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ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE SESSION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE (TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON)

The 148th session of the Executive Board was opened on 17 November 1995 by Mr Torben Krogh (Denmark), President of the General Conference.

(148 EX/SR.1)

ITEM 2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (148 EX/1 (prov.) and Add.)

The Board adopted the agenda for the session set out in document 148 EX/1 (prov.). At its second meeting it decided to add item 7.4 'Tribute to Mr Pío Rodríguez' (148 EX/1 (prov.) Add.).

(148 EX/SR.1 and 2)

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board elected Mr Nouréini Tidjani-Serpos (Benin) Chairperson.

(148 EX/SR.1)

ITEM 4 ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board elected the following Members Vice-Chairpersons of the Board:

Bulgaria
Costa Rica
Egypt
Nepal
Spain
United Republic of Tanzania

(148 EX/SR.1 and 2)

ITEM 5 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND ELECTION OF THEIR CHAIRPERSONS

5.1 Programme and External Relations Commission¹

The Executive Board established the Programme and External Relations Commission and elected Mr Pál Pataki (Hungary) Chairperson of that commission.

(148 EX/SR.2)

¹ In accordance with a decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 70th session (70 EX/Decision 3), all Members of the Board are members of the two commissions.

5.2 Finance and Administrative Commission¹

The Executive Board established the Finance and Administrative Commission and elected Mr Ali Mohamed Zaid (Yemen) Chairperson of that commission.

(148 EX/SR.2)

5.3 Special Committee

The Executive Board established the Special Committee and elected Mr Abul Ahsan (Bangladesh) Chairperson of that committee.

The Executive Board also decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 18 members for the 1996-1997 biennium:

Chairperson: Mr Abul Ahsan (Bangladesh)

Members: Argentina
Bangladesh
Bolivia
Czech Republic
France
Germany
Indonesia
Mexico
Morocco
Namibia
Pakistan
Poland
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Switzerland
United Arab Emirates
Zimbabwe

(148 EX/SR.2)

5.4 Committee on Conventions and Recommendations

The Executive Board established the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and elected Mr Jorge Edwards Valdes (Chile) Chairperson of that committee.

The Executive Board also decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 30 members for the 1996-1997 biennium:

¹ In accordance with a decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 70th session (70 EX/Decision 3), all Members of the Board are members of the two commissions.

Chairperson: Mr Jorge Edwards Valdes (Chile)

Members: Angola
Austria
Belgium
Benin
Brazil
Chile
China
Costa Rica
Czech Republic
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
France
Hungary
India
Italy
Jordan
Lesotho
Malaysia
Mali
Mexico
Morocco
New Zealand
Russian Federation
Slovakia
Sweden
Tonga
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

(148 EX/SR.2)

5.5 Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations

The Executive Board established the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations and elected Ms Doris Morf (Switzerland) Chairperson of that committee.

The Executive Board also decided that the Committee would be made up of the following 24 members for the 1996-1997 biennium:

Chairperson: Ms Doris Morf (Switzerland)

Members: Bolivia
Bulgaria
Cameroon
China
Costa Rica
El Salvador
France

Guyana
Hungary
India
Jordan
Kenya
Malaysia
Malta
Mauritius
Pakistan
Poland
Saudi Arabia
Slovakia
Spain
Switzerland
United Arab Emirates
United Republic of Tanzania
Yemen

(148 EX/SR.2)

5.6 Temporary chairpersons of commissions and committees

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 144 EX/Decision 3.1.3, in which it recognized the need temporarily to replace the chairpersons of its commissions and committees,
2. Decides that, henceforth, each commission and committee shall elect from the representatives of its members, at its first meeting of the biennium and for the duration of that biennium, a temporary chairperson from the same electoral group as the one to which its chairperson belongs to replace the latter in the exercise of all his or her functions during his or her absence.

(148 EX/SR.2)

5.7 Renewal of the mandate of the Group of Experts for financial and administrative matters

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 26 C/Resolution 19.3,
2. Referring to its previous decisions 137 EX/Decision 8.6, 142 EX/Decision 3.1.3, 143 EX/Decision 9.1 and 144 EX/Decision 6.10 on the Group of Experts for financial and administrative matters,
3. Decides to renew the mandate of the above-mentioned Group. For the 1996-1997 period the Group will comprise 12 experts designated by 12 Members of the Board, two from each electoral group, as follows:

Group I Germany and Italy

Group II Bulgaria and Russian Federation

- Group III Chile and Costa Rica
- Group IV Bangladesh and China
- Group V(a) Niger and Nigeria
- Group V(b) Jordan and Morocco;

4. Decides further that the methods of work and the terms of reference of the Group will remain as defined in 144 EX/Decision 6.10.

