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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (152 EX/1, 152 EX/INF.1 and 152 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 152 EX/1 and 152 EX/INF.1.

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 (PX):** items 3.1 (Parts I and II), 3.2, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.6.1, 3.6.3, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.7.3, 3.7.4, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4.1, 9.5, 9.9 and 10.1 to 10.4.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.1 (Parts II and III), 3.5.1, 5.1, 8.1 to 8.5, 9.4.3 and 9.8.
3. **Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (ONG):** items 7.5, 9.4.2 and 9.7.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 152 EX/2 concerning the following items of the agenda:

3.4.1 Invitations to the seventh Conference of Ministers of Education of African Member States (MINEDAF VII) (152 EX/8 and Corr.2)

9.11 Relations with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) (152 EX/49).

(152 EX/SR.1)

2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 151st SESSION (151 EX/SR.1-17)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 151st session.

(152 EX/SR.1)

3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (152 EX/5, Parts I, II and III, 152 EX/INF.3, 152 EX/INF.4, 152 EX/INF.6, 152 EX/56 and 152 EX/58)

I

Promoting independent and pluralistic media

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (152 EX/5, Part I, 152 EX/INF.3 and 152 EX/INF.4),

2. Referring to 28 C/Resolution 4.6, in which the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session invited the Director-General, following the series of regional seminars to promote press freedom, and independent and pluralistic media, '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 ...',
3. Referring also to 150 EX/Decision 3.1 (III), in which the Executive Board:
 - (a) stressed the outstanding importance of the Sana'a Seminar on Promoting Independent and Pluralistic Arab Media (Yemen, 7-11 January 1996), and recommended 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), and
 - (b) invited the Director-General to continue his efforts to prepare the forthcoming seminar on promoting independent and pluralistic European media,
4. Having noted with appreciation that the European Seminar on Promoting Independent and Pluralistic Media (with special focus on Central and Eastern Europe) was successfully held in Sofia (Bulgaria) (10-13 September 1997),
5. 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 European media;
6. Stresses the outstanding importance of the Sofia European Seminar on Promoting Independent and Pluralistic Media (with special focus on Central and Eastern Europe), and recommends to the General Conference that it endorse, at its twenty-ninth session, the Sofia Declaration as it did the declarations adopted by the participants in the seminars held in Windhoek, Almaty and Santiago;
7. Invites the Director-General, Member States and the organizations concerned to follow up and implement all five declarations.

II

Staff costs

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (152 EX/5, Parts II and III),
2. Notes with satisfaction the information provided by the Director-General to the effect that there would be no deficit in staff costs at the end of the 1996-1997 biennium.

(152 EX/SR.9 and 10)

3.2 Strategic plan for the strengthening of UNESCO's statistical programmes and services (152 EX/6 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken note with interest of document 152 EX/6,
2. Aware of the need to reorient and upgrade UNESCO's statistical services in order to respond appropriately to the new demands and challenges, and to enforce high standards of accuracy and timeliness of data,
3. Stresses its interest in the proposal to create a UNESCO International Institute for Statistics;
4. Recommends to the General Conference that it authorize the Director-General to commence the establishment of structures and mechanisms on an experimental basis, aimed at transforming the Division of Statistics into a UNESCO International Institute for Statistics, with a view to formally adopting the Statutes of the Institute at its thirtieth session;
5. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to carry out further consultations with national and international statistical institutes;
 - (b) to submit to it, at its 154th session, a detailed report on the Institute's administrative, managerial and financial aspects.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.3 Structure of the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1996-1997 (30 C/3) (152 EX/7 and 152 EX/4)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/7 'Structure of the report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1996-1997 (30 C/3)',
2. Approves the Director-General's proposals on the structure and format of the report and recommends the addition of a last chapter entitled 'Outlook to the future';
3. Invites him to facilitate early dispatch of the C/3 document to Member States, NGOs and IGOs.

(152 EX/SR.9)

3.4 Education

3.4.1 Invitations to the seventh Conference of Ministers of Education of African Member States (MINEDAF VII) (152 EX/8 and Corr.2 and 152 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session is invited to authorize the Director-General to convene the seventh Conference of Ministers of Education of African Member States,
2. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to this Conference (152 EX/8 and Corr.2),
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the Conference with the right to vote shall be extended to the Member States of UNESCO listed in paragraph 6 of document 152 EX/8 Corr.2;
 - (b) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to the Holy See;
 - (c) that invitations to be represented at the Conference or to send observers shall be extended to the organizations and foundations listed in paragraphs 8 to 11 of document 152 EX/8;
 - (d) that the Director-General is authorized to issue any additional invitation that he may consider worth while to advance the work of the Conference and is invited to keep the Executive Board informed.

(152 EX/SR.1)

3.4.2 Report by the Director-General on the further development of the structure and the activities of the Regional Programme for Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific (152 EX/9 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/9,
2. Appreciating the efforts and co-ordinating role of the UNESCO Office in Bangkok in organizing the Regional Conference on National Strategies and Regional Co-operation for the Twenty-First Century (8-10 July 1997, Tokyo, Japan), in co-operation with the Government of Japan, the United Nations University and the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific,
3. Endorsing the Declaration on Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific and the Plan of Action adopted unanimously at this Conference, which call for the establishment and reinforcement of a regional programme in higher education,

4. Reaffirming that the UNESCO Bangkok Office must play a leading role in the co-ordination of activities related to UNESCO's higher education programme in the region and in the search for new partners,
5. Bearing in mind the importance and role of co-operation in higher education in such a vast, diversified and dynamic region and also 28 C/Resolution 1.6 and 151 EX/Decision 3.2.2,
6. Reiterates the invitation to the Director-General to take appropriate measures to reinforce the regional programme for higher education with the UNESCO Bangkok Office as a focal point for consolidating regional activities, in particular through the creation of a separate unit for higher education under the direct supervision of the Director of the Office;
7. Urges those Member States in the Asia-Pacific region which have not already done so to complete the process of ratification of the Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.4.3 Establishment of a UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (152 EX/10 and 152 EX/56)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 28 C/Resolution 1.17 'The Use of New Technologies in Education', which invites the Director-General: '(a) to promote and develop the research on methodology, education and teaching needed to ensure not only mastery of the new technologies by teachers and learners alike, but also better understanding of the effects of these new technologies on education systems; and (b) to encourage and support the implementation of distance-education projects, particularly in developing countries',
2. Referring to the recommendation of the second International Congress on Education and Informatics (Moscow, July 1996), decision 5.1, paragraph 29, that it adopted at its 150th session (Paris, October 1996) and the recommendations of the High-Level Expert Group Consultation (Paris, June 1997),
3. Having examined the report on the proposed establishment of a UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) (152 EX/10), to be modelled on existing institutes,
4. Shares the conclusion of the report that the establishment of such an institute is both feasible and highly desirable;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit the report to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session, along with the draft statutes for the Institute annexed hereto, for the approval of the Conference;

6. Recommends to the General Conference that it authorize the Director-General to grant a financial allocation of US \$1,000,000 under Major Programme I and to continue his efforts aimed at establishing and developing the activities of the Institute.

II

Co-ordination among UNESCO education institutes

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 5.1, paragraph 22, to the effect that a more coherent approach should be achieved for the UNESCO education institutes with a view to ensuring a clear division of tasks and avoiding duplication of efforts among the institutes and vis-à-vis the Secretariat,
2. Expressing the need to design appropriate arrangements to formulate a coherent strategy and set up priorities throughout all the UNESCO education institutes in line with the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Programme and Budget (C/5) with full participation of Member States,
3. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 154th or 155th session a report for this purpose together with his proposals to improve the co-ordination among the institutes;
4. Recommends to the General Conference to endorse this decision at its twenty-ninth session.

ANNEX

Draft Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)

Article I

Establishment of the Institute

1. An Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) (hereinafter called 'the Institute') is hereby established within the framework of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
2. The Institute shall be located in Moscow (Russian Federation).

Article II

Aims and functions

1. The Institute shall contribute to the design and implementation of the programme of the Organization in regard to the application of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education.
2. To that end, its function shall be:

- (a) to promote the collection, analysis, dissemination and exchange of information on the use of ICTs in education;
- (b) to provide advisory services and promote studies in Member States on the application of ICTs in education at the request of Member States;
- (c) to offer technical assistance based on research findings in the design of curricula and courses on the use of ICTs in education;
- (d) to organize pre- and in-service training, including open and distance education, for educational personnel on the use of ICTs in education, giving priority to developing countries and countries in transition;
- (e) to foster the development of UNESCO's regional programmes on the application of ICTs in education in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Article III

Governing Board Membership

1. The Institute shall be administered by a Governing Board (hereinafter called 'the Board') consisting of 11 members, appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO on a geographical distribution basis that is as equitable and as wide as possible. One of the members shall be a national of the Russian Federation. Members shall be chosen for their eminence in the field and shall sit in a personal capacity.
2. The members shall be appointed for four years. They shall be eligible for a further term but shall not serve consecutively for more than two terms.
3. If any member resigns or is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, the Director-General of UNESCO shall appoint a new member to hold office for the remainder of the term of the person he/she replaces.
4. The Director-General or his/her appointed representative shall attend all meetings of the Board. He/she may at any time make oral or written statements to the Board concerning any questions under consideration by them.
5. Members shall not receive salaries in respect of their duties, but the expenses incurred on behalf of the Institute should be reimbursed to them.

