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ITEM 1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (130 EX/1)

At its first meeting, the Executive Board adopted the agenda set out in document 130 EX/1.

The Executive Board decided to refer to the Commissions and Committee the following items of its agenda:

1. To the Programme and External Relations Commission:
items 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.3.1, 5.4.1, 5.4.4, 6.1 and 9.1.
2. To the Finance and Administrative Commission:
items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8 and 7.9.
3. To the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations:
items 6.2 and 6.3.

(130 EX/SR 1)

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 129TH SESSION
(129 EX/SR 1-16 and Corr.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 129th session.

(130 EX/SR 1)

ITEM 3 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

3.1 Executive Board

3.1.1 Report by the Bureau on questions that do not appear to require debate (130 EX/2)

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 130 EX/2 concerning items 5.3.2 'Amendment to the Regulations for the Award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize', 5.4.2 'Invitations to the meeting of the Special Committee of Governmental Experts to prepare a draft recommendation to Member States on the safeguarding of folklore' and 5.4.3 'Invitations to the meeting of the Special Committee of Governmental Experts to prepare a draft recommendation to Member States on the protection of works in the public domain' .

(130 EX/SR 1)

3.2 Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: Examination of communications transmitted to the Committee in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (130 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(130 EX/SR 20)

3.3 General Conference

3.3.1 Possibility of streamlining and simplifying the agenda and working procedures of the General Conference (130 EX/19)

(See paragraphs 4-10 of decision 5.1.2)

(130 EX/SR 21)

3.4 United Nations Joint Inspection Unit

3.4.1 Seventeenth report by the Director-General on the follow-up action taken on recommendations made by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (130 EX/6 and 130 EX/19)

The Executive Board,

1. Having reviewed the seventeenth report by the Director-General on the follow-up action taken on recommendations made by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) (130 EX/6),
2. Notes with satisfaction the measures taken by the Director-General as a follow-up to the two JIU reports on 'Storage and its costs in organizations of the United Nations system';
3. Requests the Director-General to continue his efforts to improve the production, storage and distribution of documents and publications in line with the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to report to the Executive Board on JIU activities which concern Unesco.

(130 EX/SR 21)

3.5 Regional co-ordination

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken note of the information provided by the Director-General in his oral report, as well as of the contents of document 130 EX/32 and of its debate on this matter,
2. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 131st session on the measures he has taken concerning decentralization and all related matters.

(130 EX/SR 21)

ITEM 4 THIRD MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1990-1991

4.1 Preparation of the third Medium-Term Plan (130 EX/4)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 129 EX/Decision 4.1,

2. Having examined document 130 EX/4, Parts I and II, in the light of the clarifications provided by the Director-General in his introduction and in his reply to the debate on agenda item 4.1,
3. Expresses its satisfaction that the Director-General prepared, in such a brief period, a document of high quality which gave rise to an enriching and constructive dialogue in the Executive Board;
4. Notes that in preparing the annotated outline the Director-General took broad account of the guidelines contained in 129 EX/Decision 4.1;
5. Congratulates the Director-General on the wide-ranging consultations that he has continued to pursue both with Member States and National Commissions and with the international intellectual and scientific community, the results of which have made a valuable contribution to reflection on the draft third Medium-Term Plan;
6. Invites the Director-General to found the draft third Medium-Term Plan on the principles and purposes laid down in the Constitution, and to base it on decision 4.1 adopted by the Executive Board at its 129th session, taking into account:

the discussions and relevant resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-fourth session;

the annotated outline contained in document 130 EX/4, as well as the additions proposed during the debate of the Executive Board on this subject, together with the Director-General's introduction and reply to the debate;

and in accordance with the following recommendations:

I

Structure

7. Considers that the general introduction to the Plan should, in particular:
 - (a) place Unesco's action in the context of the world situation, as it was described by the Director-General in his introduction and reply to the debate of the Executive Board (paragraphs 28-37 of document 130 EX/INF.9 and paragraphs 13-15 of document 130 EX/INF.11), as well as by members of the Executive Board, particularly those who emphasized the deteriorating situation of the developing countries;
 - (b) provide a brief assessment of the major achievements of the second Medium-Term Plan, the shortfalls or failures noted, and the areas in which innovation is required;
 - (c) define the strategy to be established by the Organization for the six-year period in order to enable it to contribute, within its fields of competence, to

meeting the three major challenges of our time: peace, development and the protection of the environment, particularly by reducing the gap which separates the industrialized and the developing countries, taking into consideration the needs and priorities of Member States, particularly those of the developing countries, as expressed by them;

8. Recalls that the third Medium-Term Plan should consist of the following seven major programme areas:
 - I. Education and the future;
 - II. Science for progress and the environment;
 - III. Culture: past, present and future;
 - IV. Communication in the service of humanity;
 - V. Man and society in a changing world;
 - VI. Unesco's contribution to prospective studies and strategies concerned with development;
 - VII. Unesco's contribution to peace, human rights and the elimination of all forms of discrimination;
9. Further recalls that the introduction to each programme should provide a brief analysis of the main problems and obstacles encountered, as well as a description of the objectives and strategies envisaged to overcome them;
10. Stresses that the transverse themes mentioned in paragraph 18 of 129 EX/Decision 4.1, as well as the transverse activities mentioned in paragraphs 281-297 of the annotated outline, should be appropriately reflected in all the major programme areas;
11. Recommends that the draft third Medium-Term Plan should provide for the launching of two mobilizing projects, one concerning the elimination of illiteracy and the other related to youth, which should be formulated in accordance with the criteria proposed in paragraphs 21-25 of 129 EX/Decision 4.1 and in the light of the views expressed by the members of the Executive Board at the present session;
12. Further recommends that the draft third Medium-Term Plan should include proposals for other mobilizing projects, devoted to such themes as cities and the environment, the launching of which could be staggered throughout the period covered by the Plan;
13. Invites the Director-General to include in the draft third Medium-Term Plan a special project on the establishment in South Africa of an egalitarian, non-racial society, free from apartheid;
14. Notes that the draft third Medium-Term Plan will be accompanied by an Administrative Plan indicating in particular the structures envisaged for the execution of the proposed programmes;

II

Guidelines on substance

15. Agrees with the general orientations proposed in the annotated outline for Major Programme Area I (Education and the future), as supplemented or clarified during the Board's debate on item 4.1, and considers that the coherence of this major programme area must be strengthened;
16. Approves, in their main lines, the proposals concerning Major Programme Area II (Science for progress and the environment) but stresses that it is essential that the Plan should reflect the fact that the international science programmes (MAB, IHP, IOC programmes and IGCP) deal with scientific investigation and the development of natural resources as well as with environmental protection;
17. Further stresses that the basic sciences and computer science should be given an important place, particularly by reinforcing the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme and the other regular programme activities in the area of computer science, as well as their intersectoral co-ordination;
18. Expresses the wish that Unesco, in close co-operation with the other organizations of the United Nations system, should contribute to the setting up of an international forum on energy strategies;
19. Recommends that Major Programme Area III (Culture: past, present and future) should be drawn up in such a way as to reflect fully the general orientations and the major axes defined in paragraphs 12-24 of the annex to 129 EX/Decision 4.1, and in particular the need to:
 - (a) ensure close co-ordination between the objectives of the third Medium-Term Plan and those of the World Decade for Cultural Development (paragraph 15 of the annex);
 - (b) stress the inter- and trans-disciplinary nature of the action envisaged in this area (paragraph 16);
 - (c) stress the following fields of action, notwithstanding their possible regrouping:
 - (i) the preservation and enrichment of cultural identities, which should constitute a priority objective of the major programme area, particularly through the continuation of cultural studies of cultures (paragraphs 13 and 14);
 - (ii) the safeguarding of the physical and non-physical cultural heritage with a view to its incorporation into living culture (paragraph 17);
 - (iii) the development of international cultural co-operation (exchanges, encounters, festivals,

