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ITEM 1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (150 EX/1, 150 EX/INF.1, 150 EX/INF.1 Rev. and 150 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 150 EX/1, 150 EX/INF.1 and 150 EX/INF.1 Rev.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission:** items 3.1 (Part I), 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.5, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 5.2, 7.1, 7.3, 7.6, 7.7 and 8.3.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission:** items 3.1 (Parts II and III), 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.4.4, 5.1 (Part III), 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9.
3. **Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations:** item 7.2.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 150 EX/2 concerning items 3.2.4 - Invitations to the International Conference of States to examine and adopt the draft Council of Europe/UNESCO Convention on the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education in the Europe region - and 7.4 - Draft agreement between UNESCO and the Central American Integration System (SICA).

(150 EX/SR.1 and 14)

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 149th SESSION (149 EX/SR.1-9 and Corr.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 149th session.

(150 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 (150 EX/4 (Parts I, II and III), 150 EX/INF.3, 150 EX/INF.4, 150 EX/41 and 150 EX/42)**

I

**Report of the Director-General on the execution
of the programme**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (150 EX/4, 150 EX/INF.3 and 150 EX/INF.4),

2. Reaffirms 149 EX/Decision 3.1, in particular as regards the submission to it of any project for the opening of new field offices (Part I, para. 7);
3. Appreciates the information submitted in document 150 EX/INF.4, and invites the Director-General to comply further with the request it made in paragraph 8 of Part I of 147 EX/Decision 3.1 and to apply it to future reports.

(150 EX/SR.16)

II

Participation Programme

The Executive Board,

1. Noting the great disparity between the number of requests submitted under the Participation Programme and the number eventually approved,
2. Welcomes the improvement in the processing of requests by the Secretariat;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 152nd session proposals for further improvement of the Participation Programme procedure including suggestions for reducing the number of requests submitted.

(150 EX/SR.16)

III

Seminar on Promoting Independent and Pluralistic Arab Media

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to 28 C/Resolution 4.6, in which the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session:
 - (a) expressed its conviction that the joint UNESCO/United Nations (Department of Public Information) Seminar on Promoting Independent and Pluralistic Arab Media held in Sana'a (Yemen) in early 1996 'will contribute to creating conditions that will enable pluralistic media to develop and participate effectively in the democratization and development processes in the Arab region',
 - (b) invited the Director-General 'to take adequate measures in order to prepare and organize, in co-operation with the United Nations Department of Public Information and professional media organizations and with the support of various funding sources, a similar regional seminar in Europe at the beginning of May 1997, also using this opportunity to celebrate International Press Freedom Day, whose creation was proposed in May 1991, in Windhoek (Namibia), by the participants in the Seminar on Promoting an Independent and Pluralistic African Press',

2. Having noted with appreciation that the Seminar on Promoting Independent and Pluralistic Arab Media was successfully held in Sana'a from 7 to 11 January 1996 and that both the final report and the declaration of the seminar have been published and distributed,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for having organized, in co-operation with the United Nations and professional media organizations and with the assistance of a number of donor agencies, the regional seminar to promote press freedom, and independent and pluralistic Arab media;
4. Stresses the outstanding importance of the Sana'a seminar, and recommends to the General Conference that it endorse, at its twenty-ninth session, the Sana'a Declaration as it did the declarations adopted by the participants in the seminars held in Windhoek (Namibia) (29 April-3 May 1991), in Almaty (Kazakhstan) (5-9 October 1992) and in Santiago (Chile) (2-6 May 1994);
5. Invites Member States to facilitate the implementation of the Sana'a Declaration and to contribute to the worldwide trends towards democracy, freedom of expression and press freedom;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to prepare the forthcoming seminar on promoting independent and pluralistic European media.

(150 EX/SR.16)

IV

UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

The Executive Board,

1. Referring in particular to paragraph 180 of Part I of document 150 EX/4,
2. Recalling resolution 59(I) of the General Assembly of the United Nations, dated 14 December 1946, in which the Assembly declared that freedom of information is a fundamental human right, and its resolution 45/76A of 11 December 1990 on information in the service of humanity,
3. Recalling also 25 C/Resolution 104, adopted by the General Conference in 1989, which emphasizes the importance of promoting 'the free flow of ideas by word and image ... at international as well as national level',
4. Recalling likewise 26 C/Resolution 4.3, adopted by the General Conference in 1991, which recognizes that a free, pluralist and independent press is an essential component of any democratic society,
5. Emphasizing the growing role played by UNESCO's International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), whose Intergovernmental Council decided, at its February 1992 session, to give

priority to projects that seek to strengthen the independence and pluralism of the media,

6. Bearing in mind the Declaration of Santiago, endorsed by the General Conference in 1995 (28 C/Resolution 4.6) and, in particular, paragraph 10 thereof, calling for the creation of a 'World Press Freedom Prize' to honour individuals, organizations or institutions that have contributed significantly to the advancement of freedom of information, irrespective of the medium, print or electronic,
7. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to take the necessary steps to draw up draft regulations for the institution of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize in honour of the Colombian journalist who died in the exercise of his profession;
 - (b) to submit a report to it on this matter at its 151st session.

(150 EX/SR.16)

3.2 Education

3.2.1 Application of 147 EX/Decision 3.4.6, concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (150 EX/6 and Corr. and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report (150 EX/6 and Corr.),
2. Expresses its entire satisfaction to the Director-General and thanks him for ensuring the efficient implementation of 28 C/Resolution 16;
3. Expresses deep concern for the delay in the implementation of the Oslo Agreement, which imperils the new era of peace in the Middle East and also co-operation in the fields of science, technology, culture and education and the promotion of people-to-people dialogue;
4. Requests that Israel reopen the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions in Hebron and East Jerusalem closed by order of its authorities;
5. Expresses the hope that the Arabo-Israeli peace negotiations will start up again and that a just and global peace will be rapidly achieved according to the United Nations resolutions, with which UNESCO complies, in particular Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 based on the withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of land for peace;
6. Considers that UNESCO's action in favour of the Palestinian people is of major importance and confers on the Organization a significant role within the United Nations system in peace-building and in the culture of peace;

7. Welcomes the new proposals and recommendations put forward by the joint UNESCO/Palestinian Authority Co-ordinating Committee;
8. Expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to Member States, especially Italy, Norway and Saudi Arabia, for their financial contributions to projects organized under the Programme for Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP);
9. Taking note of the recent distressing developments in the occupied Arab territories, urges the Director-General to enhance programmes which promote peace-building and the culture of peace in the region;
10. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue his efforts with the Israeli authorities in order to preserve the human and social make-up of the occupied Syrian Golan in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in that regard;
 - (b) to provide the necessary assistance to educational establishments in order to preserve the Syrian Arab cultural identity, and to offer grants to the students of the occupied Syrian Golan;
 - (c) to make every effort to obtain free access and circulation for Palestinian students from Gaza in order to enable them to attend their colleges and universities in the West Bank, and vice versa;
 - (d) to create a special fund for Palestinian higher education to be financed by voluntary contributions;
11. Also invites the Director-General to submit to Member States and funding sources the new projects endorsed by the joint UNESCO/Palestinian Authority Co-ordinating Committee;
12. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 151st session.

(150 EX/SR.16)

3.2.2 Report on the Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee of the Major Project in the Field of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (PROMEDLAC VI) and the Seventh Conference of Ministers of Education of Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINEDLAC VII) (150 EX/7 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 150 EX/7,
2. Noting with satisfaction the conclusions and recommendations of the Seventh Conference of Ministers of Education of Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINEDLAC VII) and the Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee of the Major Project in the Field of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (PROMEDLAC VI) held in Kingston, Jamaica, from 13 to 17 May 1996,

3. Recommends that the Director-General take these conclusions and recommendations into account as fully as possible in the framework for the implementation of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 and of the Programme and Budget for 1998-1999;
4. Also recommends to the Director-General that the seventh session of PROMEDLAC concentrate on a specific theme that could be decided on in close consultation with the appropriate national authorities.

(150 EX/SR.16)

3.2.3 Recommendations of the fifth meeting of the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (150 EX/8 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 150 EX/8,
2. Approves the recommendations of the fifth meeting of the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education;
3. Recommends to the Director-General that he place on the agenda of the next meeting of the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education the question of fund-raising and sponsorship in fields of common interest;
4. Welcomes the efforts made so far by UNESCO in co-operation with UNICEF for the realization of education for all by the year 2000;
5. Invites the Joint Committee on Education to continue to explore and promote various areas of vibrant inter-agency synergy, especially in the sphere of basic education;
6. Thanks Romania for its generous offer to host an extraordinary meeting to discuss crucial pertinent issues in 1997;
7. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to enhance the UNESCO/UNICEF programmes dealing with education and assistance for children 'living under especially difficult circumstances', particularly delinquent children and children who are threatened by or victims of sexual exploitation;
 - (b) to step up co-operation with other United Nations agencies dealing with the protection of children's rights;
 - (c) to follow up the Joint Committee's recommendations, in particular those regarding the joint study on the status and conditions of work of teachers;
 - (d) to continue to collaborate with UNICEF in activities on education for girls and women.

