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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (157 EX/1, 157 EX/INF.1 and Rev. and 157 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 157 EX/1 and 157 EX/INF.1 and Rev.

The Executive Board decided to refer to the commissions specified below the following items of its agenda:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.2.1, 3.3.2, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.1, 9.1, 9.6, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4, and, as concerns programme-related aspects, items 3.1, 3.3.1 and 9.2.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 4.1, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10, 8.11 and 9.3, and, as concerns administrative and financial aspects, items 3.1, 3.3.1 and 9.2.
3. **The joint meeting of PX and FA:** items 3.3.1, 4.1 and 9.2.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 157 EX/2 concerning the following items of the agenda:

- 9.8 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (157 EX/37).
- 9.10 Relations with the Indian Ocean Commission and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (157 EX/45).

(157 EX/SR.1)

1.1 Election of the Chairperson of the Executive Board

The Executive Board took note of the resignation of its Chairperson Mr Pál Pataki (Hungary) and, in accordance with Rule 12 of its Rules of Procedure, elected Mr Christopher J. Chetsanga (Zimbabwe) for the remainder of the term of office.

(157 EX/SR.1)

1.2 Replacement of one of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 10 of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Cameroon to replace Zimbabwe for the remainder of the term of office.

(157 EX/SR.4)

2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 156th SESSION (156 EX/SR.1-16)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 156th session.

(157 EX/SR.1)

3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (157 EX/4 (Part I and Part II), 157 EX/INF.3 and Add., 157 EX/INF.5, 157 EX/INF.6 and 157 EX/51 Add. and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

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1. Having examined documents 157 EX/4 (Part I and Part II) and 157 EX/INF.3 and Add.,
2. Urges the Director-General to continue to apply measures to control staff cost expenditures in the regular budget in order to ensure that the amount of \$313,658,650 as contained in 29 C/Resolution 65(A)(j) is not exceeded;
3. Notes with concern the over-expenditure already observed in specific areas - in particular, travel and personnel services -, and invites the Director-General to urgently adopt effective measures to avoid such over-expenditure, and to report to it on such measures at its 159th session;
4. Notes that the presentation of the costs for organizing the statutory meetings of the intergovernmental committees, as set out in document 157 EX/4 Part II, is unsatisfactory;
5. Invites the Director-General to take this into account when presenting future reports;
6. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at each of its sessions a list of the ongoing projects for each sector, together with the amounts approved for their funding and any other cost or support involved; a summary of the amounts available for each sector must be appended;

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7. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 8.10.1 on the JIU report “The Challenge of Outsourcing for the United Nations System” in which the Executive Board invited the Director-General to report at the 157th session on the impact of outsourcing in UNESCO, and to propose an outsourcing policy for its consideration,
8. Noting that the information provided in the Director-General’s report contained in document 157 EX/INF.3 does not satisfy the request of the Executive Board,
9. Requests the Director-General to submit a new report and proposed policy to it, as requested, not later than its 160th session.

(157 EX/SR.7)

III

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 49 and 156 EX/Decision 6.6,
2. Welcoming the offers to host the UNESCO Institute for Statistics which have been made by Canada, France and the United Kingdom,
3. Wishing to inform all Member States of the offers already received and the conditions and specifications required for the premises and functioning of the Institute,
4. Conscious of the need to appraise the offers on the basis of all relevant considerations,
5. Requests the Director-General to invite Member States that would like to host the Institute to transmit their proposals to the Secretariat by 29 February 2000;
6. Requests the Governing Board of the Institute to study and appraise the various offers which have, or will have, been made;
7. Invites the Director-General, taking account of the views expressed by the Governing Board of the Institute, to make a recommendation on the location of the Institute for consideration and decision by the Executive Board at its 159th session.

(157 EX/SR.8)

3.1.1 Structure of the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1998-1999 (31 C/3) (157 EX/5 and 157 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/5 "Structure of the report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1998-1999 (31 C/3)",
2. Invites the Director-General to prepare document 31 C/3 in accordance with the structure of the Programme and Budget for 1998-1999 (29 C/5) and to submit it for its consideration at its 160th session.

(157 EX/SR.6)

3.2 Education

3.2.1 Recommendations of the seventh meeting of the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (157 EX/6 and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/6,

2. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 3.2.2, in particular paragraph 3 reflecting the concerns over the discontinuation of the UNICEF-UNESCO funding agreements, and paragraph 4 on cooperation with private partners, donors and sponsors,
3. Taking note of the “Framework Agreement between UNESCO and UNICEF on Collaboration in the Field of Education” of 9 February 1999,
4. Expressing its thanks to the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education for its report and recommendations,
5. Bearing in mind the responsibilities of the Executive Board as set out in Article XI, paragraph 1, of the Constitution,
6. Requests the Director-General to consult with the Executive Director of UNICEF on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Education; and to report to it at its 159th session;
7. Invites the Director-General to place the following items on the agenda of the next annual UNESCO-UNICEF inter-secretariat meeting, *inter alia*: cooperation with private partners, donors and sponsors; division of labour in respect to strengths and mandate; educational assistance in emergency situations; new funding agreements; joint public information strategy and recommends that these matters be further considered at the eighth meeting of the Joint Committee on Education.

(157 EX/SR.7)

3.3 Natural sciences

3.3.1 Revised Statutes and Financial Regulations of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) (157 EX/7 and 157 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/7,
2. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 3.3.2, by which the Director-General was invited to present at its 157th session the modified Statutes and Financial Regulations of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC),
3. Takes note of the Revised Statutes of IOC set out in Annex I to this decision;
4. Takes note also of the Financial Regulations of IOC set out in Annex II to this decision;
5. Invites the General Conference to amend the Commission’s Statutes in accordance with the text set out in Annex I to this decision;
6. Expresses its appreciation to IOC and to its Executive Secretary for the continuous improvement in the development of the Statutes and Financial Regulations of the Commission.

Annex I

Revised Statutes of the Commission

Article 1 - The Commission

1. The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, hereafter called the Commission, is established as a body with functional autonomy within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
2. The Commission defines and implements its programme according to its stated purposes and functions and within the framework of the budget adopted by its Assembly and the General Conference of UNESCO.

Article 2 - Purpose

1. The purpose of the Commission is to promote international cooperation and to coordinate programmes in research, services and capacity-building, in order to learn more about the nature and resources of the ocean and marine processes of coastal areas and to apply that knowledge for the improvement of management, sustainable development, the protection of the marine environment, and the decision-making processes of its Member States.
2. The Commission will collaborate with international organizations concerned with the work of the Commission, and specially with those organizations of the United Nations system, which are willing and prepared to contribute to the purpose and functions of the Commission and/or to seek advice and cooperation in the field of ocean and marine processes of coastal area scientific research, related services and capacity-building.

Article 3 - Functions

1. The functions of the Commission shall be to:
 - (a) recommend, promote, plan and coordinate international ocean and coastal area programmes in research and observations and the dissemination and use of their results;
 - (b) recommend, promote and coordinate the development of relevant standards, reference materials, guidelines and nomenclature;
 - (c) respond, as a competent international organization, to the requirements deriving from the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), and other international instruments relevant to marine scientific research, related services and capacity-building;
 - (d) make recommendations and coordinate programmes in education, training and assistance in marine science, ocean and coastal observations and the transfer of related technology;

- (e) make recommendations and provide technical guidance to relevant intersectoral activities of UNESCO and undertake mutually agreed duties within the mandate of the Commission;
 - (f) undertake, as appropriate, any other action compatible with its purpose and functions.
2. The Commission shall prepare regular reports on its activities, which shall be submitted to the Executive Board and the General Conference of UNESCO. These reports shall also be addressed to the Member States of the Commission as well as to the organizations within the United Nations system covered by paragraph 2 of Article 2.
 3. The Commission shall decide upon the mechanisms and arrangements through which it may obtain advice.
 4. The Commission, in carrying out its functions, shall take into account the special needs and interests of developing countries, including in particular the need to further the capabilities of these countries in scientific research and observations of the oceans and coastal areas and related technology.
 5. Nothing in these Statutes shall imply the adoption of a position by the Commission regarding the nature or extent of the jurisdiction of coastal States in general or of any coastal State in particular.

Article 4 - Membership

A. Membership

1. Membership of the Commission shall be open to any Member State of any one of the organizations of the United Nations system.
2. States covered by the terms of paragraph 1 above shall acquire membership of the Commission by notifying the Director-General of UNESCO.
3. Any Member State of the Commission can withdraw by giving notice of its intention to do so to the Director-General of UNESCO.
4. The Director-General of UNESCO shall inform the Executive Secretary of the Commission of all notifications received under the present Article. Membership will take effect from the date on which the notification is received by the Executive Secretary, through the Director-General of UNESCO. Notice of withdrawal will take effect one full year after the date on which the notice is received by the Executive Secretary, through the Director-General of UNESCO. The Executive Secretary will inform Member States of the Commission and the Executive Heads of the relevant United Nations organizations of all notifications.

B. Responsibilities of Member States

5. The responsibilities of Member States imply:
 - (a) compliance with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the Commission;

- (b) collaboration with and support of the programme of work of the Commission;
 - (c) specification of the national coordinating body for liaison with the Commission;
 - (d) support of the Commission at an appropriate level using any or all of the financial mechanisms listed under Article 10.
6. The notification by a Member State requesting membership shall include a statement indicating acceptance of the above responsibilities or its intention to comply at an early date.

Article 5 - Organs

The Commission shall consist of an Assembly, an Executive Council, a Secretariat and such subsidiary bodies as it may establish.

Article 6 - The Assembly

A. Composition

1. The Assembly shall consist of all States Members of the Commission.

B. Functions and powers

2. The Assembly is the principal organ of the Commission and shall perform all functions of the Commission unless otherwise regulated by these Statutes or delegated by the Assembly to other organs of the Commission.
3. The Assembly shall determine the Commission's Rules of Procedure.
4. The Assembly shall establish general policy and the main lines of work of the Commission, and shall approve the IOC Biennial Draft Programme and Budget in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 1.
5. During the course of each ordinary session, the Assembly shall elect a Chairperson and, taking into account the principles of geographic distribution, shall elect five Vice-Chairpersons who shall be the officers of the Commission, its Assembly and its Executive Council, and shall also elect a number of Member States to the Executive Council in accordance with Article 7.
6. In electing Member States to the Executive Council, the Assembly shall take into consideration a balanced geographical distribution, as well as the willingness of these States to participate in the work of the Executive Council.

