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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (164 EX/1 (prov.) Rev., 164 EX/2, 164 EX/INF.1 and Rev.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 164 EX/1 (prov.) Rev. and 164 EX/INF.1 and Rev.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.3.2, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 3.6.1, 5.3, 7.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.6; and for programme-related aspects, items 3.1.1, 3.2.4, 3.3.3, 6.2 and 7.2.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.1.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.1, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.11, 6.12, 7.4.1 and 7.4.2; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3.1.1, 3.2.4, 3.3.3, 6.2, 6.9, 6.10 and 7.2.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 164 EX/2 concerning the following agenda items:

3.3.1 Report by the Director-General on the entry into operation of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (164 EX/11)

7.5 Relations with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and Memorandum of Understanding (164 EX/14)

and referred item 5.3 – Draft amendments to the general rules governing the awarding of prizes for meritorious work in literacy – to the Programme and External Relations Commission.

(164 EX/SR.1)

2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 162nd AND 163rd SESSIONS (162 EX/SR.1-10, 163 EX/SR.1-3)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 162nd and 163rd sessions.

(164 EX/SR.1)

3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (164 EX/4 Part I and Add. and Part II, 164 EX/INF.7, 164 EX/INF.8, 164 EX/INF.10 and Add., 164 EX/51 and Corr. and 164 EX/52 Part I and Part II)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 164 EX/4 (Part I and Add.), 164 EX/INF.8 and 164 EX/INF.10 and Add.,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(164 EX/SR.8)

II

Implementation rate of the Programme and Budget

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 164 EX/4 (Part II), 164 EX/INF.7, 164 EX/INF.8 and 164 EX/INF.10,
2. Notes that while the overall implementation rate of the Programme and Budget for the 2000-2001 biennium was 98.6%, there was a significant underspend on programmes compared with the appropriation in document 30 C/5 Approved, of which a substantial proportion was reallocated to administrative overheads;
3. Expresses its concern at the persistent over-expenditure registered for some objects of expenditure, in particular participants' travel and staff travel on official business, and recalls the earlier invitation to the Director-General, contained in 161 EX/Decision 3.1.1, to pay special attention to the need to assure effective control of these expenditures in the 2002-2003 biennium;
4. Reiterates its invitation to the Director-General, contained in 162 EX/Decision 3.1.1, to put in place a budgetary and financial system to ensure that expenditure is, as far as possible, in line with planned allocations;
5. Also reiterates its invitation to the Director-General, contained in 160 EX/Decision 3.1.1, to identify and explain, in a separate section of future reports on the execution of the Programme and Budget, those activities that vary from expected expenditures by a rate of more than 15%;
6. Expresses its concern at the low implementation rate of activities financed on an extrabudgetary basis;
7. Invites the Director-General to improve the presentation of financial information in his report on the 2002-2003 biennium so as to show expenditure from all sources of programme funds and a clear reconciliation of income and expenditures.

(164 EX/SR.8)

III

The reconstruction and rehabilitation of Palestinian educational and cultural systems

The Executive Board,

1. Having heard the introduction by the Director-General, in addition to the debate on the report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference,
2. Recalling the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention (1949) and its Additional Protocols, the provisions of the Hague Convention and Protocol for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954), the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of

Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972),

3. Recalling also 162 EX/Decision 3.5.1 on protection of the cultural heritage: acts constituting “a crime against the common heritage of humanity”,
4. Recalling further all the resolutions of the United Nations relating to the conflict, particularly Security Council resolutions 1397, 1402 and 1403 and General Assembly resolution 53/27 on the Bethlehem 2000 project,
5. Expresses its unreserved approval to the Director-General for the efforts he is contemplating, within UNESCO’s mandate, with a view to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Palestinian institutions, infrastructures and facilities in the fields of education, culture and communication which were destroyed or damaged wholly or in part following the reoccupation by Israeli troops of Palestinian cities;
6. Deplores the destruction and damage caused to the cultural heritage and to institutions and infrastructures, radio and television facilities, and premises appertaining to the Palestinian education system;
7. Supports the initiatives of the Director-General aimed at the prompt dispatch of a UNESCO intersectoral mission to assess reconstruction needs in Palestine in the Organization’s various fields of competence; at strengthening UNESCO’s activity under the agreement signed between the Organization and the Palestinian Authority; and at calling an information meeting of all permanent delegates devoted entirely to matters of reconstruction and reconciliation in the Near East;
8. Endorses the Director-General’s proposal to allocate, as a confidence-building measure in the region, the sum of \$1,135,000 for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of damaged Palestinian educational and cultural systems and of the cultural heritage, from the unspent balance of the preceding biennium;
9. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to pursue and develop the preparation of projects intended for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and re-establishment of the educational, cultural and information systems in Palestine with a view to enabling UNESCO to take an active part in restoring peace in the region and building relations of trust;
 - (b) to pursue and intensify his efforts to secure the contribution of the international community to the special fund he intends to establish to finance priority activities in Palestine;
10. Calls upon States, organizations and institutions, and upon individuals, to contribute generously to the special fund;
11. Requests the Director-General to report to it on the implementation of this decision at its next session.

3.1.2 Report by the Director-General on the reform process (164 EX/5 (Part I, Part II and Part III), 164 EX/INF.8, 164 EX/INF.9, 164 EX/INF.10 and 164 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 164 EX/5 (Part I, Part II and Part III), 164 EX/INF.8, 164 EX/INF.9 and 164 EX/INF.10,

I

Staff policy

2. Takes note of the work accomplished to revise the staff policy, including recruitment, promotion, rotation, contractual arrangements, career development and staff well-being, and of the implementation plan and timetable;
3. Notes in particular the reduction in the actual number of staff at D-1 level and above;
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the new staff policy, together with a training and performance appraisal system, and to report to it at its 166th session;
5. Requests the Director-General to establish a medium- and long-term strategy for UNESCO staffing, in terms of overall staff members, and of the balance between core staff and professionals on short-term contracts, and between staff at Headquarters and in the field; and to report to it on this matter at its 166th session;

II

New integrated management information systems

6. Takes note of the work accomplished for the introduction of the new integrated management information systems;
7. Welcomes the practical transition to results-based programming and budgeting, in particular through systematic use of the System of Information on Strategies, Tasks and the Evaluation of Results (SISTER) for the preparation and implementation of the Organization's work plans for 2002-2003;
8. Further welcomes the launching of the new Finance and Budget System (FABS) at Headquarters and encourages its ongoing deployment throughout the Secretariat;
9. Takes note of the problems encountered during the introduction of the new management information systems and the corrective measures taken or planned;
10. Notes with concern that the overall financing of the New Management Tools Programme is not yet secured;
11. Reiterates its appeal to Member States to consider providing voluntary contributions to complement the available budget resources and expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have already done so;

12. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the New Management Tools Programme and to submit to it at its 166th session a report thereon;

III

Decentralization

13. Takes note of the efforts made by the Director-General to implement the decentralization action plan, of the progress achieved and of the steps envisaged in the current biennium;
14. Bearing in mind the importance of the cooperation with the United Nations system, expresses its support for the Director-General's initiative to establish a national UNESCO office in Kabul for a limited period, in view of the current situation in Afghanistan and the United Nations' resolutions and activities in this regard;
15. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the decentralization action plan and to submit to it at its 166th session a report thereon, in particular:
- (a) on measures taken to strengthen, rationalize and improve the capacities of cluster offices, in terms of human and financial resources and utilization of local expertise, in order to provide a multidisciplinary service in cooperation with the Member States;
 - (b) on action taken to ensure effective decentralization of funds in accordance with the objectives contained in document 31 C/5 Approved and the geographical distribution of these decentralized funds;
 - (c) on action taken to ensure greater cooperation among regional, cluster and national offices and between each cluster office and the Member States concerned;
 - (d) on the amendments to be made to the UNESCO Manual in order to adapt the Organization's administrative regulations to the field offices' needs.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.2 Education

3.2.1 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study on the establishment of a Regional Centre for Educational Planning in Sharjah under the auspices of UNESCO (164 EX/6 and Corr. and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report on the feasibility study on the establishment of a Regional Centre for Educational Planning in Sharjah under the auspices of UNESCO, presented by the Director-General in document 164 EX/6 and Corr.,
2. Expresses its gratitude to the United Arab Emirates for its commitment to fund fully the establishment and the operation of the centre;

3. Noting with appreciation the progress already achieved in the discussions between the United Arab Emirates and the Director-General,
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue these discussions and to present to it at its 166th session and to the General Conference at its 32nd session a report on the establishment of the centre under the auspices of UNESCO.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.2.2 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action (164 EX/7 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/7,
2. Takes note of the report on the implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action;
3. Reaffirms its commitment to the importance and centrality of the follow-up to the World Education Forum in UNESCO's education programme, specifically at the country level, in particular through a stepping up of the Education Sector's resources for action and intervention;
4. Requests the Director-General to strengthen the collective momentum in regard to the follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action in line with the priorities established in documents 31 C/4 Approved and 31 C/5 Approved, as well as the Communiqué of the High-Level Group;
5. Thanks the Member States which have generously helped to raise funds for the implementation of the Dakar Framework for Action;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 166th session on the progress achieved in implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action, with particular regard to the implementation status of national Education for All (EFA) plans in the light of the comprehensive EFA strategy, including the necessary mobilization of resources, advocacy and communication plans, in all regions of the world without exception.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.2.3 United Nations University (UNU): Report by the Council of the University and observations of the Director-General (164 EX/8 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/8,
2. Considering the improvements in the management of the University, the relevance and quality of its training and research programmes, and its role as a think-tank for the United Nations system,

