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## INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to 29 C/Resolution 87, 1.21 and 1.22, the Executive Board, at its 161st session (161 EX/Decision 6.5), recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Ms Alissandra Cummins (Barbados) for the office of Chairperson of Commission I. At the second plenary meeting, on 15 October 2001, Ms A. Cummins was elected Chairperson of Commission I.

2. At its first meeting, on 23 October 2001, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation:

### **Vice-Chairpersons:**

Ms Anne Willings-Grinda (Monaco)

Mr Wojciech Falkowski (Poland)

Mr Khamliène Nhouyvanisvong (Lao People's Democratic Republic)

Mr Benjamin Cheboi (Kenya)

### **Rapporteur:**

Ms Naïma Tabet (Morocco)

3. The Commission then adopted the timetable of work submitted in document 31 C/COM.I/1 (prov.).

4. The Committee devoted eight meetings, between Tuesday, 23 October and Friday, 26 October 2001, to the examination of the items on its agenda.

5. The Commission adopted its report at its ninth meeting, on Wednesday, 31 October 2001. The report includes the recommendations which the Committee transmitted to the General Conference on each item on its agenda.

## DEBATE 1

### **ITEM 3.1 – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2002-2007 AND PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2004-2005**

1. At its first and second meetings, the Commission examined item 3.1 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 and preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005.
2. The representatives of 29 Member States and one observer took the floor.
3. The Commission examined the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) (item 3.1 of the agenda) on 23 October 2001. The Director of the Bureau for Strategic Planning introduced the item and the documents before the Commission (31 C/4 and 31 C/11). The following key points were highlighted: 31 C/4 is built around a single unifying theme and reflects the Director-General's concern to concentrate, focus and set priorities and to make the Organization an effective partner. The document is based on three main strategic thrusts and a limited number of strategic objectives – each linked to the formulation of outcomes, laying the foundation for results-based programming, management and monitoring. The two cross-cutting themes are intrinsic to all programmes and constitute an entry point to foster intersectorality. Document 31 C/4 also clearly identifies UNESCO's functions as laboratory of ideas, standard-setter, clearing house, capacity-builder in Member States and catalyst for international cooperation. Document 31 C/5 proposes one principal priority for each major programme, which receives a substantial increase in funding over document 30 C/5 Approved and represents a further effort to prioritize and focus the work of the Organization.
4. Speakers were unanimous in expressing their satisfaction at and support for document 31 C/4, its improvements over the previous C/4 document, clear presentation and structure as well as the focused content. Some suggested that greater attention be paid to the formulation of true results. Many speakers welcomed the rolling strategy which is particularly important in enabling the Organization to react flexibly to new developments and demands. Also, it was underlined that document 31 C/4 must be clearly linked to document 31 C/5. Virtually all delegations expressed full support for the recommendations by the Executive Board contained in document 31 C/11.
5. Many welcomed the central importance given to peace in document 31 C/4 and suggested that the culture of peace be adequately reflected. Full agreement was received concerning the choice of the two cross-cutting themes contained in document 31 C/4. UNESCO must concentrate on implementing projects aimed at poverty eradication, involving all sectors. Some delegations suggested that cluster offices be given more resources and personnel to be effective. It was also observed that there was insufficient reflection of the needs of Asia and the Pacific.
6. While welcoming document 31 C/4, several felt that its focus could be further sharpened. A full context map of all partners should be developed for document 31 C/4, highlighting comparative advantages of each partner. Associated Schools should be included among the group of partners. Generally, those sections dealing with public information and human resource management should be revisited and sharpened.

7. Gender and youth mainstreaming in document 31 C/4 was welcomed. Some delegations underlined the strategic and practical importance of doing so at all levels and in all projects. Recalling the Youth Forum prior to the General Conference session, it was suggested that a permanent elected youth representative mechanism be created by UNESCO. Striving to improve gender strategies both culturally and linguistically was also underlined. The role and added value of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics needed to be clearly stated in the C/4 document.
8. An overwhelming number underscored that the current formulation of paragraph 36 of document 31 C/4, listing National Commissions as *partners* of UNESCO, was unacceptable and needed to be amended. As recommended by the Executive Board, National Commissions should be referred to as living forces of the Organization. Delegations stressed the need to take fully into account Article VII of the Constitution, previous General Conference resolutions and the actual range of functions performed by National Commissions. Several delegations further noted that it was necessary for Member States to recommit themselves to the work of National Commissions and to provide requisite resources.
9. Several speakers emphasized that UNESCO should also coordinate fully with other agencies of the United Nations system to avoid overlapping of efforts. Many delegations welcomed UNESCO's recent membership in the United Nations Development Group (UNDG).
10. Some delegations also pointed to the need to facilitate a better participation and representation of small island developing States in UNESCO's activities. Several delegations also addressed the future arrangements for document 32 C/5. The hope was expressed that a much clearer interaction between documents 31 C/4 and 32 C/5 could be established. In addition, Parts II.C and III of the Programme and Budget should become more transparent, indicating existing results more clearly.
11. The representative of the Director-General noted that the recommendations contained in document 31 C/11 and those formulated by the General Conference as envisaged in a draft decision before the Drafting Group, would be integrated into document 31 C/4 Approved. He informed the Commission that preparations were under way with the field office directors for the launching of the process to formulate regional and subregional strategies. He noted that new policies had been prepared for the sharpening of the sections concerning public information and human resource management and were presented to the Executive Board. Both would be fully reflected in document 31 C/4 Approved. He further pointed out that poverty eradication strategy was much broader than perceived and was mainstreamed throughout the entire range of the Organization's activities. With regard to statistics, he concurred with the views of those delegations that had emphasized the need for a better statistical basis and he pointed to paragraph 33(c) of document 31 C/4, which explicitly referred to the need for evidence-based policies utilizing statistics and data to underpin UNESCO's programmes.
12. At the conclusion of the debate, the Commission decided to take note of document 31 C/4 and to recommend it for approval.