C. Procedure

7. The Assembly shall be convened in ordinary session every two years.
8. Extraordinary sessions may be convened if so decided or if summoned by the Executive Council, or at the request of at least one third of the Member States of the Commission under conditions specified in the Rules of Procedure.

9. Each Member State shall have one vote and may send to sessions of the Assembly such representatives, alternates and advisers, as it deems necessary.
10. Subject to provisions in the Rules of Procedure regarding closed meetings, participation in the meetings of the Assembly, of the Executive Council and subsidiary bodies, without the right to vote, is open to:
 - (a) representatives of Member States of organizations of the United Nations system which are not members of the Commission;
 - (b) representatives of the organizations of the United Nations system;
 - (c) representatives of such other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as may be invited subject to conditions specified in the Rules of Procedure.
11. The Assembly may set up such committees or other subsidiary bodies as may be necessary for its purpose, in accordance with conditions specified in the Rules of Procedure.

Article 7 - The Executive Council

A. Composition

1. The Executive Council shall consist of up to 40 Member States, including those Member States represented by the Chairperson and the five Vice-Chairpersons.
2. The mandate of the members of the Executive Council shall commence at the end of the session of the Assembly during which they have been elected and expire at the end of the next session of the Assembly.
3. In selecting representatives to the Executive Council, Member States elected to the Executive Council shall endeavour to appoint persons experienced in matters related to the Commission.
4. In the event of the withdrawal from the Commission of a Member State that is a member of the Executive Council, its mandate shall be terminated on the date the withdrawal becomes effective.
5. Members of the Executive Council are eligible for re-election.

B. Functions and powers

6. The Executive Council shall exercise the responsibilities delegated to it by the Assembly and act on its behalf in the implementation of decisions of the Assembly.
7. The Executive Council may set up such committees or other subsidiary bodies as may be necessary for its purpose, in accordance with conditions specified in the Rules of Procedure.

C. Procedure

8. The Executive Council shall hold ordinary and extraordinary sessions as specified in the Rules of Procedure.
9. At its meetings, each Member State of the Executive Council shall have one vote.
10. The agenda of the Executive Council should be organized as specified in the Rules of Procedure.
11. The Executive Council shall make recommendations on future actions by the Assembly.

Article 8 - The Secretariat

1. With due regard to the applicable Staff Regulations and Staff Rules of UNESCO, the Secretariat of the Commission shall consist of the Executive Secretary and such other staff as may be necessary, provided by UNESCO, as well as such personnel as may be provided, at their expense, by other organizations, the United Nations system, and by Member States of the Commission.
2. The Executive Secretary of the Commission, at the level of Assistant Director-General, shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO following consultation with the Executive Council of the Commission.

Article 9 - Committees and other subsidiary bodies

1. The Commission may create, for the examination and execution of specific activities, subsidiary bodies composed of Member States or individual experts, after consultation with the Member States concerned.
2. To further the cooperation referred to in Article 11, other subsidiary bodies composed of Member States or individuals may also be established or convened by the Commission jointly with other organizations. The inclusion of individuals in such subsidiary bodies shall be subject to consultations with the Member States concerned.

Article 10 - Financial and other resources

1. The financial resources of the Commission shall consist of:
 - (a) funds appropriated for this purpose by the General Conference of UNESCO;
 - (b) contributions by Member States of the Commission, that are not Member States of UNESCO;
 - (c) such additional resources as may be made available by Member States of the Commission, appropriate organizations of the United Nations system and from other sources.

2. The programmes or activities sponsored and coordinated by the Commission and recommended to its Member States for their concerted action shall be carried out with the aid of the resources of the participating Member States in such programmes or activities, in accordance with the obligations that each State is willing to assume.
3. Voluntary contributions may be accepted and established as trust funds in accordance with the financial regulations of the Special Account of IOC, as adopted by the Assembly and UNESCO. Such contributions shall be allocated by the Commission for its programme of activities.
4. The Commission may establish, promote or coordinate, as appropriate, additional financial arrangements to ensure the implementation of an effective and continuing programme at global and/or regional levels.

Article 11 - Relations with other organizations

1. The Commission may cooperate with Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and other international organizations whose interests and activities are related to its purpose, including signing memoranda of understanding with regard to cooperation.
2. The Commission shall give due attention to supporting the objectives of international organizations with which it collaborates. On the other hand, the Commission shall request these organizations to take its requirements into account in planning and executing their own programmes.
3. The Commission may act also as a joint specialized mechanism of the organizations of the United Nations system that have agreed to use the Commission for discharging certain of their responsibilities in the fields of marine sciences and ocean services, and have agreed accordingly to sustain the work of the Commission.

Article 12 - Amendments

The General Conference of UNESCO may amend these Statutes following a recommendation of, or after consultation with, the Assembly of the Commission. Unless otherwise provided by the General Conference, an amendment of these Statutes shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the General Conference.

Annex II

Financial Regulations applicable to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account of UNESCO

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, hereinafter referred to as IOC.
- 1.2 The following Regulations shall govern the operation of this Special Account.

Article 2 - Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 - Income

3.1 As provided in its Statutes, the income of IOC shall consist of:

- (a) funds appropriated for this purpose by the General Conference of UNESCO;
- (b) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and IOC;
- (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and IOC;
- (d) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to IOC, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and
- (e) miscellaneous income.

3.2 The Executive Secretary of IOC, hereinafter referred to as the Secretary, may accept income as set forth in Article 3.1 on behalf of IOC, provided that, in any case which would involve IOC in an additional financial liability, the Secretary shall obtain the prior approval of the IOC Executive Council and the consent of the Executive Board of UNESCO.

3.3 The Secretary shall report to the IOC Assembly and the IOC Executive Council on any subventions, contributions, grants, gifts or bequests accepted.

Article 4 - Budget

4.1 The Secretary shall prepare, in a form to be determined by the IOC Assembly, a biennial programme and budget and shall submit it to the IOC Assembly for approval.

4.2 The appropriations voted in the budget shall constitute an authorization to the Secretary to incur obligations and to make expenditures for the purposes for which the appropriations are voted and up to the amounts so voted.

4.3 The Secretary is authorized to transfer funds between activities under the same appropriation line. The Secretary may be authorized by the IOC Assembly to transfer funds, when necessary, between appropriation lines within the limits established by the Appropriation Resolution voted by the IOC Assembly and shall report to the IOC Executive Council on all such transfers.

4.4 The Secretary is required to maintain obligations and expenditures within the level of the actual resources that become available to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.

- 4.5 Appropriations shall remain available for obligation during the financial period to which they relate.
- 4.6 The Secretary shall make allotments and any modifications thereon, within the limits of the Appropriation Resolution, which shall be communicated, in writing, to the officials authorized to incur obligations and make payments.
- 4.7 Appropriations shall remain available for 12 months following the end of the financial period to which they relate to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations for goods supplied and services rendered in the financial period and to liquidate any other outstanding legal obligations of the financial period.
- 4.8 At the end of the 12-month period provided for in Article 4.7 above, the then remaining unspent balance of obligations retained shall revert to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.

Article 5 - The General Account

- 5.1 There shall be established a General Account, to which shall be credited the income of IOC as described in Article 3 above and which shall be used to finance the approved budget of IOC.
- 5.2 The balance remaining in this General Account shall be carried forward from one financial period to the next.
- 5.3 The uses to which this balance may be put shall be determined by the IOC Assembly.

Article 6 - Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts

- 6.1 In addition to a Working Capital Fund, the Secretary shall establish a Reserve Fund to cover end-of-service indemnities and other related liabilities; the Fund shall be reported to the IOC Assembly at the time of the budget approval.
- 6.2 Trust Funds, Subsidiary Special Accounts and any other Reserve Accounts may be established by the Secretary, who shall report to the IOC Assembly and the IOC Executive Council.
- 6.3 The Secretary may, when necessary, in connection with the purpose of a Trust Fund, Reserve or Subsidiary Special Account, prepare special financial regulations to govern the operations of these funds or accounts and shall report thereon to the IOC Assembly and the IOC Executive Council. Unless otherwise provided these funds and accounts shall be administered in accordance with these Financial Regulations.

Article 7 - Accounts

- 7.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary and shall prepare, for submission to the IOC Assembly and the IOC Executive Council, the biennial accounts showing, for the financial period to which they relate:

- (a) the income and expenditure of all funds;
 - (b) the budgetary situation including:
 - (i) original appropriations;
 - (ii) the appropriations as modified by any transfers;
 - (iii) the amounts charged against these appropriations;
 - (c) the assets and liabilities of IOC.
- 7.2 The Secretary shall also give such other information as may be appropriate to indicate the current financial position of IOC.
- 7.3 The biennial accounts of IOC shall be presented in dollars of the United States of America. Accounting records, may, however, be kept in such currency or currencies as the Secretary may deem necessary.
- 7.4 Appropriate separate accounts shall be maintained for all Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts.

Article 8 - External audit

The audited accounts of IOC, which constitute an integral part of the statement of the financial position of UNESCO, and the report of the External Auditor of UNESCO on IOC, shall be submitted to the IOC Assembly for approval.

Article 9 - General provision

Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations this Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.

(157 EX/SR.8)

3.3.2 The Great Man-Made River International Water Prize (157 EX/44 and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/44 concerning the establishment of the Great Man-Made River International Water Prize,
2. Considering that the objectives of the Prize are in conformity with those of UNESCO, as stated in the second and sixth preambular paragraphs and in Article I, paragraph 2(c), of the Constitution of UNESCO,
3. Expresses to the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya the Organization's deepest gratitude for this initiative and for its generous offer of a fund amounting to US \$350,000;
4. Approves the Statutes of the Great Man-Made River International Water Prize as set out in Annex I to this decision;

5. Takes note of the Financial Regulations governing the Special Account opened for this Prize, as set out in Annex II to this decision.

