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ITEM 1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (147 EX/1 and Add.; and 147 EX/INF.1 Rev.)

At its first meeting, the Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 147 EX/1 and 147 EX/INF.1.

At its eleventh meeting, the Executive Board decided to include a new item on its agenda (147 EX/1 Add.).

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.1 (Part I), 3.3, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.4, 3.4.6, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 4.5, 4.7, 8.2 to 8.7 and 8.10 to 8.12.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.1 (Parts II and III), 5.1 (financial aspects), and 7.1 to 7.13.
3. **FA and PX Commissions: Joint meeting, 5.1.**

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 147 EX/2 concerning item 3.4.3 - Invitations to the 45th session of the International Conference on Education; and item 3.4.5 - Invitations to the seventh Regional Conference of Ministers of Education of Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean.

(147 EX/SR.1)

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 146th SESSION (146 EX/SR.1-18)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 146th session.

(147 EX/SR.1)

ITEM 3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

- 3.1 **Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (147 EX/5, Parts I, II and Corr., and III; and 147 EX/INF.3)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that, according to Article V.B(6(b)) of the Constitution, it is 'responsible for the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (...) and shall take all necessary measures to ensure the effective and rational execution of the programme by the Director-General',

2. Taking note of document 147 EX/5, which the Director-General submitted to it at its present session in pursuance of 145 EX/Decision 5.1, Part I,
3. Recognizing that the Director-General's report on the execution of the programme enables it better to fulfil the above-mentioned central responsibility,
4. Expressing its appreciation to the Director-General for submitting the above-mentioned report at its present session and for the spirit of co-operation in which he has implemented its decision,
5. Taking into account the view expressed by many Member States that the implementation of programme activities adopted by the General Conference should be made more transparent to Member States through provision of more detailed information with a view to enabling them to evaluate and reflect on those activities,
6. Recalling 146 EX/Decision 4.2, paragraph 105, in which the use of new forms of rapid evaluation in the early stages of new programme activities and high-quality monitoring and reporting procedures are recommended,
7. Invites the Director-General to elaborate further his report on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference by introducing a more detailed evaluation component (major outputs, difficulties, perspectives, etc.);
8. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 150th session on an experimental basis, as information documents, administrative and financial progress reports on projects and activities contained in the C/5 document, which would comprise detailed information on concrete methods of action and functions together with corresponding budgetary and administrative details (actual budgetary allocations and allotments, disbursements and implementation rates);
9. Further requests the Director-General to examine the possibility of making these data available to Member States through the UNESCO computerized networks and to report thereon to it at its 150th session.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined and reviewed the transdisciplinary and inter-agency co-operation project 'Environment and population education and information for development' (EPD),
2. Recognizes EPD's role as the principal vehicle within UNESCO for creating awareness of environmental and population issues through education as recommended in the action plans of the Rio, Cairo, Copenhagen and Beijing conferences and for fostering improved co-operation within the United Nations system in this regard;

3. Underlines that, in the action plans of each of these United Nations conferences, public understanding through formal and non-formal education is considered critical to achieving sustainable development, the eradication of poverty, the improvement of reproductive health, the reversal of environmental degradation, the elimination of wasteful consumption of natural resources, and an equitable distribution of wealth, and, ultimately, to achieving a meaningful and lasting peace;
4. Notes with satisfaction that the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 and the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 provide for the continuation of EPD as a new functional mechanism for developing and applying transdisciplinarity in UNESCO's work as part of the effort to modernize the structures and methods of planning and action of the Organization;
5. Recommends to the General Conference that EPD be encouraged to:
 - (a) further develop and reinforce its criteria for management and action in fulfilling its function to mobilize, integrate, demonstrate and innovate, in order to improve quality and increase impact;
 - (b) seek innovative partnership arrangements with UNESCO's traditional partners, in particular the United Nations system, National Commissions and NGOs, as well as with new partners, especially the private sector;
 - (c) pledge to draw on the commitment and participation of all of UNESCO's Secretariat, including its field offices, and of Member States;
6. Further recommends that, within the scope of document 28 C/5, the General Conference call on the Director-General to:
 - (a) ensure that the financial and human resources available to the EPD project are sufficient to meet its purposes and objectives, especially in terms of the skills needed for the management of innovative interdisciplinary work;
 - (b) strengthen EPD's management concept of a self-administered project operating outside the sectoral structure, supervised by the Intersectoral Steering Committee of UNESCO;
 - (c) continue to give priority to EPD and in so doing to take all steps necessary to ensure the creativity, flexibility and sustainability needed to implement the project during the 1996-2001 period;
 - (d) follow up the specific recommendations by the Executive Board on the further development of EPD as contained in document 28 C/6, paragraphs 79 to 81.

III

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that the Constitution of UNESCO states that ‘since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed’,
2. Recognizing the importance of promoting the culture of peace,
3. Convinced that even a short period of peace resulting from a cease-fire or truce may provide opportunities for creating awareness of a just and lasting peace,
4. Recalling that 1995 was proclaimed United Nations Year for Tolerance,
5. Taking into account resolution A/RES/49/244, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at the 105th plenary session on 12 July 1995, that proclaims the World Week of Peace beginning on 24 October 1995 to coincide with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations,
6. Recommends that the General Conference decide, as a follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance and resolution A/RES/49/244, that the World Week of Peace be celebrated every year in UNESCO Associated Schools and centres of learning in all continents, beginning on 24 October, so that the appeal for peace can be universally promoted.

IV

The Executive Board,

1. Considering 141 EX/Decision 9.3 in which the Director-General is requested to organize a ‘UNESCO study on the use of rape as a tool of war - its causes and consequences, and that, in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, its focus be on a rehabilitation plan to be prepared in co-operation with WHO and UNICEF, for Bosnian women who have been victims of systematic rape and their children’,
2. Referring to 27 C/Resolution 11.1,
3. Noting with satisfaction the UNESCO study on ‘The Use of Rape as a Tool of War’ distributed at its 146th session,
4. Emphasizing the need to strengthen the programme relating to women in all the Organization’s fields of competence and to allocate to this end the necessary human and budgetary resources,
5. Requests the Director-General to submit the study to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session;
6. Also requests the Director-General to submit the study to the International Tribunal for the prosecution of persons responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the

territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991, which was set up by resolution 827 of the United Nations Security Council;

7. Further requests the Director-General to prepare a rehabilitation plan in co-operation with WHO and UNICEF as was requested by its above-mentioned decision and to submit the rehabilitation plan to it at its 149th session;
8. Accordingly recommends that the General Conference approve at its twenty-eighth session the corresponding financial resources provided within the framework of document 28 C/5.

V

After holding a wide-ranging discussion on the question of UNESCO's image, its projection through all the communication media, and its strategy for the future, the Executive Board states the following:

So as to ensure that the Organization projects the right image of itself, its mission statement needs to be regularly reviewed. It is a duty and therefore a priority for the Organization to communicate in the fast-evolving world of communication and information technology.

Much has been achieved of late in terms of improving and implementing UNESCO's communication strategy and the Secretariat is to be commended for this.

The Organization should endow itself with a two-pronged strategy, on the one hand aimed at the public at large, and on the other targeted at specific audiences. In this, children and young people deserve special attention.

Since UNESCO's message promotes its core missions, it should be focused on the long term, and its delivery should be daring, original and in accessible language.

Communication of UNESCO's goals and activities, and its image-building endeavours are not a task for the Director-General or the Secretariat alone. UNESCO's universal ethical mission demands that all the Organization's Member States play their full part in this effort. An appeal is thus made to all Member States to work towards this end, not only with the assistance of independent professional expertise, but also with that of Permanent Delegations and National Commissions, as well as the innumerable UNESCO Clubs, Associations and Centres, 'friends' and United Nations associations, Associated Schools and NGOs, and national audio-visual and print channels that are active in the dissemination of specialized information.

Ways to communicate about issues central to the Organization's mission should be further explored by the Secretariat so that they are better understood and therefore receive greater media coverage.

Administratively, greater co-ordination and integration should be sought within the Secretariat so as to optimize its communication capacities. An evaluation of efforts at all levels, including in Member States, should be undertaken, bearing

in mind that communication is a highly specialized field calling for professional expertise.

This issue should continue to receive the attention of the Executive Board, which could hold further discussions on this topic at regular intervals.

(147 EX/SR.8 and 10)

3.2 Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1994-1995 (29 C/3): Structure of the report (147 EX/6 and 147 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/6 'Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1994-1995 (29 C/3): Structure of the report',
2. Reiterates its satisfaction with the improvements made in the structure and contents of the report and, especially, the information on the evaluation activities;
3. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) pursue efforts aimed at further improving the report, in particular by presenting each programme as follows: main results, internal evaluation (lessons learnt and their future implications), external evaluation; and introducing relevant administrative and budgetary information;
 - (b) dispatch the report to Member States at the early stage of the consultation process regarding the future biennial programme and budget of the Organization, in order to facilitate the Member States' decisions on programme priorities and concentration.