3. Recognizing that the improvements noted are closely linked to the efforts made by the Council and the Rector of the University to implement the recommendations of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU/REP/98/3),
4. Expresses its satisfaction at the development of the programme and activities of UNU;
5. Expresses its appreciation of the active cooperation between UNESCO and UNU in their shared areas of interest;
6. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Japan, the country in which the University's headquarters are located, for the financial and intellectual support that it gives to UNU, particularly through its endowment fund and voluntary contributions;
7. Urges UNU to pursue the expansion of its research and training centres (RTCs) and programmes (RTPs) and thanks the Member States in which the RTCs and RTPs are located for their endorsement of the ideals of the University and their financial and intellectual support;
8. Expresses its gratitude to the other governments and organizations that have contributed to the University's endowment and operating funds and have provided support for the implementation of its programmes;
9. Reaffirms its previous recommendations for the continuation of cooperation between UNESCO and the United Nations University, mainly through the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, follow-up to the world conferences on higher education and science, the programmes concerning the promotion of human rights, peace, conflict resolution, sustainable development, culture, communication and the human and social sciences;
10. Expresses its renewed support to the Council and the Rector of the United Nations University;
11. Urges the University to pursue the renovation of its structure, management and programmes through the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit;
12. Invites UNU to incorporate dialogue among cultures and civilizations more fully in its programmes and activities;
13. Invites the Director-General to strengthen further cooperation with UNU in all major programmes and to communicate to the Chair of the Council of the University and to the Rector the terms of this decision.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.2.4 The Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled (164 EX/9 and Corr. and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/9 and Corr. concerning the creation of the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled,

2. Considering that the objectives of the Prize are consonant with those of UNESCO, as set out in the second and sixth paragraphs of the Preamble and in Article I, paragraph 2 (c), of the Constitution of UNESCO,
3. Expresses to the Government of Kuwait and to H.H. the Emir of Kuwait, Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, its deep gratitude for this initiative and for the generous offer of an amount of \$500,000;
4. Approves the Statutes of the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled, as set out in Annex I to this decision;
5. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for this Prize, as set out in Annex II to this decision.

ANNEX I

STATUTES OF THE EMIR JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH PRIZE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Prize is to reward the activities of individuals, groups, organizations or specialized centres in fields relating to special needs education for the mentally disabled. These contributions shall be in keeping with UNESCO's policies and aims, while having a link with the programmes that the Organization is carrying out in this field, primarily educational and training programmes for this social category. The Prize is also intended to reward individuals and associations contributing to educational efforts for this social group.

2. Denomination and amount of the Prize

2.1 The Prize, consisting of a certificate and a sum of money, shall be entitled "The Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled".

2.2 The Director-General shall determine the amount of the Prize on the basis of the interest generated by investing the sum of \$500,000 offered for this purpose by the Government of Kuwait. This interest shall also be used for the settlement of the Prize's operating expenses in accordance with Article 3 of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled.

3. Periodicity

The Prize shall be awarded every two years, and shall be shared equally between a prizewinner from an Arab country and a prizewinner from a non-Arab country.

4. Conditions

The candidates (individuals, groups and foundations) shall have contributed to high-quality work in research and theoretical and practical studies relating to special needs education for the mentally disabled.

5. Selection of prizewinners

The prizewinners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the proposals that shall be made to him by a jury.

6. The Jury

6.1 The Jury shall consist of at least five members. The members, of different nationalities and having the requisite specialization and experience in this field, shall be appointed by the Director-General for a term of four years, and may be reappointed.

6.2 The Jury shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure, to be submitted to the Director-General for approval, and shall be assisted in the performance of its duty by a member of the Secretariat designated by the Director-General.

6.3 The Jury shall normally meet once every two years.

7. *Nomination of candidates*

Nominations shall be proposed to the Director-General of UNESCO by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by international non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with the Organization, each of which may designate one candidate.

8. *Submission of nominations*

8.1 The governments and international non-governmental organizations shall provide in support of each candidate a recommendation including:

- (a) a description of the candidate's work;
- (b) a summary of the outcome of the candidate's work;
- (c) a review of the way in which the candidate has contributed to the development of research in special needs education for the mentally disabled.

8.2 The nominations shall be accompanied by a biographical note.

9. *Procedure for the awarding of the Prize*

The names of the winners shall be announced every two years at a date set by the Director-General of UNESCO. The Director-General (or his representative) shall award the Prize at an official ceremony held for that purpose, to which he will invite the representatives of the Government of Kuwait.

ANNEX II

**FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FOR THE EMIR JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH PRIZE
FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED**

Article 1 – Creation of the Special Account

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, a Special Account is hereby created for “The Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled”, hereafter referred to as the “Special Account”.

1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose of the Special Account

The amounts deposited in the Special Account shall be invested, and the interest thus generated shall be used to finance the Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (i) Donations from the Government of Kuwait, individuals, companies and other donors placed in the Special Account with the prior agreement of the Government of Kuwait;
- (ii) The interest generated by investing these donations credited to the Special Account.

Article 5 – Expenditure

The amounts paid to the winners of the Prize shall be deducted from the Special Account. The same shall apply to the Prize's operating expenses, including expenses incurred for the organization of the meetings of the Jury responsible for selecting the winners. The expenditure shall not exceed 80% of the interest generated, the remaining 20% being added to the initial capital of the donation in order to offset inflation and currency fluctuations.

Article 6 – Accounts

- 6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.
- 6.2 Any unused balance at the end of the financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
- 6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.
- 6.4 Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

Article 7 – Investments

- 7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.
- 7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

The Director-General shall decide upon the closure of the Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary, and shall inform the Executive Board accordingly.

Article 9 – General provision

Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.

(164 EX/SR.9)

3.3 Natural sciences

3.3.1 Report by the Director-General on the entry into operation of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (164 EX/11 and 164 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 16,
2. Having examined document 164 EX/11,
3. Takes note of its content.

(164 EX/SR.1)

3.3.2 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General concerning UNESCO's programme of activities for the International Year of Freshwater (164 EX/12 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/12,
2. Recalling 161 EX/Decision 8.1.2 by which the Board welcomed the proclamation of 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater, and called for wide-ranging support for the initiative,
3. Recalling further United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/196 of 21 December 2001, which welcomed the preparations for the Year undertaken as part of inter-agency work and by other major groups, and called for its continuation,

4. Taking note of the progress reported in document 164 EX/12 and of the proposals contained therein, and particularly of the fact that UNESCO has been designated one of the two lead agencies of the United Nations system for the preparation of the activities of the Year,
5. Expresses its satisfaction at the pivotal role that UNESCO is playing in the inter-agency coordination of the Year's programme;
6. Reiterates its call to Member States, NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector to provide voluntary resources for activities at all levels in observance of the Year;
7. Endorses the Director-General's current proposals concerning UNESCO's programme of activities for the Year and requests him to present an interim progress report to it at its 166th session on the implementation of activities for the Year.

(164 EX/SR.9)

3.3.3 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study on the proposal for the establishment of an International Centre for Synchrotron Light for Experimental Sciences and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) under the auspices of UNESCO (164 EX/13 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to 162 EX/Decision 3.3.5 on the report by the Director-General on the proposal for the establishment of an International Centre for Synchrotron Light for Experimental Sciences and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) under the auspices of UNESCO,
2. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 19 on the same subject,
3. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation for the development of science and technology in the Middle East and elsewhere,
4. Having examined document 164 EX/13,
5. Takes note of the report of the Director-General regarding the conclusions of the feasibility study;
6. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be such as to meet the requirements needed for UNESCO to give its auspices to the Centre,
7. Endorses the recommendation of the international Interim Council to establish the International Centre for Synchrotron Light for Experimental Sciences and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) under the auspices of UNESCO, as specified in 162 EX/Decision 3.3.5 and 31 C/Resolution 19, and takes note of the Statutes drawn up for that purpose;
8. Urges all Member States, particularly those from the Middle East, to join the project;

9. Invites the Director-General to:

- (a) take all necessary steps to invite Member States and observer States, as well as territorial authorities, in particular those from the Middle East, to become members or observers of the Centre;
- (b) use the Centre to implement part of UNESCO's research and training programme in the basic and engineering sciences and to promote a wide range of partnerships with the Centre at both regional and international levels;
- (c) bring the Centre to the attention of relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental scientific organizations and invite them to cooperate with it and/or assist it in its activities;
- (d) inform the Executive Board, at its 169th session, on developments in the Centre's establishment, its membership and progress in its scientific programme and activities.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.4 Social and human sciences

3.4.1 Report by the Director-General on action to be taken in the light of the Round Table of Ministers of Science on Bioethics (22-23 October 2001) (164 EX/15 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 164 EX/15,
2. Recalling the communiqué of the Round Table of Ministers of Science on "Bioethics: International implications" (Paris, 22-23 October 2001),
3. Thanks the Director-General for his initiatives in disseminating the results of the Round Table and congratulates him on the activities provided for in UNESCO's bioethics programme for 2002-2003, which are fully consistent with the aforesaid communiqué;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue his consultations with Member States and the other organizations concerned with a view to implementation of the new initiatives contemplated in document 164 EX/15, and to inform the Executive Board at its 166th session and the General Conference at its 32nd session (2003) of their outcome;
5. Further invites the Director-General to assist Member States, particularly the developing countries, in setting up their national ethical committees and regional linkages;
6. Takes note with interest of the Director-General's suggestion that a second Round Table of Ministers of Science on Bioethics be held on the occasion of the 32nd session of the General Conference.

