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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (154 EX/1, 154 EX/INF.1 and 154 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 154 EX/1 and 154 EX/INF.1.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items of its agenda to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.1 (Parts I and II), 3.2, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.3.4, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.4, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 4.5, 7.1, 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.4, 7.5, 7.7, 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.1 (Parts II and III), 3.4.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7.6 and, for administrative and financial aspects, items 3.2, 3.4.4, 4.5 and 7.4.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 154 EX/2 concerning the following agenda items:

- 7.8 Relations with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and Draft Memorandum of Co-operation between this organization and UNESCO (154 EX/34)
- 7.10 Relations with the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) and Draft Memorandum of Understanding between UNESCO and that Commission (154 EX/45)
- 7.11 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) (154 EX/46)

The Executive Board decided to defer to its 155th session consideration of item 7.2 - Co-operation between UNESCO and the National Commissions.

(154 EX/SR.1)

2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 152nd AND 153rd SESSIONS (152 EX/SR.1-12 and 153 EX/SR.1-2)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 152nd and 153rd sessions.

(154 EX/SR.1)

3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (154 EX/4, Part I and Corr., Part II and Part III and Add., 154 EX/4 Add., 154 EX/INF.3, 154 EX/INF.4, 154 EX/51 and 154 EX/52)

A

Execution of the programme

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 154 EX/4, Part II and Part III and Add., 154 EX/4 Add., 154 EX/INF.3 and 154 EX/INF.4,
2. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 88 on the working methods of the Executive Board,
3. Conscious of its responsibilities with regard to programme implementation,
4. Considering that, in order to discharge such responsibilities effectively, the Executive Board must be provided with pertinent information enabling it to evaluate both the progress of the Organization's work - measured in terms of the achievement of the results anticipated by Member States through the Organization's actions - and the Secretariat's performance,
5. Noting that, according to paragraph 67 of document 154 EX/4, Part II, the Director-General has started to introduce a new integrated programming/budgeting/monitoring system, underlines the need for the Executive Board to be kept fully informed of the progress;

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6. Invites the Director-General to take into account, when reporting to the Executive Board on the execution of the Programme and Budget adopted by the General Conference, the need to include in such reports, as soon as possible and as a first step, the following information in summary form, for each main line of action and for each action:
 - (a) issues identified and objective pursued;
 - (b) expected results;
 - (c) number and type of activities fully or partly implemented and funded under the regular programme; and
 - (d) number and type of financial and/or human resources, indicating reasons for significant differences between resources estimated and resources allocated;
7. Further invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the present decision to it at its 155th session;

II

8. Notes that, after the adjustments and transfers made at the end of the biennium for the purpose of closing the accounts for 1996-1997 (see document 154 EX/21), the expenditures of the biennium were within the limits authorized through appropriations approved by the General Conference and adjusted by the Executive Board;
9. Further notes the significant overruns of expenditure as at 31 December 1997 under some objects of expenditure, which are mainly costs related to personnel services, over the provisions contained in Appendix II of document 28 C/5 Approved, and therefore requests the Director-General to increase his efforts for further efficient delivery of programmes in the execution of document 29 C/5 Approved, on the understanding that the reports on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference will contain the same breakdown of objects of expenditure as contained in document 154 EX/4 (Part III), Table 3;

III

10. Notes with regret that, owing to the failure of Members to pay their contributions on time, the Director-General again borrowed money during the 1996-1997 biennium with net interest cost totalling \$2.1 million which was deducted from miscellaneous income to the disadvantage of Member States that pay promptly;
11. Notes with concern that information provided in document 154 EX/INF.3 (Part II) on the implementation of the Information Resources Development Plan (IRDP) does not fully comply with 29 C/Resolution 90 and that, in particular, it does not provide information on the assistance given to the National Commissions in this context.

(154 EX/SR.6)

B

Education for All in the nine high-population (E-9) countries

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 145 EX/Decision 4.1 in which it asked the Director-General to submit to it at each of its sessions a report about UNESCO-led activities in the nine high-population (E-9) countries relating to Education for All (EFA),
2. Having taken note of the oral report by the Director-General about UNESCO's contribution to the E-9 Initiative, and acknowledging with satisfaction the continued progress reported by UNESCO in the E-9 countries since the EFA Summit in New Delhi in 1993, including rising school enrolments and literacy rates, especially for girls, and declining population growth rates,
3. Welcomes UNESCO's continued efforts to develop through its offices in the E-9 countries EFA programmes in the priority areas of girls' and women's education, literacy and teacher training, and expresses its appreciation of the Organization's efforts to this effect resulting in the establishment of well functioning offices in

each of the nine countries and the provision thereof with sufficient funds to implement those ambitious programmes;

4. Confirms the full commitment of the E-9 countries, as stated in the Joint Communiqué adopted by the Ministers of Education or their representatives in Islamabad on 16 September 1997, to basic education as a fundamental human right and as a central factor in ensuring sustainable livelihoods and the eradication of poverty, and in breaking the cycle of gender inequity, marginalization and exclusion;
5. Reaffirms the need to share EFA knowledge and experience developed by the E-9 countries, with a view to making relevant and innovative practice better known to other countries confronted with similar problems, paying special attention in this respect to distance education and modern technologies for basic education, street and working children, literacy and post literacy, and women's education, and, in so doing, making provision for translating relevant publications into national languages in order to enhance the impact of sharing and participating;
6. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Mexico for having invited the E-9 countries to attend a conference in November 1998 on 'women and their role as educators', and recommends that UNESCO give full support to this conference;
7. Stresses the importance of the next E-9 Ministerial Review Meeting scheduled to take place in Brazil in 1999, and invites UNESCO to provide full support to the E-9 countries in undertaking for this purpose a comprehensive assessment of EFA progress.

(154 EX/SR.7)

C

Co-operation with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/4 (Part I, para. 59),
2. Bearing in mind the statements made on Tuesday, 28 April 1998 before the Executive Board by Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and Professor Luc Montagnier, co-discoverer of the AIDS virus and President of the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention,
3. Recalling that UNESCO occupies the Chair of the Committee of Co-sponsoring Organizations of the UNAIDS Programme until 30 June 1998,
4. Conscious of the danger represented by the spread of the epidemic in many countries, especially in the developing countries,

5. Considering the urgency, in the interests of the international community as a whole, of responding to the challenge of the AIDS epidemic with which millions of human beings are faced,
6. Expressing its deep concern at the great difficulty experienced by HIV-positive people in the developing countries in gaining access to the new forms of treatment, and considering that everything must be done to eliminate this discrimination,
7. Thanks Dr Peter Piot and Professor Luc Montagnier for the efforts they have made to expand and intensify action to combat AIDS;
8. Congratulates the Director-General on the initiatives taken on behalf of UNESCO in support of these efforts;
9. Urges the Member States and the competent international organizations to adopt policies and release appropriate funds to render the fight against AIDS more effective at national, regional and world levels:
 - (a) by stepping up preventive action through education, scientifically rigorous information and participation by the local community, while showing respect for cultural values;
 - (b) by continuing research efforts, in order to make treatment accessible to all, by strengthening research capacities, chiefly in the developing countries, and by developing an effective vaccine;
 - (c) by creating, particularly in the developing countries, local structures to ensure the proper use of treatment and the monitoring of its effectiveness;
10. Invites the Director-General to make proposals concerning:
 - (a) the strengthening, in UNESCO's programmes, of actions that contribute to combating the epidemic, in particular by taking steps to ensure that population groups particularly affected by HIV/AIDS can benefit from the research efforts and means of prevention;
 - (b) the continuation of his support to the UNAIDS Programme by assisting Member States' efforts in UNESCO's fields of competence;
 - (c) the continuation, in particular through the scientific network set up by the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention, of the research efforts of the UNESCO programme 'Man against Virus', which may be revised to include emergent diseases;
11. Also invites the Director-General to report to it at its 156th session.

(154 EX/SR.7)

D

**Third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials
Responsible for Physical Activities and Sport**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/4 Add. (para. 21),
2. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 3.5.3,
3. Bearing in mind the spirit of the recommendations of the second International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS II), which was held in Moscow in 1988,
4. Bearing in mind also 29 C/Resolution 19 regarding the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS),
5. Emphasizing the new and higher profile which the Director-General wishes to give to UNESCO's action concerning sports activities,
6. Recognizing the importance of strengthening efforts to combat all forms of violence in sports competitions and to defend the ethical dimension of sport, mutual respect and solidarity,
7. Aware of the needs of the developing countries with regard to the incorporation of physical and sports activities in their education systems,
8. Greatly appreciating the offer of the Government of Uruguay to host the third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Activities and Sport in December 1999,
9. Invites the Director-General to convene this Conference (category II), with a view to examining the role of physical activities and sport as instruments of development, peace, solidarity and international co-operation;
10. Further invites the Director-General to carry out, in conjunction with the Uruguayan Government, a feasibility study, without budgetary implications, relating to the financial, logistical and practical aspects of the organization of the Conference and to submit it to the General Conference at its 30th session;
11. Also invites the Member States to co-operate in carrying out that study and in ensuring the success of the Conference.

