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Amendment to the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4)

submitted by INDIA

Sciences

The General Conference,

Proposed modification, deletion or addition:

Addition in paragraph 85 (*indicated in boldface italics*)

“UNESCO will also support Member States in their efforts to stimulate an open and well-founded public debate on issues ***of meeting developmental and environmental needs of present and future generations on the basis of more sustainable lifestyle and consumption of natural resources*** and challenges related to scientific and technical progress and technological applications and act as an observatory of ongoing developments. The Organization will focus on sensitization of policy-makers in both the public and private spheres, the press and the public at large. To that end, UNESCO will assist in building and sharing capacity and expertise through support for ***international and regional meetings on guidelines and best practices to regulate use of fast eroding natural resources on earth and evolve a framework for transition to sustainable consumption***, establishment of national bodies entrusted with ethical issues, the creation of an international network of institutions and specialists and the promotion of educational activities”.

Expected outcomes (fourth indent) to be amended (as indicated in blue ink):

Intensified international exchange of information on ongoing developments in scientific and technological fields, particularly those representing potential threats to human security ***and enunciating an International Declaration for Transition to Sustainable Consumption.***

* This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 10 September 2001.

Regular budget for Programme II.2, Sciences, environment and sustainable development, as well as extrabudgetary funds could be allocated in a phased manner during 2002-2007 (~ US \$70,000/biennium)

Explanatory note

Countries like Japan, Germany, Norway, China, Malaysia and India at the World Conference on Science flagged the issue that excessive consumption of resources puts natural basis of living at risk and puts a strain on resources and climate. These nations highlighted the importance of the need for development in harmony with nature and promoting the concept of world development based on culture for sustainable consumption of resources.

Thus the additional activity by UNESCO will permit:

Sponsoring four regional meetings (Asia, Europe, America and Africa) to exchange various countries' perceptions on necessity of regulating consumption of fast-eroding natural resources and the extent of moderation in lifestyles for human well-being and development; these will conclude with adoption of regional position paper on principles, guidelines and framework for transition to sustainable consumption. The Science and Technology Policy Network Secretariats in Asia and Latin America could host these regional meetings.

Convening international conference to identify common features in various regional positions and recommendation of a draft of an International Declaration for Transition to Sustainable Consumption.