Article IV

Functions

The functions of the Board shall be:

- (a) to determine the general policy and the nature of the Institute's activities within the framework of the general policy of UNESCO, with due regard to the obligations resulting from the fact that the Institute has been established within the framework of UNESCO;

- (b) to decide how the funds available for the operation of the Institute are to be used, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII and to approve the annual budget of the Institute on the basis of estimated resources;
- (c) to approve the acceptance of voluntary contributions and contractual revenues from sales of services or fees for special purposes as stated in Article VIII, paragraph 2;
- (d) to request the prior approval of the Director-General and the Executive Board of UNESCO, should the acceptance of contributions, gifts or bequests involve additional liabilities for the Institute;
- (e) to adopt and address to the Director-General of UNESCO an annual report on activities and to review progress in the work of the Institute with a view to achieving the aims of the Institute;
- (f) to examine the financial statement of account after it has been submitted by the Director-General of UNESCO for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO;
- (g) to assist the Director-General of UNESCO in his/her nomination of a Director of the Institute by submitting a list of three names from which his/her choice will be made.

Article V

Procedure

1. The Board shall elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
2. The Board shall meet at least once a year and whenever necessary in the interest of the Institute or for the requirements of its business. It shall be convened by the Chairperson, who shall draw up the agenda, at least four weeks before the date of the meeting. The Chairperson must call a meeting if the Director or at least five members of the Board request it.
3. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority. Each member of the Board shall have one vote.
4. Six members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
5. The Director of the Institute shall act as Secretary to its meetings.
6. Minutes of meetings shall be taken which shall record the resolutions passed and shall be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary.
7. The Chairperson shall represent the Board between meetings and supervise work together with the representative of the Director-General to the extent to which authority is delegated to him/her by the Board; he/she shall report to the Board on the actions taken.
8. The Board shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.

Article VI

The Director

1. The Director of the Institute shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO in consultation with the Board.
2. The Director, within the lines laid down by the Board, shall conduct the business of the Institute.
3. In particular, the Director shall prepare the programme and budget of the Institute in keeping with the general policy of UNESCO, the resolutions of the General Conference, the policy orientations and the main lines of emphasis of the education programme of UNESCO, and the annual reports on activities.
4. The Director shall nominate the local staff and submit to the Director-General of UNESCO the names of candidates for National Project Officers (NPOs) supported by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article VII

The staff

1. The Director and the international professional staff of the Institute shall be regarded as officials of UNESCO within the meaning of Article VI, Section 18, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.
2. Members of the Institute's specialized staff may be authorized, under conditions laid down by the Director, to take part in research or in surveys organized by other international institutions or by governments on questions falling within the Institute's field of competence. In no case, however, may the loan of services of a staff member of the Institute entail interruption or serious delay in the accomplishment of the day-to-day activities of the Institute.

Article VIII

Finance

1. The financial year of the Institute shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December in each year.
2. The funds set aside for the operation of the Institute shall consist of the financial allocations determined by the General Conference of UNESCO, contributions made by the Russian Federation, in addition to subventions, gifts and bequests to it by other United Nations agencies, governments, public or private organizations, associations or individuals and fees collected for special purposes.
3. Funds received for the operation of the Institute shall be paid into a Special Account to be set up by the Director-General of UNESCO, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Organization's Financial Regulations. This Special Account shall be operated and the Institute's budget administered in keeping with the above-mentioned provisions.

Article IX

Transitional provisions

1. The Director-General of UNESCO shall make all necessary arrangements for the Institute's entry into operation and for the establishment of its Board. For this purpose, pending the adoption of the Institute's annual budget, the Director-General of UNESCO shall incur the necessary expenditure from funds voted by the General Conference.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles IV and VI, the Director-General of UNESCO shall appoint the first Director and, in agreement with the latter, appoint the first senior officials of the Institute without consulting the Board.

Article X

1. The present Statutes may be amended only if proposed alterations are presented to the members of the Board at least two months before the meeting during which a decision is to be taken. Amendments to the Statutes require a majority of three-quarters.
2. Any amendment of Article II shall require the approval of the Government of the Russian Federation and the Director-General of UNESCO.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.4.4 Recommendations of the sixth meeting of the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (152 EX/11 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 150 EX/Decision 3.2.3,
2. Having examined document 152 EX/11,
3. Notes with satisfaction the attainments so far under this inter-agency synergy;
4. Notes with concern the discontinuation of the UNICEF funding contribution to the joint activities which figure in the Agreement on Co-operation signed by the Director-General and the Executive Director of UNICEF in 1991;
5. Invites the Director-General to explore ways and means of revitalizing this funding agreement and of concluding additional agreements with UNICEF on project co-operation as well as on fund-raising and sponsorship at country level in fields of common interest, and to report on his efforts to it at its 155th session;
6. Also invites the Director-General to retain at UNESCO Headquarters staff involved in this laudable co-operative programme and its activities.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.5 Natural sciences

3.5.1 Report by the Director-General and evaluation of the measures adopted to give operational flexibility to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (152 EX/12 and 152 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 150 EX/Decision 3.3.1 by which the Director-General was requested to submit, at its 152nd session, after the IOC Assembly had considered the interim report of the ad hoc Study Group (DOSS-2), a report and an evaluation of the measures adopted to give IOC operational flexibility,
2. Having examined document 152 EX/12,
3. Recalling that the measures aimed at giving IOC 'functional autonomy' should be applied strictly in accordance with the relevant Executive Board decisions and General Conference resolutions,
4. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 154th session a report on concrete measures implemented or being implemented to enable IOC to carry out effectively its duties, specifying, for each measure, its legal basis in accordance with the Constitution of UNESCO and related instruments.

(152 EX/SR.9)

3.6 Social and human sciences

3.6.1 Report on UNESCO's contribution to poverty eradication and on action considered within the framework of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (152 EX/13 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/13,
2. Takes note of the activities undertaken and planned as follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, with a view to the eradication of poverty in the framework of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);
3. Appreciates the steps taken to ensure inter-agency collaboration, and particularly the Organization's participation in ACC Task Forces set up for the co-ordinated follow-up to the various world conferences and summits;
4. Requests the Director-General to continue to encourage intersectoral and inter-agency collaboration which is so essential for the development of effective strategies for the eradication of poverty;
5. Further requests the Director-General to assign priority to poverty eradication activities in all the fields of UNESCO's competence, and assist Member States in their efforts to develop effective strategies, actions and national capabilities,

including the strengthening of their information systems, data bases and evaluation methods;

6. Invites the Director-General to report to it periodically on UNESCO's activities to eradicate poverty in the Organization's fields of competence.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.6.2 Plan of Action for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (152 EX/14 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking account of 151 EX/Decision 9.1.4,
2. Recognizing the utmost importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the promotion and implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms,
3. Taking into consideration resolution 51/88 of the United Nations General Assembly by which it called upon, *inter alia*, the United Nations agencies to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by intensifying their own contributions to the United Nations system-wide efforts to promote and protect human rights,
4. Underlining the significance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for further increasing efforts both at the international and national levels in order to ensure full respect for human rights worldwide,
5. Having considered the draft Plan of Action for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in document 152 EX/14 and Corr.,
6. Affirming UNESCO's leading role and responsibility in the promotion of human rights education,
7. Urges Member States, governments, parliaments, national administrations and official representatives at all levels, all educational institutions, academic institutions, universities and research centres, non-governmental organizations and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, youth organizations, representatives of public, cultural and religious life, teachers and all those who are responsible for education and training of children and youth, and journalists of all countries to contribute to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary by undertaking activities in order to further promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms;
8. Invites the Director-General to present the draft Plan of Action for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.6.3 Report of the Chairperson of the open-ended Working Group established to examine the draft Declaration on the Safeguarding of Future Generations (152 EX/15 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 3.5.2,
2. Having examined the report of the Chairperson of the Working Group and the draft Declaration, which is now entitled draft Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations (152 EX/15),
3. Decides to submit the draft Declaration annexed hereto to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session for consideration.

ANNEX

**Draft Declaration on the Responsibilities
of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations**

The General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, meeting in Paris from ... to ... at its ... session,

Mindful of the will of the peoples, set out solemnly in the Charter of the United Nations, to 'save succeeding generations from the scourge of war' and to safeguard the values and principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and all other relevant instruments of international law,

Considering the provisions of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted on 16 December 1966, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted on 20 November 1989,

Concerned by the fate of future generations in the face of the vital challenges of the next millennium,

Conscious that, at this point in history, the very existence of humankind and its environment are threatened,

Stressing that full respect for human rights and ideals of democracy constitute an essential basis for the protection of the needs and interests of future generations,

Asserting the necessity for establishing new, equitable and global links of partnership and intra-generational solidarity, and for promoting inter-generational solidarity for the perpetuation of humankind,

Recalling that the responsibilities of the present generations towards future generations have already been referred to in various instruments such as the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO on 16 November 1972, the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity, adopted in Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, adopted by the

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on 14 June 1992, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, and the United Nations General Assembly resolutions relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations adopted since 1990,

Determined to contribute towards the solution of current world problems through increased international co-operation, to create such conditions as will ensure that the needs and interests of future generations are not jeopardized by the burden of the past, and to hand on a better world to future generations,

Resolved to strive to ensure that the present generations are fully aware of their responsibilities towards future generations,

Recognizing that the task of protection of needs and interests of future generations, particularly through education, is fundamental to the ethical mission of UNESCO, whose Constitution enshrines the ideals of ‘justice and liberty and peace’ founded on ‘the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind’,

Bearing in mind that the fate of future generations depends to a great extent on decisions and actions taken today, and that present-day problems, including poverty, technological and material underdevelopment, unemployment, exclusion, discrimination and threats to the environment, must be solved in the interests of both present and future generations,

Convinced that there is a moral obligation to formulate behavioural guidelines for the present generations within a broad, future-oriented perspective,

Solemnly proclaims on this ... day of ... this Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations.

Article 1

Needs and interests of future generations

The present generations have the responsibility of ensuring that the needs and interests of present and future generations are fully safeguarded.

Article 2

Freedom of choice

It is important to make every effort to ensure, with due regard to human rights and fundamental freedoms, that future as well as present generations enjoy full freedom of choice as to their political, economic and social systems and are able to preserve their cultural and religious diversity.