- exhibitions, forums, concerts) for the dissemination and mutual knowledge of the artistic expressions of the different cultures, using all varieties of audio-visual communication, and making Unesco a world cultural clearing house (paragraphs 18 and 19);
- (iv) the reinforcement of creation and creativity and the participation of all in cultural life (role and status of artists; support for the improvement of cultural policies; promotion of crafts; strengthening of aesthetic education and art education) (paragraph 20);
 - (v) improvement of copyright (paragraph 21);
 - (vi) the development of cultural industries, particularly in the developing countries, with a view to facilitating the endogenous production of cultural goods (paragraph 22);
 - (vii) promotion of books and reading, following a genuinely multidisciplinary approach which would highlight the role of books in the enrichment of cultures, in the progress of literacy teaching and in the dissemination of scientific knowledge (paragraph 23);
 - (viii) taking into account the cultural dimension of development (contribution to reflection on the problems of culture in the contemporary world), in conjunction with Major Programme Area VI (paragraph 24);
 - (ix) promotion of co-operation among developing countries;
20. Recommends that Major Programme Area IV (Communication in the service of humanity) should be preceded by an introduction which will make explicit the new strategy to be implemented in the third Medium-Term Plan, using the same terms in which it is defined in paragraph 25 of the annex to 129 EX/Decision 4.1, and which will underline the concept of the transversality of communication as described in paragraph 28 of that annex;
21. Also recommends that this major programme area should be composed of the following major axes, notwithstanding their possible regrouping:
- (a) the free flow of information, at international as well as national levels, and its wider and better balanced dissemination (paragraphs 29 and 26);
 - (b) the development of communication to promote mutual knowledge and international understanding (paragraph 27);

- (c) the training of journalists and other communication professionals, particularly in the developing countries (paragraph 29);
 - (d) the development of media education, by emphasizing the development of critical acumen, the ability to react to any kind of manipulation and the education of users to defend their rights (paragraph 29);
 - (e) the reinforcement of all the functions of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) (mobilization of increased resources from the industrialized countries; intensification of its activities, particularly the development of communication infrastructures, in developing countries; strengthening of technical co-operation among developing countries) (paragraph 30);
 - (f) establishment of linkages between communication and development (paragraph 31);
 - (g) economic and socio-cultural impact of new communication technologies (appropriate utilization of low-cost technologies, impact of the media on culture and on cultural identity) (paragraph 32);
22. Considers that the specific role of the social and human sciences as scientific disciplines should be strengthened in Major Programme Area V (Man and society in a changing world) - this being a necessary condition for fostering the contribution of this programme to the totality of the third Medium-Term Plan - as should their interdisciplinary and intersectoral character, in accordance with paragraphs 33 to 38 of the annex to 129 EX/Decision 4.1 and in the light of the observations and comments made by the members of the Executive Board;
23. Reiterates that prospective studies as defined in paragraphs 44, 45 and 46 of the annex to 129 EX/Decision 4.1 must be maintained as one of the components of Major Programme Area VI 'Unesco's contribution to prospective studies and to strategies concerned with development', it being understood that, as a transverse theme, prospective studies should also give support to the action undertaken in the other major programme areas;
24. Also recommends that Major Programme Area VI should be drafted on the basis of paragraphs 40, 41 and 42 of the annex to 129 EX/Decision 4.1, and encourages the Director-General, in accordance with 130 EX/Decision 5.3.1 in which Unesco's contribution to sustainable development is outlined, to take appropriate action to define with greater clarity the concept of sustainable development in Unesco's fields of competence, with special emphasis on the needs of developing countries;

25. Considers that the establishment, in South Africa, of an egalitarian, non-racial society, free from apartheid and reconciled with itself (Major Programme Area VII) is a priority objective of the entire international community to which Unesco should make its specific contribution, and consequently recommends that activities be undertaken to that effect as a special project which should be so designed as to ensure maximum impact, notwithstanding other activities related to apartheid which are to be included in this major programme area;
26. Recommends that an appropriate place should be accorded in the draft third Medium-Term Plan to the needs within the fields of competence of Unesco of the African national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and of the Palestine Liberation Organization recognized by the League of Arab States, as well as to the need to strengthen the assistance accorded to educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Executive Board and resolutions of the General Conference;
27. Also recommends that paragraph 237(e) of the annotated outline, relating to the 'continuation of activities concerned with elucidation of the concept of the rights of peoples, including studies, in the Organization's fields of competence, on self-determination and cultural identity, although these will not form the basis of a standard-setting activity', should be dealt with as a separate item within Part B.1, which is entitled: 'International co-operation for the promotion and respect of human rights';
28. Takes note of the indications provided in the annotated outline concerning the possible implementation of certain activities in the form of 'projects' by grouping together in a coherent and integrated manner certain elements of the programme, and encourages the Director-General in this endeavour, which is aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the action of the Organization through increased flexibility and intersectorality;
29. Encourages the Director-General to collaborate more closely with the National Commissions of Unesco and fully to associate them, as well as international governmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant institutions, with the execution of the third Medium-Term Plan;
30. Stresses that attention should be paid to ensuring that recourse to the system of associate networks described in paragraph 50(b) of document 130 EX/4 (Part I), and intended to ensure the effective presence of Unesco in the Member States, does not result in a reduction of the authority of the Organization over the execution of its approved programme.

4.2 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 1990-1991 (130 EX/5 and Add. & Corr. and Add.1)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examining document 130 EX/5 (Preliminary proposals of the Director-General concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 1990-1991 (25 C/5)) and its Add. and Corr. and Add.1 in the light of the observations and comments made by the members of the Executive Board during the debate on item 4.2 of the agenda, of the Director-General's oral introduction and reply to that debate, and of the information provided by the informal group of the Finance and Administrative Commission,
2. Taking into account the recommendations of the Special Committee on the basis of the comprehensive review of the financial regulations and the budgeting techniques of the Organization (document 130 EX/19),

I

Budgeting techniques

3. Invites the Director-General to apply the following budgeting techniques in the preparation of document 25 C/5:
 - use of the constant dollar principle
 - treatment of inflation through:
 - recosting
 - Appropriation Reserve (Part VII)
 - separate treatment of currency fluctuation (Part VIII)
 - zero-base budgeting
 - budget standards
 - adjustment for staff turnover (lapse factor)
 - distribution of staff and indirect programme costs
 - programme analysis by modality of action and function
 - distribution of administrative and common service costs
 - integration of extra-budgetary resources
 - integration of support costs;
4. Recommends that the Draft Programme and Budget for 1990-1991 (document 25 C/5) be prepared by the Director-General taking into account the following guidelines:
 - (a) the budget base for 1990-1991 for Parts I to VI of the budget shall be \$326,835,000 (at the constant dollar rate of 6.45 FF to 1 US dollar);

- (b) the inflation costs for 1988-1989 (recosting) and the estimated cost of inflation in 1990-1991 in Part VII of the budget (Appropriation Reserve), henceforth to be entitled 'Anticipated cost Increases', shall be budgeted for in document 25 C/5 and updated regularly, after careful examination of all the data available up to the eve of the General Conference;
- (c) the amount required to compensate for differences between the constant and current dollar shall be provided in Part VIII of the budget (Currency Fluctuation), henceforth to be entitled 'Currency Adjustment', this amount being subject to revision up to the eve of the General Conference;

II

Scale of assessment

- 5. Decides to reconsider the scale of assessment of contributions of Member States for the financial period 1990-1991 at its 131st session, on the basis of the scale that has been adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its forty-third session, using the methodology followed to establish the scale appearing in column (c) of the table shown in paragraph 82 of document 130 EX/5;

III

Flexibility of programme implementation

- 6. Invites the Director-General, with a view to enhancing flexibility in the execution of the approved programme:
 - (a) to allocate funds in document 25 C/5 at the major programme area, programme and subprogramme levels, in accordance with the nomenclature currently in use;
 - (b) to make use of the existing provision for transfers between appropriation lines while keeping to the priorities set by the General Conference;
 - (c) to study other appropriate steps leading to increased flexibility in programme execution, and to report to it thereon;
- 7. Further invites the Director-General to propose, in document 25 C/5, on the basis of studies to be undertaken to that effect:
 - (a) measures to enhance the transparency of Participation Programme procedures and to improve and simplify them;
 - (b) the possibility of dealing with exceptional situations within the framework of the Participation Programme;
 - (c) an increase in the allocation for the Participation Programme within the budget base, with a view to improving the overall implementation of the Approved Programme and Budget;

8. Decides to study at its 131st session the general policy implications of the proposals set out in paragraph 7;

IV

Provisions concerning particular items and Programme growth

Particular items

9. Also invites the Director-General, in preparing the programme and budget proposals in document 25 C/5, to bear in mind the following recommendations:

(a) Account for End-of-Service Grants and Indemnities

to absorb, through savings in 1990-1991, the sum of \$4,025,200 representing the second installment of the amortization of the Account for End-of-Service Grants and Indemnities, in application of 23 C/Resolution 38 and 125 EX/Decision 7.6;