(154 EX/SR.7)

E

Bolshoi Theatre project

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the importance of promoting cultural creativity and protecting the cultural heritage,
2. Underlining the need to support major cultural centres which are of worldwide significance,
3. Recognizing the unique artistic and architectural value of the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow and its contribution to the world cultural heritage,
4. Noting that the Director-General has been requested to launch an international fund-raising campaign for the Bolshoi Theatre (154 EX/4, Part I, para. 158),
5. Congratulates the Director-General for adopting a strategy for an international awareness campaign;
6. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to launch an international fund-raising and awareness campaign for the Bolshoi Theatre;
 - (b) to mobilize extrabudgetary funds for the Bolshoi Theatre project;
 - (c) to call on Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the implementation of this project.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.2 Report by the Director-General on the creation of a UNESCO International Institute for Statistics (154 EX/5 and Add. and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 154 EX/5 and Add.,
2. Takes note of the proposals contained in these documents concerning the objectives, functions, programmes and governance of the Institute as well as its managerial and financial arrangements;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to continue to ensure the transition from the present Division of Statistics to a UNESCO Institute for Statistics and to enable it to start its operation on an experimental basis;
4. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 155th session a report on the implementation of these measures including, in particular, more information on the administrative, managerial and financial aspects planned for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics;

5. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 156th session the draft statutes and the financial regulations for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.3 Education

3.3.1 United Nations University: Report by the Council of the University and the Director-General's comments thereon (154 EX/6 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note with interest of the annual reports for 1996 and 1997 of the Council of the United Nations University (UNU) and the Director-General's report (154 EX/6),
2. Acknowledges the outstanding contribution made by the former Rector of UNU, Professor Heitor Gurgulino de Souza, in the institutional and academic strengthening of the University and its networks as well as the furthering of co-operation with UNESCO;
3. Appreciates the active participation of UNU in joint activities with UNESCO;
4. Expresses satisfaction with the development of the programme and activities of UNU, and invites the University to strengthen its activities on behalf of the states and regions most in need of them;
5. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Japan for its continued financial and intellectual support to UNU and, especially through the Japanese funds-in-trust, its financial support for joint UNU and UNESCO projects, more particularly, for the holding of the regional consultations on higher education in preparation of the World Conference on Higher Education;
6. Expresses also its gratitude to the Member States which host Research and Training Centres (RTCs) and Programmes (RTPs) and other institutions of UNU for their continued financial and intellectual support;
7. Extends its thanks to those governments and organizations which have contributed to the endowment or operating funds of the University or of its research and training centres and programmes;
8. Expresses its full support to the newly appointed Rector of UNU, Professor Hans van Ginkel;
9. Reaffirms its recommendation for enhanced co-operation between UNESCO and the United Nations University, including the reinforcement of collaboration on the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme and further development of its concept, UNESCO's activities in the field of fellowships and 'study abroad', and the culture of peace programme, as well as the follow-up to such major meetings as the World Conference on Higher Education and the World Science Conference;

10. Invites the Director-General to communicate to the Chairman of the Council of the United Nations University and to the Rector the text of the present decision together with the relevant documents.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.3.2 Preparation of the World Conference on Higher Education (154 EX/7 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/7,
2. Appreciates the Director-General's efforts in relation to the preparatory work undertaken so far in connection with the organization of the World Conference on Higher Education;
3. Requests the Director-General to take its comments into account when preparing this Conference and, in particular, to prepare the rules of procedure for the Conference in the spirit of the provisions for category II meetings.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.3.3 Designation of four Members of the Executive Board to serve on the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (154 EX/8 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/8,
2. Recalling 143 EX/Decision 7.1.2 and 148 EX/Decision 7.1 in which it designated Members of the Executive Board to serve on the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education,
3. Decides to designate the following four Member States: Cuba, Yemen, Senegal and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to replace, respectively, El Salvador, Jordan, Nigeria and Switzerland.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.3.4 Malcolm Adiseshiah International Literacy Prize (154 EX/44 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/44,
2. Authorizes the Director-General to accept the generous offer contained therein, it being understood that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the General Rules governing the award of prizes for meritorious work in literacy, the official name of the prize will be settled by agreement between the donor and the Director-General, and it being further understood that in granting the award, as a literacy prize, special consideration will be given to Dr Adiseshiah's concern about educating low-income communities in rural and urban areas;

3. Expresses its warmest thanks to the Government of India for this contribution to the struggle against illiteracy.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.4 Science

3.4.1 Preparations for the holding of the World Science Conference (154 EX/9 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/9,
2. Appreciates the Director-General's efforts in relation to the preparatory work undertaken so far in connection with the organization of the World Science Conference;
3. Appreciates also the generous offer of the Government of Hungary to host the Conference;
4. Requests the Director-General to take its comments into account when preparing this Conference and, in particular, to prepare the rules of procedure for the Conference in the spirit of the provisions for category II meetings;
5. Invites the Director-General to report to it on the progress of the preparations for the World Science Conference at its 155th and 156th sessions.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.4.2 Establishment of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (154 EX/10 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/10,
2. Expresses the hope that the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology will contribute to the reinforcement of the Organization's ethical mission;
3. Invites the Director-General to seek full concertation within the United Nations system concerning the agenda of the World Commission, with a view to avoiding duplication of effort;
4. Approves the Statutes of the Commission, which are annexed hereto.

ANNEX

Statutes of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology

Article 1

A World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology, hereinafter called 'the Commission' (category V), is hereby established.

Article 2

The Commission shall be responsible for advising the Organization on its programme concerning the ethics of scientific knowledge and technology. It shall also be mandated:

to be an intellectual forum for the exchange of ideas and experience;

to detect on that basis the early signs of risk situations;

to perform the role of adviser to decision-makers in this respect; and, lastly,

to promote dialogue between scientific communities, decision-makers and the public at large.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be composed of 18 members, appointed by the Director-General following consultation with the National Commissions and Academies of Science of the Member States, and serving in a personal capacity. It shall have an open-ended structure and may bring in specialists on specific subjects.
2. The members shall be appointed for a four-year term, renewable once. In the event of the resignation or death of a Commission member, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the current term.
3. One half of the members of the Commission shall be replaced every two years. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, when appointing the first members of the Commission, the Director-General shall designate the nine members whose term shall expire on 31 December 2000.
4. The members of the Commission shall be chosen from among eminent personalities in the fields of science, professional engineering, law, philosophy, culture, religion or politics, having the competence and the authority necessary to fulfil the functions entrusted to the Commission, taking due account of geographical distribution and ensuring coverage of the various disciplines and schools of thought.
5. The Presidents of UNESCO's five intergovernmental scientific programmes (IOC, MAB, MOST, IGCP and IHP), of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and the Intergovernmental Committee, and those of the International Council of Philosophy and Human Sciences (ICPHS), the International Council of Social Sciences (ICSS), the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU)

and the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs shall be invited to participate in the work of the Commission.

6. The Commission shall define, in agreement with the Director-General, the conditions under which certain specialists, representatives of non-governmental organizations or personalities may be consulted in person, on the questions listed in its programme.

Article 4

1. The Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may participate as observers in the meetings of the Commission.
2. States which are not Members of UNESCO, but Members of the United Nations system organizations, may participate as observers in the Commission's meetings at the invitation of the Director-General.
3. The United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may participate as observers in the Commission's meetings.
4. The Commission shall define, in agreement with the Director-General, the conditions under which other intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations with purposes similar to those of the Commission may be invited to attend its debates.

Article 5

1. The Director-General shall convene the Commission in ordinary session once every two years. He/she may convene extraordinary sessions at the request of the President of the Commission and subject to the availability of the necessary resources.
2. The Director-General, in consultation with the Bureau of the Commission, shall set the date and place of each session.
3. Any Member State of UNESCO, or Member of one of the United Nations system organizations, may invite the Director-General to convene a session of the Commission on its territory.

Article 6

1. At each of its ordinary sessions, the Commission shall elect a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur, who shall form the Bureau of the Commission and shall remain in office until the following ordinary session.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, the Director-General shall appoint the first President of the Commission.
3. The Director-General shall convene the Bureau, in consultation with the President, and shall be represented at the Bureau's meetings.

Article 7

1. The Director-General shall provide the staff and the resources needed to ensure the operation of the Commission's secretariat.
2. The Director-General of UNESCO shall designate a member of the UNESCO Secretariat as the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

Article 8

1. The travel expenses and subsistence allowances payable to Commission members in connection with meetings shall be borne by UNESCO, in accordance with the applicable travel regulations.
2. The costs arising from the participation of specialists, in connection with any hearings requested by the Commission, shall be borne by UNESCO, in accordance with the applicable travel regulations.
3. The international non-governmental organizations invited to participate in the Commission's work shall bear the expenses arising from the participation of their representative in the Commission's sessions.
4. The running expenses of the Commission shall be financed by an allocation made for that purpose by the General Conference at each of its ordinary sessions or by extrabudgetary resources that states may donate for that purpose.

Article 9

1. The Commission shall establish its Rules of Procedure, which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.
2. The Director-General shall draw up the agenda of the Commission's sessions, after consultation with the President of the Commission.
3. After each session, the Commission shall submit to the Director-General a report on its work, and its recommendations. The Director-General shall transmit the results of the Commission's work to the governing bodies of the Organization, and to the bodies concerned by the Commission's proposals.

Article 10

The present Statutes may be modified by the Executive Board at its own initiative or on a proposal by the Director-General.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.4.3 Report on concrete measures implemented or being implemented to enable the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission to carry out its duties effectively (154 EX/11 and 154 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on concrete measures implemented or being implemented to enable the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) to carry out its duties effectively (154 EX/11),
2. Taking into account the fact that IOC is currently studying amendments to its Statutes and Rules of Procedure,
3. Recognizing the relevance, on grounds of efficiency and transparency, of establishing a framework which helps both to clarify and enhance the role of IOC within UNESCO,
4. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 156th session, in a single text, the administrative and financial arrangements consistent with the status of IOC as a body with functional autonomy within UNESCO, making reference, in particular, to the UNESCO provision on which each such arrangement is based.