(164 EX/SR.9)

3.4.2 Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (164 EX/16 and 164 EX/51 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice of 1978, the UNESCO Declaration of Principles on Tolerance of 1995, the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights of 1997 and all the other texts adopted by UNESCO concerning the struggle against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,
2. Further recalling that the struggle against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance is at the heart of the Organization's mandate,
3. Aware of the need to develop a new strategy for the Organization as a whole regarding the struggle against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,
4. Having examined document 164 EX/16,
5. Welcoming the fruitful participation of the Organization in the Durban World Conference,
6. Noting the requests directly addressed to UNESCO by the Durban World Conference in paragraphs 120, 126, 156, 179, 192, 195 and 202 of the adopted Programme of Action,
7. Recommends that a study be carried out on the measures required to revitalize the standard-setting texts previously adopted by UNESCO, which, once updated, could continue to serve as benchmarks in the elimination of discrimination and related intolerance;
8. Invites the Director-General to develop, within the framework of enhanced cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and in close consultation with UNESCO's new overall strategy for human rights education, an integrated strategy to combat racism, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in UNESCO's fields of competence, to be submitted to the General Conference at its 32nd session;
9. Also invites the Director-General to study the possibility of setting up an effective mechanism to implement the texts adopted by UNESCO, which could also help to strengthen and publicize the Organization's action in the struggle against racism and related intolerance;
10. Further invites the Director-General to launch, in consultation with competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, studies on the challenges posed by globalization, the modern development of science and technology and new forms of racism liable to give rise to new forms of discrimination and exclusion;
11. Invites the Director-General as well to ensure the continuation of the Slave Route project, after its prior evaluation and restructuring, through the provision of appropriate assistance and the required financial support, so that UNESCO may contribute actively in close cooperation with the United Nations to the implementation

of the conclusions of the Durban World Conference, thereby assuring the promotion of one of the objectives of the Slave Route project: intercultural dialogue;

12. Underscores the importance of increased cooperation with other agencies of the United Nations system, in particular with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, with the Commission on Human Rights and with regional governmental organizations, for the implementation of specific projects to combat racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
13. Appeals to Member States, relevant international and non-governmental organizations to step up their efforts in keeping with the principles of action approved at Durban;
14. Finally invites the Director-General to report to it at its 166th session on the progress that has been made on the implementation of this decision.

(164 EX/SR.9)

3.4.3 Amendment to the rules governing the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence (164 EX/17 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 146 EX/Decision 5.4.3, by which it instituted the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence,
2. Gratified that, since its institution, the prize has contributed significantly to the development of new efforts to spread the spirit of tolerance, non-violence and peace,
3. Noting the proposal made by the donor, Mr Madanjeet Singh, to increase the amount of the prize from \$40,000 to \$100,000,
4. Considers that this significant increase in the amount of the prize will help to reward more effectively the efforts of individuals, organizations and institutions in UNESCO's Member States that promote tolerance, non-violence and peace;
5. Thanks Mr Madanjeet Singh warmly for his generous contribution to the prize;
6. Approves the amendment of Article 3 of the rules governing the award of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence, as annexed to this decision.

ANNEX

RULES GOVERNING THE UNESCO-MADANJEET SINGH PRIZE FOR THE PROMOTION OF TOLERANCE AND NON-VIOLENCE

(The amendments are underlined)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence is to honour significant activities in the scientific, artistic, cultural or communication field aimed at the promotion of a spirit of tolerance and non-violence. The prize, which was established in 1995 on the occasion of United Nations Year for Tolerance and the hundred-and-twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi and was awarded for the first time in 1996, may be awarded to institutions, organizations or persons

who have contributed in a particularly meritorious and effective manner to tolerance and non-violence, and to the families of intellectuals who have fallen victim to intolerance, in keeping with the spirit of the United Nations Charter and UNESCO's Constitution, in the light of the principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the International Covenants on Human Rights and with due account taken of the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Conference and Executive Board of UNESCO and the General Assembly of the United Nations. The prize shall be awarded with the object of encouraging or eliciting new efforts to spread the spirit of tolerance and non-violence.

2. Frequency

The prize shall be awarded on International Day for Tolerance.

3. Amount

The prize shall consist of a sum of US \$100,000 (one hundred thousand United States dollars), that sum having been set by the Director-General in agreement with the donor (Mr Madanjeet Singh). Every two years as from 2002, before 31 October, the donor shall pay the amount of the prize into a special UNESCO account.

4. Selection of the prizewinner(s)

The prizewinner(s) shall be selected by the Director-General on the proposal of an international jury.

5. Jury

The jury, which shall consist of five eminent persons belonging to different nationalities and coming from different regions of the world, shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO for a period of four years. The jury may adopt its own rules of procedure and shall be assisted in the performance of its duties by a member of the Secretariat appointed by the Director-General.

6. Criteria for the award of the prize

(a) The prizewinners shall be nationals of Member States of UNESCO or institutions or organizations having their headquarters in those States. They shall be required to have taken one or more particularly remarkable initiatives to promote the development of tolerance and non-violence, namely:

- by directly carrying out an educational activity;
- by implementing international, national, regional or local programmes aimed at the promotion of tolerance and non-violence;
- by mobilizing initiatives and/or means likely to contribute to the implementation of such programmes;
- by producing teaching materials or other special aids designed for the development of programmes to teach tolerance and non-violence;
- by undertaking, coordinating or encouraging research in those fields or fields related to specific aspects of tolerance;
- by conducting special surveys or launching original undertakings that have made for significant development in the promotion of tolerance and non-violence.

(b) In addition, the criteria below shall be taken into consideration:

- the activity must have lasted long enough for its results to be evaluated and its effectiveness verified;
- it must represent an outstanding contribution to the fundamental objectives of UNESCO and the United Nations in the fields of tolerance and non-violence;
- the work accomplished must be exemplary and likely to instigate similar initiatives;
- it must have shown itself to be effective in mobilizing new intellectual and material resources;

- it must represent a contribution to the understanding and solution of international or national problems in a spirit of tolerance and non-violence.

7. Selection and submission of nominations

Nominations may be made to the Director-General of UNESCO by Member States, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations that maintain consultative and mutual information relations with UNESCO and eminent persons considered competent by the Director-General in the fields of tolerance and non-violence. Each nomination shall be supported by a recommendation no more than five standard pages long comprising in particular:

- (a) a description of the work accomplished;
- (b) an account of the results obtained;
- (c) an evaluation in accordance with the criteria set out above.

Only one nomination may be submitted in each case.

The deadline for the submission of nominations to the Director-General shall be 31 May.

8. Procedure for the award of the prize

The names of the prizewinner(s) and candidates who receive an honourable mention shall normally be announced every two years as from 1996 on International Day for Tolerance. An official ceremony for the presentation of the prize by the Director-General or his representative shall be held on that date.

9. Duration

The prize is created for an indeterminate period. Should the donor or UNESCO decide to stop awarding it, the amounts remaining in the prize account shall be returned to the donor, after deduction of all charges outstanding at the time when the prize is terminated.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.5 Culture

3.5.1 Study with a view to the establishment of consolidated administrative and financial procedures for the implementation of the project concerning the “Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity” (164 EX/18 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 161 EX/Decision 3.4.3,
2. Having examined document 164 EX/18,
3. Thanks the Director-General for this study;
4. Endorses the conclusions of the study, in particular paragraph 17, and the necessity to further reinforce the section of the Secretariat in charge of this project;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 165th session the financial regulations of the special account for the “Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity”.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.5.2 Progress report on the preparation of an international convention for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage (164 EX/19 and Add. and 164 EX/51)

I

Convening intergovernmental meetings of experts

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 30,
2. Having examined document 164 EX/19,
3. Having taken note of the recommendations of the meeting of experts on the “Intangible Cultural Heritage: Priority Domains for an International Convention”, held in Rio de Janeiro from 22 to 24 January 2002, and being aware of the ongoing work of the select drafting group which met at Headquarters from 20 to 22 March 2002 with a view to gathering material for a preliminary draft international convention on the intangible cultural heritage,
4. Invites the Director-General to convene one or more category II intergovernmental meetings of experts, the first of which could take place in September 2002, to define the scope and to take forward the work on the preliminary draft of an international convention, participation in such meetings to be in accordance with Article 21 of the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO;
5. Takes note of the timetable proposed in document 164 EX/19 as modified by the Director-General in his reply to the debate on items 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 of the Executive Board at its 164th session (164 EX/SR.5);
6. Encourages Member States to adopt or develop policies relating to the protection of the intangible cultural heritage;
7. Requests the Director-General to report to it on progress in the preparation of the report on the situation calling for standard-setting and on the possible scope of such standard-setting, to be submitted to the General Conference at its 32nd session together with a preliminary draft international convention.

II

Invitations to intergovernmental meetings of experts

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the above decision to convene one or more intergovernmental meetings of experts (category II) to define the scope and to take forward the work on the preliminary draft of an international convention for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage,
2. Having examined the Director-General’s proposal concerning invitations to intergovernmental meetings of experts (164 EX/19 Add.),

3. Decides that:

- (a) invitations to participate in the intergovernmental meetings of experts with the right to vote will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) invitations to send observers to the intergovernmental meetings of experts will be sent as indicated in paragraph 7 of document 164 EX/19 Add.;
 - (c) invitations to send representatives to the intergovernmental meetings of experts will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system referred to in paragraph 9 of document 164 EX/19 Add.;
 - (d) invitations to send observers to the intergovernmental meetings of experts will be sent to the international governmental and non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 10 of document 164 EX/19 Add.;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to issue any other invitations he may deem conducive to the work of the intergovernmental meetings of experts, and to notify it thereof.

