

# 30 C/6

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## Recommendations by the Executive Board on the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001

### OUTLINE

In accordance with Article V.B.6(a) of the Constitution, the Executive Board submits to the General Conference the recommendations that it drew up at its 156th session concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (156 EX/Decision 4.1).

Document 30 C/6 consists of two complementary parts. Part I, which is reproduced below, contains the recommendations proposed by the Executive Board at its 156th session. Part II will contain the recommendations that are proposed by the Executive Board at its 157th session (5-22 October 1999) on the budget ceiling.



## Foreword

The General Conference at its 28th session requested that consideration be given to the means “to restore to the Conference its original function as a full-fledged policy-making body” (28 C/Resolution 37.2). To meet this concern, the Executive Board decided to give document 30 C/6 a new format intended to facilitate the process of decision-making by the Conference.

It is to be hoped that the new, more operational format of document 30 C/6 will also help reduce the volume and cost of the documents prepared for the Conference.

Document 30 C/6 is submitted to the General Conference for decision on the corresponding parts of draft document 30 C/5. The recommendations it contains are chiefly concerned with the resolutions proposed as guidance for the implementation of the Programme and Budget for 2000-2001. The proposed amendments are preceded by a summary of their objectives and essential reference information.

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## PART I

### 156 EX/Decision 4.1

#### Recommendations by the Executive Board on the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5) submitted to it by the Director General,
2. Bearing in mind the orientations set out in the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 (28 C/4 Approved),
3. Acknowledges the progress achieved in the presentation of document 30 C/5, as regards its clarity, readability and transparency, and in the evolution towards results-based programming and budgeting;
4. Notes with satisfaction that the presentation of this document is in conformity with the principles and guidelines set out by the General Conference (29 C/Resolution 87);
5. Recognizes that the strategic orientations proposed in document 30 C/5 are on the whole consistent with the main conclusions emerging from the process of consultation of Member States;
6. Submits to the General Conference the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5), recommending the following amendments:

#### Major Programme I

##### Coherence of the education programme

7. Better coordination among UNESCO education institutes and between the institutes and the Secretariat at and away from Headquarters is essential to ensure the coherence of the education programme. This concern should be reflected in the following resolution to be inserted after paragraph 01007:

*“The General Conference*

*Invites the Director-General:*

- (a) *to establish for the implementation of Major Programme I, ‘Education for all throughout life’, a system of coordination and division of labour between the Secretariat at Headquarters and all units away from Headquarters, in particular the UNESCO education institutes, field offices and affiliated institutes, on the basis of 29 C/Resolution 7 and of the relevant recommendations by the External Auditor;*

(b) *to submit proposals on an overall strategy, including coordination mechanisms, to the 161st session of the Executive Board, addressing the need to improve the coherence and implementation of the education programme as well as the cost-effectiveness and the functioning of the UNESCO education institutes and their governing bodies.*”

8. Furthermore, in document 30 C/5 Approved, the strategies and results expected from the UNESCO education institutes should also be presented under the relevant sections of Major Programme I, as well as a full list of other institutes associated with UNESCO’s education programme.

#### **EFA initiative of the E-9 countries**

9. Given that, according to the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001, the E-9 countries are a priority group within Programme I.1, actions envisaged in support of the E-9 countries require adequate funding and should be given greater visibility through a special presentation in document 30 C/5 Approved. To this end, the resolution proposed in paragraph 01130 should be amended by adding at the end of subparagraph (a)(ii) the following phrase:

*“... with particular emphasis on ... the E-9 initiative and on the plan of action of these countries;”*

The fifth expected result, under paragraph 01132, should be also reformulated to read as follows:

*“Collaboration and joint activities between the E-9 countries consolidated, particularly in the areas of teacher education, youth education, women’s education and distance education; assistance provided to the E-9 countries in the formulation of appropriate education policies to follow up the results of EFA Assessment 2000;”*

#### **Culture of maintenance**

10. The development of attitudes and the acquisition of skills fostering respect for objects and property are objectives which should be promoted at all levels and in all forms of education. Therefore strategies aimed at promoting a culture of maintenance and their expected results should be included in relevant parts of Major Programme I in document 30 C/5 Approved.

