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1 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU** (155 EX/1, 155 EX/2 and 155 EX/INF.1)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 155 EX/1 and 155 EX/INF.1.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.1 (Part I), 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.3.1, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 3.5.5, 3.5.6, 3.5.7, 3.6.1, 4.1 (Parts II and III), 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 7.3 (*programme aspects*), 8.1, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 9.1, 9.4 and 9.5.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.1 (Parts I and II), 4.1 (Parts II, III and IV), 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 8.2, 8.3, 8.9, 8.10.1, 8.10.2 and, *for administrative and financial aspects*, items 3.5.6, 5.2, 5.3, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 8.1, 8.6 and 8.10.3.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 155 EX/2 concerning the following agenda items:

- 3.5.8 Invitations to a second meeting of governmental experts to consider the draft convention on the protection of the underwater cultural heritage (155 EX/9).
- 8.8 Relations with the Pacific Community and draft agreement between that organization and UNESCO (155 EX/41).

The Executive Board decided to defer to its 156th session consideration of item 3.3.2 - Proposed transfer of the International Centre for Science and High Technology from UNIDO to UNESCO.

(155 EX/SR.1 and 6)

2 **APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 154th SESSION** (154 EX/SR.1-7)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 154th session.

(155 EX/SR.1)

3 **EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME**

3.1 **Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (155 EX/4, Part I and Add. and Corr., Part II and 155 EX/INF.6; 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 155 EX/4, Part I and Add. and Corr., Part II and 155 EX/INF.6,

2. Urges the Director-General to take immediate measures to control staff costs expenditures in order to ensure that the amount of \$313,658,650 as contained in 29 C/Resolution 65(A)(j) is not exceeded.

(155 EX/SR.13)

3.2 Education

3.2.1 Report by the Director-General on co-ordination among UNESCO education institutes and between the institutes and the Secretariat (155 EX/6 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/6,
2. Recognizing the important contribution of UNESCO education institutes, and of centres closely connected to the Organization's programmes, to the efficient implementation of the programme,
3. Considering that the functional autonomy granted to UNESCO education institutes contributes to the effective implementation of the programmes and projects of the Organization and, in particular, of Major Programme I, 'Education for all throughout life',
4. Emphasizing, however, the need to improve co-ordination among the institutes and between the institutes and the Secretariat in order to preserve the unity of UNESCO's education programme and to avoid overlapping,
5. Invites the Director-General to consult and co-operate more closely on this issue with the Organization's main partners within the United Nations system such as the World Bank, UNICEF and UNDP, taking into account the performance report included in the report by the External Auditor on the 1996-1997 biennium (155 EX/27 Add., paras. 119-165), and to report to it on the matter at its 156th session;
6. Also invites the Director-General to continue his consultations with the governing bodies of the institutes concerned, with a view to preparing a coherent programme for the biennium 2000-2001 (30 C/5);
7. Further invites the Director-General to ensure the development of a modern communication infrastructure allowing Headquarters, field offices, and UNESCO education institutes and centres closely connected with the Organization's programmes to co-operate as a dynamic network of specialized institutes at the service of Member States.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.2.2 UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education: ways and means of revitalizing the funding agreement and of concluding additional agreements with UNICEF on project co-operation (155 EX/7 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/7,
2. Takes note of the measures undertaken by the Director-General in order to resume active co-operation and partnership with UNICEF;
3. Invites the Director-General, in preparing the draft of a new Framework Agreement of co-operation, to ensure that the concerns expressed by the Executive Board on this subject are duly reflected;
4. Further invites the Director-General to seek also agreement with UNICEF on co-operation with private partners, donors and sponsors.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.3 Natural sciences

3.3.1 Progress report on preparations for the World Conference on Science (155 EX/8 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the progress report on preparations for the World Conference on Science (155 EX/8),
2. Takes note of the information provided in the report;
3. Invites the Director-General to report to it on progress of the preparations for the World Conference on Science and to submit the draft declaration and framework for action at its 156th session at the latest.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.4 Social and human sciences

3.4.1 Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a duty to remember and to be vigilant. - From slavery to the full attainment of human dignity (155 EX/10 and Corrigenda)

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The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 9.1.4, and 152 EX/Decision 3.6.2,
2. Recognizing the utmost importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the promotion and implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

3. Taking into consideration resolution 51/88 of the United Nations General Assembly by which it called upon the United Nations agencies to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by intensifying their own contributions to the United Nations system-wide efforts to promote and protect human rights,
4. Expressing its preoccupation that international human rights standards are not fully and universally respected and that many people are still deprived of the full enjoyment of civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights,
5. Convinced that the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration should give a new impetus to the further promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,
6. Reaffirming UNESCO's leading role and responsibility in the promotion of human rights education,
7. Welcoming the close co-operation of UNESCO with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the preparation and implementation of commemorative activities,
8. Having considered the intermediate report on the implementation of the UNESCO Plan of Action for the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as presented in document 155 EX/10,
9. Takes note with satisfaction of the numerous activities already implemented and prepared by UNESCO and its partners to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
10. Invites the Director-General to ensure the continuation of the Organization's efforts aimed at further promotion and protection of human rights;
11. Further invites the Director-General to launch an appeal to National Commissions to contribute to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:
 - (a) by encouraging initiatives to publish the full text of the Universal Declaration in their respective countries on 10 December 1998;
 - (b) by requesting teachers to devote ample time to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration in each class.

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The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 3.13, by which the General Conference launched the 'Slave Route' project with a view to studying the root causes and the methods of the slave trade and to highlighting the interactions to which it has given rise,

2. Considering that the tragedy of the slave trade was a massive violation of the most fundamental human rights,
3. Aware that silence has too often surrounded the slave trade and that its impact has not been sufficiently studied, taught or taken into account,
4. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 39, which invites the Director-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that the 'Slave Route' is a major project of intercultural dialogue,
5. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 40, which launched the *International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition* (23 August of each year),
6. Considers that the current fight for human rights must include remembrance of the massive violations of those rights committed in the past, such as the transatlantic slave trade;
7. Underscores the need, under the 'Slave Route' project, to highlight through rigorous studies the root causes, methods and consequences of the slave trade;
8. Invites Member States to take an active part in the 'Slave Route' project activities, to promote teaching and knowledge concerning this exceptional tragedy and to provide all necessary support to the countries that have been victims of it;
9. Supports wholeheartedly the Director-General's intention to make the 'Slave Route' project one of the Organization's major projects of intercultural dialogue.

(155 EX/SR.4)

3.5 Culture

3.5.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 152 EX/Decision 3.7.1 (155 EX/11 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and the Protocol thereto, and the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention and its Additional Protocols,
2. Recalling also that the Old City of Jerusalem is covered by the provisions of the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and that it is inscribed on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger,
3. Recalling further that, with regard to the status of the City of Jerusalem, UNESCO is bound by the resolutions and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council,
4. Having considered the report by the Director-General (155 EX/11) on this question,

5. Recalls previous decisions and resolutions on the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem requesting that no measure or act be undertaken that alters the religious, cultural, historical or demographic nature of the city or impairs the balance of the site as a whole, pending the outcome of negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem;
6. Expresses its hope that strict and rapid application of the Wye River Memorandum of 23 October 1998 will improve the atmosphere prevailing in the region in order that the checks impeding free access for Palestinians to East Jerusalem and the Holy Places of the Old City of Jerusalem may be lifted, and that no steps may be taken to impose new school curricula;
7. Expresses its regret at the fact that the Israeli authorities have not yet implemented 150 EX/Decision 3.4.3;
8. Notes with satisfaction the preparation of a draft priority action plan with an estimated overall budget of \$1,450,000;
9. Thanks the heads of state and government, organizations, institutions and individuals who have made contributions to the Special Account for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
10. Renews its appeal for increased contributions to this Special Account;
11. Thanks the Director-General for his praiseworthy and unceasing efforts to guarantee full implementation of UNESCO's resolutions and decisions concerning the safeguarding of the monuments, characteristics and cultural property of the Old City of Jerusalem;
12. Calls upon the Director-General to take the following necessary measures:
 - (a) to guarantee the implementation of 150 EX/Decision 3.4.3;
 - (b) to ensure that the steps of the al-^cUmariya Madrasa are rebuilt in accordance with internationally accepted technical methods and specifications;
 - (c) to dispatch an expert to assess future threats to other buildings resulting from the excavation of the tunnel mentioned in 150 EX/Decision 3.4.3 who would report to the Director-General before the 156th session of the Executive Board;
 - (d) to expedite effective implementation of the priority action plan with an estimated overall budget of \$1,450,000, in order to:
 - (i) establish a laboratory to restore the manuscripts in the museum and library of the al-Aqsà Mosque under the supervision of the Jerusalem Waqf and in co-operation with the Welfare Association;
 - (ii) restore the Sûq al-QaWânîn, under the supervision of the Jerusalem Waqf and in co-operation with the Welfare Association;

- (iii) establish an institute for the preservation of the heritage under the supervision of the Al-Quds University;
 - (iv) complete the restoration work on Sammam al-Shifâ' and Sammam al-^cAin, under the supervision of the Jerusalem Waqf;
 - (v) prepare a course to train a workforce to use traditional building techniques, under the supervision of Al-Quds University and in co-operation with the Welfare Association;
- (e) to initiate studies with a view to promoting the restoration and preservation of the historic and religious sites of all the religious communities in the Old City of Jerusalem;
13. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 156th session.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.5.2 Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona 2004 (155 EX/12 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 26 in which the General Conference decided that UNESCO would be the main partner of the Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona 2004 throughout the various phases of the project,
2. Taking note of the information transmitted to it in document 155 EX/12 on the immediate follow-up to that resolution,
3. Invites the Director-General to pursue his contacts with the organizers of the Forum and to submit to it at its 156th session the draft framework agreement referred to in paragraph 3 of 29 C/Resolution 26;
4. Also invites the Director-General and the organizers of the Forum to ensure, in liaison with the International Exhibitions Bureau, that the Forum is planned and prepared without infringing the provisions of the 1928 Convention regarding International Exhibitions.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.5.3 Cultural Olympiad 2000-2004 (155 EX/13 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/13,
2. Considering that the Cultural Olympiad 2000-2004 is likely to encourage the promotion of international co-operation through the strengthening of intercultural dialogue,
3. Noting that the objectives of this Olympiad reflect UNESCO's efforts in its fields of competence to bring about a culture of peace,

4. Emphasizing the momentum that will be created by a world cultural movement organized around the Olympic Games at the dawn of the third millennium,
5. Approves the agreement proposed within the framework established by 29 C/Resolution 27, as contained in Annex II to document 155 EX/13;
6. Authorizes the Director-General to sign it and invites him to take the necessary steps to ensure that UNESCO, on the basis of 29 C/Resolution 27, contributes fully to the success of the Cultural Olympiad 2000-2004.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.5.4 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to the Stockholm Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development (155 EX/14 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/14,
2. Takes note of its contents;
3. Conscious that, while UNESCO's efforts over several decades have led to a widely shared awareness of the central place of culture in policy-making, the Organization must consolidate its international leadership role in this area,
4. Invites the Director-General to continue the elaboration of an overall strategy for practical follow-up to the Stockholm Conference in accordance with 154 EX/Decision 7.1.3;
5. Further invites the Director-General to propose in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5) a comprehensive range of activities to advance international co-operation and research on culture and development, taking into account the comments made by Members of the Executive Board with regard to document 155 EX/14 as well as the recommendations formulated by the Executive Board with regard to the Director-General's preliminary proposals concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 contained in document 155 EX/5.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.5.5 Report by the Director-General on the precise criteria for the selection of cultural spaces or forms of cultural expression that deserve to be proclaimed by UNESCO to be masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity (155 EX/15 and Add. and Corr. and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking into account the provisions of the Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore, adopted in 1989 by the General Conference at its 25th session, and the Guide on Living Human Treasures,

2. Having regard to 29 C/Resolution 23, and to decision 3.5.1 adopted by the Executive Board at its 154th session,
3. Approves the Regulations relating to the proclamation by UNESCO of 'masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity', annexed to this decision;
4. Invites the Director-General to establish procedures for the proclamation by UNESCO of 'masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity', taking all necessary steps to implement the above-mentioned Regulations and, if appropriate, in association with certain aspects of the Memory of the World programme linked to the oral heritage;
5. Further invites the Director-General to seek public or private donors in order to obtain extrabudgetary resources which will serve to encourage the creation of prizes or the work of safeguarding, protecting and revitalizing cultural spaces or forms of cultural expression once they have been proclaimed 'masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity';
6. Also invites the Director-General to submit a report to it at its 157th session on the progress of this project.

Annex

Regulations relating to the proclamation by UNESCO of masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity

1. Objective

- (a) The purpose of such proclamation is to pay tribute to outstanding masterpieces of the oral and tangible heritage of humanity, which will be selected from among cultural spaces or forms of popular or traditional cultural expression and proclaimed masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity.
- (b) The aim is also to encourage governments, NGOs and local communities to identify, preserve and promote their oral and intangible heritage, considering this to be the depository and collective memory of peoples, which alone can ensure the survival of distinctive cultural characteristics. Proclamation is also intended to encourage individuals, groups, institutions and organizations to make outstanding contributions to managing, preserving, protecting and promoting the oral and intangible heritage in question, in accordance with UNESCO's objectives, and its programme in this area, in particular as regards following up the Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore (1989).
- (c) For the purpose of these Regulations the anthropological concept of a cultural space shall be taken to mean a place in which popular and traditional cultural activities are concentrated, but also a time generally characterized by a certain periodicity (cyclical, seasonal, calendar, etc.) or by an event. Finally, this temporal and physical space should owe its existence to the cultural activities that have traditionally taken place there.