Annex I

Statutes of the Great Man-Made River International Water Prize

1. Purpose

The Great Man-Made River International Water Prize is intended to reward remarkable scientific research work on water usage in arid areas as well as areas subject to droughts and also for the development of food agriculture for the benefit of humanity and the environment. Such work may take the form of a scientific breakthrough or technical applications.

2. Name and value of the Prize

The Prize, which shall consist of a certificate and a sum of money, shall be called the “Great Man-Made River International Water Prize”. The value of the Prize awarded each biennium shall be set, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, by the Director-General on the basis of the interest accruing from the donation made by the Great Man-Made River Authority, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

3. Periodicity

The Prize shall be awarded biennially by the Director-General at a public ceremony to be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris during the General Conference.

4. Selection of the prizewinners

A committee, called the “Committee of the Great Man-Made River International Water Prize”, shall be constituted to review the candidatures and select the prizewinners. The Committee shall include representatives of the Great Man-Made River Authority and UNESCO as follows:

- (a) the Secretary of the People’s Committee of the Great Man-Made River Authority or his delegate;
- (b) a representative of the Director-General;
- (c) five specialists appointed by the Director-General, including one member of UNESCO’s Scientific Advisory Board for the Great Man-Made River project.

The decisions of the Committee shall be taken unanimously.

5. Eligibility

- (a) The Prize shall be awarded to an individual, a group of individuals or a research institution undertaking research and scientific studies and discoveries in the field of exploration of groundwater and surface water usage in arid zones of drought and desertification and contributing to environmental and human development.

- (b) The Prize shall be awarded irrespective of any consideration of the nationality, race, sex, language, profession, ideology or religion of the individual or individuals concerned. It shall be awarded only once to any individual, group of individuals, institute or organization.
- (c) Serving members of the Great Man-Made River Authority as well as of UNESCO's Scientific Advisory Board for the Great Man-Made River project or members of their immediate family shall not be considered for the Prize.

6. Nomination of candidates

- (a) Candidates for the Prize shall be proposed to the Director-General of UNESCO by governments of Member States in consultation with their National Commissions or by non-governmental organizations which have formal relations with UNESCO. Each nominator may make only one nomination in any biennium.
- (b) Nominations for the Prize shall be accompanied by a biographical statement for each candidate or group of candidates, together with a detailed description of the work for which the candidature is proposed and an assessment of the results achieved.

Annex II

**Financial Regulations of the Great
Man-Made River International Water Prize**

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, a Special Account is hereby created to be known as the "Special Account for the Great Man-Made River International Water Prize", hereafter referred to as "The Special Account".
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of this Special Account.

Article 2 - Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 - Purpose

The purpose of the Special Account is to mobilize funds to finance the Great Man-Made River International Water Prize.

Article 4 - Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) an initial donation of US \$350,000 from the Great Man-Made River Authority, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;

- (b) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities, after approval by the Committee of the “Great Man-Made River International Water Prize”, hereafter referred to as the “Committee”;
- (c) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 - Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenses of administration, including those of the Committee and of the Prize and with the amount of the payment or payments made to the winner or winners of the Prize. Expenditure in any biennium shall be limited to 80 per cent of the interest earned during the biennium from funds available, plus any unspent balance of the 80 per cent interest earned in previous biennia.

(The remaining 20 per cent of interest earned from funds available in any biennium shall be added to the original donation to offset inflation and currency fluctuations.)

Article 6 - Accounts

- 6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.
- 6.2 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
- 6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.

Article 7 - Investments

- 7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.
- 7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 - Closure of the Special Account

The Director-General shall decide upon the closure of the Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary.

Article 9 - General provision

Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, this Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.

(157 EX/SR.7)

3.4 Culture

3.4.1 Interim report on the project concerning the proclamation by UNESCO of masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity (157 EX/8 and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/8,
2. Noting with satisfaction the information communicated to it by the Director-General on the initial steps already taken by the Secretariat since the 155th session,
3. Welcomes the interest shown by several States, taking the form of financial support, in the safeguarding, protection and revitalization of the oral and intangible heritage;
4. Takes note of the composition, as decided on an experimental basis by the Director-General, of the jury responsible for evaluating submissions concerning works that could be accepted by UNESCO as masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue to seek extrabudgetary funds from the public and private sectors that could be used to encourage the creation of prizes or the funding of actions to safeguard, protect and revitalize masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity;
6. Further invites the Director-General, in addition to the guide to the preparation of files for the submission of nominations, to prepare and decide on a procedure for the processing of filed nominations, involving National Commissions and relevant NGOs.

(157 EX/SR.7)

3.4.2 Feasibility study on the proclamation of a world poetry day (157 EX/9 and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/9,
2. Recalling the importance of poetry in the promotion of human values and ideas,
3. Decides to recommend that the General Conference at its 30th session approve the proclamation of 21 March as World Poetry Day;
4. Also decides to recommend that the General Conference invite Member States to celebrate the day of 21 March in their own way, with the active participation of National Commissions, NGOs and the public and private institutions concerned (schools, municipalities, poetic communities, museums, associations, publishing houses, local authorities and so on);

5. Further decides to recommend that the General Conference at its 30th session invite the Director-General to encourage and support all initiatives that will be taken at the national level in this respect.

(157 EX/SR.7)

3.4.3 Amendments to the Statutes of the UNESCO/Françoise Gallimard Prize for Young Writers Expressing the Tensions and Hopes of our Time (157 EX/10 and Corr. and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 157 EX/10 and 157 EX/10 Corr.,
2. Invites the Director-General to apply unaltered the Statutes of the UNESCO/Françoise Gallimard Prize for the third award of the Prize;
3. Decides to resume its examination of this question at its 159th session, on the basis of the proposals which will be submitted to it by the Director-General.

(157 EX/SR.7)

3.5 Communication, information and informatics

3.5.1 Proposals for a new programme merging the General Information Programme (PGI) and the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP) (157 EX/11 and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 157 EX/11,
2. Expressing the hope that a new programme will be set up at the 30th session of the General Conference,
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution which amends that contained in paragraph 18 of document 30 C/14:

The General Conference,

Having examined document 30 C/14,

1. Authorizes the Executive Board to replace the General Information Programme (PGI) and the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP) by a new programme, as recommended by the PGI Council and the IIP Committee, and taking account of the visions, values and objectives outlined in document 30 C/14;
2. Invites the Director-General to submit proposals to the Executive Board to modify the relevant paragraphs of document 30 C/5 in order to reallocate funds to activities envisaged in the new programme;

3. Decides to establish an interim committee consisting of the members of the bureaux of the PGI Council and the IIP Committee, pending the establishment of the new programme;
4. Invites the Director-General to prepare, in cooperation with the interim committee, a new programme and draft statutes of an intergovernmental body for the new programme and to submit these to the Executive Board at its 160th session.

(157 EX/SR.7)

4 DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001 (30 C/5)

4.1 Final recommendations by the Executive Board on the proposed budget for 2000-2001 (157 EX/12 and Corr.; 157 EX/46 and Add. and 157 EX/52)

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 document 30 C/5 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 to 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 biennium,
 10. Recommends that the General Conference:
 - (a) approve a budget ceiling of \$544,367,250 for the biennium 2000-2001 at an exchange rate of 5.70 FF/US \$;
 - (b) invite 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 Approved), taking into account the findings of the Finance and Administrative Commission at 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 invite the Director-General to find savings of at least \$10 million in order to strengthen the Organization's activities, in particular, in the following areas:
 - (i) the Participation Programme,
 - (ii) the E-9 countries,
 - (iii) new management and monitoring requirements,
 - (iv) statutory requirements relating to the Medical Benefits Fund, and
 - (v) the 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”;
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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 on 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 resources 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 scheduled for 2000-2001 and some \$8.3 million relates to human resources and payroll with implementation scheduled 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 these 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 earmarked for this purpose in document 30 C/5 be transferred to the aforesaid Special Account;
21. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions in order to enable UNESCO to implement these projects as rapidly as possible and in the most efficient way;
22. Further invites the Director-General to use available extrabudgetary funds to help cover the shortfall in the finance and budget project and not to start it unless adequate funding is available;
23. Requests the Director-General to report regularly on the status of that project to it as well as to the General Conference at its 31st session;

IV

24. Bearing in mind the conclusions of the final report of Audience Africa, held in Paris in February 1995, particularly the 10 convictions shared 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.

Annex

[The Executive Board]

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 5.70FF/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).*

(157 EX/SR.8)

5 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

5.1 Methods of work of the Executive Board (157 EX/SP/INF.2 and 157 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/SP/INF.2,
2. Invites the Special Committee to continue, in the forthcoming biennium, to examine the methods of work of the Executive Board, in particular the questions mentioned in paragraph 2 of that document:
 - A. The following questions which should be examined as a matter of priority:
 - (a) Legal Adviser of the Executive Board
 - (b) Mode of election of the Chairperson of the Executive Board
 - (c) Structure of the subsidiary organs of the Executive Board
 - B. A second set of questions which, having constitutional implications, should be examined at a later date:
 - (a) Number of Members of the Executive Board
 - (b) Mode of election of Members of the Executive Board
 - (c) Rotation of Members of the Executive Board
 - (d) Frequency of sessions of the Board;
3. Further invites the Special Committee to undertake an in-depth study on the establishment of an audit committee within the Executive Board, in line with 156 EX/Decision 5.5(D).

(157 EX/SR.6)

6 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

6.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (157 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 157 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(157 EX/SR.9)

6.2 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: Nominations and report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (157 EX/13 and 157 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Having taken note of document 157 EX/13 and of the fact that no persons have yet been nominated by the States Parties to the aforementioned Protocol for the purpose of the election of three members of the Commission,
3. Requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference any candidatures which he may receive before the opening of its 30th session.

(157 EX/SR.6)

6.3 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the extension of the mandate of the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (CEART) and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (157 EX/14 and 157 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/14,
2. Decides to extend the mandate of the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (CEART) to cover the monitoring of the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel and to include experts in higher education in its composition.

(157 EX/SR.6)

6.4 Draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (157 EX/42 Rev. and 157 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 144 EX/Decision 3.1.1 and paragraph 6 of Part B of the Annex to 155 EX/Decision 5.4,
2. Having examined document 157 EX/42 Rev.,
3. Decides to amend Rules 5, 15, 23 (para. 2), 24 (paras. 1 and 2) and 29 of its Rules of Procedure and to add two new Rules, 40 and 47:

Rule 5, new paragraph 3:

“Items proposed shall have a direct link with the Organization’s fields of competence.”

