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PART I

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**DRAFT DECISIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**PART I**

1. The Programme and External Relations (PX) Commission held eight meetings between 9 and 14 April 2003, with Mr Kenneth Wiltshire (Australia) in the Chair, to examine the items listed below which had been referred to it by the Board at its plenary meetings on 4 and 8 April 2003 and, pursuant to Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, elected Mr Mohammad Shahidul Alam (Bangladesh) temporary Chairperson. The document containing the draft decisions is divided in two parts. The first reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held from 9 to 11 April 2003. The second part reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held on 12 and 14 April 2003.

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2. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/4 (Part I), 166 EX/INF.5, 166 EX/INF.7, 166 EX/INF.8,
2. Takes note of their contents.

**3.1.4 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2000-2001 and the 2002-2003 biennia (166 EX/41 and Corr.)**

3. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/41 and Corr. and appreciative of the evaluations that have been presented,
2. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as the report of the Director-General on the implementation of these recommendations,
3. Bearing in mind the Director-General's concern about the quality of evaluation reports highlighted in the Director-General's concluding remarks,
4. Invites the Director-General to implement in the appropriate manner those relevant recommendations that he judges necessary in the light of the debate at its 166th session of the Executive Board to improve the programmes to which they relate;
5. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to improve the quality of the evaluation reports as part of the new UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;
6. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to the Executive Board on evaluations that are carried out on the Organization's programme activities, on the action taken and to be taken on the evaluation recommendations, as well as the reasons why he has decided not to implement some of them, and on the strengthening of the quality of the evaluations undertaken.

**3.2.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress achieved in implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action (166 EX/7)**

4. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/7,
2. Reaffirms its commitment to the importance and centrality of the follow-up to the World Education Forum in UNESCO's education programme;
3. Requests the Director-General to take steps to ensure financial stability and full editorial independence for future Global Monitoring Reports;
4. Further requests the Director-General to further strengthen UNESCO's capacity to fulfil its international coordination role and take steps to ensure a higher-level representation with stronger capability of mobilizing political commitment for the EFA goals at the subsequent High-Level Group meetings, as recommended by the Communiqué of the High-Level Group (Abuja, 2002), and to maintain the collective momentum in regard to the follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action in line with the priorities established

in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) and the Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5);

5. Requests the Director-General to further improve UNESCO's capacity, strengthening the implementation of the Dakar Framework for Action, in particular by helping through concrete programmes and capacity-building measures those countries concerned to prepare their national action plans;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to the Board at its 169th session on the implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework of Action and on the progress achieved by UNESCO in this connection;
7. Also requests the Director-General to continue to pursue the strengthening of cooperation with donors with regard to the follow-up actions and extrabudgetary programme for technical services to countries implementing the Dakar Framework for Action.

### **3.4.2 The Olive Roads: Itinerary of culture and sustainable development, dialogue and peace among the peoples of the Mediterranean (166 EX/22)**

5. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the adoption by the General Conference at its 31st session of the "UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity",
2. Likewise recalling the Declaration and Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 4 September 2002), which urged the promotion of "dialogue and cooperation among the world's civilizations and peoples",
3. Noting the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on "Culture and development" (A/RES/57/249, 20 December 2002), emphasizing the need "to enhance the potential of culture as a means of achieving prosperity, sustainable development and global peaceful coexistence",
4. Also noting that the UNESCO cultural "routes" and itineraries projects "facilitate, within the context of a globalized world, the fostering of a feeling of sharing and participation in order to counter attitudes of identity introspection or exclusion",
5. Having examined document 166 EX/22,
6. Deeming important the proposal made by the representative of Greece for UNESCO to accord recognition to a project entitled "The Olive Roads" whose main aim is:
  - (a) to highlight the shared material and spiritual heritage that has linked the peoples of the Mediterranean since prehistoric times, centred on the olive tree and its many uses,
  - (b) to support efforts to ensure that traditional knowledge is respected and protected and that the environment and natural resources are wisely managed,

- (c) to guarantee the protection of renewable ecosystems with a view to their sustainable exploitation, this being an essential requirement for the full physical, economic and cultural development of the peoples concerned,
  - (d) to explore the cultural and symbolic use of the olive tree both within and outside these areas of exploitation,
7. Recommends to the General Conference that the “Olive Roads” project be included in document 32 C/5, Subprogramme IV.1.1: Promotion of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and implementation of its Action Plan, and Subprogramme IV.1.2: Strengthening the links between cultural policies and development policies.