(154 EX/SR.6)

3.4.4 Proposed transfer of the International Centre for Science and High Technology from UNIDO to UNESCO (154 EX/12 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/12,
2. Invites the Director-General to pursue negotiations with the Government of Italy and UNIDO in this respect, to report thereon and to provide financial and administrative information to it at its 155th session.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.5 Culture

3.5.1 Proposal by the Director-General concerning the criteria for the selection of spaces or forms of popular and traditional cultural expression that deserve to be proclaimed by UNESCO to be masterpieces of the oral heritage of humanity (154 EX/13 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article I of the Constitution of UNESCO,
2. Considering that the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (Paris, 1972) refers only to monuments, groups (of buildings) and sites (works of man or combined works of nature and man) and that it is not applicable to the intangible heritage,

3. Taking into account the provisions of the Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore, adopted by the General Conference at its 25th session in 1989, and the guide on Living Human Treasures,
4. Considering the oral and intangible heritage, composed of different traditional and popular forms of cultural expression produced and/or transmitted orally, as defined in paragraph A of the above-mentioned Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore, to which should be added, among the examples, traditional forms of communication and information,
5. Recognizing that the oral and intangible heritage is for many communities the essential source of an identity having its roots deep in history,
6. Concerned at the fate of the oral and intangible heritage and stressing the need in all countries for recognition of the role of that heritage in the present social context,
7. Convinced of the need to make governments, non-governmental organizations, and above all the communities concerned aware of the value of their oral and intangible heritage and of the urgency and importance of safeguarding and revitalizing it,
8. Having regard to 29 C/Resolution 23,
9. Having examined document 154 EX/13 and, in particular, the draft Regulations relating to the proclamation by UNESCO of masterpieces of the oral heritage of humanity, contained in Annex III thereof,
10. Approves the principles set out in document 154 EX/13 concerning the creation of an international distinction entitled masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity;
11. Invites the Director-General to establish, in consultation with all the regions, precise criteria for choosing cultural spaces or forms of cultural expression and to define a detailed selection procedure and funding methods, taking into account the opinions expressed in the discussions of the Programme and External Relations Commission of the Executive Board at its 154th session, with a view to their submission to the Board at its 155th session;
12. Further invites the Director-General to study means of disseminating, preserving and protecting these immaterial or intangible cultural spaces for the benefit of the communities of origin;
13. Invites also the Director-General to seek public or private donors for the creation of a prize that would be awarded by UNESCO in order to ensure the preservation and promotion of cultural spaces or forms of oral cultural expression proclaimed masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity.

3.6 Communication

3.6.1 Project to establish a film bank and a database for the use of the public television channels of developing countries (154 EX/14 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/14 on the project to establish a film bank and a database for the use of the public television channels of developing countries, a project entitled 'Screens without Frontiers',
2. Recalling the resolutions of the General Conference relating to the role and mission of public service broadcasting and, in particular, 29 C/Resolution 28 concerning Major Programme IV, which *inter alia* invited the Director-General to 'strengthen the educational and cultural mission of public service broadcasting ...',
3. Congratulates the author of the feasibility study and the International Radio and Television University (URTI) for the quality of their work, together with all the international and national professional organizations that have taken an interest in this initiative and contributed to the project;
4. Emphasizes the importance of this supportive cultural project;
5. Recalls the major implications of this project in terms of both human and financial resources;
6. Decides therefore to give priority to the implementation of the database;
7. Reaffirms the need to associate professional media organizations closely with this project;
8. Appeals to Member States to give full support to this project both through financial and commodity contributions and through national, regional and international initiatives;
9. Encourages public and private foundations and patrons to display their solidarity by supporting the project financially;
10. Expresses its thanks to the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) for its co-operation, and reaffirms its wish that IPDC should consider the possibility of contributing to the financing of the project;
11. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) identify extrabudgetary funding sources with a view to finding the necessary contributions to ensure the launching of the first phase of the project: establishment of the database combining existing and appropriate sources, and establishment of a partnership and a network among the organizations concerned;

- (b) call on professional organizations wishing to belong to the network to study how it might operate in partnership with UNESCO, and to submit the results of this consultation to it at its 155th session.

(154 EX/SR.7)

3.6.2 Implementation of 151 EX/Decision 3.4.3 concerning the challenges of the information highways: the role of UNESCO (154 EX/15 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/15,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the efforts undertaken to adapt UNESCO's activities in the field of information and communication technologies to the challenges and opportunities of the information society with a view to ensuring free exchange of ideas and knowledge;
3. Takes note of the two main lines of action focusing on the content and infostructure of the information highways and welcomes activities under way to implement them;
4. Invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of further activities planned for the 1998-1999 biennium at its 157th session, and, in particular, those aimed at encouraging multilingualism on the networks.

(154 EX/SR.7)

4 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

4.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 and report by the Committee thereon (154 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 154 EX/3 PRIV.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning communications received by the Organization on cases and questions involving alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence,
2. Takes note of the report;
3. Endorses the wishes expressed therein.

(154 EX/SR.5)

4.2 Matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and statistics on the Committee's activities and report by the Committee thereon (154 EX/16 and 154 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 154 EX/16 'Matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and statistics on the Committee's activities', and the report of the Committee thereon (154 EX/47),
2. Takes note of the fact that the Committee has already examined its methods of work at the 146th, 147th and 149th sessions of the Executive Board;
3. Considers that that examination should continue;
4. Invites the Director-General to seek the views and comments of Member States concerning the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
5. Requests the Committee to resume consideration of this item at the 155th session of the Board and decides to grant the Committee two additional working days for that purpose.

(154 EX/SR.6)

4.3 Third Consultation of Member States on the Application of the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education and report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (154 EX/17 and 154 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that the General Conference at its 22nd session adopted resolution 25 concerning the procedures for reporting on the application and implementation of the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education,
2. Taking into account the fact that the second International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education will be held in 1999, and that it will require a broader basis for data collection on the improvement and further development of technical and vocational education in Member States,
3. Recognizes the value of the efforts made by those Member States which actively contributed to the first and second consultations by submitting reports;
4. Decides to consider the modalities of further consultations on the implementation of the Revised Recommendation after the second International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education, and requests the Director-General to incorporate the major themes originally envisaged for the third consultation in the preparations for the above-mentioned congress.

(154 EX/SR.6)

4.4 Report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (CEART) on its fourth special session and report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (154 EX/18 and 154 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 146 EX/Decision 5.2.4 and 28 C/Resolution 1.8,
2. Having examined the report submitted by the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (CEART) on its fourth special session (CEART/SP/1997/13) in the light of document 154 EX/18,
3. Concurs with the Director-General's comments on CEART's report and hereby authorizes him, in consultation with the Director-General of ILO, to develop an enhanced programme of co-operation with ILO on the status of teachers, and to support in the education programme and budget in this and the next biennium (2000-2001) some of the proposals for future action set forth by CEART (cf. paras. 84-88 of its report);
4. Takes note of the suggestion of ILO's Governing Body that the present mandate of CEART be extended to include monitoring of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel, and authorizes the Director-General, in consultation with the Director-General of ILO, to examine the implications of this new function for CEART and to recommend to the Executive Board at a subsequent session how this new function may be implemented;
5. Decides, subject to the corresponding approval of ILO, to modify CEART's working methods for responding to allegations, as set forth in paragraph 81 of its report;
6. Greatly appreciates the valuable suggestions and role of CEART in stimulating action to promote greater awareness and better application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, and invites the Director-General to facilitate CEART's current cycle of work, the next report on which, scheduled for the year 2000, is to be presented to the Executive Board by the Chairperson of CEART;
7. Invites the Director-General to bring the report of CEART, together with the observations of the Executive Board, to the attention of Member States and their National Commissions, international teachers' organizations and other relevant international organizations having relations with UNESCO, and to encourage them to continue and intensify their efforts to apply all provisions of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation, notably in the light of the Joint Committee's proposals on a strategy for improving teachers' status.

(154 EX/SR.6)

4.5 Draft statutes of the International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (154 EX/19 and Add., 154 EX/51 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of documents 154 EX/19 and Add. and 29 C/5 Approved Corr.,
2. Requests the Director-General to continue his consultation with the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and to submit to it at its 155th session a revision of document 154 EX/19 and Add., containing all necessary elements for the examination of and final decision on the Statutes and on the Financial Regulations of the Special Account of the Institute;
3. Invites the Director-General to take into account the discussion on this item at the Programme and External Relations Commission and to include, in his report to the 155th session on co-ordination between UNESCO's education institutes and between the institutes and the Secretariat (29 C/Resolution 7), specific information on the role of UNESCO's regional activities on higher education and their institutional framework.