(150 EX/SR.16)

3.2.4 Invitations to the International Conference of States to examine and adopt the draft Council of Europe/UNESCO Convention on the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education in the Europe region (150 EX/35 and 150 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that at its twenty-eighth session the General Conference authorized the Executive Board to take appropriate measures to convene an international conference of States to examine and adopt the draft Council of Europe/UNESCO Convention on the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education in the Europe region,
2. Having examined document 150 EX/35,
3. Decides that the conference will be held in Spring 1997, it being understood that the Director-General of UNESCO and the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe will decide on the exact dates, venue and modalities;
4. Authorizes the Director-General:
 - (a) to invite, together with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, the participants, representatives and observers listed in document 150 EX/35;
 - (b) to issue, together with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, any other invitations which may be deemed useful for advancing the work of the Conference, notifying the Executive Board thereof.

(150 EX/SR.1)

3.2.5 World Conference on Linguistic Rights: Barcelona Declaration (150 EX/37 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 150 EX/37,
2. Takes note with interest of the text of the Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights adopted following the proceedings of the World Conference on Linguistic Rights, held on the initiative of International PEN in Barcelona (Spain) from 6 to 9 June 1996.

(150 EX/SR.16)

3.3 Science

3.3.1 Report by the Director-General on measures to give operational flexibility in administrative and financial matters to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and on the work of the ad hoc Group on the Development, Operations, Structure and Statutes (DOSS II) of IOC (150 EX/9 and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of document 150 EX/9 on the measures taken by the Director-General, within his prerogative, to give operational flexibility in administrative and financial matters to IOC;
2. Notes that the ad hoc Study Group on IOC Development, Operations, Structure and Statutes (DOSS II) is examining the further measures proposed;
3. Requests the Director-General to submit to it, at its 152nd session, after the IOC Assembly has considered the interim report of the ad hoc Study Group (DOSS II), a report and an evaluation of the measures adopted to give IOC operational flexibility.

(150 EX/SR.16)

3.3.2 Establishment of the Special Account for the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (150 EX/10 and Corr. and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 2.2 on the transfer of administrative responsibility for the International Centre for Theoretical Physics to UNESCO,
2. Takes note of the creation of the Special Account for the operation of the Centre, and of the related Financial Regulations contained in the annex hereto.

Annex

Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the International Centre for Theoretical Physics

Article 1. Creation of a Special Account of UNESCO

1.1 With reference to the tripartite agreement between UNESCO, IAEA and Italy, and in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.6 of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the International Centre for Theoretical Physics. The following regulations shall govern the operation of this Special Account.

Article 2. Financial period

2.1 The financial period shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December each year.

Article 3. Income

3.1 The income of the Centre shall consist of:

- (a) the financial allocations determined by the General Conference of UNESCO, the General Conference of IAEA, the contributions of

the Italian Government, and such subventions, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it by other United Nations agencies, governments, public or private organizations, associations or individuals, provided the purpose for which they are made is consistent with the policies, aims and activities of the Centre;

- (b) fees collected for special purposes;
- (c) miscellaneous revenue.

3.2 The Director of the Centre, acting on the authorization of the Director-General of UNESCO, may accept income as set forth in Article 3.1 on behalf of the Centre, provided that, in any case which would involve additional financial liability for the Centre, he/she obtains the prior approval of the Steering Committee and the consent of the Executive Board of UNESCO.

3.3 The Director shall report to the Centre's Steering Committee on any subventions, contributions, grants, gifts or bequests accepted.

Article 4. Budget

4.1 The Director shall prepare, in a form to be determined by the Steering Committee, the financial plans and budget proposals of the Centre and shall submit them to the Committee for approval.

4.2 The Director is authorized to increase or decrease the approved appropriations on the basis of the actual resources that become available from the income mentioned in Article 3.1 above, and shall report thereon in the accounts submitted to the Steering Committee.

4.3 Appropriations shall remain available for obligation during the financial period to which they relate.

4.4 Appropriations shall remain available for 12 months following the end of the financial period to which they relate to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations for goods supplied and services rendered in the financial period and to liquidate any outstanding legal obligations of the financial period.

4.5 The balance of the appropriations remaining unobligated at the close of a financial period shall revert to the General Account of the Centre.

4.6 At the end of the 12-month period provided for in Article 4.4, the then remaining unspent balance of appropriations shall revert to the General Account of the Centre.

4.7 The Director shall give information to the Steering Committee on the different amounts credited to the General Account under Articles 4.5 and 4.6 and on the reasons for their transfer thereto.

Article 5. The General Account

5.1 There shall be established a General Account to which shall be credited the income of the Centre as described in Article 3 and which shall be used to finance the approved budget of the Centre.

5.2 The balance remaining in this General Account shall be carried forward from year to year.

5.3 The uses to which this balance may be put shall be determined by the Steering Committee.

Article 6. Custody and investment of funds

6.1 All the funds of the Centre shall be deposited without delay with banks or other depositories selected by the Director or other officer of the Centre to whom such power is delegated by the Director in accordance with the financial rules and banking procedures of UNESCO.

6.2 The Director may make such investments of moneys not needed for immediate requirements as he considers appropriate, in accordance with the investment policies of UNESCO.

6.3 Income earned on such investments shall be credited to the Miscellaneous Income of the Centre.

Article 7. Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts and Subsidiary Special Accounts

7.1 The Director shall establish a Reserve Fund to cover, *inter alia*, the working capital and end-of-service indemnities and other related liabilities which shall be reviewed annually by the Steering Committee at the time of budget approval.

7.2 Trust Funds, Subsidiary Special Accounts and any other Reserve Accounts may be established by the Director, who shall report thereon to the Steering Committee.

7.3 The Director may when necessary, in connection with the purpose of a Trust Fund, Reserve Account or Subsidiary Special Account, prepare special financial regulations to govern the operations of these funds or accounts and shall report thereon to the Steering Committee. Unless otherwise provided these funds and accounts shall be administered in accordance with these regulations.

Article 8. Internal control

8.1 The Director shall:

- (a) establish financial rules in order to ensure effective financial and economic administration. These rules and any changes thereto shall be submitted for approval to the Steering Committee at its meeting following their establishment or amendment;

- (b) cause all payments to be made on the basis of supporting vouchers and other documents which ensure that the services or goods have been received, and that payment has not previously been made;
- (c) designate the officers who may receive moneys, incur obligations and make payments on behalf of the Centre;
- (d) maintain internal financial control which shall provide for regular and effective examination and for review of financial transactions in order to ensure:
 - (i) the regularity of the receipt, custody and disposal of all funds and other financial resources of the Centre;
 - (ii) the conformity of obligations and expenditures with the appropriations or other financial provisions which may be determined by the Steering Committee, or with the purposes of Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts and Subsidiary Special Accounts and the rules relating thereto;
 - (iii) the economic use of the resources of the Centre.

8.2 No obligation shall be incurred until allotments have been made in writing under the authority of the Director.

8.3 The Director may make such *ex gratia* payments as he deems to be necessary in the interest of the Centre, provided that a statement of such payments is submitted to the Steering Committee with the annual accounts.

8.4 The Director may, after full investigation, authorize the writing-off of losses of cash, stores and other assets, provided that a statement of all such amounts written off is submitted to the External Auditor with the annual accounts.

Article 9. Accounts

9.1 The Director shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary and shall submit to the Steering Committee annual accounts showing, for the financial period to which they relate:

- (a) income and expenditure of all funds;
- (b) the budgetary situation including:
 - (i) original appropriations;
 - (ii) appropriations as modified by any transfers or additional appropriations;
 - (iii) the amounts charged against these appropriations;
- (c) the assets and liabilities of the Centre.

The Director shall also give such other information as may be appropriate to indicate the current financial position of the Centre.

9.2 The annual accounts of the Centre shall be presented in United States dollars. Accounting records may, however, be kept in such currency or currencies as the Director may deem necessary.

9.3 Appropriate separate accounts shall be maintained for all Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts and Subsidiary Special Accounts.

Article 10. External audit

10.1 The accounts of the Centre for the biennial financial period of UNESCO shall be submitted for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO no later than 31 March following the financial period of UNESCO to which they relate, and the opinion of the External Auditor relating to the accounts shall be submitted to the Steering Committee. These accounts shall be incorporated into the audited final accounts of UNESCO submitted for acceptance through the Executive Board to the General Conference.

(150 EX/SR.16)

3.4 Culture

3.4.1 Report of the World Commission on Culture and Development (150 EX/11 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 149 EX/Decision 3.5.1 concerning the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development,
2. Noting the oral and written comments of Member States and of non-governmental organizations and prominent experts and individuals (149 EX/10 and Add. and 150 EX/11) on that report,
3. Noting the preliminary proposals by the Director-General on the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (150 EX/5, Part II) regarding the importance of continuing the process of reflection based on the report,
4. Considering the report's analysis of the need for multisectoral participation in national cultural policies to reflect the interaction between culture and development,
5. Gratefully welcomes the offer of the Government of Sweden to arrange in Stockholm an international conference (category II) of ministers and other parties on cultural policies (30 March-4 April 1998), as part of its contribution to the follow-up to the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development;
6. Invites the Director-General to consult with the Swedish authorities on the terms of reference of the conference and the list of participants, and to submit those terms of reference and list of participants to it at its 151st session, with a view to convening the conference.