## DEBATE 2

### ITEM 4.3 – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2002-2003 – PART III.A: EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION

### ITEM 6.2 – PROPOSALS FOR ADAPTING THE “REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNESCO” TO THE NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION

### ITEM 7.1 – DRAFT STATUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO

1. At its third and fourth meetings, the Commission examined items 4.3 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 – Part III.A: External relations and cooperation, 6.2 – Proposals for adapting the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” to the needs of the Organization and 7.1 – Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of the National Commissions for UNESCO.

2. Representatives of 51 Member States, one intergovernmental organization and one non-governmental organization took the floor.

#### **A. Item 4.3 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 – Part III.A: External relations and cooperation**

##### **I. Draft resolution for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference**

3. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt draft resolution 31 C/DR.73 Rev. (submitted by South Africa, Australia, Namibia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Belgium and Nigeria, and supported by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kuwait, Slovakia and Canada), as orally amended by the Chairperson of the Commission, for the Records of the General Conference. The resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

Noting that the World Summit on Sustainable Development will take place in Johannesburg from 2 to 11 September 2002, and aware that UNESCO and other international bodies have during the past decade done extensive work to build up the knowledge base and provide guidance to society in furthering sustainable development,

Referring to the major United Nations conferences of the 1990s and their action plans (Rio, 1992, Cairo, 1994, Barbados, 1994, Copenhagen, 1995, Beijing, 1995, Istanbul, 1996); the Millennium Assembly (New York, 2000) and its declaration; the international development targets, one of which concerns sustainable development; the conventions on biological diversity, climate change and desertification, the International Work Programme on Education, Public Awareness and Training for Sustainability of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development,

Recalling that sustainable development is a broad, integrating and interdisciplinary concept which seeks to satisfy the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, and which emphasizes the

interrelationships between world problems and their solution as well as the need in all countries for new values, behaviours and lifestyles conducive to building a sustainable future,

Recognizing that since the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, there has been a global shift in emphasis from a focus on environmental concerns to the more holistic approach of sustainable development which centres on environment, society and economy and their interrelationships, as well as the eradication of poverty and changing wasteful consumption and production patterns,

Recognizing UNESCO's role and responsibility for implementing these international agreements in its fields of competence, in particular in its function as task manager within the United Nations system for Chapters 35 (science) and 36 (education, public awareness and training) of Agenda 21,

Drawing attention to the fact that sustainable development is relevant to all of the major programme areas in draft document 31 C/5, and to the important contributions made by UNESCO during the last decade notably in the areas of education for a sustainable future and the environmental science programmes, but also in the other major programme areas,

Recalling the importance given to sustainable development in the outcomes of major UNESCO conferences of the 1990s, in particular the International Conference on Environment and Society, the World Conference on Higher Education, the Second International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education, the World Conference on Science, and the World Education Forum, as well as the International Commission on Education for the Twenty-First Century,

Bearing in mind the joint communications of the chairpersons of the five scientific programmes in October 2000 and May 2001 concerning the Draft Medium-Term Strategy and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003, their conviction that there is need for a common framework of work within UNESCO involving sustainable development as a unifying concept, that the Johannesburg Summit would have a significant impact on the future of the five programmes, and that UNESCO should seize the opportunities afforded by the Summit in all its fields of competence,

Stressing the strategic importance for the international community in general and for UNESCO in particular of the forthcoming World Summit on Sustainable Development organized by the United Nations in Johannesburg in September 2002 according to General Assembly resolution 55/199, to review and assess progress made in the implementation of Agenda 21 since 1992, take up new and emerging critical issues for the future, and decide upon a future programme of work,

Underlining the important role of civil society in the Johannesburg Summit and its preparatory process, and the need to build innovative partnerships between governments, UNESCO and the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders in pursuit of sustainable development,