(164 EX/SR.9)

3.5.3 Jerusalem and the implementation of 162 EX/Decision 3.5.3 (164 EX/20 and Add. and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/20 and Add.,
2. Reaffirms all its previous decisions concerning Jerusalem;
3. Requests the Director-General to continue his efforts to implement those decisions;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it on this subject at its 165th session.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.5.4 Establishment of a working group to explore and examine possible ways and means of creating necessary conditions for prevention of the intentional destruction of culturally important monuments and sites (164 EX/48 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking into consideration United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/8, proclaiming the year 2002 as United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage,
2. Recalling the principles set out in the Conventions and Recommendations approved by UNESCO concerning the protection of the cultural and natural heritage,
3. Recalling also 31 C/Resolution 26 which invites the Director-General to formulate a “Draft Declaration concerning the Intentional Destruction of Cultural Heritage” to be presented to the General Conference at its 32nd session,

4. Gravely concerned by the continuation of acts of intentional destruction of culturally important monuments and sites in recent times,
5. Welcoming the initiative of the Director-General in establishing a group of experts in response to 31 C/Resolution 26,
6. Welcoming also the continuing efforts of the international community for the protection of cultural and natural heritage,
7. Expressing strong determination and commitment with regard to the protection and preservation of culturally important monuments and sites and affirming the significance of transmitting these monuments and sites to future generations,
8. Firmly believing in the necessity to create conditions for preventing the intentional destruction of culturally important monuments and sites,
9. Invites the Director-General to present an oral report in an informal meeting before the 166th session of the Executive Board on progress in the formulation of a draft declaration concerning the intentional destruction of cultural heritage.

(164 EX/SR.8)

3.6 Communication and information

3.6.1 Report by the Director-General on a draft charter on the preservation of the digital heritage (164 EX/21 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/21,
2. Recognizing that the preservation of the digital heritage of all regions and cultures is an urgent issue of worldwide concern,
3. Invites the Director-General, taking into account the discussions at its 164th session, to ask the Member States to give their comments and observations on document 164 EX/21 and to send them to the Director-General and to the Intergovernmental Council of the Information for All Programme before September 2002; and also invites him to prepare a preliminary draft charter on the preservation of the digital heritage to be discussed in appropriate forums and distributed to Member States for broad consultations and subsequently to submit a revised draft charter to the Executive Board at its 166th session.

(164 EX/SR.8)

4 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

4.1 Methods of work of the Executive Board (164 EX/22 and 164 EX/10)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/22,

2. Welcomes the initiative taken by its Chairperson concerning the reform of its methods of work;
3. Invites its Chairperson, in consultation with the Director-General, to draw inspiration from the suggestions and guidelines given below, in relation to the preparation and organization of future sessions, and to bring specific proposals to its 165th session:

Changes in the methods of work of the Executive Board

(a) Dates and frequency of the sessions:

- (i) Starting dates of sessions: March or April and September or October;

(b) General policy debate:

- (i) Need to ensure that the Director-General's report on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference is distributed sufficiently far in advance;
- (ii) Facilitation of dialogue between Board Members and the Director-General (establishment of a format that enables Members to react to the Director-General's statements); strengthening the system of questions and answers;
- (iii) Measures to ensure follow-up to Board decisions;

(c) Thematic debate:

- (i) Structuring of the debate so that a distinctive Board vision can emerge, and practical steps to give concrete expression to this vision, including an appropriate follow-up mechanism;
- (ii) Qualified speakers representative of geographical and cultural diversity;
- (iii) Themes related to the fields of competence of UNESCO;
- (iv) Exploration of options for conducting and financing the thematic debate;

(d) Reopening discussions and discussion of the same items in different bodies:

- (i) More scrupulous respect for the prevailing provisions of the Rules of Procedure concerning the adoption in plenary meetings of the recommendations of the subsidiary bodies;
- (ii) Avoidance, as far as possible, of joint meetings of commissions;

(e) Other issues:

- (i) Reduction in the number of items on the agenda;
- (ii) Regrouping of items so as to align the timetable of work with the structure of the C/5 document;

- (iii) Application of the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board concerning the role of the Bureau in the preparation of the Board's sessions;
 - (iv) Reduction in the volume of documentation;
 - (v) Imperative need to respect statutory deadlines for the distribution of documents;
 - (vi) Need to reform the methods of work of the commissions and other subsidiary bodies;
 - (vii) Promotion of a culture of intergovernmental and intragovernmental consultations as well as consultations with concerned agencies before the Board sessions;
4. Invites the Special Committee to continue its work on this matter taking account of the debate by the Executive Board at its 164th session.

(164 EX/SR.7)

5 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

5.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (164 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and Corr., 164 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(164 EX/SR.7)

5.2 Proposals by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on the conditions and procedures applicable to the examination of questions relating to the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments (164 EX/23 and 164 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Noting with satisfaction document 164 EX/23, produced by the Secretariat, and referring to the Committee's report on this subject (164 EX/49),
2. Considers that the examination of this complex item should continue;
3. Requests the Committee to resume consideration of this item at the 165th session of the Board.

(164 EX/SR.6)

5.3 Amendments to the general rules governing the awarding of prizes for meritorious work in literacy (164 EX/24 Rev. and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/24 Rev.,
2. Approves the amendments to the General Rules Governing the Awarding of Prizes for Meritorious Work in Literacy as underlined in the annex to this decision.

ANNEX

GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF PRIZES FOR MERITORIOUS WORK IN LITERACY

(The amendments are underlined)

1. **Purpose**

These prizes form part of a set of measures designed to intensify the fight for literacy in the context of lifelong education; their purpose is to reward the services of institutions, organizations or individuals displaying outstanding merit and achieving particularly effective results in contributing to the fight for literacy. The award of these prizes also has the object of securing and maintaining the sympathy and support of public opinion for literacy programmes in progress.

2. **Official name of each prize**

Each prize shall be given an official name, to be settled by mutual agreement between the donor and the Director-General.

3. **Prizes and honourable mentions**

Such prizes, the amounts of which shall be fixed by the donors, may be awarded each year. The amount of a prize not awarded in a particular year may be attributed in one of the three years immediately following the year in question as an additional prize. A few candidates may also be awarded honourable mentions in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 7.

4. **Selection of prizewinners**

Prizewinners shall be designated by the Director-General on the recommendation of a jury.

5. **Jury**

The jury shall be composed of at least five women and men renowned for their contribution to the field of literacy from different nationalities, appointed by the Director-General for a period of three years. The jury may adopt its own rules and procedures. A staff member of UNESCO may be appointed by the Director-General to serve as secretary of the jury.

6. **Eligibility**

The prizes shall be open to institutions, organizations or individuals displaying outstanding merit and achieving particularly effective results in literacy and post-literacy activities and their integration in basic education programmes.

7. **Criteria for award of prizes**

The prizes, which shall be indivisible, shall be awarded in conformity with the following criteria:

- (a) institutions, organizations or individuals must have carried out literacy or post-literacy activities:
 - (i) by direct teaching; or
 - (ii) by organizing literacy programmes at the national or local level; or
 - (iii) by promoting support from the public; or
 - (iv) by producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programmes; or
 - (v) by carrying out research in fields related to literacy (methods, languages, evaluation, social sciences, etc.); or
 - (vi) by carrying out special surveys of primary importance for literacy planning; or

- (vii) by offering youth the possibility of taking part in literacy activities; or
- (viii) by carrying out non-formal educational activities of a social, cultural, economic or political nature, in which literacy and related literacy activities (such as radio and television programmes, publications and the press, etc.) are integrated.

(b) in addition, the following criteria shall be considered:

- (i) the duration of the activity, which must be sufficient to permit an assessment of results and proof of success obtained;
- (ii) the contribution to the basic objectives of the educational system of the country;
- (iii) the contribution to local and national development;
- (iv) the value of the activities as an example to stimulate further similar action;
- (v) the impact of the action carried out with a view to mobilizing new resources for literacy programmes;
- (vi) the contribution to the understanding and development of the national society and culture;
- (vii) the contribution to the appreciation of other cultures and to international understanding.

8. Selection of candidates and submissions of nominations

Each Government or international non-governmental organization maintaining formal or operational relations with UNESCO shall be entitled to nominate only two candidates per year.

Arrangements for selection, suited to national conditions, may include:

- (i) the announcement of the prizes;
- (ii) the establishment of a committee or committees for the selection of candidates at the national level;
- (iii) the submission of candidatures to the Director-General of UNESCO.

9. Submission of nominations

In support of each nomination, Governments and international non-governmental organizations shall supply, by 30 April of each year, a recommendation covering not more than five standard pages (1,600 words) in English or French, and including:

- (i) a description of the activities carried out;
- (ii) an account of the results achieved;
- (iii) an evaluation on the basis of the criteria mentioned above; and
- (iv) the appraisal of the committee responsible for the final selection at the national level.

10. The winners of the prizes and honourable mentions will usually be announced every year on International Literacy Day (8 September).