3.4.2 Designation of States Parties to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict to be invited to the meeting of 20 governmental experts organized to discuss the improvement of the Convention (150 EX/12 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 149 EX/Decision 3.5.2 concerning the convening of a meeting of 20 governmental experts on the review of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict,
2. Noting that the Director-General has consulted with the chairpersons of the electoral groups of Member States and has obtained a list of 20 States Parties to the Convention interested in participating in the meeting in accordance with the distribution between the electoral groups proposed in document 149 EX/11, which reads as follows:

Azerbaijan	India	Russian Federation
Belgium	Iraq	Spain
Croatia	Lebanon	Switzerland
Cuba	Madagascar	Thailand
Egypt	Mexico	Turkey
Ghana	Netherlands	Ukraine
Guinea	Pakistan	

3. Approves the Director-General's proposal to invite each of the above-mentioned States to appoint one expert who will participate in the meeting of governmental experts on the review of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict;
4. Invites the Director-General to call the Member States' attention to the possibility of their sending observers to the meeting;
5. Decides that the following organizations will be invited to send an observer to the meeting:

International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and the Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

International Council of Museums (ICOM)

International Council on Archives (ICA)

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

3.4.3 Jerusalem and the implementation of 147 EX/Decision 3.6.1 (150 EX/13 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and the Protocol thereto, and the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention and its Additional Protocols,
2. Recalling also that the Old City of Jerusalem is inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and that its protection also comes within the framework of the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage,
3. Recalling further Security Council resolution 478 of 20 August 1980, that determined the illegal nature of all of the measures and actions taken by Israel with the aim of altering the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, which it declared to be null and void,
4. Considering that the Israeli authorities have opened an entrance to the tunnel running along the western wall of al-Saram ash-Sharif and extending as far as the area of Bâb al-Fawâghr, an act which has offended religious sensibilities in the world,
5. Stressing the necessity of ensuring the implementation of all resolutions and decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Board of UNESCO relating to the preservation of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem, notably 147 EX/Decision 3.6.1 and 28 C/Resolution 3.14, in which it was requested 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',
6. Deplores the opening by the Israeli authorities of the aforesaid tunnel and the dozens of deaths and hundreds of injuries, which plunged the region once again into a vortex of violence;
7. Requests the Israeli authorities to return the tunnel to its state prior to the events of 23 September 1996, in accordance with the relevant international decisions, rules and instruments;
8. Expresses its great apprehension at the slowing down of the peace process and the delay in the implementation of the agreements in this connection, which threaten the peace process in the Middle East;
9. Calls upon the Director-General to take all necessary measures to ensure follow-up of the implementation of the present decision;
10. Decides to postpone to the 151st session its consideration of the other matters in the Director-General's report (150 EX/13).

(150 EX/SR.16)

3.4.4 Report by the Director-General 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 (150 EX/14 and 150 EX/41)

The Board examined document 150 EX/14 without taking a decision thereon.

3.5 Communication

3.5.1 The challenges of the information superhighways: the role of UNESCO (150 EX/15)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 150 EX/15,
2. Recalling that according to its Constitution UNESCO must 'collaborate in the work of advancing the mutual knowledge and understanding of peoples, through all means of mass communication and ... promote the free flow of ideas by word and image',
3. Considering that a fundamental objective of the emerging global information society for the third millennium is to achieve information for all,
4. Noting the broad consensus achieved in the consultations undertaken by UNESCO on the information superhighways and new applications of information and communication technologies,
5. Bearing in mind the importance attached by the General Conference to promoting a deontological approach to information technologies in keeping with UNESCO's ethical mission, with a view to achieving the harmonious development of these technologies while ensuring respect for linguistic and cultural pluralism, copyright and the right to privacy,
6. Convinced of the need to implement, in an efficient and timely manner, the strategies and activities foreseen in documents 28 C/4 and 28 C/5 on the information superhighways and new applications of information and communication technologies, *inter alia* for the Organization's own functioning, with the participation of the National Commissions and Permanent Delegations,
7. Preoccupied by the possible social effects of the gap that exists between the information-rich and the information-poor both among and within countries and regions,
8. Considering that the international debate on the information superhighways too often concentrates on the question of technological infrastructure,
9. Emphasizes the importance of UNESCO's role in promoting capacity-building and technological self-reliance in developing societies so that they

can play an active role on the information superhighways, in particular through the production of their own cultural and scientific information;

10. Stresses the importance of UNESCO's contribution to the formulation of a body of educational, scientific, cultural and legal principles applicable to cyberspace;
11. Welcomes the progress achieved in establishing a framework for action in these areas and in implementing intersectoral and inter-agency programme activities in this field for the harmonious joint development of all countries;
12. Invites the Director-General to continue UNESCO's work within this framework, actively involving Member States, in order to achieve maximum impact of the programme in the last two biennia of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy, and to provide the division concerned with the necessary means to perform its task successfully;
13. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 151st session, together with their budgetary implications, concrete proposals designed to:
 - (a) ensure that UNESCO plays a pioneering role in the use of the information superhighways for education, science, culture, communication and information;
 - (b) reaffirm UNESCO's place in the vanguard of reflection on the global information society, concentrating the Organization's efforts on the preparation of strategies and policies to ensure the participation of the developing countries and of civil society in all Member States;
 - (c) support the efforts of professional communities to define and promote ethical principles in cyberspace;
 - (d) enable UNESCO to serve as a clearing-house collecting information on developments in cyberspace in the Organization's fields of competence and observing the principle of linguistic pluralism;
 - (e) ensure that UNESCO participates, in close co-operation with other interested international organizations, in harmonizing future cyberspace law and in the preparatory work for drawing up an international instrument taking proper account of education, science and culture, respect for privacy and the free flow of information;
14. Views favourably the proposal to organize a UNESCO conference on information and communication for development, following the consultations and reflection foreseen in the current biennium and as a joint undertaking with other competent and interested institutions of the United Nations system, provided that sufficient resources can be mobilized within the Organization and from external partners.

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** (150 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 150 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(150 EX/SR.15)

- 4.2 Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (150 EX/33)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its discussion on this subject at its 149th session (149 EX/SR.8),
2. Having examined document 150 EX/33,
3. Decides to incorporate in its Rules of Procedure the amendments contained in paragraphs 9, 10 and 13 of that document.

(150 EX/SR.15)

ITEM 5 DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1998-1999 (29 C/5)

- 5.1 Preliminary proposals concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5)** (150 EX/5, Part I and Add. and Parts II and III, and 150 EX/INF.7, 150 EX/INF.8 and 150 EX/INF.9)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's preliminary proposals concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5) submitted in document 150 EX/5 (Parts II and III),
2. Taking into account the comments and proposals made by Member States and intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999, which are reflected in document 150 EX/5 (Part I and Add.),
3. Also taking into account the debates at its 149th and 150th sessions, in particular the observations and suggestions made by the Members of the Executive Board on agenda item 5.1 in plenary, the Director-General's introduction and reply to this debate, and the deliberations of the Programme and External Relations Commission, the Finance and Administrative Commission and the NGO Committee,
4. Invites the Director-General to prepare the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5) in accordance with the following principles and on the basis of paragraphs 28 to 84 of this decision.

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Programming principles

5. Considers that the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999, which represents the second phase of the implementation of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001, should be elaborated on the basis of the four principles put forward in the Strategy in order to guide the choice of activities: anticipation, willingness to adapt, evaluation and concentration;
6. Recommends that, during the 1998-1999 biennium, the major share of the Organization's efforts and actions be centred on the educational dimension, understood in its broadest sense - education and training, transfer and exchange of knowledge, acquisition of behaviour and skills, grounding in values and awakening of potential;
7. Reaffirms the importance and the contemporary relevance of UNESCO's ethical mission in a world seeking new landmarks and common values at a time when concerted action needs to be taken in the different fields of UNESCO's competence;
8. Reaffirms also the importance of the Organization's role as an intellectual forum for elaborating innovative strategies in its fields of competence to meet major global challenges;
9. Invites the Director-General to include in the next programme and budget appropriate provisions to continue in-depth reflection, at both national and international level, on the contents of the report of the International Commission on Education for the Twenty-First Century and the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development, and notes with satisfaction that at the invitation of the Swedish Government an Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies will be held in 1998 in co-operation with UNESCO as a follow-up to the report on the World Commission on Culture and Development;
10. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 151st session precise proposals concerning the feasibility, mandate, method of work and cost of a World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology, clarifying the relations between this Commission and the International Bioethics Committee (IBC);
11. Considers that, during the next biennium, the Organization should limit itself to organizing two conferences of major importance:
 - (a) a world conference on higher education in 1998, with a view to defining the basic principles that could guide the in-depth reform of higher education systems in order to enhance their contribution to the construction of a society founded on peace, development and democracy;
 - (b) a world conference on science in 1999, organized, if possible, in conjunction with the thirtieth session of the General Conference, with a view to promoting reflection on the role and prospects of science for development at the dawn of the twenty-first century - it

being understood that a vast consultation should be carried out throughout the preparatory process, that the social and human sciences should be adequately represented in it and make a major contribution to it, and that consideration should be given to making use of the potential offered by new technologies to ensure the largest possible participation;

12. Emphasizes the relevance of the interdisciplinary approach for dealing with the complex issues arising in the domains of UNESCO's action;
13. Considers that the transdisciplinary project formula should in no case give rise to the creation of new sectors or the setting-up or retention of cumbersome co-ordination structures, and that each programme sector should assume responsibility for the implementation of activities falling within its competence, including complementarity with activities implemented by other organizations;
14. Underscores the importance of the challenges posed by the new information and communication technologies, and invites the Director-General, within the framework of document 29 C/5, to foresee appropriate measures in order to:
 - (a) strengthen the role of UNESCO as a forum of reflection on the societal impact of these new technologies and related ethical and legal issues;
 - (b) encourage the widening of opportunities for countries to use new technologies in education, science, culture and communication with a view to promoting development;
 - (c) facilitate co-operation and the exchange of information between countries, institutions and specialists on innovative experience in this field;
 - (d) to these ends, enhance UNESCO's own capability in this field;
15. Urges that, in preparing the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5), further progress be made in achieving programme concentration, above all by giving priority to activities aimed at the promotion of education for all throughout life, in particular those relating to basic education, the training of trainers, strengthening the role and status of teachers, improving the contents of education at all levels, the sharing and transfer of knowledge and innovative initiatives aimed at 'reaching the unreached';
16. Recommends that appropriate provisions be foreseen in the Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 in order to strengthen the participation of Member States in the consultation process on document 30 C/5, in particular by organizing regional and subregional meetings of National Commissions, in conformity with 28 C/Resolution 13.1, and by providing support to developing countries, especially the least developed countries, and countries in transition to enable them to mobilize their own experts;