1. Urges Member States to:

- (a) participate actively in the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process at national level, as well as the intergovernmental, regional and international preparatory meetings;
- (b) work to ensure that the outcomes of the Summit adequately reflect the key role of education in all its forms and at all levels in achieving sustainable development, the importance of basing decision-making on sound scientific information and knowledge, the importance of preserving cultural diversity in the process of globalization, the need for equitable access to information and knowledge, as well as to the new information and communication technologies, and making the necessary linkages between these themes and the transversal issues of poverty eradication and changing wasteful consumption and production patterns;
- (c) mobilize UNESCO programmes and networks in their respective countries and regions to engage in the Summit process;
- (d) work in close partnership with civil society for the preparation of the Summit and its follow-up;

2. Urges non-governmental organizations in official relations with UNESCO to:

- (a) become actively involved in the civil society component of the Johannesburg Summit and its preparatory process at national, regional and international levels;
- (b) work in close partnership with government and other stakeholders for the preparation of the Summit and its follow-up;

3. Invites the Director-General to:

- (a) mobilize the whole of UNESCO for the preparation and follow-up to the Johannesburg Summit, working within the budgetary framework of document 31 C/5 and seeking extrabudgetary financing to this end;
- (b) ensure that sustainable development is an integrating theme within UNESCO that concerns all the major programme areas, and is directly related to the cross-cutting themes of eradicating poverty and promoting ICTs;
- (c) ensure that UNESCO continues to actively participate in the various mechanisms within the United Nations system to further sustainable development and to prepare for and follow up the Johannesburg Summit;
- (d) report to the Executive Board at its 164th session (May 2002) on the status of preparations for the Summit and its expected outcomes, and on how sustainable development and the Summit will be reflected in the implementation of document 31 C/5;

4. Decides to examine during the 32nd session of the General Conference whether to make sustainable development a new cross-cutting theme for the whole of UNESCO in the future.

## **II. Resolution proposed in document 31 C/5**

4. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 16002 of document 31 C/5 concerning Part III.A: External relations and cooperation, as amended orally by Germany, Saudi Arabia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Saint Lucia and Slovenia and by draft resolution 31 C/DR.73 Rev. (submitted by South Africa, Australia, Namibia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Belgium and Nigeria and supported by Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kuwait, Slovakia and Canada).

5. The resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference

Authorizes the Director-General

- (a) to implement the following plan of action in order to:

- (i) strengthen relations with Member States, through their Permanent Delegations and National Commissions, with a view to responding to their priority needs, paying particular attention to:

- enhancing the capacity of National Commissions as main relays for UNESCO's work at the national level by strengthening their operational capacities, by promoting bilateral, subregional, regional and interregional cooperation, by reinforcing the tripartite collaboration between National Commissions, national partners and the Secretariat and in particular, the field offices; and by strengthening through them partnerships with representatives of civil society (parliamentarians, local NGOs, etc.); and enhancing the participation of National Commissions in the elaboration, execution and evaluation of the Organization's programmes;
- mobilizing the UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations movement, in cooperation with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA), as an active protagonist of UNESCO's message, programmes and ideals;
- supporting the development of new cooperative partnerships and alliances, including with the private sector;

- (ii) reinforce the impact, effectiveness and visibility of UNESCO's action in Member States, in particular by ensuring the Organization's active participation in the development of the United Nations system-wide policies and, initiatives through the intergovernmental and inter-agency machinery, by strengthening coordination, partnerships and joint activities with intergovernmental organizations; and by ensuring dynamic cooperative relations with non-governmental organizations and foundations in accordance with the existing statutory framework;

- (iii) increase extrabudgetary contributions in support of UNESCO's strategic objectives and programme priorities, in particular by strengthening cooperation with organizations of the United Nations system, multilateral and bilateral donors and development banks, civil society and the private sector and by enhancing the capacity of the Secretariat, both at Headquarters and in the field, and of the National Commissions for generating extrabudgetary resources;
  - (iv) mobilize Member States through National Commission, UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, the private sector, civil society including non-governmental organizations for the preparation and follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, September 2002), and ensure effective UNESCO participation in United Nations system-wide efforts;
- (b) to allocate for this purpose an amount of \$4,396,500 for programme costs and \$16,867,700 for staff costs.

### **III. Total budgetary provision for Part III.A: External relations and cooperation**

6. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$22,008,800 (para. 16002, subparagraph (b)) for Part III.A: External relations and cooperation, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

#### **B. Item 6.2 – Proposals for adapting the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” to the needs of the Organization**

7. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it take note of documents 31 C/17, 31 C/17 Add. and 31 C/75 entitled Proposals for adapting the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” to the needs of the Organization.

8. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution proposed in paragraph 3 of document 31 C/75. The resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

1. Having examined document 31 C/17 and 162 EX/Decision 7.11,
2. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 59(a)(viii),
3. Recommends that the existing “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” continue to apply;
4. Invites the Director-General to ensure that the existing “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” are strictly adhered to;

5. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 32nd session, through the Executive Board, proposals for adapting the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” to the needs of the Organization;
6. Further invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts in making efficient use of modern communication technologies for enhancing the dialogue between UNESCO and its partners.

**C. Item 7.1 – Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of the National Commissions for UNESCO**

9. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it take note of document 31 C/18 entitled “Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of the National Commissions for UNESCO”.