- (d) The term 'oral and intangible heritage' is defined in accordance with the Recommendation mentioned above, as follows: 'Folklore (or traditional and popular culture) is the totality of tradition-based creations of a cultural community, expressed by a group or individuals and recognized as reflecting the expectations of a community in so far as they reflect its cultural and social identity; its standards and values are transmitted orally, by imitation or by other means. Its forms are, among others, language, literature, music, dance, games, mythology, rituals, customs, handicrafts, architecture and other arts'. In addition to these examples, account will also be taken of traditional forms of communication and information.
- (e) UNESCO will set aside budgetary resources and seek extrabudgetary funds that will serve to provide Member States with assistance for the preparation of files for the submission of candidatures and to cover the cost of the evaluation of submissions by the jury. After proclamation the award of a prize could enable UNESCO to encourage action taken to safeguard, protect and revitalize the cultural spaces or forms of cultural expression concerned. The Organization might also provide assistance in the form of human resources and know-how.
- (f) The Director-General will communicate periodically to Member States and to any other party referred to in Article 1, paragraph (b), at their request, a list of masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity already so proclaimed, indicating the communities from which they emanate.

2. Title

Examples of the oral and intangible heritage which meet the criteria set out in these Regulations may be proclaimed masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity.

3. Interval between proclamations

- (a) Masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity will be proclaimed by the Director-General every two years, on the recommendation of a jury, at a public ceremony at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, or any other location chosen by the Director-General.
- (b) In a year in which proclamations are to be made, the Jury may reserve the right to make no recommendation if, in its opinion, none of the examples submitted meets the criteria defined in Article 6 of these Regulations.

4. Evaluation procedure

- (a) The task of choosing the example of oral and intangible heritage to be proclaimed a masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity will be entrusted to a Jury of nine members designated by the Director-General of UNESCO, in consultation with Member States, ensuring a balance:
- between creative workers and experts;
 - in geographical distribution;

- in the representation of women and young people;
 - between the disciplines represented, such as music, oral literature, the performing arts, rites, languages and the skills involved in crafts and traditional architecture.
- (b) On the basis of the general selection criteria set out below, the Jury will prepare two documents which it will submit to the Director-General: (i) draft rules of procedure; (ii) a guide to the preparation of files for the submission of candidatures setting out the detailed selection criteria.
- (c) In carrying out its four-year mandate, the Jury will take no account of the nationality, ethnic origin, sex, language, profession, ideology or religion of the individuals involved. However, the Jury may call for the participation or opinion of recognized depositaries of the oral and intangible heritage.
- (d) The Jury shall recommend to the Director-General a list of candidatures.

5. Submission of candidatures

Examples of oral and intangible heritage that could be proclaimed masterpieces may be submitted to the Director-General of UNESCO, with the agreement of the communities concerned, by:

- (a) governments of Member States and of Associate Members;
- (b) intergovernmental organizations, in consultation with the National Commission for UNESCO of the country concerned; or
- (c) non-governmental organizations (NGOs) having formal relations with UNESCO, in consultation with the National Commission for UNESCO of their country.

Each Member State may submit a single candidature every two years. Examples of the oral and intangible heritage involving several Member States will be taken into consideration in addition to the quota defined above. The Jury may carry certain examples forward to the following biennium.

6. Criteria

Masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity will be proclaimed by the Director-General on the recommendation of the Jury, on the basis of the following cultural criteria:

- (a) The space or form of cultural expression proclaimed a masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity must be of outstanding value in that it represents:
 - (i) either a strong concentration of the intangible cultural heritage of outstanding value; or

- (ii) a popular and traditional cultural expression of outstanding value from a historical, artistic, ethnological, sociological, anthropological, linguistic or literary point of view.

In assessing the value of the heritage in question, the Jury shall take into account the following criteria:

- its outstanding value as a masterpiece of the human creative genius;
 - its roots in the cultural tradition or cultural history of the community concerned;
 - its role as a means of affirming the cultural identity of the peoples and cultural communities concerned, its importance as a source of inspiration and intercultural exchange and as a means of bringing peoples or communities closer together, and its contemporary cultural and social role in the community concerned;
 - excellence in the application of the skill and technical qualities displayed;
 - its value as a unique testimony of a living cultural tradition;
 - the risk of its disappearing due either to the lack of means for safeguarding and protecting it or to processes of rapid change, or to urbanization, or to acculturation.
- (b) The submission of examples of spaces and forms of cultural expression to be proclaimed masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity must be accompanied by:
- (i) a plan of action that is appropriate to the space or form of cultural expression in question, listing the legal and practical measures to be taken over the next decade for the preservation, protection, support and promotion of that oral and intangible heritage. The plan of action will provide a detailed description of the measures proposed and of their implementation, taking account of the need to protect endogenous mechanisms for the transmission of traditions;
 - (ii) details of the compatibility of the plan of action with the measures outlined in the Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore, as well as with UNESCO's ideals;
 - (iii) details of the measures to be taken to involve the communities concerned in preserving and promoting their own oral and intangible heritage;
 - (iv) names of competent bodies within the community and/or of the government concerned, which will be responsible for ensuring that the state of the oral and intangible heritage, as described in the submission, remains unchanged in the future.

In order to evaluate the appropriateness of the plan of action, the Jury will take into account:

- the mandate of the public authorities or NGOs as regards the safeguarding, preservation, legal protection, transmission and dissemination of the cultural values in question;
- the existence of appropriate administrative machinery and of effective mechanisms for supervising the implementation of the initial planning procedure that are respectful of local and national traditions;
- the measures taken to raise awareness in the individual members of the community concerned of the value of the heritage and of the importance of preserving it;
- the role accorded to the community concerned by the plan of action and the benefit that it derives therefrom;
- the role accorded the bearers of the heritage in question;
- the measures taken:
 - (i) within the local community to preserve and promote this heritage;
 - (ii) to record the traditions in order to enable researchers at the national and international level to access the information, and in order to encourage scientific research as a means of preserving this heritage;
 - (iii) in relation to the bearers of the heritage to further develop the relevant skills, techniques and forms of cultural expression concerned;
 - (iv) in relation to the bearers of the heritage, in order to transmit the skills, techniques and forms of cultural expression to apprentices and/or young people in general.

7. Monitoring and follow-up

Since proclamation is based, at least in part, on a plan of action, it is essential to ensure that this plan of action is monitored and followed up. The winner shall therefore make a firm commitment to that effect, and a report on the implementation of the plan of action shall be submitted to UNESCO regularly.

8. Administration

The work of the Jury will be facilitated by a member of the UNESCO Secretariat designated for that purpose by the Director-General. The secretariat of the 'Proclamation of masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity' project will be responsible, under the authority of the Director-General, for implementing these Regulations and, in particular, for carrying out the following tasks:

- (a) inviting the submission of candidatures;
- (b) registering the files relating to the examples submitted;

- (c) submitting the files to the Jury after consultation with NGOs specializing in the field of the intangible heritage;
- (d) organizing the Jury's meetings in accordance with its rules of procedure;
- (e) monitoring the implementation of the plan of action concerning the spaces that have already been proclaimed masterpieces;
- (f) promotional activities relating to the 'Proclamation of masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity' project designed to alert public opinion to the importance of safeguarding the intangible heritage;
- (g) raising the extrabudgetary funds needed to help the winners to undertake safeguarding action.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.5.6 Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture (155 EX/16 Rev. and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/16 Rev. concerning the establishment of the 'Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture',
2. Considering that the objectives of the Prize are in conformity with those of UNESCO, as stated in the second and sixth preambular paragraphs and in Article I, paragraph 2(c), of its Constitution,
3. Expresses to the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) the Organization's deepest gratitude for this initiative and for its generous offer of a fund amounting to US \$250,000;
4. Approves the Statutes of the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture set out in Annex I to this decision;
5. Takes note of the Financial Regulations governing the Special Account opened for this Prize, as set out in Annex II to this decision.

Annex I

Statutes of the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture is to reward the efforts of a national of an Arab country and a national of any other country who have contributed, through their artistic, intellectual or promotional work, to the development and diffusion of Arab culture in the world. The objective of this Prize is in conformity with the second and sixth preambular paragraphs and with Article I, paragraph 2(c), of the Constitution of UNESCO, according to which the Organization is assigned the task of promoting the mutual understanding of peoples through activities that encourage greater knowledge of the cultures of different peoples and international exchange between the different cultures.

2. Amount and frequency of award

- 2.1 The value of the Prize shall be determined by the Director-General on the basis of the interest on the investment, by the Secretariat in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, of the sum of US \$250,000 offered for this purpose by the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates), it being understood that the interest shall also be used to administer the Prize.
- 2.2 The Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture shall be awarded once every two years and shall be shared, in equal parts, between one prizewinner from an Arab country and one prizewinner from another country.

3. Qualifications of candidates

Candidates shall be eminent persons, groups or institutions that have made a significant contribution to the development, the diffusion and the promotion of Arab culture throughout the world, and to the safeguarding and revitalization of the Arab intangible cultural heritage.

4. Selection of prizewinners

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

5. Jury

- 5.1 The Jury shall consist of a minimum of five members, of different nationalities, appointed by the Director-General for a period of four years.
- 5.2 The Jury shall adopt its own working procedures and shall be assisted in the performance of its task by a member of the UNESCO Secretariat designated by the Director-General.
- 5.3 The Jury shall meet every two years.

6. Submission of nominations

- 6.1 Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General by the governments of Member States in consultation with their National Commissions and by non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO.
- 6.2 Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, *inter alia*:
 - a description of the candidate's work;
 - a summary of the results of his or her work;
 - a definition of the candidate's contribution to promoting Arab culture or improving its diffusion.

7. Procedures for awarding the Prize

The names of the prizewinners shall be announced every two years, on a date fixed by the Director-General of UNESCO. The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General or his/her representative at an official ceremony held for that purpose.

Annex II

Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture

1. Establishment of the Special Account

In accordance with Regulations 6.6 and 6.7 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby established an account which shall be known as the 'Special Account for the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture', hereinafter called 'the Special Account'.

2. Purpose of the Special Account

The Special Account shall be credited with funds for investment, the interest on which shall be used to finance a Prize which shall be awarded for the promotion of Arab culture. The Prize shall be awarded every two years as from 1999, on a date fixed by the Director-General.

3. Income

Donations made by the authorities of the United Arab Emirates (the Government of Sharjah) and other donors - with the prior agreement of the United Arab Emirates (the Government of Sharjah) - and interest accruing on the investment of those donations shall be credited to the Special Account.

4. Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the amount (or amounts) awarded to the prizewinner (or prizewinners) and the administrative expenses, including those incurred for the holding of meetings of the Jury entrusted with the selection of the prizewinners. Expenditure may not exceed the amount of interest accrued.

5. Financial statements and accounts

- 5.1 The financial period shall be the same as that of UNESCO's regular programme.
- 5.2 The financial statements of the Special Account shall be presented in dollars of the United States of America. Subsidiary accounts may, if necessary, be kept in other currencies.
- 5.3 Separate accounting records shall be maintained for the operations of the Special Account and they shall be included in the financial report of the Director-General.
- 5.4 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried over to the following period.

5.5 The financial accounts shall be submitted for verification to the External Auditor of UNESCO.

6. Investments

In accordance with Regulations 9.1 and 9.2 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, the Director-General is authorized to invest the funds credited to the Special Account. Interest accruing from these investments shall be credited to the said account.

7. General provision

Unless otherwise provided in the present financial regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with UNESCO's Financial Regulations.

8. Termination of the Prize

UNESCO or the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) may terminate the Prize. Any unspent balance upon termination of the Prize shall be transferred to the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) after the deduction of expenses not yet recorded in the accounts.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.5.7 Report by the Director-General on the results of the meeting of governmental experts on the revision of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict 1954 (Vienna, 11-13 May 1998) (155 EX/51 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the resolution of the meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict 1954 ('the Convention') held in Paris on 13 November 1997 on the occasion of the 29th session of the General Conference,
2. Taking note of the fact that this meeting decided, among other things, to proceed to the organization of a meeting of governmental experts which would further consider the draft provision for the revision of this Convention,
3. Thanking the Austrian authorities for convening such a meeting in Vienna from 11 to 13 May 1998 and noting with satisfaction that the Vienna meeting was attended by the representatives of 57 High Contracting Parties to the Convention,
4. Thanking also the Netherlands authorities for their proposal to convene a Diplomatic Conference at The Hague from 14 to 26 March 1999 with a view to improving the protection provided by the 1954 Convention,
5. Further noting that the Vienna meeting showed the determination of States Parties to adopt legal provisions complementing the Convention, thus improving the protection of the cultural heritage during hostilities,
6. Having examined document 155 EX/51,

7. Stresses the need to reinforce the protection of the cultural heritage during hostilities;
8. Requests the Director-General to inform it at its 156th session of the results of the Diplomatic Conference.