(154 EX/SR.7)

5 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

5.1 Reflections of the Executive Board on the proceedings of the 29th session of the General Conference

Preparation of the next Draft Programme and Budget

(30 C/5)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 29 C/Resolution 87 on the structure and function of the General Conference,
2. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 88 on the working methods of the Executive Board,
3. Conscious of its responsibilities to the General Conference with regard to programme execution,
4. Stressing the importance of making opportune recommendations to the General Conference on the Organization's work programme and on the corresponding budget estimates submitted to it by the Director-General pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 3, of the Constitution,
5. Considering that, in order to perform its task effectively and efficiently, the Executive Board must have at its disposal pertinent information enabling it to make a rapid evaluation of the strategies proposed by the Director-General and the progress of the Secretariat's work towards achieving the results anticipated by the Member States through the Organization's actions, and to measure its performance,

6. Recalling 149 EX/Decision 4.2 and 150 EX/Decision 5.1 on the preparation of the Programme and Budget,
7. Requests the Director-General to include in the Draft Programme and Budget which he will submit to it for the next biennium the following information for each main line of action and for each action under programmes and subprogrammes, transdisciplinary projects and transverse activities, information and dissemination services and for all other Parts of the Programme and Budget:
 - (a) issues identified and objectives pursued;
 - (b) background information;
 - (c) expected results;
 - (d) number and type of activities envisaged and funded under the regular programme;
 - (e) new actions and limited-term special projects;
 - (f) total human resources to be assigned to them;
 - (g) total financial resources from the regular budget to be assigned to them for activities;
 - (h) number and type of anticipated activities to be funded from extrabudgetary resources;
 - (i) anticipated extrabudgetary resources;
8. Also requests the Director-General to continue to submit the appendices and technical annexes following the same format as for document 29 C/5 Approved, taking into account comments made by Member States.

(154 EX/SR.7)

5.2 Methods of work of the Executive Board (154 EX/20 and 154 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 154 EX/20 and 154 EX/49,
2. Welcoming the start made to discussions on the reform of the working methods of the Board,
3. Warmly thanking its Chairperson and the Special Committee for the work accomplished at the present session,
4. Considers that reflection on reform should be continued;
5. Requests the Special Committee to undertake an in-depth study on the methods of work of the Executive Board;

6. Invites the Special Committee, in accordance with 29 C/Resolution 88, to call upon experts from Member States non-Members of the Executive Board;
7. Requests the Special Committee to make appropriate recommendations to be submitted to it at its 155th session.

(154 EX/SR.5)

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

6.1 Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 1996-1997 and on transfers made between appropriation lines for the purpose of closing the accounts for 1996-1997 (154 EX/21 and 154 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Appropriation Resolution for 1996-1997 (28 C/Resolution 14), which authorized the Director-General, in urgent and special circumstances, to make transfers between appropriation lines, informing the Members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of the transfers and the reasons therefor,
2. Further recalling that that resolution authorized the Director-General to accept voluntary contributions and donations and contributions from governments towards the costs of established field units, reporting in writing thereon to the Members of the Executive Board at the session following such action,
3. Having considered the report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 1996-1997 and on adjustments and transfers made between appropriation lines for the purpose of closing the accounts for 1996-1997 (154 EX/21),
4. Takes note of the fact that the Director-General increased the appropriation for the regular budget for 1996-1997 by \$3,832,193 by accepting donations and contributions from governments and institutions and contributions towards the costs of established field units;
5. Expresses its gratitude to the donors listed in Annex I to document 154 EX/21;
6. Notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the Director-General to contain within the limits of the authorized budget ceiling actual staff expenditure, but nonetheless points out a small over-expenditure of \$38,386 at the end of the 1996-1997 biennium;
7. Takes note of the adjustments between appropriation lines made by him with a view to covering the additional expenditure of \$6,910,052 under the Participation Programme, to take account of actual staff costs under each appropriation line and to effect the transfers needed for the purpose of closing the accounts for 1996-1997;
8. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 155th session a report on the reasons for the substantial over-expenditure on the Participation Programme

during the 1996-1997 biennium, and to indicate the uses to which this over-expenditure was devoted.

(154 EX/SR.6)

6.2 Interim report by the Director-General on the utilization of the contribution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997 (154 EX/22 and Add. and 154 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/22 and Add., containing the interim report by the Director-General on the utilization of the contribution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997,
2. Notes the revised list of projects submitted by the Director-General, in accordance with 152 EX/Decision 8.1 (Part III);
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to report to it on the status of implementation of these projects.

(154 EX/SR.6)

6.3 Report by the Director-General on the budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1998-1999 (154 EX/23 and 154 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1998-1999 budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 29th session (29 C/Resolution 65, para. A(d)), in document 154 EX/23 (Part I),
2. Approves the transfer of \$2,869,000 from Part VII to Parts I to V of the budget to cover increases in staff costs on account of statutory factors;
3. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table.

APPROPRIATION LINE	29 C/5 APPROVED	PROPOSED TRANSFERS FOR STAFF COSTS	29 C/5 APPROVED AS ADJUSTED
	\$	\$	\$
Part I - General Policy and Direction			
A. Governing bodies			
1. General Conference	7,596,800	5,500	7,602,300
2. Executive Board	8,403,000	9,800	8,412,800
Total, I.A	15,999,800	15,300	16,015,100
B. Direction			
3. Directorate	1,728,200	11,300	1,739,500
4. Services of the Directorate (including: Office of the ADG/DRG; Executive Office of the Director-General; Office of Management Co-ordination and Reforms; Inspectorate General; Office of the Mediator; Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs; Bureau of Studies, Programming and Evaluation; Bureau of the Budget)	19,462,700	170,100	19,632,800
Total, I.B	21,190,900	181,400	21,372,300
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	1,170,700	-	1,170,700
Total, I.C	1,170,700	-	1,170,700
TOTAL, PART I	38,361,400	196,700	38,558,100
Part II - Programme Execution and Services			
A. Major Programmes, Transdisciplinary Projects and Transverse Activities			
I Education for all throughout life	104,697,150	553,000	105,250,150
II The sciences in the service of development:			
Natural Sciences Sector	63,070,900	320,000	63,390,900
Social and Human Sciences Sector	23,675,000	147,800	23,822,800
III Cultural development: the heritage and creativity	41,577,000	271,800	41,848,800
IV Communication, information and informatics	30,002,100	151,300	30,153,400
Transdisciplinary projects and transverse activities	42,406,900	190,600	42,597,500
Participation Programme	24,830,000	-	24,830,000
Total, II.A	330,259,050	1,634,500	331,893,550
B. Information and Dissemination Services			
1. Clearing House	6,316,700	43,200	6,359,900
2. UNESCO Publishing Office	4,971,700	37,300	5,009,000
3. UNESCO Courier Office	3,693,100	20,600	3,713,700
4. Office of Public Information	9,113,000	56,300	9,169,300
Total, II.B	24,094,500	157,400	24,251,900
TOTAL, PART II	354,353,550	1,791,900	356,145,450
Part III - Support for Programme Execution	55,283,200	426,500	55,709,700
Part IV - Management and Administrative Services	47,896,200	319,700	48,215,900
Part V - Maintenance and Security	33,863,400	134,200	33,997,600
Part VI - Capital Expenditure	1,711,900	-	1,711,900
Parts I - VI Subtotal	531,469,650	2,869,000	534,338,650
Part VII - Anticipated Cost Increases	12,897,600	(2,869,000)	10,028,600
TOTAL, PARTS I - VII	544,367,250	-	544,367,250

6.4 Report by the Director-General on the progress of the renovation and rehabilitation plans for Headquarters buildings (154 EX/24 and Add. and 154 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 154 EX/24 and Add.,
2. Having noted the recommendations and suggestions of the Headquarters Committee regarding progress of the renovation and rehabilitation plans for Headquarters buildings,
3. Having noted also the work to be carried out in 1998-1999, at a cost of \$3.7 million, under the Renovation Plan,
4. Takes note of the preliminary outline project of the 'Renzo Piano' Rehabilitation Plan, to be financed exclusively from extrabudgetary resources, as distinct from the Renovation Plan approved by the General Conference at its 27th session;
5. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) continue, after consulting the Headquarters Committee, to report to it at its next sessions on the implementation of the renovation and rehabilitation plans; and
 - (b) submit to it, as appropriate and in accordance with 29 C/Resolution 83, proposals for the financing of any additional work that may become essential and/or urgent.

(154 EX/SR.6)

6.5 Annual report (1997) of the International Civil Service Commission and related General Assembly resolution: Report by the Director-General (154 EX/25 and 154 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/25,
2. Takes note of:
 - (a) the contents of that document;
 - (b) the twenty-third annual report (1997) of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC);
 - (c) resolution 52/216 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly;

3. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure the participation of UNESCO in the work of the Commission and to apply any such measures as may be adopted by the General Assembly or by ICSC in conformity with 29 C/Resolution 76.

(154 EX/SR.6)

6.6 Annual report by the Director-General on the use of outside consultants and advisers by the Secretariat (154 EX/26 and 154 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/26,
2. Recalling 134 EX/Decision 7.3, 141 EX/Decision 5.1, 144 EX/Decision 6.6, 149 EX/Decision 6.7, 150 EX/Decision 6.8 and 151 EX/Decision 8.3,
3. Noting that, contrary to what it had requested in 149 EX/Decision 6.7 and 151 EX/Decision 8.3, namely, specification of the budgetary sources for the financing of special advisers and senior special advisers, no satisfactory information on this subject has been included in document 154 EX/26,
4. Recalling 149 EX/Decision 6.7 and 151 EX/Decision 8.3 in which it invited the Director-General, *inter alia*, to make every effort to contain expenditure in 1996-1997 on consultants to the Secretariat and the Member States within the respective budget provisions for that purpose in document 28 C/5 Approved,
5. Noting with concern that the contracts of certain special advisers and senior special advisers, who are consultants to the Director-General, were financed from sources earmarked for paying the fees of consultants to Member States,
6. Reaffirming that outside experts should be recruited from all regions of the world,
7. Further noting with concern aspects of some new and emerging Secretariat arrangements involving delegation of authority to non-staff members (for example special advisers), and the effect they may have on the cohesion and efficiency of the Secretariat,
8. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to pursue his efforts to achieve optimal use of consultant services, especially in terms of cost-effectiveness and geographical balance;
 - (b) to rigorously apply the relevant decisions of the Executive Board and those of the General Conference;
 - (c) to provide, when presenting the annual report on this issue, all related information on direct and indirect costs related to the use of outside consultants and advisers (premises, secretaries, communication and transportation);

- (d) to submit to it at its 157th session and to the General Conference at its 30th session, as part of his progress report on the implementation of personnel policy, proposals on the strategy to be followed for the use of consultant services and temporary assistance by UNESCO.

