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RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION

(Paris, 23 November - 5 December 1959)

Present:

President of the

General Conference: Mr. Jean Berthoin (morning of 23 November, morning of 26 November, 1, 2, 4 December and morning of 5 December)

Chairman:

Sir Ben Bowen Thomas (United Kingdom) (except on the morning of 3 December): Dr. Mohammed Awad (United Arab Republic) (morning of 3 December and part of the meeting on the morning of 4 December)

Vice -Chairmen:

Dr. Mohammed Awad (United Arab Republic); H.E. Mr. Akira Matsui (Japan) (except on the morning of 5 December)

Members:

H. E. Dr. Pedro de Alba (Mexico); Mr. Georges Averoff (Greece); H.E. Mr. Rodolfo Baron Castro (El Salvador); Mr. Julien Cain (France) (except on the afternoon of 3 December); H.E. Professor Paulo E. de Berredo Carneiro (Brazil) (except on the morning of 2 December); Dr. Gardner Davies (Australia) (except on the afternoon of 3 December); Professor Hilding Eek (Sweden) (from 23 to 26 November); H.E. Mr. Mohammed El Fasi (Morocco) (except on the afternoon of 3 December); H.E. Mr. Julien Kuypers (Belgium) ; H.E. Dr. Jose Martinez Cobo (Ecuador) (except on the afternoon of 27 November, the afternoon of 3 December, and the morning of 5 December); Mrs. Hansa Mehta (India) (except on the morning of 5 December); Mrs. Geronima Pecson (Philippines); Professor Joaquin Perez Villanueva (Spain); H.E. Dr. Mariano Picon Salas (Venezuela) (except on the morning of 25 November and the afternoon of 3 December); Dr. Maria Schlueter-Hermkes (Federal Republic of Germany); Mr. S.M. Sharif (Pakistan) (from 30 November to 5 December); Dr. George N. Shuster (United States of America); Professor Norair M. Sissakian (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics); Mr. R. Soebroto (Indonesia) (except on the afternoon of 27 November); Professor Bedrettin Tuncel (Turkey); H-E. Mr. Stefan Wierblowski (Poland) (except on the afternoon of 25 November, the morning of 26 November and the afternoon of 30 November)

Deputies:

Mr. Robert Morisset, for Mr. Julien Cain (France) (on the afternoon of 3 December); Mr. Mellilo Moreira de Mello, for

H.E. Professor Paulo E. de Berredo Carneiro (Brazil) (at the beginning of the morning meeting on 25 November, and on the morning of 2 December); Mr. Rune Eriksson, for Professor Hilding Eek (Sweden) (from 27 November to 5 December); Dr. Luis E. Jaramillo, for H.E. Dr. Jose Martinez Cobo (Ecuador) (on the afternoon of 3 December); Mr. Morikuni Toda for H.E. Mr. Akira Matsui (Japan) (on the morning of 5 December); Mr. G. J. Mookerjee, for Mrs. Hansa Mehta (India) (on the morning of 5 December); Mr. Antonio Stempel Paris, for H.E. Dr. Mariano Picon Salas (Venezuela) (on the morning of 25 November and the afternoon of 3 December); Mr. R. Morrison, for Sir Ben Bowen Thomas (United Kingdom) (on the morning of 3 December and for part of the meeting on the morning of 4 December); Mrs. Gustawa Kaminska, for H.E. Mr. Stefan Wierblowski (Poland) (on the afternoon of 30 November); Mr. Mirosław Zulawski, for H.E. Mr. Stefan Wierblowski (Poland) (on the afternoon of 25 November and the morning of 26 November)

Representatives:

Mr. A. Dollinger (United Nations); Mrs. A. Jouhaux (International Labour Organisation); Mr. A. Gomez Orbaneia (United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization); Mr. P. Bertrand (World Health Organization); Mr. P. de Martin de Vivies and Miss M-A. Martin-Sane (World Meteorological Organization); Mr. M. Costamagna (International Organization of Legal Metrology); Mr. E. Bettini (Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration); Mr. Manuel Sito Alba (Ibero-American Bureau of Education); Mr. P. Rossello (International Bureau of Education); Mr. H-F. El Diwany (League of Arab States)

Secretariat:

Dr. Vittorino Veronese (Director-General); Mr. René Maheu (Deputy Director-General); Mr. Jean Thomas (Assistant Director-General); Mr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah (Assistant Director-General); members of the Secretariat: and Mr. M. Jimenez (Secretary of the Executive Board)

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(55 EX/SR.1)

ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (document 55 EX/I Rev.)

The Board adopted the agenda as set out in the present document.

(55 EX/SR. 11)

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 54th SESSION (document 54 EX/SR. 1-17)

The minutes of the 54th session were approved.