Rule 15, new paragraph 2:

“Should the Chairman be unable to exercise his functions between sessions, the Vice-Chairmen shall designate, by vote if necessary, a Vice-Chairman to replace him until such time as Rule 12 may be applied. Since the office of Chairman may only be held by the representative of a Member of the Board, the Vice-Chairman thus designated must be the representative of his State on the Board.”

Rule 23, new wording of paragraph 2:

“A corrected text of the summary records of public meetings shall be published not later than three months after the close of each session.”

Rule 24, new wording (merging the two paragraphs):

“The decisions adopted by the Board during the session shall be published not later than one month after its close.”

Rule 29, new heading:

“Private meetings and documents”

New paragraph 4:

“Private documents shall normally be made accessible to the public after a period of twenty years.”

New Rule 40 - Procedural motions:

“During discussion of any matter, a Member may propose a procedural motion: suspension or adjournment of the meeting, adjournment of the debate or closure of the debate.”

Re-number former Rules 40 to 45 to read: Rules 41 to 46.

New Rule 47 - Adoption of draft decisions recommended by plenary commissions:

“The Board shall adopt the entire set of draft decisions recommended by each plenary commission (Programme and External Relations Commission and Finance and Administrative Commission) as a whole, unless a Member State requests that a specific decision be adopted separately.”

Re-number former Rules 46 to 65 accordingly, to read: Rules 48 to 67.

(157 EX/SR.6)

7 GENERAL CONFERENCE

7.1 Revised agenda of the 30th session of the General Conference (157 EX/15)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Noting that out of the eight proposals for supplementary items which were submitted within the time limit set by Rule 12, six have been retained by the Board,
3. Noting also that these items are included in the supplementary list communicated to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (circular letter of 6 October 1999),
4. Establishes the revised agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (30 C/1 Prov.) with the deletion of item 8.2 and the addition of the following items:

Item	Title	Document
OTHER GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS		
4.13	Intellectual works of universal value that have fallen into the public domain and are regarded as forming part of the common heritage of humanity	Item proposed by the Director-General
CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS		
6.6	Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO	Item proposed by the Director-General
6.8	Revised Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	Item proposed by the Director-General
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS		
9.14	New management and monitoring instruments	Item proposed by the Director-General
OTHER BUSINESS		
13.2	Reinforcement of cooperation with Haiti	Item proposed by Haiti
13.3	Reinforcement of the cooperation between UNESCO and the Federal Republic of Nigeria	Item proposed by Malawi

(157 EX/SR.5)

7.2 Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the 30th session of the General Conference (157 EX/16)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/16,
2. Approves the proposals contained in paragraph 4, with the exception of items 4.14 and 6.7, and in paragraph 5 of the document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that the additional items be examined by the following organs:

Commission I

- 4.12 Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa
- 5.4 Visibility of UNESCO in the Member States
- 6.6 Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO
- 13.2 Reinforcement of cooperation with Haiti
- 13.3 Reinforcement of the cooperation between UNESCO and the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Commission III

- 6.8 Revised Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Commission IV

- 4.10 Preparations by UNESCO for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations
- 4.11 The transatlantic slave trade and slavery: a crime against humanity
- 4.13 Intellectual works of universal value that have fallen into the public domain and are regarded as forming part of the common heritage of humanity

Administrative Commission

- 9.13 Consequences of the switch to the euro
- 9.14 New management and monitoring instruments

Legal Committee

- 6.4 Draft amendment to Article VI, paragraph 2, of the Constitution
- 6.5 Draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference

6.6 Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO

6.8 Revised Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

(157 EX/SR.5)

7.3 Venue of the 31st session of the General Conference (157 EX/17)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Considering that on the date fixed by Rule 3 no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its 31st session in its territory,
3. Recommends that the General Conference hold its 31st session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

(157 EX/SR.5)

7.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 30th session of the General Conference and of Chairpersons of the Committees (157 EX/INF.4)

The Executive Board, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, recommends the following nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 30th session of the General Conference and for the offices of Chairpersons of the Committees:

President of the General Conference: Ms Jaroslava Moserova (Czech Republic)

Vice-Presidents (36):* The heads of delegations of the following Member States:

Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chad, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Guinea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, People's Democratic Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, São Tome and Principe, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Ukraine, Yemen.

Chairpersons of Committees:

Credentials Committee: Mr Adolfo Castells (Uruguay)

Nominations Committee: Mr Eugène Philippe Djenno-Okoumba (Gabon)

Legal Committee: Mr Samuel Fernandez (Chile)

* A post of Vice-President for Group I will be filled at the 30th session of the General Conference. A post of Vice-President for Group IV will be filled by a State from the Pacific at the 30th session of the General Conference.

In 156 EX/Decision 7.4 the Executive Board recommended Mr C. Chetsanga (Zimbabwe) for Chairperson of Commission III. Following his election as Chairperson of the Executive Board at its 157th session the Board recommends that Mr Eriabu Lugujo (Uganda) chair Commission III.

(157 EX/SR.9)

7.5 Admission to the 30th session of the General Conference of observers from non-governmental organizations (other than those maintaining formal relations), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations, and other international organizations (157 EX/18 and Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the requests by non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining formal relations seeking to be represented by observers at the 30th session of the General Conference (157 EX/18 and Add.),
2. Referring to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, and to the procedure that it adopted at its 125th session for the examination of such requests,
3. Decides to recommend to the General Conference that it admit, as observers at its 30th session, as they have requested, the international non-governmental organizations whose names appear on the list reproduced in the annexes to documents 157 EX/18 and Add., as amended orally with the addition of the following eight organizations:

Association francophone d'amitié et de liaison
International Alliance of Women
International Association of Lions Clubs
International Association to Save Tyre
International Literacy Institute
World Association of Children's Friends
World Fellowship of Buddhists
World Movement of Mothers

(157 EX/SR.5)

7.6 Report by the Executive Board on its own activities in 1998-1999, including its methods of work pursuant to 29 C/Resolution 88 (157 EX/19 and Add. and Corr. and 157 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 157 EX/19 and Add. and Corr.,
2. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the following resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling 29 C/Resolution 88,

Having examined document 30 C/9,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the report on the activities of the Executive Board has been submitted to it in writing;
2. Expresses its sincere thanks to the Executive Board for its report, which reflects the substantial work accomplished during the 1998-1999 biennium;
3. Takes note of the decisions of the Board concerning the methods of work of the Board;
4. Invites the Board to ensure that it is represented in the commissions of the General Conference in order to inform delegates of the decisions taken by the Board on relevant items;
5. Stresses that the Executive Board, as the second governing body of UNESCO, acts under the authority of the General Conference between sessions, in accordance with Article V.B.6(b) of the Constitution;
6. Reaffirms that the Board is responsible to it for the execution of the programme by the Director-General, in accordance with Article V.B.6(b) of the Constitution, and that, consequently, the Secretariat has the task of implementing the resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board;
7. Stresses that the Director-General, in accordance with the Statute relating to the Director-General, acts under the governing bodies of UNESCO;
8. Welcomes the significant progress achieved with regard to the reform of the methods of work of the Board, and encourages the Board to pursue this process during the forthcoming biennium.

(157 EX/SR.6)

8 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

8.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1998-1999 (157 EX/20 and Add. and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/20 and Add., and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (157 EX/51),
2. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,
3. Notes that any additional requirements arising from cost increases will be met by economy and austerity measures and absorbed within the overall budget;
4. Approves the transfer between appropriation lines of staff costs and other costs amounting to \$3,922,200;

5. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 6 of document 157 EX/20 and paragraph 1 of document 157 EX/20 Add.;
6. Takes note of the fact that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions and in conformity with 29 C/Resolution 65, paragraph A(b), increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$864,119 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A - Major Programme I	176,571
Part II.A - Major Programme II	377,651
Part II.A - Major Programme III	261,633
Part II.A - Major Programme IV	27,214
Part II.A - Transdisciplinary projects and transverse activities	21,050
TOTAL	864,119

7. Takes note of the following revised Appropriation Table:

Appropriation line	29 C/5 Approved	29 C/5 Approved as adjusted after 154 EX/Dec.6.3, 155 EX/Dec.7.1 and 156 EX/Dec.8.1	Proposed adjustments				29 C/5 Approved as adjusted
			Staff costs	Other costs	Donations and contributions	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Part I - General Policy and Direction							
A. Governing bodies							
1. General Conference	7,596,800	7,611,600	960	118,540	-	119,500	7,731,100
2. Executive Board	8,403,000	8,447,300	960	103,740	-	104,700	8,552,000
Total, IA	15,999,800	16,058,900	1,920	222,280	-	224,200	16,283,100
B. Direction							
3. Directorate	1,728,200	1,760,000	2,440	6,600	-	9,040	1,769,040
4. Services of the Directorate (including: Office of the ADG/DRG; Executive Office of the Director-General; Office of Management Coordination and Reforms; Inspectorate General; Office of the Mediator; Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs; Bureau of Studies, Programming and Evaluation; Bureau of the Budget)	19,462,700	19,908,600	25,750	15,160	-	40,910	19,949,510
Total, IB	21,190,900	21,668,600	28,190	21,760	-	49,950	21,718,550
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	1,170,700	1,170,700	-	32,000	-	-	1,170,700
Total, IC	1,170,700	1,170,700	-	32,000	-	-	1,170,700
TOTAL, PART I	38,361,400	38,898,200	30,110	276,040	-	306,150	39,204,350
Part II - Programme Execution and Services							
A. Major Programmes, Transdisciplinary Projects and Transverse Activities							
I Education for all throughout life	104,697,150	106,640,718	38,000	775,800	176,571	990,371	107,631,089
II The sciences in the service of development:							
Natural Sciences Sector	63,070,900	64,423,361	27,120	517,150	360,369	904,639	65,328,000
Social and Human Sciences Sector	23,675,000	23,878,178	17,380	191,970	17,282	226,632	24,104,810
III Cultural development: the heritage and creativity	41,577,000	42,886,170	27,500	252,730	261,633	541,863	43,428,033
IV Communication, information and informatics	30,002,100	30,269,195	16,830	278,960	27,214	323,004	30,592,199
Transdisciplinary projects and transverse activities	42,406,900	42,663,128	27,340	323,600	21,050	371,990	43,035,118
Participation Programme	24,830,000	27,313,000	-	-	-	-	27,313,000
Total, IIA	330,259,050	338,073,750	154,170	2,340,210	864,119	3,358,499	341,432,249
B. Information and Dissemination Services							
1. Clearing House	6,316,700	6,392,400	4,970	33,070	-	38,040	6,430,440
2. UNESCO Publishing Office	4,971,700	4,937,500	4,160	20,620	-	24,780	4,962,280
3. UNESCO Courier Office	3,693,100	5,232,300	2,670	32,660	-	35,330	5,267,630
4. Office of Public Information	9,113,000	7,792,400	6,470	60,640	-	67,110	7,859,510
Total, IIB	24,094,500	24,354,600	18,270	146,990	-	165,260	24,519,860
TOTAL, PART II	354,353,550	362,428,350	172,440	2,487,200	864,119	3,523,759	365,952,109
Part III - Support for Programme Execution	55,283,200	56,177,600	50,060	155,360	-	205,420	56,383,020
Part IV - Management and Administrative Services	47,896,200	49,939,971	29,230	195,260	-	224,490	50,164,461
Part V - Maintenance and Security	33,863,400	34,160,500	1,160	478,540	-	479,700	34,640,200
Part VI - Capital Expenditure	1,711,900	1,711,900	-	46,800	-	-	1,711,900
Parts I - VI Subtotal	531,469,650	543,316,521	283,000	3,639,200	864,119	4,786,319	548,102,840
Part VII - Anticipated cost increases	12,897,600	3,922,200	(283,000)	(3,639,200)	-	(3,922,200)	-
TOTAL, PARTS I - VII	544,367,250	547,238,721	-	-	864,119	864,119	548,102,840