(155 EX/SR.14)

3.5.8 Invitations to a second meeting of governmental experts to consider the draft convention on the protection of the underwater cultural heritage (155 EX/9 and 155 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the recommendation for the convening of a second meeting adopted by the meeting of governmental experts on the draft convention on the protection of the underwater cultural heritage, held in UNESCO Headquarters from 29 June to 2 July 1998,
2. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to this second meeting of governmental experts (155 EX/9),
3. Invites the Director-General to convene a second meeting of governmental experts at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, subject to the provision of adequate extrabudgetary funds, during the first six months of 1999, to make further progress on the draft convention on the protection of the underwater cultural heritage in order to report to the General Conference at its 30th session in October-November 1999;
4. Decides that:
 - (a) invitations to participate in the second meeting of governmental 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 second meeting of governmental experts will be sent to the states referred to in paragraph 10 of document 155 EX/9;
 - (c) invitations to send representatives to the second meeting of governmental experts will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system referred to in paragraph 11 of document 155 EX/9;
 - (d) invitations to send observers to the second meeting of governmental experts will be sent to the international governmental and non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 12 of document 155 EX/9;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to issue any other invitations he may deem conducive to the work of the second meeting of governmental experts, notifying the Board thereof;

6. Urges Member States to take immediate measures within their jurisdiction and through international co-operation, to ensure that damage to the underwater cultural heritage is limited until such time as a convention is adopted.

(155 EX/SR.6)

3.6 Communication

3.6.1 Results of the consultation with professional organizations on ways of operating in partnership in connection with the establishment of a film bank and a database for the use of the public television channels of developing countries (155 EX/17 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/17 and taken note of its contents,
2. Conscious of the need to increase endogenous capabilities in audiovisual production in the developing countries,
3. Reiterates its appeal to Member States to give full support to the project 'Screens Without Frontiers' both through financial and commodity contributions and through national, regional and international initiatives;
4. Supports with gratitude the initiative of the Hungarian television company 'Alfa', which has already provided significant financial means and premises for setting up and accommodating the data bank;
5. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue identifying extrabudgetary funding sources to ensure the launching of the first phase of the project;
 - (b) to initiate, once the required funding has been secured, the first phase of the project through professional organizations (such as the European Broadcasting Union and the International Radio and Television University, which have expressed interest in becoming operators), ensuring that representative professional bodies from all the regions are fully involved;
 - (c) to keep it informed of the progress of the project on a yearly basis;
 - (d) to make an evaluation after the initial two-year phase has been completed.

(155 EX/SR.14)

4 DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001 (document 30 C/5)

4.1 Preliminary proposals concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (document 30 C/5) (155 EX/5, Part I (A), (B) and (C), Part II, Part III, Part IV and 155 EX/INF.5)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's preliminary proposals concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (document 30 C/5) presented in document 155 EX/5, Parts II, III and IV,
2. Taking into account the results of the regional consultations of National Commissions, which are reflected in document 155 EX/5, Part I (A), as well as the comments and proposals made by the Member States and intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, which are reflected in document 155 EX/5, Parts I (B) and (C),
3. Also taking into account the debates that were held at the 155th session, in particular the observations and suggestions made by the Members of the Executive Board on agenda item 4.1 in plenary, the Director-General's introduction and reply to the debate, as well as the relevant deliberations of the Programme and External Relations Commission and the Finance and Administrative Commission,
4. Invites the Director-General to prepare the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (document 30 C/5) in pursuance of the principles set out hereunder and on the basis of the guidelines contained in paragraphs 31 to 83 below;

I

PROGRAMMING PRINCIPLES

Functions and forms of action

5. Reaffirms the importance of the Organization's ethical and intellectual role, and agrees that, in the coming biennium, UNESCO should focus its attention on three major themes: the impact of the globalization process on societies and individuals; poverty alleviation and efforts to counter exclusion; and the challenges of the world information society; underlines in this respect the importance of the anticipation and future-oriented studies carried out by UNESCO;
6. Considers that the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, which represents the third and last phase of implementation of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001, should concentrate mainly on the consolidation, utilization and dissemination of the results achieved during the first two biennia of the period covered by this Strategy;

7. Recommends therefore that very high priority be assigned to the follow-up of the major world conferences convened by the Organization and to the follow-up of the main reports issued in recent years;
8. Invites the Director-General to prepare, for presentation at the 156th session of the Executive Board, an information document setting forth how such follow-up has been envisaged throughout document 30 C/5;
9. Considers that a feasibility study should be presented to the Executive Board at its 156th session concerning the convening of a World Conference on Communication and Information; furthermore, that a moratorium on world conferences and commissions should be observed during the biennium 2000-2001;
10. Recommends that the clearing-house function of the Organization be improved, in particular by facilitating access to existing databases and information sources as well as 'best practices' in the fields of its competence;
11. Underscores the role of the Organization in enhancing endogenous capacities of Member States in its fields of competence, and recommends that the whole range of forms of action that the Organization has at its disposal for this purpose (e.g. co-operative networks, UNESCO Chairs, university twinning, support for institutions and NGOs, training workshops, fellowships, etc.) be critically examined with a view to their reinforcement in close co-operation with institutions and partners working for development at national, regional and international levels;
12. Considers that, concerning UNESCO's action and impact at regional, subregional and national levels, attention should be given to the following:
 - (a) a clear justification of the strategy for the distribution of tasks to be assigned to Headquarters and the UNESCO institutes and those to be planned and executed in the regions;
 - (b) a careful definition of the respective responsibilities and roles of UNESCO institutes, field offices and National Commissions with a view to enhancing their complementarity and reinforcing their capacity to fulfil their tasks;
 - (c) the development of guidelines and measures aimed at strengthening co-operation with national, regional, and international partners and funding sources;
 - (d) increased cohesion between regular programme activities and those undertaken in co-operation with development partners so as to enhance their multiplier effect and effectiveness;
13. Emphasizes the need to re-examine the decentralization policy with a view to adopting flexible approaches to suit the particular needs and circumstances of each region and subregion;

14. Stresses the need, in view of the new challenges confronting contemporary societies, to continue to reflect on the Organization's role and functions in the next century and to launch preparatory reflection and consultation with a view to UNESCO's next Medium-Term Strategy;
15. Reaffirms the importance of ensuring increased participation by young people in the design and implementation of the Organization's programme;

Concentration

16. Urges that, when preparing the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, further progress be achieved in the area of programme concentration, in particular:
 - (a) by concentrating efforts and resources in those areas in which UNESCO enjoys a comparative advantage and can have a real impact;
 - (b) by strengthening, in each major programme, the educational component and the development of human resources;
 - (c) by eliminating duplication or overlaps within and between programmes, including those implemented by the UNESCO institutes, as well as with other organizations of the United Nations system; and
 - (d) by integrating programme activities into the major programmes;
17. Considers that the current apportionment of resources between the major components of the programme could be taken as a basis for preparing document 30 C/5, while attempting at the same time to increase, to the extent possible, the proportion of the budget allocated to the priorities identified in Section II of the present decision;
18. Considers that an increase in the amount allocated to the Participation Programme may be envisaged provided that:

there is an improvement in its functioning and a continued effort is made to enhance the transparency of its management;

its resources are distributed more equitably between Member States, giving preference to the most disadvantaged countries, in line with the guidelines to be adopted by the Executive Board at its 156th session;

it is accompanied by a proposal to reduce (or even to abolish) the reserve for draft resolutions;
19. Recommends that the efforts deployed in favour of the four priority groups - youth, women, Africa and the least developed countries - should be focused on meeting the needs of the most disadvantaged segments of the population in each of these groups and should take the form of greater efforts to identify a strategy to rationalize and increase financial and human resources on their behalf;
20. Underlines that, while UNESCO should attach priority to defining global strategies to respond to world problems in its fields of competence, it should also

strive to modulate its global strategies according to the specific priorities of each region and group of countries, in order to enhance the effectiveness and sharpen the focus of its action. In so doing, it should take into account the possibilities of collaboration available with the different mechanisms and programmes of co-operation operating at regional and subregional levels;

21. Recommends in this regard that, when preparing document 30 C/5, due account be taken of the outcomes of the 'Audience Africa', 'Focus on the Pacific' and 'Focus on the Caribbean' processes;
22. Underlines that the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 should also fully take into account the need:
 - (a) to strengthen the quality of 'upstream' activities aimed at the identification and formulation of projects to be financed by extrabudgetary resources;
 - (b) to reinforce the coherence between the regular programme activities and those financed by extrabudgetary sources; and
 - (c) to ensure better co-ordination with other intergovernmental organizations (notably the institutions of the United Nations system and regional organizations) and non-governmental organizations, with a view to achieving real complementarity of efforts;

Transdisciplinarity

23. Considers that transdisciplinarity should be reflected in reinforced intersectoral co-operation;
24. Welcomes, in this regard, the 'intersectoral projects' formula outlined in paragraph 35 of document 155 EX/5, Part II;
25. Recommends the integration of the project 'Educating for a sustainable future' (EPD) into the structure of Major Programme I with a view to highlighting the essentially educational dimension and goal of this project;
26. Endorses the proposal for reshaping the structure of Major Programme II with a view to enhancing the synergies between natural and social sciences in examining and dealing with common problems and notes with satisfaction that this proposal is in no way meant to call in question the existence of two distinct sectors;

Evaluation

27. Reaffirms the importance of evaluation, which should be considered as an integral part of UNESCO's activities and an instrument both for concentrating the programmes more effectively and improving the efficiency of their implementation;
28. Underlines the necessity to improve the quality of evaluations by associating more closely and in a timely manner National Commissions and experts

independent of the UNESCO Secretariat with their implementation, and by developing impact and cost-benefit analyses;

29. Underlines also the necessity to make evaluation a built-in element in the design and implementation of programmes and takes note with interest of the contribution that the integrated programming, budgeting and monitoring system, which is being developed, would make towards improving the self-evaluation and monitoring functions and the reports to the governing bodies;
30. Recommends that the evaluation studies be made available to the Executive Board;

II

PROPOSED PROGRAMME

31. Recommends that the next Programme be prepared on the basis of the proposals contained in document 155 EX/5 (Part II), taking due account of the following guidelines:

Major Programme I

32. During the biennium 2000-2001, education should remain the main priority of UNESCO. The main thrust of this major programme should be to reinforce national capacities to reform and renew education systems, programmes and processes at all levels, in the light of the objective of 'education for all throughout life' as outlined in the Report of the International Commission on Education for the Twenty-first Century and in the conclusions of the International Conference on Adult Education (Hamburg, 1997);
33. The promotion of basic education for all should remain the highest priority, with particular emphasis on early childhood education, civic education, literacy, especially adult literacy, and vocational skills training. Particular attention should be given to extending support to the follow-up of the Education-for-All Initiative of the E-9 countries and the relevant recommendations of MINEDAF VII (Durban, 1998) and of other regional conferences of ministers of education;
34. Increased priority should be given to:
 - (a) expansion and diversification of secondary education, with particular emphasis on science education and technical and vocational education; special attention should be given to follow-up of the outcome of the second International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education (Seoul, 1999);
 - (b) addressing the new challenges for the teaching profession, with particular emphasis on the training and improvement of the status of teachers and other education workers;
 - (c) the education of girls and women, marginalized youth and other disadvantaged groups, as well as special needs education;

- (d) wider use of technologies, especially computers, in teaching and learning and distance education;
 - (e) promotion of linguistic diversity at all levels of education, with emphasis on the prevention of language discrimination in education and on increased use of the mother tongue in primary education wherever practical;
35. Action in the area of higher education should focus mainly on assisting Member States in the implementation of the recommendations of the World Conference on Higher Education. Efforts should also concentrate on reinforcing inter-university co-operation within and across regions, through the further development of the UNITWIN network, and on defining more clearly the concept of UNESCO Chairs with a view to ensuring a better geographic and subject balance and the sustainability of the UNESCO Chairs;
36. The coherence of the education programme should be enhanced, in line with 155 EX/Decision 3.2.1 (co-ordination among UNESCO education institutes), and taking into account the report by the External Auditor;

Major Programme II

37. High priority should be accorded to the follow-up of the World Conference on Science; emphasis should be placed on assisting Member States to devise relevant measures to implement the recommendations of the Conference; the lines of emphasis outlined in the preliminary proposals should be revised, as appropriate, to take into account the outcomes of the Conference;
38. Greater emphasis should be placed on:
- (a) assisting Member States in the formulation of national science and technology policies;
 - (b) improving the access of women to scientific and technological education, training and careers;
 - (c) promoting a culture of maintenance, especially in Africa and in the developing countries in other regions, particularly by developing educational modules which aim at establishing a mindset and attitudes conducive to care for property; and by involving the centre for maintenance in Dar es Salaam in the development and implementation of interdisciplinary, intersectoral and inter-agency projects;
 - (d) making the results of scientific and technological research available to the developing countries;
 - (e) partnership between the universities and industry through such projects as the University-Industry-Science Partnership programme (UNISPAR);
39. On the basis of 29 C/Resolution 14, concrete action should be undertaken to ensure that the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 becomes a joint endeavour of the entire United Nations system;

40. The relevant aspects of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 should be incorporated in document 30 C/5 as an interdisciplinary undertaking; efforts should be made to mobilize funding and technical assistance sources and to encourage them to contribute to its effective implementation in co-operation with the competent organizations of the United Nations system;
41. The ongoing co-operation between the natural sciences and the social and human sciences around specific major issues should be further strengthened, in particular through the five intergovernmental programmes (IGCP, MAB, IOC, IHP and MOST), in accordance with the Joint Statement of their Chairpersons;
42. Under the earth sciences programme and, in particular, under the IGCP, greater emphasis should be placed on enhancing Member States' capacities in regard to natural and technological disaster preparedness and mitigation;
43. Under the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme, emphasis should be placed on the implementation of the Seville Strategy and on activities aimed at combating desertification and at protecting tropical forests;
44. Under the IHP, increased importance should be given to the improvement of freshwater resources use and management in vulnerable environments;
45. UNESCO should continue its action in relation to the Aral Sea basin, in co-operation with the scientific communities concerned and competent intergovernmental organizations;
46. Activities under the project on coastal regions and small islands, which offer a good example of a cross-sectoral approach, should continue to receive appropriate support;
47. Under the IOC, regional activities should be reinforced in order to respond to specific problems of each region, such as marine pollution;
48. The coherence and visibility of the social and human sciences programme should be 'improved' *inter alia* by integrating into it other relevant programme activities;
49. The MOST programme should be reinforced and its activities clearly geared towards combating exclusion and alleviating poverty, through the adoption of interdisciplinary approaches and enhanced intersectoral co-operation;
50. The work of the Universal Ethics project should be more closely linked with the activities of other programmes which have an ethical thrust (for example bioethics, the culture of peace and infoethics);