(55 EX/SR. 1)

ITEM 4. EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

**4.1 Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization
(document 55 EX/2)**

The Executive Board,

Having examined in detail the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization from 1 January to 30 June 1959 (document 55 EX/2) and having heard his oral progress report on the period 1 July to 15 November 1959,

Takes note with satisfaction of the form of the reports, and of the information contained therein,

Thanks the Director-General for having supplied, in his oral report, certain indications regarding the main activities of the Organization in future,

Invites the Rapporteurs, in preparing the draft text of the Board's comments, to have regard to the discussions which took place at the 54th and 55th sessions and also the improvement noted in international relations and the increased contribution which Unesco can make to the development of international understanding and peaceful co-operation between the peoples.

(55 EX/SR.1,2,3,4,15,16,
20)

**4.2 Invitations to the XXIIIrd International Conference on Public Education
(document 55 EX/3 and Add.)**

The Executive Board approved the list of invitations contained in document 55 EX/3 Addendum.

(55 EX/SR.4, 20)

4.3 Meeting of representatives of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (document 55 EX/4)

The Executive Board,

Having considered the Director-General's proposals in document 55 EX/4,

Approves the proposals contained in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of that document concerning the invitations to be sent out,

Authorizes the Director-General to convene, in 1960, a meeting of representatives of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, if he deems it appropriate to do so, in the light of the replies to his communication of 22 May last received from the States that are parties to the Convention,

Requests the Director-General to keep the Executive Board informed of any measures he may take in this connexion.

(55 EX/SR.4, 20)

4.4 Commemoration of anniversaries of great personalities (document 55 EX/5)

The Executive Board,

Having noted the proposals submitted by the Director-General in conformity with the decision adopted at its 54th session (54 EX/Decisions 4.6) concerning the procedure to be applied in the future for associating Unesco in the celebration by Member States of anniversaries of great personalities,

Authorizes the Director-General to invite Member States:

- (a) **To submit such names of great personalities and to call attention to such historic events as are of universal significance in the fields of education, science and culture, which they plan to commemorate; generally limiting in the case of personalities their proposals to the commemoration of the centenaries of their births;**
- (b) **To send him such proposals not later than 1 July of each year, in order to enable him to consult the Executive Board, at its autumn session, on the list of anniversaries to be commemorated during the following year;**

Authorizes the Director-General in the light of the Executive Board's comments on the list of anniversaries to be commemorated, to take one or more of the following measures:

- (a) **Dispatch of circular letters to Member States, National Commissions and non-governmental organizations approved for consultative status, drawing their attention to the list of great personalities whose centenaries will be commemorated by Unesco and requesting them to organize such celebrations as they deem appropriate and to inform the Director-General of action taken by them in this respect;**
- (b) **Publication of articles in the Unesco Courier, the Unesco Chronicle, Unesco Features and other suitable periodicals;**
- (c) **Production of filmstrips;**
- (d) **Production and supply of photographs;**

(55 EX/SR. 5,6, 7,20)

4.5 Unesco publications (document 55 EX/6)

The Executive Board,

Having considered document 55 EX/6 concerning Unesco publications, presented by the Director-General, and after an extensive exchange of views on this question,

Considering that the Organization's publications policy and methods are based on the findings of a study of this question carried out by the Executive Board for the General Conference in 1951,

Takes note of the report presented by the Director-General (document 55 EX/6),

Requests the Director-General to take account of the opinions expressed during the discussion on this subject,

Is of opinion that the Executive Board should again take up the study of this question in 1961, with a view to deciding whether any changes appear advisable with respect to the findings of the study conducted in 1951.

(55 EX/SR. 16,18,20)

4.6 International action to safeguard the archaeological monuments of Nubia
(documents 55 EX/7 and 55 EX/DR. 5)

and

4.8 Communication from the Government of the Sudan (documents 55 EX/30 and Annexes and 55 EX/DR. 5)

The Executive Board,

Having studied the reports of the Director-General on international action to safeguard sites and monuments in ancient Nubia (55 EX/7 and 55 EX/30 and Annexes);

Considering that the Governments of the United Arab Republic and the Sudan in their communications of 6 April and 24 October 1959 have expressed the desire to obtain, through the Organization, large-scale international assistance for the safeguarding of the sites and monuments which are in danger of disappearing;

Conscious of the irreparable loss to the cultural heritage of mankind caused by the submersion of the monuments and archaeological sites of Nubia as a result of the building of the Aswan High Dam;

Recalling that "the conservation and protection of the world's inheritance of . . . works of art and monuments of history and science . . ." is one of the essential tasks laid on the organization by its Constitution;

- I. Decides to extend the Governments of the United Arab Republic and the Sudan assistance for the above purposes indicated and, to that end;
- II. Requests the Director-General to launch an appeal in Unesco's name for international co-operation to safeguard the sites and monuments of ancient Nubia, which appeal, subject to the agreement of the two governments concerned, would relate to the assistance to be afforded both to the United Arab Republic and to the Sudan;