8.2 Report by the Director-General on the specific measures adopted to implement the recommendations of the External Auditor (157 EX/21 and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 8.4,
2. Having considered the report of the Director-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor given in document 157 EX/21,
3. Being of the opinion that the reporting of the Director-General needs to be further improved in order to show concrete steps taken by the Secretariat on the different recommendations made by the External Auditor,
4. Notes that the Director-General will in future include in his reports concerning the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations action plans with appropriate timeframes relating to the steps to be taken;
5. Further notes with regret that, following the request for a progress report made in paragraph 9 of 155 EX/Decision 7.3, no real improvement was achieved in the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations on human resources management;
6. Requests the External Auditor to report on the progress made in the implementation of his recommendations in his report for the 1998-1999 biennium.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.3 Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 1998 for the financial period ending 31 December 1999 (157 EX/22 and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/22,
2. Decides to transmit to the General Conference at its 30th session the financial report of the Director-General together with the interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 1998 for the financial period ending 31 December 1999.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.4 Report by the Director-General on the status of contributions of Member States and of payment plans (157 EX/23 and Add. and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General on the collection of contributions of Member States (157 EX/23 and Add.) and having taken note of the up-to-date information provided during the debate of the Finance and Administrative Commission,

2. Notes that the considerable efforts made by many Member States have not been sufficient to prevent recourse to borrowing to supplement the resources of the Working Capital Fund for the purpose of financing the approved programme;
3. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
4. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay;
5. Urges Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of assessed contributions, to inform him, as promptly as possible, of the probable date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contributions in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;
6. Noting in particular the failure of 30 Member States to pay up to the end of September 1999 the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in instalments, in addition to their regular assessed contributions, as well as the request of the General Conference to the Director-General to report to it at its 30th session thereon (29 C/Resolution 02),
7. Appeals to those Member States in arrears with payment plans to settle their outstanding instalments at the earliest possible time as well as their regular assessed contributions, bearing in mind the risk of loss of voting rights that may otherwise ensue at the 30th session of the General Conference.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.5 Implementation of personnel policy (157 EX/24 and Add. and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/24 and Add.,
2. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 77,
3. Further recalling 154 EX/Decision 6.6 and 156 EX/Decisions 5.5 and 8.2,
4. Bearing in mind the External Auditor's report for the 1996-1997 biennium (155 EX/27 Add.),
5. Notes the strategies developed to support personnel policy;
6. Considers that there have been too many exceptions in the application of personnel policy and the personnel management system, which should be strictly applied *inter alia* in the interest of maintaining staff morale;
7. Underlines that implementation of personnel policy is primarily aimed at the effective execution of the Organization's programmes;

8. Considers that the personnel policy has to be reviewed taking fully into account the need for competitiveness, expertise, efficiency and universality;
9. Suggests that, to that end, the General Conference at its 30th session could consider the criteria for the implementation of such personnel policy;
10. Invites the Director-General to develop new tools and procedures for recruitment, promotion (including for senior posts) and post classification in line with best practices in the field of human resources management and compliant with established principles of the United Nations common system;
11. Also invites the Director-General to make an inventory of all existing human resources and an analysis of personnel needs in relation to the core functions of the Organization;
12. Further invites the Director-General to develop and present to it at its 159th session the results of the above studies together with a strategy and detailed plan of action which should be implemented in order to achieve the following objectives:
 - (a) an appropriate structure for regular and temporary staff, taking into account the use of consultants;
 - (b) a balanced Secretariat structure for the Professional category with a better ratio between posts at P-1 to P-5 levels and D-1 to ADG, to be achieved by reducing the number of posts at the highest levels (ADG, D-1, D-2);
 - (c) an appropriate structure for Professional and General Service staff;
 - (d) the rejuvenation of the staff; and
 - (e) a better gender balance, especially at the higher levels;
13. Recommends that the External Auditors examine all aspects of the post reclassification and promotion of staff at ADG, D-1 and D-2 levels which occurred during the 1998-1999 biennium and their anticipated impact during the 2000-2001 biennium and present the results in a separate report to it no later than its 160th session.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.6 Geographical distribution of the staff (157 EX/25 and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 78 and 155 EX/Decision 7.5,
2. Having considered document 157 EX/25 and, in particular, the information relating to the criteria for geographical posts,
3. Urges the Director-General, in the appointment of staff:

- (a) to strictly observe the criteria of the highest standards of integrity, efficiency and technical competence as stipulated in Article VI.4 of the UNESCO Constitution;
 - (b) in cases where more than one candidate satisfies the criteria presented in subparagraph (a), to give priority to candidates from non- and under-represented countries;
4. Reminds the Director-General and Member States of the need to strictly observe their respective responsibilities and duties, as specified in Article VI.5 of the UNESCO Constitution, in the selection of candidates for posts in the Secretariat;
5. Recommends that the General Conference at its 30th session, fix the ratios applicable to the membership factor and the contribution factor at 35/65;
6. Invites the Director-General to take concrete action to improve the geographical distribution of the staff, in particular, by giving preference to candidates from non- or under-represented member countries in staff recruitment on the basis of equal qualifications and technical competence;
7. Requests the Director-General to improve the Young Professionals programme through a systematic allocation of posts each year and the elaboration of career development paths within the sectors for Young Professionals recruited to the Organization;
8. Also invites the Director-General to propose clear criteria to determine which posts are to be included and which posts are to be excluded from the principle of geographical distribution, for submission to it at its 160th session;
9. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 160th session, in accordance with the normal practice, a report on the situation concerning the geographical distribution of the staff;
10. Also requests the Director-General to ensure that all vacant posts, including those that are upgraded, are open to recruitment and advertised for at least 90 days to allow for a large pool of qualified candidates to apply, in particular, from non- and under-represented countries;
11. Urges the Director-General to take into account paragraph 10 of this decision in the recruitment of the Director of the World Heritage Centre, which is taking place at the moment;
12. Notes with satisfaction the Secretariat's acceptance of the recommendation to present, by nationality, information relating to the level of external applications for the posts advertised by UNESCO.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.7 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (157 EX/26 and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/26,
2. Notes that the measures decided upon by the General Conference at its 28th session (i.e. 30 per cent increase in contribution rates) resulted in a stabilization of the Fund's financial situation;
3. Recognizes that the Medical Benefits Fund is an efficient and indispensable element of social protection for the serving and retired staff members of the Organization and that the level of reimbursement of health care costs to participants and associate participants of the Medical Benefits Fund should be maintained;
4. Requests the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 31st session a further report on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.8 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on the progress of work under the Renovation Plan (157 EX/27 Part I and Add. and Part II, 157 EX/51 and Add. and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

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1. Having examined document 157 EX/27 Part I and Add.,
2. Takes note of the work carried out since the approval of the budgetary provisions by the General Conference at its 29th session;
3. Welcomes the allocation of the sum of US \$630,000 collected by the Headquarters Committee in connection with UNESCO's fiftieth anniversary for the renovation of the Picasso hall (interior of the Conference Building), taking into account the suggestions made by Mr Joseph Belmont, Inspecteur Général Honoraire de la Construction, and approved by the Headquarters Committee;
4. Invites the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to submit to it at its 159th session a plan of work for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters buildings for the 2000-2001 biennium;
5. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Organization's host country for having placed Mr Belmont at its disposal, an expert of renown whose plan for the restoration and improvement of the buildings on the Fontenoy site makes an invaluable contribution to the necessary reorientation of UNESCO's policy for the management of its own property;

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6. Having examined document 157 EX/27 Part II,
7. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Having examined document 30 C/40 Part II (157 EX/27 Part II),

Conscious that the Organization's Headquarters in Paris is a major work of architecture, highly representative of the world modernist movement of the 1950s, which must be restored and improved,