Article 3

Maintenance and perpetuation of humankind

The present generations should strive to ensure the maintenance and perpetuation of humankind with due respect for the dignity of the human person. Consequently, the nature and form of human life must not be undermined in any way whatsoever.

Article 4

Preservation of life on Earth

The present generations have the responsibility to bequeath to future generations an Earth which will not one day be irreversibly damaged by human activity. Each generation inheriting the Earth temporarily shall take care to use natural resources reasonably and ensure that life is not prejudiced by harmful modifications of the ecosystems and that scientific and technological progress in all fields does not harm life on Earth.

Article 5

Protection of the environment

1. In order to ensure that future generations benefit from the richness of the Earth's ecosystems, the present generations should strive for sustainable development and preserve living conditions, particularly the quality and integrity of the environment.
2. The present generations should ensure that future generations are not exposed to pollution which may endanger their health or their existence itself.
3. The present generations should preserve for future generations natural resources necessary for sustaining human life and for its development.
4. The present generations should take into account possible consequences for future generations of major projects before these are carried out.

Article 6

Human genome and biodiversity

The human genome, in full respect of the dignity of the human person and human rights, must be protected and biodiversity safeguarded. Scientific and technological progress should not in any way impair or compromise the preservation of the human and other species.

Article 7

Cultural diversity and cultural heritage

With due respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the present generations shall take care to preserve the cultural diversity of humankind. The present generations have the responsibility to identify, protect and safeguard the tangible and intangible cultural heritage and to transmit this common heritage to future generations.

Article 8

Common heritage of humankind

The present generations may use the common heritage of humankind, as defined in international law, provided that this does not entail compromising it irreversibly.

Article 9

Peace

1. The present generations should ensure that both they and future generations learn to live together in peace, security, respect for international law, human rights and fundamental freedoms.
2. The present generations should spare future generations the scourge of war. To that end, they should avoid exposing future generations to the harmful consequences of armed conflicts as well as all other forms of aggression and use of weapons, contrary to humanitarian principles.

Article 10

Development and education

1. The present generations should ensure the conditions of equitable, sustainable and universal socio-economic development of future generations, both in its individual and collective dimensions, in particular through a fair and prudent use of available resources for the purpose of combating poverty.
2. Education is an important instrument for the development of human persons and societies. It should be used to foster peace, justice, understanding, tolerance and equality for the benefit of present and future generations.

Article 11

Non-discrimination

The present generations should refrain from taking any action or measure which would have the effect of leading to or perpetuating any form of discrimination for future generations.

Article 12

Implementation

1. States, the United Nations system, other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, individuals, public and private bodies should assume their full responsibilities in promoting, in particular through education, training and information, respect for the ideals laid down in this Declaration, and encourage by all appropriate means their full recognition and effective application.
2. Bearing in mind UNESCO's ethical mission, the Organization is requested to disseminate the present Declaration as widely as possible, and to undertake all

necessary steps in its fields of competence to raise public awareness concerning the ideals enshrined in this Declaration.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.7 Culture

3.7.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 151 EX/Decision 3.3.1 (152 EX/16 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report by the Director-General (152 EX/16),
2. Decides to place this question on the agenda of its 155th session;
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

I

The General Conference,

Having learned of the sudden death of the Director-General's personal representative for Jerusalem, Professor Raymond Lemaire,

1. Expresses its deep sadness and heartfelt sympathy, extending its most sincere condolences to his wife and family;
2. Pays deeply felt tribute to the memory of a man who, over the past 26 years, devoted so much effort to the preservation of the Old City of Jerusalem.

II

The General Conference,

Recalling the Hague Convention and Protocol of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, the relevant provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and its Additional Protocols, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the inclusion of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in danger,

Recalling that, in regard to the status of Jerusalem, UNESCO abides by United Nations Security Council and General Assembly decisions and resolutions and in particular by decisions 242, 252, 267, 271, 298 and 478 of the Security Council and by resolutions 2253 and 2254 of the United Nations General Assembly,

Concerned at the difficulties facing the peace process in the Middle East and the deterioration of the situation, and in particular at the control measures that hamper free access by Palestinians to East Jerusalem and the Holy Places of the Old City of Jerusalem, and at the constraints faced in educational programmes envisaged,

Having considered the Director-General's report on this subject,

1. Recalls and reaffirms UNESCO's previous decisions and resolutions on the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of East Jerusalem, and requests that no measure and no action likely to modify the religious, cultural, historical and demographic character of the city and the overall balance of the site be taken;
2. Welcomes the restoration work undertaken by the Waqf under UNESCO's supervision on *Sammâm ash-Shifâ'* and *Sammâm al-'Ain*, the project for the preservation and restoration of the manuscripts of the *Al-AqZà* Museum and Library, and the project to publish the catalogue of the *Al-AqZà* manuscripts;
3. Expresses its satisfaction at the co-operation contemplated between UNESCO, the Jerusalem Waqf and the Welfare Association (Centre for Development and Consultancy) with a view to the restoration of historic buildings in the Old City, and the training programme for heritage specialists;
4. Thanks the Member States (Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Sultanate of Oman, Qatar, Pakistan, Indonesia, Cyprus, Malta and Sao Tome and Principe) that have contributed to the safeguarding of the cultural property of the Old City of Jerusalem, and renews its appeal for this type of contribution to be increased;
5. Thanks the Director-General for all the efforts he has made and is continuing to make to ensure the implementation of UNESCO decisions and resolutions concerning Jerusalem;
6. Invites the Director-General to undertake, following the studies already carried out and in co-operation with the Jerusalem Waqf, restoration work on the Dome of the Rock;
7. Invites the Director-General to initiate studies with a view to promoting the restoration and preservation of the historic and religious sites of all the religious communities in the Old City of Jerusalem;
8. Decides to place this question on the agenda of its thirtieth session.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.7.2 Amendments to the Statutes of the UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts (152 EX/17 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the document concerning the proposed amendments to the Statutes of the UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts (152 EX/17),
2. Approves the revised Statutes of the UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts annexed hereto.

ANNEX

Statutes of the UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts

Purposes

1. The UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts (hereinafter called 'the Prize') shall be awarded, in accordance with the ideals of Mr Kii Higashiyama, in recognition of outstanding creative achievements by young artists, or groups of artists, in the field of the visual arts (painting, sculpture and graphics), that of new technologies and that of the performing arts, and to encourage their further development as artists.

Periodicity

2. The Prize shall be awarded to five laureates (or groups of laureates) in the above-mentioned fields every two years, with the exception of the 'new technologies' section which shall be awarded annually, by the Director-General of UNESCO. The prizes shall be awarded in the framework of international or regional cultural and artistic events (festivals, biennales, exhibitions, fairs, competitions, etc.) at the discretion of the Director-General.

The Prize

3. Each of the prizes shall consist of a financial award of approximately US \$20,000, with the exception of that for new technologies which shall amount to US \$10,000, the exact sums to be decided each time on the basis of the amount made available in advance to UNESCO from interest accruing from the Higashiyama Fund set up and managed by the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (hereinafter called the 'NFUAJ'). To this end the Director-General of UNESCO has established a Special Account to receive such interest payments. Any unspent balance of the Special Account shall be carried forward from one financial period to the next.

Selection of prizewinners

4. The prizewinners shall be selected from among the artists participating in international, regional or interregional cultural and artistic events in the framework of which the Director-General has decided to award the Prize, as indicated in Article 2. The task of selecting the prizewinner (or prizewinners) shall be entrusted to the jury already set up for the event.

Organization of the Prize

5. The Jury shall consist of seven members from different parts of the world, appointed by mutual agreement between the Director-General and the organizers of the event. Five of these members shall be eminent specialists in the fields described in Article 1. One member shall represent the NFUAJ and one shall represent the Director-General and shall at the same time act as Secretary to the Jury. The Jury shall adopt its Rules of Procedure. The administrative costs of the selection process and of the prize-giving ceremony shall, in the case of the Prize for new technologies and the performing arts, be borne entirely by the organizers of the event and, in the case of the Prize for the visual arts, be met entirely from the funds provided to UNESCO by the NFUAJ.

6. The Director-General shall invite Member States or Associate Members of UNESCO to propose their choice of international or regional cultural or artistic events within the framework of which the prizes may be awarded. The Director-General shall inform them, at least four months in advance, which events have been chosen after consultation with artists' and performers' representatives and NGOs.

7. The Prize shall be advertised in a manner to be determined between UNESCO and the organizers of the event.

Duration

8. The Prize, which was created within the framework of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997), shall in future be awarded in connection with the programme concerning creation and creativity. It is established for an unlimited duration. If the NFUAJ and UNESCO should decide to discontinue awarding the Prize, any unspent balance of the Special Account shall be returned to the NFUAJ, after deduction of any expenses remaining unpaid at the time of the discontinuation of the Prize.

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.7.3 Statutes of the UNESCO 'Cities for Peace' Prize (152 EX/18 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/18,
2. Considering that the UNESCO Cities for Peace Prize encourages the promotion of good neighbourliness and active citizenship by strengthening intercultural dialogue at local level,
3. Noting that the objectives of this Prize illustrate UNESCO's action in its fields of competence to make a culture of peace a practical reality in cities,
4. Stressing the impetus that can be created by new partnerships and by the pooling of experience drawn from innovative experiments organized by urban authorities in different world regions,
5. Approves, on an experimental basis and subject to the availability of sufficient financial and human resources, the Statutes of the UNESCO Cities for Peace Prize which are annexed hereto;
6. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the budgetary provisions for the Prize mentioned in document 29 C/5 (para. 06019 and Technical Annex, para. 602).

ANNEX

Statutes of the UNESCO Cities for Peace Prize

Preamble

1. Since the founding of the United Nations and UNESCO, the world has been fundamentally transformed by the shift of population to the cities. The expansion of the

cities has drawn in men and women of all origins, making them a meeting place of the various nationalities, beliefs and forms of behaviour.