Requests him also to take all appropriate steps to secure the widest publicity and maximum effectiveness for the Organization's appeal; and

Authorizes him accordingly

- (1) To set up an international committee of eminent persons to assist him in the organization of a world-wide campaign designed to secure contributions in money, services and equipment and thus to ensure the fullest participation by Member States in the international action to be undertaken;
- (2) With the agreement of the appropriate authorities, to promote and assist the formation in Member States of national committees to pursue at the national level activities similar to those of the international committee, with which they will be asked to co-operate closely;
- (3) To receive offers of participation in the international action to be undertaken and to transmit such offers to whichever of the two governments they may concern;
- (4) On behalf of either government, to receive financial contributions offered to it and, for that purpose, to establish trust funds in accordance with the provisions

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of paragraphs 6 and 7 of Article 6 of the Financial Regulations, it being understood that the Director-General will distribute any funds offered without stipulation as to the purpose for which they are to be used on the basis of his assessment of the requirements for the work of safeguarding the monuments.

III. Authorizes the Director-General, further,

- (1) To co-operate in the establishment of the Advisory Committee which the Government of the United Arab Republic proposes to set up, and to appoint a representative to serve on that committee;**
- (2) In agreement with the Government of the United Arab Republic, to undertake surveys and studies preparatory to the work of preserving monuments in situ or by removal;**
- (3) To grant the Government of the United Arab Republic increased assistance for the work of the Cairo Documentation and Study Centre;**

IV. Authorizes the Director-General to extend to the Government of the Sudan assistance in the preparations for the work of safeguarding monuments and in the initial stages of the execution of such work, in accordance with the proposals submitted to the Executive Board in document 55 EX/30 Annex III.

V. Decides to allocate a sum of \$126,000 for the overall expenditure necessitated by the action provided for under this resolution, and for that purpose to transfer to the appropriation line II. 4, " Cultural Activities", \$126,000 from the net reserve established by the Executive Board at its 54th session as a consequence of the change in the rate of the French franc.

(55 EX/SR.9,19,20)

4.7 Invitations to the World Conference on Adult Education (1960) (document 55 EX/24)

The Executive Board approved the list of invitations contained in paragraphs 5,6,7 and 8 of document 55 EX/24.

(55 EX/SR.4, 20)

4.8 Communication from the Government of the Sudan (documents 55 EX/30 and Annexes, and 55 EX/DR. 5) See item 4.6 above

4.9 Communication from the Government of Cuba (documents 55 EX/34 and Add. , and 55 EX/DR. 3, 3 Rev. and 4)

The Executive Board,

Expressing appreciation for the proposal by the Government of Cuba that an international conference to study ways of improving the international transmission of news be held in Havana;

Considering that the convening of a conference on this subject would be in accordance with the purposes of the Unesco Constitution and the United Nations Charter;

Considering that such a conference would contribute effectively toward clarifying many of the major problems raised by mass communication as one of the essential instruments available for promoting better understanding between the peoples;

Noting that the holding of such a conference would render more profitable the results of the regional conferences already planned in that field when they have been completed;

Invites the Director-General in consultation with the United Nations to make an all-round study of the appropriate manner of carrying through this project and to report

to the Executive Board at a session prior to the eleventh session of the General Conference;

Requests the Director-General to examine with the Government of Cuba the technical and financial aspects involved in the convening, organization and holding of such a conference and to present his conclusions to the Executive Board before the eleventh session of the General Conference;

Decides:

- (a) To recommend to the General Conference, after having taken into account the consultations made with the United Nations and the Government of Cuba, the inclusion of the convening of this conference among the activities to be carried out in the forthcoming period 1961-1962;
- (b) To regard it as the conference's task to examine the main technical aspects of the existing systems of news dissemination; and to study possible improvements of news exchanges and news dissemination, taking into account the results of the regional conferences;
- (c) To note with thanks the Cuban Government's offer to meet the costs involved in convening, organizing and holding the conference.

(55 EX/SR. 7,8,15,20)

ITEM 5. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

5.1 Report of the External Relations Commission (document 55 M/8)

The External Relations Commission submitted to the Executive Board a report on items 5.2, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12 and 5.13.

The decisions adopted are given under each of the items mentioned above.