17. Reaffirms the importance of evaluation for improving both programme concentration and the efficiency of programme implementation; therefore stresses the need to improve the quality of evaluation, as well as monitoring and reporting systems, to increase the participation of Member States, in particular, through their National Commissions, in carrying out the evaluations, and to ensure that the results of evaluations are available in time, and recommends that 0.5 per cent of direct programme costs continue to be earmarked for internal and external evaluation activities;
18. Recommends that action in favour of the four priority groups - women, youth, African Member States and least developed countries - be further strengthened, in particular by reallocating existing resources for meeting, within UNESCO's fields of competence, the urgent needs of the most disadvantaged population categories within each of these groups, and stresses, in this context, the need to ensure close co-ordination with the activities implemented by other international organizations on their behalf, particularly within the context of the relevant global strategies and frameworks of action (e.g. Beijing Platform of Action for women, World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, Priority Action programmes under the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa);
19. Invites the Director-General to ensure, in document 29 C/5, the follow-up to the recommendations of the Audience Africa meeting and, in particular, the decisions concerning their implementation which it adopted at its 146th session;
20. Stresses the importance of associating young people closely in the formulation and implementation of strategies and programmes designed, in particular, to respond to problems encountered by them;
21. Considers that the modalities of launching and implementing the 'special' projects introduced in document 28 C/5 to address the urgent needs of the priority groups should be clarified and, if necessary, modified in document 29 C/5, in the light of an assessment of the implementation of each of the projects envisaged under document 28 C/5;
22. Recalls that UNESCO should give priority to formulating global strategies in its fields of competence as a response to world problems, but that such strategies can be effective only if they are adapted to the specific problems of Member States as expressed at regional, subregional or national levels;
23. Recommends in this perspective that due attention be given to devising and applying specific strategies to respond to the special and urgent needs of certain groups of countries with common characteristics, in conformity with paragraphs 215 and 216 of the Medium-Term Strategy;
24. Invites the Director-General to include in document 29 C/5 provisions for providing advice and guidance for the elaboration of a specific strategy for the Baltic Sea region;
25. Stresses that during the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 full account should be taken of the need to:

- (a) further strengthen activities under co-operation for development, especially 'upstream' activities aimed at the identification and formulation of projects to be financed by extra-budgetary resources; 5 per cent of direct programme costs should continue to be earmarked for these activities, and field offices and National Commissions should be encouraged to take a more active part in them;
 - (b) reinforce existing frameworks of co-operation at international, regional and subregional levels, in particular by supporting the development of regional and subregional programmes and projects, as well as networks for the exchange of information, experience and expertise;
 - (c) use innovative forms of action, along with direct support to development efforts of Member States, with a view to enhancing endogenous capacities in the various domains of UNESCO's action;
 - (d) reinforce inter-linkages between regular programme activities and those funded by extra-budgetary resources;
 - (e) strengthen co-operation with intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations, with a view to enhancing the synergy of programme actions and their multiplier effect;
26. Considers that the National Commissions, which, in the words of 26 C/Resolution 13.2, are among the chief participants in the decentralization process, should be more closely associated in the development, implementation and evaluation of programmes and in the identification of national priorities for co-operation for development - it being understood that it is up to the Member States to enable the National Commissions fully to discharge their role;
27. Reaffirms that, within the framework of the decentralization process and in accordance with 136 EX/Decision 3.3, efforts should focus on:
- (a) increased decentralization of programme activities and the related resources, on the understanding that decentralization of structures should not run ahead of decentralization of programmes and that additional tasks and resources should be given only to offices which evaluation reports have shown to be efficient;
 - (b) reinforcing collaboration between the field offices and the National Commissions with a view to strengthening the complementarity of their roles, taking fully into account the services rendered to UNESCO by National Commissions, in accordance with their Charter;
 - (c) the completion of the external evaluation of the existing offices and the existing pattern of decentralization, before the establishment of new offices is considered.

Proposed programme

28. Recommends that the next programme be prepared on the basis of the proposals contained in document 150 EX/5 (Part II), taking due account of the following.

Major Programme I

29. The concept of education for all throughout life should guide, in particular, all actions under this major programme and facilitate access to learning opportunities at all levels; to this end, emphasis should be placed on both formal and non-formal modes of education and training, including applications and the use of information and communication technologies in education, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the Second International Congress on Education and Informatics (Moscow, July 1996);
30. There should be a renewed commitment by UNESCO to basic education for all - both young people, from early childhood, and adults - as being the highest priority; the conclusions and recommendations of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All (Amman, June 1996), which conducted a review of the progress made since the Jomtien Conference (1990), should be duly taken into account, with emphasis on 'reaching the unreached';
31. Increased emphasis should be placed on:
- (a) activities aimed at promoting the education of girls and women;
 - (b) improving the quality and relevance of the contents of education, in particular education in civics and ethics, environment education, science and technology education, technical and vocational education (UNEVOC programme), and - in co-operation with Major Programme III - artistic education and the development of creativity;
32. High priority should be given to the means of enhancing the role and status of teachers and other education agents, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the 45th session of the International Conference on Education (Geneva, 1996);
33. Action to assist countries to develop higher education and to intensify interregional and regional co-operation (UNITWIN programme) should be continued and stepped up;
34. The three international UNESCO Institutes (IBE, IIEP and UIE) should be closely involved in the implementation of activities under Major Programme I, in the interest of all Member States.

Major Programme II

35. The strengthening of national capacities in university teaching and research in basic sciences and engineering disciplines and the

reinforcement of regional and international co-operation in this area should be one of the major focuses of this major programme;

36. The follow-up to the World Solar Summit should be accorded high priority; UNESCO should launch an appeal to international financial institutions, UNDP and other appropriate agencies for the implementation of the World Solar Programme. UNESCO, for its part, should assume primary responsibility for education and training in the field of renewable energies and contribute to the dissemination and exchange of information in this field; provision should be made to mobilize extra-budgetary resources to accomplish this task;
37. Emphasis should be placed on the development of a culture of maintenance in developing countries, in particular on preparing a culture of maintenance project, as foreseen in 149 EX/Decision 3.3.1(II), and on the participation of developing countries in international networks for the exchange of scientific and technological knowledge;
38. Special attention should be given to strengthening co-operation between research institutions and industry, especially through the development of the University-Industry-Science Partnership (UNISPAR) Programme;
39. The visibility and coherence of all of UNESCO's activities in the social and human sciences, including human rights and philosophy and ethics, should be enhanced, in particular by including in document 29 C/5 a recapitulatory table of all relevant budgetary items and a coherent synthesis of the corresponding programmes; in this context, the re-establishment of a major programme in social and human sciences should not be ruled out;
40. Higher priority should be given to the promotion of teaching, training and research in the main disciplines of the social and human sciences;
41. The World Report on the Social Sciences should be designed in such a way that it could also serve as a major reference document for the World Science Conference;
42. Activities in the field of philosophy and ethics should receive due attention with a view to fostering philosophy teaching and education in ethics and to promoting critical reflection on major contemporary issues that are at the heart of UNESCO's concerns;
43. Stress should be placed on strengthening co-operation among UNESCO's five intergovernmental scientific programmes;
44. The MOST programme should be strengthened and the activities implemented within the framework of the three themes of this programme should focus mainly on devising policy guidelines to combat exclusion;
45. Within the framework of the follow-up to the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty and in close co-operation with the competent institutions of the United Nations system, a network should be established in pursuance of the provisions of paragraph 02408 of document 28 C/5 Approved, which will be responsible for preparing an International Best

Practice Forum on Solidarity for Social Development to be held in the context of the thirtieth session of the General Conference; a preparatory workshop financed by extra-budgetary resources should be organized with the participation of practitioners, experts and specialists;

46. Activities concerning youth should be implemented within the framework of innovative strategies aimed at encouraging young people to play a more prominent role in society and to participate actively in the preparation of programmes and activities that concern them; they should take fully into account the relevant decisions of the Executive Board and the General Conference, including 126 EX/Decision4.1(D), concerning youth leaders.

Major Programme III

47. The Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 should ensure the follow-up to the major accomplishments of the World Decade for Cultural Development; to that end, the theme Culture and Development should remain a priority in UNESCO's programmes and provide a framework for the continuation of actions begun under the World Decade;
48. Higher priority should be given to training activities, with a view to reinforcing endogenous capacities, both in the area of cultural creativity and that of the preservation and enhancement of the heritage;
49. Special attention should be given to formulating and implementing strategies for the safeguard, revitalization and dissemination of intangible heritage;
50. Efforts to promote living cultures should focus on the enhancement of traditional cultural expressions and popular creative skills, as well as arts education (in co-operation with Major Programme I), and the training of artists, the protection of their rights and the improvement of their status;
51. Within the framework of activities promoting publishing and reading, provision should be made in respect of Africa, on the basis of the experience gained in other regions: for a regional meeting of experts on the problems involved in publishing low-cost books; for technical support for identifying and preparing national and trans-national projects for the publication of popular editions to disseminate African literature; and for seeking extra-budgetary funds for implementing these projects;
52. Increased importance should be given to the exchange of experience concerning management methods in the field of culture, in particular with regard to the training of cultural actors and financial support for cultural activities.