(b) Medical Benefits Fund

to review further the reasons for the increase of \$1,600,000 in the budgetary provision for the Medical Benefits Fund, including long-term implications, and to report thereon to the Executive Board for decision at its 131st session;

(c) Adjustment for staff turnover

to report on this matter to the Executive Board at its 131st session;

(d) Working Capital Fund

to absorb, through savings in 1990-1991, the repayment to the Working Capital Fund of the sum of \$3,191,000 representing the second installment of unamortized construction costs, it being understood that, in principle, this will not result in an increase in the budget base, in application of 24 C/Resolution 36.2;

(e) Reserve for draft resolutions from Member States

to study, in the light of the relevant discussions at the present session, the questions related to the maintenance or otherwise of practice of establishing a reserve for draft resolutions submitted by Member States, its amount, the mechanisms likely to guarantee its maximum efficiency as well as possible ways of financing it (by addition to or absorption within the budget base) and report thereon to the Executive Board at its 131st session to enable it to make its recommendations to the General Conference;

Programme growth

10. Decides to consider the question of real growth, primarily for programme activities under Parts I to VI of the budget,

at its 131st session, on the basis of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1990-1991 drawn up by the Director-General (document 25 C/5);

V

Presentation of document 25 C/5

11. Invites the Director-General, with a view to simplifying the presentation and reducing the volume of the next programme and budget document:
 - (a) to prepare document 25 C/5 in one volume;
 - (b) to include budgetary and administrative data in a separate working document;
12. Approves the proposals contained in paragraphs 85 and 86 of document 130 EX/5.

(130 EX/SR 2-11 and 22)

ITEM 5 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

5.1 Reports by the Director-General

5.1.1 Oral report on the activities of the Organization since the 129th session

I

The Executive Board,

1. Having heard the Director-General's oral report on the activities of the Organization since the 129th session,
2. Takes note of that report.

II

Devastation caused by hurricanes Gilbert and Joan

The Executive Board,

1. Having been informed of the devastation caused by hurricanes Gilbert and Joan in Costa Rica, Colombia, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua and Venezuela,
2. Expresses its deep sympathy and solidarity with the peoples and governments of the countries afflicted by this disaster;
3. Welcomes the steps taken by the Director-General to assist those countries;
4. Requests the Director-General, within Unesco's sphere of competence and drawing on the funds available for such contingencies, to offer the Organization's assistance in meeting the needs arising out of the emergency in the affected areas.

III

Safeguarding of the cultural heritage

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the fundamental importance for the fulfillment of the Organization's mission of promoting the safeguarding of the cultural heritage (Article I, paragraph 2(c) of the Constitution),
2. Considering the importance attached to safeguarding the physical and non-physical heritage in its decision on the preparation of the Medium-Term Plan, 130 EX/Decision 4.1, which stresses the importance of these activities for the World Decade for Cultural Development (subparagraphs 19(a) and 19(c)(ii) of that decision),
3. Noting the positive effects of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, which was adopted by the General Conference in 1972 and to which a large number of Member States have acceded, on the preservation worldwide of the physical cultural heritage,
4. Bearing in mind the fact that the world's cultural and natural heritage is increasingly under threat of destruction,
5. Emphasizing the importance, for all the peoples of the world, of safeguarding this unique and irreplaceable heritage, to whatever people it may belong,
6. Noting the comments made during its debate on this subject and the Director-General's reply to that debate,
7. Appeals to all Member States of Unesco which have not yet acceded to the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage to do so.

(130 EX/SR 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 21)

- 5.1.2 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the decisions of the Executive Board adopted on the basis of the recommendations of its Temporary Committee (130 EX/7 and Corr., and 130 EX/19)

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken note of the observations and suggestions contained in the report of the Special Committee on the implementation of the decisions of the Executive Board adopted on the basis of the recommendations of its Temporary Committee (130 EX/19),
2. Recalling 128 EX/Decision 6.1 relating to the terms of reference of the Special Committee, particularly with respect to following the implementation of these recommendations,
3. Recommends that in future the Special Committee study at each session only a limited number of fields among those for which it is responsible under its terms of reference (128 EX/Decision 6.1), so that it may consider and discuss them in depth, the fields to be studied during the 131st session being:

(a) Recommendations A (General Conference), B (Executive Board), C (Decision-making procedures), E(5) (Evaluation) and F(1) (Personnel and consultants);

(b) the in-depth study on the role of the social and human sciences in Unesco;

4. Invites the Director-General to continue to report to it on the measures he has taken to implement these decisions in the light of the deliberations of the Special Committee (130 EX/19) and of the observations and recommendations set out below;

General Conference

5. Recalling 129 EX/Decision 5.1.2 (paragraphs 7 to 10),
6. Having examined the report of the Special Committee (130 EX/19) concerning consideration of the report of the Working Group set up to study the possibility of streamlining and simplifying the agenda and working procedures of the General Conference (130 EX/SP/2),
7. Expresses its gratitude to the members of the Working Group for the very stimulating suggestions they have put forward with a view to streamlining the work of the General Conference and, in particular, involving Member States more closely in the preparation of the C/5 document;
8. Stresses the importance of the very valuable exchange of views that took place in the Special Committee on the basis of this report, relating in particular to the functions assigned by the Constitution to the three constituent organs of Unesco;
9. Notes that, owing to the scope and complexity of the issues raised and the divergent nature of the views expressed, the Special Committee was not in a position to arrive at definite conclusions;
10. Invites the Special Committee to keep this question under review until the 131st session of the Board, and decides to extend the mandate of the Working Group set up within the Committee;
11. Recommends that the Working Group further develop its reflection on this subject, associating in its work all those members of the Special Committee wishing to participate and taking account of the views expressed and comments made in the Committee at the present session;
12. Invites the Director-General to continue assisting the Working Group and to ensure that it enjoys the active collaboration of the representatives of the Secretariat;

Decentralization

13. Recalling 129 EX/Decision 5.1.2 (paragraph 13),
14. Having examined the Director-General's information document entitled 'Ways and means of stepping up Unesco's presence in the Field and of rationalizing its structures away from Headquarters' (130 EX/INF.6),

15. Notes the progress made in the area of decentralization, particularly with regard to the development of modern means of communication, and the shortcomings connected with Unesco's representation in the Field, the volume of operational activities and regional co-ordination;
16. Endorses the new guidelines for the decentralization policy and the measures envisaged by the Director-General, as reflected in document 130 EX/INF.6, aimed at increasing the effectiveness of decentralized activities and strengthening Unesco's presence in the Field;
17. Considers nevertheless that a qualitative evaluation of decentralization is vital in order to assess the progress made and define the Organization's future action in that regard, and requests the Director-General to undertake such a study as soon as possible;
18. Invites the Director-General to involve the National Commissions and non-governmental organizations more fully in the decentralization of Unesco's activities, which means strengthening co-operation between them and Unesco's regional structures;
19. Invites the Director-General, in the context of decentralization, to take into account all regions, including the Europe region;

Publications and documentation

20. Notes with satisfaction the positive results achieved in implementing the publications policy in accordance with Recommendation E(3) of the Temporary Committee and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Board;
21. Welcomes in particular the measures taken by the Director-General to increase the independence of the Office of Unesco Publications and Periodicals and to enlarge its staff, particularly for the purpose of promoting and distributing its products;
22. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to reduce the overall volume of documentation;

Evaluation

23. Recalling 129 EX/Decision 5.1.2 (paragraph 18),
24. Expresses its satisfaction with the results achieved and progress made in carrying out evaluation activities under the system of evaluation adopted by the Organization's governing bodies;
25. Considers that steps should be taken to embody in this system those improvements deemed useful in the light of the experience derived from: the initial self-evaluation exercises, the preparation of document 24 C/n, and the impact evaluations, with the aim of achieving more effective implementation of the Organization's programme and making the best possible use of the results of evaluation activities in planning and programming (preparation of documents 25 C/4 and 25 C/5):

26. Invites the Director-General to undertake a study of the evaluation machinery, bearing in mind these improvements and having regard to the decisions concerning the timetable for the preparation of documents 25 C/4 and 25 C/5 and for their submission to the Executive Board, and to report to the Executive Board thereon;