(55 EX/SR.10,11,12,13,14,
20)

5.2 Recent decisions of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies of interest to Unesco (documents 55 EX/9 and Add. and 55 EX/DR. 2)

A. Contribution by Unesco to the action taken by the United Nations in favour of general and complete disarmament

The Executive Board,

Having considered the resolution entitled "General and Complete Disarmament" unanimously adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 November 1959;

Noting that the terms of the preamble to the resolution closely reflect the principles and aims set forth in Unesco's Constitution;

Desiring more particularly to contribute to "the creation of relations of trust and peaceful co-operation between States", in conformity with the aforesaid resolution;

Records its great appreciation of this move;

Earnestly hopes that it will prove a decisive stage in international life;

Requests the Director-General:

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- (a) **To continue to take all appropriate measures to bring about the formation, in all Member States, of a climate of opinion favourable to the achievement of the objects of the United Nations resolution.**
- (b) **To submit to the Executive Board as soon as the United Nations have achieved agreement on general and complete disarmament under effective international control, a report on measures which might be adopted by Unesco within its field of responsibility to collaborate with the United Nations in the implementation of the agreement.**
- (c) **To submit to the Executive Board as soon as is feasible proposals for the utilization of any resources released as a result of disarmament to meet urgent needs in education, science and culture.**
- (d) **To inform the Executive Board of whatever he has been able to do to implement this resolution.**

B. The Executive Board,

Having examined document 55 EX/9 and Add. ,

Notes with satisfaction the increasingly close co-operation which characterizes the relations between Unesco on the one hand and the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the other.

(55 EX/SR. 12,13,20)

**5.3 Appraisal of Unesco's programme for the Economic and Social Council
(document 55 EX/10)**

The Executive Board

Notes the Director-General' s report on the Appraisal of Unesco' s Programmes for the Economic and Social Council (document 55 EX/10)

Authorizes the Director-General to forward the report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations with such amendments as he may regard suitable in the light of the discussion and views expressed in the Board, pointing out that the Board was only able to give its opinion on one aspect of the report.

(55 EX/SR. 18,19,20)

5.4 Co-operation with the Special Fund (document 55 EX/11 and Add.)

The Executive Board,

Having studied the Director-General' s report on co-operation with the Special Fund (55 EX/11 and 55 EX/11 Add.)

A

Having discussed the policies and procedures established by the Governing Council and the Managing Director of the Special Fund for the development of projects and for their execution,

Notes with satisfaction the five projects for India, Iran, Libya and the Federation of the West Indies, for which it is proposed that Unesco should be the Executing Agency;

B

Having considered the agreement concluded between Unesco and the Special Fund, in compliance with the decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 54th session

(54 EX/Decisions, 6.6), and the budget estimates for the Headquarters costs of the five projects for which the Managing Director of the Special Fund is recommending to the Governing Council that Unesco be appointed Executing Agency,

Approves this agreement as set forth in Annex I of document 55 EX/II,

Further approves the manning table and budget estimates set forth in Annex II of document 55 EX/II .

(55 EX/SR. 10,20)

5.5 Co-operation with the United Nations in the field of research relating to outer space (document 55 EX/12)

The Executive Board,

Raving examined the Director-General' s report (document 55 EX/12) on co-operation with the United Nations in the field of research relating to outer space and the report of the External Relations Commission on the subject (document 55 EX/8, paragraph 351,

Taking note of the main lines of future action proposed by the Director-General (document 55 EX/12, paragraphs 7 to 111,

1. Authorizes the Director-General to present to the Board, at its 56th session, proposals for 1960 and 1961-1962 on the peaceful uses of outer space capable of being implemented by Unesco in co-operation with the United Nations and the other Specialized Agencies concerned, such proposals to be drafted in the light of decisions taken at the current session of the United Nations General Assembly and subsequent United Nations action in this field;
2. Authorizes the Director-General, within the limits of an appropriation of \$15,000 and subject to a report to the Board at its 56th session on the measures adopted, to take such steps as may be appropriate in the interval before the Board' s 56th session to facilitate Unesco' s participation in such programmes relating to the peaceful uses of outer space as the United Nations General Assembly at its current session may decide to launch.

(55 EX/SR. 14,201)

5.6 Fixing of the date for the receiving of Member States' reports to the eleventh session of the General Conference (document 55 EX/27)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the document presented by the Director-General on the fixing of the date for the receiving of Member States' reports to the eleventh session of the General Conference (55 EX/27), and the report of the External Relations Commission on the subject (document 55 EX/6, paragraph 36),

Decides to set 31 March 1960 as the terminal date.

(55 EX/SR. 14,20)

5.7 Approval of the agreement with the International Organization of Legal Metrology (document 55 EX/13)

The Executive Board,

Having examined document 55 EX/13 concerning the agreement with the International Organization of Legal Metrology and the report of the External Relations Commission on the subject (document 55 EX/8, paragraph 38),

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Approves the draft agreement between Unesco and the International Organization of Legal Metrology, contained in the Annex to document 55 EX/13,

Authorizes the Director-General to sign the agreement on behalf of Unesco.
(55 EX/SR. 14,20)

5.8 (A) Preliminary draft Directives concerning Unesco's relations with international non-governmental organizations (document 55 EX/14)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report of its External Relations Commission on the preliminary draft Directives concerning Unesco's relations with international non-governmental organizations (document 55 EX/8, paragraphs 3 to 13 and Annex I), together with the preliminary draft Directives prepared by the Director-General (document 55 EX/14),

Invites the Director-General, in accordance with the decision taken by the Executive Board at its 54th session (54 EX/Decisions, 6.7):

- (a) To communicate to the international non-governmental organizations approved for consultative arrangements, with a request for their comments, the preliminary draft Directives prepared by the Director-General, together with the amendments recommended by the External Relations Commission, subject to the substitution of the following text in place of that proposed by the Commission for paragraph II. 2 (new version) of document 55 EX/8, Annex I:

” The Director-General shall apprise the Executive Board, in his periodic reports, of the international non-governmental organizations he has placed in the primary category (Category CI and of those he has rejected.”