(147 EX/SR.9)

3.3 UNESCO's contribution to the improvement of the status of women (147 EX/7 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigena)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 147 EX/7,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.4 Education

3.4.1 Report by the Director-General on the reinforcement of the European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES) (147 EX/8 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the resolutions of the General Conference, in particular 25 C/Resolution 1.27, 26 C/Resolution 1.13 concerning the strengthening of the European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES) and 27 C/Resolution 1.13 relating to co-operation with the Council of Europe on the possible elaboration of a joint convention on academic mobility and recognition,
2. Taking into account also 26 C/Resolutions 7.6, 7.7, 11.4, 13.1 and 13.22, 136 EX/Decision 3.3, 139 EX/Decision 4.34 and 141 EX/Decision 5.2.2,
3. Noting with appreciation the report by the Director-General on the reinforcement of the European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES) (147 EX/8),
4. Taking into account the efforts of the Romanian Government to support the work of CEPES and the collaboration of other governments and institutions in CEPES's work,
5. Supporting the measures already undertaken by the Director-General to redefine CEPES's mission as a centre for the exchange of information and experience in the field of higher education, a forum for discussion of important topics in higher education, a focal point for a number of specialized networks and a centre for research and development in selected areas of higher education,
6. Underlining the role CEPES should play in the debates on the mission of higher education in Europe as a follow-up to UNESCO's Policy Paper for Change and Development in Higher Education, in the European preparation of a world conference on higher education, in further development of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme and in the preparation and implementation of a UNESCO/Council of Europe joint convention on the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education in the European region,
7. Invites the European governmental organizations, in particular the Council of Europe and the European Commission, and international organizations based in Europe, especially OECD, to facilitate full participation of CEPES in their activities in the field of higher education and to make use of CEPES for fostering co-operation and establishing links between higher education institutions in Europe and those in other regions, particularly through joint planning or consultations at the planning stage, thus ensuring complementarity in promoting European academic co-operation during this period of growing European integration;

8. Invites non-governmental organizations, active in the field of higher education in the Europe region, mainly the Standing Conference of Rectors, Presidents and Vice-Chancellors of the European Universities, the International Association of Universities (IAU), the European Association for International Education (EAIE) and the Academic Co-operation Association (ACA) to increase their co-operation with CEPES in domains such as research, information, documentation and publications on higher education systems and institutions, academic recognition and mobility, academic quality assessment and institutional accreditation, thus contributing to the reinforcement of co-operation between higher education institutions in both Western and Central and Eastern European countries;

9. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to undertake further those measures which are leading to the full utilization of CEPES's intellectual and material resources, thus consolidating it as a Pan-European Centre - a bridge between Western and Central and Eastern Europe - for the promotion of academic co-operation focused on the current higher education policies, both governmental and institutional;

 - (b) to convene a meeting with representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in order to identify appropriate ways to undertake joint planning or consultations at the planning stage of activities with a view: (i) to reinforcing inter-university co-operation; (ii) to discussing the organization by CEPES of a European forum on higher education as a preparatory activity for a world conference on higher education, on the basis of studies undertaken as a follow-up to UNESCO's Policy Paper for Change and Development in Higher Education; (iii) to enhancing UNESCO's role in promoting collaboration and exchange between higher education institutions in Europe and those in other regions;

 - (c) to urge CEPES to increase its catalytic role in the process of monitoring the activities of the UNESCO Chairs and networks already established in Europe and in that of promoting further the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, particularly by supporting networking activities and extra-budgetary fund-raising, thus contributing to more efficient transfer of knowledge and expertise as well as assisting the restructuring of higher education systems and institutions;

 - (d) to reinforce CEPES activities in the field of recognition of studies and diplomas, taking into account the possibilities created by a joint UNESCO/Council of Europe convention.

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.4.2 Proposal made by the Council of the International Bureau of Education concerning the frequency of the sessions of the International Conference on Education (147 EX/9 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 1.2 (para. 1(e)), in which the General Conference proposed initiating ‘preparations for the 45th session [of the International Conference on Education] in the context of an analysis of the periodicity and holding of all international conferences organized by UNESCO’,
2. Further recalling the General Conference decision to ask the IBE Council to examine questions concerning the frequency of the sessions of the International Conference on Education,
3. Referring to 144 EX/Decision 4.2.5 in which the Board invited the IBE Council to continue its examination of the frequency of ICE sessions and to make proposals thereon to it at its session preceding the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference,
4. Reaffirming the importance of the International Conference on Education as a world forum for dialogue between decision-makers and other partners in the educational process, whose instruments help Member States to refine their education policies,
5. Subscribes to the proposals of the IBE Council to take into account the wishes expressed in favour of decentralization and decides to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt a flexible frequency for sessions after the 45th session of the ICE, and to choose the date of each session in relation to the theme chosen and other relevant factors;
6. Takes note of the proposal by the IBE Council concerning the theme and date of the 46th session of the ICE;
7. Invites the IBE Council to propose at the appropriate time the themes and dates of the sessions following the 46th session of the ICE.

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.4.3 Invitations to the 45th session of the International Conference on Education (147 EX/10 and 147 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that, subject to the approval of the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session, the Director-General is authorized to convene the 45th session of the International Conference on Education in 1996,
2. Having examined document 147 EX/10,

3. Decides:

- (a) that invitations to participate in the 45th session of the International Conference on Education with the right to vote will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
- (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the States mentioned in paragraph 6 of document 147 EX/10, which are not members of UNESCO but are members of another organization of the United Nations system, and to any other State that becomes a member of one of the organizations of the United Nations system;
- (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 147 EX/10;
- (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Conference will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph 8 of document 147 EX/10;
- (e) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraph 10 of document 147 EX/10;
- (f) that the Director-General is authorized to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for advancing the work of the Conference, notifying the Executive Board thereof.

(147 EX/SR.1)

3.4.4 Effects of structural adjustment programmes on education and training
(147 EX/11 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/11,
2. Invites the Secretariat to submit to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session a summary of the observations made during the discussion of this item in the PX Commission, in an addendum to document 28 C/14.

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.4.5 Invitations to the seventh Regional Conference of Ministers of Education of Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean (147 EX/12 and 147 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that, subject to the approval of the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session, the Director-General is authorized to convene the seventh Regional Conference of Ministers of Education of Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINEDLAC VII) in 1996,

2. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to this Conference (147 EX/12),
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the Conference with the right to vote shall be extended to the Member States and Associate Members listed in paragraph 7 and, subject to the approval of the Member States which administer them, to the territories mentioned in paragraph 11 of document 147 EX/12;
 - (b) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to the Holy See;
 - (c) that invitations to be represented at the Conference or to send observers shall be extended to the organizations and foundations listed in paragraphs 12 and 13 and to Member States listed in paragraph 9 of document 147 EX/12;
 - (d) that the Director-General is authorized to issue any additional invitation he considers likely to make a useful contribution to the work of the Conference, keeping the Executive Board informed.

(147 EX/SR.1)

3.4.6 Application of 146 EX/Decision 5.2.1, concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (147 EX/13 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report (147 EX/13),
2. Expresses its gratitude to the Director-General for his highly appreciated efforts to ensure the full implementation of UNESCO's resolutions and decisions;
3. Rescinds paragraph 4 of 78 EX/Decision 7.4 concerning the setting up of a commission of outside experts;
4. Decides to include this item on the agenda of its 150th session;
5. Recommends that the General Conference adopt at its twenty-eighth session the following resolution:

'The General Conference,

Having examined document 28 C/15,

1. Congratulates the Director-General for having ensured the full implementation of 27 C/Resolution 18 and of Executive Board decisions 144 EX/Decision 4.2.1, 145 EX/Decision 5.2.1 and 146 EX/Decision 5.2.1;

2. Welcomes the progress achieved in the peace process, between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority, which opens up a more significant new era of peace and harmony;
3. Expresses the hope that the negotiations in the peace process, between the other Arab parties concerned and Israel, will lead rapidly to a global peace, based on the withdrawal of Israel from the occupied Arab territories, in conformity with resolutions 242 and 338 of the United Nations Security Council;
4. Emphasizes the necessity of enhancing the capacity-building of all the 'Ministries' of the Palestinian Authority within UNESCO's fields of competence;
5. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved in the implementation of the projects financed by France, Germany, Italy, Norway and Saudi Arabia and, from the private sector, Daimler-Benz and thanks them for their generous contribution;
6. Stresses the importance that should be attached to ensuring an appropriate and effective follow-up and monitoring of UNESCO's activities in the field and to strengthening the role of the Local Aid Co-ordinating Committee of the United Nations system;
7. Welcomes the Director-General's initiative envisaging the setting up of a UNESCO unit in the field to monitor the Organization's activities and to ensure co-ordination with other United Nations agencies;
8. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts with regard to the occupied Syrian Golan, within the framework of the Executive Board decisions;
9. Also invites the Director-General to launch an appeal to Member States, financial institutions and the private sector to contribute to the financing of the UNESCO/PAPP projects, the scholarship fund and further proposals based on evolving requirements in the light of the implementation of projects under the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP);
10. Decides to include this item on the agenda of its twenty-ninth session.'

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.5 Social and human sciences

3.5.1 Contribution to poverty eradication and human resource development within UNESCO's fields of competence (147 EX/14 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/14,

2. Decides to put the question of ‘UNESCO’s contribution to poverty eradication in its fields of competence’ on the agenda of its 149th session, and to examine, under this item, a report on the joint meeting of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) concerning the question of ‘Co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system for the eradication of poverty’;
3. Recommends that the General Conference invite the President of the Grameen Bank, Muhammad Yunus, to address its twenty-eighth session on the recent agreement signed with UNESCO and on issues related to the eradication of poverty.

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.5.2 Declaration of principles and follow-up plan of action for the United Nations Year for Tolerance (147 EX/15 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/15,
2. Invites the Secretariat to submit to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session a summary of the observations made during the discussions of this item in the PX Commission in an addendum to document 28 C/26.

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.5.3 Draft declaration on the rights of future generations (147 EX/16 and Corr. and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having discussed document 147 EX/16 and Corr.,
2. Takes note of its content;
3. Decides to defer this question to a future session.