Impact evaluation studies

27. Having taken note of the portion of the report of the Special Committee relating to the five impact evaluation studies (129 EX/INF.7, 129 EX/INF.8, 129 EX/INF.9, 130 EX/INF.7 and 130 EX/INF.8),
28. Decides that these impact evaluation studies shall be examined by the Programme and External Relations Commission;
29. Invites the Director-General to inform the Executive Board at its 131st session of the measures he has taken to implement the recommendations contained in these evaluation studies;

Personnel and consultants

30. Recalling 129 EX/Decision 5.1.2 (paragraphs 19-22),
31. Having taken note of the work of the Working Group of the Special Committee responsible for carrying out an in-depth study of a comprehensive personnel policy,
32. Thanks the Director-General for the assistance he has given to the Working Group responsible for that study, and requests him to continue to provide it with support as necessary;
33. Invites the Working Group to submit a final report on this subject to the Special Committee at the 131st session;

Budgetary and financial matters

34. Having taken note of the report of the Special Committee (130 EX/19) concerning consideration of the report of the Working Group on the Comprehensive Review of the Financial Regulations and Budgeting Techniques (130 EX/SP/4),
35. Invites the Director-General, with respect to:

Presentation of the C/5 document

- (a) to take appropriate measures in order to simplify the presentation and to reduce the volume of the next programme and budget document, due attention being given to the constitutional functions of the General Conference and the Executive Board, as well as to the fundamental role the document plays in programme implementation by Member States, National Commissions and the Director-General;

Financial Regulations

- (b) to apportion and surrender available budget surpluses in accordance with the existing Financial Regulations, not only when Member States' contributions are assessed at the commencement of each biennium, but also when contributions for the second year of the biennium are assessed;
- (c) to propose a modification of Article 9.1 of the Financial Regulations in order to align reporting procedures for the investment of funds on current practices;
- (d) to propose a modification of Article 13.2 of the Financial Regulations concerning unforeseen and extraordinary expenses;
- (e) to propose a modification of Article 7.3 of the Financial Regulations (and of Article 1X.3 of the Constitution) concerning procedures relating to voluntary contributions and donations;
- (f) to propose that monies accepted in respect of which no purpose is specified shall be credited to a pooled general account;
- (g) to propose a modification of the Financial Regulations concerning the Executive Board's role with respect to special financial regulations for trust funds and special accounts established by the Director-General;

Budgeting techniques

- (h) to apply, in the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1990-1991 (document 25 C/5), the following budgeting techniques:
 - use of the constant dollar principle
 - treatment of inflation through:
 - recosting
 - Appropriation Reserve (Part VII)
 - separate treatment of currency fluctuation (Part VIII)
 - zero-base budgeting
 - budget standards
 - adjustment for staff turnover (lapse factor)
 - distribution of staff and indirect programme costs
 - programme analysis by modality of action and function
 - distribution of administrative and common service costs
 - integration of extra-budgetary resources
 - integration of support costs;

Working Capital Fund

- (i) to reword the resolution concerning the level and administration of the Working Capital Fund, in the Draft Programme and Budget for 1990-1991, so as to limit the purposes for which it may be used to essential requirements;

Public information

36. Takes note with satisfaction of the decisions taken by the Director-General concerning the reorganization of the Office of Public Information;
37. Congratulates the Director-General on the improvement noted in the Organization's public information activities;
38. Recommends that the Office of Public Information, in the context of its continued intensified efforts in this connection, should take account of all the varied publics towards which these efforts will be directed.

(130 EX/SR 21 and 22)

- 5.1.3 Initial conclusions concerning the in-depth studies to be conducted by the Special Committee in 1988-1989 on the basis of the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1986-1987 (25 C/3) (130 EX/SP/3 and Corr., and 130 EX/19)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Special Committee's report (130 EX/19) on the report concerning the in-depth study entitled 'The Role of the Social and Human Sciences in Unesco' (130 EX/SP/3 and Corr.),
2. Congratulates the rapporteurs of the study on the work accomplished, particularly in regard to the initial proposals aimed at ensuring that the relevant elements of the study are used when preparing the third Medium-Term Plan;
3. Highlights the importance of the initial conclusions of the in-depth study and that of the discussion held on its conclusions by the Special Committee;
4. Invites the Director-General, during the preparation of the third Medium-Term Plan, inter alia, to take account of the relevant recommendations and conclusions of the study and of the suggestions formulated in that regard during the discussion;
5. Invites the rapporteurs to continue their work in order to present the final version of the in-depth study at its 131st session;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue to give his assistance to the rapporteurs so that they may complete their task in the best possible conditions.

(130 EX/SR 21)

5.2 Education

5.2.1 Application of 24 C/Resolution 25 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (130 EX/8 and Add. and 130 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Constitution of Unesco, in which it is stated that 'the wide diffusion of culture, and the education of humanity for justice and liberty and peace are indispensable to the dignity of man and constitute a sacred duty which all the nations must fulfil in a spirit of mutual assistance and concern' ,
2. Recalling the fourth Geneva Convention (12 August 1949), the Hague Convention, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,
3. Having considered the Director-General's report (130 EX/8 and Add.) on the dramatic educational and cultural situation in the Arab territories occupied by Israel,
4. Considering the extremely precarious situation of the educational institutions and personnel in the occupied Palestinian territories resulting from losses of human life, from repeated (and for the last academic year continuous or almost continuous) closures of establishments, from the administrative detention of students, pupils and staff, and from deportation and other forms of deprivation of the exercise of the right to education and to a cultural identity,
5. Taking cognizance of the great number of communications addressed to the Director-General in the interval between its last and current sessions which draw his attention to a series of coercive measures taken by the occupation authorities against educational institutions in particular and the intellectual and academic community as a whole,
6. Noting with concern that all correspondence addressed by the Director-General to the Israeli Government on the subject of the above-mentioned communications has remained, except in one single case, not only unanswered but also unacknowledged,
7. Expresses its deep regret that Father Boné has not yet been able to complete his mission to the occupied Arab territories and hopes that he will be able to do so as soon as possible, considering that in any case the report should be submitted to the Executive Board at its 131st session;
8. Emphasizes that, at a time when the international community is gathering its forces for the struggle against illiteracy, the almost continuous closure of educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Palestinian territories is likely to result in a spectacular rise in the illiteracy rate;

9. Most vigorously deploras the policy and practices engaged in by the Israeli occupying authorities, which jeopardize the normal operation of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Palestinian territories and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, this situation being prejudicial to the respect for human rights defended by Unesco;
10. Calls upon Israel to reopen without delay all educational institutions now subject to closure by military order and to refrain from any act which might hinder their normal activity and operation under the exclusive responsibility of their own administrative and academic authorities or alter, under any pretext, their specific nature and function as educational institutions;
11. Invites the Director-General to persevere in his efforts to:
 - (a) send Father Boné on a complementary mission to the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem and the Golan Heights;
 - (b) investigate, by sending staff and expert missions, the needs of educational institutions in the occupied Palestinian territories, with a view to helping them to find practical solutions to the difficulties which they face;
 - (c) obtain contributions to the Scholarship Special Account for the Higher Education of Students from the occupied Arab territories;
12. Further invites the Director-General to communicate this decision and the related documents to the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
13. Thanks the Director-General for his efforts to enable Unesco to continue to see to the normal functioning of the educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories and to the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of Unesco relating to those institutions;
14. Appeals to Member States which have so far not contributed to the above Special Account to do so in expression of the value they attach to the right to education, and expresses its gratitude to those Member States and international governmental and non-governmental organizations which have already made contributions;
15. Decides to place this question on the agenda of its 131st session.