- (b) To send a copy of this communication to the governments and National Commissions of Member States for their information and possible comment;

Requests the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board, at its 56th session, draft Directives revised in the light of comments he has received, together with an analysis of those comments.

5.8 (B) Transitional measures pending the entry into force of the new Directives

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report of the External Relations Commission concerning this question (document 55 EX/8, paragraphs 14 to 18),

Approves the Commission¹'s recommendations on the transitional measures to be adopted pending the entry into force of the new Directives concerning Unesco's relations with international non-governmental organizations,

Requests the Director-General to submit to it, at its 56th session, a draft resolution on the subject, for submission to the General Conference.

(55 EX/SR.10.11,12,20)

5.9 Geographical expansion of international non-governmental organizations
(document 55 EX/28)

The Executive Board,

Having taken note of the provisional report on this question (document 55 EX/28) presented by the Director-General and of the report of the External Relations Commission on the subject (document 55 EX/8, paragraphs 22 to 24),

Invites the Director-General to take account of the views expressed during the discussion of this question when he comes to prepare the final version of his report for the eleventh session of the General Conference.

(55 EX/SR. 12,20)

5.10 Prolongation of formal agreements concluded with certain international non-governmental organizations (document 55 EX/15)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report of the External Relations Commission on this subject (document 55 EX/8, paragraph 25), together with document 55 EX/15 presented by the Director-General,

Authorizes the Director-General to renew the agreements concluded with the ten organizations listed in document 55 EX/15 for a period of one year, ending 31 December 1960.

(55 EX/SR.12,20)

5.11 Proposed subventions to certain international non-governmental organizations for 1960 (document 55 EX/16)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report of the External Relations Commission (document 55 EX/8, paragraphs 26 to 29), together with document 55 EX/16 containing the Director-General' s proposals for subventions to certain international non-governmental organizations for 1960,

Approves the Director-General' s proposals,

Recommends that the Director-General study the possibility of allocating to the activities of certain international organizations in the field of education any funds that may become available as a result of the withdrawal of the subvention to the Joint Committee of International Teachers' Federations.

(55 EX/SR. 12,20)

5.12 Co-operation with the International Association of Universities (document 55 EX/31)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the document presented by the Director-General (55 EX/31) on co-operation with the International Association of Universities and the report of the External Relations Commission on the subject (document 55 EX/8, paragraphs 39 to 40),

Authorizes the Director-General, should the need arise:

- 1. To set up, provisionally, in agreement with the President of IAU, a Joint Steering Committee to be responsible for directing the execution of the project and in particular for:**
 - (a) Setting up a commission of experts, for each study, to be responsible for its conduct from the academic standpoint;**
 - (b) Arranging for the operation of these commissions with the help of the funds allocated for the project either by private foundations or by Unesco and IAU;**

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- (c) **Enlisting the co-operation of institutions and individuals to be made responsible for carrying out certain parts of these studies, and which may receive subventions for the purpose direct from private foundations;**

2. To accept, from private foundations, funds allocated to subsidize these studies or any part thereof;

Requests the Director-General to report to the Executive Board, at its 56th session, on any measures he may have been able to take on the strength of this authorization.
(55 EX/SR. 14.20)

5.13 Co-operation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (document 55 EX/32)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the document presented by the Director-General (55 EX/32) concerning co-operation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the report of the External Relations Commission on the subject (document 55 EX/8, paragraph 37),

Authorizes the Director-General to contribute by the provision of scientific services, and up to the amount of \$10,000, to the preparation of the International Conference on the Use of Radio-Isotopes in the Physical Sciences and Industry, to be organized in Vienna in August 1960 by the International Atomic Energy Agency.
(55 EX/SR. 14.20)

5.14 Report of the Special Committee set up to consider draft comments to be forwarded to the Trusteeship Council (document 55 EX/33 and Annex)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report of the Special Committee of the Executive Board set up to consider draft comments to be forwarded to the Trusteeship Council (document 55 EX/33 and Annex),

Approves the report of the Committee, contained in document 55 EX/33 and Annex,

Requests the Director-General to transmit the report to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations.