### **3.4.3 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity (166 EX/28)**

6. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the adoption of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity by the General Conference at its 31st session (31 C/Resolution 25, Annexes I and II),
2. Recalling also the Main Lines of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Declaration in which Member States committed themselves to “deepening the international debate on questions relating to cultural diversity, particularly in respect of its links with development and its impact on policy-making, at both national and international level; taking forward notably consideration of the advisability of an international legal instrument on cultural diversity” (Annex II, paragraph 1),
3. Having examined the preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity contained in document 166 EX/28,
4. Decides to place this item on the provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 32nd session a report relating to the preliminary study on the desirability of a new standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity and the Executive Board’s observations and decisions thereon;
6. Further invites the Director-General to include in the above-mentioned report a reference to the relevant existing international instruments;
7. Recommends to the General Conference that it take a decision to continue action aimed at drawing up a new standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity and to determine the nature of that instrument.

**3.4.5 Preliminary feasibility study on the request by the International Institute for Opera and Poetry (IIOP), Verona, Italy, to be recognized as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (166 EX/15)**

7. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 3.5.3,
2. Having examined document 166 EX/15,
3. Takes note of the procedure currently under way to change the status of the International Institute for Opera and Poetry (IIOP), so as to bring it into line with the 1980 guidelines on centres and institutes under UNESCO's auspices,
4. Invites the Director-General to complete the feasibility study which must reflect the revised status of IIOP in accordance with the conditions established by the above-mentioned guidelines and to report thereon to the Executive Board at its 167th session with a view to submission to the General Conference at its 32nd session.

**3.5.1 UNESCO's contribution to the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005) (166 EX/19)**

8. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/19,
2. Endorses UNESCO's strategy to help developing the global information society towards knowledge societies based on the principles of cultural and linguistic diversity, equal access to education, universal access to information and freedom of expression;
3. Calls upon UNESCO Member States to fully recognize and to promote these principles in preparing both meetings of the Summit (Geneva, 10-13 December 2003; Tunis, 2005);
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue to closely involve non-governmental organizations and civil society in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) process;
5. Requests the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 167th session the consultations made and recommendations prepared for the WSIS, and to the 169th session on the results of the Summit meeting in Geneva.

**4.1 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board – Programme aspects (32 C/5 Draft, 166 EX/INF.7, 166 EX/INF.8)**

9. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission transmitted the summary of the debate and the draft decision 166 EX/PX/DR.4 to the Drafting Group on item 4.1, so that their contents could be taken into consideration during the Drafting Group's work.

**6.2 Report on the preparation of an international declaration on human genetic data (166 EX/11 and Add.)**

10. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/11 and Annex, and document 166 EX/11 Add.,
2. Congratulates the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and particularly its Drafting Group for the progress achieved;
3. Encourages the Director-General to further associate Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, and relevant national bodies with the drafting of the international declaration on human genetic data;
4. Further encourages the Director-General to continue information and awareness-raising activities with a view to intensifying the international debates on issues relating to bioethics and to closely involve the international community in attracting the attention to the drafting of the international declaration on human genetic data;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit a consolidated text, taking account of the results of the international consultation, including the advice of the IBC at its May 2003 meeting, to the meeting of government experts (category 2) responsible for finalizing the draft international declaration on human genetic data (Paris, 25-27 June 2003), and to foresee, if necessary, two additional days to this meeting, with a view to its adoption by the General Conference at its 32nd session.

**6.4 Report by the Director-General on a revised draft charter on the preservation of the digital heritage (166 EX/18)**

11. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/18,
2. Invites the Director-General, taking into account the discussions at its 166th session and at the 2nd session of the Intergovernmental Council for Information for All Programme to be held from 22 to 24 April 2003, as well as voluntary contributions from Member States, to further revise the draft charter on the preservation of the digital heritage;
3. Also invites the Director-General to submit a consolidated draft charter on the preservation of the digital heritage to the General Conference at its 32nd session.

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2. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/5 Part I and Add., 166 EX/INF.7 and 166 EX/INF.8,
2. Takes note of their contents.

### **3.2.2 Follow-up to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (Paris, 9-10 January 2003) (166 EX/42)**

3. Having concluded its debate on this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

#### **A**

1. Recalling the recommendations of the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport held at UNESCO in Paris on 9 and 10 January 2003,
2. Endorsing the proposal for the preparation by UNESCO of an international anti-doping convention in sport,
3. Invites the Director-General, in consultation with the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPE), to set up a group of experts to be responsible for putting into practice the recommendations made by the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport,
4. Also invites the Director-General to seek the necessary human and financial resources;
5. Decides to include this item in the provisional agenda for the 32nd session of the General Conference.