5.2.2 Preliminary study on the desirability of preparing an international convention on the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education (130 EX/9 and Add. Corr. and 130 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Articles 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,
2. Having examined the preliminary study contained in document 130 EX/9 and its Add. Corr.,
3. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to give priority to action concerning the mobility of students, teachers and researchers and the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education undertaken by the secretariats of the committees responsible for promoting the application of the Regional Conventions;
 - (b) to assign financial resources to such action and seek extra-budgetary funds to enable the secretariats of those committees to discharge their functions more effectively;
4. Recommends to Member States that they:

provide technical and financial assistance to the secretariats of the committees responsible for promoting the application of the Regional Conventions principally to the regional centres for higher education, with the object of stimulating action in that field;
5. Recommends to Member States that have not already done so that they:
 - (a) ratify the Regional Conventions and give priority to the work of the committees responsible for promoting their application;
 - (b) set up or designate national bodies to be responsible for promoting information exchanges and studies concerning the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education and proposing solutions to the problems facing Member States in that area;
6. Requests the Director-General to carry out a thorough study including in particular an evaluation of the application of the Regional Conventions and a preliminary examination of the possible financial consequences of the preparation and application of an international convention, and to prepare a report on the matter for submission to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session;

7. Decides that the following item shall be placed on the provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference: 'Desirability of adopting an international convention on the recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas in higher education';
8. Decides to transmit the report of the Programme and External Relations Commission on this matter to the General Conference.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

5.3 Natural Sciences

5.3.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress made by Unesco towards the objectives of environmentally sound and sustainable development (130 EX/10 and 130 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 in which the United Nations General Assembly invited the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations to report on progress made on long-term strategies for achieving sustainable development, as well as 129 EX/Decision 6.1.2 in which the Executive Board subsequently decided to prepare a consolidated report in response to these resolutions,
2. Having considered the report by the Director-General on the progress made by Unesco towards the objectives of environmentally sound and sustainable development (130 EX/10),
3. Commends the Director-General for this succinct and comprehensive document which gives, in a historical perspective, an overview of Unesco's activities contributing to sustainable development;
4. Requests the Director-General to prepare the Executive Board's own report to the General Assembly, revising document 130 EX/10 as follows:
 - (a) replace sections I and II by the text annexed to this decision;
 - (b) revise section III by adding an introductory paragraph describing the overall contribution of Unesco to sustainable development through its programmes on education, science and culture, and by introducing headings which present the different activities in a balanced manner;
 - (c) emphasize whenever possible in section III the pioneering role of Unesco's programmes contributing to sustainable development, and provide examples of concrete achievements under the various activities;

- (d) update the part of section III on environmental education to reflect the evaluations of the International Environmental Education Programme and Recommendation 2 of the fourth Conference of Ministers of Education of Member States of the Europe Region;
 - (e) complete and update the part of section III on the cultural dimension of development to highlight the broader social and anthropological aspects which are now being promoted in the context of the World Decade for Cultural Development;
 - (f) include in section IV references to the decisions of the Executive Board regarding the third Medium-Term Plan which are relevant to this subject;
 - (g) add a paragraph to section IV on strengthening Unesco's role in the ethical dimension of environmental issues, specific reference being made to environmental problems arising from unethical practices such as the dumping of toxic wastes;
 - (h) revise paragraphs 55-60 to reflect the fact that the Executive Board has noted the recommendations of the Advisory Panel on environmentally sound and sustainable development, as well as the measures taken by the Director-General to monitor and co-ordinate activities in this regard;
 - (i) replace the reference in paragraphs 61 and 62 to the Director-General by a reference to the Executive Board;
 - (j) replace paragraph 63 of section IV by a brief text indicating that the Executive Board took note of the Joint Summary of the Oslo Conference on Sustainable Development;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit the report as revised on behalf of the Executive Board to the United Nations General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 134th session another progress report on this subject.

ANNEX

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Executive Board at its 129th session (25 May-10 June 1988) welcomed the response of the United Nations General Assembly to the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development and to the document of the United Nations Environment Programme on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, as embodied in resolutions 42/186 and 42/187.

2. The Board emphasized that the achievement of environmentally sound and sustainable development constitutes a major challenge for the future of human society, and reaffirmed that by virtue of the mandate given by its Constitution and on the basis of the wide experience acquired under its relevant programmes, Unesco has an important role to play in taking up this challenge, in close co-operation with other appropriate bodies of the United Nations system.

3. At its 129th session, the Executive Board decided, in response to General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187, to send a consolidated report on the progress made by Unesco towards the objectives of environmentally sound and sustainable development. The report would be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. This present report was adopted by the Executive Board at its 130th session.

II. THE SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION OF UNESCO TO THE CONCEPT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

4. Unesco welcomed the general approach followed by the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED) in highlighting the ethical, social, cultural, economic and political implications of sustainable development, broadly defined as 'development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' .

5. The Executive Board underlined the importance of paragraph 5 of resolution 42/187 in which the United Nations General Assembly:

'concurrs with the Commission that the critical objectives for environment and development policies which follow from the need for sustainable development must include preserving peace, reviving growth and changing its quality, remedying the problems of poverty and satisfying human needs, addressing the problems of population growth and of conserving and enhancing the resource base, reorienting technology and managing risk, and merging environment and economics in decision-making' .

6. The issues addressed by the WCED report and by the Environmental Perspective, and the basic approaches advocated to cope with the problems identified are not new to Unesco. Over the years, the Organization has worked out specific approaches to development from the standpoints of education, science and culture. The most recent example was the in-depth study on 'Unesco and the evolution of the concept of development' (127 EX/SP/RAP 1) which stressed the importance of the human criterion of equity and the social and cultural aspects of Unesco's approach to development. This approach included the fundamental value of the cultural identity of peoples, which must be preserved and consolidated. Unesco's current position is that genuine development must be global, integrated, endogenous and centred on man.

7. Unesco's approach to sustainable development therefore involves the following:

- (a) emphasizing the educational aspects of development, considering human resources as the central factor in any development process, and fostering the access of all human beings to knowledge and the democratization of education;
- (b) recognizing that 'culture constitutes a fundamental part of the life of each individual and of each community and, consequently, development - whose ultimate aim should be focused on man - must have a cultural dimension' ;¹
- (c) considering development as a multidimensional social process, and not as a purely economic one, and stressing its ethical dimensions, in particular as regards inter-generational rights;
- (d) recognizing the new driving force of science and technology, promoting, through international co-operation, the advancement of science and the dissemination of scientific knowledge, enhancing national capabilities in science and technology as a prerequisite for endogenous development;
- (e) strengthening South-South co-operation (TCDC) with a view to fostering an exchange of knowledge and experience suited to the circumstances and degree of development of the developing countries, and, at the same time, North-South co-operation in the field of advanced science and technology, so that these cannot only be assimilated but also prompt creative responses in the countries themselves;
- (f) mobilizing the energies of the international scientific community for the purpose of defining fundamental ecological principles for the more rational use and better conservation of the resources of the biosphere, for improving the general relationship between man and his environment, and lastly, for foreseeing the consequences of his present actions for the world tomorrow;²
- (g) acknowledging that the alleviation of poverty should be seen not only in economic terms but also in terms of the quality of life.

8. The Executive Board, while reiterating its agreement with the general approach followed by the WCED and with the above-mentioned specific approaches of Unesco, notes that the broad philosophical and policy debate on the meaning of the sustainable development concept has not yet resulted in a

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1. Recommendation 27 of the World Conference on Cultural Policies, Mexico City, 1982.
 2. Extract from the inaugural message of the Director-General of Unesco, René Maheu, at the beginning of the first session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (Paris, 9 November 1971).

universally accepted definition of this concept which might guide its practical application to development planning. It has therefore decided to invite the Director-General to take appropriate action, within Unesco's third Medium-Term Plan, to define the concept of sustainable development with greater clarity as regards Unesco's fields of competence, with special emphasis on the needs of developing countries.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

5.3.2 Amendment to the Regulations for the award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize (130 EX/11 and 130 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the document concerning the proposed amendment to the Regulations for the award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize (130 EX/11),
2. Approves the revised Regulations for the award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize, which are annexed to this decision.

ANNEX

Regulations for the award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize, named after Dr Carlos Juan Finlay (1833-1915), a Prominent Cuban scientist, is to promote research and development in the field of microbiology (including immunology, molecular biology and genetics) and its applications, by rewarding a person or a group of persons for an outstanding contribution in this field.

2. Selection of prize-winner

The recipient of the Prize shall be selected by the Director-General of Unesco, upon the recommendation of a panel.

3. Value and periodicity of the Prize

The Prize shall take the form of an honorarium of US \$5,000, with an appropriate medal. The Prize shall be awarded every second year, coinciding with the year in which the General Conference of Unesco is held.

4. Eligibility

The candidate may be a person or a group of persons working privately or on the staff of a private or governmental organization.