(154 EX/SR.6)

6.7 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (154 EX/PRIV.1 and 154 EX/PRIV/INF.1)

The announcement appearing at the end of these decisions reports on the Board's deliberations on this subject.

(154 EX/SR.5)

7 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

7.1 Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (154 EX/27 and 154 EX/52)

7.1.1 United Nations Reform

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/27, Part I, paragraphs 4-14,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(154 EX/SR.7)

7.1.2 Education for All

The Executive Board

1. Welcomes General Assembly resolution 52/84, which reaffirms the international community's resolve to eradicate adult illiteracy and to ensure that everyone acquires a basic education;
2. Invites Member States and organizations to accelerate their efforts to expand and improve the provision of basic education, devoting a greater share of their budgets to this end, and to conduct a thorough assessment of their progress towards Education for All (EFA) goals in accordance with the guidelines provided by the International Consultative Forum on Education for All;
3. Encourages Member States as well as multilateral and bilateral development agencies to call on UNESCO's experience and expertise when planning the reform and development of their education systems;
4. Requests the Director-General:

- (a) to develop further UNESCO's co-operation with United Nations agencies and programmes, as well as with other multilateral and bilateral development organizations;
 - (b) to assist Member States in conducting the above-mentioned assessment and in preparing the fourth global meeting of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All that will build on the momentum generated by the Jomtien Conference, which refocused Member States' efforts to build a solid foundation for their education systems;
 - (c) to consider the feasibility of launching the United Nations Week on Adult Learning at the fourth global meeting of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All, as a means of achieving the goal of eradicating illiteracy;
5. Further requests the Director-General to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in consulting Member States on effective ways and means for achieving the goal of Education for All and on the desirability and the feasibility of launching a United Nations decade to eradicate illiteracy, taking into account the approach decided at the Fifth International Conference on Adult Education, held in Hamburg in July 1997;
 6. Urges the Director-General to accord high priority to UNESCO's actions in support of the EFA 2000 Assessment.

(154 EX/SR.7)

7.1.3 Cultural Development

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/197 of 2 December 1997, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to include the outcome of the Stockholm Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development in his report on the implementation of that resolution to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, and to include recommendations for the integration of the cultural dimension in the next United Nations International Development Strategy,
2. Welcoming the successful completion of the Stockholm Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies, and noting the adoption of the Stockholm Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development,
3. Requests the Director-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of resolution 52/197, including the outcome of the Stockholm Conference and the adoption of the Stockholm Action Plan;
4. Further requests the Director-General to continue to pursue efforts to have the cultural dimension included in the next United Nations International Development Strategy;

5. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 155th session a report on the Stockholm Conference and on an overall strategy for a practical follow-up to that Conference.

(154 EX/SR.7)

7.1.4 Implementation of Agenda 21 and related resolutions

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the content of Part I.D of document 154 EX/27, dealing with the implementation of Agenda 21 and related resolutions, with particular attention to UNESCO's contribution to the follow-up of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (New York, June 1997),
2. Recalling 141 EX/Decision 7.2.1, 142 EX/Decision 7.2, 144 EX/Decision 5.1.3, 146 EX/Decision 7.1.4, 149 EX/Decision 7.1.3, 151 EX/Decision 9.1.3 and 152 EX/Decision 9.2,
3. Recalling also the Joint Statement of the Chairpersons of IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST addressed to the General Conference at its 29th session stressing the important contributions which these programmes make to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the need for interdisciplinary scientific co-operation and for a transdisciplinary approach involving the sciences, education, culture and communication, in the pursuit of sustainable development,
4. Invites Member States and international organizations to draw the necessary consequences from the alarming outcome of the overall review of the implementation of Agenda 21 and to enhance significantly support, including financial support, for the wide range of measures needed to move towards sustainable development as highlighted in the 'Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21';
5. Further invites Member States and international organizations to continue to accord special attention in the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the related conventions to the essential role of the natural sciences, social sciences, education, culture and communication as well as to the importance of interdisciplinary scientific co-operation and transdisciplinary approaches in moving towards sustainable development;
6. Invites also Member States to continue to support UNESCO's activities contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the related conventions, to strengthen national activities and national focal points of UNESCO's intergovernmental scientific programmes concerned with environment and sustainable development (IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST) as well as of the World Solar Programme, and to ensure the involvement of these national focal points in action aimed at UNCED follow-up;
7. Recalling also UNESCO's specific mandate, competence and experience in science and technology for development,

8. Invites the Director-General to:

- (a) continue to ensure that UNESCO's relevant programmes contribute fully to the United Nations system-wide efforts for implementing Agenda 21 and other UNCED outcomes, in the light of the decisions taken by the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly and in close co-operation with the Commission on Sustainable Development, paying also due attention to the moral and ethical dimension of Agenda 21;
- (b) continue to devote particular attention to promoting co-operation both among UNESCO's intergovernmental and international scientific programmes (IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB, MOST and WSP) in the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the related conventions, and between them and other UNESCO activities in the fields of the sciences, education, culture and communication;
- (c) ensure that the World Conference on Science for the Twenty-First Century: A New Commitment (1999) will also pay particular attention to science for economically efficient, socially equitable and environmentally sound sustainable development, seek adequate co-operation from relevant United Nations system organizations and strengthen UNESCO's leading role in science in the United Nations system;
- (d) pursue efforts to seek funds from appropriate national and international funding agencies and mechanisms, including the Global Environment Facility (GEF), for projects in the area of environment and sustainable development, and assist Member States, particularly developing countries, in their national efforts to obtain extrabudgetary funds;
- (e) continue to report periodically to it on progress made both by UNESCO and by the United Nations system as a whole in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the related conventions, and to make more effective and efficient UNESCO's action as inter-agency task manager for mobilizing and co-ordinating United Nations system-wide support for the implementation of Agenda 21 chapters on science and education.

(154 EX/SR.7)

7.3 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (154 EX/29, 154 EX/ONG.2, Parts I and II and 154 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/29 on 'Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions' and the report of its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations,
2. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 155th and 156th sessions, as appropriate, the various matters that it is required to consider by virtue of the functions assigned to it under the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations and in accordance with the proposals contained in paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9 of document 154 EX/29;

3. Decides to admit to formal consultative relations the organizations listed in Annex 1* to document 154 EX/ONG/2 (Part I);
4. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to admit to formal consultative relations the networks listed in Annex 2* to that document, and to operational relations the organizations listed in Annex 3*;
5. Requests the Director-General to place relations with the organizations listed in Annex 4* on an informal basis and to examine what other institutional framework would enable relations to be pursued with the organization shown in Annex 5*;
6. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to admit to official relations the foundations and similar institutions listed in Annex 6*;
7. Adopts in respect of financial and material arrangements for co-operation with non-governmental organizations the amended text annexed to document 154 EX/29;
8. Takes note of the details that the Director-General has submitted, for information, on various aspects of the application of the Directives, in paragraphs 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of document 154 EX/29.

(154 EX/SR.6)

7.4 Proposals by the Director-General concerning methods for mobilizing private funds and the criteria for selecting potential partners (154 EX/30 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 152 EX/Decision 9.1, paragraph 9,
2. Having examined document 154 EX/30,
3. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 155th session, draft guidelines on methods for mobilizing private funds and criteria for selecting potential partners taking into account previous decisions of the Executive Board and 28 C/Resolution 13.5 on new partnerships.

(154 EX/SR.7)

7.5 Focus on the Pacific: Report on progress of the implementation of the plan of action (154 EX/31 and Add. and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the specific terms of 29 C/Resolution 54 concerning the Focus on the Pacific exercise and, in particular, its operative paragraphs contained in paragraphs 1 to 4 of the resolution,

* These annexes are reproduced separately as an Appendix to these decisions.

2. Associating itself with the wishes expressed by the two Pacific states that are Members of the Executive Board regarding the need to introduce coherent planning and programming methodology into the Focus on the Pacific exercise,
3. Having examined document 154 EX/31 and Add., and considering that it would have benefited greatly from reference to a coherent plan of action, incorporating specific programme objectives and performance criteria,
4. Invites the Director-General to take such measures as he may deem appropriate to ensure accordingly that the reports to it at its 155th session and to the General Conference at its 30th session are prepared on a basis of collaboration and logically presented, bearing in mind the need to document progress made in the achievement of the programme objectives contained in the plan of action.

(154 EX/SR.7)

7.6 Report on the functioning of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (154 EX/32 and Add. and 154 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/32 and Add.,
2. Takes note of the information provided in the report;
3. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved in the implementation of the Participation Programme;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to strengthen, within the framework of 29 C/Resolution 51, the operational and administrative efficiency of the Participation Programme Unit and to report to it at its forthcoming sessions on the execution of the Participation Programme;
5. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 159th session an evaluation report on the effectiveness of the projects implemented under the Participation Programme.