#### **B**

1. Recalling the recommendations of the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport which was held at UNESCO in Paris on 9 and 10 January 2003, and in particular those concerning the reinforcement of physical education and sport within education systems,
2. Decides to include in the agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference an item concerning the proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly of an international year for physical education and sport.

### **3.4.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 165 EX/Decision 3.5.1 (166 EX/14)**

4. On the proposal of its Chairperson, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended, without debate and by consensus, that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 31 and 165 EX/Decision 3.5.1, as well as the provisions of the fourth Geneva Convention (1949) and its additional Protocols, of The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocol and of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage, and the

relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council on the status of Jerusalem,

2. Taking note of document 166 EX/14 concerning Jerusalem and drawing attention to the obstacles to the implementation of 165 EX/Decision 3.5.1,
۳. Noting that:
  - (a) despite the sustained and praiseworthy efforts of the Director-General to implement the numerous resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board on the safeguarding of Jerusalem, no progress has been observed concerning respect, by the occupying power, of all the relevant resolutions and decisions relating to Jerusalem in all matters pertaining to its cultural, architectural and demographic components as well as to restoration work,
  - (b) major infrastructural repairs, causing damage to monuments and the violation of historic sites, are continuing and in some cases being speeded up in a spiritual, cultural and demographic context that, because of both its diversity and its harmonious complementarity, constitutes the unique character of Jerusalem as a symbol of the heritage of humanity as a whole,
  - (c) serious dangers constantly imperil the cultural property of the Old City of Jerusalem (al-Quds),
  - (d) the mission entrusted to Professor Oleg Grabar to draw up a report on the present situation is still refused by Israel,
4. Reaffirming all its previous decisions on the subject and inviting the Director-General to pursue his efforts to obtain their implementation,
5. Reiterates its support for the initiative taken by the Director-General to prepare a comprehensive plan of action to safeguard the Old City of Jerusalem and, in that connection, decides to establish, as soon as possible, a committee of experts to be entrusted with proposing scientific and technical guidelines for this plan of action and modalities for its implementation;
6. Reiterates its appeal to States, organizations, institutions, legal entities and private individuals, to contribute financially to the Special Account for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Holy City, while at the same time thanking Italy for its contribution;
7. Requests the beginning of work to consolidate, restore and rehabilitate the interior of the al-Ḥaram ash-Sharîf, in particular the Ashrafiya Madrasa and the centre for the conservation of historic manuscripts, projects for which the final plans are ready and funding available thanks to a generous contribution by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
8. Once again invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to ensure the implementation of the decision relating to the mission to Jerusalem of Professor Oleg Grabar;
9. Urges that the Israeli authorities take all requisite measures to enable this mission to proceed smoothly;

10. Calls upon governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions to authorize no measure or activity that contravenes the resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board relating to Jerusalem and to do nothing incompatible with the status of Jerusalem;
11. Decides to include this item on the agenda of its 167th session.

#### **3.4.4 Proposal to grant the status of a Regional Centre under the auspices of UNESCO to the Nordic World Heritage Foundation – *Programme aspects* (166 EX/17)**

5. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 17 of the Convention on the Protection of Cultural and Natural Heritage, which calls for the States Parties to the Convention to support the establishment of foundations whose purpose is to work for the protection of cultural and natural heritage,
2. Also recalling 21 C/Resolution 40 adopted by the General Conference,
3. Further recalling 165 EX/Decision 5.4 and 165 EX/Decision 9.3,
4. Having examine document 166 EX/17,
5. Welcoming the proposal made by the Government of Norway,
6. Appreciating the results of the evaluations made so far of the Nordic World Heritage Office and the conversion of the Office into a Foundation,
7. Recommends to the General Conference at its 32nd session that it:
  - (a) grant the Nordic World Heritage Foundation the status of a Regional Centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
  - (b) authorize the Director-General to appoint to the Board of the Foundation one member and a deputy;
  - (c) authorize the Director-General to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Foundation, as appropriate.

