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

PART I

1. The Programme and External Relations Commission held seven meetings between 22 and 27 April 2004, with Mr Moustapha Sourang (Senegal) in the Chair, to examine the items listed below which had been referred to it by the Board at its plenary meeting on 19 April 2004. Pursuant to Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Commission elected Mr Antoine Ndinga Oba (Congo) temporary Chairperson. The document containing the draft decisions is divided into two parts. The first reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held on 22 and 23 April 2004. The second part reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held on 24 and 26 April 2004.

Item Title and documents in Part I

- 3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (169 EX/4 (Part I and Add.) and 169 EX/INF.3)
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- 3.7.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 167 EX/Decision 3.6.1 (169 EX/17)
- 3.7.2 Cultural diversity: summary of preliminary work and category VI meetings of experts, and prospects (169 EX/11 and 169 EX/40)
- 3.7.3 Strengthening of the World Heritage Centre’s capacities to carry out its responsibility for the implementation of the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (169 EX/14 Rev.)
- 3.7.4 Transitional measures in view of the entry into force of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (169 EX/38)
- 3.8.1 Establishment of the UNESCO Memory of the World Prize (*Programme aspects*) (169 EX/18 Rev.)
- 6.7 Report by the External Auditor on the performance audits undertaken in the 2002-2003 biennium (*Programme aspects*) (169 EX/29)
- 7.4 Report by the Director-General on the regulation of the use of the Organization’s name and logo by “UNESCO Houses” created in Member States (169 EX/34)
- 8.1 Application of 167 EX/Decision 9.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (169 EX/35)
- 8.2 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq (169 EX/36 and Add.)
- 3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (169 EX/4 (Part I and Add.) and 169 EX/INF.3)

2. Following discussion of this item, and after examining the draft decision contained in document 169 EX/PX/DR.2, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board take note of documents 169 EX/4 (Part I and Add.) and 169 EX/INF.3, and adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Alarmed by the persistent rise of intolerance which leads to conflicts and terrorism,
2. Bearing in mind the responsibility of UNESCO in promoting tolerant behaviours based on universally recognized values,
3. Reaffirming the utmost necessity of further developing a positive dialogue among different cultures and civilizations,
4. Recalling the celebration in 1995 of the United Nations Year for Tolerance, initiated by UNESCO, and also United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/151 by which the United Nations General Assembly requested UNESCO to continue to be the lead United Nations agency in the promotion of tolerance and non-violence,

5. Reaffirms that tolerance does not have any valid alternative in modern societies more interdependent and globalized than ever;
6. Bearing in mind the positive experience of the celebration of the United Nations Year for Tolerance and the adoption of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance on 16 November 1995 by the 28th session of the UNESCO General Conference that gave the opportunity to implement a large number of projects aimed at promoting tolerance and non-violence and to call the attention of the international community to strengthen the efforts in this sense,
7. Invites the Director-General to prepare a concept paper with focus on a potential international decade on tolerance;
8. Also invites the Director-General to report on this issue to the Executive Board at its 171st session taking account of other intersectoral activities and the activities of the United Nations of a similar nature;
9. Invites the Director-General to explore, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the possibility of declaring an International Decade for the Promotion of Tolerance starting in 2006.

3.2 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its previous sessions (169 EX/5 (Part I))

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 169 EX/5 (Part I),
2. Takes note of its contents.

3.4.2 United Nations University: Report by the Council of the University and the Director-General's comments thereon (169 EX/8)

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 169 EX/8,
2. Recognizing the key role of the United Nations University as a bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations,
3. Considering the efforts made to rationalize the management of the University and the constant improvement in its operation,
4. Recognizing the excellent quality of the relationship that has developed between UNU and UNESCO over the years,

5. Expresses its satisfaction at the development of the programme and activities of UNU;
6. Expresses its appreciation of the active participation of UNU in the programme and activities of UNESCO;
7. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Japan for the financial and intellectual support that it gives to UNU;
8. Further expresses its gratitude to the Member States in which the research and training centres (RTCs) are located for their financial and intellectual support;
9. Thanks the governments and organizations that have contributed to the University's funds-in-trust and have provided support for the research and training centres and programmes;
10. Renews its support to the Rector of the United Nations University, Professor Hans van Ginkel;
11. Invites the University to strengthen its efforts in support of activities in particular in developing countries;
12. Invites the Director-General to communicate to the Chair of the Council of the United Nations University and to the Rector the terms of this decision.

