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

PART I

1. The Programme and External Relations Commission (PX) held 8 meetings between 7 and 12 October 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 4 October 2004 and, pursuant to Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, elected Mr Louis Steven Obeegadoo (Mauritius) temporary Chairman. The document containing the draft decisions is divided into two parts. The first reflects the draft decisions recommended for adoption during the meetings held from 7 to 9 October and the morning of 11 October 2004. The second part reflects the decisions recommended for adoption during the meetings held in the afternoon of 11 October and on 12 October 2004.

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- 3.6.4 The misuse of religious symbols and expressions (170 EX/36 and Add.)

- 4.1 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) (170 EX/12 Part IA and Addenda and Corr., B and C and Part II, 170 EX/INF.3 and 170 EX/INF.4)
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3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (170 EX/4 Part I and Add., 170 EX/INF.3 and 170 EX/INF.4)

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 170 EX/4 Part I and Add., 170 EX/INF.3 and 170 EX/INF.4,
- 2. Takes note of their contents.

3.2 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (170 EX/5 Part I, 170 EX/INF.3 and 170 EX/INF.4)

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 documents 170 EX/5 Part I, 170 EX/INF.3 and 170 EX/INF.4,
- 2. Takes note of their contents.

3.3 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme and budget during the previous biennium (2002-2003 – 33 C/3) – Programme aspects (170 EX/6)

4. 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 VI.3(b) of the Constitution and 162 EX/Decision 3.1.3,
2. Having examined 170 EX/6 (draft document 33 C/3),
3. Recognizing that document 170 EX/6 is an essential part of the ongoing strengthening of the report of the Director-General on the performance of the programme in previous biennia,
4. Notes that 170 EX/6 makes good progress in assessing the programme performance of the Organization;
5. Further notes that the process adopted highlighted possibilities for further improvements to the C/3 document as a management and governance tool shifting the focus to a more results-based reporting;
6. Invites the Director-General to build on the approach taken in preparing this document to strengthen UNESCO's reporting of its performance against its principal objectives, as well as its wider impact;
7. Further invites the Director-General to use document 33 C/3 in decision-making regarding the future activities of the Organization, specifically the next Programme and Budget (33 C/5).

3.4.1 Report by the Director-General on the modalities of implementing South-South cooperation and solidarity in the field of education and on the feasibility study for the creation of a fund thereon – Programme aspects (170 EX/7 Rev.)

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 167 EX/Decision 3.3.2,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/7 Rev.,
3. Takes note of UNESCO's ongoing and past activities in the field of education contributing to South-South cooperation;
4. Encourages Member States to explore possibilities for bilateral South-South cooperation initiatives;

5. Requests the Director-General, within the context of UNESCO's principal priorities and its objectives for the Education Sector to:
 - (a) strengthen and widen UNESCO's existing modalities for South-South initiatives;
 - (b) develop the triangular cooperation as a variant for the processes of South-South cooperation, building on existing initiatives;
 - (c) continue to perform the role of facilitator, innovator and catalyst for South-South cooperation including through further pilot projects;
 - (d) pursue his efforts to increase the use of consultants from the South in the activities of the Organization;
 - (e) promote, facilitate, advocate and strengthen Member States' own efforts in the context of South-South cooperation in education;
 - (f) emphasize South-South cooperation in education taking into account an intersectoral approach when preparing and implementing document 33 C/5;
 - (g) broaden and strengthen the cooperation with NGOs and civil society in order to take South-South cooperation beyond the traditional government-to-government alliances.

3.4.2 Report by the Director-General on the strategic review of UNESCO's post-Dakar role in Education for All (EFA) (170 EX/8)

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

The Executive Board,

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1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 3.4.4,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/8,
3. Taking note of the outcomes of the strategic review of UNESCO's post-Dakar follow-up role in EFA and the specific lines of action already taken or planned to be taken by the Director-General,
4. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts made to undertake the strategic review and to prepare this document in a very short space of time;
5. Welcomes the main findings, conclusions and prospective actions outlined in the document;
6. Urges the Director-General to lead efforts to translate the review's conclusions into specific actions to clarify UNESCO's lead coordinating role in the Dakar follow-up process and to develop a more strategic vision of UNESCO's own activities at the global, regional and country level;

7. Also urges the Director-General to develop a leading advocacy role for UNESCO where the Organization acts as global champion for education efforts worldwide, raising the international profile of education challenges and galvanizing international efforts;
8. Recognizing that EFA is a collective enterprise, further urges the Director-General to initiate consultations with all key stakeholders to achieve a greater degree of clarity, cohesion and mutual recognition regarding their respective roles and responsibilities as defined in the Dakar framework for action, in reaching the EFA goals and education-related MDGs and to facilitate the preparation of a comprehensive mapping and implementation plan of the current and future contributions of each partner towards reaching these goals, to be placed before the Executive Board at its 171st session;
9. Acknowledges that the Director-General will develop, on the basis of the global exercise, a strategy for the 2005-2015 period and corresponding results-based yearly implementation plans of EFA tasks, including all regional initiatives, in close association with the elaboration of the implementation plans of the United Nations Literacy Decade and the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, and that information regarding this strategy and implementation plans will be placed before the Executive Board at its 171st session;
10. Requests the Director-General to initiate measures to strengthen the capacity of UNESCO staff at all levels to coordinate EFA tasks and to align the preparation of draft document 33 C/5 to this strategy, including scenarios for different resources and staffing levels;
11. Calls upon the international community (developing and developed countries, bilateral and multilateral donors, international organizations and civil society) to implement its commitment in Dakar to ensure that no country seriously committed to education for all should be hindered by lack of financing, and to ensure cooperation with UNESCO in its efforts to implement an agreed strategy and implementation plan so that the EFA goals may be reached;
12. Invites the Director-General to report regularly to the Executive Board on the implementation of the measures to reinforce the capacities of the Organization and improve its performance of its post-Dakar role in EFA.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Aware that education is one of the fundamental rights of the individual and that it plays a leading role in the economic, political, social and cultural development of countries,
2. Recalling that today approximately 550 million women and 300 million men are illiterate,
3. Considering that illiteracy is one of the principal obstacles to the economic and social progress of the developing countries,
4. Considering also that its eradication is an objective in harmony with the full enjoyment of human rights, the Medium-Term Strategy of UNESCO, the Dakar Framework for Action, and the UNESCO Programme and Budget for 2004-2005,

5. Bearing in mind the United Nations Literacy Decade, now in progress, which was proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 2001 for the years 2003 to 2012,
6. Decides:
 - (a) to endorse the convening of the first World Congress on Literacy which, under the auspices of UNESCO, will be held in Havana, Cuba from 31 January to 4 February 2005;
 - (b) to invite the education authorities of the Member States of UNESCO to participate actively in the work of the Congress.

3.5.1 Report by the Director-General on the drawing up of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics (170 EX/9 and Add.)

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. Bearing in mind the timetable for drawing up the declaration on universal norms on bioethics which it approved at its 169th session (169 EX/Decision 3.6.2),
2. Having considered documents 170 EX/9 and Add. and its annex,
3. Congratulates the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and particularly its Drafting Group for the quality of the work carried out;
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the open and transparent process of preparation of the future declaration and welcomes the efforts made to involve United Nations organizations, including OHCHR, FAO, WHO, WIPO, WTO and UNEP, and other intergovernmental organizations concerned with bioethics in the preparatory process;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue preparatory work on a declaration on universal norms on bioethics and to report to it at its 171st session;
6. Further invites the Director-General to convene in 2005 meetings of government experts (category II) aimed at finalizing a draft of the declaration;
7. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate, with the right to vote, in the meetings of government experts (category II) held to finalize a draft declaration on universal norms on bioethics will be extended to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the meetings, as defined above, will be extended to the States mentioned in paragraph 14 of document 170 EX/9 Add.;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the meetings, as defined above, will be sent to Palestine, as stated in paragraph 15 of document 170 EX/9 Add.;

- (d) that invitations to send observers to the meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system which are listed in paragraph 16 of document 170 EX/9 Add.;
- (e) that invitations to send observers to the meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations which are listed in paragraph 17 of document 170 EX/9 Add.;
- (f) that the Director-General is authorized to issue any additional invitation that he may deem conducive to the work of the group of government experts, informing the Executive Board thereof.

3.6.2 Kitâb Fî Jarîda under the umbrella of the Arabia Plan – Programme aspects (170 EX/11 Rev.)

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. Having examined document 170 EX/11 Rev.
2. Considering that the Arabia Plan and the *Kitâb Fî Jarîda* project already constitute complementary actions contributing to improved dissemination of Arabic knowledge and culture,
3. Considering that the operations of the *Kitâb Fî Jarîda* project do not give rise to any financial costs or administrative or legal commitments on the part of UNESCO,
4. Recommending that, in its new form, the *Kitâb Fî Jarîda* project publish a handbook for the general public to make its objectives better known,
5. Takes note of the continuous operations of *Kitâb Fî Jarîda* as an autonomous entity, which would consolidate and contribute to the realization of the objectives of the Arabia Plan not only in the Arab region but also beyond.

3.6.3 Networks of Creative Cities within the Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity – Programme aspects (170 EX/18 (Rev. in French and Spanish only))

9. 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 the importance for UNESCO of strengthening partnerships with cities and local governments,
2. Recognizing that the Creative Cities initiative would be consistent with the objectives and modalities of UNESCO's Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity,

3. Having examined document 170 EX/18 and Rev.
4. Notes the increasingly evolving role of cities in the promotion of cultural diversity;
5. Thanks the city of Edinburgh for this valuable initiative;
6. Acknowledges the potential for a world network of Creative Cities to strengthen the development of local cultural industries, to promote active cooperation among cities and local governments, and to contribute to UNESCO's visibility in Member States;
7. Invites the Director-General to authorize the launch of the Creative Cities networking initiative, within the framework of the Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity, and on the understanding that there will be no financial or administrative or legal implications for the regular budget of UNESCO.

8.4 Report by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) on achieving the universal primary education goal of the Millennium Declaration (170 EX/35)

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 129 EX/Decision 3.3.1,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/35 and taking into consideration the JIU's report that has been represented,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the JIU as well as the comments by the Director-General on these,
4. Invites the Director-General to refine his response in the light of the continuing work on the Strategic Review of UNESCO's contribution to EFA activities and incorporate his revised response in the presentation to the 171st session of the Executive Board of the follow-up to the EFA Strategic Review.

9.2 Joint United Nations programme of assistance to Afghanistan (170 EX/32)

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. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 7.1.7,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/32,
3. Appreciates the efforts made by the Organization to respond to Afghanistan's reconstruction and rehabilitation needs in its fields of competence;
4. Invites the Director-General to integrate Afghanistan fully into the priorities of UNESCO and further strengthen assistance, particularly by building capacities in all

parts of the country, and inform the Executive Board by providing to it a comprehensive report to that effect;

5. Further requests the Director-General to seek technical and financial assistance from NGOs and private sectors for the purpose of helping Afghanistan in UNESCO's fields of competence;
6. Calls upon Member States to provide increased extrabudgetary resources, for the Organization to upscale its assistance to Afghanistan.

9.5 A programme for languages at UNESCO – *Programme aspects* (170 EX/17)

12. After considering this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission transmitted its recommendation to the Finance and Administrative Commission which examined this item later.

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2. At the suggestion of its Chairman 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 32 C/Resolution 39 and 169 EX/Decision 3.7.1, 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. Taking note of document 170 EX/10 Rev. concerning Jerusalem,
4. Expressing its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained and praiseworthy efforts to implement 32 C/Resolution 39 of the General Conference as well as 169 EX/Decision 3.7.1 of the Executive Board concerning the safeguarding of the Old City of Jerusalem and inviting him to pursue his efforts to obtain their implementation,

5. Expresses its deep concern at the obstacles and actions which seriously undermine the protection of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, and calls for the full observance of the provisions of 32 C/Resolution 39 and of 169 EX/Decision 3.7.1 aimed at the safeguarding of this heritage;
6. Requests the Director-General to continue his efforts towards the establishment of a centre for the conservation of Islamic manuscripts in the al-Ashrafiya Madrasa on the Esplanade of the Mosques (al-Haram ash-Sharif);
7. Encourages the Director-General to continue his efforts for the establishment as soon as possible of an international committee of independent experts, highly qualified technically and professionally, entrusted with proposing the guidelines of the programmed plan of action and proposals for its implementation, and to do so in consultation with the parties concerned;
8. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 171st session.

3.6.4 The misuse of religious symbols and expressions (170 EX/36 and Add.)

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 the mandate set out by the Constitution of UNESCO,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/36,
3. Reaffirms its commitment to foster an environment for a true dialogue among peoples through mutual respect for all cultures, civilizations and religions;
4. Invites the Director-General to take necessary measures through UNESCO's existing programmes and activities to foster dialogue among civilizations so as to create more awareness among peoples and the authorities concerned of the sensitivities of all communities and the necessity to respect the diversity of cultures, in particular with regard to the use of religious symbols, images and expressions, especially for commercial purposes;
5. Recommends that the General Conference at its 33rd session adopt a resolution on this subject.

4.1 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) (170 EX/12 Part I (A and Addenda and Corr., B and C) and Part II, 170 EX/INF.3 and 170 EX/INF.4)

4. Following consideration of this item, the Programme and External Relations Commission transmitted the summary of the debate to the Drafting Group, so that its contents be taken into consideration during the Drafting Group's work.

5. After having examined 170 EX/PX/DR.5, the Programme and External Relations Commission recommended that the Executive Board adopt the following decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to 31 C/Resolution 39 and 32 C/Resolution 47 of the General Conference,
2. Noting the increasing alarm worldwide due to continuing acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations which threaten peace, jeopardize human life and human rights, and destabilize States and entire regions of the world in constant disregard of the principles and values of the Charter of the United Nations, the Constitution of UNESCO and the UNESCO Declaration of Principles on Tolerance,
3. Deeply concerned by the acts of terrorism committed in all parts of the world, which have resulted in many innocent victims, including thousands of children,
4. Expressing profound dismay at the frequent attacks by extremists on the world's cultural, historical and religious heritage,
5. Affirms that while acts of terrorism can never be justified whatever the motives and also notes that one of the causes of any form of extremism lies in the lack of knowledge of others and intolerance towards the rich diversity of the world's cultures,
6. Reaffirming the need for international cooperation in this regard and convinced that UNESCO can, in accordance with its mandate, and within its areas of competence, take concrete measures in an attempt to address this challenge,
7. Stresses the importance of taking stock of existing mechanisms within UNESCO and of identifying potential mechanisms for the promotion of dialogue among peoples through a better reciprocal knowledge of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity, in order to address one of the causes of extremism;
8. Invites the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 171st session a report on its existing work in this area and a range of specific and results-oriented proposals, for consideration by the Board for integration into the priorities of the Organization in the draft version of document 33 C/5.

5.2 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2002-2003 biennium (170 EX/14)

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 167 EX/Decision 3.1.4 and 169 EX/Decision 4.4,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/14 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 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 the Executive Board 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.

7.9 Draft Statutes of the Advisory Committee on Works of Art (ACWA) – Administrative and financial aspects (170 EX/27 and Corr.)

7. Following discussion of this item, and after having considered 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 160 EX/Decision 7.9 and 161 EX/Decision 7.9,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/27 and Corr.,
3. Approves the Statutes of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art annexed to this decision;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it on the activities of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art in respect of the results of its work and its recommendations.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR WORKS OF ART

Article 1

An Advisory Committee for Works of Art owned by UNESCO, hereafter referred to as "the Committee", is hereby established.

Article 2 – Functions

The Committee shall:

- advise the Organization on the development and implementation of the procedure applicable to acceptance, inventories, present location, and maintenance of donations, bequests, gifts of works of art, antiquities and artefacts offered to UNESCO;
- advise the Director-General on the artistic value and the possible technical implications for the Organization of donations, the artistic and financial consequences of accepting donations, management, security problems related to donations and all other matters related thereto;
- assist the Organization in defining the needs for the upkeep of works of art and related mobilization of extrabudgetary resources.

Article 3 – Membership and term of office

- 3.1 The Committee shall be composed of six high-level experts particularly competent in the various disciplines and specializations relating to the cultural and artistic pluralism of the various geographical regions.
- 3.2 The members shall be appointed by the Director-General taking into consideration equitable geographical distribution. The members shall be independent and shall sit in a personal capacity. The members will serve on a voluntary basis.
- 3.3 The term of office of Committee members shall be four years.
- 3.4 In the event of resignation, incapacity, death or any other circumstance in which the term of office of a Committee member is cut short, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Article 4 – Observers

The Committee may invite observers to its sessions.

Article 5 – Sessions and agenda

- 5.1 The Director-General shall convene an ordinary session of the Committee once a year in principle. He/she may convene extraordinary sessions.
- 5.2 The Director-General shall establish the agenda for the sessions of the Committee after consultation with the Committee's Chairperson.

Article 6 – Recommendations

- 6.1 After each session, the Committee shall submit to the Director-General a report on its work and recommendations. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board once a year of the results of the work of the Committee in due course.
- 6.2 The Committee's recommendations shall be adopted by consensus. Any member of the Committee shall have the right to record a dissenting opinion.

Article 7 – Bureau

- 7.1 The Committee shall elect its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur, who shall together constitute its Bureau.
- 7.2 The members elected to the Bureau shall exercise their functions until the second session following their election.
- 7.3 Outgoing members of the Bureau shall be eligible for re-election.
- 7.4 The Director-General shall convene the meetings of the Bureau.
- 7.5 In the interval between sessions, the Bureau shall ensure the execution of tasks entrusted to it by the Committee.

Article 8 – Secretariat

- 8.1 The Director-General shall appoint members of the UNESCO Secretariat to represent him/her on the Committee and the Bureau, without the right to vote.

8.2 The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the UNESCO Secretariat.

Article 9 – Rules of Procedure

The Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure at its first session. They shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.

Article 10 – Amendments

The Statutes of the Committee may be modified by the Executive Board on its own initiative or in response to a proposal by the Director-General.

Article 11 – End of the term of office

The Committee shall cease to function after an initial four-year term and may be reinstated only with the approval of the Executive Board, following the Director-General's report on the Committee's activities.

8.1 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of 32 C/Resolutions 50, 51 and 52 concerning strengthening cooperation with the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (170 EX/28 Part I, Part II, Part III)

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

PART I – ANGOLA

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 50 on strengthening cooperation with Angola,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/28, Part I,
3. Stressing the need to continue to support the peace-building efforts of the Angolan Government, in particular in the fields of education, culture, science and communication,
4. Appreciates the contribution that UNESCO, in close liaison with the agencies of the United Nations system and multilateral and bilateral partners, is making to reconstruction and national reconciliation in Angola;
5. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts that he has made to carry out cooperation activities in the Organization's fields of competence and invites him to further strengthen the mobilization of partners and extrabudgetary resources in aid of the country;
6. Also invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 33rd session a full report on all the activities carried out during the biennium to strengthen cooperation with Angola.

PART II – CÔTE D’IVOIRE

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 51 on strengthening cooperation with Côte d’Ivoire,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/28, Part II,
3. Stressing the need to continue to monitor very closely the post-conflict situation in Côte d’Ivoire, in particular in the fields of education, culture, science and communication,
4. Expresses its appreciation for the contribution that is being made by UNESCO, in close liaison with the agencies of the United Nations system and bilateral partners, to assist in the reconstruction efforts in Côte d’Ivoire;
5. Takes note of this preliminary report by the Director-General and invites him to strengthen further the mobilization of partners and extrabudgetary resources for Côte d’Ivoire;
6. Further invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 33rd session a full report on all the activities carried out during the biennium to strengthen cooperation with Côte d’Ivoire.