#### **3.6.1 Proposal for the elaboration of an education programme for the sustainable management of freshwater resources (166 EX/12 and 166/EX/INF.9)**

6. Having concluded its debate on this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the alarming situation with regard to the availability of drinking water resources, as documented in the United Nations World Water Development Report (March 2003),
2. Recognizing that the appropriate development and management of water resources are crucial for sustainable development,
3. Noting that the solution of problems relating to drinking water urgently requires an interdisciplinary approach,
4. Also noting that because of its importance to the very existence of life, water cannot be treated as a mere commodity,
5. Recognizing that appropriate global education for water management, at all levels, is essential for dealing with water issues,
6. Further recognizing the importance of an ethical approach to the question of sustainable management of water resources that emphasizes disciplined water consumption and sustainable consumption,
7. Taking note of the analyses and studies carried out by UNESCO on the matter, in particular those of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) and of the World Water Development report presented to the Third World Water Forum (Kyoto, 16-22 March 2003),
8. Having examined documents 166 EX/12 and 166 EX/INF.9,
9. Invites the Director-General to enhance cooperation with a view to implementing a formal and non-formal intersectoral water education policy:
  - (a) by calling upon contributions from the UNESCO Chairs on water issues and the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education;
  - (b) by joining forces within the framework of the International Year of Freshwater and the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (UNDESD);
10. Invites the Director-General to deploy all the human and financial resources required for the realization of such intersectoral cooperation, including mobilizing the expanded participation of the international community and civil society and of the public and private sectors in Member States in order to obtain the human and financial resources required to achieve the desired impact at the global level;
11. Also invites the Director-General to report to it at its 169th session on the development and implementation of an intersectoral strategy on education for the management of water for all as an integral component of UNDESD.

**3.6.2 Establishment of a solidarity fund for safe water for all – *Programme aspects***  
(166 EX/16 and 166 EX/INF.10 Rev.)

7. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that according to current estimates emanating from the World Water Development Report approximately 1.2 billion human beings have no access to a safe water supply and 2.3 billion human beings are lacking access to safe sanitation,
2. Having examined documents 166 EX/16 and 166 EX/INF.10 Rev.,
3. Recognizing that to achieve the water-supply-related Millennium Development Goal, that targets to halve the number of people with no access to a safe water supply by 2015, as well as the sanitation goal set by the World Water Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), that targets to halve the number of people with no access to safe sanitation, requires major new investments in terms of water infrastructure and services,
4. Recognizing also that if these investments are to yield sustainable water resources development, they must be based on a thorough and reliable assessment of water availability and vulnerability at appropriate space and time scales,
5. Realizing that concentrated and coordinated scientific efforts are needed to assess the availability, use and vulnerability of water resources for water supply and sanitation and that the International Hydrological Programme and the World Water Assessment Programme are the appropriate vehicles to lead these efforts,
6. Proposes to establish a UNESCO solidarity fund for safe water for all that is to be used to finance the assessment of water availability and vulnerability at a scale appropriate for water supply and sanitation development;
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to the 167th session of the Executive Board a study on how such a fund should be established and administered along with a strategic plan on prioritizing the relevant tasks with a view to implementing activities first in Africa.

**6.3 Proposal to change the legal status of the UNESCO Institute for Education in order to bring it into line with the other UNESCO institutes – *Programme aspects***  
(166 EX/9)

8. After considering this item, and after having examined the draft decision transmitted to it by the Finance and Administrative Commission the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 6, paragraph 3,
2. Confirming the relevance and innovative nature of the activities of the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE), in literacy, non-formal education, and adult and lifelong learning,

3. Taking into account the new arrangements for financial support following Germany's decision to phase out its institutional grant,
4. Having examined document 166 EX/9,
5. Approves the draft Statutes proposed by the Director-General establishing UIE as an international institute in the framework of UNESCO as annexed to this decision;
6. Invites the Director-General to negotiate and sign a corresponding Host Country Agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany, in which the contribution of the host country to UIE is specified;
7. Takes note of the Director-General's proposal to open a Special Account for the Institute in line with the new status of the Institute;
8. Further invites the Director-General to implement the new Statutes and to inform the General Conference at its 32nd session.