Major Programme III

51. The Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 should include a strategy to implement the Action Plan adopted at the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development (Stockholm, 1998) so that UNESCO may consolidate its international leadership in the field of culture and development, in

co-operation with the World Bank, the Council of Europe and other intergovernmental organizations;

52. UNESCO should continue to promote the cultural dimension of development in document 30 C/5 as a whole, in particular by taking into account the conclusions of the Report of the World Commission on Culture and Development, *Our Creative Diversity*;
53. The promotion of living cultures should receive higher priority, particularly in the field of cultural industries;
54. Within the framework of activities relating to the preservation of the cultural heritage, the present status of the World Heritage Centre should be maintained, while efforts should be made to improve the co-ordination of actions implemented by the World Heritage Centre, the Culture and Science Sectors, and to avoid the overlapping of activities;
55. Increased importance should be attached to the preservation of the intangible heritage, while striving to achieve greater coherence in the implementation of activities in this field, in particular by establishing clearer links between the general strategy for revitalizing traditional cultures and the activities for the collection and documentation of this heritage, with a view to improving the co-ordination of the latter activities with those of the Memory of the World programme;
56. Special attention should be given to designing an intersectoral approach with respect to the promotion of cultural and linguistic pluralism and the preservation of the linguistic heritage;
57. Every effort should be made to rationalize the implementation of programmes which are at the interface between culture and communication, in particular in the areas of book development, libraries and archives, and to avoid any overlapping of UNESCO's activities in the field of intellectual property rights with those of other agencies;
58. Training activities should be assigned high priority, with a view to reinforcing endogenous capacities for the preservation and management of the cultural heritage as well as for cultural development, using to that end regional and subregional training institutions;

Major Programme IV

59. The reinforcement of Member States' capacities in communication, information and informatics should continue to receive high priority. In this context, particular attention should be paid to:
 - (a) the development of community media;
 - (b) the development, in close co-operation with the Education and Culture Sectors, of public and school libraries as a means of access to education and knowledge;
 - (c) the strengthening of regional informatics networks;

60. Priority should continue to be accorded to the promotion of free flow of information, freedom of expression and freedom of the press - providing increased support for the actions undertaken by NGOs in this regard - and to media pluralism and independence; priority should also be attached to the follow-up of the five Declarations on media pluralism and independence adopted by the General Conference, which should lead to significant activities in all regions;
61. UNESCO should continue to promote access to information and endeavour to reduce the gap between the information 'haves' and 'have-nots', giving priority to facilitating access to information in the public domain; in this context, the activities of the Memory of the World programme should be implemented in close collaboration with Major Programme III;
62. The Organization should broaden the scope of its action and reflection on the ethical and sociocultural challenges of the information society, ensuring particularly that the interdisciplinary character of its activities is reinforced and that intersectoral co-ordination is improved; emphasis should be placed on the follow-up to the 1997 and 1998 INFOethics congresses and on the promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity, in close liaison with the Education and Culture Sectors;
63. In the framework of the activities aimed at strengthening the educational and cultural mission of the media, in particular public service media, increased support should be provided for the work undertaken by professional organizations on the theme of 'Youth and the media' and on the issue of 'Violence on the screen', child pornography and other forms of exploitation of children through audiovisual and electronic media, in close collaboration with other organizations within the United Nations system. UNESCO should also reinforce its activities in the area of media competence;
64. In document 30 C/5, efforts should be made to integrate into all major programmes a component on information and communication technologies;

Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace

65. Given that the overall action of UNESCO ought to contribute to the promotion of a culture of peace, the project should be geared, during the last phase of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001, to strengthening intersectoral co-operation on the design and implementation of its activities so as to prepare for the integration of an intellectual 'culture of peace' component in the various major programmes within the context of the next Medium-Term Strategy. In document 30 C/5, programme activities envisaged under the transdisciplinary project should also be presented under the relevant major programmes;
66. During the 2000-2001 biennium, active support should be extended to national and regional culture of peace projects, which provide the basis for the assessment of the effectiveness of the transdisciplinary project and for its further development at the global level;
67. Actions under this project should focus on three main areas: education for a culture of peace; the enhancement of intercultural and intracultural dialogue, in

particular through regional and subregional projects; and the celebration of the year 2000, which was proclaimed International Year for the Culture of Peace by the United Nations General Assembly and for which UNESCO has been designated as focal point within the United Nations system;

68. The key role of education in promoting a culture of peace, especially among young people, should be the main thrust of the project, which should accord the highest priority: (i) to education for peace and non-violence, human rights and democracy, tolerance and international understanding, as well as to media competence; and (ii) to the Associated Schools Project. The role of women as promoters of peace should be enhanced;
69. Increased attention should be given to:
 - (a) activities aimed at the preservation and promotion of cultural and linguistic pluralism, especially in multicultural societies;
 - (b) the teaching of history and geography and, where appropriate, the revision of textbooks on these subjects;
 - (c) the promotion of the concept of 'learning to live together' and of conflict prevention, in particular through support for successful traditional practices, especially in Africa;
 - (d) the introduction of an educational component in operations carried out by the United Nations system, such as humanitarian assistance;
 - (e) studying, in collaboration with the MOST programme and the United Nations University, the possible relationship between socio-economic inequalities and regional disparities and a culture of peace;
 - (f) education for human rights and democracy for professionals having special responsibilities in this field (such as police forces);

Transverse activities

70. With regard to transverse activities, appropriate attention should be paid to anticipation and future-oriented studies, the results of which should be widely disseminated, including the results of the 'Twenty-First Century Talks'; and to the statistical programmes and services, the revitalization of which should be pursued in accordance with the orientations set out in 29 C/Resolution 50;
71. The Priority Africa Department should ensure that appropriate follow-up is provided for the recommendations formulated at the second meeting of the International Committee for the Follow-up of Audience Africa and for the priority action programme that the Organization is implementing under the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa; in this connection, the efforts already vouchsafed on behalf of this Department should be strengthened;

Information and dissemination services

72. A comprehensive strategy on public information, involving also the information activities of the programme sectors, should be incorporated into document 30 C/5. The new strategy should aim at giving greater visibility to UNESCO's activities in the Member States;

III

PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001 (document 30 C/5)

73. Having examined documents 155 EX/5, Part III and 155 EX/INF.6,
74. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 87 and 154 EX/Decision 5.1 concerning the structure and presentation of the programme and budget,
75. Considers that the proposal of the Director-General for the presentation of the C/5 document complies with the guidelines and directives of the General Conference and the Executive Board;
76. Invites the Director-General to prepare document 30 C/5 accordingly;
77. Further invites the Director-General to report to the Executive Board on any adjustments to and improvements in these procedures;

IV

THE BUDGET

78. Having examined document 155 EX/5, Part II, Section III, and Part IV,
79. Considers that other factors will have a positive impact on the availability of resources for the implementation of UNESCO programmes and activities;
80. Recalling 152 EX/Decision 5.1 concerning considerations and proposals on the determination of the budget for 1998-1999,
81. Invites the Director-General to prepare a Draft Programme and Budget for the financial period 2000-2001 (document 30 C/5), for further study by the Executive Board at its 156th session, on the basis of zero-nominal and zero-real growth scenarios;
82. Requests the Director-General, when constructing these scenarios, to take into account all the expenditure which is essential for the smooth running of the Organization; also requests the Director-General to take into account all areas where savings could be made, in particular those identified in the External Auditor's report;

83. Further invites the Director-General to report on the impact of the above-mentioned scenarios on the activities and programmes of the Organization, proposing, where appropriate, measures to counteract the negative effects.

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After the adoption of this decision, the Executive Board also examined draft decision 155 EX/PLEN/DR.3 concerning the proposal to establish an ad hoc support group for reflection on UNESCO in the twenty-first century, and decided to devote its thematic debate at its 156th session to reflection on UNESCO in the twenty-first century and, following that debate, to determine the way in which the study of that matter would be pursued.

(155 EX/SR.14)

5 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

5.1 Report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1996-1997 (30 C/3) (155 EX/SP/INF.2 and 155 EX/52 and Add. and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of document 30 C/3;
2. Notes the interest expressed by the Special Committee in topics which could be selected by the Executive Board in future for in-depth study, such as:
 - (a) the role and place of UNESCO in the international system;
 - (b) reflection on UNESCO's work and purpose and the updating of its mission;
 - (c) the concentration of UNESCO's activities;
 - (d) public information on the Organization's activities;
 - (e) UNESCO's contribution to the prevention of armed conflict in the Organization's fields of competence;
 - (f) UNESCO's contribution to peace;
 - (g) optimum use of resources;
 - (h) translation policy;
 - (i) promotion of cultural industries and related questions;
3. Also notes that this list is not exhaustive;
4. Considers that topics that have already been the subject of in-depth study should not be given priority.

(155 EX/SR.11)

5.2 Report on the implementation of 151 EX/Decision 6.3 concerning UNESCO field offices in Asia and the Pacific (155 EX/18 and 155 EX/52 and Add. and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/18,
2. Notes the measures taken by the Director-General to decentralize staff and financial resources to UNESCO offices in the Asia-Pacific region;
3. Welcomes the support given by Member States to the UNESCO offices by providing national or seconded staff and associate experts as well as voluntary financial contributions and various forms of host country support and invites them to continue and expand their support to the programmes of the UNESCO offices in the region.

(155 EX/SR.11)

5.3 Draft guidelines for the rational implementation of decentralization (155 EX/19 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/19,
2. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 3.1 V, 152 EX/Decision 6.1 and 29 C/Resolution 89,
3. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General, in accordance with 29 C/Resolution 89, on the principles underlying his action with a view to ensuring the efficient and rational implementation of decentralization;
4. Considering that the report includes some principles of decentralization which the Director-General has applied but does not include a draft text of guidelines,
5. Decides to examine at its 156th session proposals on guidelines for the rational implementation of decentralization before their submission to the 30th session of the General Conference;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to it a biennial report, starting at its 156th session, on the results achieved by the field offices, including any significant data relating to the operational efficiency achieved in the area of decentralization and also information on the relations of field offices with the National Commissions and with the other partners of the United Nations system;
7. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 156th session a comprehensive financial report on all cost elements involved, field office by field office, on a dollar and local currency basis;
8. Requests the Director-General to take immediate and appropriate action with regard to the recommendations made in the Evaluation Report on UNESCO Field Offices in Africa, with a view to improving their functioning and effectiveness, and to report to it on progress made at its 157th session;

9. Considers that new field offices should not be opened until guidelines have been adopted and invites the Director-General to inform it of the reasons for the creation of any field offices;
10. Also invites the Director-General to propose, for consideration at its 156th session, standard model texts for special accounts and for financial regulations applicable to institutes and similar bodies created in the framework of UNESCO.

(155 EX/SR.13)

5.4 Recommendations of the Special Committee on the methods of work of the Executive Board (155 EX/20 and 155 EX/52 and Add. and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 5.2,
2. Having examined document 155 EX/20,
3. Endorses the recommendations contained in the annex to this decision;
4. Invites the Special Committee to undertake an in-depth study on the nature of the work which can be carried out between sessions of the Executive Board, and on the mechanism which can be established to carry out this function, and to report to it thereon at its 156th session;
5. Requests the Special Committee to continue its examination of ethical issues at the Board's 156th session with a view to submitting options to it, in particular regarding appointments to the Secretariat.

Annex

Recommendations

1. In making these recommendations, the Committee has borne in mind the fact that the reform of the working methods of the Executive Board is a continuing process which will require not only a revision of the rules in force, but also deep-seated changes in the attitudes and behaviour of the main protagonists involved.

A. Functions of the Executive Board

2. According to the Constitution (Article V.B.6), the Executive Board has two basic functions: on the one hand, it examines the programme of work of the Organization and corresponding budget estimates submitted to it by the Director-General, and then it submits them to the General Conference with its recommendations; on the other hand, it is responsible for the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference, having regard to circumstances arising between two ordinary sessions of the Conference.

3. Within this general framework, the Executive Board, in formulating its recommendations to the General Conference, must play to the full its intellectual and forward-thinking role (elaboration of the C/4 document), and identify strategic options that will shape the future of the Organization. Similarly, it must occupy its rightful

place in the relationship between UNESCO and the other organizations of the United Nations system and the international community, including civil society.

4. The Special Committee recommends that the Executive Board's recommendations on the Draft Programme and Budget (C/6) should be presented to the General Conference, with their implications for the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5) prepared by the Director-General being clearly specified and with a precise indication of any points that the General Conference should submit to particularly detailed examination.

5. As regards the monitoring function, the Special Committee recommends that the Board have at its disposal at each session a concrete and concise report by the Director-General that brings out the results obtained in relation to the goals set and the resources allocated to the different activities, without, however, interfering in the day-to-day running of the Secretariat.

B. Sessions

Agenda

The Special Committee recommends that:

6. The Board should amend Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure, in order to introduce one or more selection criteria for the inclusion of items in the agenda, such as the need for a direct link with the Organization's fields of competence, and in order to enable the Chairperson of the Executive Board to exercise his or her powers in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1.

7. At each session, the Board should assign priorities among the items included in its provisional agenda.

8. In accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, the Bureau should be invited to play a more active role and to meet, if necessary, for the express purpose of preparing the agenda.

