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OUTLINE

This document presents a summary of the amendments proposed by the Member States to the parts and chapters of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, which are to be examined by Commission I, and the observations of the Director-General with regard to these amendments.

To facilitate their examination by Commission I, the proposed amendments have been divided into two categories:

- (i) draft resolutions likely to be adopted *in extenso* by the General Conference; and
- (ii) draft resolutions the purpose of which is to modify the overall direction of the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5.

Introduction

Six draft resolutions have been submitted for consideration by Commission I for the debates concerning Part II, “Programme Execution and Services”, and Part III, “Support for Programme Execution”.

The draft resolutions relating to Part II refer to (i) Fellowships and Procurement Services and Related Programme Support, and (ii) Coordination of Activities in favour of Priority Groups, while the draft resolutions relating to Part III refer to the Bureau for External Relations, and in particular to cooperation with UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations.

N.B. It should be noted that:

Draft resolution 1 (United Republic of Tanzania) concerning culture of maintenance assigned to Commission I (inasmuch as it concerns Fellowships and Procurement Services under Part II) is also proposed for consideration by Commissions II, III, IV and V.

PART II – PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND SERVICES

Draft resolutions the purpose of which is to modify the overall direction of the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

Transverse Activity: Fellowships and Procurement Services and Related Programme Support

1. **Draft resolution 1 (United Republic of Tanzania)** invites the Director-General to assign an existing unit in the Secretariat the task of overall coordination and promotion of maintenance-related activities in relevant UNESCO programmes and to report on follow-up given at the next General Conference. It further recommends that financial resources be specifically earmarked for this purpose, that extrabudgetary funds are sought for the activities of the Centre for a Culture of Maintenance in Dar-es-Salaam and that a steering committee be established to oversee the development of the programme.

The Director-General wishes to recall that following the recommendations of the Executive Board (151 EX/Decision 10.4) concerning the promotion of a culture of maintenance in developing countries, a Maintenance Centre was set up in the Dar-es-Salaam Institute of Technology, and the Equipment and Fellowships Division at Headquarters has been designated as focal point for maintenance-related activities being carried out within the various major programmes. These include, for example, management and maintenance of educational spaces and facilities under Major Programme I (para. 01212); training in the use and maintenance of scientific equipment under Major Programme II (para. 02111); promotion of care for and conservation of tangible and intangible heritage under Major Programme III (para. 03112); and enhancing sustainability of communication projects through training for a culture of maintenance under Major Programme IV (para. 04211).

In this connection, the maintenance-related activities envisaged under subprogramme II.1.1 will be explicitly mentioned in the text of paragraph 02111 - as recommended in paragraph 16 of document 30 C/6 - when preparing document 30 C/5 Approved. Moreover, as a follow-up to the recommendation contained in paragraph 10

of document 30 C/6, the Secretariat will be willing - in the framework of the project "Educating for a sustainable future" (paras. 1300-1301) - to assist Member States in developing educational activities to promote attitudes and skills conducive to a culture of maintenance.

The Director-General recognizes the importance of promoting a culture of maintenance and is therefore willing to strengthen cooperation with relevant partners and mobilize support to complement the seed money allocated under the regular budget. Measures will be also taken to strengthen intersectoral and interdisciplinary cooperation through the focal point. He considers however that an intersectoral task force rather than an external steering committee could be envisaged to give a fresh impetus to culture of maintenance activities during 2000-2001.

Finally, he wishes to point out that this proposal has a budgetary implication of \$250,000, as estimated by the Secretariat. Should the General Conference approve this proposal, it should also decide on the amount to be approved and identify the main line of action or the chapter in document 30 C/5 from which that amount should be drawn.

2. Draft resolution 14 (Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Jamaica, Philippines, South Africa, Uruguay, Venezuela) requests the Director-General to raise the amount allocated under the regular budget to the Fellowship Bank Scheme, and urges Member States, foundations and private donors to continue to support the Fellowship Bank Scheme, especially through sponsored fellowships. It also requests that its budget be raised by \$150,000 through allocations from the reserve for draft resolutions.