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Organization's host State for having placed at its disposal Mr Joseph Belmont, a renowned expert, whose plan for the restoration and improvement of the buildings on the Fontenoy site makes an invaluable contribution to the necessary reorientation of UNESCO's policy for the management of its own property, and invites the French Government to kindly extend Mr Belmont's mission to allow him to give an opinion on the buildings of the Organization's Miollis/Bonvin annex;
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the overall strategy proposed by Mr Belmont (Belmont Plan) to ensure the restoration and improvement of UNESCO's buildings on the Place de Fontenoy;
3. Further takes note that:
 - (a) Phase 1 of the Belmont Plan requires \$21.5 million at 1999 prices for the period 2000-2002;
 - (b) Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan requires \$75.4 million at 1999 prices for the period 2001-2006;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to obligate the sum of \$6.5 million contained in document 30 C/5 for the renovation and conservation of Headquarters buildings, with a view to the commencement of Phase 1 of the Belmont Plan;
5. Requests the Director-General to ensure that no further financial obligation of the regular budget 2000-2001 (30 C/5) is incurred to this effect;
6. Invites the Director-General to negotiate with Member States the most favourable conditions for a loan to finance the implementation of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan and to submit the relevant proposals for approval to the Executive Board at its 159th session, after the Headquarters Committee has discussed it;
7. Further invites Member States to make voluntary contributions in cash and in kind for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters and authorizes the Director-General to accept or refuse these contributions according to established criteria;

8. Also invites the Director-General to establish a Special Account to accommodate funds available for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters irrespective of their source and to submit for approval to the Executive Board at its 159th session proposed Financial Regulations governing this Account;
9. Requests the Headquarters Committee to assist the Director-General in his endeavours to mobilize the necessary resources for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters and to continue to advise the Director-General and provide him with suggestions, guidance and recommendations, including consultations with the host country on the possible classification of Headquarters buildings as well as on any other possible solutions in this respect;
10. Decides that the configuration of Phase 3 of the Belmont Plan will have to be reviewed during the implementation of Phase 1 and Phase 2;
11. Expresses its gratitude to the Headquarters Committee and to its Chairpersons, H.E. Ms Taina Kiekko and H.E. Mr Antti Hynninen, for the work accomplished and results achieved between the 29th and 30th sessions of the General Conference, and especially for the many initiatives taken to find solutions acceptable to all, and the unflagging efforts made to arrive at them, illustrated in particular by the setting up of an ad hoc working group which successfully acquitted itself of its appointed task;
12. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its 31st session on the status of the implementation of the work to restore and improve Headquarters buildings, and to report thereon to the Executive Board, as has been done over the past six years, at each of its sessions.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.9 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on the rental of offices in UNESCO buildings (157 EX/28 and Add. and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/28 and Add.,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Headquarters Committee for having accomplished important, in-depth and exhaustive work that might improve several aspects of the management of Headquarters premises;
3. Requests the Director-General to formulate, together with the Headquarters Committee, clear criteria for the management of the Headquarters Utilization Fund (HQF), including for the establishment of posts to be financed from HQF, taking account of recommendations that might be made in this respect by the External Auditor and to submit a report to it at its 160th session in which proposals for such criteria are clearly spelt out;

4. Approves, as a temporary measure with effect from 1 January 2000, until a decision on the report referred to in paragraph 3 above is taken, the Director-General's proposals concerning:
 - (a) the new system for the rental of office space in Building V, as described in paragraphs 7 to 9 and reflected in Annex 1 of document 157 EX/28;
 - (b) an increase in the rate for all parking places in the Fontenoy, Miollis and Bonvin Buildings to 350 francs per month;
 - (c) the proposed rates for the use of the areas adjacent to the lifts in the first basement and on the seventh floor of the Fontenoy Building, as reflected in Annex 2 of document 157 EX/28, and the new "real operating costs" rate applicable to the Miró area;
 - (d) the introduction of an additional rate for the rental of conference rooms, offices and other areas which is 30 per cent higher than the normal rate and is to be applied to outside users with high purchasing power at the Director-General's discretion;
 - (e) the application of the "real costs" to such cultural events for which the staff associations serve as intermediaries, whilst maintaining the traditional free use of facilities for events arranged by the staff associations or by groups of staff members themselves;
5. Decides to re-examine at its 160th session the measures set out in paragraph 4 in the light of the recommendations of the External Auditor on the management of the Headquarters Utilization Fund and after examination of clear criteria as called for in paragraph 3;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to comply with recommendations F and G made by the Headquarters Committee in paragraph 3 of document 157 EX/28.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.10 Consequences of the switch to the euro (157 EX/41, 157 EX/INF.7 and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 157 EX/41 and 157 EX/INF.7,
2. Invites the Director-General to submit additional information on the proposals contained in these documents at its 159th session, in particular, regarding the repercussions of such a proposal on the current system of split-level assessment of contributions of Member States;
3. Decides to set up, if necessary, after considering the information submitted by the Director-General, a working group of Member States to consider this matter further, specifically:

- (a) the implications of the adoption of a budgeting and accounting system based exclusively on the euro for the 2002-2003 financial period and the subsequent biennia;
- (b) the possibility of concluding agreements, in particular with the United Nations Staff Pension Fund, for the payment in euros of the contributions which are at present paid in US dollars, and of replenishing the UNESCO Medical Benefits Fund with euros;
- (c) the possibility of reconstituting in euros the resources of the field offices situated in countries of the euro zone and the franc zone.

(157 EX/SR.7)

8.11 Financial regulations of the Priority Africa Special Account (157 EX/43 and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 157 EX/43,
2. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 4.1, paragraph 33,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Priority Africa Special Account, annexed hereto.

Annex

**Financial regulations
of the Priority Africa Special Account**

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, a Special Account is hereby created for "Priority Africa", hereafter referred to as the Special Account.
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

Article 2 - Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 - Purpose

The purpose of the Special Account is to mobilize funds to finance approved programme activities in Africa, notably for the implementation of regional and/or subregional programmes and projects carried out by the programme sectors coordinated by the Priority Africa Department in response to the needs expressed by the African Member States themselves.

Article 4 - Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities;
- (b) amounts provided from the regular budget of the Organization as determined by the General Conference;
- (c) the balance of the amount mobilized for the International Fund for the Technological Development of Africa;
- (d) miscellaneous income (separate and distinct from the normal budgetary provisions of the Organization), including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 - Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative expenses specifically relating to it.

Article 6 - Accounts

- 6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.
- 6.2 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
- 6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.
- 6.4 Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

Article 7 - Investments

- 7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.
- 7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 - Closure of the Special Account

The Director-General shall decide upon the closure of the Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary.

Article 9 - General provision

Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.

(157 EX/SR.8)

8.12 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (157 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(157 EX/SR.5)

9 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

9.1 Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (157 EX/29 and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/29,
2. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution which amends the draft resolution contained in paragraph 66 of document 30 C/53:

The General Conference,

Having examined document 30 C/53,

Confirming once more the high priority given to Africa in UNESCO's programmes,

Recalling the Tripoli Appeal for the Establishment of a Culture of Peace in Africa on the Threshold of the Third Millennium,

Having taken note of United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/92 by which, among other things, the General Assembly invited the Specialized Agencies to examine the recommendations in the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

1. Acknowledges the efforts made by the Director-General to follow up the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and resolution 53/92 of the United Nations General Assembly;
2. Invites the Director-General to strengthen the Organization's efforts to contribute to the eradication of the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa;
3. Also invites the Director-General to support the DEMOS-Africa summit which the Gabon Government plans to convene in September 2000.

(157 EX/SR.7)

9.2 Development cooperation policies and activities carried out with extrabudgetary funding (157 EX/30 and 157 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/30,
2. Regrets the reduction in official development assistance (ODA) earmarked for multilateral cooperation and more specifically for the United Nations system;
3. Notes with satisfaction the significant increase in extrabudgetary funds raised during the past year;
4. Takes note of the information contained in that document on all the activities carried out by UNESCO in conjunction with its various outside partners for the benefit of the developing countries;
5. Also takes note of resolution 53/192, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, on the subject of the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and with a view to its follow-up:
 - (a) Invites the Director-General to continue to commit UNESCO to collaboration with the United Nations Specialized Agencies, funds and programmes, while observing the mandate and procedures of the Organization and, in that regard, welcomes the current discussions with UNDP to establish new partnerships between that programme and the Specialized Agencies;
 - (b) Also invites the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the strategic frameworks of the system - the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and the Common Country Assessment (CCA) - that operate in close cooperation with the beneficiary States while respecting their national development policies;
 - (c) Requests the Director-General to continue to take all appropriate measures, within the system's coordination mechanisms, to help to strengthen the resident coordinator system and encourages the Director-General to continue exploring the possibilities for sharing common services and premises in the field;
 - (d) Further requests the Director-General, as part of the process of setting up UNESCO's operational activities, to continue to give particular importance to national capacity-building in the developing States and to encourage the involvement, whenever possible, of civil society in the implementation of these projects;
6. Notwithstanding paragraph 5 above, reiterates 155 EX/Decision 8.1 requesting the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue to commit UNESCO to collaboration with the United Nations Specialized Agencies, funds and programmes, while observing the

mandate and procedures of the Organization and inviting the National Commissions to participate fully in such collaboration;

- (b) to take part, within the context of inter-agency coordination mechanisms, in a process of national programming of the system in matters of development cooperation that enables both the coordination carried out by beneficiary States to be strengthened and the system's programming procedures to be simplified and harmonized;
7. Further invites the Director-General to strengthen the Organization's technical capacities in regard to devising and implementing extrabudgetary projects, and to ensure complementarity between the extrabudgetary resources and the regular programme.

(157 EX/SR.8)

9.3 Report on the functioning and status of implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (157 EX/31 and Corr. and 157 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/31 and Corr.,
2. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 9.3,
3. Takes note of the procedure for processing Participation Programme requests;
4. Invites the Director-General to define the circumstances, and to submit to it at its 159th session the proposed criteria, under which emergency assistance may be granted, studying, in particular, the implications of establishing a separate budget line for this activity;
5. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it, at each of its sessions, the list of the projects approved under the Participation Programme and those under emergency assistance, together with the amounts approved to finance them, and any other cost and support connected with them;
6. Invites also the Director-General to pursue his efforts to achieve a more equitable balance in the distribution of funds, taking into consideration the urgent needs of developing countries and the four priority groups which are emphasized in document 30 C/5;
7. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the share of Participation Programme funds earmarked for emergency assistance and IGOs/NGOs should not exceed 10% and 5% respectively of the allocated amount for the Participation Programme for a given biennium;

8. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 159th session a proposal for a new simplified and transparent mechanism for the evaluation and approval of Participation Programme requests which would accord priority to the requests of Member States as submitted by those States.