(154 EX/SR.6)

7.7 Criteria and procedures for consideration of the proposals by the Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated (154 EX/33 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/33,
2. Approves the criteria and procedures annexed to the present decision with regard to requests concerning the anniversary celebrations with which UNESCO could be associated in the future;

3. Decides to consider at its session immediately preceding the General Conference the proposals of Member States transmitted to it by the Director-General, in order to submit them to the General Conference for its decision;
4. Recommends to the General Conference that it consider only proposals submitted to it by the Executive Board in accordance with this decision.

ANNEX

I. CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF ANNIVERSARIES

- (a) Each proposed anniversary should be indisputably linked to the Organization's ideals and missions in the fields of education, science, culture, social and human sciences or communication and should promote closer relations among peoples, tolerance, and the ideals of peace, cultural dialogue and mutual understanding among peoples.
- (b) Commemorations of the birth, independence or institutional regime of a state, historical empires and dynasties will not be eligible for consideration; similarly the anniversaries of military events will be excluded.
- (c) The anniversary should concern personalities, works or events of genuinely worldwide or at least regional significance in order to reflect the ideals, the values, the cultural diversity and the universality of the Organization.
- (d) The anniversary should be a fiftieth anniversary, a centenary, or a multiple thereof; some flexibility should nevertheless be used in applying this criterion.
- (e) The anniversary should be the occasion for nationwide events already planned and for the organization of which certain resources have been allocated in the Member State or group of Member States directly concerned.
- (f) Any anniversary proposal involving more than one state should be submitted by all.

II. PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION AND CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS

A. Consideration of requests

- (a) The Director-General shall address a circular letter to the National Commissions, accompanied by a form seeking detailed and precise information on their request.
- (b) An intersectoral committee shall be set up within the Secretariat to consider the list of requests meeting the criteria adopted, with a view to achieving greater selectivity and deciding on controversial cases.
- (c) At its session preceding the start of the General Conference, the Executive Board shall take a decision on those requests which have been judged by the Director-General to meet the criteria. The General Conference may be invited to decide on the list of celebrations with which the Organization might be associated during the following biennium as proposed by the Executive Board, as a whole.

B. Dates for the submission of requests

- (a) The circular letter in which the Director-General invites the National Commissions to inform him/her of the anniversaries of eminent personalities or historic events with which they would like to associate UNESCO shall be sent no later than 15 September of the first year of the biennium, with a deadline for nominations of 15 March of the following year.
- (b) Consideration shall not be given to requests submitted after the deadline.
- (c) The document containing the list of requests which have been judged by the Director-General to meet the criteria adopted above shall be sent to the Member States and to the Members of the Executive Board 30 days before the opening of the session of the Executive Board immediately preceding the General Conference. The requests shall be considered at that session.
- (d) Neither the Executive Board nor the General Conference shall consider requests submitted beyond the deadline, so that the governing bodies do not have to take a decision on requests which have not been previously evaluated by the Secretariat according to the established procedure.

III. FINANCING OF THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

In conformity with 29 C/Resolution 59, where a state or group of states wishes to obtain financial support from UNESCO for these celebrations, such support would be accorded under the Participation Programme. Nevertheless, in order to maintain a balanced distribution of funds from the Programme, such financial assistance should remain exceptional and be contingent on the submission of a priority request to the Director-General.

(154 EX/SR.7)

7.8 Relations with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and draft memorandum of co-operation between this organization and UNESCO
(154 EX/34 and 154 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/34,
2. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity,
3. Approves the draft memorandum of co-operation;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish formal relations with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and to sign the memorandum of co-operation on behalf of UNESCO.

(154 EX/SR.1)

7.9 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO

7.9.1 Strengthening of the United Nations system's capacity for conflict prevention (JIU/REP/95/13) (154 EX/35 and 154 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/35,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'Strengthening of the United Nations system's capacity for conflict prevention' (JIU/REP/95/13);
3. Notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report as well as the Director-General's observations on the subject;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to co-operate and co-ordinate with the international bodies concerned with a view to further improving UNESCO's contribution in its fields of competence to conflict prevention and implementation of the relevant aspects of the culture of peace programme and to report thereon to it at its 155th session.

(154 EX/SR.5)

7.9.2 Strengthening field representation of the United Nations system (JIU/REP/97/1) (154 EX/36 and 154 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/36,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'Strengthening field representation of the United Nations system' (JIU/REP/97/1);
3. Notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report as well as the Director-General's observations on the subject;
4. Recalls 29 C/Resolution 89 and requests that the Director-General take account of the JIU report (JIU/REP/97/1) when formulating the draft guidelines for presentation to it at its 155th session;
5. Invites the Director-General to look for opportunities to realize a more unified, effective and efficient presence at the field level by closer integration of field representation with other United Nations agencies, whilst taking into account the specificities of UNESCO's mandate and activities.

(154 EX/SR.5)

7.9.3 Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/34) (154 EX/37 and 154 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/37,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its twenty-ninth report (A/52/34) and the Director-General for his comments;
3. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 155th session on UNESCO's co-operation with JIU and suggest such measures as he deems appropriate to improve its effectiveness and relevance for UNESCO, and to invite a JIU representative to be present at that session;
4. Invites the Director-General to submit to it regularly a report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Joint Inspection Unit concerning UNESCO, as approved by the Board.

(154 EX/SR.5)

7.10 Relations with the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) and draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and that Commission (154 EX/45 and 154 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/45 and its annex containing the draft memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC),
2. Approves this draft memorandum of understanding;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with SOPAC and to sign the memorandum of understanding on behalf of UNESCO.

(154 EX/SR.1)

7.11 Draft agreement between UNESCO and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) (154 EX/46 and 154 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/46 and its annex containing the text of the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS),
2. Approves this draft agreement;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to sign it on behalf of UNESCO.

(154 EX/SR.1)

8 GENERAL MATTERS

8.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress made and the results achieved in elaborating a plan of action for the rehabilitation of educational, cultural and scientific institutions and the restoration of the cultural and architectural heritage of Albania (154 EX/38 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 154 EX/38,
2. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 3.1(III), 152 EX/Decision 10.3 and 29 C/Resolution 58,
3. Welcoming the measures already taken by the Director-General,
4. Requests the Director-General, in close collaboration with the competent Albanian authorities and in consultation with international organizations, to finalize the plan of action for the rehabilitation of educational, cultural and scientific institutions and the restoration of the cultural and architectural heritage of Albania, and to start implementation thereof as soon as possible;
5. Invites the Director-General to inform it at its 156th session of the progress made in the implementation of this decision.

(154 EX/SR.7)

8.2 Report by the Director-General on the situation of the cultural and architectural heritage, on educational and cultural institutions and on activities in support of women in Bosnia and Herzegovina (154 EX/39 and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 154 EX/39,
2. Encourages the Director-General to pursue the implementation of these activities in support of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the fields of education, culture, communication and assistance to women;
3. Requests the Director-General to report to it at a subsequent session on the progress made thereon.

(154 EX/SR.7)

8.3 Report by the Director-General on the results of the International Consultation of Governmental Experts on the Human Right to Peace (154 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the results of the International Consultation of Governmental Experts on the Human Right to Peace (154 EX/40),
2. Thanking the governmental experts for the work they have accomplished,

3. Welcoming the Director-General's initiative as an important contribution to promoting the culture of peace,
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue reflection on this question, taking into account the results of the International Consultation, and to report to the General Conference at its 30th session.

(154 EX/SR.5)

8.4 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights (154 EX/41 and Corr. and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that the General Conference at its 29th session adopted the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, and a resolution for its implementation (29 C/Resolution 17),
2. Having examined document 154 EX/41 and Corr.,
3. Approves the Statutes of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC), which are contained in the annex to this decision;
4. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to appoint the members of the IBC in accordance with the said Statutes;
 - (b) to submit to the Executive Board at its 155th session the list of Member States of UNESCO which have put themselves forward as candidates for the Intergovernmental Committee;
5. Decides, in accordance with the Statutes of the IBC, to elect at its 155th session, as an interim measure, members of the Intergovernmental Committee whose term of office will expire at the end of the 30th session of the General Conference;
6. Also decides that the interim provisions that appear in Articles 6 and 11 of the Statutes of the IBC shall be deleted from the said text at the end of the 30th session of the General Conference.

ANNEX

Statutes of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC)

Article 1

A permanent Committee, named the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC), hereafter referred to as 'the IBC', is hereby established within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Article 2 - Functions

1. The Committee shall have the following functions:
 - (a) it shall promote reflection on the ethical and legal issues raised by research in the life sciences and their applications, as well as encourage the exchange of ideas and information, particularly through education;
 - (b) it shall encourage action to heighten awareness among the general public, specialized groups and public and private decision-makers involved in bioethics;
 - (c) it shall co-operate with the international governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned by the issues raised in the field of bioethics as well as with the national and regional bioethics committees and similar bodies;
 - (d) in accordance with Article 24 of the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, hereafter referred to as 'the Declaration':
 - (i) it shall contribute to the dissemination of the principles set out in the Declaration and to the further examination of issues raised by their applications and by the evolution of the technologies in question;
 - (ii) it shall organize appropriate consultations with parties concerned, such as vulnerable groups;
 - (iii) it shall make recommendations, in accordance with UNESCO's statutory procedures, addressed to the General Conference and give advice concerning the follow-up of the Declaration, and it shall identify practices that could be contrary to human dignity.
2. The IBC shall determine its programme of work which shall be made public. The IBC shall include in that programme any item so requested by the Director-General or the Executive Board. It shall take into account the views of the Intergovernmental Committee, hereafter provided under Article 11, concerning its programme.