The Director-General wishes to recall that, during the 1998-1999 biennium, the initial amount of \$1 million set aside for the UNESCO Fellowship Bank was increased with the allocation of an additional \$1 million and a further amount of approximately \$600,000 which were awarded for fellowship activities under the Participation Programme. Furthermore, a small portion of the funds under the UNESCO Fellowship Bank Programme was also used to implement co-sponsored fellowships offered by a number of Member States, private donors and international bodies. These extrabudgetary contributions-in-kind were estimated to be worth over \$3 million.

Thus, during the 1998-1999 biennium some 480 fellowships were awarded, at an estimated cost of some \$6 million, under a variety of funding sources - both the Regular Programme and extrabudgetary resources - to beneficiaries duly endorsed by their respective National Commissions. This does not include other fellowships, study and travel grants offered by different programme sectors.

He also wishes to point out that, as the Executive Board has not recommended the establishment of a reserve for draft resolution in 30 C/5, the proposal has a budgetary implication of \$150,000. Should the General Conference approve this proposal, it should also decide on the amount to be approved and identify the main line of action or the chapter in document 30 C/5 from which that amount should be drawn.

Transverse Activity: Coordination of Activities in favour of Priority Groups

3. Two draft resolutions [**DR. 54 (Togo)** and **DR. 67 (Kenya)**] may be considered together as they are concerned with UNESCO programmes in Africa.

4. **Draft resolution 54 (Togo)** invites the Director-General to strengthen the human, material and financial resources of the Priority Africa Department so as to enable it to carry out its task more effectively.

The Director-General wishes to point out that the issues related to the coordination of activities concerning Africa and the role and functions of the Priority Africa Department in the framework of 30 C/5 were examined by the Executive Board at its 156th and 157th sessions. In the decision taken at its 156th session (para. 33 of document 30 C/6), the Executive Board 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, and that it should be used as a means to strengthen the role of Priority Africa Department in giving impetus and facilitating implementation of activities.

At its 157th session, taking into account the conclusions of the final report of Audience Africa (Paris, February 1995) and the recommendations of the first, second and third meetings of the International Committee for the follow-up to Audience Africa, the Executive Board formulated a further recommendation (157 EX/Decision 4.1) inviting the General Conference to authorize the Director-General to transfer to the Priority Africa Special Account - which will include the balance of the amount in the International Fund for the Technological Development of Africa - \$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.

The Director-General welcomes the recommendations and is willing to reflect the decision of the General Conference thereon by amending, as appropriate, the text of paragraph 09305 when preparing the document 30 C/5 Approved.

5. **Draft resolution 67 (Kenya)** invites the Director-General to include under the aegis of the Priority Africa Programme, a project for Africa that would be similar to the one on “Human development for sustainable living conditions in the Pacific” proposed in paragraphs 02237-02239.

The Director-General wishes to recall that the project “Human development for sustainable living conditions in the Pacific” (paras. 02237-02239) like the project “Caribbean People: Tapestry of the Past - Fabric for the Future” (paras. 0340-03401) are the result respectively of the “Focus on the Pacific” and “Focus on the Caribbean” consultation process undertaken in the framework of the preparation of 30 C/5. As stated in paragraph 13103 of 30 C/5, these intersectoral projects, developed in close conjunction with the programme sectors, with Member States concerned and development institutions, are intended to respond to priority needs of small island states in cooperation with development partners.

UNESCO’s programmes for Africa have followed a different path - starting with the adoption, by the 25th session of the General Conference, of the Priority Africa Programme 1990-1995, followed by the Audience Africa meeting (February 1995) and the setting up (1996) of an International Committee to follow-up Audience Africa. The

strategy envisaged in 30 C/5 with respect to the priority group Africa, which are reflected in all of UNESCO's programmes, takes fully into account the conclusions of Audience Africa and the recommendations of the meetings of the International Committee for the follow-up of Audience Africa.