Major Programme IV

53. Priority should be given to strengthening the capabilities of Member States, particularly developing countries, in the fields of communication, information and informatics, with emphasis on training; in this connection, special attention should be given to strengthening co-ordination with all

the other organizations of the United Nations system and to an increased mobilization of all partners;

54. Priority should also continue to be given to promoting the free flow of information and, in particular, the freedom of the press and the pluralism and independence of the media;
55. This major programme should be reinforced taking into account the possibilities and challenges in UNESCO's fields of competence created by the rapid expansion of new technologies, with a view to enabling the Organization to play its role in strengthening the capabilities of Member States in this area, in conformity with 28 C/Resolution 15;
56. Document 29 C/5 should include provision for strengthening UNESCO's function as a clearing house and forum of interdisciplinary reflection on the new information and communication technologies; the role that PGI could play in that regard should be highlighted;
57. Consultations and preparatory activities should be pursued with a view to convening, at the dawn of the new millennium, a conference on information and communication;
58. Emphasis should be placed on the strengthening of co-operation and increased complementarity of action between IPDC, PGI and IIP;
59. Special attention should be given to the development of public community libraries.

Transdisciplinary projects

Environment and population education and information for development (EPD)

60. The project should be reconsidered or reoriented, as appropriate, in the light of the results of the project evaluation currently under way and taking into account the recommendations of the Executive Board following its examination of the findings of the evaluation report at its 151st session;
61. Whatever the results of evaluation, future activities should give the highest priority to the educational dimension and emphasize the integration of environment and population education in curricula at all levels of education - both formal and non-formal.

Towards a culture of peace

62. All of UNESCO's activities ought to contribute to peace, in accordance with the constitutional mandate of the Organization. With a view to enabling the Executive Board to formulate for the General Conference an informed opinion on the renewal of the project 'Towards a culture of peace', its objectives should therefore be more clearly defined in relation to the overall mandate of UNESCO. These objectives should be reflected in the form of more concrete activities based on strengthened intersectoral co-operation, in order to achieve a tangible cumulative effect; the report

on the implementation of the project requested by the Executive Board at its 146th session, and which the Director-General is invited to submit to it at its 151st session, should make clear, in particular, how this project represents an 'added value' to UNESCO's action and how it contributes to fostering cross-sectoral co-operation;

63. UNESCO's role in this field is pre-eminently educational in nature; its task is to mobilize, in its fields of competence, all ways and means of promoting education and training for peace, human rights, democracy, non-violence, tolerance and international understanding; the activities implemented under this transdisciplinary project should be closely interrelated with education and training activities foreseen under the other programmes;
64. Action under Unit 1 should contribute to the implementation of the World Plan of Action on Education for Human Rights and Democracy (Montreal, 1993) and the Integrated Framework of Action on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy approved by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session; high priority should be given to the expansion and improvement of the Associated Schools Project;
65. The importance of bilateral and multilateral co-operation in the areas of history teaching and research in history, including the preparation of school textbooks, should be highlighted;
66. Particular attention should be given to UNESCO's contribution to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1998, in close co-operation with the other institutions of the United Nations system;
67. Increased attention should be given to the means of consolidating cultural pluralism - including its religious aspects and especially in multicultural societies - such as plurilinguism and dialogue among religions, with a view to strengthening tolerance and respect for the human being and to combating all forms of violation of human dignity;
68. Within the framework of the International Decade for the World's Indigenous People, document 29 C/5 should include provisions aimed at strengthening social cohesion within multi-ethnic and pluri-cultural societies by means of intersectoral projects and in liaison with the MOST programme;
69. The action foreseen under Unit 4 should focus mainly on education and training activities and, in particular, on contributing to the efforts to rebuild education services in countries in post-conflict situations and on supporting pluralistic and independent media within the framework of assistance for the re-establishment of democratic processes;
70. With regard to co-operation with armed forces, the proposals which might be included in document 29 C/5 should clearly indicate the objectives, scope and modalities of the initiatives envisaged. These initiatives, which should fall clearly within the fields of UNESCO's

competence, should only be undertaken in close co-operation with Member States and through the usual channels of communication.

III

Presentation of the C/5 document

71. Document 29 C/5 should be concise, clear and transparent. It should present a plan of action defining the objectives to be attained during the biennium, the steps envisaged for attaining those objectives, the costs and the necessary resources, clearly indicating the funds foreseen under the regular budget and those expected from extra-budgetary sources;
72. Detailed information concerning the way in which it is proposed to implement the proposals (e.g. new initiatives, date of completion of projects, explanations concerning the proposed increase or reduction in resources, units responsible for the implementation of activities, etc.) should be provided to the Executive Board at its 151st session, to enable it to prepare its recommendations on the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999, and to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session.

IV

The budget

A

73. Drawing the attention of the Director-General to the downward trend of budgets of international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, to nominal zero growth and even less,
74. Further drawing the attention of the Director-General to the similar trend in national budgets of almost all Member States, caused by the severe financial constraints they are facing,
75. Also drawing the attention of the Director-General to the strong wish of Members of the Executive Board to restrict the budget for 1998-1999 to a level reflecting the above circumstances,
76. Recommends that the Director-General, having noted the aforesaid concerns, prepare a Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5) of up to but not in any circumstances exceeding US \$544,367,250, on the basis of the following guidelines:
 - (a) the following budgeting techniques should be applied:
 - (i) the constant dollar principle - for document 29 C/5 the constant dollar rate will be fixed at 5.70 French francs and 1.45 Swiss francs to 1 United States dollar;
 - (ii) treatment of inflation through:
 - recosting to be applied according to a new method, as proposed in Part III of document 150 EX/5;

- anticipated cost increases;
 - (iii) description of the effects of currency fluctuation and the mechanism for dealing with it in the Appropriation Resolution, the budget to be approved by the General Conference to be that appearing in constant dollars in Parts I to VII;
 - (iv) zero-base budgeting;
 - (v) application of realistic budget standards;
 - (vi) an adjustment of not less than 3 per cent for staff turnover and delays in recruitment (lapse factor);
 - (vii) distribution of staff and indirect programme costs;
 - (viii) programme analysis by form of action and function;
 - (ix) distribution of administrative and common service costs;
 - (x) integration of extra-budgetary resources;
 - (xi) integration of support costs income;
 - (b) the inflation costs for 1996-1997 (recosting) and the estimated cost of inflation in 1998-1999 (Part VII of the budget - Anticipated Cost Increases) should be budgeted for within the amount of US \$544,367,250 in document 29 C/5 and updated regularly until the eve of the General Conference, after careful examination of all data available;
77. Reaffirms 149 EX/Decision 4.2, and invites the Director-General to minimize all costs not directly relating to programme implementation, especially in respect of personnel;

B

78. Recalling and reaffirming 149 EX/Decision 4.2 concerning the preparation of the next UNESCO Programme and Budget,
79. Having considered the preliminary proposals for the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5) contained in document 150 EX/5 (Parts I, II and III),
80. Bearing in mind its responsibilities as established in Article V.B6(a) and (b) of the Constitution on the preparation and execution of the programme,
81. Reaffirming the need for both the Secretariat and the Member States to be more committed to the evaluation of the programme,

82. Also reaffirming the need for the Member States to be provided in good time with all the information and elements needed to take decisions on the future C/5 document,
83. Invites the Director-General, in the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5) to be submitted at its 151st session:
- (a) to present all the elements (inflation, exchange rates – especially in the field, etc.) which have been considered, as well as the method applied for recosting and for calculation of the cost increases with due respect for the principle of zero-base budgeting;
 - (b) to justify the estimates of expenses for every programme and subprogramme, providing, where relevant, a comparison with projected actual expenditures in 1996-1997;
 - (c) to indicate for every programme and subprogramme:
 - (i) the unit or bureau in charge of its execution and the personnel involved, together with related costs according to the existing detailed presentation in Appendix II to document 28 C/5 Approved;
 - (ii) the unit(s) or bureau(x) involved in its co-ordination and the personnel concerned, together with related costs;
 - (iii) the expected period of execution of every project;
 - (d) to present a more detailed organizational chart which describes all units at Headquarters and in the field;
 - (e) to present separately the activities to be financed from the regular budget exclusively, and those to be co-financed with extra-budgetary resources;
 - (f) to reduce the volume of the C/5 document, in its present form, by providing references to the respective paragraphs of document 28 C/4 and thereby making the description of objectives more concise;
84. Further invites the Director-General to consider the C/3 document not only as a report on the Organization's past activities, but also as a basic instrument for formulating proposals on future C/5 documents: for this purpose to introduce into the C/3 document data on the costs of every programme and subprogramme, information on projects implemented and terminated as well as on those which have not been implemented and the reasons therefor, and also data on the costs and results of programme-related conferences and meetings.

5.2 Implementation of 28 C/Resolution 11.3 concerning UNESCO's policy regarding public information and publications (150 EX/16 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 150 EX/16,
2. Takes note of its content.