5. The panel

Four eminent microbiologists, including one Cuban, shall be appointed by the Director-General to form a selection panel which

shall consider the candidatures for the Prize and make recommendations. The term of office of each member of the panel shall be eight years. On the appointment of the panel, in 1988, it shall be determined once and for all by drawing lots which of the members shall serve for two, four, six and eight years respectively. Subsequently, one member shall be replaced every two years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

6. Proposal of candidates and presentation of the Prize

- (a) Candidates for the Prize shall be proposed to the Director-General by governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by appropriate non-governmental organizations which have consultative status with Unesco; each government or organization may nominate one candidate.
- (b) Nominations for the Prize shall be accompanied by a biographical statement for each candidate or group of candidates, together with a detailed description of the work for which the candidature is put forward.
- (c) The Director-General shall inform the recipient and shall award the Prize at the time of the General Conference.

(130 EX/SR 1)

5.4 Culture and Communication

5.4.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 24 C/Resolution 11.6
(130 EX/12 and 130 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Hague Convention and Protocol of 1954 concerning the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict,
2. Recalling that the Israeli military occupation and the present status of the city of Jerusalem entail dangers for the safeguarding of its essential and universal vocation,
3. Recalling the decision it adopted at its 127th session, which was reiterated in resolution 11.6 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-fourth session and in which it invited the Director-General to submit to it at its 130th session a global report on the modifications undergone by the city of Jerusalem in Unesco's fields of competence as a result of the occupation,
4. Having examined the report by the Director-General on this question (130 EX/12),
5. Strongly deplores the serious incidents that have occurred in recent months in the occupied old city of Jerusalem;
6. Thanks the Director-General for all the efforts made to ensure the application of Unesco's decisions and resolutions;

7. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) renew his appeal to Member States, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and private individuals for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the occupied old city of Jerusalem;
 - (b) open a special Unesco account to receive the contributions that may be made for that purpose;
 - (c) strengthen the Secretariat's working relations with the Islamic Waqf of Jerusalem, the guardian of the city's Islamic heritage;
 - (d) send a team of his personal representatives to Jerusalem, composed on an interdisciplinary basis in order to enable his report also to encompass the various archaeological, artistic and socio-cultural aspects attaching to the problem of the preservation of the sites as viewed in its entirety;
 - (e) submit to it at its 131st session the global report provided for in 127 EX/Decision 5.4.1;
8. Decides to place this question on the agenda of its 131st session.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

5.4.2 Invitations to the meeting of the Special Committee of governmental experts to prepare a draft recommendation to Member States on the safeguarding of folklore (130 EX/13 and 130 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 130 EX/13,
2. Decides:
 - (a) to invite all Member States and Associate Members of Unesco to take part in the meeting of the Special Committee of governmental experts to prepare a draft recommendation on the safeguarding of folklore;
 - (b) to invite States which are not members of Unesco but which are members of one at least of the organizations of the United Nations system and which are listed in paragraph 8 of document 130 EX/13, or which become members of one of those organizations before the opening of the meeting, to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;
 - (c) to invite the African liberation movements recognized by the OAU and listed in paragraph 11 of 130 EX/13 to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;

- (d) to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization recognized by the League of Arab States to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;
- (e) to invite the organizations of the United Nations system with which Unesco has concluded a mutual representation agreement and which are listed in paragraph 13 of document 130 EX/13 to send representatives to the meeting of the Committee;
- (f) to invite the international organizations listed in paragraph 14 of document 130 EX/13 to send observers to the meeting of the Committee.

(130 EX/SR 1)

5.4.3 Invitations to the meeting of the Special Committee of governmental experts to prepare a draft recommendation to Member States on the protection of works in the public domain (130 EX/14 and 130 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 130 EX/14,
2. Decides:
 - (a) to invite all Member States and Associate Members of Unesco to take part in the meeting of the Special Committee of governmental experts to prepare a draft recommendation on the protection of works in the public domain;
 - (b) to invite States that are not members of Unesco but which are members of one at least of the organizations of the United Nations system and which are listed in paragraph 8 of document 130 EX/14, or which become members of one of those organizations before the opening of the meeting, to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;
 - (c) to invite the African liberation movements recognized by the OAU and listed in paragraph 11 of 130 EX/14 to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;
 - (d) to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization recognized by the League of Arab States to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;
 - (e) to invite the organizations of the United Nations system with which Unesco has concluded a mutual representation agreement and which are listed in paragraph 13 of document 130 EX/14 to send representatives to the meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) to invite the international organizations listed in paragraph 14 of document 130 EX/14 to send observers to the meeting of the Committee.

(130 EX/SR 1)

5.4.4 Feasibility study on the foundation of an international prize to be awarded for an outstanding artistic contribution to the promotion of peace (130 EX/15 and 130 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 130 EX/15 concerning the proposed creation of an international peace prize to be awarded for an outstanding artistic contribution to the promotion of peace, trust and international understanding,
2. Stressing that the creation of such a prize would meet the aspirations of the international artistic and intellectual communities, in particular in the context of the World Decade for Cultural Development,
3. Considering the financial implications of such a project and the budgetary constraints with which the Organization has to contend,
4. Invites the Director-General to continue, in the light of the discussions on this question and of any written comments by members of the Board, the study requested by the General Conference in 24 C/Resolution 22.3, and to report to it on the subject at one of its forthcoming sessions;
5. Recommends that the role of artists and creators in promoting peace and international understanding be duly taken into account by Member States when candidates are put forward for the Unesco Prize for Peace Education and for the International Simón Bolívar Prize, and by the Director-General in the preparation of future activities under Major Programme Area VII (Unesco's contribution to peace, human rights and the elimination of all forms of discrimination).

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

ITEM 6 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 6.1 Operational activities for development carried out within the framework of the United Nations system, including Unesco's contribution to the implementation of the Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (130 EX/16 and Corr., 130 EX/INF.4 and 130 EX/35)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 130 EX/16, Part I (Annual Report on Operational Activities for Development),
2. Notes with satisfaction the decisions of the UNDP Governing Council to increase the resources available to the Member States for the fourth programming cycle, to strengthen co-operation between UNDP and the United Nations agencies, and to give special importance to the socio-cultural dimension of development;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the significant initiatives he has taken with a view to strengthening co-operation between Unesco and its partners in the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme;
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to ensure the effective participation of Unesco in field co-ordination, in particular through the Organization's field units, by fully associating the United Nations Co-ordinators in the implementation of Unesco's activities;
5. Requests the Director-General to take appropriate steps to increase the efficiency and volume of the Organization's operational activities and speed up their execution, in particular by simplifying the relevant Secretariat procedures;
6. Requests the Director-General to continue his promotion of projects and programmes likely to strengthen technical co-operation among developing countries, and to report to it on their progress at a future session.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Having studied document 130 EX/16, Part II, on the contribution of Unesco to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development,
2. Takes note of the efforts made by the Secretariat to collaborate with African Member States in the execution of their projects which come within the scope of the Programme of Action;
3. Notes with satisfaction the creation by the Director-General of an international task force whose mandate is to assist him in providing special assistance to African Member States currently beset by exceptional economic and financial difficulties;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the steps he has personally taken with donor States and financing institutions aimed at stepping up the Organization's assistance to the least developed African countries, with a view to strengthening their development capacity;
5. Appeals to Member States, trust-fund donors and multilateral financing sources to support the efforts of the Director-General by placing at his disposal increased resources for the execution of operational projects in African Member States;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 132nd session a report on the Organization's progress in this matter.