#### **Media education**

11. Activities in the area of media education should be included under Major Programme I and implemented in close coordination with the activities in this area already envisaged under Major Programme IV (para. 04121). To this end, the resolution proposed in paragraph 01220, under renovation of secondary education, should be amended by adding, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i):

*“enhance international and national capacities for the renewal, diversification and expansion of secondary education ... with particular emphasis on science and technology education, on media education and on preventive education against HIV-AIDS and drugs;”*

### **Technical and vocational education**

12. As a follow-up to the second International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education (Seoul, April 1999), close cooperation with other United Nations agencies, especially ILO, should be forged in developing an international long-term programme in technical and vocational education and training. This objective should be reflected in the proposed resolution contained in paragraph 01220, by adding at the end of subparagraph (a)(ii) the following text:

*“develop jointly with ILO an international long-term programme for the development of technical and vocational education and training, which would be open to other agencies willing to participate; and prepare together with ILO an updated version of the UNESCO-ILO Memorandum of Understanding (1954) to this effect;”*

### **UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme**

13. The rapid growth in the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme has raised the problem of geographical balance and sustainability of UNESCO Chairs, which needs to be addressed. This concern should be reflected by amending subparagraph (a)(ii) of the resolution proposed in paragraph 01230 as follows:

*“consolidate and strengthen the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme as an effective tool for the transfer of knowledge and the improvement of research, training and development of higher education, in particular in developing countries and the countries in transition, by further developing criteria for the selection of appropriate institutions, in collaboration with the United Nations University, seeking a better geographical balance of the Chairs and increasing their sustainability, on the basis of the conclusions of the external evaluation carried out in 1999; and to strengthen ... ;”*

### **UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa**

14. A medium-term strategy should be drawn up so as to outline the major directions, phases and requirements for the development of the newly established International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa in Addis Ababa. This concern should be reflected in paragraph 01463 by adding, at the end of the first expected result, the following:

*“A negotiated and agreed programme of work ... drawn up, as well as a medium-term strategy on the further development of the Institute, including adequate funding and staffing requirements.”*

## **Major Programme II**

### **UNISPAR**

15. Actions to promote university-science-industry cooperation should be continued in the framework of the UNISPAR (University-Industry-Science Partnership) programme and in close collaboration with UNIDO. This objective should be reflected by amending, in paragraph 02103, the fifth expected result as follows:

“University-industry cooperation promoted through workshops and the dissemination of information and learning materials in innovation and the commercialization of R&D, *in the framework of the UNISPAR (University-Industry-Science Partnership) programme developed in cooperation with UNIDO;*”

### **University science and engineering education**

16. The promotion of a culture of maintenance should be continued in the framework of action aimed at improving university science and engineering education. A specific reference to this effect should be added at the end of the strategy outlined in paragraph 02111, as follows:

*“Special attention will be given to the introduction of training courses in the use and maintenance of scientific equipment, especially in technical institutions in Africa. Support will be given to the maintenance centre to be established within the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology.”*

### **World Solar Programme**

17. The World Solar Programme requires adequate funding and should be given greater visibility at the international level. On the basis of resolution 53/7 of the United Nations General Assembly, concrete action should be undertaken to ensure that the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 becomes a joint endeavour of the entire United Nations system, with special attention to Africa. This objective should be reflected in the resolution proposed in paragraph 02118 by adding a new subparagraph (a)(ii) to read as follows:

*“undertake concrete action on the basis of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/7 to ensure that the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 becomes a joint endeavour of the entire United Nations system, paying particular attention to Africa;”*

### **UNESCO Geoparks Programme**

18. The proposal to launch a UNESCO Geoparks Programme should be re-examined on the basis of a feasibility study to be presented at the 159th or 160th session of the Executive Board. Accordingly, the resolution proposed in paragraph 02210 should be amended, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i), as follows:

*“promote modern earth system management ... and by preparing a feasibility study on developing a UNESCO Geoparks Programme to enhance geological heritage;”*

### **Regional activities of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)**

19. The plan of action envisaged under IOC should emphasize the activities undertaken in the different regions, particularly in Africa and in the least developed countries. This concern should be reflected in the resolution proposed in paragraph 02240 by adding at the end of subparagraph (a)(i) the following phrase:

“... by developing national and regional scientific capacities for integrating results to promote sustainable development, *in particular in UNESCO priority groups of countries, Africa - in support of the follow-up to the Pan African Conference on Sustainable Integrated Coastal Management (PACSICOM) - and the least developed countries;*”

In addition, in the section “Regional and subregional strategies” presented at the end of Major Programme II, the priority activities in the different regions and subregions undertaken under IOC should be specified.