3.4.3 United Nations Literacy Decade: Progress report 2003-2004 (169 EX/9)

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 166 EX/Decision 9.1.1, whereby the Director-General was requested to report regularly on the implementation of the International Plan of Action and authorized to prepare the report for the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session,
2. Bearing in mind that the attainment of literacy is a pre-requisite to achieving the global objectives of EFA and International Development Goals adopted in the Millennium Declaration (MD),
3. Having examined document 169 EX/9 on the progress of the United Nations Literacy Decade,
4. Requests the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's capacity to fulfil its international role in coordinating the Decade's effort by mobilizing the human and financial resources required to maintain the momentum generated during the Decade launching year, by insisting on actions and strategies that lead to concrete progress;
5. Also requests the Director-General to include a special focus on E-9 and sub-Saharan African countries and countries with particular needs, in the United Nations Literacy Decade;

6. Further requests the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's capacity to fulfil its task through investment in advocacy campaigns and partnership ensuring linkage to the EFA goals, with special emphasis on gender;
7. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to work in close relationship with UNLD partners including United Nations organizations and bi-/multilateral development agencies to ensure the attainment of literacy;
 - (b) to continuously monitor the progress of the Decade and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session as well as to the Executive Board every two years, beginning in 2005;
 - (c) within the framework of national development plans, to reinforce assistance to the Member States in need towards practical strategy, project planning and implementation of functional literacy.

3.4.4 Report by the Director-General on the progress achieved in implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action (169 EX/10)

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 166 EX/Decision 3.2.1,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/10,
3. Recalling the recommendations of the third High-Level Group and the subsequent debate by the Executive Board,
4. Recalling further that UNESCO's mandated role as coordinating EFA partners and maintaining their collaborative momentum,
5. Reaffirms its commitment to the importance and centrality of the follow-up to the World Education Forum in UNESCO's education programme;
6. Requests the Director-General to undertake a strategic review focusing on specific UNESCO outputs for presentation to the 170th session of the Executive Board with an analysis and recommendations on UNESCO's tasks, including its capacity for coordination and more effective linkages between the Working Group on EFA, the High-Level Group, the FTI Partners Group and other relevant stakeholders;
7. Also requests the Director-General to develop a strategy (2005-2015) and a results-based implementation plan on UNESCO-assigned EFA tasks for each year up to 2015, as well as on the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012), to be included in the programme and budget.

3.4.6 The Olympic Truce (*Ekecheiria*) (169 EX/37)

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 United Nations General Assembly resolution 58/6 of 3 November 2003, “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal”,
2. Recalling also: (a) resolution 48/11 of 25 October 1993 by which the United Nations General Assembly restored the ancient Greek tradition of the *Ekecheiria*, or “Olympic Truce”, to further the observance during the Games of a truce that will foster the creation of a peaceful environment and enable athletes and other people concerned to attend the Games and participate in them in complete safety, thereby rallying young people the world over in the cause of peace; and (b) the appeal launched in the Millennium Declaration for the Olympic Truce to be observed now and in the future and for the International Olympic Committee to be supported in its efforts to promote peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic Ideal,
3. Noting that the Games of the XXVIIIth Olympiad will take place from 13 to 29 August 2004 in Athens, Greece, the country that gave birth to the Olympic Games in Antiquity, where the Games were revived in 1896 and where the tradition of the Olympic Truce came into being,
4. Considering that the appeal launched by the International Olympic Committee for the observance of an Olympic truce, an appeal with which the National Olympic Committees of Member States are associated, could significantly help in achieving the goals and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO,
5. Welcoming the establishment by the International Olympic Committee of an International Olympic Truce Foundation and International Olympic Truce Centre to [further] promote the ideals of peace and understanding through sport, on whose Board of Directors the current President of the General Assembly serves and on which the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization are represented,
6. Gratified by the support given by distinguished world personalities in their individual capacities for promotion of the Olympic Truce,
7. Taking account of the joint organization by the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of the World Conference on Education and Sport for a Culture of Peace in Paris from 5 to 7 July 1999, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/13 of 20 November 1997, and their initiation of a programme of action pursuant to Assembly resolution 53/243 of 13 September 1999,
8. Having examined document 169 EX/37,

9. Considering the proposal made by the representative of Greece for an item entitled *Ekecheiria* or Olympic Truce to be included in the provisional agenda of the 169th session of the Executive Board to be of importance,
10. Urges Member States to observe, in the framework of the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, during the Games of the XXVIIIth Olympiad, to be held in Athens, Greece, from 13 to 29 August 2004;
11. Requests the Director-General to promote the Olympic Truce among Member States on the basis of, among other things, human development initiatives through sport and to work with the International Olympic Committee in the achievement of these objectives;
12. Welcomes the fact that the International Olympic Committee has decided to mobilize all international sports bodies, and that the National Olympic Committees of Member States have decided to take concrete measures at the local, national, regional and global levels to promote and strengthen a culture of peace in the spirit of the Olympic Truce;
13. Further welcomes the implementation of a larger number of sports-based development projects, and encourages Member States and all the United Nations agencies and programmes concerned to strengthen their activities in this field in conjunction with the International Olympic Committee.

3.4.7 State of progress of the preparations for the 47th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE) to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 September 2004 on the theme of quality education for all young people: challenges, trends and priorities (169 EX/41)

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 169 EX/41,
2. Takes note of its contents.

3.5.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress on an international basic sciences programme (IBSP) including draft statutes for an IBSP Scientific Board (169 EX/13 and Corr.)