Article 3 - Membership

1. The IBC shall be composed of 36 members appointed by the Director-General. The members shall be independent and shall act in their personal capacity. When making his choice, the Director-General shall take into account cultural diversity, balanced geographical representation and the need to ensure appropriate rotation. He shall also take into account the nominations for membership of the IBC received from the Member States of UNESCO, Associate Members and non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO.
2. When proposing their candidates for the IBC, states shall endeavour to include eminent persons who are specialists in the life sciences and in the social and human sciences, including law, human rights, philosophy, education and

communication, with the necessary competence and authority to perform the IBC's duties.

3. The Director-General shall not appoint simultaneously more than one national of the same state.

Article 4 - Observers

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may take part as observers in the meetings of the IBC.
2. Non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO may take part as observers in the meetings of the IBC on the invitation of the Director-General.
3. The United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded an agreement providing for reciprocal representation may take part as observers in the meetings of the IBC.
4. International governmental or non-governmental organizations with objectives similar to those of the IBC may be invited to take part as observers in the meetings of the IBC.
5. Specialists or other relevant persons or groups may be consulted on matters within the competence of the IBC.

Article 5 - Sessions

The Director-General shall convene the IBC at least once a year.

Article 6 - Terms of office

1. The term of office for members of the IBC shall be four years.
2. Half the IBC's members shall be replaced every two years.
3. The Director-General shall not appoint the same person for more than two consecutive terms of office.

Interim provision

Notwithstanding Article 6.1, the term of office of half the members appointed by the Director-General shall expire at the end of the 30th session of the General Conference. Each outgoing member shall be replaced by a national of a state belonging to the same regional group.

Article 7 - Advice and recommendations

The advice and recommendations of the IBC shall be taken by consensus, promptly made public and widely disseminated. Any member of the IBC shall have the right to record a dissenting opinion.

Article 8 - Rules of Procedure

The IBC shall adopt its Rules of Procedure.

Article 9 - Secretariat

1. The Director-General of UNESCO shall provide the staff and other means required for the operation of the secretariat of the IBC.
2. The Director-General shall appoint a member of the Secretariat of UNESCO as Secretary-General of the IBC.

Article 10 - Expenses

1. The servicing expenses of the sessions of the IBC shall be financed by the appropriations allocated for this purpose by the General Conference.
2. Member States of UNESCO, Associate Members and non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO shall bear the expenses of the participation of their observers at the sessions of the IBC and of their participation in the Intergovernmental Committee.
3. UNESCO shall bear the expenses of the participation of specialists in connection with hearings requested by the IBC.

Article 11 - Intergovernmental Committee

1. An Intergovernmental Committee, hereafter referred to as 'the Intergovernmental Committee', is hereby established within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
2. The Intergovernmental Committee shall examine the advice and recommendations of the IBC, including those concerned with the follow-up of the Universal Declaration. The Intergovernmental Committee shall inform the IBC of its opinions. It shall submit its opinions to the Director-General for transmission, together with the advice and recommendations of the IBC, to the Member States, the Executive Board and the General Conference. It may transmit any proposals for the follow-up of the advice and recommendations of the IBC.
3. The Intergovernmental Committee shall be composed of 36 representatives of the Member States of UNESCO elected by the General Conference. Associate Members of UNESCO shall be invited to participate. They shall not have the right to vote. When electing the members of the Intergovernmental Committee, the General Conference shall take into account cultural diversity, balanced geographical representation and the need to ensure appropriate rotation.
4. The term of office of members of the Intergovernmental Committee shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its second subsequent ordinary session.

Interim provision

The Executive Board, at its 155th session, as an interim measure, shall elect the first members of the Intergovernmental Committee to hold office until the next succeeding General Conference. When electing these members, the Executive Board shall take into account cultural diversity, balanced geographical representation and the need to ensure appropriate rotation.

5. Member States of UNESCO, Associate Members and non-Member States which have set up a permanent observer mission to UNESCO may take part in the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee. The provisions of Article 4 relating to the IBC shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Intergovernmental Committee.
6. The sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee shall be convened by the Director-General at least once every two years.
7. Where the Intergovernmental Committee or the Director-General so decides, a Joint Session of the IBC and the Intergovernmental Committee, hereafter referred to as 'the Joint Session', shall be convened. The Joint Session shall foster dialogue between the IBC and the Intergovernmental Committee on matters of mutual concern. Without limiting the generality of such matters, they may include consideration of any proposals to:
 - (a) amend the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights; or
 - (b) adopt any further declaration or any other international instrument within the field of competence of the IBC.

The Joint Session shall:

- (a) be chaired by the Chairpersons of the IBC and of the Intergovernmental Committee as joint presiding officers;
- (b) be open to observers *mutatis mutandis* in accordance with Article 4; and
- (c) present a report on the meeting to the Director-General, who shall provide it to the Member States for such action as they may decide before it is presented to the General Conference.

Article 12 - Revision

These Statutes may be revised by the UNESCO Executive Board.

(154 EX/SR.7)

8.5 Preliminary consolidated report to the United Nations on a culture of peace (154 EX/42 and 154 EX/52)

I

Draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace

The Executive Board

1. Welcomes resolution 52/13 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly whereby a culture of peace is given a central place on its agenda and mainstreamed in the United Nations system;
2. Expresses its appreciation of the fact that the year 2000 has been proclaimed the International Year for the Culture of Peace by General Assembly resolution 52/15 and that UNESCO has been designated as the focal point for the International Year by Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/47;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the General Assembly has invited the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in co-ordination with the Director-General of UNESCO, to present to it at its fifty-third session a consolidated report containing a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace;
4. Further notes document 154 EX/42 containing the preliminary consolidated report to the United Nations on a culture of peace, presented to it by the Director-General at the present session;
5. Recognizes that this document could be further enriched by contributions from different entities of the United Nations system;
6. Considers that high priority should be given in the preliminary proposals for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5) to the activities proposed as part of the programme of action for a culture of peace and those planned for the International Year for the Culture of Peace and requests the Director-General to further develop the conceptual framework for the culture of peace programme based on the Medium-Term Strategy, with clear objectives and corresponding activities, for consideration by it at its 155th session;
7. Looks forward to receiving from the Director-General at its 156th session information on decisions taken, if any, at the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly on a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace;
8. Requests the Director-General to take into account the views expressed by Members of the Executive Board at the present session as inputs for the consolidated report containing a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace, based on the relevant resolutions of the General Conference and decisions of the Executive Board, to be presented by the United Nations Secretary-General at the fifty-third session of the General Assembly as called for in General Assembly resolution 52/13 of 20 November 1997, and to submit the report to it at its 155th session.

II

International Year for the Culture of Peace

The Executive Board,

1. Noting with satisfaction the draft programme of action for the International Year for the Culture of Peace contained in document 154 EX/42,
2. Requests the Director-General to study the theme of 'recognition of all humanity as one in spirit' as one of UNESCO's contributions to the International Year for the Culture of Peace.

III

Human rights education

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that, according to Article I of its Constitution, UNESCO's purpose is to 'contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for human rights and fundamental freedoms',
2. Recognizing the essential link between human rights and peace,
3. Underlining that UNESCO has a vital role to play in the construction of peace in the minds of men by placing education in the service of human rights and by disseminating information about these rights,
4. Emphasizing the need, according to 29 C/Resolution 38, 'Towards a culture of peace', to develop a comprehensive system of education and training for peace, human rights and democracy, international understanding and tolerance,
5. Stressing the urgency of developing specific programmes and strategies for ensuring the widest human rights education, as stated in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted in 1993,
6. Referring to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), to UNESCO's essential role in the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004), to the World Plan of Action on Education for Human Rights and Democracy (Montreal, 1993), and to the Declaration and Integrated Framework of Action adopted by the 44th International Conference on Education (Geneva, 1994) and subsequently by the General Conference at its 28th session,
7. Referring also to resolution 52/127 adopted in 1997 by the General Assembly of the United Nations, which stresses that the effectiveness of existing human rights education and public information activities would be enhanced by better co-ordination and co-operation at the national, regional and international levels,
8. Emphasizing the importance of the UNESCO Regional Conference on Human Rights Education in Europe (Turku, 1997) and its follow-up in other regions,

9. Acknowledging the valuable work already undertaken by UNESCO in the field of human rights education and the important role of the Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights, Democracy, International Understanding and Tolerance,
10. Recognizing the further need for better co-ordination of the above-mentioned existing plans of action in the field of human rights education and also the need for the development and co-ordination of information systems and networks in human rights teaching at various levels,
11. Decides to set up a temporary working group among its Members with the task of proposing through the Executive Board to the General Conference at its 30th session an overall strategy for human rights education to be taken into account in the planning of the biennial programmes and of the Medium-Term Strategy of the Organization. The working group shall consist of 12 members, two from each electoral group, and be appointed in consultation with these groups;
12. Requests the working group, in close co-operation with the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights, Democracy, International Understanding and Tolerance, to study the mandate and working methods of the Advisory Committee;
13. Further requests the working group to look into the structural problems arising from the fact that human rights education depends, within the Organization, on both the Education Sector and the Social and Human Sciences Sector;
14. Invites Member States to make contributions to cover the expenses for the functioning of this working group;
15. Requests the working group to present its report to the Board at its 156th session.