### **Mitigating the effects of the El Niño phenomenon**

20. Efforts should be continued to strengthen interdisciplinary and intersectoral cooperation as well as cooperation with competent international organizations in pursuing scientific studies and developing early warning systems to mitigate the impact of the El Niño phenomenon, including in landlocked countries. This concern should be reflected by amending the fourth expected result indicated in paragraph 02241, as follows:

“The early warning systems for tsunamis, storm surges and El Niño events and impacts made more effective *through integrated interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies*, in concert with other early warning systems overseen by UNESCO; *Member States, including landlocked countries, assisted in developing early warning and forecasting systems on El Niño and storm surges;*”

### **Social transformations and development**

21. The conclusions of the mid-term evaluation of the MOST programme have underlined the advisability of pursuing the further development of the programme by focusing it on its main research themes and on the use of the results of the networks which participate in it in order to contribute to the renewal of policy-making. A strategic plan of action should be designed to that effect, in consultation with the MOST Intergovernmental Committee and its Scientific Steering Committee, and presented to the Executive Board at its 160th session. In this context, the resolution proposed under paragraph 02250 should be amended, under subparagraph (a)(i), to read as follows:

“*on the basis of the decisions of the Executive Board relating to the mid-term evaluation of the programme*, help to improve the formulation of social development policies by consolidating the main projects and networks which have been established under the MOST programme, extracting therefrom a well-structured set of conclusions and framing a strategy to communicate them to decision-makers;”

## **Major Programme III**

### **Culture and development**

22. In the framework of UNESCO’s contribution to the implementation of the Action Plan adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development (Stockholm, 1998), more attention should be paid, on the one

hand, to the role that the cultural heritage and cultural industries, *inter alia*, can play in socio-economic development, in particular through the creation of income-generating activities, and, on the other, to issues linked to the circulation of and trade in cultural goods. Consequently, the resolution proposed in paragraph 03011 should be amended so that subparagraph (a) reads as follows:

“to implement the following plan of action in order to promote public policies that recognize the central role of culture in development, *including the creation of income-generating activities*, by mobilizing and sharing information and new knowledge in this domain, *in particular concerning the trade in cultural goods*, facilitating the elaboration of innovative policy frameworks and strengthening national and local capacities in the management/administration of cultural institutions;”

23. The Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development invited UNESCO to further develop inter-agency cooperation in the field of cultural policies. This should be reflected in the resolution proposed in paragraph 03011 by adding at the end of subparagraph (a) the following:

“*and to develop further inter-agency cooperation with a view to establishing close links between cultural and educational, social, health and development policies;*”

#### **Major Programme IV**

##### **Promotion of independent and pluralist media**

24. The effective implementation of the declarations and the action plans issued by the five regional seminars on promoting independent and pluralist media organized in recent years should be considered as a priority. This concern should be reflected in the proposed resolution in paragraph 04110, by amending its subparagraph (a)(i) as follows:

“... foster, *notably in the context of the follow-up to the five regional seminars organized on this theme*, media independence and pluralism as prerequisites and major factors of democratization by providing advisory services on media legislation and sensitizing governments, parliamentarians and other decision-makers;”

##### **“Memory of the World” programme**

25. The coordination between the “Memory of the World” programme and the activities in Major Programme III relating to the cultural heritage should be reinforced. This concern should be reflected in the implementation strategy of this programme (para. 04122) and in the resolution proposed in paragraph 04120 which should be amended in subparagraph (a)(ii) as follows:

“... while paying special attention to the preservation and promotion of the documentary heritage of humanity through the “Memory of the World” programme, *and reinforcing its coordination with activities relating to the cultural heritage;*”

### Development of “infostructure”

26. In the framework of the activities envisaged in paragraph 04221, devoted to “Integrated information and informatics strategies and methodologies”, an action plan to develop “infostructure” in Africa and in the least developed countries should be drawn up, focusing on education and training of personnel in the area of information and informatics and on the provision of informatics tools for the collection, storage and treatment of information. Consequently, the resolution proposed in paragraph 04220 should be amended by adding, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i), the following:

*“by drawing up an action plan to develop ‘infostructure’ in Africa and in the least developed countries, and by adapting existing software (CDS/ISIS, IDAMS) and multilingual terminology networks (such as INFOTERM) to the new technological environment;”.*

The strategy and the expected results should be reformulated accordingly.

### Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace

27. A new resolution should be inserted at the beginning of paragraph 05100, which should read as follows:

*“The General Conference*

1. *Invites the Director-General to further develop, in line with the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001, the coherence of UNESCO’s strategies fostering a culture of peace, as the expression of its fundamental mandate to which all of UNESCO’s activities must contribute;*
2. *Invites furthermore the Director-General to focus the transdisciplinary project ‘Towards a culture of peace’ on:*
  - (a) *UNESCO’s contribution to the International Year for the Culture of Peace (2000) and the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010) (Unit 1);*
  - (b) *UNESCO’s contribution to the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004) and the further development of an integrated approach to ‘Education for a culture of peace’ (Unit 2);*
  - (c) *UNESCO’s contribution to the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations (2001) and the International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People (1994-2004) (Unit 3);”.*

### Unit 1

28. UNESCO is expected to play a prominent role in the implementation of the programme of action on a culture of peace, which is under consideration by the United Nations General Assembly. In the framework of the guidelines defined in this programme of action, emphasis should be put on concrete activities rather than on those of a theoretical nature and efforts should focus on lending support

to initiatives taken by the Member States themselves. Consequently, the resolution proposed in paragraph 05100 should be amended so that subparagraph (a)(ii) will read as follows:

*“contribute to the implementation of the programme of action on a culture of peace [to be] adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, by concentrating the activities on the promotion of and support to initiatives undertaken at national, subregional and regional levels and on the dissemination of successful experience;”*

## **Unit 2**

29. Activities under this Unit should take full account of such recommendations of the Executive Board's temporary working group on human rights education as are approved by the General Conference. This concern should be reflected in the resolution proposed in paragraph 05200 by adding in subparagraph (a) the following phrase:

*“to implement the following plan of action, on the basis of the recommendations of the Executive Board's temporary working group on human rights education, in order to ...,”*

30. The activities aimed at promoting multilingual education should rely mainly on university networks such as LINGUAPAX (the eighth international conference of which is due to be held in Ukraine, in 2000, with extrabudgetary funding support) and LINGUAUNI. In this context, the resolution proposed in paragraph 05200 should be amended, by adding to subparagraph (a)(iv), the following phrase:

*“promote linguistic diversity and multilingual education at all levels of education, in cooperation with networks such as LINGUAPAX and LINGUAUNI;”*

## **Unit 3**

31. An innovative overall strategy should be prepared concerning the dissemination of the General History of Africa and the completion of the other history projects. Fund-raising should be a major element of this strategy, which should explore the various ways and means to ensure the financing of the different activities. Consequently, the resolution proposed in paragraph 05300 should be amended by adding, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i), the following text:

*“design a comprehensive strategy, and make a cost estimate of its implementation, to promote dissemination and follow-up activities of the General History of Africa, to ensure the completion of the other history projects (the History of Humanity; the History of Civilizations of Central Asia; the General History of the Caribbean; the History of Latin America; The Different Aspects of Islamic Culture) and to secure the extrabudgetary funds required for that purpose;”*

### **Regional and subregional strategies**

32. Sections at the end of each major programme dealing with “Regional and subregional strategies”<sup>1</sup> should include specific references to action envisaged in the Pacific, in the Caribbean and in the Indian Ocean as well as in the countries of the Baltic and the countries in transition.<sup>2</sup> Information should also be provided, in document 30 C/5 Approved, on budget allocations for that purpose. References to inter-agency collaboration should be included in these sections as necessary.