### **Draft Statutes**

#### **Article I – Definitions**

Unless otherwise stated in the text:

**UNESCO** means the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**General Conference** means the General Conference of UNESCO

**Executive Board** means the Executive Board of UNESCO

**Director-General** means the Director-General of UNESCO

**Board** means the Governing Board of the Institute

**Committee** means the Standing Committee of the Board as provided for in Article VII of the Statutes

**Director** means the Director of the Institute

**Institute** means the newly established international UNESCO Institute for Education

**Statutes** means the Statutes of the Institute

**Personnel** means the personnel of the Institute as provided for in Article IX

**UIE Foundation** means the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE), established by UNESCO in 1952 as a foundation under German law in Hamburg, Germany

**Constitution** means the Constitution of the UIE Foundation

## **Article II – Legal status of the Institute**

1. An international UNESCO Institute for Education is hereby established within the framework of UNESCO, of which it shall be an integral part.
2. The Institute shall replace the UIE Foundation which shall be dissolved in accordance with Article X of its Constitution and the relevant provisions of the applicable German law and in consultation with the competent German authorities.
3. Within the above-mentioned framework, the Institute shall enjoy the functional autonomy necessary to achieve its objectives.
4. All activities carried out by the Institute shall be in conformity with the present Statutes as well as the relevant decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Board.
5. The name of the Institute shall be the same as that of the former UIE Foundation, UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE).
6. The Institute has its seat in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

## **Article III – Objectives and functions**

1. Within UNESCO's broad educational mandate, the mission of UIE shall be to promote the recognition of and create the conditions for the exercise of the right to education and learning. As a non-profit international institute of UNESCO, UIE shall undertake research, capacity-building, networking and publication on lifelong learning with a focus on adult and continuing education, literacy and non-formal basic education.
2. To that end, the Institute shall focus on the following objectives:
  - strengthen adult and lifelong learning through working with and providing services in its areas of competence to UNESCO Member States, to international and intergovernmental agencies, to non-governmental organizations, grassroots and community associations and to partners in civil society and the private sector;
  - foster a holistic and integrated approach based on awareness of different needs with a special concern for the disadvantaged and marginalized;
  - help to build bridges and networks for cross-fertilization and sharing of knowledge experience and tools in the area of literacy, non-formal education, adult and lifelong learning within and between nations, with special emphasis on least developed countries.
3. The Institute shall perform the following functions:
  - foster policy dialogue to further the universalization of the right to education and to learn for marginalized and disadvantaged groups by promoting lifelong learning, disseminating good practice, advocating conducive legal, policy and financial environments;
  - research and research-based capacity-building to develop a solid, culturally diversified and relevant knowledge base;

- networking, partnership building among stakeholders and partners, exchange of experience and innovations, documentation and dissemination of outcomes.

#### **Article IV – Governing Board**

1. The Board shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Director-General with regard to gender balance and to a geographical distribution that is as equitable and wide as possible. The Director-General shall also appoint an alternate to each full member. One of the members shall be a national of the host country. The members shall be chosen *intuiti personae* according to their eminence in the fields relevant to education and the aims of the Institute.
2. The term of office of all members and their alternates shall be four years. All members and alternates shall be eligible for reappointment, but not for more than two consecutive terms.
3. If any member resigns, or is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, his/her alternate will automatically hold office for the rest of the term. If the member and his/her alternate resign or are prevented from carrying out their duty, the Director-General shall appoint a new member and his/her alternate for a new term.
4. The Board members shall not receive salaries in respect of their duties, but their travel costs shall be covered according to the UNESCO rules and regulations.
5. The Board shall elect its Chairperson and its Vice-Chairperson from among its members for a term of four years.

#### **Article V – Functions of the Governing Board**

The functions of the Board shall be:

1. To determine and approve the general policy and the nature of the Institute's activities planned over a two-year period, within the framework decided by the General Conference, including the Approved Programme and Budget and with due regard to the obligations resulting from the fact that the Institute is an integral part of UNESCO.
2. To examine the annual draft programme and budget of the Institute and adopt the revised programme and budget.
3. To adopt and address to the Director-General an annual report on activities.
4. To review progress in the work of the Institute with a view to desirable future developments.
5. To assist the Director-General in the nomination of a Director of the Institute by making recommendations to that end.
6. To report, through its Chairperson, to the General Conference on the activities of UIE.

### **Article VI – Operation of the Board**

1. The Board shall meet at least once a year and whenever necessary in the interest of the Institute or for the requirement of its business. It shall be summoned by the Chairperson, who shall draw up the agenda, at least four weeks before the date of the meeting. The Chairperson must call a meeting if the Director or at least five members of the Board request it.
2. Decisions shall be taken by simple majority. Each member of the Board shall have one vote. A quorum shall consist of seven members of the Board.
3. The Board shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.
4. The Director-General or his/her representative shall attend all sessions of the Board without the right to vote. He/she may at any time make oral or written statements to the Board concerning any question under consideration by them.
5. The Board may invite observers, as it considers appropriate.