(55 EX/SR. 17.20)

5.15 Co-operation with the International Labour Organisation: Preparation of international legal instruments relating to vocational and technical education and training (document 55 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the document prepared by the Director-General (55 EX/35) on co-operation with the International Labour Organisation with a view to the preparation of international legal instruments relating to vocational and technical education and training,

Having taken note of the decision taken by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to include an item concerning vocational training in the agenda of the 45th session of the International Labour Conference,

Approves the procedure and time-table suggested by the Director-General of Unesco in consultation with the Director-General of the International Labour Office;

Decides to consider, at its 56th session, the advisability of including in the agenda of the eleventh session of the General Conference the question of the preparation of an international instrument relating to technical and vocational education;

Requests the Director-General to prepare for this purpose, with the help of outside consultants if necessary, the preliminary study required under Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions.

(55 EX/SR. 14,20)

ITEM 6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

6.1 Report of the Administrative Commission (document 55 EX/17 and Add. Priv.)

The Administrative Commission submitted to the Executive Board a report on items 4.4, 5.4, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9 and 6.11 of the agenda. The decisions adopted by the Board are reproduced under the items set out above. Furthermore the Administrative Commission submitted a report, in private meeting, on item 6.10 of the agenda. The decision adopted is reproduced under the heading Private Meetings.

(55 EX/SR. 5,6,7,10,20)

6.2 Financial report and statements for the two-year financial period ended 31 December 1958 and report of the External Auditor (document 55 EX/18)

The Executive Board,

Decides

- (a) To transmit to the General Conference the report of the External Auditor for the financial period ended 31 December 1958;
- (b) To point out to the General Conference that the increase in staff costs referred to in paragraph 7 of the External Auditor's report is an increase over estimates of objects of expenditures which are merely noted and not approved by the General Conference. Such an increase, however, is the result of:
 - (i) Obligations resulting from meetings of the governing bodies of Unesco;
 - (ii) The move of the Headquarters from Avenue Kleber to Place de Fontenoy;
 - (iii) The rising costs of living in the Paris area, entailing increased allowances for the staff in accordance with the decisions of the General Conference.

(55 EX/SR. 5,20)

6.3 Auditor's report relating to the expenditure of the technical assistance funds allocated to Unesco for the eighth financial period (1958) (document 55 EX/19)

The Executive Board,

Having regard to resolution '7. B. 21 (7) of the tenth session of the General Conference,

Approves the Auditor's report relating to the expenditure of technical assistance funds allocated to Unesco for the eighth financial period (1958) and

Requests the Director-General to transmit this report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

(55 EX/SR. 5,20)

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6.4 Proposed transfers within the 1959-1960 budget (document 55 EX/20)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General in document 55 EX/20, and the report of the Administrative Commission thereon:

Approves the transfers proposed in Sections I, II and III of document 55 EX/20;

Authorizes the Director-General to carry over to 1960 any surpluses in the 1959 budget, including those related to the Participation programme;

Appropriates the donations to Unesco budget as stated in paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of document 55 EX/20; and

Authorizes the Director-General to make necessary accounting adjustments at the end of 1959 between appropriation lines in the 1959 budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution, paragraph (g) (10 C/Res. 9.3).

(55 EX/SR. 5,20)

6.5 Administrative costs (document 55 EX/21)

The Executive Board,

Noting with appreciation the high standards and clarity of document 55 EX/21, Study on Administrative Costs, prepared by the Director-General in response to the request of the General Conference in 10 C/Resolution 41, paragraphs (a) and (b), and the useful guidance it has given the Board in the discussion of this important problem,

Expresses the view that since there is no demarcation line scientifically drawn between the two types of costs, it is neither desirable nor practicable to formulate a precise and workable definition of administrative services and programme operations, on the basis of which the General Conference and the Director-General could be advised to change their present procedures when examining and establishing the programme and budget of the Organization,

Concludes, on the basis of its historical and analytical study of these costs, that it cannot be proved that Unesco's administrative costs are either too high or too low,

Suggests that the Board and the General Conference select particular areas for detailed examination when reviewing future programmes and budgets,

Requests the Director-General to take into consideration the views of the Administrative Commission and the Board in his report to the General Conference on this subject,

Looks forward at its 56th session to a review and discussion of the organizational structure, working methods and procedures and staff utilization in the Secretariat as requested by General Conference 10 C/Resolution 41, paragraphs (c) and (d) on the basis of a report from the Director-General and in conjunction with its examination of the Proposed Programme and Budget for 1961-1962.

(55 EX/SR. 5,6,20)

6.6 Financial Regulations of the Staff Housing Loan Fund (document 55 EX/26)

The Executive Board

Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Staff Housing Loan Fund as contained in the Annex to document 55 EX/26.

