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**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS  
TO THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR  
2000-2001 (30 C/5)**

**OUTLINE**

This document provides a summary of the amendments proposed by Member States concerning the parts and chapters of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 that will be examined by the Administrative Commission, together with the Director-General's observations thereon.

## Introduction

*A draft resolution relating to the Participation Programme is submitted for examination to the Administrative Commission, within the framework of the discussions concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001.*

### Part II.A Participation Programme

1. **Draft resolution 42 (Portugal)** proposes a series of amendments to the resolution proposed in paragraph 11007 concerning the Participation Programme, aimed at (i) increasing the resources allocated to this Programme in 2000-2001; (ii) separating the Emergency Assistance Programme from the Participation Programme; (iii) introducing a number of changes in the procedures, criteria and methods of operation of the programme.

2. The first amendment thus proposes that an amount of US \$29,701,680 be allocated to the Participation Programme for the 2000-2001 biennium - corresponding to an increase of \$7,701,680 in relation to the amount provided for in scenario A - and suggests, for this purpose, transferring to this Programme an amount equivalent to 10% of the overall amount of the resources allocated, in Part II.A of the Draft Programme and Budget, to the major programmes, the transdisciplinary project, the transverse activities and the four priority groups: women, youth, Africa and the least developed countries.

*The Director-General wishes to recall in this regard that, under the “Final Recommendations by the Executive Board on the proposed budget for 2000-2001” (30 C/6, Part II), the Executive Board recommends that the General Conference adopt a budget ceiling not exceeding \$544,367,250 for the biennium and, inter alia, invites the Director-General to find savings of at least \$10 million in order to strengthen the Organization’s activities in a number of fields defined by the Executive Board, including the Participation Programme. In this Annex to this recommendation, the Executive Board further recommends that the funds allocated to the Participation Programme be increased by \$2,830,000, which would raise the total allocation to \$24,830,000.*

3. The second proposal concerns the separation of the emergency assistance programme from the Participation Programme and the establishment of an autonomous structure to administer such emergency aid.

*The Director-General wishes to recall that this question was discussed at the 157th session of the Executive Board, without a final position having been decided upon. By 157 EX/Decision 9.3, adopted at the conclusion of the examination of the Report on the functioning and the status of implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (document 157 EX/31), the Executive Board invited the Director-General to “submit to it at its 159th session a definition of the circumstances and proposed criteria under which emergency assistance may be granted, in particular with the aim of studying the implications of establishing an activity with a separate budget line”.*

4. A third series of amendments contained in the draft resolution is aimed principally at (a) raising to 15 the maximum number of requests submitted by a Member State and including the requests submitted by international non-governmental organizations - the number of which is limited to five - within the quota of requests submitted by Member States; (b) setting two deadlines (instead of one) for the submission of requests: 30 January 2000 in the case of

projects to be implemented during the first year of the biennium, and 31 December 2000 in the case of projects to be implemented during the second year; (c) raising to \$30,000 (from \$26,000) the maximum amount of funding for a national activity or project, and to \$40,000 (from \$35,000) the amount for interregional, regional and subregional projects; (d) limiting to four months at the most the duration of fellowships and study grants awarded under this Programme; and (e) limiting to “audiovisual, computer, laboratory and library or archive equipment” the assistance that can be granted in the form of equipment (other than vehicles).

*It should be noted that, among the proposed amendments, that relating to the setting of two deadlines for the submission of requests (b) has already been discussed by the Executive Board, at its 156th session. At the conclusion of that debate it was decided not to include this innovation in the list of criteria to be proposed to the General Conference at its 30th session, but to study the implications and consequences thereof at a later date. With regard to subparagraph (c), increasing the maximum amount of funding might well result in a decrease in the number of requests approved for each Member State. In such circumstances, the Secretariat considers that it would be preferable to maintain this maximum amount at its current level, in order to be able to meet a larger number of requests. As regards the forms of assistance, it should be pointed out that limiting the duration of study grants to four months (d) would be tantamount to excluding automatically the requests for training fellowships at the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), financed under the Participation Programme. Finally, in regard to the supply of equipment other than vehicles (e), it is for each Member State to define the type of assistance that is most appropriate to its needs: computer or laboratory equipment, books and educational materials, etc.*