relations and whose requests have not been accepted.

3. The General Conference shall receive, every six years, a report by the Executive Board on the contribution made to UNESCO’s activities by organizations maintaining formal relations with it. The report shall include an evaluation of the results of co-operation with organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO. It shall also indicate the results of co-operation implemented under framework agreements concluded with certain organizations, and make recommendations on the renewal of such framework agreements. Finally, it shall contain a list of those organizations whose lack of collaboration has resulted in the automatic termination of formal or operational relations with UNESCO, in accordance with these Directives (Section I, paragraph 6.2 and Section II, paragraph 5.1).
VI. REQUESTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OR MODIFICATION OF RELATIONS

1. The Executive Board shall rule once a year on matters within its mandate relating to the establishment of relations between UNESCO and non-governmental organizations, as defined in these Directives.

2. The Director-General shall ensure that the Executive Board is informed of every decision taken by him under the terms of these Directives.

3. Requests for the establishment or modification of formal relations shall be submitted no later than 31 December of each year.

4. Requests for the establishment of operational relations may be submitted at any time. They shall be accompanied by a copy of the statutes and of the instrument of legal recognition of the organization, a list of members, with their nationalities, a recent report covering at least two years of activities and a brief description of the projects that the organization hopes to implement in co-operation with UNESCO.

VII. INFORMAL RELATIONS

1. UNESCO may maintain informal relations with other non-governmental organizations.
Item 5.3 - Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 19, concerning the appeal for assistance to 
Eritrea: Report by the Director-General

Item 5.4 - Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 20, concerning the appeal for assistance to 
Ethiopia: Report by the Director-General

Item 5.5 - Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 21, concerning the appeal for support to Haiti: 
Report by the Director-General

Item 9.6 - Definition of regions with a view to the execution of regional activities

57. The Commission examined at its 10th meeting item 5.3 - Implementation of 
27 C/Resolution 19, concerning the appeal for assistance to Eritrea: Report by the Director- 
General; item 5.4- Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 20, concerning the appeal for assistance 
to Ethiopia: Report by the Director-General; item 5.5- Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 21, 
concerning the appeal for support to Haiti: Report by the Director-General; and item 9.6- 
Definition of regions with a view to the execution of regional activities.

58. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 
28 C/16 - Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 19, concerning the appeal for assistance to 
Eritrea: Report by the Director-General.

59. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 
28 C/17 - Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 20, concerning the appeal for assistance to 
Ethiopia: Report by the Director-General.

60. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 
28 C/18 - Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 21, concerning the appeal for support to Haiti: 
Report by the Director-General.

61. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 
28 C/5 Rev., concerning the definition of regions with a view to the execution of regional 
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ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDUM

General remarks:

The Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic versions should faithfully follow the original English.

The Arabic version should be thoroughly revised, and the numbering of the paragraphs should follow the English version.

PART II.B - INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION SERVICES

Chapter 3 - UNESCO Publishing Office
Chapter 4 - UNESCO Courier Office
Chapter 5 - Office of Public Information

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(xxii) ‘one thousand three hundred and fifth anniversary of the building of the Dome of the Rock (Qubbat al-Sakhra) (1996);’

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Paragraph 8

Instead of:

(xlix) ‘six hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the Emir of Timur (1966);’
read:

(xlix) ‘six hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the Emir Timur (1996);’

Paragraph 8

[APPLICABLE TO THE ENGLISH VERSION ONLY]

Delete (1) ‘centenary of the birth of Yuri Kondratiuk (21 June 1997);’

Instead of:

Chapter 1 - Clearing House
Chapter 2 - Statistical programmes and Services

read:

Part II.B - Information and Dissemination Services
Chapter 1 - Clearing House
Chapter 2 - Statistical Programmes and Services

Paragraph 20

Instead of:

‘... and Eastern European countries in transition (Minsk, 1966) by allocating the sum of US $27,000.’

read:

‘... and Eastern European countries in transition (Minsk, 1996) within the Statistical programmes and Services work plan in document 28 C/5.’