(55 EX/SR. 6,20)

6. 7 Geographical distribution: revised scale of points for the grades of Professional posts (document 55 EX/22)

The Executive Board

Takes note of the proposals set forth in document 55 EX/22, in particular the principles outlined in paragraph 5;

Invites the Director-General to pay due regard, in preparing his final proposals regarding the system to be adopted in respect of geographical distribution, to the various observations made by the Administrative Commission during the 55th session of the Executive Board;

Decides to study these proposals at its 56th session;

Requests the Director-General to circulate these proposals to the members of the Executive Board at the end of January 1960.

(55 EX/SR. 6,20)

6.8 Consultation procedure regarding senior appointments in the Secretariat (document 55 EX/23)

The Executive Board,

Having examined document 55 EX/23, submitted by the Director-General,

Approves the proposals contained in paragraphs 12 and 15 of the above-mentioned document;

Decides

- (a) That no circular letter will be sent to Member States to supply them with particulars referred to in paragraph 26 (i) of the Supplementary Report of the Ad Hoc Committee relating to the expiration of contracts with officials in the Principal Officer and Director category, in cases where the Director-General proposes to renew these contracts;**
- (b) That, on the other hand, such particulars will be communicated to the members of the Executive Board, at least fifteen days before the consultation;**
- (c) That the consultation with the Executive Board regarding senior appointments will henceforth be confined to posts in grade D-1 and above;**

Further decides to amend Rule 54(l) of its Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

- ” (1) The Director-General shall consult the Executive Board with regard to personnel in the Secretariat Headquarters and at the New York Office, the Havana Office and the Science Co-operation Offices, in respect of posts at level D- 1 and above, and unclassified posts at equivalent levels.
- (2) This consultation shall bear on appointments and on renewals or non-renewals. Between sessions of the Board, this consultation may be conducted by correspondence, it being understood that the Director-General need not wait for more than thirty days for the comments of members of the Board to be received.

(1) It is a question here of Rule 54 as renumbered in document EX/14 Rev. 4 Corrigendum of 22 October 1958 corresponding to Rule 53 in document EX/14 Rev.4.

(3) The Director-General shall inform the Chairman of the Board, a suitable time in advance, of the names and qualifications of candidates whom he contemplates appointing and of staff members whose contracts he proposes to renew. The Chairman shall transmit this information confidentially to members of the Board at least 15 days before the consultation."

(55 EX/SR. 6,20)

6.9 Salaries and allowances (document 55 EX/25)

The Executive Board,

Having considered document 55 EX/25,

Authorizes the Director-General to grant a cost-of-living adjustment equivalent to 3.99 per cent of base salary to staff in the General Service category on the first of the month following that in which the index, averaged over a nine-month period, reaches 135;

Further authorizes the Director-General to transfer the sum necessary for this adjustment from the net reserve to the relevant appropriation line within the 1959-1960 budget.

(55 EX/SR. 7,20)

6.10 Per diem of the Executive Board (documents 55 EX/ADM/INF. 1, 55 EX/PRIV/INF. 1 and 55 EX/ADM/INF. 3)

The Executive Board, in private session, adopted on the report of the Administrative Commission the following resolutions:

The Executive Board,

Having taken note of documents 55 EX/ADM/INF. 1, 55 EX/PRIV/INF. 1, and 55 EX/ADM/INF. 3,

Decides that, as from the opening of its 55th session, the regulations for payment of travel expenses, subsistence allowances and office expenses to members of the Executive Board shall be amended as follows:

2. The amount of transportation costs payable shall be the actual fare by direct route, or the cost of standard first-class travel (by air, land or sea) whichever is less.

2.1 First-class travel shall be deemed to include:

2.1.1 By air: first-class, first-class de luxe or jet accommodation, according to availability; with berth if flying time exceeds 12 hours.

2.1.2 By rail: first-class, with sleeper.

N. B. The sum reimbursable for rail or sea travel shall in no way exceed the cost of standard first-class travel by air.

2.2 Costs resulting from delays (other than those for which the traveller is not responsible), indirect route or travel originating or terminating elsewhere than the traveller's normal place of residence shall not be payable.

2.3 If a private car is used for travel, transportation costs shall be payable at the rate of \$0.05 per kilometre of direct route, but not exceeding the cost of standard first-class air travel; no transportation costs shall be payable in respect of other persons travelling in the same car.

3.2 The rates payable to members of the Board shall be those applicable to the Director-General.

3.3 Delete

3.3 Where members or deputies attend meetings in the locality in which they normally reside (i. e. when only urban travel is involved) half the applicable rate shall be paid.

Decides further that, from 1 January 1960, the representation allowance payable to the Chairman of the Board shall be increased to \$3,000 a year.

Recommends, in addition, that, in accordance with Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board shall reconsider, at least every six years, the amount of the representation allowance to be paid to its Chairman.