### **Article VII – The Committee**

1. Between its meetings, the Board shall be represented by a Standing Committee.
2. The Committee shall consist of the Chairperson of the Board and two other members to be elected by the Governing Board from among its members for a two-year period with the possibility of re-election. The Board shall also elect replacement members to sit in the Committee in case one of its full members resigns or is prevented from carrying out his/her duties.
3. The Director-General or his/her representative may attend the meetings of the Committee.
4. The Committee shall supervise the work of the Director to the extent to which authority is delegated to it by the Board, to which it shall report its activities.
5. The Board may authorize the Committee to exercise certain of its functions in its name, except those functions reserved by these Statutes for the Board, and to report on its actions to the Board in the matter.
6. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

### **Article VIII – The Director**

1. The Director of the Institute shall be appointed by the Director-General on the recommendation of the Board (Article V, para. 6). He or she shall be a UNESCO staff member and therefore subject to UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.
2. The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Institute. In this capacity, he/she, by due delegation of the Director-General, shall perform the following functions:
  - (a) to administer the Institute;

- (b) to prepare, after consultation with the Committee, the annual programme and budget of the Institute and the annual reports of activities;
- (c) to draw up, subject to the Board's approval, detailed plans for the implementation of the approved programme, and to direct their execution;
- (d) to appoint and manage, on behalf of the Director-General, in accordance with UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, the UNESCO staff members of the Institute and the special staff, such as consultants, and persons under secondment or under other arrangements;
- (e) to receive funds and make payments in accordance with the financial regulations of the special account for the Institute as provided in Article X;
- (f) to establish, without prejudice to the financial regulations of the special account for the Institute, financial rules and procedures in order to ensure effective financial administration and economy.

#### **Article IX – The Personnel**

1. The personnel employed by the UIE Foundation prior to the adoption of the present Statutes shall be transferred, if they so desire, to the Institute, subject to an appropriate agreement being concluded between the host country and UNESCO.
2. With its transfer to the Institute, the personnel will be subject to UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

#### **Article X – Finance**

1. The income of the Institute shall consist of:
  - (a) A financial allocation determined by the General Conference;
  - (b) Contributions made by the Federal Republic of Germany;
  - (c) Voluntary contributions from other Member States of UNESCO, international agencies and organizations as well as other entities, allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
  - (d) Subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it by other public or private organizations, associations or individuals for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
  - (e) Fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and
  - (f) miscellaneous income.
2. The income of the Institute shall be paid into a special account to be set up by the Director-General, in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO's Financial

Regulations. This special account shall be operated and the Institute's budget administered in accordance with these Statutes and the financial regulations of the special account.

3. In the event of a decision by the General Conference to close down the Institute its assets shall be vested in and its liabilities taken over by UNESCO.

### **Article XI – Amendments**

The present Statutes may be amended only by a decision of the General Conference or the Executive Board.

### **Article XII – Transitional Provisions**

1. Upon the entry into force of these Statutes:
  - (a) The members of the Governing Board of the UIE Foundation shall become members of the Board of the Institute and shall hold their office until the end of their original terms.
  - (b) The Director of the UIE Foundation shall become Director of the Institute.

### **Article XIII – Entry into Force**

The present Statutes will enter into force once the Host Country Agreement and the Agreement mentioned in Article IX have been concluded by UNESCO and the Federal Republic of Germany, and after the Foundation has been dissolved legally.

#### **9.1 Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (166 EX/37 and Add.)**

9. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decisions:

##### **9.1.1 United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All (resolution 57/166)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 7.1.1 and General Assembly resolution 56/116 on the United Nations Literacy Decade,
2. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 57/166 on the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade in which UNESCO is designated coordinating agency for the Decade;
3. Encourages the Director-General to devise the necessary modalities and strategies to ensure that UNESCO effectively plays its lead role in the United Nations system for the Decade;

4. Requests the Director-General to report regularly on the implementation of the Plan and authorize him to prepare the report requested by resolution 57/166 for the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session in 2004.

### **9.1.2 United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002**

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 57/158 on the conclusion of the Year for Cultural Heritage;
2. Takes note also with appreciation of the invitation to the Director-General to address the Plenary of the General Assembly during its 58th session in 2003;
3. Encourages the Director-General to utilize this opportunity to maintain the momentum generated by the Year in raising awareness of, and attention to, safeguarding and protecting national and world cultural heritage.