9. 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 167 EX/Decision 3.4.2 on the Report by the Director-General on the recommendations of the Ad hoc Committee of Experts on an international basic sciences programme, and 32 C/Resolution 15 of the General Conference,

2. Having examined the Report by the Director-General on the progress on an international basic sciences programme, including draft statutes for an IBSP Scientific Board (169 EX/13 and Corr.),
3. Recognizing that the worldwide effort that IBSP entails coincides with the strategic objectives the Organization set out in the Medium-Term Strategy 2002-2007 and with its unique mandate for the basic sciences within the United Nations system,
4. Seeking considerable reinforcement of intergovernmental cooperation in building national capacities in science through IBSP that focuses on major region specific actions involving a network of national, regional and international centres in the basic sciences,
5. Emphasizing that IBSP introduces a new international platform for implementation of the follow-up to the World Conference on Science in the framework of UNESCO's programme in the basic sciences,
6. Noting that the statutes proposed for the IBSP Scientific Board comply with those of advisory committees (in category V of the applicable Regulations for meetings), and highlight the participation of experts from all regions and women scientists,
7. Stressing that today more than ever governments, the private sector and international organizations should provide enhanced support for building up adequate and evenly-distributed scientific and technological capacities through basic research and science education programmes as an indispensable foundation for economic, social, cultural and environmentally sound development,
8. Takes note of developments in the establishment of IBSP presented in document 169 EX/13 and Corr., and IBSP-related actions the Director-General has suggested for 2004-2005 in this document;
9. Approves the statutes of the IBSP Scientific Board as annexed to the decision;
10. Invites Members States to continue to identify, and inform the Director-General of, priority projects in the basic sciences that they would propose for implementation in the framework of IBSP;
11. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) take the actions he proposed in document 169 EX/13 and Corr. for building up IBSP activity in 2004-2005;
 - (b) present IBSP in draft document 33 C/5 as a new flagship initiative that has a specified strategy, content, expected results and budgetary provisions for regional and international projects within the subprogramme on capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences;
 - (c) submit a report to the 172nd session of the Executive Board and then to the 33rd session of the General Conference, on the development of IBSP and the strategy of action proposed for 2006-2007.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE SCIENTIFIC BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL BASIC SCIENCES PROGRAMME

Article 1

- 1.1 The International Basic Sciences Programme, hereinafter referred to as the “IBSP”, aims at the reinforcement of intergovernmental cooperation in strengthening national capacities in the basic sciences and science education through major region specific actions involving a network of national, regional and international centres of excellence or benchmark centres in the basic sciences (32 C/Resolution 14, para. 6(a)(iii)).
- 1.2 A Scientific Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, is hereby established as a category V Advisory Committee to monitor the IBSP and to advise the Director-General thereon. In conformity with the rules concerning Advisory Committees, the reports of the Board shall be addressed to the Director-General, who shall decide what use shall be made of them. The Executive Board shall be kept informed by the Director-General of the results of the Committee’s proceedings.

Article 2

- 2.1 The Board shall be composed of up to 30 members appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO following consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO, and principal partners of UNESCO in the basic sciences, such as the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), the International Council for Science (ICSU) and its scientific unions particularly specialized in the fields of basic sciences.
- 2.2 Members appointed to the Board shall be scientists actively engaged in activities in the basic sciences that relate to the objectives of the IBSP in research, science education, science management and the promotion of international cooperation, taking into account an equitable geographical distribution, participation of women scientists and involvement of international non-governmental scientific organizations – major partners with which UNESCO has signed an Agreement on Cooperation within IBSP (c.f. Article 5.2). All members of the Board shall be specialists serving in an individual capacity.
- 2.3 Members of the Board shall be appointed for a term of three years. Taking into account both the need for continuity and the need for rotation of membership, members shall be eligible for reappointment for a further term of three years, but shall not serve continuously for more than six years and every three years, at least half of the Board members shall be replaced.
- 2.4 In case of death or resignation of an appointed member, this member may be replaced for the remainder of his/her term in accordance with the procedure defined in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above.
- 2.5 Each appointed member shall have one vote.
- 2.6 The representative designated by the Director-General of UNESCO shall be an *ex officio* member of the Board with no right to vote.

Article 3

- 3.1 The Board shall meet at least once a year at the invitation of UNESCO. If necessary, the Board may provide its advisory service through the use of electronic means of communication.
- 3.2 Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to sessions of the Board.
- 3.3 Representatives of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system may attend the sessions of the Board. Other intergovernmental organizations may be invited by UNESCO to send observers to meetings of the Board.
- 3.4 Observers of interested international scientific organizations may be invited to attend sessions of the Board in accordance with the regulations and rules in force in UNESCO.
- 3.5 Representatives and observers referred to in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.4 above shall not have the right to vote.

Article 4

- 4.1 At its first session, the Board shall elect from among its members a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons. These shall form the Board's Bureau that shall also include, as an *ex officio* member, the designated representative of the Director-General referred to in Article 2.6.
- 4.2 The Board shall elect a new Bureau at each of its sessions following renewal of its membership, in accordance with Articles 2.1 to 2.3. Members of the Bureau shall be eligible for re-election.
- 4.3 UNESCO may convene meetings of the Bureau between, or in conjunction with, sessions of the Board or, if possible, replace these meetings by consultations with the use of information and communication technologies.
- 4.4 The Board may assign to its own Bureau certain duties such as the approval of reconsidered and modified IBSP project proposals, progress reports on IBSP projects or revised final reports of IBSP projects.
- 4.5 The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure, which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.