(150 EX/SR.16)

ITEM 6 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

6.1 Financial report and audited financial statements of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 1995 and report by the External Auditor (150 EX/17 and Add. and Corr. and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 150 EX/17 and Add. and Corr.,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the quality and objectivity of his work and for his willingness to report to it at its 155th session on the results of action taken regarding the main points raised in document 150 EX/17 Add.;
3. Invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session;
4. Decides to transmit to the General Conference the report of the External Auditor and the audited financial statements of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 1995.

(150 EX/SR.16)

6.2 Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1995 (150 EX/18 and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 150 EX/18,
2. Approves on behalf of the General Conference, as authorized by 28 C/Resolution 23.2, the audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1995.

(150 EX/SR.16)

6.3 Report by the Director-General on measures that might be taken to ensure the effective application of the amended Rule 79 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference concerning the right to vote (150 EX/19 and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on measures that might be taken to ensure the effective application of the amendments to Rule 79 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference concerning the right to vote (150 EX/19),
2. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to attach to the notification that he is required to send to Member States in danger of losing their voting rights the form/letter shown in Annex IV to document 150 EX/19, which they should use if they wish to invoke the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution;
 - (b) in the same notification, to draw to the attention of Member States that are in arrears in their payment plans approved by the General Conference the particular provisions in the Rules of Procedure concerning them;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that in consideration of communications from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution to obtain voting rights, the phrase 'failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member State' should be selectively applied, taking fully into account the Member State's history of payment of its contributions in preceding years and previous requests for voting rights;
4. Considers that the acceptance of a large number of payment plans deferring payment of assessed contributions to future years places an additional burden on the cash resources of the Organization, which are already tightly stretched;
5. Recommends that the General Conference should apply the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(b), of the Constitution in all cases where there is default in payment of instalments by due dates scheduled on payment plans approved at previous sessions of the General Conference;
6. Invites Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution in the future to inform the General Conference of concrete measures taken to eliminate their arrears at the earliest, but, if proposing payment plans, to schedule payment of their arrears in such plans over the shortest period of time possible.

(150 EX/SR.16)

6.4 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1996-1997 (150 EX/20 and Add. and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1996-1997 budget and his report on donations and special contributions received since the 149th session of the Executive Board and appropriated to the regular budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session (28 C/Resolution 14, paras. A(e) and (b)) (150 EX/20 and Add.),
2. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,
3. Approves the transfer between appropriation lines of a staff budget amounting to \$2,164,400, to meet the requirements of the Priority Africa Department;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 6 of document 150 EX/20 and in paragraph 1 of document 150 EX/20 Add.;
5. Notes that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, adjusted the appropriations to the regular budget by increasing it by an amount of \$986,338, as follows:

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Part II.A - Major Programme I	231,518
Part II.A - Major Programme II	632,112
Part II.A - Major Programme III	101,166
Part II.A - Major Programme IV	19,355
Part II.B - Chapter 5	2,187

TOTAL	986,338

6. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table:

Appropriation line	28 C/5 Approved	28 C/5 Approved as adjusted after 149 EX/Dec.6.2	Proposed adjustments			28 C/5 Approved as adjusted after proposed adjustments (150 EX/20)
			Priority Africa Department	Donations and contributions	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Part I - General Policy and Direction						
<i>A. Governing bodies</i>						
1. General Conference	7,356,300	7,383,400	-	-	-	7,383,400
2. Executive Board	8,538,900	8,691,000	-	-	-	8,691,000
Part I.A - Subtotal	15,895,200	16,074,400	-	-	-	16,074,400
<i>B. Direction</i>						
3. Directorate	1,627,200	1,656,000	-	-	-	1,656,000
4. Services of the Directorate	19,744,200	20,286,300	(270,700)	-	(270,700)	20,015,600
Part I.B - Subtotal	21,371,400	21,942,300	(270,700)	-	(270,700)	21,671,600
<i>C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System</i>						
	1,447,000	1,447,000	-	-	-	1,447,000
Part I.C - Subtotal	1,447,000	1,447,000	-	-	-	1,447,000
Part I - TOTAL	38,713,600	39,463,700	(270,700)	-	(270,700)	39,193,000
Part II - Programme Execution and Services						
<i>A. Major Programmes and Transdisciplinary Projects</i>						
I. Towards lifelong education for all	104,025,000	105,667,000	(567,600)	231,518	(336,082)	105,330,918
II. The sciences in the service of development						
- Natural Sciences Sector	63,597,200	64,585,300	-	632,112	632,112	65,217,412
- Social and Human Sciences Sector	21,406,500	21,794,700	-	-	-	21,794,700
III. Cultural development: the heritage and creativity	45,176,200	45,861,900	(345,200)	101,166	(244,034)	45,617,866
IV. Communication, information and informatics	30,560,200	30,967,200	-	19,355	19,355	30,986,555
<i>Transdisciplinary Projects and Activities</i>						
- Environment and population education and information for development	3,920,700	3,993,800	-	-	-	3,993,800
- Towards a culture of peace	16,672,000	16,747,900	-	-	-	16,747,900
- Co-ordination of activities in favour of priority target groups and specific clusters of countries	3,891,800	3,976,600	2,164,400	-	2,164,400	6,141,000
Part II.A - Subtotal	289,249,600	293,594,400	1,251,600	984,151	2,235,751	295,830,151
<i>B. Information and Dissemination Services</i>						
1. Clearing house	5,572,000	5,699,600	-	-	-	5,699,600
2. Statistical programmes and services	5,876,700	6,027,200	-	-	-	6,027,200
3. UNESCO Publishing Office	4,904,400	5,031,600	-	-	-	5,031,600
4. UNESCO Courier Office	4,336,800	4,422,000	-	-	-	4,422,000
5. Office of Public Information	10,251,300	10,473,700	-	2,187	2,187	10,475,887
Part II.B - Subtotal	30,941,200	31,654,100	-	2,187	2,187	31,656,287
<i>C. Participation Programme</i>						
Part II - TOTAL	320,190,800	325,248,500	1,251,600	986,338	2,237,938	327,486,438
Part III - Support for Programme Execution	63,880,500	65,373,100	(980,900)	-	(980,900)	64,392,200
Part IV - Management and Administrative Services	44,127,700	45,454,200	-	-	-	45,454,200
Part V - Maintenance and Security	33,919,500	34,384,300	-	-	-	34,384,300
Part VI - Capital Expenditure	1,618,900	1,618,900	-	-	-	1,618,900
Provision for obligatory expenditure	290,000	290,000	-	-	-	290,000
Parts I to VI - Subtotal	502,741,000	511,832,700	-	986,338	986,338	512,819,038
Part VII - Anticipated Cost Increases	15,704,000	6,612,300	-	-	-	6,612,300
TOTAL, REGULAR PROGRAMME	518,445,000	518,445,000	-	986,338	986,338	519,431,338

6.5 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Information Resources Development Plan (1996-1997) (150 EX/21 and 150 EX/41)

6.6 Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's plan in the field of telecommunications and related information technologies and its implementation. Electronic transfer of documents from Headquarters to Member States (150 EX/22 and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 26 C/Resolution 33, 27 C/Resolution 38 and 28 C/Resolution 36,
2. Reaffirming 147 EX/Decision 7.8 and 149 EX/Decision 6.3,
3. Having examined documents 150 EX/21 and 150 EX/22,
4. Reaffirms the need to increase individual and collective productivity and provide better information services both within the Organization and to Member States;
5. Considers that further productivity gains should be made through the implementation of the Information Resources Development Plan (IRDP) at Headquarters and field offices;
6. Stresses the urgent need to provide better information services to Member States and to establish internal standards that could lay the foundations for the necessary streamlining, in accordance with the Plan, of all Secretariat working methods;
7. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 151st session the Information Technology Master Plan together with proposals on modernizing the Organization's finance, budget, personnel and payroll systems.

(150 EX/SR.16)

6.7 Geographical distribution of staff and medium-term objectives for a better geographical balance (150 EX/23 and Corr. and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 28 C/Resolution 29.2 and 147 EX/Decision 7.12,
2. Having considered document 150 EX/23 and, in particular, the information on the medium-term objectives for a better geographical balance,
3. Urges the Director-General to improve the application of 28 C/Resolution 29.2 and of the principles set forth in document 150 EX/23 with a view to enhancing the geographical distribution of staff;

4. Invites the Director-General to submit a report on the situation regarding the geographical distribution of staff to it at its 152nd session and to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session.

(150 EX/SR.16)

6.8 Report by the Director-General on personnel policy and its financial implications (150 EX/24 and Add. and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 150 EX/24 and its Addendum,
2. Recalling 28 C/Resolution 28.2 and 28 C/Resolution 29.1 requesting the Director-General not to exceed the overall budget for personnel and to respect the budget ceiling,
3. Mindful of 149 EX/Decision 3.1 and 149 EX/Decision 6.7 requesting the Director-General to ensure that no deficit is incurred in staff costs in future and to introduce all measures necessary to implement the programme within the resource availability,
4. Regrets that document 150 EX/24 and its Addendum do not provide all the information requested in 149 EX/Decision 3.1(I), and requests the Director-General to present the missing information in his report on consultants to the 151st session;
5. Notes the establishment of the High-Level Task Force created by the Director-General and the reported results of its work so far;
6. Expresses concern at the projection in document 150 EX/24 of a deficit of \$600,000 in staff costs, bearing in mind that statutory factors might result in staff cost increases;
7. Invites the Director-General to contain all elements of staff costs, taking into account the discussion that took place during the 150th session;
8. Underlines its concern that the existing and aggravating top-heaviness of the staff in comparison with the provision made in document 28 C/5 Approved will have substantial financial repercussions not only during the current biennium but also during the 1998-1999 biennium;
9. Reaffirms that there must be no deficit in staff costs;
10. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 151st session on the staff cost situation.