2. Cities must be home to a multifaceted citizenry enriched by its many differences. They must be laboratories of a new age where humankind forges its destiny. They must be places where the principles of a culture of peace become a daily reality.

3. Cities have been chosen - as represented by their mayors - as the focus because it is at the municipal level that direct democracy resides and citizenship is most tangibly exercised.

4. Mayors and municipal staff, with their vast networks of social actors, are the guarantors and defenders of the exercise of the right to good neighbourliness and citizenship in everyday life. The approach to global and local themes must be transformed in practice into concrete measures corresponding to popular needs and expectations.

Purpose

5. Bearing in mind the vital importance and growing influence of local action and the contribution that it can make, in both the short and long term, to the establishment of a culture of peace, UNESCO has decided to create an award to pay tribute to the exemplary action of five municipalities in cities located in the five world regions which has succeeded in strengthening social solidarity, improving living conditions in troubled neighbourhoods and developing genuine urban harmony. These awards are intended to contribute to the establishment of regional co-operation networks among municipalities and the creation of data banks on innovative initiatives.

Title and award

6. The Prize, entitled 'UNESCO Cities for Peace Prize', shall be awarded by the Director-General of UNESCO in a public ceremony to be held every two years. It shall be granted to five cities, one in each of the regions defined below. The Prize shall consist of a certificate and a financial award of US \$25,000 intended to encourage each of the prizewinning municipalities to continue its work and to encourage also the formation of new partnerships.

Eligibility

7. Municipal staff from any city in the world may participate in the competition. A city is defined by the administrative term 'municipality' as it is understood variously at the local, regional and national level. Administrative groupings of municipalities and conurbations have been expressly excluded from the definition. The Prize shall be awarded to the mayors of the prizewinning cities in the five world regions that UNESCO has delimited for the purpose of carrying out its regional activities (Africa, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean), or to the person designated by the municipal staff to represent it. The Prize is meant to reward a collective effort.

Selection of prizewinners

8. The prizewinners shall be chosen by the Director-General of UNESCO on the recommendation of regional juries composed of at most five eminent persons designated in a personal capacity by the Director-General.

Criteria

9. Nominations must satisfy criterion (a) and at least two of the criteria (b) to (e) as follows:

(a) Exemplary action against exclusion and in support of intercommunity dialogue

Implementation of a general policy of involvement designed to create the conditions for a new citizenship, addressed in particular to young people.

Application of every possible measure to promote good neighbourliness, especially towards individuals made vulnerable by the effects of unemployment or belonging to migrant, minority or refugee groups.

Application of innovative measures to improve security or combat urban violence.

Mobilization of new partners from the public or private sectors to expand existing networks of social actors (NGOs, foundations, mediators, etc.).

(b) Exemplary urban action

Creation of a modern good-quality living environment which facilitates social relations.

Restoration of a patrimony reviving memories of the different cultural communities.

Creation of new infrastructure for the entire city which respects its character and aesthetic features and simultaneous encouragement of bridge-building between the various urban communities.

(c) Exemplary environmental action

Creation of vast no-building areas to be used as public forums for exchange and dialogue.

Preservation and enhancement of already existing open spaces, parks and gardens managed in part by local residents.

Developments that take into account the need to preserve the characteristics of an ecosystem.

Regulation of industrial activities and public or private transportation with a view to significantly reducing urban pollution and establishment of an extensive communication network.

(d) Exemplary action to promote culture

Creation of cultural infrastructure or facilities, such as theatres, concert halls, museums, libraries and video libraries, to serve as cultural crossroads. These sites may be flexible or multi-purpose.

Restoration and reconversion of old facilities.

Establishment of schedules and programmes of diversified cultural activities for the entire city; broadcasting of pluralistic radio or television programmes promoting the image and culture of the Other.

(e) Exemplary action in the field of education and especially civic education

Promotion of school construction and school enrolment in vulnerable neighbourhoods.

Setting up of distance education networks for the most disadvantaged populations.

Regular campaigns to introduce cultures to each other, including temporary exhibits, mobile libraries, remedial evening classes, etc.

Regular campaigns to inform individuals of their civic rights and responsibilities.

Selected information campaigns, for example, as part of the combat against drugs, AIDS or other scourges.

Actions for especially vulnerable target groups.

Submission of nominations

10. Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General of UNESCO by the National Commissions for UNESCO and by the competent international or regional NGOs having official relations with UNESCO; each National Commission or NGO may submit one or two nominations.

11. The candidate file must contain a two-page summary for each completed project, in English, French or Spanish, accompanied if possible by supporting documents in the original language (press kits, model social contracts and, more generally, any printed or audiovisual documentation).

(152 EX/SR.10)

3.7.4 UNESCO/Françoise Gallimard Prize for Young Writers Expressing the Tensions and Hopes of Our Time (152 EX/19 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/19,

2. Expresses its appreciation to Madame Françoise Gallimard for her generous offer to help strengthen the foundations of peace and understanding among peoples;
3. Approves the Statutes of the UNESCO/Françoise Gallimard Prize for Young Writers Expressing the Tensions and Hopes of Our Time, as annexed hereto.

ANNEX

Statutes of the UNESCO/Françoise Gallimard Prize for Young Writers Expressing the Tensions and Hopes of Our Time

1. Purpose

The UNESCO/Françoise Gallimard Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General of UNESCO to reward young writers under 35 years of age who are striving to express the tensions and hopes of our time and to reflect them in a literary work, thus helping to build a better world.

The works submitted must have been published no more than two years before the closing date for the receipt of nominations.

2. Awarding of the Prize

The Prize shall be awarded annually on 23 April, on the occasion of World Book and Copyright Day, to a prizewinner selected by the members of a jury, by means of a majority vote, and approved by the Director-General of UNESCO.

3. Amount and financing

(a) Madame Françoise Gallimard shall donate annually the amount of US \$50,000 which she shall make available to UNESCO to cover the costs of the administration and promotion of the Prize (meetings, travel for jury members and prizewinners, award ceremony, etc.).

(b) Of that amount the prizewinner shall receive US \$20,000.

4. Submission of nominations

The National Commissions and non-governmental literary and cultural organizations may propose works, accompanied by a summary in English or in French, explaining the reasons for their choice.

Five copies of each proposed work must be submitted to the Prize secretariat.

A National Commission or non-governmental organization may submit no more than three nominations per year.

5. Method of awarding the Prize

The Prize shall be awarded in turn, each year, to a candidate in a zone chosen by the jury. For the first award of the Prize the zone shall be proposed by the permanent members of the jury.

6. Jury

The Jury shall consist of:

- (a) three permanent members:

Madame Françoise Gallimard, founder of the Prize;

the personal representative of the Director-General of UNESCO;

the Secretary, appointed by the Director-General with the approval of Madame Gallimard;

- (b) four well-known writers from the selected zone, to be proposed by the permanent members of the Jury and approved by the Director-General.

7. Schedule

Nominations must be submitted before 15 December of each year.

The Jury shall meet around 15 February of the following year to choose the prizewinner and shall notify the Director-General of its choice.

8. The award ceremony

The Prize for each year shall be awarded on 23 April of that year at a ceremony presided over by the Director-General of UNESCO, in the presence of the founder of the Prize, Madame Françoise Gallimard, at which the prizewinner shall be introduced to various eminent French and international personalities from the world of culture and literature.

9. Rules of Procedure

The Jury shall adopt its Rules of Procedure, which may not contravene the provisions of these Statutes.

Any amendment of these Statutes proposed by the permanent members of the Jury after consultation with the Director-General must be submitted to the Executive Board.

(152 EX/SR.10)

4 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

4.1 Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (152 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 152 EX/3 PRIV.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning communications received by the Organization on

cases and questions involving alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence,

2. Takes note of the report;
3. With reference to paragraph 129 of the report, which contains new information, invites the Director-General not to implement subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 128 of document 152 EX/3 PRIV.;
4. Endorses the other wishes expressed therein.

(152 EX/SR.8)

4.2 Examination of the reports and responses received in the Sixth Consultation of Member States on the Implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (152 EX/20 and 152 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/20 concerning the progress with regard to reports and responses received in the framework of the Sixth Consultation of Member States on the Implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education,
2. Recalls that the General Conference reaffirmed the importance of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education and of their implementation by Member States in order to make the full exercise of the right to education a reality for all (27 C/Resolution 1.9);
3. Invites the Member States which, being States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education, have not yet fulfilled their obligation under Article 7 of that instrument, and also the Member States which have not yet fulfilled their constitutional obligation with regard to the Recommendation, to do so by submitting their reports before 15 April 1998;
4. Invites the Director-General to request non-governmental organizations having consultative, associate and operational relations with UNESCO and having as their main domain educational and human rights as they relate to the spheres covered by the Convention, to submit comments to the Director-General on the implementation of the 1960 Convention.

(152 EX/SR.7)

4.3 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: Nominations (152 EX/21 and Add. and 152 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any

disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,

2. Having studied the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the aforementioned Protocol for the purpose of the election of four members of the Commission, which the Director-General has submitted to it in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2, of the said Protocol (152 EX/21 and Add.),
3. Transmits this list to the General Conference;
4. Requests the Director-General to add to the list any additional candidatures which he may receive before the opening of the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference.

(152 EX/SR.7)

4.4 Report of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (152 EX/22 and 152 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 19 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Having taken note of the report of the Commission adopted by correspondence (Annex III of document 152 EX/22), submitted to it by the Director-General in accordance with Article 19 of the said Protocol,
3. Transmits this report to the General Conference.