Article 5

- 5.1 When complying with Article 1.2, the Board shall be responsible for supervising from the scientific and from the monitoring points of view, the implementation of IBSP, for studying proposals concerning developments and modifications of the programme, for assisting in the development of national, regional and international projects related to IBSP, for evaluating project proposals received, and for making recommendations on new IBSP projects and IBSP projects being implemented, and for any measures that may be required for the successful implementation and development of the programme.
- 5.2 The Board may recommend to the Director-General the granting of status of major IBSP partner to international or regional non-governmental or intergovernmental

scientific organizations already officially recognized by UNESCO (NGO Directives or Agreements with IGOs) that envisage sustained commitment to both cooperation in the implementation of the programme and the provision of financial resources for programme activity. This status of major IBSP partner shall be granted in the framework of an Agreement on Cooperation within IBSP signed by the Director-General or his representative.

- 5.3 The Board shall monitor the development of international and regional partnerships within IBSP with scientific non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, in particular those to which UNESCO has granted the status of major IBSP partner, and shall report to the Director-General thereon.
- 5.4 The Board may suggest changes in the policy, scope or organization of IBSP to the Director-General of UNESCO.
- 5.5 In carrying out its activities, the Board may make full use of the facilities offered by UNESCO, other international organizations, governments and foundations.
- 5.6 The Board may consult appropriate international, regional or national governmental and non-governmental scientific and educational institutions concerning proposals for IBSP projects and partnerships in the implementation of IBSP projects.
- 5.7 The Board shall, when required, coordinate IBSP with other related international scientific programmes, especially with UNESCO's IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST programmes.

Article 6

- 6.1 A secretariat for IBSP and its Board shall be provided at UNESCO Headquarters by UNESCO. The designated representative of the Director-General of UNESCO shall be Executive Secretary of the IBSP.
- 6.2 The secretariat shall take the steps required for the convening of the sessions of the Board.

Article 7

- 7.1 The Board shall prepare and submit a report on the progress of IBSP to each session of the General Conference of UNESCO. On this occasion, the report shall also be submitted to the governing bodies of the organizations having the status of a major IBSP partner (c.f. Article 5.2).
- 7.2 The Chairperson of IBSP shall join the Steering Group of Chairpersons of the international intergovernmental programmes of UNESCO, namely: IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST, and shall contribute to the Joint Communication of the Chairpersons to the Director-General and the General Conference at each of its sessions.

Article 8

These Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board by a simple majority, except when they reproduce provisions of existing rules or other UNESCO legislative texts.

3.6.1 Report by the Director-General on the evaluation of the impact of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) (169 EX/15)

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. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 26,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/15,
3. Appreciates COMEST's role in stimulating reflection on the ethics of science and technology;
4. Welcomes UNESCO's new orientation with regard to the ethics of science and technology;
5. Takes note with interest of the COMEST report on teaching of ethics and encourages the intensification of activities in this field;
6. Requests the Director-General to keep it informed of the action he intends to take on the advice and recommendations of COMEST concerning the advisability of drafting an international declaration on the ethics of outer space, reporting on his consultations with the other specialized agencies within the United Nations system and other competent organizations;
7. Further requests the Director-General to prepare a study, in cooperation with the International Council for Science (ICSU), on the advisability of elaborating an international declaration on science ethics to serve as a basis for an ethical code of conduct for scientists;
8. Invites the Director-General to keep it informed on the studies undertaken to examine the principles of environmental ethics and to identify possible international actions in this field;
9. Also invites the Director-General to convey to the Chairperson of COMEST the terms of this decision.

3.6.2 Report by the Director-General on the drawing up of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics (169 EX/16)

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. Bearing in mind the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights (1997) and the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data (2003),
2. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 24,

3. Having examined document 169 EX/16,
4. Welcomes the initiatives already undertaken by the Director-General within the framework of the elaboration of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics, which is a priority for our Organization;
5. Takes note with satisfaction of the efforts made to involve Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations and relevant national bodies in the process of drafting the declaration on universal norms on bioethics;
6. Approves the proposed timetable for the elaboration of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics, established in consultation with the Bureaux of IBC and IGBC and contained in document 169 EX/16 and invites the Director-General to pursue it, including adequate consultation with all relevant United Nations and other multilateral organizations, including FAO, WHO, WIPO and WTO and requests the Director-General to report to the 170th session of the Executive Board.