Item 9.2 - Methods of work of the General Conference: Recommendations by the Executive Board

Item 9.3 - Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 40, concerning balance in the use of the six working languages of the General Conference and the use of other official languages

Item 9.4 - Implementation of 27 C/Resolution 41, concerning balance of languages in UNESCO’s publications

Paragraph 29

Instead of:

‘2. to ask the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board, a study on the limitation of the number of draft resolutions to be submitted by a single Member State;’
2. to invite the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board a study on the limitation of the number of draft resolutions and amendments to be submitted by a single Member State;

Paragraph 29, Annex A (2)

Instead of:

‘Rule 78, paragraphs 1 to 3 (UNCHANGED)’

read:

‘Rule 78, paragraphs 1 to 4 (UNCHANGED)’

Paragraph 29, Annex A (3), left column

Instead of:

‘Proposals (draft resolution) for adoption by the General Conference ...’

read:

‘Draft resolutions for adoption by the General Conference ...’

Paragraph 29, Annex A (6)

‘New Rule 78B is identical with former Rule 78C (UNCHANGED)’

read:

‘Former Rule 78B is suppressed and former Rule 78C becomes new Rule 78B’

Paragraph 30

‘... Belgium;’

read:

‘... Belgium, Fiji, Botswana and Turkey, as amended by Madagascar. Italy voted against this draft resolution, France, Uruguay and Madagascar expressed reservations concerning paragraph 7 of this draft resolution, as amended during the adoption of the draft report of Commission I:’

Paragraph 30

Instead of:

‘Requests that the President of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference ...’
Requests that the President of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference, in consultation with the Director-General, ...’

Paragraph 30

Instead of:

‘Recommends that the ad hoc working group be made up of a limited number of qualified specialists from Member States, appointed by the President of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference, taking into account the need for satisfactory geographical distribution;’

read:

‘Recommends that the ad hoc working group be made up of twelve experts from Member States, appointed by the President of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference, taking into account the need to achieve equitable geographical distribution;’

Paragraph 30

Instead of:

‘... Board meeting prior to their submission with the Executive Board’s comments for ...’

read:

‘... Board meeting prior to their submission, with the Executive Board’s comments, for ...’

Paragraph 30

delete ‘which will dissolve it’ and add a new paragraph: ‘Recommends that the ad hoc working group be dissolved at the end of the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference;’

Paragraph 30

Instead of:

‘... working group and to do everything possible to obtain the extra-budgetary funds needed ...’

read:

‘... working group and to take all means possible to obtain the extra-budgetary funds needed ...’
PART ILC - PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

Paragraph 34
Instead of:

‘... Canada, Uruguay, Colombia and Czech Republic:’

read:

‘... Canada, Uruguay, Colombia and the Czech Republic, further amended by Algeria and France:’

Paragraph 34
Instead of:

‘... Member States, and some recent improvements in its administration,’

read:

‘... Member States, and some recent improvements in its administration, which should be strengthened,’

Paragraph 34
Instead of:

‘Recognizing the achievement of the Programme in empowering Member States to ...’

read:

‘Recognizing the achievement of the Participation Programme in empowering Member States to ...’

Paragraph 34
Instead of:

‘Calls on the Director-General to establish an external review of the Participation ...’

read:

‘Requests the Director-General to undertake, in collaboration with the Member States, an external review ...’

Paragraph 35
Instead of:

‘... of document 28 C/5, as amended by Germany and France:’
read:

‘... of document 28 C/5, as amended by Germany and France, and further amended by the Islamic Republic of Iran:’

**Paragraph 35**

Instead of:

‘... including intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations maintaining official ...’

read:

‘... intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations maintaining official ...’

**Paragraph 36**

Instead of:

‘The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US $22,000,000 for Part II.C - Participation Programme, paragraph 12001 of document 28 C/5, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of ...’

read:

‘The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the budgetary summary in paragraph 12001 of document 28 C/5, it being understood that the amount of US $22,000,000 shown therein is subject to adjustment in the light of ...’

**PART III - SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION**

Chapter 1 - Bureau for External Relations

1. Relations with Member States
2. Relations with National Commissions and with UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations
3. Co-operation with volunteers and voluntary service
4. Relations with international organizations
5. Decentralization and relations with field units
6. General operating costs of the Office of the Assistant Director-General
Chapter 2- Bureau for Relations with Extra-Budgetary Funding Sources

Chapter 3- Programme Support Services

Paragraph 40

Instead of:

‘... Lucia, Sierra Leone, Morocco, India, Argentina and Romania, as amended by ...’

read:

‘... Lucia, Sierra Leone, Morocco, India, Argentina, Romania and Chile, as amended by ...’