(152 EX/SR.7)

4.5 Study concerning problems and possible solutions regarding the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (152 EX/54 and 152 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken note of document 152 EX/54 (Study concerning problems and possible solutions regarding the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education),
2. Requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference the report of the Board's Committee on Conventions and Recommendations referring to this study;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that it request its Legal Committee to examine and report to it on the 'Study concerning problems and possible

solutions regarding the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education’.

(152 EX/SR.7)

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

5.1 Final recommendations by the Executive Board on the proposed budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5 Rev.1 and 152 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5) prepared by the Director-General and submitted to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VI.3(a) of the Constitution and document 29 C/5 Rev.1,
2. Submits, as provided for in Article V.6(a) of the Constitution, this draft with the following recommendations to the General Conference for approval;
3. Recalling its recommendation to the Director-General as contained in 150 EX/Decision 5.1, paragraphs 73 to 76, and 151 EX/Decision 5.1, paragraphs 80 to 84, to prepare a Draft Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5) of up to but not in any circumstances exceeding \$544,367,250,
4. Aware of the ever-growing needs of Member States in the fields of UNESCO’s competence and the desire of some Member States to see at least some modest growth in the biennial budget of the Organization,
5. Welcoming the return of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to UNESCO and considering that its assessed contribution will enhance the finances of the Organization,
6. Drawing the attention of the General Conference to the downward trend of budgets of international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, to nominal zero growth and even less, and to the desire of certain Member States to maintain nominal zero growth for the budget of UNESCO,
7. Further drawing the attention of the General Conference to the similar trend in national budgets of almost all Member States, caused by the severe financial constraints they are facing,
8. Recommends that the General Conference, in the light of the above considerations, approve a budget ceiling of \$544,367,250 for the biennium 1998-1999 and consequently invites the Director-General to submit an appropriate document reflecting the amount of a budget of \$544,367,250 as contained in document 29 C/5 Rev.1, Annex II.A, penultimate columns.

(152 EX/SR.9)

6 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

6.1 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of decentralization (152 EX/23)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 3.1, Part V, paragraph 12, which recommends to the General Conference to adopt a comprehensive framework of standard-setting guidelines for the rational implementation of decentralization,
2. Having examined document 152 EX/23,
3. Decides to submit this document to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session for its consideration;
4. Recommends that the General Conference mandate the Executive Board to take all actions for the preparation of such guidelines;
5. Recommends also that the General Conference invite:
 - (a) the Director-General for this purpose to prepare a draft text of the guidelines for the examination and consideration of the Board at its 155th session, taking duly into consideration the suggestions annexed to this decision;
 - (b) the Executive Board to submit for its approval at its thirtieth session the text of the guidelines after their examination and consideration.

ANNEX

Draft Guidelines for the Implementation of Decentralization

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the universal intellectual vocation of UNESCO,
2. Bearing in mind also that decentralization is an instrument which allows a better understanding of the realities in all regions of the world for the definition of activities and their implementation,
3. Taking into account the important role of National Commissions in co-operation between UNESCO, Member States and their intellectual communities,
4. Considering that decentralization should be implemented in a coherent and effective manner with a view to rationalizing UNESCO's action in Member States,
5. Recalling the recommendations on the decentralization policy adopted at the 136th session of the Executive Board as well as relevant decisions at its 149th and 150th sessions,

6. Noting with concern that the above-mentioned recommendations and decisions have not been fully implemented, in particular concerning the opening of new field offices,
7. Conscious of the need for a framework to guide the action of the Secretariat and of Member States in the effective and efficient implementation of decentralization, in particular through field offices, as mentioned in 151 EX/Decision 3.1, Part V (Decentralization), paragraph 12,
8. Formulates the following suggestions:

I. Objective

These guidelines aim at ensuring effectiveness and efficiency of decentralization in UNESCO by establishing general principles of decentralization centred around field offices and defining the responsibilities of the Director-General and Member States in the implementation of decentralization.

II. Functions of field offices

Field offices, which constitute integral parts of the Organization and are inscribed in the Programme and Budget (C/5) with their clearly defined mandates, are mainly in charge of such responsibilities as:

1. implementation of the programme of UNESCO;
2. gathering and reporting of information on regional situations;
3. co-operation with, and assistance to, Member States and their National Commissions;
4. co-operation with other organizations in the United Nations system.

III. Procedures for the establishment of new field offices

The establishment of each new field office should be proposed in the C/5 document with information on its mandate, responsibilities, staff structure, planned activities, budget estimates and assistance to be provided for it by the host country.

IV. Responsibilities of the Director-General and Member States

1. Responsibilities of the Director-General

The Director-General should take the following measures so as to ensure appropriate functioning of field offices:

- (a) sufficient allocation of human, financial and technical resources together with appropriate delegation of administrative and financial authority;
- (b) development of a core office in each region which is responsible for the co-ordination of the work of the Organization as a focal point in the region;
- (c) promotion of rotation of the staff between Headquarters and field offices;

- (d) promotion of utilization of local experts in field offices;
 - (e) regular monitoring and evaluation of field offices;
 - (f) promotion of collaboration with other international agencies in each region.
2. Responsibilities of Member States

Member States have the duty to:

- (a) establish a National Commission and give it the appropriate financial resources;
- (b) reinforce, where possible, their endogenous capacity in the execution of the programme of UNESCO;
- (c) provide field offices, where possible, with facilities and human resources.

V. Reporting and evaluation

1. The Director-General should submit to the Executive Board the following reports:

- (a) a regular performance report of field offices including the status of their programme execution and management in accordance with the elements of information described in 151 EX/Decision 3.1 (Part V, para. 11);
- (b) an impact evaluation report on newly established offices.

2. The Executive Board may make recommendations to the Director-General, where applicable, on field offices upon which an external evaluation should be undertaken.

(152 EX/SR.10)

6.2 Report on the evaluation of UNESCO field offices in the Arab States region (152 EX/24 and 152 EX/4)

The Executive Board,

- 1. Having examined document 152 EX/24,
- 2. Thanks the Director-General for his observations and comments;
- 3. Takes note with appreciation of the recommendations contained in the report.

(152 EX/SR.9)

6.3 Proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference resulting mainly from the recommendations of the Working Group on the structure and function of the General Conference (152 EX/25)

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken note of document 152 EX/25 containing document 29 C/27 Add.1 relating to the draft revised text of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Recommends that the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session make the following amendments to that draft revised text:

- (a) Rule 30, paragraph 2: at the end of the paragraph, replace the words ‘thirty-two’ by ‘**thirty-six**’;

Explanation: Since its twenty-third session in 1985, the General Conference, at each of its ordinary sessions, has suspended the application of this Rule to increase the number of Vice-Presidents from thirty-two to thirty-six. Consequently, the text contained in this paragraph should reflect this practice;

- (b) Rule 41, paragraph 2: replace ‘the Acting Chairman’ by ‘**a Vice-Chairman**’;
 - (c) Rule 42, paragraph 1: specify what is meant by the provision that the President of the Conference may, in his absence, be represented by another member of his delegation;
 - (d) Rule 66: replace ‘designated as its spokesman’ by ‘**designated as spokesman by the Chairman**’;
 - (e) Rule 2: replace ‘the seat of the next session’ by ‘**the venue of the next session**’;
 - (f) Rule 3, paragraph 2: replace ‘In determining the seat of the next session’ by ‘**In determining the venue of the next session**’;
 - (g) Rule 4: replace ‘Change of seat’ by ‘**Change of venue**’;
 - (h) Rule 83, subparagraph (d): replace ‘For the closure of the debate on the item under discussion’ by ‘**To close the debate on the item under discussion**’;
3. Proposes that the General Conference examine the desirability of referring, under section VII of the draft revised text of the Rules of Procedure (Committees of the Conference), to the existence of the *Headquarters Committee*, which, even though it does not meet during General Conference sessions, is set up at each of its ordinary sessions.

(152 EX/SR.8)

7 GENERAL CONFERENCE

7.1 Revised provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference (152 EX/26 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 11 and 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Noting that eight proposals for supplementary items were submitted within the time-limit set by Rule 11, as indicated in paragraphs 7 to 9 of document 152 EX/26,
3. Noting also that these items are included in the supplementary list that has been communicated to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (circular letter of 1 October 1997),
4. Establishes the revised provisional agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (29 C/1 prov.) with the addition of the following items:

Item	Title	Reference
GENERAL POLICY QUESTIONS		
4.9	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	150 EX/Decision 8.2
4.10	Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to and implementation of 151 EX/Decision 3.1 (III) concerning the situation in educational, cultural and scientific institutions in Albania	151 EX/Decision 3.1 (III) 152 EX/Decision 10.3
4.11	Establishment of an International Institute of Comparative Civilization at Takshaschila (Taxila), Pakistan	151 EX/Decision 3.3.3
4.12	Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance: Report by the Director-General	151 EX/Decision 9.1.1
4.13	Strategic plan for the strengthening of UNESCO's statistical programmes and services	Item proposed by the Director-General
4.14	Report by the Director-General on the human right to peace	Item proposed by the Director-General
CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS		
5.4	Study concerning the problems and possible solutions regarding the Conciliation and	Item proposed by the Director-General

Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education

OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.2 Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona Item proposed by Spain 2004

(152 EX/SR.8)

7.2 Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference (152 EX/27)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/27,
2. Approves the proposals contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of that document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that the additional items be examined by the following organs:

Commission IV

- 4.11 Establishment of an International Institute of Comparative Civilization at Takshaschila (Taxila), Pakistan

- 12.2 Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona 2004

Commission V

- 4.9 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- 4.10 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to and implementation of 151 EX/Decision 3.1 (III) concerning the situation in educational, cultural and scientific institutions in Albania
- 4.12 Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance: Report by the Director-General
- 4.13 Strategic plan for the strengthening of UNESCO's statistical programmes and services
- 4.14 Report by the Director-General on the human right to peace

Legal Committee

- 5.4 Study concerning the problems and possible solutions regarding the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking

the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education

(152 EX/SR.8)

7.3 Venue of the thirtieth session of the General Conference (152 EX/28)

The Executive Board,

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

(152 EX/SR.8)

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

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The Executive Board recommends that, for its twenty-ninth session, the General Conference increase the number of Vice-Presidents from thirty-two to thirty-six and, to that effect, suspend the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of both Rule 25 and Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, in respect of the number of Vice-Presidents indicated therein.