In light of the above, the Director-General considers that it would not be desirable to include - at this stage - a separate intersectoral project in 30 C/5, as proposed in this draft resolution. The development of such a project could be envisaged only on the basis of an in-depth consultation of African Member States and the identification of the priority issues that could be most effectively addressed within its framework.

6. **Draft resolution 39 (Hungary)** proposes the insertion in paragraph 09202, after the words "... at national and local levels", the following sentence: "The Youth Coordination Unit will undertake a feasibility study on the launching of a new UNESCO volunteers programme". As explained in the explanatory note, the aim of this proposal is to enable young people aged between 16 and 26 years to serve *inter alia* as UNESCO volunteers in restoring cultural heritage, biosphere reserves, geoparks, etc.

The Director-General wishes to point out that the promotion of voluntary service by young people - implementation of which involves all programme sectors, the World Heritage Center, the Culture of Peace Programme, the Bureau of Extrabudgetary Funding and the Division of Decentralization and Field Coordination - is precisely one of the tasks already entrusted to the Youth Coordination Unit (DG/Note/98/23). To that effect, YCU is currently finalizing a document on a new concept of Youth Voluntary Service which is geared to encouraging Member States to include this modality in their youth policies and to assisting them with regard to the legal framework needed. The aim is not to revive a UNESCO Volunteer Programme but to promote youth voluntary service as an essential aspect of national development policies and strategies.

The concept being developed is likely to promote youth volunteer service on a much larger scale than the one that could be put into place by the Organization on its own, as previous experience in this regard has shown. The Director-General therefore feels that it would not be desirable to undertake a feasibility study for launching a UNESCO volunteers programme.

PART III – SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION

Draft resolutions likely to be adopted *in extenso* by the General Conference:

Chapter I - Bureau for External Relations

7. **Draft resolution 27 (Russian Federation, Lithuania, Poland, Cyprus, Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica, supported by Georgia, China, Haiti, Burundi, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago)** invites the Director-General to conclude a framework cooperation agreement with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA) and to strengthen substantially the resources to follow-up the recommendations of the Fifth World Congress of WFUCA, such as: the preparation of an inventory and evaluation of the activities of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations; the organization of training seminars, and the publication of a training manual in different UNESCO official languages for the benefit of

leaders and members of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, and regional and international meetings to draw up strategies and plans of action by members of the Federation.

The Director-General acknowledges the valuable contribution of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations in the promotion of UNESCO messages and actions at national and local levels, recognizes the need to strengthen UNESCO's cooperation with the movement and therefore welcomes the proposals contained in the draft resolution, which seek to substantially reinforce the main lines of action proposed in paragraphs 13110 and 13111 of 30 C/5. In this regard, he welcomes the appeal addressed in the draft resolution to Member States.

He also wishes to point out that the implementation of this proposal will require substantial budgetary reinforcement estimated at \$400,000 by the Secretariat. Should the General Conference approve this proposal, it should also decide on the amount to be approved and identify the main line of action or the chapter in document 30 C/5 from which that amount should be drawn.

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ADDENDUM***Part II.A – Major Programmes, Transdisciplinary Project and Transverse Activities***

Draft resolution 7 Rev. (Netherlands and France) invites the Director-General to carry out an evaluation of UNESCO's policy regarding world reports, specifically concerning their political effectiveness, their position within the Organization and their relationship to reports of other United Nations organizations, and to report on the results to the Executive Board at its 159th session.

The Director-General welcomes this proposal and considers that it could make a valuable contribution towards improving the design, quality and relevance of the world reports and towards reinforcing cooperative links in their preparation with the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and with other relevant organizations and institutions, both within and outside the United Nations system. He is, therefore, willing to undertake the evaluation as proposed and to report on the results to the 160th session of the Executive Board rather than at its 159th session.

This proposal has a budgetary implication of \$100,000. Should the General Conference approve this proposal, it should also decide on the amount to be approved and identify the main lines of action or the chapters in document 30 C/5 from which that amount should be drawn.