### **9.1.3 United Nations Reforms**

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 57/300 entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations: and agenda for further change”, containing the Secretary-General’s new reform measures;
2. Requests the Director-General to closely follow the elaboration of the Secretary-General’s proposals of importance to UNESCO, and to keep the Board informed.

### **9.1.4 2004, International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition**

The Executive Board,

1. Having noted with satisfaction General Assembly resolution 57/195 entitled “The fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action” in which it proclaims 2004 as the International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition,
2. Recognizing the historic importance of this commemoration, the scope of which is universal because slavery was a wound inflicted on humanity as a whole,
3. Invites the Director-General to pursue his consultations with the Member States and with civil society in order to receive proposals with a view to the elaboration of a programme of activities for the celebration of the Year 2004;
4. Invites the Member States and the international community to participate actively in and to contribute to the commemoration activities organized for the Year 2004.

### 9.1.5 Culture and development: World Day for Cultural Diversity

The Executive Board,

1. Welcoming resolution 57/249 (Culture and development) in which the United Nations General Assembly welcomes, *inter alia*, the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and the main orientations of the accompanying Action Plan for its implementation,
2. Recalling that the adoption of UNESCO's Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and its Action Plan constitutes a major contribution of the Organization to progress in the debate on the relations between culture and development,
3. Welcoming the proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly of 21 May as the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development,
4. Noting the priority accorded to implementation of the Action Plan of the Declaration in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) and in the Approved Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5),
5. Invites all the Member States of UNESCO to take an active part in the celebration of the Day on 21 May and also invites National Commissions, non-governmental organizations, decision-makers and authorities in the field of cultural policy, local authorities, parliamentarians, Goodwill Ambassadors, national and local partners concerned and the media to participate broadly in this celebration;
6. Invites the Director-General to encourage and support all initiatives which are taken in this regard at the national, regional and international level.

### 9.1.6 United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (resolution 57/254)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling resolution 57/254 "Decade of Education for Sustainable Development" adopted at the fifty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly,
2. Takes note with deep appreciation of the designation of UNESCO as a lead agency for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development by the United Nations General Assembly;
3. Invites the Director-General to take all necessary measures to ensure UNESCO's response to United Nations General Assembly resolution 57/254;
4. Invites in particular the Director-General to pursue his consultations with other United Nations agencies, with Member States and with civil society with a view to the elaboration of a draft international implementation scheme;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 32nd session a proposal for a draft international implementation scheme for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development beginning in 2005;

6. Further requests the Director-General to prepare a short progress report on the implementation of resolution 57/254 to be presented to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.

### **9.3 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2004-2005 with which UNESCO could be associated (166 EX/39)**

10. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/39,
2. Noting that the proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General comply with the criteria approved by 159 EX/Decision 7.5,
3. Recommends to the General Conference:
  - (a) that UNESCO be associated with the following celebrations in 2004-2005:
    - i. 1,600th anniversary of the creation of the Armenian alphabet
    - ii. 100th anniversary of the birth of Yusif Mammedeliyev
    - iii. 100th anniversary of the birth of Lubomir Pipkov
    - iv. 100th anniversary of the birth of Atanas Dalchev
    - v. 100th anniversary of the birth of Pablo Neruda
    - vi. 100th anniversary of the birth of Alejo Carpentier Valmont
    - vii. 150th anniversary of the birth of Leoš Janáček and the 100th anniversary of the first performance of Jenůfa
    - viii. 100th anniversary of the death of Antonín Dvořák
    - ix. 200th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen
    - x. 100th anniversary of the death of Mahmud Sami Al Barudi
    - xi. 100th anniversary of the birth of Yahya Haqqi
    - xii. 200th anniversary of the birth of George Sand
    - xiii. 200th anniversary of the birth of Victor Schoelcher
    - xiv. 100th anniversary of the death of Jules Verne
    - xv. 300th anniversary of the translation of the “Thousand and One Nights” by Antoine Galland
    - xvi. 200th anniversary of the death of Immanuel Kant
    - xvii. 100th anniversary of the birth of Attila Jozsef