9. The Chairperson of the Board, assisted by the Bureau, should be invited to ensure a better allocation of agenda items among the commissions and committees, in particular regarding the changes to be made to the terms of reference of these committees and commissions.

Plenary meetings

The Special Committee recommends that:

10. Taking into consideration what is stated in paragraph 5 above, the oral presentation of the Director-General's report on the execution of the programme should focus on the main lines of general policy.

11. The question-and-answer sessions between the Members of the Board and the Director-General and his staff reintroduced at the 154th session should continue to be held.

12. Thematic debates should be organized on subjects within the Organization's fields of competence and, in particular, questions on which the Board is required to take substantive decisions or to adopt general guidelines. Outside personalities could be invited to these debates, which should provide an opportunity for a broad exchange of views. The amount of time set aside for the debates should be sufficient for such exchanges.

13. To speed up the work of the plenary, while the most desirable solution is to seek to achieve a consensus, the Board should, where necessary, resort to voting, and also to the adoption without discussion of recommendations adopted unanimously in any of the commissions. Members of the Board whose representatives are unable to be present in a commission will have an opportunity to speak in plenary.

Commissions and committees

14. To avoid duplication of work and to limit as far as possible the reopening of discussion in plenary, the commissions should indicate clearly in their reports the points on which a decision has been reached and those on which disagreement remains.

15. Pending a possible redefinition of the respective mandates of the PX and FA commissions, as a follow-up to the introduction of the new system of programming and budgeting, co-ordination between these two commissions should be reinforced, either through joint meetings or by mutual consultation of the chairpersons of the two bodies.

16. The Board should entrust the Special Committee with the task, to be carried out if necessary by a select group of its members, of monitoring the implementation of the conclusions of the in-depth studies carried out by the Committee, once the conclusions have been adopted by the Board or by the General Conference. The Special Committee should be responsible for studying the possible benefits to UNESCO of reforms introduced in the United Nations and also for identifying the contribution of UNESCO to the reform of the United Nations system as a whole.

17. Pending a possible redefinition of the mandate of the NGO Committee, this Committee should be empowered to exercise its recommendation-making and follow-up functions to the full. The Secretariat should prepare the relevant documents for the Committee with that end in view.

Consultations

18. In order to ensure that the Board gives more attention to personnel policy, it should request the Secretariat to provide it with the necessary information on that matter for its consideration. This matter could be assigned to the FA Commission. Moreover, no important modifications should be made to the structure of the Secretariat without *prior* consultation with the Board. All such matters could be examined in a public meeting. Should this necessitate amendment of the Constitution and of the Rules of Procedure, then such amendment must be considered.

Documentation

19. The Chairperson of the Executive Board could indicate to the Director-General the documents relating to the agenda on which he or she would like to hold a consultation before their reproduction and distribution.

20. The presentation and quality of the documents submitted to the Board should be constantly improved, in particular with a view to facilitating decision-making. To that end, the documents should be preceded by a summary that would clearly indicate the purpose of the document and the nature of the decision to be taken.

21. The rules in force concerning dates for the dispatch of documents should be strictly respected. The posting of documents on the Internet should be introduced as widely as possible, while the customary method of distribution should continue.

C. Work between sessions

22. To enable the Board to perform its monitoring functions, it is proposed that information meetings should be held between representatives and alternates of the States Members of the Executive Board resident at Headquarters and the Director-General on the progress of programme implementation, at the request of the Chairperson of the Executive Board.

23. In order to meet other needs, the Chairperson should not hesitate to make use of other modes of action for which provision is made in the Rules of Procedure: convoking the Bureau (Rule 14), recommending to the Board the establishment of temporary committees (Rule 17), and conducting special consultations by correspondence (Rule 58).

(155 EX/SR.11, 12 and 13)

6 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

6.1 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 (155 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 155 EX/3 PRIV.)

The Executive Board,

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

(155 EX/SR.11)

6.2 Matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and report of the Committee thereon (155 EX/21 and Addenda and 155 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee (155 EX/53),
2. Shares the Committee's opinion that the examination of the Committee's methods of work within the framework of the procedure set out in 104 EX/Decision 3.3 should continue, and invites the Director-General to renew his request for suggestions from Member States, asking for them to be submitted by 20 January 1999;
3. Takes note of the establishment of a working group by the Committee to continue this examination between the 155th and 156th sessions of the Executive Board.

(155 EX/SR.10)

6.3 Revised draft statutes of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (155 EX/22 and Add. and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/22 and Add.,
2. Recalling that, at its 29th session, the General Conference approved the conversion of the Regional Centre for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CRESALC) into the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC),
3. Recognizing that the activities of IESALC will contribute to enhancing the prominent role which higher education, in all its diversity and complexity, should play in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean,
4. Acknowledging the need expressed by Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean that CRESALC's structure and functions should be amended in order to convert it into an autonomous institute of UNESCO as soon as possible,
5. Approves the Statutes set out in Annex I to this decision, whereby CRESALC is converted into a UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) and becomes fully operational;
6. Takes note of the creation of the Special Account into which the necessary funds for the operation of the Institute will be paid, and also of the Financial Regulations annexed hereto.

Annex I

Statutes of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)

Article 1 - Characteristics, connections and location

- 1.1 The Regional Centre for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CRESALC) is hereby converted into the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) (hereinafter referred to as 'the Institute'), whose legal, administrative and operational framework is defined herein.
- 1.2 As an integral part of UNESCO, the Institute shall enjoy the intellectual, administrative and functional autonomy necessary to achieve its objectives, in accordance with the present Statutes.
- 1.3 The Institute's headquarters shall be in Caracas, Venezuela.

Article 2 - Mission

The essential mission of the Institute shall be to contribute to the development of higher education in the Latin America and the Caribbean region (hereinafter referred to as 'the Region') and its national higher education institutions and systems, on the basis of sustainable development of human resources, helping also to guarantee the relevance, quality, efficiency and equity of all higher education activities in the context of a new approach to regional and international co-operation fostering a proportional partnership of all the actors involved.

Article 3 - Objectives and functions

- 3.1 In order to accomplish its mission, in the context of the Region, the Institute shall set itself the following general objectives:
 - 3.1.1 To foster closer co-operation among Member States in the Region, their institutions and specialists in the field of higher education.
 - 3.1.2 To help improve mutual knowledge of the higher education systems in the Region with a view to facilitating its comparison with other regions of the world and thereby contributing to its development.
 - 3.1.3 To help any Member State requesting the Institute's co-operation to improve and develop higher education systems and institutions within the reform process upon which it is engaged.
 - 3.1.4 To encourage and support in the context of regional integration greater mobility of higher education professionals, especially those in relatively less developed countries, with a view to making better use of human and educational resources and helping to facilitate greater flexibility in regard to the recognition of higher education studies, diplomas and degrees between the countries of the Region and other parts of the world.

- 3.1.5 To facilitate the exchange of information and experience among the institutions, centres and specialists in the Region and those in other parts of the world.
- 3.1.6 To promote national and regional mechanisms for strengthening the quality of higher education through evaluation and accreditation.
- 3.2 The Institute shall contribute to the planning, evaluation and follow-up of UNESCO's programmes as they concern higher education, in co-operation with the units of UNESCO and the programmes approved by the Organization, and also with its various institutes, governmental and non-governmental organizations and other organizations of the United Nations system active in this field, at the national, subregional, regional and international levels. To that end, the Institute's responsibilities shall be:
 - 3.2.1 To prepare and organize at least once every two years a session of the Governing Board of the Institute, pursuant to decisions of the General Conference of UNESCO and in accordance with the Organization's standards in force and applicable.
 - 3.2.2 To further the dissemination and implementation of the recommendations of the Governing Board.
 - 3.2.3 To encourage the regular holding of conferences and meetings on higher education in the Region, which will be forums for co-operation and debate among institutions at this level of the education system as a means of supporting the preparation and implementation of action plans to modernize those institutions. To record, organize and disseminate the recommendations and action plans resulting from those conferences and meetings and provide technical co-operation for the higher education activities requested by the Member States of the Region, and to carry out actions within its competence.
 - 3.2.4 To carry out studies, analyses, projects and research contributing to the formulation of policies, strategies and other regional initiatives relating to higher education in the Region, which may serve as the basis for the formulation of policies, plans and strategies at the national and institutional levels, as deemed appropriate by the Member States of the Region and their higher education institutions.
 - 3.2.5 To serve as a forum for the discussion of short-, medium- and long-term issues, challenges and opportunities on the basis of forward-looking studies carried out in support of action plans for the development of higher education in the Region.
 - 3.2.6 To promote and encourage training, research and service provision programmes in the Region leading to the transformation and modernization of higher education, the education system as a whole and its environment.
 - 3.2.7 To strengthen its Information and Documentation Centre and its Publications Unit so that they can facilitate, support and disseminate the work of research groups and academic communities involved in higher

education in the Region, and convey their findings to governments, public and private production sectors and other interested social agents, through an effective information and communication system. To develop procedures for the exchange and circulation of documents and information among higher education institutions, specialists and national bodies representing higher education in the Region and in other regions.

- 3.2.8 To provide assistance designed to produce a favourable impact on the quality of education and on research into higher education, while helping to secure the permanence, sustained quality and replenishment of the Region's intellectual capacity.
- 3.2.9 To encourage the development of programmes fostering the mobility of students, higher education academic staff and professionals in the Region, especially those in relatively less developed countries.
- 3.2.10 To formulate and follow up action plans to encourage the creation of new forms and styles of international co-operation permitting the intensification of South-South, North-South and South-North co-operation with favourable implications for the Region.
- 3.2.11 To constitute an expanded regional consultative forum for organizations, associations, networks and co-operation programmes, so as to contribute to their establishment and development, while asserting its status as a forum for the discussion of the long-term themes, problems, challenges and opportunities inherent in higher education in the Region.
- 3.2.12 To act as a support centre in the Region for accreditation and evaluation procedures, by setting up data banks on higher education systems and scientific and technological systems, relating to both institutions and the individuals who work in them (managers, administrators, teachers, lecturers, researchers, students, civil servants and public service employees) and specialists in the above-mentioned procedures.
- 3.2.13 To promote and undertake practical action to support and set in motion programmes for student and academic mobility in order to attain common quality standards that will make possible the recognition of courses and qualifications. To provide the secretariat of the Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 3.2.14 To co-ordinate the projects and activities of UNESCO's programmes for higher education in the Region, with particular emphasis on training and research Chairs and co-operation networks in higher education and the academic world in general.
- 3.2.15 To reinforce and promote, within its field of competence, UNESCO's activities and presence in the Region and to step up interaction with other agencies of the United Nations system and with subregional, regional and international co-operation bodies, endeavouring to ensure that those measures are synergetic and complementary.

3.2.16 To support the holding of academic events organized by the national bodies representing higher education institutions in the Region by sending experts in specific aspects of higher education.

3.3 So as to be able to respond to the multifunctional and multidimensional nature of higher education, the Institute shall, in close collaboration with the Member States, exercise its functions on the basis of intersectoral and interdisciplinary co-operation both within UNESCO and outside it.

Article 4 - Membership of the Governing Board

4.1 The Institute shall be administered by a Governing Board, hereinafter called 'the Board', which shall be governed by the present Statutes and by its own Rules of Procedure, which it shall adopt at its first meeting.

4.2 The Board shall consist of thirteen (13) members distributed as follows:

nine (9) shall be official representatives of the Member States of the Region chosen by these states at a plenary meeting of the Heads of Delegation of GRULAC at the UNESCO General Conference; of these nine (9) governmental representatives, six (6) shall be from countries of Latin America, one (1) of whom shall be from the host country of the Institute and three (3) from countries of CARICOM;

three (3) members shall be appointed by the Director-General from the list submitted by the councils of rectors of the Region or their equivalents, of whom two (2) shall be from countries of Latin America and one (1) from a country of CARICOM;

one (1) member representing the NGOs shall be appointed by the Director-General from among the NGOs collaborating with UNESCO in the field of higher education.

4.3 The members of the Board shall exercise their functions *ad honorem* for a period of four (4) years, without being immediately re-elected, so as to foster rotation between the countries of the Region. In the event of the resignation or death of one of the members, the corresponding government or the Director-General, as the case may be, shall appoint a new incumbent for the remainder of the term of office of the outgoing member.

Transitional provision

4.4 For the purpose of forming the first Governing Board of the Institute, five (5) governmental representatives and two (2) members appointed by the Director-General shall be chosen for a period of three (3) years. The remainder shall be chosen or appointed for a period of five (5) years. The end of their respective terms of office will accordingly coincide with the 31st and 32nd sessions of the General Conference of UNESCO.

4.5 In addition to the 13 members mentioned above, the Director of the Institute, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Board, may invite to Board meetings, with observer status, individuals who, by virtue of their responsibilities, are in a position to assist the Board in its work and who come from governmental or non-governmental organizations, the United Nations system or higher education,

scientific or academic establishments in the Region. The Director shall endeavour to make a choice among those bodies that is as representative as possible.

- 4.6 The Board shall choose a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among its members. The Director of the Institute shall perform the duties of Secretary. The Chair shall be held on an alternating basis, for two (2) terms by Latin America and one (1) term on behalf of CARICOM. Whenever Latin America provides the Chairperson, CARICOM shall provide the Vice-Chairperson and vice versa.

Article 5 - Functions of the Governing Board

- 5.1 The Board shall lay down the general policy and the nature of the Institute's activities, within the framework of the general policy approved by the General Conference of UNESCO and with due regard to the obligations inherent in the fact that the Institute is an integral part of UNESCO.