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.6 Culture

3.6.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 145 EX/Decision 5.5.1 (147 EX/17 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the Hague Convention and Protocol of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention and its Additional Protocols,
2. Recalling that the Old City of Jerusalem is included in the World Heritage List and in the List of World Heritage in Danger and that its protection

also comes under the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage,

3. Having considered the Director-General's report on this question (147 EX/17),
4. Recalling UNESCO's previous decisions and resolutions on the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem, requesting that no measure or act be undertaken that alters the religious, cultural, historical or demographical nature of the city or impairs the balance of the site as a whole, pending the outcome of negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem,
5. Notes:
 - (a) that so far no inventory has been undertaken of the cultural and physical heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem by experts of high repute in the fields concerned, working on an interdisciplinary basis, as was decided by the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session;
 - (b) that the bedrock affected by the substance used in digging the tunnel has not been examined, as decided at its 145th session, in order to propose any measures that might be taken to consolidate the rock;
6. Calls attention to the fact that:
 - (a) further excavations have been undertaken in the vicinity of *Al-Saram ash-Sharîf*;
 - (b) a new gate, located some 10 metres away from Bâb al-Maghârîba, has been opened in the historic wall;
 - (c) this work significantly alters the architectural and historical aspects of the walls of the Old City, in violation of the recognized principles of preservation of a scheduled historic site and the relevant resolutions adopted in this regard;
 - (d) a significant additional excavation of the old tunnel already dug along the western wall of *Al-Saram ash-Sharîf* has been made despite the damage done to the historic buildings above that tunnel and notwithstanding the many objections raised in this respect, this new excavation being designed to result in an opening into the *Via Dolorosa*;
 - (e) the building work in the new neighbourhood of Mamilla is continuing, thus alarmingly impairing one of the most spectacular urban landscapes of the Holy City;
 - (f) the same is true of the developments affecting the belvedere, road and small adjoining carpark in the east of the city, all of which lie on land which is the exclusive property of the *Waqf*;

7. Notes however with satisfaction the progress of the examination carried out by specialists from ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, Rome) concerning the restoration of the external marble facing of the walls of the Dome of the Rock, the restoration of the stucco-work of the Dome, the conservation of the mosaics decorating the inside of the monument and the project concerning the lighting of the Dome of the Rock;
8. Thanks the Israeli authorities for their co-operation with the UNESCO missions;
9. Pays tribute to the constant efforts made by the *Waqf* authorities to preserve the Islamic cultural property of Jerusalem;
10. Extends its thanks to Professor Lemaire for the work that he has done since the beginning of his mission to Jerusalem;
11. Thanks the Director-General for the commendable efforts that he is unceasingly making to ensure the implementation of UNESCO's decisions and resolutions and to secure respect for all the aspects and characteristics of the historic site of the Old City of Jerusalem;
12. Profoundly hopes that the peace accords between Israel and Jordan and between Israel and the PLO will pave the way for a new era of mutual understanding, promoting the establishment of a culture of peace in the region and invites the Director-General, having regard to the new situation created by the peace process and within the framework of the mission assigned to him to that end:
 - (a) to draw up a comprehensive medium- and long-term plan for the purpose of making an inventory of the cultural property of the Old City of Jerusalem and working out safeguarding measures, identifying at an initial stage the projects deemed to have priority;
 - (b) to take appropriate measures to determine whether it is necessary to consider consolidating the bedrock and the structures built on it in connection with further tunnelling;
 - (c) to arrange for work to be undertaken rapidly to restore *Sammâm ash-Shifâ'* and *Sammâm al-'Ain*, together with the *Sûq al-QaVVânîn*, which form an indissociable complex vital for the conservation of the Old City;
 - (d) to arrange without delay for the restoration of the manuscripts from the Al-AqZà Mosque, some of which date from the eighth and ninth centuries, by establishing for that purpose on the spot a restoration workshop which would also serve as a training centre in this field;
 - (e) to arrange for a thorough historical, archaeological and technical scientific study to be carried out of the basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, under the aegis of UNESCO, on the basis of which further restoration projects could be drawn up, serving as guidance for future work;

13. Further invites him to be vigilant in ensuring that the Israeli authorities, with regard to the work to open the new gate in the historic walls and the continued digging of the tunnel, proceed with full respect for the Charter of Venice and the relevant universally recognized principles;
14. Recommends that the General Conference adopt this decision as a resolution at its twenty-eighth session;
15. Decides to place this item on the agenda of its 150th session.

(147 EX/SR.10)

3.6.2 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Slave Route project (147 EX/18 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on the implementation of the Slave Route project,
2. Emphasizes the importance of the approach linking the historical background to the study of the present-day cultural interactions of the slave route;
3. Regards as particularly significant the study and utilization of the sources (archives, various written documents, oral traditions, etc.), together with the production of teaching and educational material on the slave-trade;
4. Takes note of the launching of a joint cultural tourism programme on the slave route by UNESCO and the World Tourism Organization (WTO);
5. Invites the Director-General to ensure that all places associated with the slave-trade that line the coast of Africa be effectively taken into account in the implementation of this programme;
6. Emphasizes that the launching of programmes to develop travel and tourism on the slave route by UNESCO and the World Tourism Organization (WTO) should strictly respect the deep moral significance of the issues involved;
7. Recommends the International Scientific Committee to select, at its second session, the activities of the project to be implemented during the 1996-1997 biennium and to define the ways and means of mobilizing extra-budgetary resources.

(147 EX/SR.10)

ITEM 4 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

4.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3,

and report of the Committee thereon (147 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; and 147 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(147 EX/SR.10)

4.2 Questions relating to the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (147 EX/19 and 147 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken cognizance of the report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on item 4.2 of its agenda, concerning questions relating to the methods of work of the Committee (147 EX/53),
2. Takes note of its content;
3. Decides to continue examination of the working methods of the Committee at its 149th session taking into account the contents of this report.

(147 EX/SR.10)

4.3 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: Nominations (147 EX/20 and Addenda and 147 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Having studied the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the aforementioned Protocol for the purpose of the election of four members of the Commission, which the Director-General has submitted to it in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2, of the said Protocol (147 EX/20 and Addenda),
3. Transmits this list to the General Conference;
4. Requests the Director-General to add to the list any additional candidatures which he may receive before the opening of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference.

(147 EX/SR.10)

4.4 Report of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (147 EX/21 and 147 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 19 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Having studied the report of the Commission which the Director-General has submitted to it in accordance with Article 19 of the said Protocol (147 EX/21),
3. Transmits this report to the General Conference.

(147 EX/SR.10)

4.5 Draft Council of Europe/UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (147 EX/22 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/22 'Draft Council of Europe/UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region',
2. Noting with satisfaction the progress made towards the finalizing of the text of the draft convention,
3. Acknowledges that an efficient and operational joint convention meant to respond to the new needs in the recognition of studies and qualifications in higher education in the European region, adopted under the joint auspices of UNESCO and the Council of Europe, would avoid the duplication of activities and would be in the best interest of Member States;
4. Convinced, furthermore, that the drafting of a joint Council of Europe/UNESCO convention is at the same time the expression of a will to promote solidarity and co-operation in Europe and to ensure, through the UNESCO framework, a better link to other regions of the world, along the lines of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education;
5. Recommends the General Conference to adopt a resolution by which it:
 - (a) decides to convene, jointly with the Council of Europe, subject to the latter's concurring decision, a diplomatic conference to examine and adopt the proposed convention, during the 1996-1997 biennium; and

- (b) authorizes the Executive Board to take appropriate measures for the successful convening of this conference.

(147 EX/SR.10)

4.6 Survey instrument for the sixth consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (147 EX/23 and 147 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 147 EX/23,
2. Approves the draft circular letter to Member States contained in the above document which will be modified to take account of the amendments proposed by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations.

(147 EX/SR.10)

4.7 Draft Statutes of the International Advisory Committee of the ‘Memory of the World’ programme (147 EX/24 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 147 EX/24,
2. Decides to defer examination of this question to its 149th session.

(147 EX/SR.10)

ITEM 5 DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 1996-2001 (28 C/4), AND DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1996-1997 (28 C/5)

5.1 Final recommendations by the Executive Board on the proposed budget for 1996-1997, and additional recommendations concerning documents 28 C/4 and 28 C/5 (147 EX/4, 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda, 147 EX/56 and Corr. and 147 EX/57)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Noting that the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997 (28 C/5 and 28 C/5 Rev.1) has been prepared in accordance with the budgeting techniques approved by it in its decisions 145 EX/Decision 4.1 (paras. 11 and 12) and 146 EX/Decision 4.2 (Part II, paras. 111 to 128),
2. Recommends for consideration by the General Conference a provisional budget ceiling of \$518,445,000 for Parts I to VII of the budget;
3. Recalls its decision 6.1 adopted at its 145th session recommending an increase in the number of its Members from 51 to 58 and the need for the General Conference to decide on the modality for financing the additional costs thereof;

4. Further recommends that the General Conference amend the Draft Appropriation Resolution for 1996-1997:
 - (i) replacing paragraph (e) under Part A by the following paragraphs:
 - (e) transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board;
 - (f) in urgent and special circumstances (i.e. unforeseeable and when immediate action is required), however, the Director-General may make transfers between appropriation lines, informing the Members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of the transfers and the reasons therefor;
 - (g) a clear distinction is to be made and adhered to between allocations mentioned under (e) and (f) above. In the case of transfers exceeding \$50,000, substantive justification should be provided to the Executive Board on the rationale for such transfers and the financial impact on the activities affected. Transfers which affect the implementation of priorities approved by the General Conference must be submitted to the Executive Board for prior approval;
 - (h) the budget provisions concerning the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the World Heritage Centre (WHC) shall not be subject to adjustments by transfers of funds to other parts of the budget;
 - (ii) adjusting the note to the Appropriation Resolution concerning the staff establishment to take into account the reintegration of the posts foreseen for IOC (22) and WHC (13) into the list of established posts under the regular programme and the amount for the total staff costs budget adjusted accordingly.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the reserve of US \$1.5million contained in document 28 C/5 to finance draft resolutions submitted by Member States,
2. Considering it as its duty to facilitate the work of the General Conference by submitting to it proposals for the criteria to adopt in distributing this Reserve among the Conference's commissions,
3. Recommends to the General Conference that the Reserve for Draft Resolutions be distributed in proportion to the funds proposed in document 28 C/5 for the different chapters of Part II.