Paragraph 40

Instead of:

‘Calls on the Director-General to provide the funds for such consultations from within the provisional budgetary ceiling to be approved by the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference;’

read:

‘Calls on the Director-General to transfer the funding of such consultations from the total allocation for the Participation Programme into the regular programme and budget to be allocated to the Bureau for External Relations, commencing with document 29 C/5.’

Paragraph 41

Instead of:

‘... Poland, France, Zaire, Lithuania, Russian Federation and Cameroon, as amended by Canada:’

read:

‘... Poland, France, Zaire, Lithuania, Russian Federation, Cameroon, Argentina, Chile and Côte d’Ivoire, as amended by Canada:’

Paragraph 42

Instead of:

‘... Mozambique and Suriname;’

read:

‘... Mozambique, Suriname and Cameroon;’
Paragraph 42

delete the last four lines from ‘28 C/DR.455 . . . Uruguay,’ and add a new paragraph 43 as follows: ‘The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 28 C/DR.455, submitted by Japan, China, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Venezuela, supported by Poland, Chile, United Republic of Tanzania, Russian Federation, Pakistan, Madagascar, Slovenia, Congo, Sierra Leone, India, Mozambique, Bangladesh, Suriname and Argentina, as amended by Cuba, France and Uruguay.

The General Conference,

1. Recognizing that human resource development is a fundamental requisite for the development of any nation,

2. Emphasizing that action to support the training of qualified specialists, especially in the field of education, scientific and technological research, the social sciences, culture, communication and information, constitutes one of UNESCO’s priority tasks, and that fellowship and study grants help to create a critical mass of skills,

3. Convinced that the intercultural exchanges contribute to fostering international understanding among peoples, as well as promoting a worldwide culture of peace, as set out in the UNESCO Constitution,

4. Recalling resolution 13.1 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session concerning the UNESCO Fellowship Bank,

5. Aware of the acute need to strengthen human resource capacities of developing countries,

6. Noting that, while maintaining the resources of the participation programme at the same level as in document 27 C/5 Approved ($25,000,000), it is intended to allocate $1 million to the Fellowship Bank Scheme for the implementation of requests submitted by Member States,

7. Welcoming the Director-General’s proposal in the draft 28 C/5 to make special arrangements for the separate management of these funds with a view to facilitating and accelerating related implementation,

8. Expressing appreciation to those Member States, NGOs and individuals which, so far, have generously supported the UNESCO Fellowship Bank Scheme, either in the form of ‘Sponsored Fellowship’, or, of financial contributions,

9. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the funds allocated for the Fellowship Bank Scheme be fully used to respond to Member States’ human resources development needs;

10. Requests likewise the Director-General to regard the National Commission as the official channel in Member States for the submission of fellowship applications, which would enable the Commission to process them properly and ensure effective use of the allotted resources as well as supervision of the training;
11. Appeals to governments of Member States, foundations and related organizations, to provide further support to the UNESCO Fellowship Bank Scheme, particularly through their offer of ‘Sponsored Fellowships’, which should be jointly operated with UNESCO.

Paragraphs 43, 44 and 45 become paragraphs 44, 45 and 46 and former paragraph 46 is deleted.

Paragraph 47

Instead of:

‘... in document 28 C/6-28 C/9 Add.:’

read:

‘... in document 28 C/6-28 C/9 Add., as follows:’ and add a new line: ‘The General Conference:’

Paragraph 47

delete subtitle IV Volunteer Unit’.

Paragraph 47

numbers 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 become respectively 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Paragraph 56 -I. FORMAL RELATIONS, paragraph 3.4:

Instead of:

‘... decisions he may take under the terms of this paragraph.’

read:

‘... decisions he may take under the terms of this paragraph.’ And delete footnote 1.

Paragraph 56 - III. COLLECTIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, paragraph 1.3.1

add new (f) as follows: ‘ensure that the interests and opinions of NGOs taken collectively are reflected by UNESCO in the preparation of major world conferences organized by the United Nations;’

former (f) becomes (g).

Paragraph 61

‘Kazakhstan’ should read ‘Kazakhstan’. 