- 5.2 The specific functions of the Board shall be the following:

- 5.2.1 To decide how the funds allocated to the Institute for its operation are to be used and to adopt its annual budget, the draft of which shall be drawn up by the Director of the Institute in close collaboration with the Director-General of UNESCO and the Chairperson of the Board.
- 5.2.2 To submit to the General Conference of UNESCO, once every two years, corresponding to the UNESCO budgetary cycle, a report on the activities of the Institute covering the same period as the report of the Director-General on the activities of UNESCO.
- 5.2.3 To receive for approval the annual report on the programme and budget of the Institute, drawn up by the Director, the proposals on the structure and programming of the Institute and the reports on the evaluation of its activities.
- 5.2.4 To advise the Director-General of UNESCO and the Director of the Institute on the formulation, execution, evaluation and follow-up of the Institute's work programme, so that its activities respond to the needs for development and improvement of higher education in the Region.
- 5.2.5 To take any decisions of a general nature that it considers necessary for the preparation and execution of the Institute's programme.
- 5.2.6 To contribute to the exchange and dissemination of experience, information and knowledge, by participating in the Institute's activities and projects.
- 5.2.7 To advise the Director of the Institute on the appointment of its principal officers, in accordance with the stipulations of Article 7.1 of these Statutes.
- 5.2.8 To ensure that the Institute is soundly managed in accordance with UNESCO principles.

Article 6 - Methods of work of the Governing Board

- 6.1 The Secretary of the Board, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Board, shall convene the ordinary session of the Board at least once every two years; extraordinary sessions may nevertheless be convened at the request of the Chairperson of the Board or at the request of at least seven (7) of its members or one third of the countries of the Region.
- 6.2 The Board shall adopt its Rules of Procedure at its first meeting and shall revise them whenever it deems necessary.
- 6.3 The Board shall establish an Executive Committee, which shall be convened by its Chairperson and shall meet as often as required by the needs of the programme. It shall consist of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and three (3) of the members of the Board. In order to ensure proportional geographical distribution among the countries of the Region, one member shall be from a country of Latin America, one member from a country of CARICOM and one member from the councils of rectors or their equivalents or the NGOs. These latter three members shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of the Board's Rules of Procedure. The Executive Committee shall perform the functions assigned to it by the Board.
- 6.4 Travel costs and subsistence allowances of the members of the Board shall be assumed by the Institute, in accordance with the relevant regulations of UNESCO.
- 6.5 The Executive Committee shall draw up the provisional agenda and the schedule of meetings of the Board and of its committee.
- 6.6 The Director-General and the Director of the Institute shall participate in the Board's debates without the right to vote.
- 6.7 The Board may choose to hold any of its meetings in private without observers. The Director-General and the Director of the Institute shall have the right to attend all private meetings of the Board.

Article 7 - Staff

- 7.1 The Director of the Institute shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO for a term of office of four (4) years from a list presented by the Board, on the basis of the candidacies submitted by the Member States to the Board. The Director of the Institute, by virtue of the authority delegated to him by the Director-General, shall appoint the officers of the Institute and the other members of its staff, having due regard to the provisions of Article 5.2.7.
- 7.2 The Director and all the Institute's staff shall be subject to the Organization's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.
- 7.3 The Director of the Institute shall be responsible for the technical, institutional, budgetary, financial and administrative functioning of the Institute and shall report on the execution of the annual programme and budget of the Institute to

the Board and to the Director-General, who shall submit those reports to the Executive Board of UNESCO.

- 7.4 The Director, in close collaboration with the Director-General of UNESCO and the Executive Committee, shall draw up the draft programme and budget of the Institute, which shall be submitted to the Board for approval.
- 7.5 The Director of the Institute, with the consent of the Board and the approval of the Director-General, may promulgate special regulations, compatible with the relevant UNESCO provisions, concerning the Institute's staff or finances.
- 7.6 A proportional distribution of professional staff from the countries of Latin America and of CARICOM shall be established.

Article 8 - Programme and budget

- 8.1 The funds allocated for the administration of the Institute shall come from the budget approved by the General Conference, in addition to any gifts, subventions and extrabudgetary voluntary contributions and other income accruing from the sale of publications, the Institute's activities and the provision of services to other institutions, which shall be deposited in a Special Account to be established by the Director-General of UNESCO, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Organization, and with the Financial Regulations applicable to the account in question. The Special Account shall be administered by the Director of the Institute pursuant to the above-mentioned provisions.
- 8.2 In the framework of the programme and budget approved by the General Conference, the Institute may establish and/or maintain direct relations with governmental and non-governmental organizations so as to facilitate the execution of its programmes.

Article 9 - Amendment of the Statutes

The present Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board of UNESCO at the request of the Board and in consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO.

Article 10 - Administrative regulations

With the consent of the Board and the approval of the Director-General of UNESCO, the Director of the Institute shall draw up administrative regulations, on condition that they are compatible with the provisions of the present Statutes and UNESCO practices.

Article 11 - Transitional and special provisions

- 11.1 The Director-General of UNESCO shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the Institute and its Board function in a satisfactory manner. The Institute shall commence its functions with the resources which were approved for that purpose by the General Conference at its 29th session.
- 11.2 The Director of the Institute, with the approval of the Director-General, shall draw up the provisional agenda and schedule of the first session of the Board.

11.3 The Director of CRESALC shall remain in office as Director of IESALC until the first meeting of the Governing Board following the 30th session of the General Conference.

Article 12 - Entry into force of the Statutes

The present Statutes shall enter into force on the date of their approval by the Executive Board of UNESCO.

Annex II

Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, hereafter referred to as 'the Institute'.

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

Article 2 - Financial period

The financial period shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December each year.

Article 3 - Income

3.1 As provided for in its Statutes, the income of the Institute shall consist of:

- (a) a financial allocation determined by the General Conference to cover staff costs, as well as direct and indirect programme costs;
- (b) voluntary contributions from states, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities;
- (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it consistent with the policies, programmes, or activities of UNESCO and the Institute; and
- (d) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities;
- (e) miscellaneous income.

3.2 The Director, acting under the authorization of the Director-General granted hereto, may accept income as set forth in Article 3.1 on behalf of the Institute, provided that, in any case which would involve the Institute in an additional financial liability, the Director shall obtain the prior approval of the Institute's Governing Board (hereafter referred to as 'the Board'), as well as of the Executive Board of UNESCO.

- 3.3 The Director shall report to the Board on any subventions, contributions, grants, gifts or bequests accepted.

Article 4 - Budget

- 4.1 The Director shall prepare, in a form to be determined from time to time by the Board, an annual programme and budget and shall submit it to the Board for approval.
- 4.2 The appropriations voted in the budget shall constitute an authorization to the Director to incur obligations and to make expenditures for the purposes for which the appropriations are voted and up to the amounts so voted.
- 4.3 The Director is authorized to transfer funds between activities under the same appropriation line, and may arrange transfers of amounts between appropriation lines within the limits established by the Appropriation Resolution voted by the Board and shall report to the Board on all such transfers.
- 4.4 The Director is required to maintain obligations and expenditures within the level of the actual resources that become available to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.
- 4.5 Appropriations shall remain available for obligation during the financial period to which they relate.
- 4.6 The Director shall make allotments and any modifications thereon, within the limits of the Appropriation Resolution, which shall be communicated, in writing, to the officials authorized to incur obligations and make payments.
- 4.7 Appropriations shall remain available for 12 months following the end of the financial period to which they relate to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations for goods supplied and services rendered in the financial period and to liquidate any other outstanding legal obligations of the financial period.
- 4.8 At the end of the 12-month period provided for in Article 4.7 above, the then remaining unspent balance of obligations retained shall revert to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.

Article 5 - The General Account

- 5.1 There shall be established a General Account, to which shall be credited the income of the Institute as described in Article 3 above and which will be used to finance the approved budget of the Institute.
- 5.2 The balance remaining in this General Account shall be carried forward from one financial period to the next.
- 5.3 The uses to which this balance may be put shall be determined by the Board.

Article 6 - Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts

- 6.1 The Director shall establish a Reserve Fund to cover, *inter alia*, the working capital and end-of-service indemnities and other related liabilities, including

currency fluctuations and inflation costs; the fund shall be reviewed annually by the Board at the time of the yearly budget approval.

- 6.2 Trust Funds, Subsidiary Special Accounts and any other Reserve Accounts may be established by the Director, who shall report thereon to the Board.
- 6.3 The Director may, when necessary, in connection with the purpose of a Trust Fund, Reserve or Subsidiary Special Account, prepare special financial rules to govern the operations of these funds or accounts and shall report thereon to the Board. Unless otherwise provided these funds and accounts shall be administered in accordance with these Financial Regulations.

Article 7 - The accounts

- 7.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary and shall prepare for submission to the Board annual accounts showing, for the financial period to which they relate:
- (a) the income and expenditure of all funds;
 - (b) the budgetary situation including:
 - (i) original appropriations;
 - (ii) the appropriations as modified by any transfers or additional appropriations;
 - (iii) the amounts charged against these appropriations;
 - (c) the assets and liabilities of the Institute.
- 7.2 The Director shall also give such other information as may be appropriate to indicate the current financial position of the Institute.
- 7.3 The annual accounts of the Institute shall be presented in dollars of the United States of America. Accounting records may, however, be kept in such currency or currencies as the Director may deem necessary.
- 7.4 Appropriate separate accounts shall be maintained for all Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts.

Article 8 - External audit

The audited accounts of the Institute, which constitute an integral part of the statement of the financial position of UNESCO, and the report of the External Auditor of UNESCO on the Institute, shall be submitted to the Board for approval. However, as the accounts of UNESCO are not audited on an annual basis, the Board may ask for the annual accounts of the Institute to be submitted for examination to the External Auditor of UNESCO.

Article 9 - General provisions

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

(155 EX/SR.14)

6.4 Establishment of an International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (155 EX/23 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/23,
2. Recognizing that the creation of an International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa in the framework of UNESCO will meet the demand for human resources development and capacity-building in African Member States in particular and the developing world in general,
3. Acknowledging the provision in the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community on human resources development, planning and utilization and the call for co-operation in that regard,
4. Takes note of the Agreement between the Organization and Ethiopia for the establishment of the Institute in Addis Ababa, and approves the measures proposed for its implementation;
5. Requests the Director-General to prepare a detailed report on the Institute, including draft statutes, and to set out budgeting implications for UNESCO and for other participants, for consideration and approval at its 156th session, and final adoption by the General Conference at its 30th session.

(155 EX/SR.14)

6.5 Draft Statutes of the Advisory Committee for Linguistic Pluralism and Multilingual Education (155 EX/24 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/24,
2. Approves the Statutes of the Advisory Committee for Linguistic Pluralism and Multilingual Education annexed to the present decision;
3. Invites the Director-General, when reporting to it on the activities of the Committee, also to report on the activities of the Advisory Committee on Education for Peace, Human Rights, Democracy, International Understanding and Tolerance.

Annex

Statutes of the Advisory Committee for Linguistic Pluralism and Multilingual Education

Article 1

An Advisory Committee for Linguistic Pluralism and Multilingual Education, hereafter referred to as 'the Committee', is hereby established.

Article 2

The Committee shall:

- advise the Organization on the preparation and implementation of programmes relating to all UNESCO's activities in the field of languages involving all of the Organization's fields of competence, and more precisely on the promotion of multilingual education and respect for linguistic and cultural diversity, the preservation of lesser-used languages, the prevention of language discrimination, the promotion of multilingualism in electronic networks, and the strengthening of its action in the field of languages and multilingual education;
- assist the Organization in raising extrabudgetary resources.

Article 3

- 3.1 The Committee shall be composed of 12 experts particularly competent in the various disciplines and specializations relating to linguistic pluralism and multilingual education.
- 3.2 The members shall be appointed in their personal capacity by the Director-General from a panel of experts submitted by the Member States, taking into consideration equitable geographical distribution.
- 3.3 The term of office of Committee members shall be four years.
- 3.4 In the event of resignation, incapacity, death or any other circumstance in which the term of office of a Committee member is cut short, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Article 4

The Director-General shall convene an ordinary session of the Committee once a year in principle. He/she may convene extraordinary sessions.

Article 5

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

Article 6

- 6.1 The Director-General shall appoint members of the UNESCO Secretariat to represent him/her on the Committee and the Bureau, without the right to vote.
- 6.2 The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the UNESCO Secretariat.

Article 7

The travel and subsistence expenses of the Committee members and other persons referred to in Articles 3 and 6 shall be paid by UNESCO, preferably from extrabudgetary resources, in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Article 8

- 8.1 Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to the Committee's sessions.
- 8.2 The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded an agreement providing for reciprocal representation may be represented at the Committee's sessions.
- 8.3 The Director-General may invite the following to send observers to the Committee's sessions:
 - (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded an agreement providing for reciprocal representation;
 - (b) intergovernmental organizations;
 - (c) international non-governmental organizations specializing in linguistic pluralism and multilingual education, in accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations.

Article 9

- 9.1 The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure at its first session. They shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.
- 9.2 The Director-General shall establish the agenda for the sessions of the Committee after consultation with the Committee's Chairperson.
- 9.3 After each session, the Committee shall submit to the Director-General a report on its work and recommendations. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board once a year of the results of the work of the Committee in due course.