10. The Commission, after a vote, recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution proposed in paragraph 8 of document 31 C/18. The resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

Having examined document 31 C/18,

Considering 161 EX/Decision 5.2 by which the Executive Board recommends that the General Conference reconsider at its 31st session the creation of the proposed Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO,

Decides not to create the Standing Committee.

**DEBATE 3**

**ITEM 6.3 – DEFINITION OF REGIONS  
WITH A VIEW TO THE EXECUTION OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

1. At its second meeting, the Commission examined item 6.3 – Definition of regions with a view to the execution of regional activities.
2. The representatives of two Member States took the floor.
3. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it take note of document 31 C/42 Rev. entitled “Definition of regions with a view to the execution of regional activities”.
4. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it admit the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a new Member State of UNESCO, to the Europe region with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities, and Tokelau, a new Associate Member, to the Asia and the Pacific region for the same purposes.

## DEBATE 4

### ITEM 5.4 – PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES WITH WHICH UNESCO COULD BE ASSOCIATED IN 2002-2003

1. During its second and fifth meetings the Commission discussed item 5.4 - Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2002-2003.
2. The representatives of four Member States took the floor.
3. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it take note of document 31 C/15 entitled “Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2002-2003”.
4. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 31 C/15, as amended by Uzbekistan. The resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

Having examined document 31 C/15,

Decides that UNESCO will be associated with the celebrations of the following 47 anniversaries in 2002-2003:

1. 3,000th anniversary of Zoroastrian Culture (Tajikistan and Uzbekistan);
2. 2,700th anniversary of the founding of the city of Shakhrisyabz (Uzbekistan);
3. 2,500th anniversary of the founding of the city of Ura-Tube (Tajikistan);
4. 1,000th anniversary of the creation of Grigor Narekatsi’s *Book of Lamentations* (Armenia);
5. 1,000th anniversary of the creation of the epic poem *King Gesar* (China);
6. 1,000th anniversary of the founding of Bagrati Cathedral (Georgia);
7. 1,000th anniversary of the birth of Abu Moein Hakim Nasser Khosrow Qubadiyani or Abdulmuiddin Nosiri Khosrav (two spellings possible), philosopher, poet and theologian (Islamic Republic of Iran and Tajikistan);
8. 900th anniversary of the birth of Khodja Abdulkholiq Al-Gijduvoni, theologian, philosopher and poet (Uzbekistan);
9. 550th anniversary of the birth of Leonardo da Vinci, painter, drawer, sculptor, architect and engineer (Italy);
10. 500th anniversary of the completion by Dionisy the Wise of his last frescoes in the Nativity of the Virgin Church of the Ferapontov Monastery (Russian Federation);

11. 500th anniversary of the establishment of Benin Court Art (Nigeria);
12. 400th anniversary of the founding of the Accademia dei Lincei (Italy);
13. 300th anniversary of the founding of Wroclaw University [in Poland] (Germany, Austria, Poland and Czech Republic);
14. 300th anniversary of the founding of the city of Saint Petersburg (Russian Federation);
15. 250th anniversary of the birth of Josef Dobrovský, Slavist (Czech Republic);
16. 200th anniversary of the birth of Mirza Kazem-Bey, orientalist (Azerbaijan);
17. 200th anniversary of the birth of Ignacio Domeyko, humanist (Belarus, Chile, France, Lithuania and Poland);
18. 200th anniversary of the birth of Fyodor Ivanovich Tyutchev, poet (Russian Federation);
19. 200th anniversary of the birth of Victor Hugo, writer (France);
20. 200th anniversary of the birth of Hector Berlioz, composer (France);
21. 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexandre Dumas (père), writer (France);
22. 200th anniversary of the birth of Makhambet Utemissov, poet (Kazakhstan);
23. 200th anniversary of the birth of Niels Henrik Abel, mathematician (Norway);
24. 150th anniversary of the birth of José Martí, writer (Cuba);
25. 150th anniversary of the birth of Otakar Ševčík, violinist and educator (Czech Republic);
26. 150th anniversary of the birth of Ion Luca Caragiale, writer and dramatist (Romania);
27. 150th anniversary of the birth of King Chulalongkorn, Rama V (Thailand);
28. 100th anniversary of the birth of Max Ophüls, film-maker (Germany);
29. 100th anniversary of the death of Theodor Mommsen, historian (Germany);
30. 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodor W. Adorno, philosopher (Germany);
31. 100th anniversary of the birth of Aram Khachaturyan, composer (Armenia, supported by the Russian Federation);
32. 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir Karl Popper, philosopher (Austria);
33. 100th anniversary of the birth of Wilfredo Lam, painter (Cuba);
34. 100th anniversary of the birth of Nicolás Guillén, poet (Cuba);