3.6.3 Preparation of a strategy on philosophy (169 EX/39 Rev.)

12. 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 importance of philosophy and the role it can play in the conduct of human affairs,
2. Taking note with satisfaction the Director-General's efforts to reinvigorate the Philosophy Programme at UNESCO,
3. Considering the twofold requirement for diagnosis and forecasting and the need for practically oriented rigorous philosophical studies related to the global problems of the present-day world,
4. Taking into account the necessity to put philosophically scrutinized concepts and philosophical reflection and analysis at the foundation of UNESCO's overall programmes,
5. Stressing the need to promote harmony and pluralism in society through philosophical education and the teaching of philosophy on a wider scale,
6. Having examined document 169 EX/39 Rev.,
7. Requests the Director-General to propose to it at its 171st session, an intersectoral strategy on philosophy to be drafted in close consultation with the Member States and their National Commissions, relevant NGOs and eminent personalities.

4.1 Report by the Director-General on the strengthening of the capacities of the Executive Board to carry out its responsibility for the execution of the programme approved by the General Conference (169 EX/19)

13. 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 debate at the 32nd session of the General Conference on the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5),
2. Reaffirming its role as a governing body and as a policy- and decision-making body,
3. Recognizing the progress achieved thus far in implementing a results-based programming, budgeting, management and reporting process (RBM),
4. Requests the Director-General, at the first substantive session of each biennium, to report on the preparations for drafting the programme and budget for the following biennium;
5. Further requests the Director-General, in the context of his preliminary proposals presented at the second substantive session of each biennium, to outline in particular:
 - (a) strategic priorities, with clear objectives for the biennium;
 - (b) necessary adjustments to the programme in order to focus resources on the highest priority areas;
 - (c) measures to further strengthen the reform process;
6. Requests also the Director-General, when presenting the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5) to:
 - (a) link the presentation of all resources i.e. regular programme and extrabudgetary resources, with a full picture of expected results;
 - (b) specify how all costs associated with programme delivery (new integrated management systems, results-based management, Headquarters renovation and maintenance, security, staff and field offices) may be accommodated within the regular budget in order to ensure an efficient delivery of the programme and the achievement of UNESCO's objectives;
7. Invites the Director-General, in the context of a more rigorous results-based approach, to present in his report on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (EX/4) an assessment of progress achieved towards the realization of expected results in each of the five programme areas and management, including the strategic objectives set out in document C/4.

4.4 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2002-2003 biennium (169 EX/22)

14. 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 167 EX/Decision 4.4,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/22 and taking into consideration the evaluation reports that have been presented,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as the report of the Director-General on the implementation of these recommendations,
4. Invites the Director-General to implement in an appropriate manner recommendations which improve the programmes to which they relate and to continue to improve the quality of evaluations by implementing the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to it on evaluations that are carried out on the Organization's programme activities, on the progress made in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations and in strengthening the quality of the evaluations undertaken.

7.3 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and implementation of recommendations of previous reports (*Programme aspects*) (169 EX/33)

15. 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 166 EX/Decision 8.8,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/33, containing the comments by the Director-General and the status of implementation of recommendations of previous JIU reports,
3. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its reports/notes entitled Managing Information in the United Nations system organizations: Management information systems (JIU/REP/2002/9), Evaluation of United Nations system response in East Timor: Coordination and effectiveness (JIU/REP/2002/10 and Corr. (English only)), Implementation of multilingualism in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2002/11) and United Nations system regional presence and coordination: The case of Arab countries (JIU/NOTE/2002/2);
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure the follow-up of implementation of JIU recommendations endorsed by legislative organs as well as those accepted by him, and to report to it at its 171st session on the status of implementation of those recommendations and on results obtained.

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THE PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION**

PART II

1. The Programme and External Relations Commission held seven meetings between 22 and 26 April 2004, with Mr Moustapha Sourang (Senegal) in the Chair, to examine the items listed below which had been referred to it by the Board at its plenary meeting on 19 April 2004. Pursuant to Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Commission elected Mr Antoine Ndinga Oba (Congo) as temporary Chairperson. The document containing the draft decisions is divided into two parts. The first reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held on 22 and 23 April 2004. The second part reflects the decisions adopted during the meetings held on 24 and 26 April 2004.

Item Title and documents in Part I

- 3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (169 EX/4 (Part I and Add.) and 169 EX/INF.3)
- 3.2 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its previous sessions (169 EX/5 (Part I))
- 3.4.2 United Nations University: Report by the Council of the University and the Director-General's comments thereon (169 EX/8)
- 3.4.3 United Nations Literacy Decade: Progress report 2003-2004 (169 EX/9)
- 3.4.4 Report by the Director-General on the progress achieved in implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action (169 EX/10)
- 3.4.6 The Olympic Truce (*Ekecheiria*) (169 EX/37)
- 3.4.7 State of progress of the preparations for the 47th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE) to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 September 2004 on the theme of quality education for all young people: challenges, trends and priorities (169 EX/41)
- 3.5.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress on an international basic sciences programme (IBSP) including draft statutes for an IBSP Scientific Board (169 EX/13 and Corr.)
- 3.6.1 Report by the Director-General on the evaluation of the impact of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) (169 EX/15)
- 3.6.2 Report by the Director-General on the drawing up of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics (169 EX/16)
- 3.6.3 Preparation of a strategy on philosophy (169 EX/39 Rev.)
- 4.1 Report by the Director-General on the strengthening of the capacities of the Executive Board to carry out its responsibility for the execution of the programme approved by the General Conference (169 EX/19)
- 4.4 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2002-2003 biennium (169 EX/22)
- 7.3 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and implementation of recommendations of previous reports (*Programme aspects*) (169 EX/33)