(55 EX/SR. 20)

6.11 Proposed amendments to Rules 12 and 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, presented by Dr. Gardner Davies (document 55 EX/29)

The Executive Board,

Having considered the proposed amendments to Rules 12 and 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, contained in document 55 EX/29,

Decides to amend these rules as follows:

Rule 12

- (1) At the opening of the session of the Board following each ordinary session of the General Conference, the Board shall elect, from among its members, a Chairman and two Vice- Chairmen. The Chairman shall be elected by secret ballot, without previous nomination, and thereafter the two Vice-Chairmen shall be elected together in the same manner.**
- (2) The Chairman shall not be immediately re-eligible.**

Rule 50

- (1) When a single elective place is to be filled, any candidate obtaining in the first ballot an absolute majority (i. e. more than half) of the votes cast shall be declared elected.**
- (2) If no candidate obtains an absolute majority in the first ballot, further ballots shall be taken. Any candidate obtaining an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If, after four ballots have been taken, no candidate has obtained an absolute majority, a final ballot shall be taken, restricted to the two candidates who obtained the most votes in the fourth ballot. The candidate obtaining a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.**
- (3) When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, to a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.**

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(4) If necessary, in order to determine the candidates to participate in a restricted ballot, an eliminating ballot may be taken restricted to the candidates having obtained the same number of votes in the previous ballot.

(5) If, in the final ballot or an eliminating ballot, two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, the Chairman shall decide between them by drawing lots.

(55 EX/SR. 7,20)

ITEM 7. OTHER QUESTIONS

7.1 Consultations on appointments to senior posts in the Secretariat

This item was dealt with at private meetings (see below the announcements concerning private meetings).

(55 EX/SR. 20)

7.2 Establishment of a working party to study the organization of the work of the General Conference

The Executive Board,

Considering that, at its 56th session, it will have the opportunity of studying the organization of the work of the eleventh session of the General Conference and recalling the valuable contribution of the working party established by the Executive Board at its 47th session for the organization of the work of the tenth session,

Decides to set up a working party of five members which shall study this question and report to the Board at its 56th session, and

Establishes this working party with the following membership:

H. E. Mr. Rodolfo Baron Castro
Mr. Julien Cain
H.E. Professor Paulo E. de Berredo Carneiro
H.E. Mr. Akira Matsui
Sir Ben Bowen Thomas

(55 EX/SR. 17,20)

7.3 Representation of the Executive Board at the 7th Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations

The Executive Board

Decides to reply in the affirmative to the invitation it has received concerning the 7th Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations, in the conditions stipulated in Section V of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee (Appendix I of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board), and appoints Mr. Georges Averoff, Chairman of the External Relations Commission, as its representative at that conference.

(55 EX/SR. 7,20)

Private meetings

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Monday 23 November 1959

The Executive Board adopted the agenda of private meetings for the 55th session and approved the minutes of the private meetings of the 54th session.

(55 EX/SR. 20)

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Thursday 26 November 1959

The Director-General consulted the Executive Board on his plans regarding the structure of the Directorate and on the nominations resulting from the proposed structure. Following a wide exchange of views, in which all members of the Board participated, the consultation was declared completed and the Director-General notified the Board of his decisions.

(55 EX/SR. 20)

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Tuesday 1 December 1959

1. The Executive Board considered, in private meeting, item 7.1 of its agenda, Consultations on appointments to senior posts in the Secretariat. At the end of the debate, it decided that the consultations had been completed on some of the posts and the Director-General notified the Board of his intentions with regard to certain of the vacancies.

The consultations will be continued at a subsequent meeting.

2. Having been informed of the invitation from the President of the Italian National Commission, the Board requested the Chairman to represent the Executive Board at the Third Regional Conference of European National Commissions to be held in Taormina, Sicily, from 23 to 28 February 1960.

(55 EX/SR. 20)

Announcement concerning the private meeting held on Thursday 3 December 1959

The Executive Board continued consultations on appointments to senior posts in the Secretariat. After the consultation had been completed the Director-General notified the Board of his intentions regarding certain of the vacancies to be filled.

(55 EX/SR. 20)

QUESTIONS WHICH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE 55th SESSION, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD AT ITS 56th SESSION

5.5 Co-operation with the United Nations in the field of research relating to outer space

5.8 (A) Draft Directives concerning Unesco's relations with international non-governmental organizations

(B) Transitional measures pending the entry into force of the new Directives

5.12 Co-operation with the International Association of Universities

5.15 Advisability of including in the agenda of the eleventh session of the General Conference the question of the preparation of an international instrument relating to technical and vocational education

6.5 Organizational structure, working methods and procedures and staff utilization in the Secretariat

6.7 Geographical distribution: revised scale of points for the grades of Professional posts

7.2 Report of the working party on the organization of the work of the General Conference

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**QUESTIONS WHICH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE
55th SESSION, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD AT ITS
56th OR 57th SESSION**

**4.9 International conference to study ways of improving the
international transmission of news**