35. 100th anniversary of the birth of Abol-hassan Saba, violinist and music historian (Islamic Republic of Iran);
36. 100th anniversary of the birth of Halldór Laxness, writer (Iceland);
37. 100th anniversary of the birth of Gabit Musrepov, writer and dramatist (Kazakhstan);
38. 100th anniversary of the birth of Semion Chukov, painter (Kyrgyzstan);
39. 100th anniversary of the death of Abdeel Rahman Ibn Ahmad Kawakibi, historian and sociologist (Syrian Arab Republic, supported by Egypt);
40. 100th anniversary of the founding of Kisantu Botanic Garden (Democratic Republic of the Congo);
41. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jan Calábek, director of films for the popularization of science (Czech Republic);
42. 100th anniversary of the birth of Alexandre Ciucurencu, painter (Romania);
43. 100th anniversary of the birth of Dumitru Staniloae, theologian (Romania);
44. 100th anniversary of the birth of Mom Luang Pin Malakul, educator (Thailand);
45. 100th anniversary of the birth of Nazim Hikmet, poet (Turkey);
46. 100th anniversary of the birth of David Ferdman, biochemist (Ukraine);
47. 50th anniversary of the death of Maria Montessori, educator (Italy);

Also decides:

- (a) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme;
- (b) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 2002-2003 is hereby closed.

5. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, draft resolution 31 C/COM.I/1, submitted by the Russian Federation and supported by France, Uzbekistan and Ukraine. The resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind UNESCO's mission and objectives aimed at promoting dialogue among cultures and civilizations,

Recognizing the importance of constructive cooperation between the Organization and Saint Petersburg, and of the forthcoming world celebration of 27 May 2003, the 300th anniversary of the founding of this city,

1. Calls for celebrating on all continents this anniversary that is included in the list of anniversaries with whose celebrations UNESCO will be associated in 2002-2003;
2. Invites the Director-General to establish together with the Russian Federation a possible list of activities in order to ensure UNESCO participation in this celebration, on the understanding that these activities, especially in the framework of the Participation Programme, would not entail additional expenses and that UNESCO would play an efficient role in the development of the themes of dialogue among cultures and in the mobilization of international partnerships around this important event.

## DEBATE 5

**ITEM 10.1 – SEXENNIAL REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON THE  
CONTRIBUTION MADE BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
TO UNESCO’S ACTIVITIES (1995-2000)**

1. At its second meeting, the Commission examined item 10.1 – Sexennial Report by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contribution made by non-governmental organizations to UNESCO’s activities (1995-2000).
2. The representatives of eight Member States and the Chairperson of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee took the floor.
3. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it take note of document 31 C/27 entitled “Sexennial Report by the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contribution made by non-governmental organizations to UNESCO’s activities (1995-2000)”.
4. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the proposed resolution in paragraph 204 of document 31 C/27 as amended orally by Nigeria, Slovenia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

Having examined the sexennial report submitted to it by the Executive Board on the contribution made to UNESCO’s activities by non-governmental organizations from 1995 to 2000, in pursuance of Section V.3 of the *Directives concerning UNESCO’s relations with non-governmental organizations* adopted at its 28th session (28 C/Resolution 13.42, 1995),

Reaffirming that the participation of non-governmental organizations in UNESCO’s task is an ideal means for the Organization of associating civil society with its mission and its actions,

1. Considers that such cooperation, based on Article XI of the Constitution of the Organization and governed by the aforementioned Directives, has been reflected in a wide-ranging consultation of the National Commissions and the NGO community worldwide, of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, and of all Secretariat services at and away from Headquarters, which have contributed extensively to this evaluation and reflection exercise through a constructive dialogue;
2. Stresses the importance of strengthening cooperation and developing partnership with the different sectors of civil society in the implementation of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 and in the pursuit of the reform process undertaken by the Organization;
3. Reaffirms the fundamental objectives of the Directives, in particular the revitalization and diversification of partnerships and the strengthening of operational cooperation for the benefit of the developing countries and countries in transition;

4. Recommends to the Executive Board that it:
  - (a) ensure that the implementation of the Directives continues to proceed in a spirit of openness towards civil society, especially in parts of the world where it is still isolated or weak;
  - (b) endeavour to clarify certain outstanding questions relating in particular to the financial and material arrangements for cooperation with the NGOs;
  - (c) invite its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations to develop its intellectual and ethical reflection, to pursue the dialogue with the NGOs as a whole and the Secretariat, and for that purpose to continue to improve its working methods;
  - (d) request the aforesaid Committee to continue its work with the aim of operationalizing the recommendations of the General Conference in this regard;
5. Recommends to the Director-General, with respect to programme preparation, that he:
  - (a) encourage the active participation of all NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO in sessions of the General Conference and in conferences on specialized subjects;
  - (b) continue to encourage the participation of the NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO in major UNESCO and United Nations conferences and their follow-up, side by side with other stakeholders, and the collective expression of the views of NGOs at international conferences organized under the auspices of the Organization;
  - (c) develop bilateral consultations, formal and informal, between the Secretariat and the NGOs, both at and away from Headquarters, particularly concerning the preparation of the Organization's biennial draft programme and budget, and make sure that their contributions are actually taken into account;
6. Recommends to the Director-General, with respect to programme execution, that he:
  - (a) strengthen cooperation with the NGOs and the coordination and follow-up role of the Secretariat by designating, in each programme sector and preferably within the Executive Office of the Assistant Director-General, a focal point for coordination with the NGOs in the fields of activity of the sector concerned that does not entail additional financial resources;
  - (b) ensure, in connection with the new information and management systems for the programme and budget, the introduction of rational and uniform procedures, familiar to all users, which will enable a rigorous and transparent evaluation to be carried out of financial exchanges with the NGOs;