(154 EX/SR.7)

8.6 Summary list of UNESCO prizes (154 EX/43, 154 EX/INF.5 and Corr. and 154 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 154 EX/43 and 154 EX/INF.5 and Corr.,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(154 EX/SR.7)

8.7 Dates of the 155th session

Special Committee	12-13 October 1998*
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	12-15 October 1998
(Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters)	12-16 October 1998
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	14-15 October 1998
Bureau	16 October 1998
Plenary meetings and commissions	19 October-5 November 1998
Solemn meeting in Tashkent	6 November 1998**

(154 EX/SR.7)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 6 MAY 1998

At the private meetings held on the morning and afternoon of 6 May, the Executive Board considered items 4.1 and 6.7 of its agenda.

4.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 and report by the Committee thereon

The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.

(See decision 4.1)

6.7 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 57, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General consulted the Board concerning appointments and extensions of contract in respect of a number of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization, and informed it of other personnel actions he envisaged taking in the coming months. He informed the Board of certain matters relating to the Headquarters Agreement between the host country and UNESCO. He also informed it of the case of a UNESCO staff

* The Special Committee will also meet from 9 to 11 September 1998.

** At the invitation of the Government of Uzbekistan, the representatives of the Members of the Board will travel to Uzbekistan to hold a solemn meeting in Tashkent, on 6 November, on the theme 'The culture of peace and the role of UNESCO', and to visit the historic cities of Samarkand and Bukhara on 7 and 8 November.

member who had been in prison in his country of origin since 25 November 1997. The Executive Board encouraged him to pursue his representations to the competent authorities of the state concerned, for the purpose, *inter alia*, of visiting the accused in order to be assured that the conditions under which he was being held were acceptable and to secure his release as soon as possible.

(154 EX/SR.5)

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APPENDIX

(This Appendix contains Annexes 1 to 6 of document 154 EX/29
referred to in 154 EX/Decision 7.3)

ANNEX 1

NGOs ADMITTED TO FORMAL CONSULTATIVE RELATIONS

CONSEIL AFRICAÏN D'ENSEIGNEMENT DE LA COMMUNICATION
AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR COMMUNICATION EDUCATION

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES JEUNESSES MUSICALES
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF 'JEUNESSES MUSICALES'

UNION DE LA PRESSE DU COMMONWEALTH
COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION

UNION DES UNIVERSITES DE L'AMERIQUE LATINE
UNION OF LATIN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

UNION EUROPEENNE DE RADIO-TELEVISION
EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION

**NGO WHICH PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED SEPARATE RELATIONS
WITH WHICH CO-OPERATION WILL BE CONTINUED THROUGH
ITS AFFILIATION TO A LARGER NGO HAVING FORMAL RELATIONS**

CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES UNIONS SCIENTIFIQUES
(Relations formelles d'association)
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS
(Formal associate relations)

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA SCIENCE DU SOL
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE

ANNEX 2

NETWORKS ADMITTED TO CONSULTATIVE RELATIONS

CENTRE SIMON WIESENTHAL
SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER

COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS
COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS

INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE
INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE

SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS
SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS

TRADITIONS POUR DEMAIN
TRADITIONS FOR TOMORROW

ANNEX 3

**NGOs AND OTHER ENTITIES ADMITTED
TO OPERATIONAL RELATIONS**

ASSOCIATION DES ECOLES INTERNATIONALES
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION DES ETABLISSEMENTS D'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPERIEUR D'ASIE
DU SUD-EST
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

ASSOCIATION GENERALE DES FEDERATIONS INTERNATIONALES DE SPORTS
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE DROIT CONSTITUTIONNEL
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE MEDECINE ET DE BIOLOGIE
DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY
OF THE ENVIRONMENT

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE PUBLICITE
INTERNATIONAL ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES PROFESSEURS DE LANGUE
ET LITTERATURE RUSSES
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE
AND LITERATURE

ASSOCIATION LATINO-AMERICAINE D'EDUCATION RADIOPHONIQUE
LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RADIO EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DE L'ART ET DE LA SCIENCE
WORLD ACADEMY OF ART AND SCIENCE

ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DE PROSPECTIVE SOCIALE
WORLD SOCIAL PROSPECTS ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES PETITES ET MOYENNES ENTREPRISES
WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

ASSOCIATION OF INTERBALKAN WOMEN'S COOPERATION SOCIETIES
ASSOCIATION OF INTERBALKAN WOMEN'S COOPERATION SOCIETIES

ASSOCIATION PANAMERICAINE DES INSTITUTIONS DE CREDIT EDUCATIF
PAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

ASSOCIATION POUR UNE EDUCATION MONDIALE
ASSOCIATION FOR WORLD EDUCATION

BUREAU EUROPEEN POUR LES LANGUES MOINS REPANDUES
EUROPEAN BUREAU FOR LESSER USED LANGUAGES

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DES ARTS ET TRADITIONS POPULAIRES
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FOLK ART

CONSEIL CONSULTATIF D'ORGANISATIONS JUIVES
CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

CONSEIL EUROPEEN DE RECHERCHES SOCIALES SUR L'AMERIQUE LATINE
EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH ON LATIN AMERICA

CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL POUR L'HYGIENE, L'EDUCATION PHYSIQUE,
LA RECREATION, LE SPORT ET LA DANSE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION,
SPORT AND DANCE

CONSEIL MONDIAL DE L'ENERGIE
WORLD ENERGY COUNCIL

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE
COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

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FEDERATION EUROPEENNE POUR L'APPRENTISSAGE INTERCULTUREL
EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR INTERCULTURAL LEARNING

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'ART PHOTOGRAPHIQUE
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ARCHIVES DE TELEVISION
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TELEVISION ARCHIVES

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS D'ETUDIANTS
EN MEDECINE
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES COMMUNAUTES EDUCATIVES
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF EDUCATIVE COMMUNITIES

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES JURISTES
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES PROFESSEURS DE LANGUES VIVANTES
WORLD FEDERATION OF MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATIONS

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES RESISTANTS
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS

FEDERATION SYNDICALE MONDIALE
WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

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INSTITUT INTERNATIONALE DE LA PAIX
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE

LIGUE INTERNATIONALE DES ENSEIGNANTS ESPERANTISTES
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF ESPERANTIST TEACHERS

LITERACY RESEARCH CENTER
LITERACY RESEARCH CENTER

NORTH AMERICAN NATIONAL BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION
NORTH AMERICAN NATIONAL BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'EDUCATION SCIENTIFIQUE
ET TECHNOLOGIQUE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION

ORGANISATION POUR FLORA NEOTROPICA
ORGANIZATION FOR FLORA NEOTROPICA

RESEAU SUD-NORD CULTURES ET DEVELOPPEMENT
SOUTH-NORTH NETWORK CULTURES AND DEVELOPMENT

SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE

SOCIETE EUROPEENNE POUR LA FORMATION DES INGENIEURS
EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION

SOCIETE INTERNATIONALE D'ENERGIE SOLAIRE
INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY

UNION AFRICAINE DES DISTRIBUTEURS D'EAU
UNION OF AFRICAN WATER SUPPLIERS

UNION DES RADIODIFFUSIONS ET TELEVISIONS NATIONALES D'AFRIQUE
UNION OF NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION ORGANIZATIONS OF AFRICA

UNION INTERNATIONALE CHRETIENNE DES DIRIGEANTS D'ENTREPRISE
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNION OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVES

UNION INTERNATIONALE DE PROMOTION DE LA SANTE ET D'EDUCATION
POUR LA SANTE
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION

UNION INTERNATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

UNIVERSITE IBERO-AMERICAINE D'ETUDES POST-UNIVERSITAIRES
IBERO-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION FOR POST GRADUATE STUDIES

WORLDDIDAC - ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DE FABRICANTS, EDITEURS
ET REVENDEURS DE MATERIEL DIDACTIQUE
WORLDDIDAC - WORLD ASSOCIATION OF PUBLISHERS, MANUFACTURERS
AND DISTRIBUTORS OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

ANNEX 4

NGOs PLACED IN INFORMAL RELATIONS

ACADEMIE INTERNATIONALE DE LA CERAMIQUE
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF CERAMICS

ANTI-SLAVERY INTERNATIONAL
ANTI-SLAVERY INTERNATIONAL

ASSOCIATION EUROPEENNE DU GENIE PARASISMIQUE
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES MOUVEMENTS FAMILIAUX
DE FORMATION RURALE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY MOVEMENTS OF RURAL TRAINING

ANNEX 5

**ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH RELATIONS SHOULD BE PURSUED
IN ANOTHER INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK**

COLLEGES DU MONDE UNI
UNITED WORLD COLLEGES

ANNEX 6

**FOUNDATIONS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED
TO OFFICIAL RELATIONS**

ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES AMIES DE L'ENFANCE
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S FRIENDS

CENTRE UNESCO-ETXEA-EUSKAL HERRIA
UNESCO CENTRE-ETXEA-EUSKAL HERRIA

FONDATION MARANGOPOULOS POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME
MARANGOPOULOS FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

FONDATION POUR L'ENFANCE
FONDATION POUR L'ENFANCE

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**DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
AT ITS 154th SESSION**

(Paris, 27 April-7 May 1998)

CORRIGENDUM

Decision 3.4.2 - Establishment of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific
Knowledge and Technology

ANNEX

**Statutes of the World Commission on the Ethics
of Scientific Knowledge and Technology**

Article 3, paragraph 3, last line: Replace 2000 by 1999.

The text must therefore read as follows:

3. One half of the members of the Commission shall be replaced every two years. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, when appointing the first members of the Commission, the Director-General shall designate the nine members whose term shall expire on 31 December 1999.