(164 EX/SR.8)

6 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

6.1 Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 2000-2001 and on the transfers made between appropriation lines for the purpose of closing the accounts for 2000-2001 (164 EX/26 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001 (30 C/Resolution 1, para. A(d)) which authorizes the Director-General to accept voluntary contributions, donations and contributions from governments towards the cost of established field units, reporting thereon to the Members of the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action,

2. Recalling also that the same Appropriation Resolution (para. A(h)) authorizes the Director-General, in urgent and special circumstances, to make transfers between appropriation lines, informing the Members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of the transfers made and the reasons therefor,
3. Having examined the Director-General's report on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 2000-2001 and the adjustments and transfers made by him at the end of the biennium for the purpose of closing the accounts (164 EX/26),
4. Takes note that the Director-General has increased the appropriations to the regular budget for 2000-2001 by a total amount of \$4,961,558 by accepting donations and contributions from governments and institutions, as well as contributions towards the running costs of established field offices;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the donors mentioned in Annex I to document 164 EX/26;
6. Notes that the actual expenditure under staff costs remained within the approved allocation;
7. Notes also, subject to final adjustments, that there is an unspent and unaudited balance amounting to \$8,005,346 from the original appropriation in document 30 C/5 Approved as adjusted by donations and special contributions received during the biennium, which must be used in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 12 and 13 of 31 C/Resolution 50;
8. Takes note of transfers made between appropriation lines to close the accounts for 2000-2001.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.2 Report by the Director-General on the budget proposals for the use of any unspent balance from the original appropriation in document 30 C/5 Approved and on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2002-2003 (164 EX/27 and 164 EX/52 Part II)

The Executive Board,

I

Use of the unspent balance from the 2000-2001 biennium

1. Recalling the terms of paragraphs 12 and 13 of 31 C/Resolution 50 which:
 - “12. Suspends Financial Regulation 4.3 and authorizes that an amount not to exceed 2% [US \$10,887,345] of the original appropriation [US \$544,367,250] of document 30 C/5 can be carried forward to the 2002-2003 biennium and that the Executive Board decide at its 164th session, taking account of priorities presented by the Director-General based on the debates held at the 31st session of the General Conference, how such funds are to be used, some or all of which could be returned to Member States;

13. Requests the Director-General to present to the Executive Board for approval his budget proposals for the use of such funds, if available, which, if the Board agrees to earmark them for future activities, are to be treated as an additional appropriation to document 31 C/5;”,
2. Recalling also that the 30th session of the General Conference approved a total appropriation amounting to \$544,367,250 for the 2000-2001 biennium (30 C/5 Approved),
3. Noting that this approved appropriation was subsequently increased to \$549,328,808 by the addition of donations and special contributions received by the Director-General amounting to \$4,961,558 and that there remains an unaudited unspent balance amounting to \$8,005,346, which includes \$299,598 relating to donations, from the adjusted appropriation (\$549,328,808) in the 2000-2001 biennium,
4. Having examined the Director-General’s proposals contained in Part I of document 164 EX/27 for the use of the unspent balance of \$8,005,346 to finance activities in the current 2002-2003 biennium,
5. Approves the carry-over of the unspent balance of funds from 2000-2001 to the 2002-2003 biennium for the purpose of financing the following priority activities in Afghanistan, the Palestinian Autonomous Territories and Africa and for the fight against terrorism as well as for the support of the reform process within the Organization, as follows:

Priority	Amount \$
(a) Supporting the development and implementation of programme activities in Afghanistan (<i>including running costs for the Office in Kabul</i>)	1,135,000
(b) Reconstruction of Palestinian educational and cultural infrastructure and promoting reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians	1,135,000
(c) Africa (teacher training and reinforcement of African centres of excellence)	1,135,000
(d) Response to 31 C/Resolution 39 on terrorism (<i>as outlined in paragraph 5 of document 164 EX/27, which includes, inter alia, activities relating to dialogue among cultures and civilizations; the completion of UNESCO’s regional histories; and the revision/improvement of school textbooks</i>)	2,000,000
(e) Support for the Organization’s reform process	
(i) FABS/SISTER (\$1.4 million)	
(ii) Decentralization: strengthening the capacities of field offices (\$900,000)	2,300,000
Total	7,705,000

II

Budgetary adjustments for the 2002-2003 biennium

6. Recalling the provisions of the Appropriation Resolution for 2002-2003 (31 C/Resolution 73, paragraph A(d)) by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,
7. Approves the transfer of \$3,370,000 from Part IV to Parts I to III of the budget to cover increases in staff costs and in goods and services on account of statutory and other factors;

III

Revised Appropriation Table

8. Takes note of the following revised Appropriation Table for 2002-2003:

Revised Appropriation Table for 2002-2003

Appropriation line	31 C/5 Approved	Carryover from 2000-2001		Transfer from Part IV		31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
		Specific activities financed by Donations	Priority Programme Activities and Reform Process	Staff Costs	Other Costs	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION						
A. Governing Bodies						
1. General Conference	6 292 400			2 000		6 294 400
2. Executive Board	7 839 400			19 400		7 858 800
Total Part I.A	14 131 800	0	0	21 400	0	14 153 200
B. Direction	16 186 400			120 000		16 306 400
<i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight; International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>						
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	2 153 000					2 153 000
TOTAL, PART I	32 471 200	0	0	141 400	0	32 612 600
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES						
A. Programmes						
Major Programme I - Education						
I.1 Basic education for all: meeting the commitments of the Dakar World Education Forum						
I.1.1 Coordinating the follow-up of the Dakar Framework for Action	21 644 400			77 600		21 722 000
I.1.2 Strengthening inclusive approaches to education and diversifying delivery systems	24 168 300		710 000	90 000		24 968 300
I.2 Building knowledge societies through quality education and a renewal of education systems						
I.2.1 Towards a new approach to quality education	15 833 500		300 000	73 500		16 207 000
I.2.2 Renewal of education systems	14 489 500	259 306	935 000	67 700		15 751 506
UNESCO education institutes						
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	4 591 000					4 591 000
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5 100 000					5 100 000
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	1 900 000					1 900 000
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1 100 000					1 100 000
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 200 000					2 200 000
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	1 200 000		300 000			1 500 000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 865 000					1 865 000
Total, Major Programme I	94 091 700	259 306	2 245 000	308 800	0	96 904 806
Major Programme II - Natural Sciences						
II.1 Science and technology: capacity-building and management						
II.1.1 Follow-up to the World Conference on Science: policy-making and science education	5 763 700	36 150		32 600		5 832 450
II.1.2 Science and technology capacity-building	15 043 000			85 300		15 128 300
II.2 Sciences, environment and sustainable development						
II.2.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8 691 200		200 000	35 200		8 926 400
II.2.2 Ecological sciences	5 036 000			19 500		5 055 500
II.2.3 Cooperation in earth sciences and natural hazards reduction	5 665 800			37 700		5 703 500
II.2.4 Towards sustainable living in coastal regions and on small islands	2 328 900			10 600		2 339 500
II.2.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	7 004 000			31 100		7 035 100
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 335 000					2 335 000
Total, Major Programme II	51 867 600	36 150	200 000	252 000	0	52 355 750
Major Programme III - Social and Human Sciences						
III.1 Ethics of science and technology	3 563 800			9 400		3 573 200
III.2 Promotion of human rights, peace and democratic principles	12 216 000		535 000	71 700		12 822 700
III.3 Improvement of policies relating to social transformations and promotion of anticipation and prospective studies	10 222 400			43 900		10 266 300
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 580 000					2 580 000
Total, Major Programme III	28 582 200	0	535 000	125 000	0	29 242 200

Appropriation line	31 C/5 Approved	Carryover from 2000-2001		Transfer from Part IV		31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
		Specific activities financed by Donations	Priority Programme Activities and Reform Process	Staff Costs	Other Costs	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Major Programme IV - Culture						
IV.1 Reinforcing normative action in the field of culture						
IV.1.1 Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	5 894 000			34 600		5 928 600
IV.1.2 Meeting new demands in the area of standard-setting	2 626 300	4 142		8 400		2 638 842
IV.2 Protecting cultural diversity and promoting cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue						
IV.2.1 Safeguarding and revitalization of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage	21 164 900		700 000	131 600		21 996 500
IV.2.2 Promotion of cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue	6 595 800		600 000	26 300		7 222 100
IV.3 Strengthening links between culture and development	6 138 900			26 500		6 165 400
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 430 000					1 430 000
Total, Major Programme IV	43 849 900	4 142	1 300 000	227 400	0	45 381 442
Major Programme V - Communication and Information						
V.1 Promoting equitable access to information and knowledge, especially in the public domain						
V.1.1 Formulating principles, policies and strategies to widen access to information and knowledge	5 810 300			25 700		5 836 000
V.1.2 Development of infrastructure and building capabilities for increased participation in the knowledge society	6 997 000			19 800		7 016 800
V.2 Promoting freedom of expression and strengthening communication capacities						
V.2.1 Freedom of expression, democracy and peace	7 343 200		200 000	38 700		7 581 900
V.2.2 Strengthening communication capacities	9 624 100		415 000	43 700		10 082 800
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	3 290 000					3 290 000
Total, Major Programme V	33 064 600	0	615 000	127 900	0	33 807 500
UNESCO Institute for Statistics	6 820 000					6 820 000
Project relating to cross-cutting theme*	500 000					500 000
Total, UNESCO Institute for Statistics	7 320 000	0	0	0	0	7 320 000
Total, Part IIA	258 776 000	299 598	4 895 000	1 041 100	0	265 011 698
B. Participation Programme	22 000 000					22 000 000
C. Programme Related Services						
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	2 647 700			21 400		2 669 100
2. Fellowships Programme	1 962 400			17 500		1 979 900
3. Public information	20 354 400		140 000	195 800		20 690 200
Total, Part IIC	24 964 500	0	140 000	234 700	0	25 339 200
TOTAL PART II	305 740 500	299 598	5 035 000	1 275 800	0	312 350 898
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION						
A. Strategic planning and programme monitoring	6 128 000		400 000	36 100		6 564 100
B. Budget preparation and monitoring	4 244 900			32 200		4 277 100
C. Field management and coordination	48 954 500		1 170 748	71 300		50 196 548
D. External relations and cooperation	22 008 800			150 100		22 158 900
E. Human resources management	25 684 800			246 700		25 931 500
F. Administration	88 685 500		1 100 000	1 076 400	340 000	91 201 900
G. Renovation of Headquarters Premises	6 292 500					6 292 500
TOTAL, PART III	201 999 000	0	2 670 748	1 612 800	340 000	206 622 548
TOTAL, PARTS I - III	540 210 700	299 598	7 705 748	3 030 000	340 000	551 586 046
Reserve for reclassifications	1 500 000					1 500 000
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13 690 850			(3 030 000)	(340 000)	10 320 850
TOTAL, PARTS I - IV	555 401 550	299 598	7 705 748	0	0	563 406 896
Less: Amount to be absorbed during the execution of the programme and budget within the limits of the approved total budget	(11 034 300)					(11 034 300)
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	544 367 250	299 598	7 705 748	0	0	552 372 596