### **Coordination of activities concerning Africa**

33. The “Priority Africa Special Account” should be used as a means to strengthen the role of the Priority Africa Department in giving impetus and facilitating implementation of activities. This objective should be reflected in paragraph 09305 by reformulating the latter part of the fourth expected result as follows:

*“Establishment of a ‘Priority Africa Special Account’ for the funding and execution of five pilot projects in the following fields: culture of maintenance; the OAU Decade for African Education; the strengthening of the role of science and technology in African development; informatics education for youth and women; skills and vocational training for youth; these projects should be implemented by the competent programme sectors in collaboration with the Priority Africa Department.”*

### **Information and dissemination services**

34. It is essential to formulate a coherent public information strategy including the information activities of programme sectors, in order to enhance the visibility of UNESCO’s action in the Member States. The resolution proposed in paragraph 12002 should be amended by the addition of an introductory subparagraph which should read as follows:

*“The General Conference*

*Invites the Director-General to formulate a comprehensive strategy, and make a cost estimate of its implementation, devised to raise the visibility of UNESCO’s action, to strengthen the coordination of information and dissemination activities within the Secretariat, to develop cooperation with partners and to improve the quality of UNESCO’s productions, both written and audiovisual, and to submit proposals to that end to the Executive Board at its 161st session;”*

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<sup>1</sup> Major Programme I, paragraphs 01701 to 01716; Major Programme II, paragraphs 02701 to 02733; Major Programme III, paragraphs 03701 to 03705; and Major Programme IV, paragraphs 04701 to 04715.

<sup>2</sup> See paragraph 216 of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 (28 C/4).

**Support for Programme Execution -  
Bureau for External Relations**

35. The resolution proposed in paragraph 13002 should be amended by adding in subparagraph (a)(i), at the end of the text concerning National Commissions, the following text:

*“and by increasing the participation of National Commissions in the execution of activities envisaged in document 30 C/5 Approved, through the establishment of a special procedure to that effect;”*

**Advisory committees and bodies**

36. The satisfactory functioning of the advisory committees and bodies should be ensured by the provision of adequate budgetary allocations. To this end, document 30 C/5 Approved should contain a recapitulatory list of the advisory committees and bodies which are to be convened together with their budgetary provisions and the programme to which they are related.<sup>3</sup>

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A recapitulation list of the advisory committees and bodies envisaged in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 will be made available for the 30th session of the General Conference.



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**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2000-2001**

**ADDENDUM**

**PART II**

157 EX/Decision 4.1

At its 157th session, the Executive Board adopted the following decision for consideration by the General Conference:

The Executive Board,

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1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5) prepared by the Director-General and submitted to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VI.3(a) of the Constitution,
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. Noting with appreciation that the presentation of the 30 C/5 document complies with the guidelines and directives of the General Conference and the Executive Board,
4. Considering that the preparation of the two budgetary scenarios does not fully comply with the requirements included in paragraphs 82 and 83 of 155 EX/Decision 4.1,
5. 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,

6. Drawing the attention of the General Conference to the difficult economic situation and of the continuing severe financial constraints in almost all Member States urgently requiring the efficient use of the limited resources available,
7. Also drawing the attention of the General Conference to the strong wish of Members of the Executive Board to restrict the budget for 2000-2001 to a level reflecting the above considerations,
8. Further drawing the attention of the General Conference to the fact that, in view of these difficulties, the budgets for 2000-2001 of international organizations, in particular those of some other bodies of the United Nations system, remain within the levels of the current biennium,
9. Considering that a new Director-General will be in office as of the beginning of the next budget biennium,
10. Recommends that the General Conference:
  - (a) approves a budget ceiling of \$544,367,250 for the biennium 2000-2001 at an exchange rate of 5.70 FF/US \$;
  - (b) invites the Director-General to prepare within the framework of the above-mentioned financial limit, any adjustment to the Approved Programme and Budget (30 C/5), taking into account the findings of the Finance and Administrative Commission of the 156th session of the Executive Board (156 EX/Decision 4.1, B, Annex, para. 8) annexed to this decision, and to submit such adjustments to it at its 159th session for examination and approval;
  - (c) further invites the Director-General to find savings of at least \$10 million in order to strengthen the Organization's activities, in particular, in the fields of:
    - Participation Programme,
    - the E-9 countries,
    - new management and monitoring requirements,
    - statutory requirements in the Medical Benefits Fund, and
    - Young Professionals programme;
11. Further recommends that the General Conference include in Part A of the Appropriation Resolution as proposed in document 30 C/5:
  - (a) subparagraph (e) as follows:

“Transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board, it being understood that under Parts II.A and B of the budget, all budget lines for programmes and fields of action corresponding to a programme resolution of the General Conference will constitute appropriation lines”;