(150 EX/SR.16)

6.9 Report by the Director-General on the implementation and financing of the Renovation Plan for Headquarters Buildings (150 EX/25 and Add. and 150 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 150 EX/25 and its Addendum, concerning, respectively, the Director-General's proposals and the recommendations

of the Headquarters Committee regarding the work scheduled for 1996-1997 under the Renovation Plan for Headquarters Buildings,

2. Having also noted the recommendations and suggestions of the Headquarters Committee concerning the Renovation Plan for Headquarters Buildings,
3. Takes note of the action undertaken by the Secretariat to implement the work foreseen in the Plan for the 1996-1997 biennium;
4. Particularly appreciates the efforts made by the Chairperson of the Headquarters Committee in co-operation with the members of the Headquarters Committee and the Secretariat for the follow-up of the fund-raising campaign to finance work at Headquarters following the appeal launched on the occasion of the Organization's fiftieth anniversary;
5. Expresses its gratitude to Member States, public and private organizations and individuals for their contributions in cash and in kind, and invites those Member States and private organizations which have not yet done so to respond to the appeal by participating, according to their means, in the renovation and refitting work on Headquarters buildings;
6. Notes with satisfaction the Director-General's intention to make good the anticipated deficit for the 1996-1997 biennium through general savings within the Organization's budget;
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 151st session, jointly with the Headquarters Committee, a detailed report on the progress of the Plan following the mid-term review, together with his proposals for its financing.

(150 EX/SR.16)

6.10 Application by UNESCO of the decisions and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) (150 EX/36, 150 EX/36 Add. and 150 EX/INF.6)

The Executive Board examined documents 150 EX/36, 150 EX/36 Add. and 150 EX/INF.6 without taking a decision thereon.

(150 EX/SR.13)

6.11 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (150 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(150 EX/SR.15)

ITEM 7 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

7.1 Co-operation for development policies and activities implemented with extra-budgetary funding (150 EX/26 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's annual report on development co-operation policies and activities implemented with extra-budgetary funding, and more particularly the statutory part of the report dealing with development co-operation in the United Nations system (150 EX/26),
2. Notes with interest the information contained in that report;
3. Calls the attention of Member States once again to the need, in UNESCO's fields of competence, to pursue co-ordination of the formulation, implementation and follow-up of their development co-operation policies and activities in both national and international fora;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to follow very closely all the matters raised in document 150 EX/26 and, if necessary, to report to it at one of its forthcoming sessions, in particular on the implications for UNESCO of the new approaches adopted by the various international institutions;
5. Supports the measures taken by the Director-General to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat, both at Headquarters and in the field, to respond to the new policies and approaches of bilateral and multilateral donors;
6. Welcomes, among those measures, the steps taken pursuant to 147 EX/Decision 8.5 for the strengthening of the continuing training of personnel both at Headquarters and in the field;
7. Points out that the implementation of extra-budgetary projects should not automatically result in a substantial rise in the Organization's administrative and other costs, or in a significant increase in the number of staff financed from the regular budget;
8. Takes note of United Nations General Assembly resolution 50/120 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and, in respect thereof:
 - (a) specifically supports everything that helps to strengthen the capacity of the developing countries to implement and co-ordinate their national policies;
 - (b) strongly supports, in that context, everything which is conducive to making optimum use of national expertise and to providing support to Member States in defining their sectoral policies and national programmes;

- (c) also supports all the efforts of the United Nations system aimed at strengthening inter-agency co-ordination not only at the national level, but also between the headquarters of each organization, and proposes that the reports of the Joint Consultative Group on Policies should be transmitted to the competent bodies of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) for discussion;
 - (d) welcomes the initiative taken to open up recruitment to posts of resident co-ordinator to a number of Specialized Agencies, and sees that as a step towards the further opening up of such recruitment to other United Nations organizations;
 - (e) wishes to underscore the central role played by the resident co-ordinator at the national level in the search for complementarities and in supporting approaches made by United Nations agencies to national authorities, and supports the Director-General in his determination to ensure maximum synergies between UNESCO field units and, where applicable, National Commissions and the resident co-ordinators;
 - (f) declares itself in favour of supporting the Office of the United Nations System Support and Services (OUNS), which is responsible to the Secretary-General for the co-ordination and logistical support of the resident co-ordinator system, inasmuch as OUNS is to come under the responsibility of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and, to that end, requests the Director-General, in close consultation with the other Specialized Agencies concerned, to identify those measures which are most appropriate;
9. Invites the Director-General to transmit this decision together with document 150 EX/26 to the competent bodies of the United Nations.

(150 EX/SR.16)

7.2 Application of the new Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations, adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session (150 EX/27 and Corr., 150 EX/ONG/2, Parts I and II, and 150 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 150 EX/27 and Corr., entitled 'Application of the new Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session', and document 150 EX/ONG/2, entitled 'Reclassification of non-governmental organizations formerly admitted to categories A, B and C: recommendations and decisions of the Director-General',
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2. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General on the proceedings of the 25th Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations;

3. Approves the interim arrangements made by the Director-General pending the reconvening of the Conference;
4. Emphasizes once again the importance of a rigorous application of the Directives adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session, in the framework of which the mechanisms of collective consultation have an essential place;
5. Invites the Director-General, in accordance with the arrangements and schedule he has drawn up, to submit to it, at its 151st session, proposals to give the NGO Conference and its Standing Committee modes of operation which ensure their representativeness and effectiveness;

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6. Decides to admit to formal consultative relations the organizations listed in Annex 1 of document 150 EX/43;*
7. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to admit to operational relations the organizations listed in Annex 2 of document 150 EX/43;*
8. Also takes note of the list of organizations contained in Annex 3 of the same document,* on which it will decide at its 151st session, when it will also decide on the organizations referred to in paragraph 6 of 149 EX/Decision 7.3;
9. Requests the Director-General to place on an informal basis the relations with NGOs listed in Annex 4 of the document.*

(150 EX/SR.15)

7.3 Interim report by the Director-General on the additional directives concerning the establishment of new partnerships with UNESCO (150 EX/28 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 149 EX/Decision 7.5,
2. Having examined the interim report by the Director-General on the additional directives concerning the establishment of new partnerships with UNESCO (150 EX/28),
3. Recalling the need to consult the National Commission or Permanent Delegation of the State concerned on the establishment of any new partnership with UNESCO,
4. Considering that a revised text of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions (1991) will be submitted to it at its 151st session in accordance with 149 EX/Decision 7.4,

* These annexes are reproduced separately as an Appendix to these decisions.

5. Requests that the Director-General submit to it in this context proposals concerning UNESCO's relations with the different partners referred to in paragraphs 202 and 203 of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001.

(150 EX/SR.16)

7.4 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the Central American Integration System (SICA) (150 EX/29 and 150 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering the desirability of institutionalizing the relations between UNESCO and the Central American Integration System (SICA), which has succeeded the Organization of Central American States (OCAS), and the fact that the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA) has already approved the draft co-operation agreement,
2. Having examined the document submitted by the Director-General entitled 'Draft agreement between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Central American Integration System (SICA)' (150 EX/29),
3. Approves the draft agreement;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign this co-operation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

(150 EX/SR.1)

7.5 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNESCO

7.5.1 United Nations system support for science and technology in Asia and the Pacific (JIU/REP/95/7) (150 EX/30 and 150 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Joint Inspection Unit report entitled 'United Nations system support for science and technology in Asia and the Pacific' (JIU/REP/95/7) (150 EX/30),
2. Expresses concern that there is no UNESCO project in the list of evaluated projects;
3. Takes note of the findings and recommendations contained in this report and of the Director-General's comments thereon;
4. Invites the Director-General to further associate UNESCO with United Nations system-wide endeavours in the field of science and technology in Asia and the Pacific, and to contribute to improving co-ordination and co-operation between UNESCO and the other institutions of the United Nations system in this field.

(150 EX/SR.15)

7.6 Subregional co-operation among the countries of Southeast Europe in the fields of competence of UNESCO (150 EX/38 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking into consideration the need to expand subregional co-operation in the fields of competence of UNESCO, including among the countries of Southeast Europe, as a factor of primary importance in maintaining stability and sustainable development,
2. Drawing attention to the importance of co-operation in the fields of education, science, culture and communication for achieving greater mutual understanding among peoples,
3. Referring to 28 C/Resolution 2.10, paragraph 2(c); 28 C/Resolution 5.3, paragraph C(c); 28 C/Resolution 5.12, paragraphs 3 and 5; and 28 C/Resolution 13.1,
4. Taking note of the Sofia Declaration, adopted at the meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries of South-Eastern Europe held in Sofia on 6 and 7 July 1996, on good-neighbourly relations, stability, security and co-operation in the Balkans, and in particular the section on co-operation in the fields of culture, science and education,
5. Welcomes the desire of the Member States of Southeast Europe to continue to prepare and implement subregional projects in the fields of education, science, culture, communication and social development;
6. Requests the Director-General, on the basis of a joint approach by the Member States and in full consultation with them:
 - (a) to combine UNESCO's efforts with those of the countries of Southeast Europe for the achievement of broad multilateral subregional co-operation;
 - (b) to provide assistance for co-operation between the National Commissions for UNESCO in the countries of Southeast Europe;
 - (c) to encourage the implementation of projects in the countries of Southeast Europe aimed at overcoming negative stereotypes from the past and building a culture of peace based on the rich cultural heritage of the countries of Southeast Europe;
 - (d) to encourage projects within the framework of UNESCO in the countries of Southeast Europe with the objective of intensifying mutual exchanges concerning the arts, education, young people and women, creating subregional networks and centres for co-operation in the fields of competence of UNESCO and preserving the cultural heritage, and to seek financial sources to support them;
 - (e) to apply the transdisciplinary approach in preparing and implementing projects;

- (f) to ensure links between subregional projects in Southeast Europe and other subregional, regional and interregional co-operation networks.