- xviii. 700th anniversary of the birth of Francesco Petrarca (Petrarch)
  - xix. 600th anniversary of the birth of Leon Battista Alberti
  - xx. 300th anniversary of the death of Luca Giordano
  - xxi. 100th anniversary of the birth of Alkei Khakan Margulan
  - xxii. 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Crafts and Arts Islamic School in Tripoli
  - xxiii. 100th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuanian publication in the Latin alphabet
  - xxiv. 700th anniversary of the birth of Ibn Battuta
  - xxv. 100th anniversary of the birth of Witold Gombrowicz
  - xxvi. 50th anniversary of the death of George Enescu
  - xxvii. 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the city of Kazan and 200th anniversary of the Kazan State University
  - xxviii. 250th anniversary of the Moscow Lomonosov State University
  - xxix. 100th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail A. Sholokhov
  - xxx. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ladislav Novomeský
  - xxxi. 250th anniversary of the birth of Jurij Vega
  - xxxii. 2,700th anniversary of Kulob-city
  - xxxiii. 200th anniversary of the birth of King Mongkut, Rama IV
  - xxxiv. 100th anniversary of the birth of Kulap Saipradit
  - xxxv. 100th anniversary of the birth of Sergiy Vsekhsviatsky
  - xxxvi. 100th anniversary of the birth of Serge Lifar
  - xxxvii. 100th anniversary of the establishment of St Mary's Rubya Seminary
  - xxxviii. 1,100th anniversary of the creation of Enlightenment Centre of Qaffol ash-Shoshiy in Tashkent
  - xxxix. 2,700th anniversary of Qarshi
  - xl. 1,000th anniversary of the Academy of Ma'mun in Khorezm;
- (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 circular letter in which the Director-General invites the National Commissions to inform him of the anniversaries of eminent personalities or historic events with which they would like to associate UNESCO should be sent no later than 15 September of the first year of the biennium, with a deadline for

replies of 15 January of the following year, and that the procedure for consideration of the proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries be modified accordingly, starting with the next biennium.

4. Requests the Director-General to complete within the two-month statutory period the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 2004-2005, as foreseen by the procedure for consideration of proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries, and submit it to the 167th session of the Executive Board for a final approval.

#### **10.1 Application of 165 EX/Decision 10.2 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (166 EX/40)**

11. On the proposal of its Chairperson, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended, without debate and by consensus, that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General (166 EX/40),
2. Recalling Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education and Articles 4 and 94 of the Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of children's right to education,
3. Also recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in the exercise of the right to education for all and in the protection of the cultural, historic and natural heritage of humanity,
4. Considering that the critical situation facing the Palestinian territories gravely prejudices the right to education in Palestine, because of the continued sealing off of these territories and the continuing curfews,
5. Deeply concerned by the destruction of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other cultural property to be protected in the event of armed conflict, in accordance with the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and The Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols,
6. Highly appreciative of the efforts of the international community to halt the violence and safeguard the peace process, which is seriously threatened by tragic events,
7. Affirms the urgent need for the Israel-Palestinian peace negotiations to be resumed and for a just and comprehensive peace to be speedily brought about, in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council;
8. Recalls paragraph 32 of the Medium-Term Strategy (31 C/4 Approved), defining a "road map for a revitalized UNESCO: principles of action and programming", and paragraph 12 of 31 C/Resolution 43;
9. Supports the efforts of the Director-General to secure implementation of 165 EX/Decision 10.2, and welcomes in particular the intersectoral mission led by the Deputy Director-General to Israel and Palestine, from 7 to 15 December 2002, at the request of the Director-General, a mission whose objectives included an assessment of

the situation with a view to reconciliation in the Middle East and an update, in conjunction with the Palestinian Authority, of those UNESCO projects aimed at the reconstruction and rehabilitation of cultural and educational institutions;

10. Deplores the fact that obstacles and delays persist as regards the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of UNESCO;
11. Urgently appeals to the Israeli authorities to facilitate safe access of Palestinian children to their schools and to allow the functioning of educational establishments;
12. Expresses its profound regret that the implementation of the third phase of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP) has been effectively suspended because of the present situation;
13. Urges the Director-General to ensure the application of these resolutions by incorporating them, as a priority, in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) and to strengthen the plan of action of the intersectoral coordination unit with a view to implementing the UNESCO Programme for Palestine;
14. Invites the Director-General to continue the financial assistance for Palestinian students so that they can pursue their studies;
15. Renews its appeal to donor agencies to make generous contributions to fund the reconstruction of Palestinian educational and cultural institutions;
16. Expresses the hope that the Arabo-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions, to which UNESCO adheres, particularly Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 based on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of “land for peace”;
17. Also 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 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 imposing Israeli curricula on the students of the occupied Syrian Golan, to offer more grants to those students and to provide special assistance to the educational institutions of the Golan;
18. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;
19. Requests that this item be included in the agenda of its 167th session.