Article 10

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

Article 11

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

(155 EX/SR.14)

7 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS**7.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1998-1999 (155 EX/25 and Add. and 155 EX/55)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1998-1999 budget and his report on donations and special contributions received since its 154th session and appropriated to the regular budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution adopted by the General Conference at its 29th session (29 C/Resolution 65, paras. A(e), (h) and (b)) and documents 155 EX/25 and 155 EX/25 Add.,
2. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,
3. Approves the transfers between appropriation lines of staff costs and other costs amounting to \$1,506,600 to meet the requirements of the Office of Monthly Periodicals;
4. Approves also the transfer of \$2,483,000 to the Participation Programme budget line (Part II.A of the budget) from other appropriation lines in Parts II and III;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 6 of document 155 EX/25;
6. Takes note of the fact that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$1,306,288 as follows:

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| | \$ |
| Part II.A - Major Programme I | 425,931 |
| Part II.A - Major Programme II | 661,675 |
| Part II.A - Major Programme III | 121,985 |
| Part II.A - Major Programme IV | 20,000 |
| Part II.A - Transdisciplinary Projects and Transverse Activities | 44,697 |
| Part III - Support for Programme Execution | |
| Bureau for External Relations | <u>32,000</u> |
| Total | 1,306,288 |

7. Takes note also of the revised appropriation table below;
8. Invites the Director-General to refrain from further increases in resources for the Participation Programme until the General Conference adopts a corresponding decision.

| Appropriation line | 29 C/5 Approved as adjusted after 154 EX/Dec.6.3 | Proposed adjustments | | | | 29 C/5 Approved as adjusted |
|--|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | Participation Programme | Office of Monthly Periodicals | Donations and contributions | Total | |
| Part I - General Policy and Direction | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| A. Governing bodies | | | | | | |
| 1. General Conference | 7,602,300 | - | - | - | - | 7,602,300 |
| 2. Executive Board | 8,412,800 | - | - | - | - | 8,412,800 |
| Total, I.A | 16,015,100 | - | - | - | - | 16,015,100 |
| B. Direction | | | | | | |
| 3. Directorate | 1,739,500 | - | - | - | - | 1,739,500 |
| 4. Services of the Directorate (including: Office of the ADG/DRG; Executive Office of the Director-General; Office of Management Co- ordination and Reforms; Inspectorate General; Office of the Mediator; Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs; Bureau of Studies, Programming and Evaluation; Bureau of the Budget) | 19,632,800 | - | - | - | - | 19,632,800 |
| Total, I.B | 21,372,300 | - | - | - | - | 21,372,300 |
| C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System | 1,170,700 | - | - | - | - | 1,170,700 |
| Total, I.C | 1,170,700 | - | - | - | - | 1,170,700 |
| TOTAL, PART I | 38,558,100 | - | - | - | - | 38,558,100 |
| Part II - Programme Execution and Services | | | | | | |
| A. Major Programmes, Transdisciplinary Projects and Transverse Activities | | | | | | |
| I Education for all throughout life | 105,250,150 | (595,800) | - | 425,931 | (169,869) | 105,080,281 |
| II The sciences in the service of development: | | | | | | |
| Natural Sciences Sector | 63,390,900 | (513,100) | - | 661,675 | 148,575 | 63,539,475 |
| Social and Human Sciences Sector | 23,822,800 | (175,200) | - | - | (175,200) | 23,647,600 |
| III Cultural development: the heritage and creativity | 41,848,800 | (239,000) | - | 121,985 | (117,015) | 41,731,785 |
| IV Communication, information and informatics | 30,153,400 | (278,000) | - | 20,000 | (258,000) | 29,895,400 |
| Transdisciplinary Projects and Transverse Activities | 42,597,500 | (331,400) | - | 44,697 | (286,703) | 42,310,797 |
| Participation Programme | 24,830,000 | 2,483,000 | - | - | 2,483,000 | 27,313,000 |
| Total, II.A | 331,893,550 | 350,500 | - | 1,274,288 | 1,624,788 | 333,518,338 |
| B. Information and Dissemination Services | | | | | | |
| 1. Clearing House | 6,359,900 | (33,200) | - | - | (33,200) | 6,326,700 |
| 2. UNESCO Publishing Office | 5,009,000 | (30,600) | (97,000) | - | (127,600) | 4,881,400 |
| 3. UNESCO Courier Office | 3,713,700 | (20,100) | 1,506,600 | - | 1,486,500 | 5,200,200 |
| 4. Office of Public Information | 9,169,300 | (48,400) | (1,409,600) | - | (1,458,000) | 7,711,300 |
| Total, II.B | 24,251,900 | (132,300) | - | - | (132,300) | 24,119,600 |
| TOTAL, PART II | 356,145,450 | 218,200 | - | 1,274,288 | 1,492,488 | 357,637,938 |
| Part III - Support for Programme Execution | 55,709,700 | (218,200) | - | 32,000 | (186,200) | 55,523,500 |
| Part IV - Management and Administrative Services | 48,215,900 | - | - | - | - | 48,215,900 |
| Part V - Maintenance and Security | 33,997,600 | - | - | - | - | 33,997,600 |
| Part VI - Capital Expenditure | 1,711,900 | - | - | - | - | 1,711,900 |
| Parts I - VI Subtotal | 534,338,650 | - | - | 1,306,288 | 1,306,288 | 535,644,938 |
| Part VII - Anticipated cost increases | 10,028,600 | - | - | - | - | 10,028,600 |
| TOTAL, PARTS I - VII | 544,367,250 | - | - | 1,306,288 | 1,306,288 | 545,673,538 |

7.2 Report on the functioning and status of the Special Account for the Fund to encourage translation (TRANSPUBLIC) (155 EX/26 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/26,
2. Regretting the lack of voluntary contributions for TRANSPUBLIC resulting in an adverse effect on the use of languages in the publications of UNESCO,
3. Notes that the Fund will have to be closed once the remaining balance of approximately \$12,000 is exhausted;
4. Invites the Director-General, when the work plans for 2000-2001 are being prepared, to explore the possibility of earmarking funds to encourage the translation of UNESCO publications into national languages.

(155 EX/SR.13)

7.3 Financial report and audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 1997 and report by the External Auditor (155 EX/27 and Addenda; 155 EX/55 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 155 EX/27 and Addenda,
2. Notes the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 1997 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the two-year financial period then ended; that they were prepared in accordance with the stated accounting policies, which were applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding financial period; and that the transactions that came to his notice during the audit have, in all significant respects, been in accordance with the Financial Regulations and relevant legislative authority;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of his work;
4. Urges the Director-General to take action on deficiencies identified by the External Auditor in the Education Sector and to report to it on progress made thereon at its 156th session;
5. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 156th session on the progress made on the outstanding issues related to the 1994-1995 external audit recommendations, including the completion dates envisaged;
6. Noting the reference by the External Auditor to the need to comply with the Financial Regulations, invites the Director-General to prepare a proposal to ensure that the completion of the accounts for the next biennium will be in accordance with Article 11.5 of the Financial Regulations, such proposal to be considered by the Executive Board at its 156th session for transmission to the General Conference at its 30th session;

7. Notes also that, since the implementation of the recommendations in paragraphs 26 and 44 is a matter of continuing priority, the Director-General will make his first report thereon to the Chairperson of the Executive Board and the President of the General Conference by 31 January 1999 and a further report to it at its 156th session;
8. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 156th session on progress made on the recommendations on financial matters in paragraphs 33 and 53, with dates for proposed completion, where appropriate;
9. Also requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 156th session a report on the progress he has made in implementing the recommendations (paras. 76, 81, 94, 103, 107, 108, 116, 117 and 118 of document 155 EX/27 Add.), related to 'the many exceptions and deviations' observed by the External Auditor as regards human resources management, specifically with reference to the rigorous application of the Constitution and of Staff Regulations, and to establish a reasonable time frame for addressing all these recommendations;
10. Invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor to the General Conference at its 30th session;
11. Takes note of the report on special accounts and encourages the Director-General in respect of the efforts being made to close the special accounts which are not functioning or whose effectiveness has not been proved;
12. Decides to transmit to the General Conference the report of the External Auditor and the audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 1997;
13. Invites the External Auditor to consider the possibility of broader consultations with Member States of UNESCO in order to define the issues that should be prioritized for external audit for the financial period ending 31 December 1999.

(155 EX/SR.13)

7.4 Report by the Director-General on the status of contributions of Member States and of payment plans (155 EX/28 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General on the collection of contributions of Member States (155 EX/28) and having taken note of the up-to-date information provided during the debate of the Finance and Administrative Commission,
2. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the year 1998 and to those who have made efforts to reduce their arrears of contributions in response to appeals;

3. Notes that the considerable efforts made by many Member States have not sufficed to prevent recourse to borrowing to supplement the resources of the Working Capital Fund for the purpose of financing the approved programme;
4. Strongly supports the approaches the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;
5. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
6. Urgently appeals to those Member States which are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay;
7. Urges Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of assessed contributions, to inform him, as promptly as possible, of the probable date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;
8. Noting, in particular, the failure of 32 Member States to pay up to the end of October 1998 the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in instalments, in addition to current year contributions, as well as the request of the General Conference to the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 157th session and to the General Conference at its 30th session thereon,
9. Appeals to those Member States in arrears on payment plans to settle their outstanding instalments at the earliest possible time, as well as their regular assessed contributions, bearing in mind the risk of loss of voting rights at the 30th session of the General Conference.

(155 EX/SR.13)

7.5 Geographical distribution of the staff (155 EX/29 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 78 and 152 EX/Decision 8.5,
2. Having considered document 155 EX/29 and, in particular, the useful information on trends in geographical distribution,
3. Notes the trends in the geographical distribution of the staff;
4. Further notes that the overspending on staff has led to a recruitment freeze and made it difficult to improve the geographical distribution;
5. Invites the Director-General to apply, as far as possible, the principles set out in document 155 EX/29 with a view to improving the geographical distribution of the staff;

6. Further invites the Director-General to submit a report on the situation concerning the geographical distribution of the staff to it at its 157th session, with consideration of the criteria determining whether or not a post is subject to geographical distribution.

(155 EX/SR.13)

7.6 Report by the Director-General, in co-operation with the Headquarters Committee, on the rental of offices in Building V (155 EX/30 and Add. and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/30 and Add.,
2. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 82 (Section II, paras. 5 and 6) in which the General Conference requests the Director-General, in co-operation with the Headquarters Committee, ... to make arrangements to meet, to the extent possible, Member States' requests concerning the rental of offices in Building V' and strongly urges the Member States concerned to discharge their obligations by paying their rent and related expenses at the appropriate time',
3. Invites the Director-General to ensure a redistribution of those offices in Building V not occupied by Permanent Delegations that takes into account, as a priority, the need to satisfy the requests made to date by the Member States;
4. Requests the Director-General, to this effect, to take the appropriate measures to ensure that, as soon as possible and as a first step, the following five non-governmental organizations mentioned in Annex III of document 155 EX/30, which no longer have the type of relations required under the Directives, vacate the premises which they are currently occupying in Building V:
 - (a) International Association of Art (IAA);
 - (b) International Dance Council (CIDD);
 - (c) Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS);
 - (d) International Scientific Council for Island Development (INSULA);
 - (e) Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS);
5. Invites the Headquarters Committee, in its study on Guidelines for the use of premises in UNESCO, to pay particular attention to the needs and requests of Member States, taking into account the comments made during the discussions in the Executive Board at its 155th session;
6. Regrets that the position in regard to the settlement of arrears in the payment of rent has not improved;
7. Expresses its concern at the burden imposed by delays in the payment of arrears on the resources of the Headquarters Utilization Fund, which is already under strong pressure;

8. Endorses the approach proposed by the Director-General in document 155 EX/30 with regard to the recovery of arrears, and requests him, from now on, to apply Clause 2.2 of the contract, when applicable;
9. Once again invites the Member States concerned to discharge their obligations by proposing a payment plan for the settlement of their arrears;
10. Requests the Director-General, in conjunction with the Headquarters Committee, to:
 - (a) continue his consultations with all the parties concerned by the occupancy of offices in Building V;
 - (b) continue the efforts that he is making with the Member States concerned to recover the arrears, and report to it, at its 156th session, on the progress achieved on these matters;
 - (c) report to it, at its 156th session, on the situation of premises in the UNESCO buildings used by Member States and non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations, with the corresponding rate of payment or non-payment;
 - (d) report additionally to it, at its 156th session, on the rental of meeting rooms and on the surface area for the bank and for the commercialization of goods, in the UNESCO buildings.

(155 EX/SR.13)

7.7 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the renovation and rehabilitation plans for Headquarters buildings (155 EX/31 and Add. and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 155 EX/31 and Add.,
2. Considering the recommendations and suggestions of the Headquarters Committee regarding the progress of the work to be carried out during the 1998-1999 biennium,
3. Recognizing that the funds set aside for the maintenance of the Headquarters buildings have so far been insufficient compared with the ratios generally acknowledged for this type of building and that the work identified in document 151 EX/28 on the occasion of the mid-term review of the six-year renovation plan at the end of 1996 as being essential and urgent only makes up for a situation which was long marked by a lack of normal and sustained maintenance, owing to the chronic inadequacy of the resources available,
4. Recalling 27 C/Resolution 36, in which the General Conference stated that it was aware of the importance of having buildings that are well kept and renovated, that comply with the security standards of the host country and fully guarantee the safety of persons and property,

5. Reaffirming the recommendation made in paragraph 91 of 151 EX/Decision 5.1 and its request to the Director-General in paragraph 9 of 151 EX/Decision 8.4,
6. Bearing in mind 29 C/Resolution 83, in which the General Conference noted with concern the change that had occurred in the plan relating to safety work, which did not take account of 151 EX/Decision 5.1, paragraph 91, and which provided for the postponement to later biennia of work all of which was considered equally urgent, costing, at that stage, an estimated total of US \$6.5 million,
7. Considering that the postponement of essential and urgent work from one biennium to another is liable to give rise, with time, to increasingly expensive operations, in view of the constant ageing of the buildings,
8. Considering also that, in view of the difficulties involved in mobilizing sufficient extrabudgetary resources to renovate completely their immovable property and having regard to the consideration formulated in paragraph 7, the Member States should propose that the funds necessary for such renovation be drawn from the regular budget,
9. Invites the Director-General to include, as a matter of priority, in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5), a budget provision of a minimum of US \$6.5 million to finance all the remaining work of renovation and conservation;
10. Recommends to the General Conference that it request the Director-General to establish, once all the renovation work has been completed, 'a maintenance policy' which will make it possible to ensure the day-to-day maintenance of the Headquarters buildings, bearing in mind that the funds necessary for maintenance and conservation should, as the General Conference stated at its 25th session (25 C/Resolution 44), amount to a minimum of 1 per cent of the total construction value of the Organization's immovable property, evaluated by the Director-General in his report to the Conference at its 29th session (29 C/47) at some US \$250 million;
11. Welcomes the generous offer by the host country to provide the services of experts to advise on the works required for the renovation and rehabilitation of the Headquarters buildings;
12. Invites the Director-General to continue, in conjunction with the Headquarters Committee, to report to it at each of its ordinary sessions on the state of progress of the work provided for in the renovation plan.