- (c) develop communication activities (guide, database, Internet site);
7. Terminates the Special NGO Support Programme, established by 27 C/Resolution 13.141 as a specific form of financial cooperation with NGOs;
8. Recommends, with respect to geographical extension and openness to regional and national NGOs:
- (a) to Member States and their National Commissions, that they:
- (i) strengthen their cooperation with the national branches of NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO and consider the possibility of involving them more systematically in the work of National Commissions and their programme committees;
  - (ii) inventory organizations or national coalitions which are representative and active in the Organization's fields of competence;
  - (iii) associate national NGOs in the consultations which they carry out for the preparation of their contributions to the draft programmes of the Organization and ensure that they include in their priority requests to the Participation Programme projects emanating from NGOs or NGO coalitions which are active and representative in the Organization's fields of competence;
  - (iv) raise the quality of their contributions in the Organization's fields of competence by considering the inclusion of experts proposed by the NGOs in their delegations to specialized meetings;
- (b) to the Director-General, that he:
- strengthen the field units' role of promotion, stimulation and coordination in the development of cooperation at the regional and national levels, and designate, in each regional office and if possible in each cluster office, a focal point for coordination with the NGOs;
- (c) to NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO, that they:
- (i) tirelessly pursue their efforts to extend their geographical range and ensure a better geographical balance among the members of their governing bodies;
  - (ii) align their activities as far as possible on the priority thrusts of UNESCO's programme; and fully inform on and involve their national branches in its implementation at the national level;
  - (iii) continue their efforts to make their national and local branches known to the National Commissions and keep the latter as well-informed as possible about their activities;
9. Decides to amend Section II, paragraph 4.1(b) (advantages enjoyed by organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO) and Section III (Collective consultations), paragraphs 1.1 (International conference) and 1.3.1

(Standing Committee) of the *Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations* as follows:

## Section II

### 4.1(b):

“in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 14, of the Constitution, the Executive Board may invite them to be represented as observers at specified plenary meetings of the Conference and meetings of its commissions” [*Remainder of text unchanged*]

## Section III

### 1.1 International conference

“International non-governmental organizations maintaining *official* relations (formal or operational relations) with UNESCO may, with the approval of the Director-General” [*Remainder of text unchanged*]

#### 1.3.1 NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee

[*Replace Standing Committee by NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee throughout the paragraph*]

## DEBATE 6

### ITEM 4.3 – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2002-2003 – PART II.A: UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS

1. At its fifth meeting, the Commission examined item 4.3 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 – Part II.A: UNESCO Institute for Statistics.
2. Representatives of 12 Member States took the floor.

#### **I. Proposed resolutions in document 31 C/5**

3. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the proposed resolution in paragraph 06003 of document 31 C/5 concerning Part II.A: UNESCO Institute for Statistics. The text of the resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

Acknowledging the report of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics for 1999-2000 (31 C/REP/21),

1. Invites the Governing Board of UIS to focus the Institute's programme on the following priorities:
  - (a) to monitor emerging policy priorities and information needs so as to introduce further improvements to UNESCO's international statistical database and its system for the collection and dissemination of cross-national statistics within UNESCO's fields of competence by reinforcing communication with the Member States and cooperation with the field offices and partner agencies and networks;
  - (b) to continue to develop new statistical concepts, methodologies and standards in education, science, culture and communication, to promote the collection and production of quality statistics and indicators at both national and international levels for monitoring progress towards development goals;
  - (c) to contribute to building national statistical capacity by participating in sector analysis and project work in collaboration with development agencies, and through the dissemination of technical guidelines and tools, training of national personnel, and providing expert advice and support to in-country statistical activities;
  - (d) to strengthen statistical analysis in partnership with research institutions so as to provide value added to available data and to generate widespread use of information in support of policy- and decision-making;
2. Authorizes the Director-General to support the UNESCO Institute for Statistics by providing a financial allocation of \$6,820,000;
3. Invites Member States, international organizations, development and donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to contribute financially or by other

appropriate means to the implementation and expansion of the activities of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

4. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the proposed resolution in paragraph 06400 of document 31 C/5 concerning Part II.A: UNESCO Institute for Statistics, Project relating to cross-cutting themes, as amended by the following draft resolution, on the understanding that the requisite funding would be sought from extrabudgetary sources:

- 31 C/DR.60 (submitted by Peru and supported by Philippines, Nigeria, China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Egypt, Pakistan, Bolivia, Brazil, Belize, Cuba, Honduras).

5. The resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference

Authorizes the Director-General to

- (a) implement the following plan of action in order to complete the implementation of the project related to the cross-cutting theme Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty;
- (b) develop criteria for evaluation and monitoring of the implementation, as well as for the impact assessment of projects pertaining to eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty;
- (c) ensure intersectoral cooperation within UNESCO and coordination with other United Nations agencies and Funds in order to enhance the coherence and learning process in the execution of approved projects;
- (d) allocate for this purpose an amount of \$500,000 for programme costs.