6.2 Preparation of the sexennial report of the Executive Board on the contribution made to Unesco's activities by international non-governmental organizations (130 EX/29 and 130 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to 129 EX/Decision 6.4 concerning the content and form of its sexennial report on the contribution made to Unesco's activities by international non-governmental organizations, and having taken note of the substance of the discussions of its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations on that subject,
2. Appreciates the contribution which the Working Group established in accordance with 128 EX/Decision 8.1 has already made towards the preparation of the draft sexennial report, and suggests that the Working Group should establish, in close co-operation with the Secretariat and on the basis of 129 EX/Decision 6.4 (paragraph 6), a detailed plan setting out the distribution of the corresponding tasks and responsibilities, with a view to submitting the draft sexennial report to the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations at the 131st session;
3. Emphasizes the need to prepare the sexennial report essentially with a view to determining the future trends for co-operation between Unesco and the international non-governmental organizations during the next six years, taking specifically into account the Directives concerning Unesco's relations with international non-governmental organizations and the preparation of the third Medium-Term Plan;
4. Requests the Working Group to take into consideration the views expressed and suggestions made in the course of the work of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations, as reflected in document 130 EX/36;
5. Invites the Director-General to examine the possibility of providing, in appropriate form, for the preparation of the sexennial report, information on the co-operation which has been established between the Regional Offices and the non-governmental organizations;
6. Reiterates its request to the Director-General to provide the Working Group with the advisory and secretariat services required in order to prepare the sexennial report;
7. Invites the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations to report to it at its 131st session.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 19)

6.3 Working methods of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (130 EX/30 and 130 EX/36)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 128 EX/Decision 6.3 setting out the terms of reference of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations, which must 'study ways of improving its working methods so as to fulfil its tasks more effectively',

2. Referring also to 129 EX/Decision 6.4 in which it requested the Working Group constituted in accordance with 128 EX/Decision 8.1 to study ways and means of improving the working methods of the Committee in accordance with its terms of reference mentioned above,
3. Thanks the Working Group for the communication submitted by its Chairman to the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations;
4. Having taken note of the report of that Committee (130 EX/36),
5. Invites the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations to hold, during the 131st session of the Board, a meeting to reflect on the content of its terms of reference and on ways of improving its working methods, in pursuance of paragraph 4(c) of 128 EX/Decision 6.3, and to invite representatives of international non-governmental organizations and the Standing Committee of NGOs to participate therein;
6. Invites the Director-General to participate in the above-mentioned meeting, associating with it all sectors of the secretariat concerned.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 19)

ITEM 7 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

7.1 Proposed transfers between appropriation lines within the budget for 1988-1989 (130 EX/17 and 130 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 130 EX/17 concerning the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1988-1989 budget in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its twenty-fourth session (24 C/Resolution 21, paragraph I.A(b)(i)), and the report of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (130 EX/34),
2. Approves the following transfers to cover increases in staff costs and the costs of goods and services on account of statutory factors and due to inflation, on the understanding that any future increase in costs due to inflation or statutory factors will similarly be financed from the sum of \$9,840,000 allocated to Part VII of the budget by the General Conference at its twenty-fourth session, in the Appropriation Resolution for 1988-1989, or absorbed within the approved budget:

<u>Appropriation line</u>	To	From
	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION		
Executive Board	10,900	
Directorate	4,500	
Services of the Directorate	221,800	
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Total, Part I	<u>237,200</u>	_____

PART II.A MAJOR programmes	<u>To</u> \$	<u>From</u> \$
I	10,900	
II	290,400	
III	99,400	
IV	298,700	
V	152,700	
VI	207,600	-
VII	114,800	
VIII	177,400	-
IX	63,700	-
X	265,300	
XI	205,400	
XII	17,600	-
XIII	47,600	
XIV	7,600	
PART II.B GENERAL PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES		
Copyright	20,900	-
Statistics	74,300	
Unesco Courier and Periodicals	57,800	-
External Relations and Public Information	321,800	-
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Total, Part II	2,433,900	
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PART III PROGRAMME SUPPORTING SERVICES	555,900	
PART IV GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	438,600	
PART V COMMON SERVICES	219,200	
PART VII APPROPRIATION RESERVE		3,884,800
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GRAND TOTAL	3,884,800	3,884,800
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(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

7.2 Acceptance of gifts, bequests and subventions and report on the establishment and closure of trust funds, reserves and special accounts (130 EX/18 and Addenda and 130 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

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1. Having examined the Director-General's report concerning the donation received from the Venerable Kosgoda Sobhita and Mr Jean Boisselier of Montrouge, France,

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Venerable Kosgoda Sobhita and Mr Jean Boisselier for their generous contribution, which will strengthen Unesco's work of promoting knowledge of cultures through studies and research;
3. Takes note of the establishment of a special account for the study of Buddhist art and archaeology;

II

4. Having examined the Director-General's report (130 EX/18 Add.) on the establishment of the Special Account for the Revival of the Library of Alexandria and on the financial regulations he has drawn up to govern the operations of that Special Account,
5. Takes note of the Financial Regulations for the Special Account for the Revival of the Library of Alexandria, drawn up in accordance with Articles 6.6 and 6.7 of the Financial Regulations of Unesco;

III

6. Having examined the part of document 130 EX/18 Add.2 concerning the regulations governing the Headquarters Utilization Fund,
7. Approves the amendment to paragraph 27 of the regulations governing the Headquarters Utilization Fund which is contained in paragraph 23 of the report of its Finance and Administrative Commission (130 EX/34).

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

7.3 Review of the Financial Regulations and budgeting techniques of the Organization (130 EX/19)

(See paragraphs 31 and 32 of decision 5.1.2.)

(130 EX/SR 21)

7.4 Report by the Director-General on the measures taken to maintain the staff turnover rate at 5 per cent (130 EX/20 and Corr. and Add.1 and 130 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General on the measures taken to maintain the staff turnover rate at 5 per cent (130 EX/20 and Corr. and Add.1) and the report of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (130 EX/34),
2. Takes note of the redeployment and separations of staff decided on by the Director-General with a view to maintaining the staff turnover rate at 5 per cent;
3. Approves the utilization of the estimated balance of \$530,000 available in the existing Account for End-of-Service Grants and Indemnities to finance part of the expenditure required to cover end-of-service grants and indemnities for the separations referred to in paragraph 2 above;

4. Authorizes the Director-General to finance, on a temporary basis, the estimated balance of \$830,000 from the General Fund, pending the adoption of a decision by the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session concerning modes of financing.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

7.5 Report by the Director-General on the savings made in the regular budget for 1988-1989 and their utilization (130 EX/21 and Add. & Corr. and 130 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General (130 EX/21 and Add. & Corr.) on the savings of \$7,307,400 and on the activities to which they have been or will be reallocated,
2. Takes note of the reallocation, by means of within-line transfers, of \$3,711,100 from these savings to urgent and unforeseen activities corresponding to the purposes approved by the General Conference;
3. Approves between-line transfers amounting to \$404,900 to effect the reallocation of savings shown in the table annexed to this decision;
4. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a detailed report on further transfers effected or to be effected at its 131st and 132nd sessions.

ANNEX

Transfers of savings between
appropriation lines

<u>Appropriation Line</u>	<u>To</u> \$	<u>From</u> \$
PART II.A MAJOR programmes		
III		52,900
VI	349,500	-
IX	2,500	
x		352,000
XI	52,900	-
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TOTAL	<u>404,900</u>	<u>404,900</u>

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

7.6 Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the accounts of Unesco for the financial period ended 31 December 1987, and report by the External Auditor (130 EX/22 and Addenda and 130 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 130 EX/22 and Addenda, together with the report of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (130 EX/34),
2. Invites the Director-General to take into consideration the recommendations of the External Auditor and the comments of the Finance and Administrative Commission and to act upon them with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the Organization's activities;
3. Decides to transmit to the General Conference the report of the External Auditor and the audited financial statements relating to the accounts of Unesco for the financial period ended 31 December 1987, together with the Executive Board's comments thereon;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the quality and objectivity of his work.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

7.7 Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1987, and report by the External Auditor (130 EX/23 and Add.1 and 130 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 130 EX/23 and Add.1 together with the report of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (130 EX/34),
2. Invites the Director-General to take account of the recommendations of the External Auditor and of the comments of its Finance and Administrative Commission, and to act upon them with a view to increasing the effectiveness of the Secretariat's activities, and expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the quality and objectivity of his work;
3. Approves, on behalf of the General Conference, as authorized in 24 C/Resolution 34.2, the report of the External Auditor together with the audited financial statements relating to the United Nations Development Programme as at 31 December 1987.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

7.8 Status of collection of contributions of Member States (130 EX/24 and Add.1 and 130 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General on the status of collection of contributions of Member States (130 EX/24 and Add.1),

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2. Noting that while many Member States have paid their assessed contributions for 1988 and previous years, many more Member States are in arrears in the payment of the amounts assessed,
3. Expresses its appreciation to Member States that have paid their contributions for 1988 and to those that have speeded up the payment of their contributions in response to appeals;
4. Strongly supports the approaches which the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to ensuring the timely payment of contributions;
5. Urgently appeals to Member States to apply 24 C/Resolution 35.4, and to pay their arrears without delay;

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6. Noting the Director-General's intention to dispatch letters of assessment for 1989 contributions by mid-November 1988,
7. Calls upon Member States to take the necessary steps to ensure that their contributions are paid in full at as early a date as possible in 1989;
8. Urges Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of 1989 contributions, to inform him, as far as possible in good time, of the probable date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution, in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