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- 3.7.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 167 EX/Decision 3.6.1 and 32 C/Resolution 39 (169 EX/17)
- 3.7.2 Cultural diversity: summary of preliminary work and category VI meetings of experts, and prospects (169 EX/11 and 169 EX/40)
- 3.7.3 Strengthening of the World Heritage Centre’s capacities to carry out its responsibility for the implementation of the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (169 EX/14 Rev.)
- 3.7.4 Transitional measures in view of the entry into force of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (169 EX/38)
- 3.8.1 Establishment of the UNESCO Memory of the World Prize (*Programme aspects*) (169 EX/18 Rev.)
- 6.7 Report by the External Auditor on the performance audits undertaken in the 2002-2003 biennium (*Programme aspects*) (169 EX/29)
- 7.4 Report by the Director-General on the regulation of the use of the Organization’s name and logo by “UNESCO Houses” created in Member States (169 EX/34)
- 8.1 Application of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 167 EX/Decision 9.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (169 EX/35)
- 8.2 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq (169 EX/36 and Add.)
- 3.7.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 167 EX/Decision 3.6.1 and 32 C/Resolution 39 (169 EX/17)**

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

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 39, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), 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 and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage,
2. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, will in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,

3. Expressing its deep concern at all of the obstacles which seriously undermine the protection and safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem,
4. Taking note of document 169 EX/17 concerning Jerusalem,
5. Expressing its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained and praiseworthy efforts to implement 32 C/Resolution 39 on the safeguarding of the Old City of Jerusalem and inviting him to pursue his efforts to obtain its implementation,
6. Takes note with satisfaction:
 - (a) of the mission of Professor Andrea Papi (Italy) concerning the establishment of a centre for the conservation of Islamic manuscripts in the al-Ashrafîya Madrasa on the Esplanade of the Mosques (al-Haram ash-Sharif);
 - (b) of the institutional mission led by the Director of the World Heritage Centre with the President of ICOMOS, Professor Michael Petzet, and the Director-General of ICCROM, Dr Nicholas Stanley-Price, which visited Jerusalem from 28 February to 5 March 2004, establishing an inventory and making contact with the authorities concerned;
7. Reiterates its request to the Director-General to establish an international committee of independent experts, highly qualified technically and professionally, to be entrusted with proposing, on the basis of document 169 EX/17, the guidelines of the programmed plan of action and proposals for its implementation, and to do so in consultation with the parties concerned;
8. Invites the Director-General to submit a full report to it at its 170th session;
9. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 170th session.

3.7.2 Cultural diversity: summary of preliminary work and category VI meetings of experts, and prospects (169 EX/11 and 169 EX/40)

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. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 34,
2. Having taken note of document 169 EX/11,
3. Having examined document 169 EX/40,
4. Having been informed of the results of the first two category VI meetings of experts concerning the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions, held in Paris from 17 to 20 December 2003 and from 30 March to 3 April 2004,
5. Takes note of the timetable proposed by the Director-General and requests him to continue his efforts to ensure the preparation, in accordance with Article 10 of the Rules

of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions, of a preliminary report together with a preliminary draft international convention;

6. Invites the Director-General to convene meetings of government experts (category II) aimed at taking forward the preparation of the preliminary draft convention in order to report to the General Conference at its 33rd session;
7. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate with the right to vote in one or more intergovernmental meetings (category II) to draw up an international convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the States mentioned in the annex to document 169 EX/40;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph (c) of the annex to document 169 EX/40;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph (d) of the annex to document 169 EX/40;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraphs (e) (i), (ii), (iii), (f) and (g) of the annex to document 169 EX/40;
 - (f) that the Director-General is authorized to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for the work of the above-mentioned intergovernmental meeting or meetings (category II), notifying the Executive Board thereof.

3.7.3 Strengthening of the World Heritage Centre's capacities to carry out its responsibility for the implementation of the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (169 EX/14 Rev.)

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. Recalling the clear indications given by all UNESCO Member States that resources should be allocated more on concrete programmes and activities than on administration,
2. Recalling the request made by the 31st session of the General Conference and endorsed in the Medium-Term Strategy of UNESCO (2002-2007) that resources should be concentrated on high priority activities and key strategic programmes,

3. Recalling the debate at the 32nd session of the General Conference and the call for an overall increase in the human and financial resources allocated to the Culture Sector whose action to protect heritage has been unanimously acknowledged and hailed,
4. Recalling the debate at the XIV General Assembly of States Parties to the 1972 Paris Convention and in particular resolution 14 GA 5,
5. Recalling that the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) has already started and reaffirming the paramount role in this process of the General Conference and of the Executive Board as governing bodies and as policy- and decision-making bodies,
6. Requests the Director-General to consider allocating in document 33 C/5 additional resources to the World Heritage Centre, particularly as regards the Centre's permanent staff, to the priorities identified by States Parties and the World Heritage Committee for the implementation of the 1972 Convention, based on the adequacy of resources currently allocated to the World Heritage Centre for its institutional tasks and taking into account the needs of all regions;
7. Invites the Director-General to take into full account the views and requests expressed by Member States at the 32nd session of the General Conference and at the XIV General Assembly of the States Parties to the 1972 Convention as well as the debates during the 169th session of the Executive Board in order to consequently ensure appropriate follow-up in the preparation of document 33 C/5.

3.7.4 Transitional measures in view of the entry into force of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (169 EX/38)

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 unanimous adoption of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 32nd session,
2. Emphasizing the need to implement a strategy for raising awareness of the Convention and for promoting it in the Member States,
3. Recommends to the Director-General that he ensure close cooperation with Member States in the implementation of this strategy, specially by inviting them to take appropriate measures at national level for the ratification of the Convention;
4. Invites the Director-General to envisage adequate resources for the effective implementation of this Convention in the preparation of document 33 C/5 and to report to the Executive Board at its 171st session on the strategy for raising awareness of and promoting the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

3.8.1 Establishment of the UNESCO Memory of the World Prize (*Programme aspects*)
(169 EX/18 Rev.)

6. 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. Bearing in mind that the Government of the Republic of Korea proposed to establish and fund a UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize within the framework of the Memory of the World Programme, and reaffirmed its commitment at the 32nd session of the General Conference,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/18 Rev. concerning the creation of the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize,
3. Expresses to the Republic of Korea its gratitude for this initiative and for the generous offer for the Prize as well as funding of the operating costs of the Prize;
4. Approves the statutes for the “UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize” as annexed herewith, it being understood that they might be modified after the overall review of UNESCO prizes to be submitted to the 171st session of the Executive Board.

ANNEX

Statutes of The UNESCO/JIKJI Prize

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Prize is to commemorate the inscription of the *Buljo jikji simche yojeol*, the oldest known book of movable metal print in the world, on the Memory of the World Register, and to contribute to the preservation of documentary heritage as a common heritage of humanity and to its accessibility.

2. Designation, amount and periodicity of the Prize

- (a) The Prize shall be entitled “The UNESCO/Jikji Prize”.
- (b) The Prize shall be funded by the Republic of Korea through arrangements made with the Municipal Council of Cheongju City and shall consist of a sum of US \$30,000 per UNESCO biennium.
- (c) The Prize shall be awarded on an initial basis for five biennia.
- (d) The operating costs of the Prize as well as all costs related to the award ceremony shall be fully covered by the Republic of Korea.
- (e) Should the Republic of Korea decide to terminate the prize, any surplus funds for the prize in UNESCO’s accounts shall be returned.

3. Conditions

The candidates shall be persons (juridical or natural) who have made a significant contribution to the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage.

4. Designation of the prizewinner

The prizewinner shall be designated by the Director-General of UNESCO, on the recommendation of the Jury of the UNESCO/Jikji Prize.

5. Jury

- (a) The Jury shall consist of all the members of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme, sitting in the capacity of the Jury of the UNESCO/Jikji Prize. The quorum for the Jury shall be seven members.
- (b) The Jury shall adopt its own working procedures in conformity with these Statutes and shall be assisted by a member of the Secretariat designated by the Director-General. Decisions shall be taken by consensus to the extent possible, and otherwise by secret ballot until a simple majority is obtained. In the event of a tied vote, the Jury shall have the option of awarding the prize to two candidates, between whom it will be equally divided. A Jury member shall not take part in a vote concerning a nomination from his or her country.
- (c) A Working Group of the Jury shall make a pre-selection to limit candidates to no more than twelve, if necessary. The Working Group shall consist of all five persons serving in the Bureau of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme, sitting in the capacity of the Working Group of the Jury. The quorum for the Working Group shall be three members.
- (d) In order to minimize costs, the Jury and its working group shall hold a special meeting on the occasion of meetings of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme and of its Bureau, respectively.

6. Nomination of candidates

The Director-General of UNESCO shall invite the submission of nominations, to the Secretariat of the Prize, by 31 December of every even year, from the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and from intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) maintaining official relations with the Organization. The work of the IGOs and NGOs must be in the field of preservation and conservation of documentary heritage. Each Member State, IGO and NGO may designate no more than three candidates per biennium.

7. Submission of nominations

Each nomination must include, in English or in French:

- (a) a description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- (b) a summary of the work submitted for consideration;
- (c) a review of the way in which the work submitted has contributed to the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage.

8. Procedure for the awarding of the Prize

The Director-General of UNESCO shall announce the name of the winner(s). The Director-General (or his representative) shall award the Prize at an official ceremony held for that purpose either in Paris or in Cheongju City, Republic of Korea, on the occasion of the Jikji Day, as from the 2004-2005 biennium.