(b) a footnote to subparagraph (j) as follows:

“Calculated on the basis of the established posts as shown in Appendix VI, as amended, with a lapse factor rate of 3 per cent, not including short-term temporary personnel or consultant services under the regular budget, or posts financed from extrabudgetary sources”;

## II

12. Having examined document 157 EX/12 and Corr.,
13. Notes that such document does not fully reflect what was requested in paragraph 4 of 156 EX/Decision 4.1, Part B;
14. Observes that such document does not refer to the repercussions in the contributions of Member States if the exchange rate is increased to FF 6.15 to the dollar;
15. Considers that the current system of split-level assessment should be continued as a valid method for protecting the Organization’s budget from the effects of currency fluctuation;

## III

16. Having examined document 157 EX/46 and Add.,
17. Recognizes the need to provide UNESCO with modern management and monitoring instruments, as well as the need to replace the legacy computer systems, especially those for budget, finance, human resource management and payroll, in order to produce needed efficiency gains, improve services to the governing bodies, Member States and other UNESCO partners, and improve the quality of information available to management and the governing bodies;
18. Takes note that the overall cost of these replacement systems is estimated to be in the range of \$19 million, of which some \$10.7 million relates to Finance and Budget with implementation foreseen for 2000-2001 and some \$8.3 million relates to Human Resources and Payroll with implementation foreseen for 2002-2003;
19. Welcomes the proposal of the Director-General to open a Special Account to group all the income and expenditure relating to the projects and requests that he submit its financial regulations to the Executive Board at its 160th session;
20. Recommends to the General Conference to authorize that any amount from the regular budget foreseen for this purpose in document 30 C/5 be transferred into the aforesaid Special Account;
21. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions in order to enable UNESCO to implement these projects with the least possible delay and in the most efficient way;
22. Further invites the Director-General to use available extrabudgetary funds to help cover the shortfall and not to start the project unless adequate funding is available;

23. Requests the Director-General to report regularly on the status of the project to the Executive Board as well as to the General Conference at its 31st session;

*Annex*

8. Recommends that the General Conference approve a programme and budget on the basis of document 30 C/5 with a ceiling of \$544,367,250 for the biennium 2000-2001 at an exchange rate of 5.70 FF/US \$, taking into account savings of \$9,560,300 to be realized from:

- *increases planned for:*
  - *staff travel,*
  - *financial allocations,*
  - *other contributions (Annex II);*
- *established posts (Appendix VI and para. T13003);*
- *activities (para. T13003);*
- *temporary assistance;*
- *conferences and meetings;*
- *the UNESCO Publishing Office and Monthly Periodicals;*
- *changes in programmes with possible reductions in costs;*

*in order to strengthen the Organization's activities in the fields of:*

- *the Participation Programme (\$2,830,000);*
- *the E-9 countries (\$2,500,000);*
- *new management and monitoring requirements (\$2,500,000);*
- *statutory requirements of the Medical Benefits Fund (\$1,180,100);*
- *the Young Professionals programme (\$550,200).*

IV

24. Bearing in mind the conclusions of the final report of Audience Africa, held in Paris in February 1995, particularly the 10 convictions held by Africans,
25. Considering the recommendations of the first, second and third meetings of the International Committee for the Follow-up to Audience Africa,
26. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 4.1, paragraph 33, in which it recommended the establishment of a "Priority Africa Special Account" for the funding and execution of five pilot projects *in the following fields: culture of maintenance; the OAU Decade for African Education; the strengthening of the role of science and*

*technology in African development; informatics education for youth and women; skills and vocational training for youth; these projects should be implemented by the competent programme sectors in collaboration with the Priority Africa Department,*

27. Having taken note of document 157 EX/43 concerning the Priority Africa Special Account,
28. Stressing the need to strengthen cooperation with the Member States of Africa,
29. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to include in the Priority Africa Special Account the balance of the amount in the International Fund for the Technological Development of Africa;
30. Recommends that the General Conference authorize the Director-General to transfer to the Priority Africa Special Account US \$1 million allocated to activities concerning Africa under Major Programmes I, II, III and IV of Part II.A of the approved budget for the 2000-2001 biennium;
31. Invites the Director-General to report to it regularly on the functioning of the Priority Africa Special Account.