III

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to paragraphs 36, 54, 91 and 109 of 146 EX/Decision 4.2 (28 C/6),
2. Taking into consideration the clarifications provided by the Director-General concerning his proposals in document 147 EX/4,
3. Transmits to the General Conference additional recommendations to those presented in document 28 C/6 and 28 C/9 as follows:

A

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. Subscribes fully to the importance attached to the domains covered by the mandate of this Commission which is an integral part of UNESCO, and considers that UNESCO should give a high priority to this body;
5. Underscores the place that should be accorded to IOC in designing and implementing interdisciplinary projects of UNESCO which are of interest also to the other scientific programmes (MAB, IHP, IGCP, MOST);
6. Recommends that:
 - (a) within the framework of the functional autonomy of IOC recognized by the General Conference at its twenty-fourth session, the Director-General submit for approval to the 149th session of the Executive Board a detailed report on the measures that he has taken or intends to take in order to ensure, on an experimental basis, an operational flexibility in administrative and financial terms for IOC;
 - (b) the financial regulations of the special account, as amended, be adopted;
 - (c) a distinct budget expenditure code guarantee for IOC the funds that were proposed to be made available to it by way of a financial allocation;
 - (d) the General Conference make the necessary changes in the Appropriation Resolution for 1996-1997 to give effect to this decision;
 - (e) a report be presented to the Executive Board at its 150th session on the possibility of establishing also a financial allocation for the functioning of IOC, to which the Member States of IOC, non-members of UNESCO, will be invited, through an appropriate mechanism, to make a regular contribution;
 - (f) the Director-General present a report covering the above items to the Executive Board at its 152nd session;

7. Considers that all new measures which would tend towards enhancing the functional autonomy of IOC should in no way undermine the fact that it is a part of UNESCO nor hamper interdisciplinary co-operation;
8. Requests the Director-General to submit a report covering all the above items to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session;

B

World Heritage Centre

9. Recommends that:
 - (a) the World Heritage Centre, an integral part of UNESCO as an administrative unit of the Organization, may be granted, on an experimental basis, certain operational flexibility in administrative and financial terms, in strict compatibility with all the relevant provisions of the World Heritage Convention and of those common to all similar administrative units of UNESCO;
 - (b) the Legal Committee, at the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference, and the World Heritage Committee be invited to give an opinion on the proposals presented by the Director-General in documents 28 C/4, 28 C/5 and 147 EX/4;
 - (c) the Director-General submit for approval to the Executive Board at its 149th session a detailed report on the measures that he proposes to implement on a provisional basis, taking duly into account the conclusions of the World Heritage Committee and in the light of the opinion expressed by the Legal Committee;
 - (d) a distinct budget code guarantee for the World Heritage Centre the funds that were proposed to be made available to it through a financial allocation for direct programme and support costs;
 - (e) the Director-General be requested to present a report at the 150th session of the Executive Board on the possibility of establishing a financial allocation to cover the costs of functioning of the World Heritage Centre, to which States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, non-members of UNESCO, will be invited through an appropriate mechanism to make a regular contribution;
 - (f) the Director-General present a report covering the above items, including, if necessary, proposals for amending the financial regulations of the World Heritage Fund, to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session, following its consideration by the Executive Board;

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Human Rights ‘Observatory’

10. Sharing the concern of the Director-General with regard to a dangerous rise in acts of intolerance and extreme violence in different parts of the

world and with regard to the fact that such acts have been directed with increasing frequency against members of the intellectual community, being attributable to their very membership of that community,

11. Welcoming the enhanced role of UNESCO in promoting human rights in the spheres of its competence,
12. Decides that the methods of action of UNESCO in the area of human rights should be maintained;
13. Recalls that close co-ordination with other concerned institutions of the United Nations is necessary in order to avoid any duplication;
14. Invites the Director-General to continue in his important and delicate task of alerting public opinion to extreme cases of violence against intellectuals;
15. Also invites the Director-General to encourage scientific research on the origins of such violence, its various forms and methods of prevention;
16. Recommends a continuation of the action already undertaken by the Director-General to gather verified information on cases of extreme violence affecting members of the intellectual community and falling within the spheres of competence of the Organization;
17. Underlines in particular the relevance of the procedure established within the framework of the Executive Board (Committee on Conventions and Recommendations) and considers that this procedure, the efficiency of which relies on the confidentiality of the approach followed, should be made better known;
18. Recommends that the Director-General be invited to make better use of the possibilities of action that the Committee offers to UNESCO;

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Voluntary Service Unit

19. Considers that voluntary service is one of the most important forms of 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 Conference of the Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), organized in Berlin (November 1995) on the theme 'Network for World Development';
20. Stresses the importance of further developing and strengthening UNESCO's participation in these efforts, through close co-operation with United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and CCIVS, created by UNESCO in 1948 and today representing 130 NGOs in all regions of the world, and organizing 20,000 voluntary services per year;
21. 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 having the Organization itself take over such activities;

22. Recommends the General Conference to decide that the budgetary provision in document 28 C/5 for volunteers' activities (para. 13113) be used entirely for the involvement of CCIVS in activities aiming at a culture of peace and fostering international solidarity;
23. Invites the Director-General to reassess the necessity of creating a unit for this purpose and to report to it on the matter at its 149th session.

(147 EX/SR.9 and 10)

ITEM 6 GENERAL CONFERENCE

6.1 Revised provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference (147 EX/25)

The Executive Board,

1. In view of Rules 11 and 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Noting that one proposal for a supplementary item was submitted within the time-limit set by Rule 11, as indicated in paragraphs 7 and 8 of document 147 EX/25,
3. Noting also that this item is included in the supplementary list that was communicated to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (CL/3402 of 4 October 1995),
4. Establishes the revised agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (28 C/1 prov.) with the addition of the item mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 147 EX/25, which will constitute item 15.3.

(147 EX/SR.7)

6.2 Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference (147 EX/26)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/26,
2. Approves the proposals contained in paragraph 2 of that document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that item 15.3 be examined in plenary meeting, immediately following the adoption of the agenda.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken note of the proposals by the Director-General for the revision of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) in document 28 C/119,
2. Taking into consideration the importance of a nomenclature of educational programmes for the educational policies of international organizations and their Member States,
3. Considering, therefore, that the revision of ISCED should involve a discussion on education and educational policies,
4. Recommends that the General Conference transfer the consideration of this document from Commission I to Commission II (education).

(147 EX/SR.7)

6.3 Place of the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference (147 EX/27)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Considering that on the date fixed by Rule 3 no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its twenty-ninth session on its territory,
3. Recommends that the General Conference hold its twenty-ninth session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

(147 EX/SR.7)

6.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference and Chairpersons of the Commissions and Committees

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The Executive Board decided, in private meeting, to recommend that, for its twenty-eighth session, the General Conference increase the number of Vice-Presidents from 32 to 36 and, to that effect, suspend the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of both Rule 25 and Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, in respect of the number of Vice-Presidents indicated therein.

II

At the same meeting, the Executive Board decided to make the following recommendations concerning nominations for the offices of President and Vice-President of the General Conference (see Rule 30.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference) and for the offices of Chairpersons of the Commissions and Committees:

President of the General Conference: Mr Torben Krogh

Vice-Presidents (36): The heads of delegations of the following Member States: Algeria, Australia, Austria, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Honduras, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

Chairpersons of Commissions and Committees:

Programme Commission I	:	Mr M. Tawfik (Egypt)
Programme Commission II	:	Mr B. Tio-Touré (Côte d'Ivoire)
Programme Commission III	:	Mr M. Ruivo (Portugal)
Programme Commission IV	:	Mr J. Edwards Valdés (Chile)
Programme Commission V	:	Ms L. Quisumbing (Philippines)
Administrative Commission	:	Mr A. Joukov (Russian Federation)
Credentials Committee	:	Mr Osman Jaffar (Malaysia)
Nominations Committee	:	Mr Musa Hassan (Oman)
Legal Committee	:	Mr R. de Sola (Venezuela)
Headquarters Committee	:	Mr L. Messan (Niger)*

(147 EX/SR.10)

6.5 Consideration of requests from foundations and international non-governmental organizations other than those in categories A and B to be represented by observers at the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference (147 EX/29)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the requests submitted by international non-governmental organizations other than those in categories A and B to be represented by observers at the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference (147 EX/29),
2. Referring to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and to the procedure that it adopted at its 125th session for dealing with such requests,
3. Recommends to the General Conference that it admit as observers at its twenty-eighth session, as they have requested, on the occasion of the examination of those items on the provisional agenda listed beneath their names in paragraph 6 of document 147 EX/29, the following 14 international non-governmental organizations, classified in category C or maintaining official relations with UNESCO as foundations or similar institutions:

African Jurists Association
Association francophone d'amitié et de liaison

* The Chairperson of the Headquarters Committee is an *ex officio* member of the General Committee of the General Conference.