(150 EX/SR.16)

7.7 Rehabilitation of women in Bosnia and Herzegovina (150 EX/39 and Add. and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of document 150 EX/39 and the related rehabilitation plan drawn up by the Secretariat (150 EX/39 Add.),
2. Invites the Director-General to begin implementation of this plan during the present biennium (1996-1997), selecting specific projects that fall strictly within the fields of competence of UNESCO and making active use of extra-budgetary resources;
3. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 151st session a report on the execution of this plan.

(150 EX/SR.16)

ITEM 8 GENERAL MATTERS

8.1 Feasibility study on the establishment of a UNESCO Peace Games competition (150 EX/31 and 150 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the feasibility study on the establishment of a UNESCO Peace Games competition (150 EX/31),
2. Thanking the Secretariat for the efforts made to develop on a trial basis the concept of the Peace Games in 1995 and 1996,
3. Wishing to give this initiative a scope that is less ambitious yet more consistent with the need for programme decentralization and concentration and with the Organization's financial constraints,
4. Considering that the Peace Games could contribute to promoting peace in the minds of young people and come within the perspective of a culture of peace,
5. Stressing the value of involving the National Commissions and the UNESCO Associated Schools and Clubs, through the National Commissions, in the definition and implementation of a 'UNESCO Peace Games' label,
6. Emphasizing the importance of developing and applying criteria which would ensure that the true objectives of this initiative are achieved, and that the use of UNESCO's name and symbol are fully justified,

7. Invites the Director-General to take the necessary steps to create a 'UNESCO Peace Games' label to be awarded to existing or future ventures.

(150 EX/SR.15)

8.2 Report by the Director-General on arrangements for the international commemoration of the slave-trade (150 EX/32 and 150 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 20 C/Resolution 4/1.2/7 in which the General Conference invited the Director-General to provide moral and material assistance towards the organization, each year, of a Black Peoples' Day,
2. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 3.13 in which the General Conference approved the implementation of the intercultural and interregional project entitled 'The Slave Route',
3. Recalling also 28 C/Resolution 5.11 on the slave route and the proposal for the establishment at international level of remembrance of the slave-trade,
4. Further recalling that 23 August 1791 was the day on which the slaves of Saint-Domingue and Haiti rose up in rebellion, thus taking the first step towards the abolition of the slave-trade,
5. Noting with interest the support expressed for the UNESCO Slave Route project by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) at its twenty-eighth summit at Dakar in June 1992,
6. Endorses the general approach and conception proposed by the Director-General in document 150 EX/32 concerning the objectives and the programme for the establishment of the remembrance;
7. Recommends that the General Conference:
 - (a) proclaim 23 August of every year 'International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave-Trade and its Abolition'; and
 - (b) submit to the United Nations General Assembly a request that all United Nations Member States take part in this remembrance.

(150 EX/SR.15)

8.3 Invitations to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts for the finalization of a draft declaration on the human genome (150 EX/34 and 150 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that, at its twenty-eighth session, the General Conference invited the Director-General to convene, in 1997, a committee of governmental experts (category II) to finalize a draft declaration on the

human genome, with a view to its adoption by the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session in accordance with 28 C/Resolution 2.1, paragraph 2.B(e), and 28 C/Resolution 2.2, paragraph 3,

2. Having examined document 150 EX/34,
3. Decides that:
 - (a) invitations to participate, with the right to vote, in the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts for the finalization of a draft declaration on the human genome will be sent to all the Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) invitations to send observers to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts will be sent to the States referred to in paragraph 8 of document 150 EX/34;
 - (c) an invitation to send observers to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts will be sent to Palestine, as indicated in paragraph 9 of document 150 EX/34;
 - (d) invitations to send representatives to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system referred to in paragraph 10 of document 150 EX/34;
 - (e) invitations to send observers to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts will be sent to the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 12 of document 150 EX/34;
 - (f) the Director-General is authorized to issue any other invitations he may deem conducive to the progress of work of the Committee of Governmental Experts, notifying the Executive Board thereof.

(150 EX/SR.16)

8.4 Dates of the 151st session (150 EX/INF.10)

Special Committee)	
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Committee on Conventions and Recommendations)	20-22 May 1997
)	
Bureau		23 May 1997
Plenaries and Commissions		26 May-11 June 1997

(150 EX/SR.17)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 1996

At the private meetings held on 30 October 1996, the Executive Board considered items 4.1 and 6.11 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 (150 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 of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Board took note of the report of the Committee and endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

6.11 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (150 EX/PRIV.1)

In accordance with Rule 57, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General, having informed the Board of the decisions he had taken or was intending to take since its 149th session concerning certain modifications to the structure of the Secretariat and on personnel action in respect of a number of staff members at grade D-1 and above, consulted it on the appointment and the extension of appointments of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization. He also informed the Board of contacts he has had with the competent authorities of the host country on matters relating to the application of the Headquarters Agreement.

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APPENDIX

(This appendix contains Annexes 1 to 4 of
document 150 EX/43 referred to in 150 EX/Decision 7.2)

ANNEX 1

NGOs admitted to consultative relations

ARAB LAWYERS UNION

ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCILS

INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR JURISTS

INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OF AUTHORS AND
COMPOSERS

PAN-PACIFIC AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

PAN-AFRICAN UNION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

WORLD FUTURE STUDIES FEDERATION

WORLD CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND PEACE

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY RADIO BROADCASTERS

**NGOs which previously enjoyed separate relations,
for which co-operation will be continued through their affiliation
to a larger NGO having formal relations**

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INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

ANNEX 2

NGOs and other entities admitted to operational relations

ACADEMIA EUROPAEA

AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION

ASIAN-SOUTH PACIFIC BUREAU OF ADULT EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION FRANCOPHONE INTERNATIONALE DES DIRECTEURS
D'ETABLISSEMENTS SCOLAIRES

DEFENSE DES ENFANTS - INTERNATIONAL

EUROPEAN LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

FEDERATION OF PRIVATE EDUCATIVE ASSOCIATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN

FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH TRAVEL ORGANIZATIONS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RURAL ADULT CATHOLIC MOVEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION OF PEOPLE WITH VISUAL
IMPAIRMENT

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF GRAPHIC DESIGN ASSOCIATIONS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HOME ECONOMICS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRAVEL CONFEDERATION

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR PARENTS EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF FILMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRAINING CENTRES FOR THE PROMOTION
OF PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL FEDERATION

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE PERIODICAL PRESS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL LITERARY AND ARTISTIC ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COUNSELLING

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LITERARY CRITICS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS IN ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR CINEMA AND AUDIO-VISUAL

JACQUES MARITAIN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

JAYCEES INTERNATIONAL

LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNICATION SCHOOLS

LAW ASSOCIATION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

UNDA-CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION

WORLD UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS

WORLD COUNCIL FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

WORLD ORT UNION

WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

ANNEX 3

NGOs on which a decision has been postponed

(a) Files evaluated

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR PEACE STUDIES

(b) NGOs for which a recommendation/decision will be submitted at the 151st session

CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE

GENERAL ARAB WOMEN FEDERATION

INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEGAL PROFESSIONS

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

LATIN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL STUDENTS ORGANIZATION

PAX ROMANA

ANNEX 4

NGOs placed in informal relations

(a) Files evaluated

ASSOCIATION FOR TEACHER EDUCATION IN EUROPE

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR YOUNG FARMERS AND 4H CLUBS

EUROPEAN ALLIANCE OF PRESS AGENCIES

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CYBERNETICS

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON JEWISH SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL PEAT SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL TRIBOLOGY COUNCIL

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY ON FAMILY LAW

PUBLIC SERVICES INTERNATIONAL

SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL

WAR RESISTER'S INTERNATIONAL

(b) NGOs which failed to reply to all letters from 12 August 1994 to July 1996

ASSOCIATION FOR WORLD EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR INTERCULTURAL LEARNING

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTS/INTERIOR
DESIGNERS

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE HISTORY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
AND STRUCTURES

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE PARKS

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SYNTHESIS OF KNOWLEDGE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL FALCON MOVEMENT

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY OF WORLD CITIZENS

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SPELEOLOGY

PAN-AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF MEDICAL SCHOOL

SALVATION ARMY

SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

THIRD WORLD SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

UNION OF PRODUCERS, CONVEYORS, AND DISTRIBUTORS OF ELECTRIC POWER IN AFRICA

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION

WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

WORLD FEDERALIST MOVEMENT

WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

(c) NGOs unable to draw up a file

ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLES

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CORRIGENDUM

The list of members (representatives and alternates) on pages (ix) and (x) should read:

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Mr Manuel BENAVIDES
Ms Clara BARREIRO
Mr Agustín GANGOSO

Tonga

Representative

Mr Senipisi Langi KAVALIKU

Alternate

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