* Cross cutting themes: 1. Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty; 2. The contribution of information and communication technologies to the development of education, science and culture and the construction of a knowledge society

6.3 Report by the Director-General on extrabudgetary resources (164 EX/28 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/28,
2. Expresses satisfaction with the continued growth in UNESCO's extrabudgetary resources and appreciation to the donor governments and other funding sources for their support of UNESCO's activities;
3. Recognizes UNESCO's efforts to improve accountability and transparency with respect to extrabudgetary funds, in particular those affected to special accounts;
4. Reiterates the need to combine regular and extrabudgetary funds in an effort to realize comprehensive planning and budgeting for the Organization's programme activities;
5. Notes with interest the efforts by the Director-General to ensure that the growth in the volume of extrabudgetary resources is accompanied by measures to promote better utilization of these resources in terms of their timeliness and quality, aligning them progressively with the strategic objectives and programmatic priorities of the C/4 and C/5 documents, keeping in mind the difference in nature between extrabudgetary resources and those of the regular budget, the technical feasibility of budgeting by the Secretariat and the desirability of achieving a diversified regional distribution of these resources;
6. Expresses its concern at the low overall implementation rate of activities financed with extrabudgetary funds in spite of the increase in their volume, and encourages the Director-General to reinforce his efforts to attain an increasing implementation rate for extrabudgetary resources received, *inter alia* by consulting with donors;
7. Takes note of the current level of overhead rates and the guidelines for granting derogations applied so far by the Director-General and invites him to review them on the basis of the recommendations of the study of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) on policies and procedures for overhead costs, and to present proposals on this matter for the consideration of the Executive Board at its 166th session, including the possibility of defining a measurement methodology for overhead costs;
8. Invites the Director-General to reinforce cooperation with the United Nations system, notably the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), for the sake of achieving the targets in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and strengthening the impact of UNESCO's role in the field;
9. Also invites the Director-General to submit an annual progress report, addressing both the quantitative and qualitative aspects of these activities, to facilitate the Board's deliberations;
10. Further invites the Director-General to include the following in his report on this item to the Executive Board at its 166th session:
 - (a) progress on the combination of regular and extrabudgetary activities;

- (b) guidelines on the use of extrabudgetary resources as requested in paragraph 13(d) of 161 EX/Decision 7.4;
- (c) progress to attain a better implementation rate for activities financed with extrabudgetary funds;
- (d) results of the efforts aimed at ensuring an equitable regional allocation of extrabudgetary funds;
- (e) figures on self-benefiting funds-in-trust separated from those on other funds-in-trust within the table on allocations and expenditure of extrabudgetary funds by regions.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.4 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (164 EX/29 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/29,
2. Notes with appreciation the transparency and efficiency with which the Participation Programme was planned and executed during the 2000-2001 biennium;
3. Deems that there should be separate categories for national, subregional, regional and interregional activities, which should be processed in accordance with the prescribed procedures, and invites the General Conference to consider this question at its 32nd session;
4. Requests the Director-General to consider implementing the above and to continue to improve the management of the Participation Programme, taking *inter alia* proactive measures to ensure timely submission of pertinent financial and implementation reports for the recipient countries.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.5 Annual report by the Director-General on the use of consultants by the Secretariat (164 EX/30 and Corr. and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/30 and Corr.,
2. Takes note of the information contained therein;
3. Requests the Director-General to take urgent measures to increase the utilization of available expertise from Member States which are under-represented or non-represented in terms of the use of consultants;

4. Invites the Director-General to develop further the criteria for the hiring of consultants and to provide more information on the control mechanisms for such contracts.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.6 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (164 EX/31 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/31,
2. Noting that the Headquarters Committee examined and endorsed this document at its 145th session,
3. Appreciating the efforts aimed at improving security at Headquarters,
4. Expresses its gratitude to the Member States which have made voluntary contributions for the renovation of UNESCO Headquarters;
5. Takes note of the progress of the work under the Belmont Plan for the restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters, and in connection with the management of UNESCO's buildings;
6. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to explore all possible options for financing the subsequent stages of the Belmont Plan in accordance with the resolutions of the General Conference;
7. Requests the Director-General to submit the design brief to it at its 165th session;
8. Further invites the Director-General to strengthen security at UNESCO Headquarters with adequate use of financial resources allocated for this purpose and keep it informed on this issue.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.7 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on premises occupied by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) (164 EX/32 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 7.6, 156 EX/Decision 8.6, 157 EX/Decision 8.9, 159 EX/Decision 7.4, 160 EX/Decision 7.8 and 161 EX/Decision 7.8,
2. Having examined document 164 EX/32,
3. Noting that the Headquarters Committee examined and endorsed this document at its 145th session,
4. Bearing in mind the importance of the Organization's partnership with NGOs in its fields of competence,

5. Welcomes the measures taken by the Director-General to ensure execution of the accommodation plan so as to provide office space for NGOs in buildings other than Building V;
6. Requests the Director-General, in view of the technical difficulties encountered in Building VII with regard to accommodation of the documentation centres, to explore the possibility of grouping all NGOs entitled to office accommodation together in Building VI bis to enable them to make the best use of their documentation centres and equipment, in cooperation with the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee;
7. Invites the Director-General, in consultation with the Headquarters Committee, to report to it at its 165th session on progress in the execution of the plan for the grouping together of NGOs in Headquarters buildings.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.8 Report by the Director-General on proposed measures to improve significantly the geographical distribution of the staff of the Organization (164 EX/33 and Corr. and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 58 and 162 EX/Decision 7.6,
2. Having considered document 164 EX/33 and Corr.,
3. Supports the measures aimed at improving significantly the geographical distribution of the staff, while continuing to keep in mind the need to secure the highest standards of integrity, efficiency and technical competence, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article VI of the UNESCO Constitution;
4. Asks the Director-General in implementing those measures to take into consideration the need to improve the geographical distribution in all categories of posts;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 166th session, a progress report on the implementation of the appropriate measures both for under- and over-represented countries;
6. Requests the Director-General to include in his report to it at its 166th session:
 - (a) criteria for excluding posts from geographical distribution and the number of posts concerned;
 - (b) information concerning criteria used to establish the base figure for calculating national quotas and information on alternative formulations used by other United Nations organizations;
 - (c) detailed information regarding geographical distribution in the different categories of posts and among young professionals.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.9 Progress report on the situation in the Brasilia Office (164 EX/34, 164 EX/INF.3 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 162 EX/Decision 7.13,
2. Having examined documents 164 EX/34 and 164 EX/INF.3 and having heard the oral presentation made by the representative of the Director-General,
3. Takes note of the External Auditor's comment that progress has been made in strengthening financial management in the Brasilia Office;
4. Also takes note of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations concerning the financial management of the Brasilia Office;
5. Urges the Director-General to continue taking the requisite measures to strengthen the administrative mechanisms of the Brasilia Office, and invites him to continue implementing all remaining recommendations and to report to it on the subject at its next session.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.10 Comments by the Director-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight (IOS) for 2001 and its strategy for 2002-2003 (164 EX/35 and Add. and Corr. and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5,
2. Having examined document 164 EX/35 and Add. and Corr.,
3. Notes that the report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight (IOS) is presented to the Executive Board by the Director-General along with his comments;
4. Appreciating the clarity of the report,
5. Welcomes the progress made by the Office of Internal Oversight, the outcome of its activities in 2001 and its audit strategy for 2002-2003;
6. Notes with concern the conclusion by IOS that the effectiveness of controls in the field and at Headquarters needs to be significantly strengthened; and emphasizes the need for the recommendation of IOS to be followed up;
7. Takes note of the preliminary ideas on key priorities and principles of evaluation contained in document 164 EX/35 and requests further elaboration of "UNESCO's evaluation strategy" to be presented by the Director-General to the Board at its 165th session;
8. Encourages the Director-General to ensure that the human resource requirements of IOS are met from the regular budget;

9. Also encourages the Director-General to ensure that a report on the activities and strategies of the Office of Internal Oversight together with details of its action to implement audit/evaluation recommendations is submitted to the Executive Board for consideration annually.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.11 Annual Report (2001) by the International Civil Service Commission: Report by the Director-General (164 EX/36 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/36,
2. Takes note of:
 - (a) the contents of that document; and
 - (b) United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/244;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure the participation of UNESCO in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), and to take due account of the results of its work.