9. Amendments to the Statutes of the Prize

Any amendment to the present Statutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

6.7 Report by the External Auditor on the performance audits undertaken in the 2002-2003 biennium (*Programme aspects*) (169 EX/29)

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 31 C/Resolution 50,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/29,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of work presented in the document and endorses her recommendations;
4. Notes that the Director-General has agreed with all the recommendations and has started to implement them;
5. Further requests him to pursue full implementation of these recommendations, and to reflect the changes in the preparation of document 33 C/5;
6. Welcomes the timely and comprehensive work done by the External Auditor on management of extrabudgetary funds;
7. Shares nonetheless the concern expressed in the External Auditor's report regarding the management of extrabudgetary funds;
8. Endorses the main principles for improved management of extrabudgetary funds, on the lines proposed by the External Auditor, as follows:
 - (a) identify clearly the ways in which extrabudgetary funds will contribute to the achievement of the Organization's most important objectives; and develop adequate results-based performance measures to assess that contribution;
 - (b) ensure that the Organization has the capacity to deliver, including developing the staff skills, and establishing proper coordination and the systems to carry out the work;
 - (c) ensure that the Organization delivers the highest quality products to Member States and donors through enhanced monitoring and quality control; and

- (d) inform oversight bodies and senior management in a timely way about the overall management of extrabudgetary funds;
9. Recommends that extrabudgetary funds be allocated to the top priorities of the Organization;
10. Welcomes the clear guidance in this report on steps needed to develop a results-based governance culture for the institutes;
11. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 171st session on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor in this and in previous reports with a time-bound action plan;
12. Requests that the Director-General forwards these reports together with comments from the Executive Board to the General Conference.

7.4 Report by the Director-General on the regulation of the use of the Organization's name and logo by "UNESCO Houses" created in Member States (169 EX/34)

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 169 EX/34,
2. Takes note of its content;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 171st session, comprehensive proposals concerning the protection of the name and logo of UNESCO in the Member States, duly taking into account the debates held at the 169th session of the Executive Board.

8.1 Application of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 167 EX/Decision 9.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (169 EX/35)

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

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General (169 EX/35),
2. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 54 of the General Conference and 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 the right of children to education,
3. Further recalling the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols,

4. 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 cultural, historic and natural heritage,
5. Considering the need for safe access of Palestinians to the education system, particularly recalling the consequences of recent measures which affect the fulfilment of this need,
6. Deeply concerned about the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other cultural property to be protected in the event of conflicts,
7. Expressing its deep concern at all the obstacles that gravely undermine the cultural and natural heritage, cultural and educational institutions, and the right to education,
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 made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54;
10. Regrets the delays as regards the implementation of some parts of certain resolutions and decisions of UNESCO, and requests the Director-General to ensure that they are fully implemented;
11. Urgently appeals for the necessary measures to be taken so as to enable the functioning of the Palestinian educational establishments;
12. Profoundly regrets that the implementation of the third phase of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP) has long been suspended, and expresses the hope that the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee, which has been reactivated, will continue to meet regularly on an annual basis with a view to being results-oriented;
13. Requests the Director-General to reinforce his action in favour of reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of Palestinian cultural heritage and archaeological sites;
14. Urges the Director-General to strengthen the plan of action, through the intersectoral coordination team, with a view to implementing the UNESCO Programme for Palestine, which is included as a priority in the Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5);
15. Appreciates the establishing of the Director-General’s Task Force on Reconstruction and Reconciliation in the Middle East in UNESCO’s fields of competence;
16. Invites the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO’s fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students from both regular budget and extrabudgetary sources;
17. Calls on the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee to convene a donor meeting in order to have additional capacities to achieve the objectives set out in this decision;
18. Expresses the hope that the Israeli-Palestinian and Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with UNESCO’s Constitution and the United Nations resolutions, particularly the relevant Security Council resolutions on this matter;

19. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making with a view to preserving the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts with a view to offering appropriate curricula and to provide more grants and special assistance to the educational institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
20. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 170th session.

8.2 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq (169 EX/36 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. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 9.2,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/36 and Add.,
3. Emphasizing the necessity to meet the immediate and pressing needs of the Iraqi people, notably in the fields of education and culture, with a view to generating conditions conducive to the restoration of social stability,
4. Recalling the major responsibility entrusted to UNESCO in the fields of education and culture and its prompt and efficient action since the end of the conflict,
5. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts made to sustain UNESCO's recovery-related activities, despite the deterioration of the security situation in Iraq;
6. Appreciates UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations system response on behalf of Iraq, with particular regard to the successful termination of the Oil-for-Food Programme and the conduct of reconstruction planning processes;
7. Notes the Director-General's decision to convene the first meeting of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq (ICC) on 24 and 25 May 2004 in Paris;
8. Also notes the Director-General's decision to establish a UNESCO Office for Iraq, initially located in Amman and, as soon as the situation permits, to be relocated in Baghdad;
9. Thanks all concerned Member States, NGOs, IGOs and foundations for their substantial contributions to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people and appeals to them to continue to assist UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction processes in Iraq;
10. Invites the Director-General to provide a progress report to it thereon at its 170th session.