II

The Executive Board also recommends the following nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference and for the offices of Chairpersons of the Commissions and Committees:

President of the General Conference: Mr Eduardo Portella (Brazil)

Vice-Presidents (36):¹ The heads of delegations of the following Member States: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, France, Gabon, Ghana, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lithuania, Morocco, Nepal, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Yemen.

1. Electoral Group III was to provide, at the first meeting of the Nominations Committee, the names of the three missing Vice-Presidents.

Chairpersons of Commissions and Committees:

Programme Commission I	Mr A. Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Programme Commission II	Mr A. Janowski (Poland)
Programme Commission III	Mr M.A. Hamdane (Jordan)
Programme Commission IV	Mr F. Fernández-Shaw (Spain)
Programme Commission V	Mr C. Malpica Faustor (Peru)
Administrative Commission	Mr B.A. Haïdara (Mali)
Credentials Committee	Mr A. Hussein (Malaysia)
Nominations Committee	Mr O. Lütem (Turkey)
Legal Committee ¹	
Headquarters Committee	Ms S. Mendieta de Badaroux (Honduras) ²

(152 EX/SR.8)

7.5 Admission to the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference of observers from non-governmental organizations (other than those maintaining formal relations), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations, and other international organizations (152 EX/29 and Add. and 152 EX/57)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the requests from non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining formal relations, and from foundations and similar institutions in official relations wishing to be represented by observers at the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference (152 EX/29 and Add.),
2. Recommends that the General Conference invite the organizations in official relations listed in the Annex to document 152 EX/57 to participate in the work of its twenty-ninth session as observers for agenda items falling within their competence;
3. Recommends further that the General Conference invite the Organization of World Heritage Cities, on which a fact sheet is contained in Annex II to document 152 EX/29 Add., to participate in the work of its twenty-ninth session as an observer for agenda items falling within its competence.

(152 EX/SR.9)

1. Electoral Group V(a) was to provide the name of the Chairperson of this Committee.

2. At the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference, the Headquarters Committee elected Ms Mendieta de Badaroux as its Chairperson until the closure of the twenty-ninth session. The Chairperson of the Headquarters Committee is therefore an *ex officio* member of the General Committee of the General Conference.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

8.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1996-1997 and supplementary estimates thereto (152 EX/30, 152 EX/58 and 152 EX/59)

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Donations and special contributions

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on donations and special contributions received since the 151st session of the Executive Board and appropriated to the regular budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth session (28 C/Resolution 14, para. A(b), and 152 EX/30, Part I),
2. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 1 of document 152 EX/30;
3. Takes note of the fact 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 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A - Major Programme I	229,314
Part II.A - Major Programme II	589,313
Part II.A - Major Programme III	78,726
Part II.A - Major Programme IV	42,000
Part II.A - Transdisciplinary Projects and Activities	4,491
Total	943,844

4. Also takes note of the following revised appropriation table incorporating the above amount of \$943,844:

Appropriation line	28 C/5 Approved	28 C/5 Approved as adjusted after proposed adjustments*	Donations and contributions
	\$	\$	\$
Part I - General Policy and Direction			
<i>A. Governing bodies</i>			
1. General Conference	7,356,300	7,387,600	-
2. Executive Board	8,538,900	8,709,600	-
Total, I.A	15,895,200	16,097,200	-
<i>B. Direction</i>			
3. Directorate	1,627,200	1,674,200	-
4. Services of the Directorate	19,744,200	20,313,400	-
Total, I.B	21,371,400	21,987,600	-
<i>C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System</i>	1,447,000	1,447,000	-
Total, Part I	38,713,600	39,531,800	-

Appropriation line	28 C/5 Approved	28 C/5 Approved as adjusted after proposed adjustments*	Donations and contributions
	\$	\$	\$
Part II - Programme Execution and Services			
<i>A. Major Programmes and Transdisciplinary Projects</i>			
I. Towards lifelong education for all	104,025,000	107,255,249	229,314
II. The sciences in the service of development			
- Natural Sciences Sector	63,597,200	66,577,552	589,313
- Social and Human Sciences Sector	21,406,500	22,031,600	-
III. Cultural development: the heritage and creativity	45,176,200	46,479,678	78,726
IV. Communication, information and informatics	30,560,200	31,344,255	42,000
<i>Transdisciplinary Projects and Activities</i>			
- Environment and population education and information for development	3,920,700	4,026,500	-
- Towards a culture of peace	16,672,000	16,945,600	4,491
- Co-ordination of activities in favour of priority target groups and specific clusters of countries	3,891,800	6,185,400	-
Total, II.A	289,249,600	300,845,834	943,844
<i>B. Information and Dissemination Services</i>			
1. Clearing house	5,572,000	5,765,300	-
2. Statistical programmes and services	5,876,700	6,100,100	-
3. UNESCO Publishing Office	4,904,400	5,101,000	-
4. UNESCO Courier Office	4,336,800	4,465,700	-
5. Office of Public Information	10,251,300	10,607,987	-
Total, II.B	30,941,200	32,040,087	-
<i>C. Participation Programme</i>	-	-	-
Total, Part II	320,190,800	332,885,921	943,844
Part III - Support for Programme Execution	63,880,500	65,302,400	-
Part IV - Management and Administrative Services	44,127,700	46,050,840	-
Part V - Maintenance and Security	33,919,500	34,625,500	-
Part VI - Capital Expenditure	1,618,900	1,618,900	-
Provision for obligatory expenditure	290,000	290,000	-
Total, Parts I to VI	502,741,000	520,305,361	943,844
Part VII - Anticipated Cost Increases	15,704,000	-	-
Total, Parts I to VII	518,445,000	520,305,361	943,844

* After 149 EX/Decision 6.2, 150 EX/Decision 6.4, 151 EX/Decision 8.1.

II

Contribution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/30, Part II and considering the financial implication for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 December 1997 of the return of the United Kingdom, as determined by the formula for the calculation of the contributions of Member States that join the Organization during the course of the biennium as laid down in 26 C/Resolution 23.1, paragraph (b) and 28 C/Resolution 24.1, paragraph (d),
2. Bearing in mind the intention of the General Conference to dissociate the treatment of the contributions of the three states that withdrew, on rejoining, from that of other new Member States, as expressed in 27 C/Resolution 26.2, paragraph (f) and in 28 C/Resolution 24.32, paragraph 1(a)(iii),

3. Mindful of the wish of Member States to maximize UNESCO's effectiveness and impact, taking into account the priorities set by the General Conference,
4. Takes note of the amount of \$6,925,173 to be contributed by the United Kingdom for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 December 1997;
5. Being aware that the budget period 1996-1997 is nearing completion,
6. Recommends that the General Conference invite the Director-General to establish a Special Account for the United Kingdom contribution of \$6,925,173 for the purpose of financing projects within UNESCO priority programmes in favour of developing countries along the lines of paragraph 13 of document 152 EX/30;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, to this effect, suspend Article 5.2(c) of the Financial Regulations;
8. Further recommends that the General Conference invite the Director-General,
 - (a) to present the project proposals with corresponding detailed cost estimates for approval by the Executive Board;
 - (b) to regularly report on the status of implementation of these projects to the Executive Board.

III

Proposals of the Director-General concerning the use of the contribution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/59, containing the proposals of the Director-General concerning the use of the contribution made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997,
2. Recalling 152 EX/Decision 8.1 adopted on 16 October 1997 and the resolution adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session under item 9.19 of the agenda,
3. Takes note of the establishment of the Special Account for the United Kingdom contribution to UNESCO for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997 and the Special Financial Regulations governing the operations of the Special Account, which are annexed to this decision;
4. Approves the use of the aforementioned United Kingdom contribution, amounting to \$6,767,579, to finance projects within UNESCO priority programmes in favour of developing countries, especially the least developed countries (LDCs), taking account of the proposals contained in paragraph 4 of document 152 EX/59 and also of the comments made by Board Members when that document was examined;
5. Requests the Director-General:

- (a) to report to it on this subject at its 154th session; and
- (b) to report to it regularly on the status of implementation of these projects.

ANNEX

Special Account for the United Kingdom contribution to UNESCO for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997

1. In accordance with Articles 6.6 and 6.7 and further to the suspension of Article 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, a Special Account to be known as the 'United Kingdom contribution to UNESCO for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997' hereinafter referred to as the 'UK Special Account' is hereby established.
2. The UK Special Account shall be credited with the contribution assessed on the United Kingdom for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997 as well as with any interest earned on the investment from sums standing to the credit of that account. Since UNESCO's special accounts are kept in US dollars, the portion of the contribution paid in French francs shall be converted into US dollars at the United Nations operational rate of exchange prevailing on the date of receipt of the amount assessed.
3. The UK Special Account shall be debited with expenditures for the purpose of financing projects within UNESCO priority programmes in favour of developing countries. Project proposals with corresponding detailed cost estimates shall be presented for approval by the Executive Board. The Director-General shall regularly report on the status of implementation of these projects to the Executive Board.
4. Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
5. Except where otherwise provided herein, the UK Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.
6. The Director-General shall decide upon the closure of the UK Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary.

