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**PROGRESS REPORT
ON THE
GREAT MAN-MADE RIVER INTERNATIONAL WATER PRIZE**

Item 6.7 of the Provisional Agenda

This document presents the activities undertaken since the establishment of the Prize by decision 3.3.2 adopted at the 157th session (October-November 1999) of the Executive Board of UNESCO.

The Bureau may wish to comment on activities performed.

1. By decision 3.3.2 adopted at its 157th session (October-November 1999), the Executive Board of UNESCO approved, at its 157th session, the rules and regulations of the "Great Man-Made River International Prize in Water Resources of Arid and Semi-Arid Areas" proposed and sponsored by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. (Documents 157 EX/44 and 157 EX/50 refer)
2. The objectives of the Prize are to give recognition to outstanding contributions by an individual, a group of individuals, institutes or organizations having made fundamental and substantial contributions to the assessment, development, management and/or use of water resources in arid and semi-arid areas that are consistent with the principles and goals of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP).
3. The Prize is to be awarded by UNESCO's Director-General at a public ceremony held during each session of the General Conference of UNESCO. The Prize comprises a certificate, a medal and a sum equivalent to US\$20,000.
4. An international jury has been established by the Director-General following the Rules and Regulations (157 EX/50) of the Prize. The Jury met for the first time on 11-12 September 2000 and agreed on the main criteria for evaluating candidatures. At the beginning of January 2001 the Director-General sent a letter (Ref. CL/ 3571) inviting Member States to submit nominations for this Prize which will be awarded for the first time during the 31st session of the General Conference (15 October-3 November 2001) in Paris.
5. The deadline for submission of nominations was 31 May 2001. Nominations were required to be submitted by Member States in consultation with their UNESCO National Commission, IHP National Committee or related International Associations.
6. Non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO were also eligible submit nominations.

The IHP Secretariat has received from 30 Member States nominations which have been sent to the Jury for consideration (July 2001). The Jury provided a short list of nominees at the end of August 2001 to the IHP Secretariat and will meet on 6-7 September 2001 to select the winner/winners of the Prize. A web site has been set up for this Prize to provide information about Prize modalities (http://www.unesco.org/water/ihp/prizes/great_man/).