European Association of Teachers
 International Corporation of Graduates of Soviet Educational Institutions
 International Federation for Housing and Planning
 International School Psychology Association
 Latin American Peace and Justice Service
 Organization of African Trade Union Unity
 Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
 Union internationale de la marionnette
 World Hindu Federation

Simon Wiesenthal Center
 Summer Institute of Linguistics
 UNESCO Centre of Catalonia

(147 EX/SR.7)

ITEM 7 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

7.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1994-1995 (147 EX/30 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1994-1995 budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its twenty-seventh session (27 C/Resolution 14, para. A(d)), document 147 EX/30, Part II, and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (147 EX/56 and Corr.),
2. Approves the following between-line transfers amounting to \$1,009,300 to cover increases in staff costs and in goods and services on account of inflation and statutory factors:

Appropriation line	Transfers to		From
	Staff costs	Other costs	
	\$	\$	\$
PART I - GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION			
➤ General Conference	-	13,900	-
➤ Executive Board	2,300	46,100	-
➤ Directorate	2,700	5,300	-
➤ Services of the Directorate	40,200	9,600	-
➤ Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	-	-	-
Total, Part I	45,200	74,900	-

PART II - PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND SERVICES			
A. Major Programme Areas			
➤ Major Programme Area I	122,100	168,800	-
➤ Major Programme Area II	68,500	6,000	-
➤ Major Programme Area III	53,600	3,900	-
➤ Major Programme Area IV	31,700	1,900	-
➤ Major Programme Area V	30,800	800	-
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Subtotal, Part II.A	306,700	181,400	-
B. Transverse Themes, Programmes and Activities			
➤ 'Priority: Africa' programme	2,100	3,300	-
➤ Programme for Central and Eastern European Development	800	3,100	-
➤ Clearing house	8,600	16,700	-
➤ Statistical programmes and services	10,300	13,400	-
➤ UNESCO Publishing Office	9,500	9,000	-
➤ UNESCO Courier Office	6,200	11,000	-
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Subtotal, Part II.B	37,500	56,500	-
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Total, Part II	344,200	237,900	-
PART III - SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION	126,100	9,300	-
PART IV - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	68,800	4,600	-
PART V - MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY	33,500	64,800	-
PART VII - ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	-	-	1,009,300
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Total, Parts I to VII	617,800	391,500	1,009,300

3. Having examined the report by the Director-General on donations and special contributions received since the 146th session of the Executive Board and appropriated to the regular budget (147 EX/30, Part III),
4. Expresses its appreciation to the donors mentioned in paragraph 16 of document 147 EX/30;
5. Takes note that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, adjusted the appropriations to the regular budget by increasing it by an amount of \$628,144 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A - Major Programme Area I	197,664
Part II.A - Major Programme Area II	242,529
Part II.A - Major Programme Area III	70,310
Part II.A - Major Programme Area V	30,600
Part IV - Chapter 3	87,041
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Total	628,144

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.2 Report by the Director-General on the situation of staff costs and measures proposed to balance the budget for 1994-1995 (147 EX/31 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/31,
2. Noting with regret that the total staff costs budget as established by the General Conference at its twenty-seventh session in the Appropriation Resolution for 1994-1995 will be exceeded by the end of the current biennium and that the staff cost deficit will amount to approximately \$6 million,
3. Recalling the necessity of respecting the budget ceiling for staff costs as set up by the General Conference,
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the cost of any decisions having financial implications on staff costs shall be absorbed within the budget ceiling set for that purpose by the General Conference;
5. Recalls that Part VII of the budget was not intended to be used to cover the staff costs deficit;
6. Approves the financing of the estimated staff costs deficit for 1994-1995 by having recourse to:
 - all possible savings in order to avoid, as far as possible, programme reductions;
 - the unobligated funds carried forward from 1992-1993, for the remaining balance of the deficit;
7. States that all resources added to the 1994-1995 budget to cover the staff costs deficit must not be added to the budget base of 1996-1997 and coming biennia;
8. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 149th session on the situation at that time and on the measures he has taken to ensure that staff costs deficits do not arise in future.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.3 Report by the Director-General on the cash situation of the Organization and on measures taken in this respect, together with proposals concerning the use of contributions of new Member States (147 EX/32 and Add. and Add. Corr. and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the cash situation of the Organization and on measures taken in this respect, together with proposals concerning the use of contributions of new Member States (147 EX/32 and Add.), and having taken note of the up-to-date information provided during the debate of the Finance and Administrative Commission,

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2. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for 1995 and to those that have speeded up the payment of their contributions in response to appeals;
3. Notes that the percentage of contributions due as of 30 September 1995 to the amount assessed for 1995 at 52.72 per cent compares well with the corresponding figure for 1993 of 52.04 per cent and is an improvement over the 1991 figure of 55.12 per cent;
4. Further notes however that while many Member States have paid their assessed contributions for 1995 and previous years, many more Member States are in arrears in the payment of the amounts assessed, with the result that at 30 September 1995 contributions due totalled \$118,664,363, including cumulative arrears for previous years totalling \$67,396,321;
5. Expresses deep concern at the possible adverse impact on the approved programme of work of persistent late payment and non-payment of contributions assessed;
6. Regrets that there has been an insufficient improvement in contribution payments since the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference, with the result that the Director-General, on the basis of 27 C/Resolution 26.41, has entered into internal and external borrowing arrangements in order to supplement the resources of the Working Capital Fund;
7. Believing that borrowing to overcome the cash flow deficit entails a heavy burden of interest payments and should be phased out, strongly supports the approaches that the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States in arrears with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;
8. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation devolving upon Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization and that it determines the right to vote at the General Conference;

9. Calls upon Member States, in application of 27 C/Resolution 26.41, to take the necessary steps to ensure that their contributions are paid in full at as early a date as possible;
10. Urges Member States to inform the Director-General promptly, as far as possible, of the probable date, amount and method of payment of forthcoming contributions, in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;
11. Invites the Director-General to bring this decision to the attention of Member States;

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12. Having considered the report of the Director-General concerning the contributions of new Member States assessed since the date of the adoption of the scale of assessments at the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference up to the closure of the current session of the Executive Board,
13. Recommends to the General Conference that these contributions should be used for the financing of the modified positive incentive scheme to encourage prompt payment of contributions, as proposed by the Executive Board in paragraph 17 of 146 EX/Decision 8.2.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.4 Consideration of communications received from Member States invoking the terms of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution, concerning voting rights of Member States in arrears with their contributions, and recommendations of the Executive Board thereon (147 EX/33 and Addenda and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/33 and Addenda containing details of arrears due from Member States in excess of amounts assessed for the current biennium,
2. Having considered communications received from 21 Member States, invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution,
3. Expressing its concern at the fact that some of the arrears listed in document 147 EX/33 Add. have been owing for several biennia, a few going back beyond 1986-1987 and that of the 11 Member States that had previously entered into payment plans ten are in arrears in those plans,
4. Noting from the reports by the Director-General on the cash situation of the Organization submitted to the Board during the biennium 1994-1995 that he has been obliged to enter into internal and external borrowing arrangements frequently because of late payment of contributions,

5. Strongly supports the approaches that the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining payment of arrears;
6. Decides that the texts of subparagraphs 3(e)(iii) and 3(h) of 146 EX/Decision 8.3 on reforms to be proposed to the General Conference concerning procedures to be followed in consideration of requests from Member States to vote at the sessions of the Conference, should read as follows:

‘[(e) in its report to the General Conference on cases where it is invited to make a recommendation, the Administrative Commission shall: ...]
(iii): state the measures that should be taken to settle the arrears - normally a payment plan for settlement of such arrears in annual instalments over a period of three biennia, with an undertaking to make every effort to settle future annual assessed contributions on time;

(h): after the Conference has approved an arrangement under which the arrears of a Member State are consolidated and are payable in annual instalments over a period of years, any decision by the Conference permitting that Member State to vote shall be valid as long as the member concerned settles those instalments by the date they become due and payable notwithstanding the provisions of Article 5.7 of the Financial Regulations;’
7. Recommends that the General Conference consider all the problems concerning the examination of such communications, received from Member States invoking the terms of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.5 Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 1994 for the financial period ending 31 December 1995 (147 EX/34 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/34,
2. Decides to transmit the financial report by the Director-General together with the interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 1994 for the financial period ending 31 December 1995 to the General Conference.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.6 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Recommendations of the External Auditor (147 EX/35 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/35,

2. Takes note of its contents.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.7 Working Capital Fund: Level and administration (147 EX/36 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/36 concerning the level and administration of the Working Capital Fund for 1996-1997 proposed by the Director-General to the General Conference,
2. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following resolution, deleting subparagraph (e) if it approves the Executive Board's proposal (28 C/62) to use the interest derived from the investments of the Working Capital Fund for the positive incentive scheme:

'The General Conference resolves:

- (a) that the authorized level of the Working Capital Fund for 1996-1997 shall be fixed at \$25 million, and that the amounts to be advanced by Member States shall be calculated according to the rates assigned to them under the scale of assessments for 1996-1997, taken in proportion to the total of such rates;
- (b) that a new Member State shall be required to make an advance to the Working Capital Fund calculated as a percentage or proportion of the authorized level of the Fund, in accordance with the percentage or rate assigned to it under the scale of assessments applicable at the time it becomes a member;
- (c) that advances shall be assessed and paid in United States dollars; for this purpose an amount of \$2,800,000 shall be taken from the surplus of other income plus the balance on Part VIII - Currency Fluctuation for the 1992-1993 biennium and apportioned to the credit of Member States in proportion to their assessed contributions for that financial period notwithstanding the provisions of Financial Regulations 5.2, 6.2 and 7.1;
- (d) that the resources of the Fund shall normally be held in United States dollars, but the Director-General shall have the right, with the agreement of the Executive Board, to alter the currency or currencies in which the Fund is held in such a manner as he deems necessary to ensure the stability of the Fund and the smooth functioning of the split-level assessment system; if such an alteration should be agreed, an appropriate exchange equalization account should be established within the Fund to record translation gains and losses on exchange of the French franc *vis-à-vis* the United States dollar;
- (e) that income derived from the investments of the Working Capital Fund shall be credited to miscellaneous income;

- (f) that the Director-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with Article 5.1 of the Financial Regulations, such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;
- (g) that the Director-General is authorized to advance during 1996-1997 sums not exceeding in total \$500,000 at any one time to finance self-liquidating expenditures, including those arising in connection with trust funds and special accounts; such sums are to be advanced pending availability of sufficient receipts from the trust funds and special accounts, international bodies and other extra-budgetary sources; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as rapidly as possible.'