- 7.9 Revert by the Director-General on the geographical distribution of the staff and the medium-term recruitment plan (130 EX/25 and 130 EX/34)

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken cognizance of document 130 EX/25,
2. Notes the developments in the geographical distribution of the staff and in the implementation of the recruitment plan as at 1 July 1988;
3. Considering the imbalances which still exist with regard to geographical distribution of the staff, despite the efforts made,
4. Requests the Director-General to take all appropriate steps to improve that situation and invites him to report to it on these two subjects at its 131st session when he submits an administrative plan to complement his report at the present session;
5. Envisages the possibility, in the event that the discussion on that question is not completed at its 131st session, of resuming it at its 132nd session;

6. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at those same sessions a new report on the revision of quotas and a draft of the medium-term overall plan (1990-1995) for the recruitment and renewal of the staff.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

7.10 Consultation pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

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

(130 EX/SR 17)

ITEM 8 CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY QUESTIONS

8.1 Consideration of the constitutional and statutory texts from the point of view of form and language (130 EX/26)

The Executive Board,

1. Having before it the report by the Director-General on the consideration of the constitutional and statutory texts from the point of view of form and language (130 EX/26),
2. Invites the Director-General to communicate to Member States and Associate Members all the suggestions contained in document 130 EX/26, together with any other suggestions submitted in writing by the members of the Executive Board at the latest 30 days after the end of this session, and to submit a report on this matter to the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference.

(130 EX/SR 16)

ITEM 9 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Guidelines for the celebration of anniversaries (130 EX/27 and 130 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 130 EX/27,
2. Decides to maintain the practice of drawing up a two-year calendar of anniversaries to be celebrated by Member States, in accordance with 24 C/Resolution 18.61;
3. Takes note of the suggestions put forward concerning the criteria for the selection of anniversaries;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue, in the light of the discussions of the Board and in consultation with Member States, the study requested by the General Conference in 24 C/Resolution 49, and to report to the Board on this matter at its 131st session.

(130 EX/SR 1 and 20)

9.2 Commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between two worlds (1492-1992) (130 EX/28)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that in 1992 five hundred years will have elapsed since the first contact between two worlds in 1492 when the Spanish ships under the command of Christopher Columbus landed on an island in the New World,
2. Recognizing that since then cultural confrontation and contact between the inhabitants of the earth's two hemispheres, those of the New World and those of Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania, has taken various forms,
3. Considering that the historical process set in motion by the encounter between two worlds has enabled all the peoples concerned to come to know one another,
4. Considering that Unesco is par excellence a meeting place for the world's cultures, and that the idea of the unity of the world and of the specific nature of each of its cultures engendered by that encounter between two worlds coincides with the principles of the Organization's Constitution,
5. Sharing the conviction expressed by the Director-General at its 127th session that the commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between Europe and America represents a unique opportunity to reflect on the circumstances and consequences of the meeting of peoples and of their cultures, on their successive borrowings from, and contributions to, one another, and on the resulting transformations that have so profoundly affected the general evolution of mankind (document 127 EX/INF.4),
6. Recalling the recognition at its 127th session of the importance of associating Unesco with the commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between two worlds, preparations for which have already begun in a number of countries in different regions,
7. Noting that the commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between two worlds will take place during the World Decade for Cultural Development,
8. Noting with satisfaction that the commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between two worlds has been included in the annotated outline of the draft third Medium-Term Plan (1990-1995) (130 EX/4, paragraph 38), and that preparations are under way for Unesco's participation in EXPO-92 which will be organized in Seville in 1992 on the same subject,
9. Confirming that the commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between two worlds fully complies with the criteria for selecting anniversaries and the procedures for the submission and examination of requests for participation addressed to Unesco, contained in document 130 EX/27,

10. Invites Member States to join in the commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between two worlds in a spirit of genuine universality;
11. Decides that Unesco will play an active role in the commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the meeting of two worlds;
12. Recommends to the Director-General that he:
 - (a) include in Major Programme Area III of the draft third Medium-Term Plan activities commemorating the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between two worlds;
 - (b) include in the Draft Programme and Budget for 1990-1991 multisectoral and interdisciplinary activities laying the basis for, and contributing to, the commemoration;
 - (c) take steps to carry out other activities commemorating the five hundredth anniversary of the encounter between two worlds, to be financed from extra-budgetary sources, in co-operation with National Commissions and with the relevant non-governmental organizations;
 - (d) take appropriate steps within the Secretariat to organize activities relating to the commemoration, with a view to ensuring the necessary follow-up and co-ordination with Member States and other interested bodies at the regional and international levels;
13. Suggests to the Director-General that the activities mentioned in subparagraphs 12(b) and (c) above should involve research, symposia, lectures, activities in schools, short films, video recordings, publications and exhibitions on the subject of the encounter between two worlds, which could deal with its various cultural, spiritual and material consequences for societies, the cultural identities to which it gave rise, the great periods of meeting and contact between peoples, cultural manifestations, Utopian idealism since 1492, communication worldwide, the development of cartography, and exchanges of food and pharmacological products;
14. Requests the Director-General to inform it at its 131st session of the steps taken to implement this decision.

(130 EX/SR 16)

9.3 Unesco and the conflict between Iran and Iraq

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General in his oral report;
2. Decides to postpone consideration of this item to the 131st session, while awaiting further information on the matter.

(130 EX/SR 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 21)

9.4 Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Puerto Rican thinker Eugenio Maria de Hostos, which falls on 11 January 1989

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that the 150th anniversary of the birth of Eugenio Maria de Hostos, eminent philosopher, educator and sociologist, falls on 11 January 1989,
2. Recognizing that the life and work of Eugenio Maria de Hostos were devoted to promoting the freedom and independence of Latin America and the Caribbean,
3. Also recognizing that the works of this philosopher contributed to the modernization of educational techniques in the countries of the American continent where he worked as an educator and essayist,
4. Aware that his works 'Lecciones de Derecho Constitucional' (Readings in Constitutional Law) and 'Moral Social' (Social Ethics) are still prescribed reference books for sociological and legal studies in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean,
5. Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351 on the commemoration of the anniversaries of great personalities and important historical events,
6. Invites Member States to join in the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the philosopher and educator, Eugenio Maria de Hostos;
7. Requests the Director-General to associate Unesco with the commemoration and with the activities organized on this occasion.

(130 EX/SR 21)

9.5 Millennium of the Shahnameh (Book of Kings), a work by the great Iranian epic poet Ferdowsi

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 18 C/Resolution 4.351 concerning the commemoration of the anniversaries of great personalities and events that have left an imprint on the development of humanity,
2. Emphasizing that at its twenty-third session, the General Conference took note of a draft resolution (23 C/DR.250) relating to the translation and dissemination of the masterpieces of Persian literature,
3. Considering that the thousandth anniversary of the completion of the manuscript of the Shahnameh (Book of Kings), a monumental work by the celebrated Iranian epic poet Ferdowsi, will be commemorated in 1989-1990 and that this jewel of Persian literature has considerably influenced world literature,

4. Invites the Director-General:
- (a) to associate the Organization, to the fullest possible extent and by the various means available to it, with the commemoration of this event;
 - (b) to devote an issue of the Unesco Courier to the Persian language and Persian literature in general and to the work of Ferdowsi in particular;
 - (c) to publish in the Unesco Collection of Representative Works a translation of the complete text of the Shahnameh or, at least, of selected extracts from that work.

(130 EX/SR 21)

DATES OF THE 131ST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Committee on Conventions and Recommendations:	9-12 May 1989
Special Committee:	9-12 May 1989
Bureau:	16 May 1989
Plenary and Commissions:	17 May-23 June 1989

(130 EX/SR 22)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 3 AND 7 NOVEMBER 1988

During the private meeting held on 3 November 1988, the Board considered item 7.10 of its agenda: Consultation pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (130 EX/PRIV.1).

In accordance with Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General consulted the Board on appointments to senior posts in the Secretariat and extensions of contract for certain officials at grade D-1 and above in the Organization. He also provided information on the promotion of some officials at grade D-1 and above.

(130 EX/SR 17)

During the private meeting held on 7 November 1988, the Board considered item 3.2 of its agenda: Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: Examination of communications transmitted in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3 (130 EX/PRIV.3).

- (a) 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 violation of human rights in Unesco's fields of competence;

- (b) The Board took note of the narrative part of that report and endorsed the wishes expressed by the Committee.

(130 EX/SR 20)