(152 EX/SR.9 and 11)

8.2 Functioning and status of the Fund to encourage translation (TRANSPUBLIC) (152 EX/31 and 152 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

I

1. Having examined document 152 EX/31 concerning the status of the Special Account for the Fund to encourage translation (TRANSPUBLIC),
2. Concerned by the probable consequences that the imminent exhaustion of the initial capital of \$150,000 of the TRANSPUBLIC Fund will have on the linguistic balance in the publications of UNESCO,
3. Notes that, according to information provided by the Secretariat, the available balance of the Fund on 30 September 1997 was \$50,000;

4. Invites the Director-General to launch an appeal to Member States to build up the extrabudgetary resources of the Fund;
5. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions;
6. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 155th session a report on the functioning and status of the Special Account;

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7. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at a subsequent session a report on the special accounts with a view to closing those which are not functioning or whose effectiveness has not been proved.

(152 EX/SR.9)

8.3 Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 1996 for the financial period ending 31 December 1997 (152 EX/32 and 152 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/32,
2. Takes note that for the first time the unaudited interim financial statements of UNESCO are presented in conformity with new United Nations Accounting Standards;
3. Decides to transmit the financial report of the Director-General together with the interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 1996 for the financial period ending 31 December 1997 to the General Conference.

(152 EX/SR.9)

8.4 Implementation of personnel policy (152 EX/33 and Corr. and 152 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the report by the Director-General on the implementation of personnel policy (152 EX/33 and Corr.) and the achievements in this respect;
2. Recognizes the efforts of the Director-General to constantly improve management of the Secretariat's workforce and to foster a sense of responsibility within the Organization regarding the sound management of staff;
3. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to pursue his efforts to provide leadership conducive to the success of the Organization;
 - (b) to optimize resources while providing challenging career opportunities; and

- (c) to submit a progress report on this subject to it at its 157th session and to the General Conference at its thirtieth session.

(152 EX/SR.9)

8.5 Geographical distribution of the staff (152 EX/34 and 152 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 28 C/Resolution 29.2, 145 EX/Decision 7.6 and 150 EX/Decision 6.7,
2. Having considered document 152 EX/34 and, in particular, the information on the options that would bring the UNESCO formula closer to the United Nations formula,
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to apply the principles set out in document 152 EX/34 with a view to improving the geographical distribution of the staff, keeping in mind Article VI.4 of the Constitution;
4. Also invites the Director-General to submit a report on the situation concerning the geographical distribution of the staff to it at its 155th session and to the General Conference at its thirtieth session to re-examine the question of quotas.

(152 EX/SR.9)

8.6 Report by the Director-General on the procedures of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization (ILOAT), in particular those relating to the review of judgements (152 EX/35 and Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/35 and Add.,
2. Takes note of its content.

(152 EX/SR.8)

8.7 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (152 EX/PRIV.1 and Add.)

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

(152 EX/SR.8)

9 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

9.1 Development co-operation policies and activities implemented with extra-budgetary funding (152 EX/36 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/36 containing the Director-General's annual report on development co-operation policies and activities implemented with extrabudgetary funding, and more particularly the statutory part of the report dealing with development co-operation within the United Nations system,
2. Notes with interest the information contained in that document, more particularly concerning the series of reforms under way within the system in regard to operational activities for development;
3. Also notes with interest the priorities assigned by the principal bilateral and multilateral donors both to social policies and to the follow-up to the major conferences, but nevertheless regrets the reduction in public-sector financial contributions for multilateral co-operation;
4. Invites the Director-General to follow these matters closely and to report to it annually on changes in the policies of the various international institutions and on any new approaches they may adopt, highlighting their implications for UNESCO;
5. Takes note of the follow-up action taken on resolution 50/120 of the United Nations General Assembly by the different inter-agency co-ordination bodies, more particularly with regard to strengthening the system's co-ordination at the national level;
6. Declares itself in favour, pursuant to 147 EX/Decision 8.5, of greater participation by field staff in training courses on operational activities provided by the Turin International Centre;
7. Invites the Director-General to prepare a report on decentralization and policies for development co-operation in the field with partners having the same goals and intentions as UNESCO;
8. Expresses its support for the Director-General in his bid to strengthen UNESCO's action in the matter of development co-operation;
9. Recalls 28 C/Resolution 13.5 on new partnerships and the relevant guidelines of the Medium-Term Strategy concerning 'UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions', and invites the Director-General to submit to it for approval at its 154th session directives for methods to be adopted in order to mobilize private funds and criteria for selecting potential partners.

(152 EX/SR.10)

9.2 UNESCO and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of Agenda 21 (June 1997) (152 EX/37 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/37,
2. Recalling 141 EX/Decision 7.2.1, 142 EX/Decision 7.2, 144 EX/Decision 5.1.3, 146 EX/Decision 7.1.4, 149 EX/Decision 7.1.3 and 151 EX/Decision 9.1.3,
3. Recognizing the importance of the outcome of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (New York, 24-27 June 1997) for the Organization's activities in environment and sustainable development,
4. Noting, however, that the special session of the United Nations General Assembly failed to agree on the political statement as a reflection of shared responsibility among nations,
5. Invites Member States to continue to accord special attention in the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the related Conventions to the essential role of the natural sciences, the social sciences, education, culture and communication in moving towards sustainable development;
6. Reiterates its invitation to Member States to support UNESCO's activities contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the related Conventions, to strengthen national activities and national focal points of UNESCO's intergovernmental scientific programmes concerned with environment and sustainable development (IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST) as well as the World Solar Programme and to ensure the involvement of these national focal points in action aimed at UNCED follow-up;
7. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) ensure, within the framework provided by document 29 C/5 to be decided upon by the General Conference, that UNESCO's relevant programmes contribute fully to the process now being set in action internationally for implementing the 'Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21' including the Multi-Year Programme of Work for the Commission on Sustainable Development 1998-2002;
 - (b) ensure, in particular in this context, that UNESCO participates actively in the dedicated United Nations system co-ordination mechanisms and continues to act efficiently as Inter-Agency Task Manager for Agenda 21, Chapter 35, on science for sustainable development, and Chapter 36, on education, awareness raising and training;
 - (c) continue to devote particular attention to promoting co-operation both among UNESCO's intergovernmental and international scientific programmes (IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB, MOST and WSP) in the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the related Conventions, and between

them and other UNESCO activities in the fields of sciences, education, culture and communication;

- (d) pursue efforts to seek funds from appropriate national and international funding agencies and mechanisms, including the Global Environment Facility (GEF), for projects in the area of environment and sustainable development, and to assist Member States, particularly developing countries, in their national efforts to obtain extrabudgetary funds;
- (e) continue to report periodically to it on progress made both at the level of UNESCO and at the level of the United Nations in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the related Conventions, with particular attention to the recommendations made by the special session and to the achievements of UNESCO's action as inter-agency task manager for mobilizing and co-ordinating United Nations system-wide support for the implementation of Agenda 21 chapters on science and education.

(152 EX/SR.10)

9.3 Implementation of 28 C/Resolution 17 concerning the Appeal for Support to Haiti (152 EX/38 and Corr. and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/38 and Corr.,
2. Takes note of its content.

(152 EX/SR.10)

9.4 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNESCO

9.4.1 Co-ordination of policy and programming frameworks for more effective development co-operation (JIU/REP/96/3) (152 EX/39 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/39,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'Co-ordination of policy and programming frameworks for more effective development co-operation' (JIU/REP/96/3);
3. Takes note with satisfaction of the findings and recommendations contained in that report, and of the Director-General's comments thereon;
4. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue to associate UNESCO with all endeavours for more effective co-ordination and development co-operation within the United Nations system as a whole;
 - (b) to accelerate the development of UNESCO's new programme monitoring system (PROMIS), with a view to establishing an efficient tool for rapid

evaluation at an early stage of project implementation and to contributing to the efforts of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) aimed at achieving system-wide standard formats for development co-operation;

- (c) to submit to it at one of its next sessions a Plan of Action on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and the ACC aimed at reinforcing co-ordination of international co-operation for development.

(152 EX/SR.10)

9.4.2 Financial resources allocated by the United Nations system to activities by non-governmental organizations (JIU/REP/96/4) (152 EX/40 and 152 EX/57)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/40,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'Review of financial resources allocated by the United Nations system to activities by non-governmental organizations' (JIU/REP/96/4) and the Director-General for his comments thereon;
3. Notes that the recommendations, where applicable to UNESCO, are in line with UNESCO's policy on NGOs.

(152 EX/SR.9)

9.4.3 Comparison of methods of calculating equitable geographical distribution within the United Nations common system (JIU/REP/96/7) (152 EX/41 and 152 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/41,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'Comparison of methods of calculating equitable geographical distribution within the United Nations common system' (JIU/REP/96/7);
3. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report and the Director-General's comments thereon;
4. Considering that implementation of the next phase of study is essential so as to harmonize the joint efforts of the Secretariat and Member States,
5. Invites the Director-General to follow the matter carefully.

(152 EX/SR.9)

9.4.4 Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34) (152 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/42,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its twenty-eighth report (A/51/34) and the Director-General for his comments;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts aimed at strengthening the effectiveness and the relevance of co-operation between UNESCO and the Joint Inspection Unit.

(152 EX/SR.9)

9.5 Proposals for further improvement of the Participation Programme procedure (152 EX/43 and Corr. and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 28 C/Resolution 12.2 and 149 EX/Decision 3.1, Part I, and 150 EX/Decision 3.1, Part II, concerning the review of the Participation Programme,
2. Appreciating the fact that the second phase of this evaluation review was based on extensive consultation with Member States and their National Commissions, NGOs and IGOs,
3. Taking note of document 152 EX/43 and Corr.,
4. Invites the Director-General to issue instructions to the field offices to assist the National Commissions, at their request, in formulating, monitoring and evaluating the Participation Programme requests;
5. Invites the Director-General to put into effect on an experimental basis, with effect from the beginning of the 1998-1999 biennium, the conclusions and recommendations of the first and second stage of the review of the Participation Programme (149 EX/INF.3 Add. and 152 EX/43 and Corr.) and to present to it at its 156th session a detailed report thereon, as well as on any other measures taken to improve the functioning of the Participation Programme;
6. Invites the Director-General to include measures for ensuring greater transparency and for reducing the disparities in allocations to Member States, while taking into account the special needs of LDCs by appropriate means such as reinstating de facto quotas;
7. Also invites the Director-General to ensure that there will be no delay in processing requests relating to activities taking place in the first six months of the biennium, and which are ranked between 1 and 5 in Member States' priority order, submitted prior to the traditional deadline of 31 December.

