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#### COMMENTS BY ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM CONCERNING THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2004-2005 (32 C/5)

#### OUTLINE

This document contains a summary of the comments of organizations of the United Nations system on the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5), which the General Conference may wish to take into account in its examination of item 4.2 of the agenda.

1. In response to a recommendation concerning prior consultations on work programmes adopted by the Economic and Social Council in 1970 (resolution 1549 XLIX) and in accordance with the procedure therefore approved by the then Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC), UNESCO submitted the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) to all organizations being members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board (CEB) for Coordination – the successor to ACC –, for their comments. This consultation has also been undertaken in a spirit of partnership and closer cooperation with the United Nations system, which the Director-General is pursuing and promoting.
2. By 5 September 2003, when the present document was prepared, replies had been received from two organizations, namely the International Labour Office (ILO) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
3. ILO welcomed the significant level of cooperation between the ILO and UNESCO, not only in the more traditional areas of vocational training and education policy, where the two organizations have been close collaborators for many years, but also in new areas: building social dialogue capacity so that teachers can participate more effectively in influencing poverty reduction policies; fostering the development of small- and medium-sized cultural enterprises as a source of

employment in developing countries and countries in transition; and expanding partnerships on knowledge generation and dissemination in areas ranging from employment conditions for artists to combating trafficking. ILO welcomed in particular UNESCO's interest in working jointly with ILO on gender audits and assessments. ILO is committed to continuing to work together on these and other areas as they emerge, recognizing that all United Nations agencies can benefit from closer collaboration on complementary goals.

4. ILO commented on UNESCO's continuing efforts to reform and focus its work, using the tools of strategic planning and analysis. ILO shared the concern that the United Nations organizations need to improve their focus, need to increase their efficiency, and need to be in closer touch with the people they serve, while working in a context of fiscal prudence. ILO considered that a number of useful features and approaches in UNESCO's Draft Programme and Budget would offer useful ideas for ILO's own budgeting practices.

5. ICAO indicated that UNESCO's Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 has been reviewed with interest within the organization, but did not offer specific comments.

6. Any subsequent observations by other United Nations organizations will be circulated in an addendum to the present document.