(157 EX/SR.7)

9.4 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (157 EX/32, 157 EX/ONG/2 and 157 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

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1. Having examined documents 157 EX/32 and 157 EX/ONG/2, and the report of its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations,
2. Decides to admit the organization listed in Annex I.1 of document 157 EX/32 to formal associate relations;
3. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to admit the organizations listed in Annex I.2 of that document to operational relations, and of his decisions concerning the renewal or otherwise of official relations with the foundations and similar institutions listed in Annexes I.3 and I.4;
4. Takes note also of the additional information provided by the Director-General on the financial arrangements for cooperation with NGOs;
5. Notes that the principles that led to the establishment in 1993 of the special programme for support to NGOs remain valid; that the direction in which cooperation with NGOs has generally been moving following the introduction of the 1995 Directives requires those principles to be consistently applied in the overall implementation of cooperation with NGOs, and that the Director-General should improve and strengthen cooperation with NGOs in developing countries;
6. Decides that the terms of reference of the NGO Committee to be established at its 158th session shall include reference to document 157 EX/ONG/2 and to the recommendations made by its working group in paragraph 8 of that document, as listed in the annex hereto, notably as regards the working methods of the Committee;

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7. Recommends to the General Conference the following draft resolution for adoption:

The General Conference,

Recalling the principles and policies underlying the renewed cooperation with NGOs reflected in the Directives which it adopted in 28 C/Resolution 13.42,

Recalling the information provided by the Director-General in his report to it at its 29th session (29 C/25) and 29 C/Resolution 63,

Taking note of the information provided by the Director-General in document 30 C/32 on changes in the classification of NGOs, foundations and other similar institutions,

1. Reaffirms the basic objectives of the Directives, in particular enhanced operationality for the benefit of developing countries and countries in transition;
2. Stresses the importance of pursuing those efforts within the framework of programme implementation, including with regard to financial arrangements for cooperation with NGOs;
3. Underscores the vital importance of enhanced communication and information exchange among Member States, NGOs and the Secretariat (Headquarters and field) in the consolidation of these triangular partnerships;
4. Requests the Executive Board to continue monitoring the implementation of the Directives through, *inter alia*:
 - (a) further efforts towards full information on NGO admission and classification criteria;
 - (b) closer involvement of National Commissions in the preparation of its decisions regarding the admission of NGOs into formal relations;
 - (c) further efforts by field units to involve National Commissions and regional NGOs more fully in their activities;
 - (d) continued efforts to clarify certain outstanding issues regarding the effective application of the Directives, notably financial and material arrangements for cooperation, and the use of UNESCO's name and logo;
 - (e) effective working methods of its Committee on NGOs in order to ensure that it fully accomplishes its role;
5. Further requests the Executive Board to elaborate its next Sexennial Report on the contribution of NGOs to the attainment of UNESCO's goals, which it is to submit at its forthcoming 31st session, taking into account:
 - (a) 29 C/Resolution 63;
 - (b) the need for an in-depth review of the consequences of the introduction of the revised Directives at the international, regional and national levels;
 - (c) the desirability of conducting selective impact studies;
 - (d) the need to consult broadly National Commissions and the NGO community around the world in its preparation;

- (e) the possibility of considering adjustments to the Directives in the light of the experience gained over the first six years of their implementation and bearing in mind that the core principles on which they are based remain valid;
6. Reaffirms the validity of the objectives which led to the establishment of the special programme for support to NGOs by 27 C/Resolution 13.141; endorses the recommendation of the Executive Board that this programme be eventually phased out as a *specific* financial modality for cooperation with NGOs and underlines the need to ensure that those objectives are actively taken into account in programme implementation activities both at Headquarters and in the field, in terms of intellectual, material and financial arrangements for cooperation;
 7. Calls upon National Commissions for UNESCO in all Member States to develop appropriate working methods for stepping up their cooperation with NGOs at the national and local levels, in coordination with UNESCO's field units.

Annex

Overall strategy for UNESCO's cooperation with NGOs

Items recommended for consideration in paragraph 8 of document 157 EX/ONG/2 by the working group established by 156 EX/Decision 9.2 of the Executive Board, and endorsed by the NGO Committee at its 157th session:

- (i) **institutional and procedural questions:** clarity of admission and classification criteria; involvement of National Commissions; terms of reference and working methods of the NGO Committee; participation of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee; attendance of representatives of NGOs applying for formal relations and two-session timetable for consideration of their applications; elaboration of guidelines to facilitate the work of the Committee; continued refinement of individual NGO fact sheet contents (including admissions/classifications into operational relations); requirement for audited NGO accounts to be submitted;
- (ii) **regional/subregional networking; national cooperation:** designation of Secretariat-NGO focal points in Regional Offices; NGO participation in regional National Commission meetings; dialogue with National Commissions; database information on national membership of international NGOs; introduction of Internet hyperlinks;
- (iii) **collective cooperation arrangements:** regional networking; coordination with National Commissions; establishment of regional Liaison Committees; extrabudgetary fund-raising for project support; mutual representation at meetings; information dissemination to NGOs on role of National Commissions;
- (iv) **financial and material arrangements for cooperation:** functions of NGO Committee; Secretariat reporting (programmatic and financial); development of "SISTER"; information on matching funding and other

“in-kind” contributions made by NGOs; Participation Programme criteria; financial contributions from NGOs (including foundations and other similar institutions) to UNESCO; use of UNESCO name and logo;

- (v) **ad hoc/informal cooperation with NGOs not in official relations:** definition of basic criteria.

(157 EX/SR.6)

9.5 Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO (157 EX/33 and 157 EX/PLEN/DR.2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General (157 EX/33),
2. Recalling its previous decisions for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO,
3. Decides to place this item on the agenda of its 162nd session;
4. Recommends to the General Conference at its 30th session to adopt the following resolution:

The General Conference,

Having examined the report of the Director-General (30 C/48) concerning the admission of Palestine to UNESCO,

Recalling its previous resolutions regarding this item of the agenda,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 52/250 and Annex concerning the participation of Palestine in the work of the United Nations,

1. Invites the Director-General to study the eventual application of this Annex to the work of UNESCO;
2. Thanks the Director-General, who has spared no efforts to increase the participation of Palestine in UNESCO’s programme and activities;
3. Expresses the hope that it will be able to consider this item favourably at its next session, in the light of the progress made in the peace process;
4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 31st session.

(157 EX/SR.5)

9.6 Proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2000-2001 (157 EX/34 and Add. and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report by the Director-General entitled “Proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO should be associated in 2000-2001” contained in document 157 EX/34 and Add.,
2. Noting that, according to the procedure for the selection of anniversaries with which the Organization might be associated, approved at its 154th session (154 EX/Decision 7.7), Member States’ proposals should be sent to the Director-General with a deadline for nominations of 15 March of the year preceding the biennium in which the celebrations are to be held,
3. Recommends to the General Conference:
 - (a) that UNESCO be associated with the following celebrations in 2000-2001:
 - (i) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Roberto Arlt;
 - (ii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Leopoldo Marechal;
 - (iii) five hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Brazil;
 - (iv) two hundredth anniversary of the expedition of Alexander von Humboldt to Colombia;
 - (v) hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Agronomic Studies in Cuba;
 - (vi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Antonio J. Quevedo;
 - (vii) eight hundredth anniversary of the birth of Nasir ad-Din Tusi;
 - (viii) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of Amir Kabir Mirza Taghi Khan;
 - (ix) two thousandth anniversary of the founding of the city of Taraz;
 - (x) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sabit Mukanovich Mukanov;
 - (xi) three thousandth anniversary of the founding of the city of Osh;
 - (xii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Kasym Tynystanov;
 - (xiii) two thousand five hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Termez;
 - (xiv) five hundred and forty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Kamal ad-Din Behzad;

- (xv) two thousand seven hundredth anniversary of the creation of the Avesta;
- (xvi) ninetieth anniversary of the birth of Mirzo Torsonzade;
- (xvii) eightieth anniversary of the birth of Muhammad Asimov;
- (xviii) nine hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the birth of Omar Khayyam;
- (xix) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Somdet Phra Srinagarindra;
- (xx) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pridi Banomyong;
- (xxi) nine hundred and ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the city of Thang Long-Hanoi;
- (xxii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Mohamed Abdel Wahab;
- (xxiii) twelve hundredth anniversary of the founding of Bait al-Hikma;
- (xxiv) two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach;
- (xxv) hundredth anniversary of the death of Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche;
- (xxvi) one thousand seven hundredth anniversary of the adoption of Christianity as the State religion in Armenia;
- (xxvii) hundredth anniversary of the discovery of blood groups by Karl Landsteiner;
- (xxviii) six hundredth anniversary of the death of Evtimi of Tarnovo;
- (xxix) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Ivan Vazov;
- (xxx) four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pedro Calderón de La Barca;
- (xxxi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Luis Buñuel;
- (xxxii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Joaquín Rodrigo;
- (xxxiii) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Sophia Kovalevskaya;
- (xxxiv) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Nikolai Vladimirovich Timofeev-Ressovsky;
- (xxxv) two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Ivanovich Dal;

- (xxxvi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry;
 - (xxxvii) three hundredth anniversary of the death of André Le Nôtre;
 - (xxxviii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of André Malraux;
 - (xxxix) hundredth anniversary of the death of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec;
 - (xl) one thousand two hundredth anniversary of the Carolingian Renaissance;
 - (xli) fiftieth anniversary of the death of George Bernard Shaw;
 - (xlii) four hundredth anniversary of the death of Giordano Bruno;
 - (xliii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Enrico Fermi;
 - (xliv) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Salvatore Quasimodo;
 - (xlv) hundredth anniversary of the death of Giuseppe Verdi;
 - (xlvi) eight hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Riga;
 - (xlvii) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Mihail Eminescu;
 - (xlviii) fiftieth anniversary of the death of Dinu Lipatti;
 - (xlix) thousandth anniversary of the birth of Saint Maurus;
 - (l) three hundredth anniversary of the death of Juraj Lani;
 - (li) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth and hundredth anniversary of the death of Zdenek Fibich;
 - (lii) hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Tomáš Masaryk;
 - (liii) seven hundredth anniversary of the publication of the Royal Code of Mines;
 - (liv) two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Michailo Vasilievich Ostrogradsky;
 - (lv) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ivan S. Kozlovsky;
 - (lvi) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Alexander Smakula;
 - (lvii) hundredth anniversary of the birth of Margaret Mead;
- (b) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme;

- (c) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 2000-2001 be hereby closed;
4. Invites the Director-General to improve in the future the information to Member States on the procedure and application of the criteria which have led to the selection of requests.