(152 EX/SR.10)

9.6 Grouping of Member States for the purpose of elections to the Executive Board
(152 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the agreement reached on 14 October 1997 among the Member States belonging to the Latin America and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC) concerning the allocation of electoral Group III seats within the Executive Board;
2. Transmits the said agreement to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session.

(152 EX/SR.8)

9.7 Participation of NGOs in sessions of the General Conference (152 EX/45 and 152 EX/57)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/45,
2. Welcomes the proposals submitted by the Director-General designed, within the current context of the reform of UNESCO's co-operative relations with non-governmental organizations and other partners, to ensure that their possibilities for participation as observers at sessions of the General Conference are commensurate with their recognized roles, expertise and representativeness;
3. Decides to continue its examination of this question during the next biennium.

(152 EX/SR.9)

9.8 Report on evaluation of the quality of the consultancy services provided by UNESCO to Member States within the framework of extrabudgetary projects
(152 EX/46 and 152 EX/58)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/46,
2. Underscores the importance of systematic examination of the activities of the Organization funded from extrabudgetary sources,
3. Notes the measures recommended by the Director-General in his observations on the conclusions and recommendations of the external evaluators.

(152 EX/SR.9)

9.9 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 1998-1999 (152 EX/47 and Add. and Corr. and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 1998-1999,
2. Recommends to the General Conference:
 - (a) that UNESCO associate itself with the following 18 celebrations in 1998-1999, in addition to the 39 already recommended at its 151st session:
 - (i) one thousand three hundredth anniversary of the epic Azerbaijani legend *Kitab-i Dede Qorqud*;
 - (ii) centenary of the birth of the Spanish writer **Rosa Chacel**;
 - (iii) centenary of the birth of the Spanish writer **Damaso Alonso**;
 - (iv) four hundredth anniversary of the **Edict of Nantes**;
 - (v) one thousandth anniversary of the death of the Iranian mathematician and astronomer **Abul-Vafa Mohammad-Ebne-Yahya Bouzjani**;
 - (vi) one thousand five hundredth anniversary of the creation of the **Kazakh city of Turkestan**;
 - (vii) centenary of the **Moscow Arts Theatre**;
 - (viii) centenary of the Russian Union of '**The World of Arts**';
 - (ix) one thousand one hundredth anniversary of the **Ukrainian city of Halich**;
 - (x) four hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Flemish painter **Antoon Van Dyck**;
 - (xi) centenary of the birth of the Russian writer, novelist and poet **Vladimir Nabokov**;
 - (xii) centenary of the birth of the Russian novelist and journalist **Andrei Platonov**;
 - (xiii) centenary of the birth of the Armenian painter and sculptor **Ervand Kotchar**;
 - (xiv) one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of the Polish composer and pianist **Fryderyk Chopin**;
 - (xv) six hundredth anniversary of the death of the Iranian scholar **Molla Mohammad Bagher Majlesi**;

- (xvi) one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Swedish dramatist and novelist **August Strindberg**;
 - (xvii) five hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Kazakh scholar **Mirza Muhammad Haidar Dughlat**;
 - (xviii) centenary of the birth of the Ukrainian artist **Oleksandr Sayenko**;
- (b) that, to the extent that the Organization is called upon to provide a financial contribution for the organization of the celebrations recommended above, the contribution be given under the Participation Programme as in the past and in accordance with the rules governing that Programme;
3. Taking into account the anniversary proposals put forward at the 151st and 152nd sessions, invites the Director-General to present a proposal at its 154th session regarding the possibility of further tightening both the criteria and the procedures adopted at the 132nd session.

(152 EX/SR.10)

9.10 Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO (152 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General (152 EX/48),
2. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 157th session;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO,

Having examined the report by the Director-General (29 C/50),

1. Thanks the Director-General, who has spared no effort to increase the participation of the Palestinian Authorities in UNESCO's programmes and activities;
2. Expresses the hope that it will be able to consider this item at its next session, in the light of the progress made in the peace process;
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its thirtieth session.

(152 EX/SR.10)

9.11 Relations with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) (152 EX/49 and 152 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/49 concerning the desirability of establishing formal relations between the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and UNESCO,
2. Authorizes the Director-General to undertake negotiations with the Director-General of OECS in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, with a view to preparing a draft agreement between the two organizations;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit the draft agreement for the approval of the Executive Board at a subsequent session.

(152 EX/SR.1)

10 GENERAL MATTERS

10.1 Contribution by the Director-General to the report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the transdisciplinary project 'Towards a culture of peace' (152 EX/50 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/50,
2. Takes note of the fact that the contribution by the Director-General was submitted to the United Nations.

(152 EX/SR.10)

10.2 Application of 151 EX/Decision 3.2.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (152 EX/51 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General (152 EX/51),
2. Expresses its entire satisfaction and thanks to the Director-General for his ceaseless efforts to ensure the effective application of 28 C/Resolution 16;
3. Expresses its deep concern at the lack of progress of the peace process, which is threatening peace in the Middle East and hindering co-operation in education, science, technology and culture between the countries of the region;
4. Invites the Director-General to attend to the regular functioning of educational institutions in the occupied Arab territories by making sure that they are not obstructed in their activities;

5. Expresses the hope that the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and global peace will be speedily brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions to which UNESCO adheres, particularly Security Council resolutions 242, 338 and 425, based on 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 gives the Organization an important role within the United Nations system in peace-making and peace-building and in the promotion of dialogue between peoples;
7. Expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to the Member States, in particular Saudi Arabia, Italy and Norway, for their financial contributions to the projects of the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP);
8. Urges the Director-General to implement a programme seeking to build peace and the culture of peace in the region;
9. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue his efforts to guarantee freedom of movement to the Palestinian students of Gaza in order to enable them to attend their colleges and universities in the West Bank, and to ensure that the same facilities are accorded to Palestinian students from the West Bank studying in Gaza;
 - (b) to support the five-year plan drawn up by the Palestinian 'Ministry of Education', in close collaboration with donor states, the Palestinian authorities concerned and international institutions and agencies;
 - (c) to give greater support to the Palestinian 'Ministry of Culture' to support the establishment of the Palestinian Museum in Bethlehem and to help the 'Ministry' by providing the equipment it needs;
 - (d) to support the Palestinian 'Ministry of Higher Education' and its Rationalization Plan for 1997-2001;
 - (e) to speed up the creation of a fund for higher education fellowships;
 - (f) to continue his efforts among donor states to obtain the necessary funding for the implementation of projects decided upon by the UNESCO/Palestinian Authority Co-ordinating Committee;
10. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities with a view to preserving the human and social fabric and safeguarding the Syrian Arab cultural identity of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in this regard;
 - (b) to continue his efforts vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities so that they cease to impose Israeli curricula on the students of the occupied Syrian Golan, to offer grants to these students and to provide assistance to the educational establishments of the Golan;

11. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;
12. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the 155th session;
13. Recommends that at its twenty-ninth session the General Conference should adopt this draft decision.

(152 EX/SR.10)

10.3 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to and implementation of 151 EX/Decision 3.1 (III) concerning the situation in educational, cultural and scientific institutions in Albania (152 EX/52 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 152 EX/52,
2. Welcoming the measures already taken by the Director-General,
3. Requests the Director-General to continue his efforts with a view to elaborating, in consultation with the competent Albanian authorities and with the other international organizations concerned, a comprehensive and integrated plan of action for the rehabilitation of educational, cultural and scientific institutions and the restoration of the cultural and architectural heritage of Albania;
4. Decides to submit the report of the Director-General to the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference.

(152 EX/SR.10)

10.4 Report by the Director-General on the situation of the cultural and architectural heritage, on that of educational and cultural institutions, and on progress in executing the action plan for the rehabilitation of women in Bosnia and Herzegovina (152 EX/53 and 152 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 152 EX/53,
2. Notes with satisfaction the activities conducted by the Director-General in Bosnia and Herzegovina and appreciates the financial contributions from Member States, international and voluntary organizations;
3. Encourages the Director-General to continue to provide assistance to educational and cultural institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the victims of violence and sexual aggression;
4. Invites the Director-General to initiate dialogue with all parties involved in the conflict and prepare a new plan of action for addressing the issues falling within the fields of competence of UNESCO;
5. Appeals to Member States for contributions to ongoing and future activities in the areas of competence of UNESCO;

6. Decides to submit document 152 EX/53 to the General Conference at its twenty-ninth session.

(152 EX/SR.10)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 15 AND 16 OCTOBER 1997

At the private meetings held on 15 and 16 October 1997, the Executive Board considered items 4.1, 7.4 and 8.7 of its agenda.

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

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

(See decision 4.1)

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

- (a) The Executive Board decided to recommend that, for its twenty-ninth session, the General Conference increase the number of Vice-Presidents from thirty-two to thirty-six and, to that effect, suspend the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of both Rule 25 and Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, in respect of the number of Vice-Presidents indicated therein.
- (b) At the same meeting the Executive Board decided to make recommendations concerning nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference and Chairpersons of Commissions and Committees taking into account the equitable geographical representation of all regions.

(See decision 7.4)

8.7 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 57, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the decisions he had taken since the 151st session, concerning appointments and personnel action in respect of a number of staff members at grade D-1 and above, whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization. He also consulted the Board on an appointment and extensions of contracts and informed the Board on other personnel action he envisaged taking in the coming months.

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