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.8 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Information Resources Development Plan (1994-1995) (147 EX/37 and 147 EX/56 Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 26 C/Resolution 33 and 27 C/Resolution 38,
2. Having examined document 147 EX/37,
3. Reaffirming the need to increase individual and collective productivity and provide better information services both within the Organization and to Member States,
4. Notes with concern document 28 C/INF.9 'An evaluation of the impact of activities related to UNESCO's Information Resources Development Plan' (IRDP) containing external evaluation;
5. Considers that, in spite of some achievements, the implementation of the Plan has not resulted in substantial improvement of the information resources of the Organization;
6. Invites the Director-General to take all measures, including the resort to external expertise, in order to obtain the necessary competence and to create an efficient implementation framework for the Plan;
7. Further invites the Director-General to map out a new organizational approach to the Plan's implementation so as to ensure that the Organization, including all sectors and all offices in the field in line with decentralization objectives, benefit equitably and effectively from it;
8. Emphasizes in this connection the need to take into consideration informatics skills in recruiting, training and promotion of personnel and recommends that the continued implementation of IRDP be accompanied by a personnel development strategy aimed at training staff so as to maximize its effectiveness in terms of output and efficiency;

9. Also emphasizes that the Plan should ensure easier access by all Member States to the information services placed at their disposal by the Organization;
10. Invites the Director-General to report thereon to it at its 149th session and to present an evaluation report accompanied by a work plan for its implementation in the biennium 1996-1997 taking into account the resolutions of the General Conference, decisions of the Executive Board and DG/Note/94/11 of 11 February 1994;
11. Recommends that the General Conference allocate for the purposes of the information resources development of UNESCO, the means proposed in the Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997, with allotments made on a monthly *pro-rata* basis, until the Executive Board takes its decision after examination of the aforementioned report by the Director-General;
12. Requests the Director-General to identify staff savings flowing from the implementation of the new informatics plan and to present them to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.9 Establishment of the Special Account for the Fund to encourage translation (TRANSPUBLIC) (147 EX/38 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/38 concerning the establishment of the Special Account for the Fund to encourage translation (TRANSPUBLIC) and the Financial Regulations to govern its functioning,
2. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Fund to encourage translation (TRANSPUBLIC), drawn up in accordance with Articles 6.6 and 6.7 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO and annexed hereto;
3. Also takes note of the fact that the Fund has received from each of the programme sectors a contribution of \$30,000, the unused part of which will be carried over to the 1996-1997 period in accordance with the Financial Regulations;
4. Requests the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 152nd session on the functioning and status of the Fund.

ANNEX

**Financial Regulations of the Special Account for
the Fund to encourage translation
(TRANSPUBLIC)**

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 6.6 and 6.7 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO and with the decisions of the Executive Board of UNESCO (145 EX/Decision 5.6.1), there is hereby established a Special

Account which shall be known as the 'Special Account for the Fund to encourage translation (TRANSPUBLIC)'.

1. Aim of the account

The aim of the Special Account is, on the one hand, to encourage the translation into national languages of UNESCO publications and, on the other, to reduce the imbalance in the use of official languages in publications of the Organization. Financial operations relating to this aim shall be covered by the Special Account, namely, support for the translation and publication of works which comply with the aims of the TRANSPUBLIC Fund.

2. Income

2.1 The Special Account shall be credited with income from:

- (i) allocations by UNESCO programme sectors under the regular budget;
- (ii) voluntary contributions;
- (iii) royalties from copyrights made over to the Fund;
- (iv) any other resources authorized by the General Conference.

2.2 Acceptance of contributions must not entail additional financial liability for the Fund without the prior approval of the Executive Board of UNESCO.

3. Expenditure

- (i) Within the resources available, amounts relating to the contribution of UNESCO to expenditure connected with the translation, production and distribution of projects carried out under the TRANSPUBLIC Fund shall be debited from the Special Account.
- (ii) The amount of the contribution allocated to each publication shall be set by the Director-General, taking into account the cost of translating and producing publications.

4. The accounts

- (i) The financial period of the Special Account shall be the same as that of UNESCO's regular programme.
- (ii) Separate accounting records shall be maintained for the operations of the Special Account and they shall be contained in the financial accounts of UNESCO submitted for verification to the External Auditor of UNESCO at the same time as those of the regular programme.
- (iii) Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried over to the following period.

5. General provisions

Unless otherwise provided in the present regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with UNESCO's Financial Regulations.

6. Closing of the Special Account

After consulting the Executive Board, the Director-General may decide to close the Special Account and to reallocate any remaining funds.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.10 Report by the Director-General on the implementation and financing of the Renovation Plan for Headquarters Buildings (147 EX/39 and Add. and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered documents 147 EX/39 and Add., concerning, respectively, the Director-General's proposals and the recommendations of the Headquarters Committee regarding the works envisaged in 1996-1997 under the Renovation Plan for Headquarters Buildings,
2. Having noted the measures taken by the Director-General, in pursuance of 27 C/Resolution 36 (Part I, para. 2, subpara. (a)) concerning the order of priorities in the implementation of the Renovation Plan submitted to the General Conference at its twenty-seventh session (27 C/81) and the postponement to the 1998-1999 biennium of certain works considered not to warrant priority,
3. Welcomes the unanimously favourable response to the statement by the Vice-Chairperson of the Headquarters Committee during the discussions in the Finance and Administrative Committee at the 146th session of the Executive Board concerning the appeal by the Board to all Member States, public and private organizations and individuals for voluntary contributions to pay for the renovation and refitting of UNESCO Headquarters buildings on the occasion of the celebration of the Organization's fiftieth anniversary;
4. Takes note of the existence of a Rehabilitation Plan supported by the Headquarters Committee and funded exclusively from extra-budgetary resources, as separate from the Renovation Plan approved by the General Conference at its twenty-seventh session, and stresses that the accounting operations for these two plans must be quite separate;
5. Having noted likewise the recommendations and suggestions of the Headquarters Committee on the Plan,
6. Welcomes the efforts made by the Secretariat to stay within the budgetary ceiling;
7. Decides to renew the appeal issued to Member States for participation, according to their means, in the renovation and refitting work on

Headquarters buildings scheduled to mark the fiftieth anniversary of UNESCO;

8. Recommends to the General Conference that it approve the stage of work proposed for 1996-1997 under the Plan;
9. Invites the Director-General to continue, after consulting the Headquarters Committee, to report to the Board, at each of its regular sessions, on the implementation of the Plan and if necessary to propose to it ways of financing any additional works that may prove to be essential or urgent.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.11 Proposals by the Executive Board to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session on ways and means of appointing an External Auditor to the Organization (147 EX/40 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to paragraph 3 of 27 C/Resolution 29, relating to ways and means of appointing an External Auditor to the Organization,
2. Having examined at its 146th session document 146 EX/39, prepared on the subject by the Director-General,
3. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the following draft resolution:

‘The General Conference,

Wishing to ensure that the External Auditor may be appointed for an effective and efficient term of office of six years and that the important external audit service may rotate among Member States' auditors-general,

1. Decides to replace Article 12.1 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations by the following text:

"An External Auditor, who shall be the Auditor-General (or an officer holding the equivalent title) of a Member State, shall be appointed, in the manner decided by the General Conference, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the three financial periods following his or her appointment. At its session immediately preceding the end of his or her mandate the General Conference shall again appoint an External Auditor.";

2. Decides to insert into the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference a new Section XIX consisting of a Rule 103 worded as follows (the present Sections XIX and XX and the present Rules 103 to 108 to be renumbered accordingly):

"XIX. Procedure for appointing the External Auditor

Rule 103. Supplementing Article 12 of the Financial Regulations, it is stipulated that:

- (i) the Director-General shall invite applications for appointment as External Auditor by a circular letter dispatched to Member States at least ten months prior to the date of the opening of the session of the General Conference at which the appointment is to be made, and applications must be received not later than four months before the date of the opening of the session. Applications received after this deadline shall not be taken into consideration;
- (ii) the circular letter shall request that the following particulars be supplied:
 - (a) the candidate's curriculum vitae, outlining, where appropriate, any previous experience within the United Nations system or with other international organizations;
 - (b) a description of the audit norms he or she would apply, having regard to the Organization's accounting norms as set forth in the statement of its accounting principles that accompanies its audited accounts and to generally accepted accounting practices;
 - (c) the total audit fee (in United States dollars) requested, including travel and other supplementary costs, it being understood that should the currency of payment not be the United States dollar, the United Nations operational rate of exchange in force on the day of payment would be applied;
 - (d) an estimate of the total number of working months that would be spent on the audit during the term of office;
 - (e) the text of any engagement letter the candidate might send the General Conference were he or she to be appointed External Auditor to the Organization;
 - (f) any other relevant information likely to help the General Conference to choose from among the applications;
- (iii) the External Auditor shall be chosen by the General Conference by means of a secret ballot;
- (iv) the External Auditor and members of his or her staff may not be recruited by the Organization during the two financial periods following the completion of the mandate;
- (v) the General Conference resolution appointing the External Auditor shall specify the fee requested by him or her."