(157 EX/SR.7)

9.7 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO

9.7.1 Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/54/34) (157 EX/35 and 157 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/35,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its thirtieth report (A/54/34) and the Director-General for his comments;
3. Welcomes the practice introduced during the current biennium, which consists in inviting representatives of the Joint Inspection Unit to the Board sessions at which their reports are examined;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue the constant strengthening of the effectiveness and relevance of cooperation between UNESCO and the Joint Inspection Unit.

(157 EX/SR.6)

9.7.2 More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/98/2) (157 EX/36 and 157 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/36,
2. Recalls that in 156 EX/Decision 5.5(D) it invited the Special Committee to study the audit, inspection and evaluation mechanisms;
3. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled “More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system” (JIU/REP/98/2), and also the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Director-General for their comments;
4. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report;
5. Considers that the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning policy for the conduct of internal oversight activities and the reports on those activities should be implemented by UNESCO;

6. Invites the Director-General to submit a preliminary report on this policy to it at its 159th session, so that a decision can be taken on this subject at its 160th session.

(157 EX/SR.6)

9.8 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (157 EX/37 and 157 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the draft agreement submitted by the Director-General as contained in the annex to document 157 EX/37,
2. Recalling that the cooperation agreement in question is an update,
3. Approves that agreement;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to sign it on behalf of UNESCO.

(157 EX/SR.1)

9.9 Overall strategy for UNESCO's cooperation with NGOs (157 EX/ONG/2 and 157 EX/49)

(See decision 9.4)

9.10 Relations with the Indian Ocean Commission and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (157 EX/45 and 157 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/45,
2. Approves the draft cooperation agreement contained in Annex II to that document;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with the Indian Ocean Commission and to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

(157 EX/SR.1)

10 GENERAL MATTERS

10.1 Nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General of UNESCO

The announcement to be found at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's deliberations on this subject. A procedural question relating to this item was also discussed at the second meeting.

(157 EX/SR.2, 5 and 8)

10.2 Application of 155 EX/Decision 9.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (157 EX/38 and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report (157 EX/38),
2. Congratulates and thanks the Director-General for his great efforts to ensure the full implementation of the Executive Board's decisions and the General Conference's resolutions;
3. Expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to Italy, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Norway, the government of Flanders (Belgium), Germany, France, Luxembourg, the World Bank, the Arab Gulf Programme for the United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND), Elec Promotion (France) and the Nomura Foundation (Japan) for their financial contribution to the projects carried out under the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP);
4. Considers that UNESCO's action in favour of the Palestinian people is of major importance and gives the Organization an important role within the United Nations system in peacemaking and peace-building and in the promotion of a culture of peace and dialogue between peoples;
5. Welcomes the agreement signed at Sharm-El-Sheikh between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority and expresses the hope that it will be fully implemented;
6. Expresses the hope that the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will be speedily brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions, to which UNESCO adheres, particularly Security Council resolutions 242, 338 and 425, based on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of land for peace;
7. Requests the Director-General to proceed with the preparation of the third phase of the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People, taking into consideration their new priorities and needs;
8. Also requests the Director-General to resume his efforts to obtain from donors the necessary funding for the third phase of the PAPP projects;
9. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities with a view to preserving the human and social fabric and safeguarding the Syrian Arab cultural identity of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in this regard;
 - (b) to continue his efforts vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities so that they cease to impose Israeli curricula on the students of the occupied Syrian Golan, to continue offering grants to these students and to provide assistance to the educational institutions of the Golan;

10. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;
11. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 159th session.

(157 EX/SR.7)

10.3 Evaluation report on the transdisciplinary project “Towards a culture of peace”
(157 EX/39 and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report contained in document 157 EX/39,
2. Recalling the purpose of the Organization as set out in Article I of the Constitution and noting the deletion of paragraph 9 of the document presented by the Secretariat,
3. Welcomes the recommendations in paragraphs 41 to 49 but regrets, nevertheless, that the report does not provide a coherent strategy for the management of the transdisciplinary project or an evaluation thereof;
4. Reaffirms the need to refocus the activities envisaged in draft document 30 C/5 concerning the culture of peace project on the basis of document 30 C/6, paragraphs 27 to 31;
5. Welcomes the recent partial integration of the culture of peace activities into major programme sectors and encourages further integration;
6. Requests the Director-General to examine the role and functions of the Culture of Peace Unit in the light of the recommendations in document 157 EX/39, the Executive Board’s discussion and the role of UNESCO in the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/243;
7. Further requests the Director-General to provide to it at its 159th session a strategy paper on the place of UNESCO in the United Nations system-wide actions on the culture of peace based on the Declaration and Programme of Action agreed in the United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/243, on the Executive Board debate, and on the result of the discussions of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;
8. Requests also the Director-General to report to it on the progress of the above at its 160th session.

(157 EX/SR.7)

10.4 The visibility of UNESCO in the Member States (157 EX/40 and Add. and 157 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 157 EX/40 and Add.,

2. Referring to document 30 C/6, paragraph 34, “Information and dissemination services”,
3. Noting the crucial importance of the visibility of UNESCO in its Member States, and especially the role of public information,
4. Invites the Director-General to establish a group of experts, charged with the task of looking into the functioning of the public information of UNESCO in order to assist in the formulation of a comprehensive information strategy in accordance with document 30 C/6, paragraph 34, “Information and dissemination services”.

(157 EX/SR.7)

10.5 Tribute to the Director-General

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that Mr Federico Mayor, after serving as Deputy Director-General of UNESCO from 1978 to 1981, was appointed to the office of Director-General by the General Conference at its 24th session on 15 November 1987,
2. Recalling further that he succeeded at the beginning of his first term of office in reconciling UNESCO with its original mission of promoting the free flow of ideas and of establishing the Organization as a forum for reflection and action in the service of freedom of expression and, more generally, of democracy, respect for cultural diversity and the mutual enrichment of cultures, and that, on 6 November 1993, his appointment was unanimously renewed by the General Conference at its 27th session for a second term which will expire on 14 November 1999,
3. Highly appreciating his role in launching numerous initiatives over the past 12 years to which the Member States have rallied and for which they have mobilized, particularly the major world conferences (education for all, adult education, technical and vocational education, higher education, culture and science), major declarations (human genome, tolerance and responsibilities towards future generations), world reports (education, science, social sciences, culture, communication and information), the reports of the two World Commissions (Education for the Twenty-first Century and Culture and Development) chaired by Mr Jacques Delors and Mr Javier Pérez de Cuéllar and the UNESCO Chairs programme,
4. Considering that his constant concern during his two successive terms of office has been to direct UNESCO along the path of preventive action, whether against natural hazards or violent conflicts, and that the adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Culture of Peace by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 September 1999 is the finest tribute that could be paid to the work he has done to this end,
5. Noting with satisfaction his continuing endeavours to restore universality to the Organization, which have indeed borne fruit with the return of the United Kingdom, his ability to reach out and forge bonds with new partners such as

parliaments, cities and regional authorities, and his skill in enhancing the visibility of the Organization and ensuring that it is actively engaged in the field,

6. Appreciating his energy, enthusiasm and good humour, and his qualities as a man of reflection and action, one who is forward-looking, bold and entirely dedicated to serving the Organization, committed to making the voices of the excluded heard and responsive to the needs and aspirations of all cultures,
7. Pays solemn tribute to Mr Federico Mayor at its plenary meeting on 22 October 1999 and conveys to him its profound gratitude;
8. Expresses the hope that the coming years will afford him many sources of satisfaction and offer him further opportunities of giving the international community the benefit of his experience and his tireless devotion to the great causes of humanity.

(157 EX/SR.10)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 6, 13, 15, 18, 19 AND 20 OCTOBER 1999

At the private meetings held on 6, 13, 15, 18, 19 and 20 October 1999, the Executive Board considered items 6.1, 7.4, 8.12 and 10.1 of its agenda.

6.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence;
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein and heard the explanations of the representative of a Member State referred to in this report.

7.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 30th session of the General Conference and of Chairpersons of the Committees

In accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Executive Board decided to make recommendations concerning nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 30th session of the General Conference and Chairpersons of the Committees.

(See decision 7.4)

8.12 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the decisions he had taken since the previous

session regarding appointments, promotions and extension of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

10.1 Nomination of a candidate for the post of Director-General of UNESCO

At the private meetings held on 6, 13, 15, 18, 19 and 20 October 1999, the Executive Board considered 10.1 of its agenda.

1. The Board drew lots to determine the order of the interviews of the 11 candidates.
2. The Board received the 11 candidates individually, who made presentations and answered questions put to them by the six regional groups.
3. The Executive Board established a working group among its Members to consider the draft contract between the Director-General and the Organization.
4. After examining this draft contract on 15 and 18 October, the Executive Board finalized the provisions thereof on 19 October 1999 with a view to submitting it to the General Conference at its 30th session.
5. In conformity with the provisions of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, the Board decided, by secret ballot, to propose the candidature of Mr Koïchiro Matsuura (Japan) for the post of Director-General of UNESCO to the General Conference at its 30th session.

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**DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
AT ITS 157th SESSION**

(Paris, 5 October-15 November 1999)

CORRIGENDUM

Decision 6.4 - **Draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board**
(157 EX/42 Rev. and 157 EX/48)

Rule 15, new paragraph 2

The text should read as follows:

“Should the Chairman be unable to exercise his functions between sessions, the Vice-Chairmen shall designate, by vote if necessary, a Vice-Chairman to replace him until such time as Rule 12 may be applied. The office of Chairman may only be held by the representative of a Member of the Board.”

Decision 8.6 - **Geographical distribution of the staff** (157 EX/25 and 157 EX/51)

Paragraph 5

The text should read as follows:

“5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 30th session, fix the ratios applicable to the contribution factor and the membership factor at 35/65;”