(164 EX/SR.8)

6.12 Report by the Director-General on the operating costs of the Executive Board (164 EX/37 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken note of the report of the Finance and Administrative Commission (164 EX/52 Part I),
2. Decides to defer consideration of this matter until its 165th session;
3. Decides also to study its working methods and its operating costs in an overall approach;
4. Further decides to entrust this study to the Special Committee and to the Finance and Administrative Commission.

(164 EX/SR.9)

6.13 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (164 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(164 EX/SR.7)

7 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

7.1 Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (164 EX/38, 164 EX/INF.4, 164 EX/INF.5 and 164 EX/51 and Corr.)

7.1.1 United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 159 EX/Decision 7.1.3 and 161 EX/Decision 3.2.1,
2. Further recalling the commitments to Education for All reaffirmed at the World Education Forum, Dakar, April 2000,
3. Takes note of United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/116 entitled “United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all”;
4. Welcomes the United Nations Literacy Decade proclaimed by the General Assembly for the period 2003-2012;
5. Notes with satisfaction that the United Nations General Assembly accorded UNESCO a coordinating role in the Decade at the international level;
6. Calls upon Member States to provide comments and proposals on the draft plan of the Decade;
7. Requests the Director-General to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in finalizing the well targeted, action-oriented plan of action requested by the Assembly;
8. Further requests the Director-General to report regularly on the action taken by the General Assembly and on the implementation of the plan of action of the Decade.

(164 EX/SR.8)

7.1.2 United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage

The Executive Board,

1. Having read the report by the Director-General on the implementation by UNESCO of United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/8 proclaiming 2002 United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage,
2. Considering with satisfaction that the Year’s objectives correspond closely to the objectives of UNESCO’s programmes aimed at protecting cultural diversity and strengthening the links between culture and development through the safeguarding and revitalization of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage,
3. Welcoming the active participation of Member States, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals in the implementation of projects to promote the Year’s objectives,

4. Reaffirming that the cultural heritage is an instrument for peace and mutual understanding and also a factor in development,
5. Notes with appreciation the Director-General's recommendation to organize activities to celebrate the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage on the themes of dialogue and development;
6. Invites Member States to give the highest priority to the implementation of the principles enshrined in the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, the 1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, the 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, and other international instruments adopted under the auspices of UNESCO;
7. Further invites Member and non-Member States, national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations and the private sector to make voluntary contributions to finance and support UNESCO's activities in this field;
8. Also invites the Director-General to continue his technical and financial efforts with a view to stepping up the implementation of programmes, activities and projects intended to ensure the enhancement and protection of the world cultural heritage, to promote education and raise public awareness so as to inspire respect for that heritage;
9. Invites the Director-General lastly to consider the merits of convening an International Conference on Strengthening and Consolidating International Mechanisms for Safeguarding and Protecting the Cultural Heritage;
10. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 167th session on the implementation of this decision.

(164 EX/SR.8)

7.1.3 Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations

The Executive Board,

1. Welcoming the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 9 November 2001,
2. Recalling the importance given to the dialogue among civilizations both in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved) and in the Approved Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5 Approved) and in other action by the General Conference, especially with respect to 31 C/Resolution 39 (Call for international cooperation to prevent and eradicate acts of terrorism),
3. Welcoming the commonality and coherence in approach between the Global Agenda adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and UNESCO's programme of action,
4. Also recalling the important contribution made by UNESCO to the celebration of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations and its follow-up,

5. Convinced that UNESCO has a major role to play and an important contribution to make in implementing the Global Agenda, in particular with a view to encouraging and facilitating dialogue among civilizations and formulating ways and means to promote dialogue among civilizations in the activities of the United Nations in various fields as envisaged by the United Nations General Assembly,
6. Taking note with appreciation of the activities already carried out towards the end of 2001 and in 2002 and other activities scheduled during 2002, expresses its conviction that such action will reinforce the Organization's contribution to the dialogue among civilizations, drawing to the extent possible on partnerships with other agencies of the United Nations, regional and subregional organizations and their specialized agencies, research institutions, the academic world in general, civil society organizations and parliamentarians;
7. Calls upon all Member States of the Organization, and in particular their National Commissions, and upon NGOs to promote, encourage, and facilitate the dialogue among civilizations, giving particular emphasis to the elaboration and dissemination of teaching materials and publications aimed at raising awareness and contributing to the fulfilment of the Organization's mandate;
8. Requests the Director-General to design and develop the Organization's action to implement the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations in its fields of competence with the aim of promoting and facilitating a broad-based dialogue among civilizations, involving all regions, in all appropriate fora and through a variety of means, in partnership with appropriate institutions;
9. Also requests the Director-General to link closely action in favour of the dialogue among civilizations with the activities planned for the follow-up to and implementation of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and its action plan as well as those concerning the celebration in 2002 of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage;
10. Requests furthermore the Director General to submit a report to it at its 166th session on the contribution of the Organization to the implementation of the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations.

(164 EX/SR.8)

7.1.4 International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010

The Executive Board,

1. Underlining the importance for UNESCO of carrying out fully its role as lead agency in the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010),
2. Recalling the specific actions contained in the Approved Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5 Approved) which relate to the promotion of a culture of peace,
3. Underlining the need to mainstream the culture of peace in all the Organization's programmes,

4. Requests the Director-General to strengthen, in particular, the promotion of formal and non-formal education at all levels with a view to fostering a culture of peace and non-violence;
5. Further requests the Director-General to maintain the communication and networking arrangements providing updated information on the observance of the Decade on a global basis.

(164 EX/SR.8)

7.1.5 Return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 27,
2. Taking note of resolution 56/97 of the United Nations General Assembly, which encourages the Director-General of UNESCO to “define and implement” a strategy for the effective promotion of the International Fund for the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations,
3. Invites the Director-General to define such a strategy and to report to it thereon at its 166th session.

(164 EX/SR.9)

7.1.6 Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing the importance of mainstreaming the needs of LDCs in all the Organization’s programmes, in particular in the framework of the Organization’s contribution to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,
2. Taking note of the ongoing efforts made by the Organization to better focus and reinforce its action in favour of the LDCs,
3. Requests the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO fully cooperates with the newly appointed High Representative of the Secretary-General for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in the discharge of his duties, especially the follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Brussels in 2001;
4. Further requests the Director General to inform it at its 166th session on progress made by the Organization in its contribution to the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.

(164 EX/SR.8)

7.1.7 Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan

The Executive Board,

1. Deeply concerned about the situation in Afghanistan and the enormous need for relief assistance as well as rehabilitation and recovery of that war-torn, drought-stricken country,
2. Recalling the statement by Mr Karzai, Chairman of the Afghan Interim Authority, during his visit to UNESCO on 1 March 2002,
3. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 56/220 B on emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and [the] reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan;
4. Takes note with appreciation of the decisions taken by the Director-General to respond to the General Assembly resolution and to the situation in Afghanistan;
5. Urges the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO plays its full role in assisting Afghanistan within the joint United Nations system intervention, in close collaboration with the Afghan authorities;
6. Requests the Director-General to report regularly to the Board on UNESCO's contribution to the joint United Nations programme of assistance to Afghanistan.

(164 EX/SR.8)

7.1.8 Joint United Nations programme on human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling and reaffirming the commitments made by Member States on the fight against HIV/AIDS through the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS adopted at the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on HIV/AIDS (27 June 2001),
2. Acknowledging UNESCO's specific role within the United Nations system in combating and mitigating the effects of HIV/AIDS through preventive education, and its responsibility in the follow-up to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and commending the efforts of the Director-General to enhance and strengthen UNESCO's response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic and to further develop and extend the role of UNESCO as a key co-sponsor of UNAIDS,
3. Urges Member States:
 - (a) to act upon the political commitment expressed at the United Nations special session on HIV/AIDS, by operationalizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and by mobilizing resources for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and related care and support;
 - (b) to develop programmes for prevention, care and alleviation by learning from successes and failures how to optimize the allocation of resources;

- (c) to build and strengthen partnerships between the education and health sectors as well as the communities and non-governmental organizations concerned;
4. Requests the Director-General:
- (a) to provide personal and institutional support for full implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS;
 - (b) to take all necessary measures to ensure that UNESCO continues to play a key role in providing leadership, direction and support in the field of education to the United Nations system-wide response to HIV/AIDS;
 - (c) to provide support to Member States to improve advocacy, prevention, care and efforts to cope with the institutional impact of the epidemic;
 - (d) within the framework of the UNESCO Strategy for HIV/AIDS Preventive Education, to provide support to countries, in the context of their national strategies, in the areas of prevention, care and support and in order to meet the commitments and goals agreed at the United Nations special session on HIV/AIDS, in particular as they:
 - (i) take effective measures, within a supportive environment, to ensure that people everywhere, particularly young people, have access to the information and services necessary to enable them to protect themselves from HIV;
 - (ii) develop national strategies and actions on care and support for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS;
5. Also requests the Director-General to keep it informed at regular intervals about the implementation of these requests.