## **II. Recommendations of the Executive Board**

6. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it approve the Executive Board's recommendation in paragraph 70 of document 31 C/6 and that it invite the Director-General to take it into account in preparing document 31 C/5 Approved.

## **III. Total budgetary provision for Part II.A: UNESCO Institute for Statistics**

7. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$7,320,000 (para. 06001) for Part II.A: UNESCO Institute for Statistics, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

## DEBATES 7 and 8

### ITEM 4.3 – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2002-2003 – PART II.C: PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES, CHAPTER 1: STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROGRAMME MONITORING, CHAPTER 4: COORDINATION OF ACTION TO BENEFIT AFRICA, CHAPTER 5: FELLOWSHIPS BANK PROGRAMME, AND CHAPTER 6: PUBLIC INFORMATION

#### ITEM 5.14 – SITUATION OF THE UNESCO *COURIER*

1. At its sixth meeting and during part of its eighth meeting, the Commission examined item 4.3 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 – Part II.C: Programme Related Services, Chapter 1: Strategic planning and programme monitoring, Chapter 4: Coordination of action to benefit Africa, Chapter 5: Fellowships Bank Programme and Chapter 6: Public information and item 5.14 – Situation of the UNESCO *Courier*.

2. The representatives of 45 Member States took the floor.

**A. Item 4.3 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 – Part II.C: Programme Related Services, Chapter 1: Strategic planning and programme monitoring, Chapter 4: Coordination of action to benefit Africa, Chapter 5: Fellowship Bank Programme and Chapter 6: Public information**

#### **I. Proposed resolution in document 31 C/5**

3. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 09002 of document 31 C/5 concerning Part II.C: Programme Related Services, Chapter 1: Strategic planning and programme monitoring, Chapter 4: Coordination of action to benefit Africa, Chapter 5: Fellowships Bank Programme and Chapter 6: Public information, as amended in the recommendations by the Executive Board (31 C/6, para. 73) and as amended orally by the Secretariat. The resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference

Authorizes the Director-General

(a) to implement the following plan of action:

- (i) through the Bureau of Strategic Planning, to prepare the Organization's Medium-Term Strategy and pertinent revisions and the biennial programme and budget, to ensure and monitor the rational programming and execution of a results-based programme and its implementation, including through an expanded SISTER mechanism; to serve as focal point and develop strategies for cross-cutting issues and themes, as appropriate, as well as inter-agency coordination, to promote knowledge management and networking throughout all programmes, to ensure mainstreaming and coordination of UNESCO strategies and programmes pertaining to women, youth and least developed countries, to coordinate the Organization's activities pertaining to

the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World;

- (ii) through the Africa Department, to strengthen cooperation with the African Member States by encouraging future-oriented reflection and the formulation of strategies in the Organization's fields of competence; to encourage international, regional and subregional cooperation with a view, *inter alia*, to alleviating poverty, promoting education for all, access to the knowledge society through the new communication technologies, peace and dialogue, and preserving cultural identity and diversity, and for that purpose to mobilize bilateral and multilateral cooperation mechanisms;
  - (iii) through the Fellowships Programme, to contribute to national capacity-building in UNESCO's fields of competence with particular focus on specific strategic and priority areas, through the award and administration of fellowships, study and travel grants in particular under the Fellowships Bank Scheme, co-sponsorship arrangements with interested donors and extrabudgetary funding sources;
  - (iv) through the Bureau of Public Information to implement the new public information and communication strategy and orientations, bearing in mind the crucial role of field offices, National Commissions and UNESCO institutes and centres in enhancing UNESCO's visibility;
- (b) to allocate for the four Chapters under this Part of the budget (*Strategic planning and programme monitoring; Coordination of action to benefit Africa; Fellowships Programme; Public information*) an amount of \$7,290,300 for programme costs and \$23,802,200 for staff costs.

## **II. Draft resolution withdrawn**

4. The Commission informs the General Conference that 31 C/DR.37, submitted by the Russian Federation, France, Uruguay, Saint Lucia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Philippines, Belgium, Barbados, United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Cuba, Ukraine, Cameroon, Thailand, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Moldova and Honduras and supported by Romania and Morocco was withdrawn by its sponsors during the debate.

## **III. Total budgetary provision for Part II.C: Programme Related Services, Chapter 1: Strategic planning and programme monitoring, Chapter 4: Coordination of action to benefit Africa, Chapter 5: Fellowships Bank Programme and Chapter 6: Public information**

5. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it approve the budget provision of \$31,092,500 (para. 09001) for Part II.C: Programme Related Services, Chapter 1: Strategic planning and programme monitoring, Chapter 4: Coordination of action to benefit Africa, Chapter 5: Fellowships Bank Programme and Chapter 6: Public information, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

**B. Item 5.14 – Situation of the UNESCO *Courier***

6. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it take note of document 31 C/58 and Corr. entitled “Situation of the UNESCO *Courier*”.

7. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it adopt *in extenso* the draft resolution submitted orally by the Chairperson of the Commission, with a view to its inclusion in the Records of the General Conference. The draft resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

Recalling 30 C/Resolution 51,

Taking note of document 31 C/58 and Corr.,

Bearing in mind UNESCO’s duty to do everything to activate dialogue among civilizations and cultures,

Requests the Director-General to review the concept, content and cost of the *Courier*, maintaining it as a flagship publication of the communication and public information strategy and finance it from the budgetary allocation of the Bureau of Public Information, with the possibility also of seeking extrabudgetary funds.

## DEBATE 9

### **ITEM 6.4 – RELATIONS BETWEEN THE THREE ORGANS OF UNESCO: ROLE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (C/4) AND THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET (C/5)**

1. During its fifth meeting, at its seventh meeting and during part of its eighth meeting, the Commission examined item 6.4 – Relations between the three organs of UNESCO: role of the General Conference with respect to the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Programme and Budget (C/5).
2. The representatives of 51 Member States took the floor.
3. The Commission recommends to the General Conference that it take note of document 31 C/49 entitled “Relations between the three organs of UNESCO: role of the General Conference with respect to the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Programme and Budget (C/5)”.
4. The Commission, after a vote, recommends to the General Conference that it adopt *in extenso* with a view to its inclusion in the Records of the General Conference draft resolution 31 C/COM.I/DR.2 submitted by Canada, as amended orally by Saint Lucia and Spain. The draft resolution reads as follows:

The General Conference,

Having considered document 31 C/49,

Taking into account the reform process currently under way at UNESCO,

Wishing to make further improvements in the governance of UNESCO,

Recalling 29 C/Resolution 87, 159 EX/Decision 4.1/4.2, 160 EX/Decision 6.2 and 162 EX/Decision 4.1,

1. Requests the Executive Board in close cooperation with the President of the General Conference to continue to reflect on the governance of UNESCO through its Special Committee and to examine:
  - (i) the effectiveness and coherence of the political decision-making process of the Organization and its modalities;
  - (ii) the requirement to modernize the decision-making process, and the possible repercussions of any proposed changes on the relationship between the three organs of UNESCO;
  - (iii) the extent, timeliness and effectiveness of intellectual contributions to this process;
2. Invites the President of the General Conference, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Executive Board to take the initiative and play an active role in the preparation and organization of this reflection, taking principally into account the content of the debates on this issue of the 31st session of the General Conference;

3. Considering that governance concerns the three organs of UNESCO, requests that the meetings of the Special Committee on this item be open-ended;
4. Invites the Executive Board to adopt working methods that will facilitate the participation, principally through the use of electronic means of communication, of Member States, their National Commissions and their experts, at each step of the process;
5. Invites the Executive Board to report to the General Conference at its 32nd session.



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**INTRODUCTION**

**Paragraph 4, line 1**

Replace the word “Committee” by the word “Commission”.

**DEBATE 1**

**Paragraph 6**

Delete the third sentence “Associated Schools should be included among the group of partners”.

**Paragraph 7, third sentence**

Replace “a permanent elected youth representative mechanism be created by UNESCO” by “Member States and National Commissions are invited to continue their efforts in involving representatives of youth in their work”.

**Paragraph 8, second sentence**

Delete the words “As recommended by the Executive Board”.

Add at the end of the sentence the following words “and it is their responsibility to coordinate, at the national level, the activities of the various partners of UNESCO”.

**Paragraph 8, last sentence**

Add at the end of the sentence, the words “as stated in the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO”.

**Paragraph 10, third sentence**

Add at the end of the sentence the words “and that the interdisciplinary and intersectoral approaches could be reinforced”.

**Paragraph 10, last sentence**

Replace the word “existing” by the word “expected”.

**Paragraph 11, second sentence**

Add after the words “field office directors” the words “and with the National Commissions”.

**Paragraph 12**

Add at the end of the sentence the words “, it being understood that the recommendations contained in document 31 C/11 and those formulated by the General Conference as envisaged in a draft decision before the Drafting Group would be integrated into document 31 C/4 Approved”.

**DEBATE 2**

**Section II “Resolution proposed in document 31 C/5”, paragraph (b) of the resolution**

Replace the figure \$16,867,700 for staff costs by the figure \$17,612,300.

**DEBATE 4**

**Paragraph 2**

Replace the word “four” by the word “five”.

**Paragraph 4, paragraph 1 of the resolution**

Read “Zoroastrian culture”.

**Paragraph 5**

Replace “31 C/COM.I/1” by “31 C/COM.I/DR.1”.

**DEBATE 5**

**Paragraph 4, paragraph 8(a) (iii) of the resolution**

Delete the words “ensure that they”.

**DEBATE 6**

**Paragraph 4**

Add after Honduras the word “, Mexico”.

**DEBATES 7 AND 8**

**All the titles and paragraphs concerned**

Replace the words “Fellowships Bank Programme” by “Fellowships Programme”.