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.12 Geographical distribution of the staff, implementation of the medium-term overall plan (1990-1995) for the recruitment and renewal of the staff, and revision of the quota system (147 EX/41 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 32.1 and 145 EX/Decision 7.6,
2. Having considered document 147 EX/41 and, in particular, the information on the current situation regarding the medium-term overall plan (1990-1995) for the recruitment and renewal of the staff, together with the other information contained in that document,
3. Notes the improvements in the geographical distribution of the staff;
4. Aware of the considerable efforts made in recent years to improve the geographical distribution of the staff,
5. Considering that preparation of the next phase is essential so as to harmonize the joint efforts of the Secretariat and Member States,
6. Invites the Director-General to continue to make every effort to improve the geographical distribution of the staff, keeping in mind Article 6.4 of the Constitution;
7. Recommends that the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session alter the ratios for the membership factor and the contribution factor to 70 per cent and 30 per cent respectively (as against the present figures of 76 per cent and 24 per cent);
8. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a preliminary report on this subject at its 150th session.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.13 Amendment to the Regulations on the utilization and terms for letting of meeting rooms and adjacent premises, offices, parking places and other premises (147 EX/28 and 147 EX/56 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/28 concerning the amendments proposed to paragraphs 13 and 15 of the Regulations of the Headquarters Utilization Fund (HQF),
2. Having taken note of the favourable opinion of the Headquarters Committee in that respect,
3. Approves the amendments to paragraphs 13 and 15 of the Regulations of the Headquarters Utilization Fund proposed by the Director-General.

(147 EX/SR.10)

7.14 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (147 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(147 EX/SR.10)

ITEM 8 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

8.1 Representation of Member States in subsidiary organs of UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 43, by which the General Conference, at its twenty-seventh session, recognized the fundamental right of the new Member States to participate fully in the activities of the Organization, including those of its subsidiary organs, and invited the Executive Board to study the question and make recommendations thereon to the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session,
2. Recalling that 24 States have become members of UNESCO since the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference,
3. Recalling 145 EX/Decision 6.1 in which it set out its recommendations to the General Conference concerning the placement of new Member States in electoral groups as well as in regard to the size and composition of the Executive Board, and further recalling the process of consultation by which this consensus decision was reached,
4. In pursuance of 146 EX/Decision 7.6, by which it was agreed, using the same consultation process, to complete the task entrusted to it by the General Conference through the elaboration of consensus proposals regarding the size and composition of the Organization's subsidiary organs,
5. Appreciates the spirit of constructive dialogue, and the effort and work put into the examination of this matter;
6. Having examined the Statutes of the subsidiary bodies as adopted at various sessions of the General Conference,
7. Recommends to the General Conference that, at its twenty-eighth session, before elections of Member States to the councils and committees mentioned below, it amend the Statutes of the subsidiary bodies concerned as follows:
 - A. Intergovernmental Committee of the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP)

Article II, paragraph 1: replace 33 by 35;

B. Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development (WDCD)

Article II, paragraph 1: replace 36 by 38;

C. Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP)

Article II, paragraph 1: replace the word 'twenty' by the word 'twenty-two';

D. Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)

Article II, paragraph 1: replace 35 by 39;

E. Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST)

Article II, paragraph 1: replace 33 by 35;

F. International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB)

Article II, paragraph 1: replace 30 by 34;

Article VI, paragraph 1: replace the word 'four' by the word 'five';

G. Council of the International Bureau of Education (IBE)

Article III, paragraph 1: replace the word 'twenty-four' by the word 'twenty-eight';

H. Intergovernmental Council of the General Information Programme (PGI)

Article II, paragraph 1: replace 30 by 36;

I. Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)

Article II, paragraph 1: replace 30 by 36;

8. Further recommends that, for the purposes of such elections, the distribution of seats among electoral groups regarding the above-mentioned subsidiary bodies be adjusted as indicated in the following table, taking effect as from the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference:

	IIP	WDCD	ICPRCP	IPDC	MOST
Group	Seats	Seats	Seats	Seats	Seats

	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
I	6	6	7	7	3	3	7	7	6	6
II	3	4	4	5	2	3	3	5	3	4
III	6	6	6	6	4	4	6	7	6	6
IV	7	7	6	6	4	5	6	7	7	7
V	11	12	14	14	7	7	13	13	11	12
Total	33	35	37*	38	20	22	35	39	33	35

(1) Present number of seats.

(2) Number of seats proposed.

* At the twenty-seventh session the General Conference elected 37 members of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development.

	MAB		IBE		PGI		IHP	
Group	Seats		Seats		Seats		Seats	
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
I	7	7	5	5	7	7	7	7
II	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	4
III	5	6	4	4	5	6	5	6
IV	5	6	4	6	5	7	5	7
V	10	11	9	9	10	12	10	12
Total	30	34	24	28	30	36	30	36

(1) Present number of seats.

(2) Number of seats proposed.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.2 Draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the Economic Co-operation Organization (ECO) (147 EX/42 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigena)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that, at its 145th session, it authorized the Director-General to undertake negotiations with the Secretary-General of the Economic Co-operation Organization with a view to preparing a draft memorandum of understanding concerning the establishment of formal relations between UNESCO and that organization, and to submit the draft to the Executive Board for approval (145 EX/Decision 6.5),

2. Having examined document 147 EX/42 containing the draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the Economic Co-operation Organization,
3. Approves this draft memorandum of understanding;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign it on behalf of UNESCO.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.3 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) (147 EX/43 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 147 EX/43,
2. Decides to defer examination of this question to a future session of the Board.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.4 Co-operation between the Commission of the European Communities and UNESCO (147 EX/44 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Confirming its desire to encourage the UNESCO Secretariat to strengthen partnership relations with other international intergovernmental organizations working in the same fields of competence,
2. Having noted that the agreement signed with the Commission of the European Communities in 1964 and confirmed in 1972-1973 did not contain provisions enabling the two organizations to undertake joint programmes and projects,
3. Approving the supplementary provisions contained in document 147 EX/44 to that agreement and taking note of the explanatory details provided in that regard,
4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the document containing the 'Provisions applicable to co-operation between the European Commission and UNESCO, to supplement the exchanges of letters of 2 and 15 September 1964 and of 12 December 1972 and 14 February 1973 between the two parties'.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.5 Development co-operation policies and activities implemented with extra-budgetary funding (147 EX/45 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/45 containing the Director-General's annual report on development co-operation activities financed by extra-

budgetary funds and, more particularly, the statutory part of the report dealing with development co-operation in the United Nations system,

2. Notes with interest the information contained in this document and especially the progress accomplished in the United Nations system in strengthening the co-ordination of operational activities;
3. Calls the attention of Member States to the need, in UNESCO's fields of competence, to pursue co-ordination of the formulation and follow-up of their development co-operation policies and activities in both national and international fora;
4. Invites the Director-General to follow very closely any developments in the policies of the different international institutions and any new approaches they may adopt, highlighting any implications these may have for UNESCO, and to report to it on these matters at one of its forthcoming sessions;
5. Also invites the Director-General to keep the Executive Board regularly informed about his ongoing efforts with regard to the strengthening of UNESCO's expertise in its fields of competence in drawing up policies and defining programmes, putting the Organization in a position to respond more effectively to the requests made by States;
6. Further invites the Director-General to ensure, as needed, the strengthening and continuing training of personnel, both at Headquarters and in the field, so that UNESCO can deal effectively with the preparation of programmes and their implementation and follow-up;
7. Also invites the Director-General to further develop 'the strategy of policy co-ordination, division of labour and project co-operation with UNESCO's partners in the United Nations system and with other international and regional intergovernmental organizations', according to the decision of the Executive Board concerning UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 (146 EX/Decision 4.1, para. 61).