(148 EX/SR.2)

ITEM 6 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES

6.1 Terms of reference of the Special Committee (18 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 143 EX/Decision 6.1,
2. Decides that:
 - (a) the Special Committee shall comprise 18 members, that is to say three for each electoral group;
 - (b) the Special Committee shall continue the practice of normally holding its meetings immediately prior to each regular session of the Executive Board, which may rule on the desirability of changing the timetable if necessary;
3. Also decides to refer to the Special Committee for consideration and the preparation of a report thereon:
 - (a) the Director-General's report on the activities of the Organization prepared in accordance with Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution;
 - (b) in-depth studies on topics selected by the Executive Board;
 - (c) the methods and machinery of the system for evaluating the Organization's activities;
 - (d) relations with the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit, and consideration of reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit that are not referred to the commissions of the Executive Board;
 - (e) the organization of the work of the General Conference and the Executive Board, including that of their commissions and committees;
 - (f) any other question that the Executive Board may refer to it.

(148 EX/SR.2)

6.2 Terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (30 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 96 EX/Decision 8.2 and 98 EX/Decision 9.4-9.6, whereby it established a Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in Education and laid down its terms of reference,
2. Recalling also 104 EX/Decision 3.3, whereby it decided that the Committee would thenceforth be designated 'the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations' and established the conditions and procedures for consideration of communications received by the Organization concerning cases and questions of violations of human rights within UNESCO's fields of competence,
3. Further recalling 143 EX/Decision 6.2, whereby it confirmed the terms of reference of the Committee as set forth in paragraph 12 of 98 EX/Decision 9.4-9.6, as amended by 104 EX/Decision 3.3,
4. Renews those terms of reference and decides that the Committee will also consider all questions entrusted to it by the Executive Board concerning the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments.

(148 EX/SR.2)

6.3 Terms of reference of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (24 members)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the important contribution made by international non-governmental organizations to the preparation and implementation of UNESCO's programme,
2. Taking into account the following resolutions adopted by the General Conference:
 - (a) the resolution concerning the Executive Board's sexennial report on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by international non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session,
 - (b) the resolution on the adoption of the new Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at the same session,
 - (c) the resolutions concerning UNESCO's co-operation with international non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions,
 - (d) 21 C/Resolution 7.11 concerning international non-governmental organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO and in which

bodies or people from Taiwan are still participating in the name of China,

3. Decides that the terms of reference of its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations shall be as follows:
 - (a) to consider, at intervals to be set by the Committee, the proposals that the Director-General will submit to the Executive Board for the general reclassification of the non-governmental organizations formerly classified in categories A, B and C;
 - (b) to consider, in accordance with Article VI.1 of the new Directives, new requests for the establishment of formal relations;
 - (c) to examine all questions coming within the purview of the Executive Board in relation to the implementation of the new forms of co-operation with non-governmental organizations, including financial and material co-operation, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the governing bodies, especially on the basis of the information and proposals to be submitted by the Director-General to the Executive Board, more particularly at its 149th session;
 - (d) to take up any other questions concerning non-governmental organizations and foundations that the Executive Board may refer to it for study and advice.

(148 EX/SR.2)

ITEM 7 GENERAL MATTERS

7.1 Designation of two Members of the Executive Board to serve on the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (148 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 148 EX/2,
2. Recalling 143 EX/Decision 7.1.2 whereby it appointed six members of the Executive Board to serve on the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education,
3. Decides to appoint Indonesia and Slovakia to replace the Philippines and Bulgaria respectively.

(148 EX/SR.2)

7.2 Dates of the 149th session of the Executive Board and of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies, and tentative timetable for the subsequent sessions in 1996-1997¹ (148 EX/INF.1)

1996

149th session (18 calendar days)

Special Committee)	
)	
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	)	16-18 April
)	
Bureau	)	19 April
Plenary meetings and commissions	)	22 April-3 May

1 May = Labour Day (public holiday)

150th session (24 calendar days)

Special Committee)	
)	
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	)	8-10 October
)	
Bureau	)	11 October
Plenary meetings and commissions	)	14-31 October

1997

151st session (23 calendar days)

Special Committee)	
)	
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	)	20-22 May
)	
Bureau	)	23 May
Plenary meetings and commissions	)	26 May-11 June

152nd session (19 calendar days)

Special Committee)	
)	
Committee on Conventions	)	29 September-1 October

¹ For the 150th session onwards, these dates are provisional and may be altered.

and Recommendations)
 Bureau) 2 October
 Plenary meetings and)
 commissions) 3-17 October

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Tentative date for the opening
 of the twenty-ninth session of
 the General Conference 21 October 1997¹

(148 EX/SR.2)

7.3 Tentative list, by subject, of the topics to be dealt with by the Executive Board in 1996-1997 (148 EX/INF.2 Rev.)

The Board took note of the tentative list given in document 148 EX/INF.2 Rev.

(148 EX/SR.2)

7.4 Tribute to Mr Pío Rodríguez

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that Mr Pío Rodríguez has tirelessly devoted himself to the service of the international community through his association with UNESCO since 1966 and his appointment in 1968,
2. Appreciating in particular his commitment to the Organization, and his contribution to the work and proceedings of the Executive Board throughout his ten years of service as its Secretary,
3. Expresses its sincere gratitude to Mr Rodríguez, on the occasion of his retirement, for his outstanding contribution to its work and wishes him long years of success, good health and great satisfaction in the pursuit of his literary activities.

(148 EX/SR.2)

¹ As in the past, the Executive Board will remain in session during the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference.