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INITIAL SPECIAL REPORTS BY MEMBER STATES
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE
SAFEGUARDING OF TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND FOLKLORE

SUMMARY

This document reproduces the only two initial special reports forwarded by Member States as at 30 August 1991 on the action taken by them upon the above-mentioned Recommendation.

Decision required: paragraph 9.

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INTRODUCTION

1. Article VIII of the Constitution lays down that Member States shall submit to the Organization, at such time and in such manner as shall be determined by the General Conference, reports on the action taken by them upon the recommendations and conventions referred to in Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution; in accordance with Article IV, paragraph 6, of the Constitution, these reports are considered by the General Conference.
2. Article 16 of the 'Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution' stipulates in this regard, firstly, that these reports on the action taken upon recommendations and conventions shall be 'special reports', and, secondly, that initial special reports shall be transmitted not later than two months prior to the first ordinary session of the General Conference following that at which such recommendation or convention was adopted.
3. At its twenty-fifth session the General Conference adopted, on 1 November 1989 the Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore.
4. Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution provides that each of the Member States shall submit recommendations or conventions adopted by the General Conference to its 'competent authorities' within a period of one year from the close of the session of the General Conference at which they were adopted. For this purpose, certified true copies of the above-mentioned instrument were transmitted to Member States by letter CL/3205 of 14 February 1990.
5. In accordance with the instructions of the General Conference at its thirteenth session, and with a view to assisting governments of Member States in preparing special reports along the lines indicated by the General Conference, the Director-General prepared a document for the benefit of the governments of Member States containing 'the various provisions of the Constitution and the regulations applicable, together with the other suggestions that the General Conference itself has found it necessary to formulate, at its earlier sessions, concerning the submission of conventions and recommendations to the competent authorities'. This document is entitled 'Memorandum concerning the obligation to submit conventions and recommendations adopted by the General Conference to the "competent authorities"' and the submission of initial special reports on the action taken upon these conventions and recommendations.
6. The Director-General informed Member States of the foregoing, and forwarded to them copies of the above-mentioned memorandum, by letter CL/3249 of 8 April 1991 requesting them to send the special reports to reach him within the time-limit prescribed by the Rules of Procedure, that is, no later than 15 August 1991.
7. As at 30 August 1991 special reports on the Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore had been received from two Member States.
8. In accordance with Article 32, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, initial special reports relating to Conventions and Recommendations are considered by the Legal Committee.
9. Under the terms of Articles 17, 18 and 19 of the 'Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions

covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution', the General Conference is required to consider the special reports submitted by Member States in connection with the Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore and to embody its comments in one or more general reports, which shall be transmitted to Member States, to the United Nations, to National Commissions and to any other authorities specified by the General Conference.

JAPAN

INITIAL SPECIAL REPORT OF JAPAN TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO MEMBER STATES ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION (1989)

Convention on Technical and Vocational Education (adopted on 10 November 1989)

Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore (adopted on 15 November 1989)

1. The Japanese translation of the certified copies of the Convention and the Recommendation has been submitted to the competent national authority.
2. The competent national authority is the Diet.
3. The following steps have been taken:
 - (1) the Japanese Government has made the Japanese translation of the text of the Convention and the Recommendation and distributed it to all the members of the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors;
 - (2) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has distributed the translation to all the Ministries and Agencies of the Government and to the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO;
 - (3) the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO has reproduced the translation and distributed it to the local public bodies and other public or private institutions concerned, with a view to making the Convention and the Recommendation known as widely as possible.

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REPORT ON THE CONVENTION ON TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE SAFEGUARDING OF TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND FOLKLORE, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

1. The above-mentioned Convention and Recommendation have been submitted to the competent national authorities.
2. The competent national authorities (Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport) have not taken any special steps to implement the two instruments, as existing statutory measures already cover their purposes satisfactorily.