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.6 Collaboration between UNESCO and the National Commissions (147 EX/46 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article VII of the Constitution of UNESCO and the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO,
2. Recalling 25 C/Resolution 15.212, 26 C/Resolution 13.2, 27 C/Resolution 13.12, 136 EX/Decision 3.3, 137 EX/Decision 7.2 and 142 EX/Decision 7.4, on co-operation with and among the National Commissions,
3. Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved in collaboration between UNESCO and the National Commissions, in particular the interactive nature such collaboration has acquired,

4. Thanks the Director-General for the initiatives he has taken to strengthen collaboration with the National Commissions;
5. Invites Member States to continue their efforts to strengthen the National Commissions and to promote action by them towards national intellectual communities;
6. Invites the National Commissions to continue their efforts effectively to become the national bodies around which the various partnerships with UNESCO are built;
7. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) continue to take all the necessary steps to assist the National Commissions, and particularly the newly established or restructured Commissions, in their efforts relating to information, training and equipment; and continue to send UNESCO experts to such Commissions, in implementation of Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Constitution of UNESCO;
 - (b) continue to consult the National Commissions and to involve them in the implementation of the Organization's planned activities;
 - (c) continue to support the training of National Commissions, particularly with respect to techniques of identification, preparation and execution of projects financed from extra-budgetary sources;
 - (d) provide increasing support for the development of subregional, regional and interregional relations between Commissions, through their meetings and co-operation projects;
 - (e) find further ways and means of implementing 26 C/Resolution 13.2 which recognizes National Commissions 'as being among the chief participants in the decentralization process' of the Organization;
 - (f) also draw on the collaboration of National Commissions in establishing and developing partnerships with the Organization;
 - (g) study the practical implications of the establishment of an electronic mail service between National Commissions and the Secretariat.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.7 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 1996-1997 (147 EX/47 and Add. and Corr., and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO shall be associated in 1996-1997,
2. Recommends to the General Conference:

- (a) that UNESCO associate itself with the following celebrations in 1996-1997, in addition to the 25 already recommended at its 146th session:
- (i) Two-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Polish patriot Tadeusz Kosciuszko;
 - (ii) Centenary of the birth of the Polish writer Jozef Czapski;
 - (iii) Centenary of the death of the Colombian poet José Asunción Silva;
 - (iv) Hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the birth of the Georgian painter Nico Pirozmanishvili;
 - (v) Centenary of the birth of the diplomat of the Slovak Republic Jan Papanek;
 - (vi) Centenary of the birth of the Iranian poet Nima Yushij;
 - (vii) Centenary of the birth of the Bulgarian painter Tsanko Ivanov Lavrenov;
 - (viii) Four-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Ukrainian man of culture Petro Mohyla;
 - (ix) Six-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Iranian poet Mohammad Jami;
 - (x) Nine-hundredth anniversary of the death of the Iranian scholar Omar Khayyam;
 - (xi) Centenary of the death of the Philippine humanist and national hero Jose Rizal;
 - (xii) Centenary of the birth of the Romanian poet Tristan Tzara;
 - (xiii) Eleven-hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the Hungarians in Central Europe;
 - (xiv) Four-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the first work in the Lithuanian language - 'Common Words in the Catechism' by Martinus Mazvydas;
 - (xv) One-thousand-five-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Arab poet Imru' al-Qais;
 - (xvi) Five-hundredth anniversary of the publication in Russia of the first State Code of Laws, the Sudebnik;
 - (xvii) Five-hundredth anniversary of the construction of the Neamt monastery;
 - (xviii) Centenary of the death of Gamal ad-Din al-Afghani;

- (xix) Centenary of the birth of Mahmud Said;
 - (xx) Seven-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Arab historian Salah ad-Din as-Safadi;
 - (xxi) Eleven-hundredth anniversary of the documentary evidence of Romanian States in Transylvania;
- (b) that the Organization's contribution to these celebrations be financed in the usual way under the Participation Programme for 1996-1997, in accordance with the rules governing that programme.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.8 Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 131 EX/Decision 9.4, 132 EX/Decision 9.3 and 137 EX/Decision 9.1,
2. Decides to place this item on the agenda for its 152nd session;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that, at its twenty-eighth session, it adopt the following resolution:

'The General Conference,

Recalling 26 C/Resolution 0.62 and 27 C/Resolution 0.62, concerning the request for the admission to UNESCO of Palestine,

Recalling the provisions of Article II of UNESCO's Constitution, concerning the admission of new Member States,

Considering that the Israeli-Palestinian agreement signed in Washington on 13 September 1993 by the representatives of the PLO and the Israeli Government, entitled 'Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements', and the subsequent agreements signed in Cairo, Taba and Washington open up a new era of peace and development,

Reaffirming its profound desire to support wholly the development of the peace process and actively to pursue the implementation of the plans and programmes decided on in the fields of education, culture, science and communication,

1. Expresses its profound satisfaction at the conclusion of the aforementioned agreements and expresses the hope that the peace process so substantially begun will continue smoothly and lead to a just and total settlement of the Palestinian question;
2. Warmly thanks the Director-General for the efforts he is making to this end, by putting at the disposal of the new Palestinian institutions all UNESCO's expertise in its fields of competence;

3. Also thanks the Member States for their financial contributions to the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue implementing the aforementioned programme, in close co-operation with the competent Palestinian authorities and in co-ordination with the international financial institutions and other financing sources concerned;
5. Decides to place this item on the agenda of its twenty-ninth session.'

(147 EX/SR.8)

8.9 Feasibility study on the electronic transfer of documents from Headquarters to Member States (147 EX/49 and 147 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the feasibility study on the electronic transfer of documents (147 EX/49),
2. Desiring to accelerate, in so far as possible, the delivery of working documents to the Member States, particularly those where postal distribution continues to give rise to difficulties,
3. Expresses its gratitude to Denmark for the preparation of the feasibility study on the electronic transfer of documents from Headquarters to Member States;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue the analytic work to identify material and other needs of Member States in order to increase the number of users of a new system of transfer of documents;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue exploring networks and services that are currently available or will be available in the future, according priority to the networks and services of sister organizations that would permit the integration within one system of the National Commissions, national delegations, the Secretariat and field units, and also to explore possibilities of using for these purposes a part of the funds earmarked for the implementation of the Information Resources Development Plan;
6. Further requests the Director-General to submit a report on this matter to the Executive Board at its 150th session.

(147 EX/SR.9)

8.10 Relations with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and draft memorandum of understanding between that body and UNESCO (147 EX/48 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/48 entitled 'Relations with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and draft memorandum of understanding between that body and UNESCO',
2. Considering that it is desirable to establish official relations between UNESCO and the Southern African Development Community,
3. Having noted that the Executive Secretary of that body has approved the text of a possible memorandum of understanding,
4. Approves the draft memorandum of understanding;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to establish relations with the Southern African Development Community and to sign the memorandum of understanding on behalf of UNESCO.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.11 UNESCO's strategy for selecting appropriate partners in Member States (147 EX/50 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Welcomes the efforts of the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's activities in Member States;
2. Recalls the relevant resolutions of the General Conference (in particular 26 C/Resolution 13.23 and 27 C/Resolution 13.12) and reaffirms its recommendations to the General Conference on 'UNESCO and its partners' (28 C/9, paras. 56-61);
3. Invites the Director-General to elaborate a comprehensive approach for selecting, in close collaboration with governments and National Commissions, appropriate partners in Member States;
4. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 149th session a report on the legal and procedural aspects of UNESCO's relations with private funding sources, including the guidelines, rules and directives concerning the use of UNESCO's name and emblem by partners of the Organization.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.12 The situation of the cultural and architectural heritage and of educational and cultural institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (147 EX/51 and 147 EX/55 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 147 EX/51,
2. Recalling 146 EX/Decision 9.3 on the situation of the cultural and architectural heritage and of educational and cultural institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
3. Takes note of the agreement covering the UNESCO presence in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the reopening of the UNESCO Office in Sarajevo with an outpost in Mostar and of the appointment of the new Head of the Sarajevo Office;
4. Thanks the Director-General for his efforts, and the Member States and governmental and non-governmental organizations for their significant financial contributions to UNESCO's activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
5. Requests the Director-General:
 - (a) to carry out all of UNESCO's activities in the fields of education, culture and communication through the UNESCO Office in Sarajevo, in close co-operation with the responsible authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - (b) to continue his efforts for the restoration of school buildings and re-establishment of the normal education process, with emphasis on education for peace, democracy, tolerance, and respect for human rights and also on higher education and research;
 - (c) to provide moral and financial support for the cultural activities of artists, intellectuals, architects, academics, and institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - (d) to provide technical and financial assistance for the publication of the collected information and data on the destroyed or damaged cultural and architectural heritage in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to co-ordinate efforts for the actual reconstruction of the edifices of the city of Mostar, including the Old Bridge;
 - (e) to support the development of free media in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to provide material assistance, technical advice and expertise for the preparation of democratic legislation on the media;
 - (f) to report to it on this subject at its 149th session.

(147 EX/SR.10)

8.13 Request for the admission of the Republic of Nauru as a member of UNESCO (147 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that the President of the Republic of Nauru has, on 1 November 1995, requested the admission of the Republic of Nauru to membership of UNESCO,
2. Having noted that the Republic of Nauru accepts UNESCO's Constitution and is ready to fulfil the obligations that will devolve upon it by virtue of its admission and to contribute towards meeting the expenses of the Organization,
3. Decides pursuant to Article II, paragraph 2, of UNESCO's Constitution, to recommend that the General Conference, at its twenty-eighth session, admit the Republic of Nauru to membership of the Organization;
4. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following resolution:

‘The General Conference,

Considering that the President of the Republic of Nauru has, on 1 November 1995, requested the admission of the Republic of Nauru to membership of UNESCO,

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

Having noted that the Executive Board, at its 147th session, recommended the admission of the Republic of Nauru to membership of UNESCO,

Decides to admit the Republic of Nauru as a member of UNESCO.’

(147 EX/SR.11)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 18 AND 20 OCTOBER 1995

At the private meetings held on 18 and 20 October 1995 the Executive Board considered items 4.1, 6.4 and 7.14 of its agenda.

4.1 Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: Examination of communications transmitted to the Committee in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (147 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

2. It took note of the narrative part of the report and endorsed the wishes expressed in it by the Committee.

6.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference and Chairpersons of the Commissions and Committees (see decision 6.4)

7.14 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (147 EX/PRIV.1)

In accordance with Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General, having informed the Board of the decisions he had taken since its 146th session, and was intending to take, concerning personnel policies, appointments, transfers, post reclassifications and promotions of officials at grade D-1 and above, consulted it concerning appointments, and extension of the contracts of a number of officials also at grade D-1 and above.