(164 EX/SR.9)

7.2 Report by the Director-General on practical measures adapted to each case, in cooperation with the Member States concerned, to enhance the status and operational capacities of National Commissions (164 EX/39 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 161 EX/Decision 8.4 inviting both Member States and the UNESCO Secretariat to contribute to strengthening the operational capacities of National Commissions so that they can effectively assume their increased responsibilities with regard to their participation in programme planning and execution,
2. Having examined document 164 EX/39,
3. Reaffirming that possession of sound operational capacities is an important prerequisite for increasing the participation of National Commissions in programme planning and execution,
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue in 2002-2003, in consultation with Member States, his efforts as described in Part II of document 164 EX/39 to reinforce

the operational capacities of National Commissions, in particular in regard to those practical measures which are especially relevant in the framework of the ongoing process of decentralization, such as training, outreach work, communication tools and services, and networking, including in due course access to the new management tools of the Organization;

5. Also encourages the Director-General to strengthen cooperation and coordination of UNESCO field offices with National Commissions in the preparation and execution of UNESCO programmes in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO;
6. Reminds Member States of their responsibility to take measures, wherever necessary, to strengthen the status, staffing and operating budgets of their National Commissions in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO;
7. Invites the Director-General to make the necessary efforts to reinforce National Commissions' operational capacities and to report to it at its 166th session on the concrete measures taken and the results achieved in this respect.

(164 EX/SR.9)

7.3 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (164 EX/40 and Corrigenda, 164 EX/ONG/2 and 164 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/40 and Corrigenda,
2. Takes note of the information contained in paragraphs 2-29 of document 164 EX/40;
3. Decides, on the basis of the recommendations contained in documents 164 EX/40 and Corr.2:
 - (a) to renew formal associate relations with the following non-governmental organizations:
 - the International Association of Universities (IAU);
 - the International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication (IFTC);
 - Education International (EI); and
 - the World Conservation Union (IUCN);
 - (b) to renew formal associate relations for two years with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA), and re-evaluate cooperation with that organization after that period;
4. Also decides, on the basis of the information contained in document 164 EX/ONG/2, to begin the procedure for the renewal of statutory relations with the NGOs maintaining formal consultative relations and to pursue consideration thereof at its

165th session, on the basis of revised documents containing the updated files and summaries of the NGO policy of the different sectors of UNESCO and taking into consideration the views expressed at its 164th session;

5. Takes note of the Director-General's recommendations concerning the reclassification to formal consultative relations of the World Islamic Call Society (WICS) and of the International Radio and Television University (URTI); and decides to pursue consideration of these recommendations at its next session, taking into consideration the views expressed at its 164th session;
6. Further takes note of the Director-General's decisions concerning the admission to operational relations of the World Water Council (WWC), the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) and Internews International;
7. Takes note also of the Director-General's decision concerning the admission to official relations, as a foundation, of the Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation;
8. Welcomes the draft cooperation agreement with the Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) set out in Annex VII to document 164 EX/40 and invites the Director-General to sign it;
9. Also invites the Director-General to work out means to promote cooperation between NGOs having similar or overlapping objectives, in collaboration with related specialized institutions within the United Nations system, and to report to it thereon.

(164 EX/SR.6)

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

7.4.1 Young Professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention (JIU/REP/2000/7) (164 EX/41 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/41,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled "Young Professionals in Selected Organizations of the United Nations System: Recruitment, Management and Retention" (JIU/REP/2000/7);
3. Takes note that the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit are consistent with present practice as reported by the Director-General;
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to improve policies and practices with regard to the recruitment and management of entry-level professionals, taking into account, as appropriate, the relevant recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit.

(164 EX/SR.8)

7.4.2 Policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system (JIU/REP/99/7) (164 EX/42 and 164 EX/52 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/42, containing the comments by the Director-General,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled “Policies and Practices in the Use of the Services of Private Management Consulting Firms in the Organizations of the United Nations System” (JIU/REP/99/7);
3. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report and the Director-General’s comments thereon;
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to improve the use of the services of management consulting firms, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit.

(164 EX/SR.8)

7.5 Relations with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and Memorandum of Understanding (164 EX/14 and 164 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/14,
2. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,
3. Approves the draft Memorandum of Understanding contained in the above-mentioned document;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish formal relations with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of UNESCO.

(164 EX/SR.1)

8 GENERAL MATTERS

8.1 Building knowledge societies (164 EX/INF.6)

Document 164 EX/INF.6 provided a basis for the thematic debate held on Wednesday, 22 May 2002.

(164 EX/SR.2 and 3)

8.2 Application of 162 EX/Decision 9.2 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (164 EX/43 and 164 EX/43 Rev. and Rev. Corr. and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that documents 164 EX/43 and 164 EX/43 Rev. were not submitted within the statutory time limit,
2. Reaffirms all its previous decisions concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories;
3. Requests the Director-General to pursue his efforts to implement these decisions;
4. Postpones consideration of this item to its 165th session;
5. Invites the Director-General to report further to it on this subject at its 165th session.

(164 EX/SR.8)

8.3 Comprehensive and detailed proposal by the Director-General for the implementation of a communication and public information strategy (164 EX/44 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 164 EX/44,
2. Takes note with interest of its contents.

(164 EX/SR.8)

8.4 Report by the Director-General on the status of preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its expected outcomes (164 EX/45 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/45,
2. Takes note of its contents;
3. Urges the Director-General to do his utmost to ensure that all areas of particular relevance for UNESCO action with regard to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), find their appropriate place in the final document of the Johannesburg Summit, adhering as closely as possible to the time frame proposed in Agenda 21, as recognized by the Executive Board;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 166th session on the outcomes of the WSSD and the implications thereof for UNESCO's programmes in the future.

(164 EX/SR.9)

8.5 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2000-2001 biennium (164 EX/46 and 164 EX/10)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/46,
2. Appreciative of the evaluations that have been presented to it therein,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators and also of the report of the Director-General on the implementation of those recommendations,
4. Bearing in mind the constraints that have tended to hamper the production of the type of evaluation reports requested by the Executive Board, particularly those highlighted in the concluding remarks of the Director-General in Part II of the above-mentioned document,
5. Invites the Director-General to implement in the appropriate manner those recommendations that he judges to be necessary to improve the programmes to which they relate, bearing in mind the new organizational logic of results-based management and reporting;
6. Requests the Director-General to take the necessary steps to reform the evaluation process in UNESCO and to present to it at its 165th session a strategy paper on evaluation in the Organization;
7. Further requests the Director-General to continue to report periodically to it on evaluations that are carried out of the Organization's programme activities and on the progress made in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations;
8. Invites the Director-General, within the framework of the follow-up to the evaluation of the World Solar Programme, to encourage greater popularization of the experience acquired in all the world's regions.

(164 EX/SR.7)

8.6 Follow-up to the International Seminar on Forward-Looking Approaches and Innovative Strategies to Promote the Development of Africa in the Twenty-First Century (8-9 November 2001) (164 EX/47 and 164 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 164 EX/47,
2. Welcoming the fact that UNESCO was able to organize, at such an opportune moment, an international seminar on "forward-looking approaches and innovative strategies to promote the development of Africa in the twenty-first century",
3. Observes the close convergence between the priorities established in the context of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and those identified during the seminar, including the prominence given to education for all and poverty alleviation;

4. Notes with satisfaction the information provided by the Director-General concerning the Secretariat's intersectoral approach to the preparation of the Seminar and its follow-up, and the way in which he intends to follow up its recommendations and conclusions in the implementation of the Approved Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5 Approved), and in the formulation of the regional strategy for Africa;
5. Stresses the importance of regional and subregional consultations, through the field offices and the National Commissions, and with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, for the purpose of linking up the Organization's priority activities for Africa with those of NEPAD;
6. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) further reinforce the priority assigned to Africa's needs in UNESCO's current and future programmes, in particular when drawing up the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5);
 - (b) disseminate widely to Member States and development partners in Africa, and in particular to civil society, information on priorities given to Africa in UNESCO's programmes and their linkages with the priorities identified in the NEPAD process and the Millennium Declaration;
 - (c) organize a joint NEPAD-UNESCO seminar to specify the ways and means of applying the NEPAD plan of action in the Organization's fields of competence, and obtain from the appropriate sources the requisite funds for the purpose;
7. Also invites the Director-General to report to it at its 166th session on the activities carried out during the 2002-2003 biennium by way of follow-up to the seminar and in support of NEPAD.

(164 EX/SR.8)

8.7 Dates of the 165th session (including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

2002

Bureau	1 and 4 October
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	1 (afternoon) to 4 October
Special Committee	2-3 and afternoon of 4 October
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	2-4 October
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	4 October
Plenary meetings (7-9 and 16-17), Commissions (10-15)	7-17 October

N.B. Committees and Commissions could respectively meet on Saturdays, 5 and 12 October, if necessary.

Provisional dates for 2003

166th session (13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	1 and 4 April
Special Committee	2-3 April
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	2-4 April
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	2-4 April
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	4 April
Plenary meetings (7-9 and 16-17), Commissions (10-15)	7-17 April

167th session (12 working days/16 calendar days)

Bureau	9 and 12 September
Special Committee	10-11 September
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	10-12 September
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	10-12 September
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	12 September
Plenary meetings (15-17 and 23-24), Commissions (18-22)	15-24 September

(164 EX/SR.9)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 21 MAY AND WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2002

At the private meetings held on Tuesday, 21 May and Wednesday, 29 May 2002, the Executive Board considered items 6.13 and 5.1, respectively, of its agenda.

6.13 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General *informed* the Board of developments since the 162nd session concerning the restructuring of the Secretariat and the general situation regarding staff, including decisions he had taken since the previous session regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

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

1. The Executive Board *examined* the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, *having taken note* of the Committee's report, *endorsed* the wishes expressed therein and *decided* to examine in a public meeting the communication concerning the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

(164 EX/SR.7)