PART III – DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 52 adopted by the General Conference on strengthening cooperation with the Democratic Republic of the Congo,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/28, Part III,
3. Taking note of the interim report by the Director-General and appreciating UNESCO’s efforts with a view to reconstruction and reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,
4. Extends its thanks to the Member States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations that are contributing to the implementation of the strategy for cooperation between UNESCO and the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
5. Encourages the Director-General to continue the action that he has taken to mobilize the entire international community and various bilateral and multilateral partners in support of reconstruction in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference, at its 33rd session, a full report on activities carried out in the 2004-2005 biennium with a view to the reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

9.1 Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (170 EX/31 (and Corr. in English only))

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 30 C/Resolution 44, and Article IV.1(e) of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS),
2. Having examined the report by the Governing Board of the UIS on the activities of the Institute since June 2003,
3. Welcomes the achievements of the Institute in the last year;
4. Acknowledges the improvement in the range of data collected by the UIS Governing Board to support the UIS in enlarging its scope by including more qualitative indicators;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the Governing Board of the UIS; and
6. Further invites the UIS Governing Board to report to it at its 172nd session, including to report on financial and human resources.

9.3 Implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and of 169 EX/Decision 8.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (170 EX/33 Rev.)

10. At the suggestion of its Chairman 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 32 C/Resolution 54 and 169 EX/Decision 8.1,
2. Having examined the report of the Director-General (170 EX/33 Rev.),
3. 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 the right of children to education,
4. Also recalling the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols,
5. Further 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, historical and natural heritage,
6. Considering the need for safe access of Palestinians to the educational system, and recalling the consequences of the “recent measures” which affect the fulfilment of this need,

7. Deeply concerned about the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflicts,
8. Recalling 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 and Decision 169 EX/8.1;
10. Regrets the delays as regards the implementation of some parts of certain resolutions and decisions of UNESCO, and requests the Director-General to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented;
11. Requests that the necessary measures be taken so as to eliminate obstacles that hinder the functioning of certain Palestinian educational establishments;
12. Expresses its deep concern at the obstacles and actions which seriously undermine the cultural and natural heritage, cultural and educational institutions, and the Palestinians’ right to education and calls for the full observance of the provisions of 32 C/Resolution 54 and of 169 EX/Decision 8.1;
13. Expresses its satisfaction for the reactivation, since the last session of the Board, of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP), which had long been suspended;
14. Requests the Director-General to continue to reinforce his action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian cultural heritage and archaeological sites;
15. 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 Approved);
16. Thanks the Director-General for having established the Task Force on Reconstruction and Reconciliation in the Middle East in UNESCO’s fields of competence and for having reactivated the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee;
17. 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 resources;
18. Calls on the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee to continue its efforts for convening a donor meeting in order to have additional capacities to achieve the objectives set out in this decision;
19. 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;

20. 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;
21. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 171st session.

9.4 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq (170 EX/34)

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. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 8.2,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/34,
3. Emphasizing the need to reinforce UNESCO's activities in favour of the Iraqi people in the new context created by the establishment of a sovereign and independent Interim Government,
4. Recalling the major responsibility entrusted to UNESCO in the fields of education, culture and other activities within the United Nations response for the reconstruction of Iraq,
5. Thanks the Director-General for the results achieved, in particular in the implementation of ongoing educational, cultural and other activities and the mobilization of substantial extrabudgetary contributions and requests the Director-General to implement forthwith all UNESCO projects approved and funded by the UNDG Trust Fund;
6. Appreciates the Secretariat's role in organizing 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 and the First Cultural Forum for Iraq on 26 and 27 May 2004 and requests the Director-General to closely monitor the implementation of the ICC recommendations and to assist the Iraqi authorities in organizing the Second Cultural Forum for Iraq in Baghdad;
7. Also requests the Director-General to fully support the Interim Government of Iraq in the implementation of educational, cultural and other reforms and reconstructions, as well as to continue to support its capacity-building for activating its membership in UNESCO, including its National Commission for UNESCO, and to ensure UNESCO's full presence in Iraq, as soon as the security situation permits;
8. 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;
9. Invites the Director-General to present a progress report to it thereon at its 171st session.