(155 EX/SR.13)

7.8 Report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of the projects financed with the contribution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997 (155 EX/32 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/32,
2. Takes note of its content.

(155 EX/SR.13)

7.9 Report by the Director-General on the creation of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (155 EX/33 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the creation of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (155 EX/33),
2. Takes note of the measures taken so far to ensure the transition from the present Division of Statistics to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 156th session a report on further measures taken during this transitional period, including the draft statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and the financial regulations of its special account as requested in 154 EX/Decision 3.2.

(155 EX/SR.13)

7.10 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (155 EX/PRIV.2)

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

(155 EX/SR.11)

8 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

8.1 Development co-operation policies and activities implemented with extrabudgetary funding (155 EX/34 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/34 containing the Director-General's annual report on development co-operation policies and activities implemented with extrabudgetary funding and, more particularly, the statutory part of the report dealing with development co-operation within the United Nations system,

2. Regrets the reduction in official development assistance (ODA) earmarked for multilateral co-operation and, more specifically, for the United Nations system;
3. Notes with interest the information contained in that document, more particularly concerning the series of reforms under way within the system in regard to operational activities for development;
4. Requests the Director-General to continue to commit UNESCO to collaboration with the United Nations Specialized Agencies, Funds and Programmes, while observing the mandate and procedures of the Organization and inviting the National Commissions to participate fully in this collaboration;
5. Invites the Director-General to take part, within the context of inter-agency co-ordination mechanisms, in a process of national programming of the system in matters of development co-operation that enables both the co-ordination carried out by beneficiary states to be strengthened and the system's programming procedures to be simplified and harmonized;
6. Also invites the Director-General to take all appropriate measures, within the inter-agency co-ordination mechanisms, to take part in the strengthening of the resident co-ordinator system;
7. Expresses its support for the Director-General in his bid to strengthen UNESCO's action in the matter of development co-operation in its fields of competence.

(155 EX/SR.14)

8.2 Report on the functioning of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (155 EX/35 and Corr. and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/35 and Corr.,
2. Takes note of the information provided in this report as requested in 29 C/Resolution 51, Part II, paragraph 4, and in 154 EX/Decision 7.6;
3. Confirms the need to continue enhancing the efficiency and transparency of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance;
4. Invites, to this effect, the Director-General to propose for its consideration at its 156th session:
 - (a) criteria and requirements as regards the possible approval and implementation of projects in the framework of the Participation Programme;
 - (b) measures to strengthen the operational efficiency of the Participation Programme and Emergency Assistance Coordination Unit.

(155 EX/SR.13)

8.3 Report on the reasons for the substantial over-expenditure on the Participation Programme during the 1996-1997 biennium (155 EX/36 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/36,
2. Takes note of its content.

(155 EX/SR.13)

8.4 Collaboration between UNESCO and the National Commissions (155 EX/37 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/37,
2. Takes note of its content.

(155 EX/SR.14)

8.5 Focus on the Pacific: Report by the Director-General on the progress of the implementation of the plan of action (155 EX/38 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/38,
2. Duly noting the background against which the Focus on the Pacific process has evolved,
3. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts towards producing a preliminary version of the plan of action, including in particular a special project on 'Human development for sustainable living in the Pacific';
4. Invites the Director-General to finalize the Focus on the Pacific Plan of Action, in the light of the decisions of the Executive Board on the preparation of document 30 C/5 and of further consultations with the Pacific-UNESCO Joint Committee;
5. Further invites the Director-General to examine ways whereby Focus on the Pacific might be appropriately reflected in the next Medium-Term Strategy (2002-2008).

(155 EX/SR.14)

8.6 Proposals by the Director-General concerning methods for mobilizing private funds and criteria for selecting potential partners (155 EX/39 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 7.4,
2. Having examined document 155 EX/39,

3. Invites the Director-General to put the proposed methods and criteria set out in the document - including its Annexes I and II - in the form of comprehensive guidelines to be examined by it at its 156th session.

(155 EX/SR.14)

8.7 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (155 EX/40 and 155 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/40 and the report of its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations,
2. Decides to adjourn until its 156th session its decisions concerning admission to formal consultative relations of the organizations listed in Annex I.1* to document 155 EX/40 and requests the Director-General to provide full information concerning these organizations, their financial relations with UNESCO and their contribution to the implementation of UNESCO's programme;
3. Requests the Director-General, in connection with his decision to admit to operational relations the organizations listed in Annex I.2,* to provide, at its 156th session, further information on these organizations, their financial relations with UNESCO and their contribution to the implementation of UNESCO's programme;
4. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to extend until 31 December 1998 provisional operational relations with the organizations listed in Annex I.3,* and the decision to terminate official relations with the organizations listed in Annex I.4* and Annex I.5*;
5. Takes note of the information the Director-General has provided on the Special NGO Support Programme, and invites him to report to it on this programme at its 156th session, covering in detail all financial aspects of this programme and its links with the implementation of UNESCO's programme;
6. Requests the Director-General to submit to it, at its 156th session, a list of NGOs that might be invited to send observers to the General Conference of UNESCO in accordance with Section II, paragraph 4.1(b), of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations, it being understood that this list shall be formally approved, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, by the General Conference;
7. Invites the Director-General to continue implementing the new approach concerning regional and subregional consultations and networking of NGOs, on the basis of the suggestions contained in document 155 EX/40, and to submit to it, at its 156th session, concrete proposals for developing a genuine 'triangular' partnership between NGOs, National Commissions and field offices;

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

8. Noting the Director-General's decision concerning the renewal of official relations, under the Directives concerning relations with foundations and similar institutions, with the institution referred to in Annex I.6,* requests him to provide, at its 156th session, further information on this institution, its financial relations with UNESCO and its contribution to the implementation of UNESCO's programme.

(155 EX/SR.13)

8.8 Relations with the Pacific Community and draft agreement between that organization and UNESCO (155 EX/41 and 155 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/41 and its annex containing the draft agreement between UNESCO and the Pacific Community,
2. Approves the draft agreement;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with the Pacific Community and to sign the Agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

(155 EX/SR.1)

8.9 Relations with the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) and draft agreement between UNESCO and that Centre (155 EX/42 and Corr. and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/42 and Corr. and its annex containing the draft agreement between UNESCO and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB),
2. Approves this draft agreement and authorizes the Director-General to sign it on behalf of UNESCO as amended.

(155 EX/SR.13)

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

8.10.1 The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system (JIU/REP/97/5) (155 EX/43 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/43,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system' (JIU/REP/97/5);

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

3. Takes note of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) and of the Director-General on both the conclusions and the recommendations contained in the report;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 157th session on the impact of outsourcing in UNESCO and to propose an outsourcing policy for its consideration.

(155 EX/SR.13)

8.10.2 Training institutions in the United Nations system: programmes and activities (JIU/REP/97/6) (155 EX/44 and 155 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/44,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled 'Training institutions in the United Nations system: programmes and activities' (JIU/REP/97/6);
3. Takes note with appreciation of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) and of the Director-General on both the conclusions and the recommendations contained in the report;
4. Considers that training could be an important tool for reforming the United Nations system including UNESCO;
5. Invites the Director-General to strengthen co-operation with the United Nations system and its training and research institutions like the United Nations Staff College and to renew his efforts with regard to training activities within UNESCO.

(155 EX/SR.13)

8.10.3 Report by the Director-General on UNESCO's co-operation with the Joint Inspection Unit (155 EX/45 and 155 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/45,
2. Thanks the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and the Director-General for having established new bases for co-operation;
3. Takes note of the proposals put forward by the Director-General in paragraph 8 of the above-mentioned document;
4. Approves the following guidelines:
 - (a) the Director-General will invite representatives of the Joint Inspection Unit to attend, as observers, all public meetings of the General Conference and the Executive Board and their subsidiary bodies, to present their reports

and to be ready to reply, at the appropriate time, to questions from Members of the Board concerning the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit;

- (b) JIU will be kept systematically informed of the timetable of the Executive Board's deliberations regarding its reports, and will thus be in a position to reply to any question from its Members;
 - (c) the UNESCO Secretariat will continue to give particular attention to the formulation of suggestions concerning topics of general or specific interest for the Organization, preferably making use of ACC mechanisms. It will likewise continue to formulate comments on the draft reports and on the recommendations;
 - (d) the Joint Inspection Unit will endeavour to select topics of interest to UNESCO and to formulate specific, concise recommendations, few in number and applicable. It should select topics that are of interest to the system as a whole, or to several organizations, and that are not in danger of becoming prematurely out of date. Questions concerning the common system and the early warning system will be regarded as being of priority importance;
 - (e) the Executive Board will adopt or reject any recommendation of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning UNESCO;
 - (f) the Director-General will regularly submit to the Executive Board a report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Joint Inspection Unit concerning UNESCO which have been approved by the Board;
5. Invites JIU and the Director-General to report periodically to it on the implementation of these guidelines.

(155 EX/SR.11)

9 GENERAL MATTERS

9.1 Application of 152 EX/Decision 10.2 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (155 EX/46 and Corr. and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General (155 EX/46 and Corr.),
2. Expresses its entire satisfaction and thanks to the Director-General for his ceaseless efforts to ensure the effective application of 29 C/Resolution 55;
3. Expresses the hope that the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will be speedily brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions to which UNESCO adheres, particularly Security Council resolutions 242, 338 and 425, based on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of land for peace;

4. Considers that UNESCO's action in favour of the Palestinian people is of major importance and gives the Organization an important role within the United Nations system in peacemaking and peace-building and in the promotion of a culture of peace and dialogue between peoples;
5. Expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to the Member States, particularly Germany, Italy, Norway and Saudi Arabia, for their financial contributions to the projects of the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP);
6. Invites the Director-General to continue attending to the regular functioning of educational institutions in the occupied Arab territories by making sure that they are not obstructed in their activities;
7. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue his efforts to guarantee freedom of movement to the Palestinian students of Gaza in order to enable them to attend their colleges and universities in the West Bank, and to ensure that the same facilities are accorded to Palestinian students from the West Bank studying in Gaza;
 - (b) to continue his efforts with a view to the implementation of the contracts drawn up with the Municipalities of Nablus and Gaza for the creation of Multi-Purpose Community Resource Centres to help out-of-work youth to find jobs;
 - (c) to provide material and technical support for a feasibility study concerning a Palestinian cultural policy, and support for a culture and cultural heritage legislation project and for an Action Plan for Hebron and Jericho;
 - (d) to expedite implementation of the project for the creation of a Hotel Management School at the University of Al-Azhar in Gaza;
 - (e) to work towards the establishment of an Institute for Archaeological and Architectural Conservation at Al-Quds University;
 - (f) to continue efforts with a view to establishing a fellowships fund for Palestinian education;
 - (g) to provide assistance to the Palestinian 'Ministry of Higher Education' in the field of vocational and technical education and in relation to the study to determine needs in the field of science and technology and also scientific research;
8. Further invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities with a view to preserving the human and social fabric and safeguarding the Syrian Arab cultural identity of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in this regard;

- (b) to continue his efforts vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities so that they cease to impose Israeli curricula on the students of the occupied Syrian Golan, to continue offering grants to these students and to provide assistance to the educational establishments of the Golan;

9. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;

10. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 157th session.

(155 EX/SR.14)

9.2 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to the adoption of the Statutes of the International Bioethics Committee: election of Member States candidates for the Intergovernmental Committee (155 EX/47 and Addenda)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering the Statutes of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC),
2. Having examined the list of Member States which have put themselves forward as candidates for the Intergovernmental Committee established by Article 11 of these Statutes,
3. Decides that, for the purposes of the election to this Intergovernmental Committee, the distribution of seats among the electoral groups will be as follows:

| Group | Seats |
|-------|-------|
| I | 7 |
| II | 4 |
| III | 6 |
| IV | 7 |
| V | 12 |

4. Decides that the following states are elected members of the Intergovernmental Committee until the 30th session of the General Conference:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Australia | Finland | Lithuania |
| Bangladesh | France | Mexico |
| Belarus | Gabon | Morocco |
| Benin | Germany | Netherlands |
| Cameroon | Ghana | Nigeria |
| Canada | Hungary | Peru |
| Chile | India | Republic of Korea |
| Congo | Indonesia | Russian Federation |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Iran | South Africa |
| Cuba | Italy | Tunisia |
| Dominican Republic | Japan | United Kingdom |
| Egypt | Lebanon | Venezuela |

(155 EX/SR.1)

9.3 Designation of 12 members of the temporary working group on human rights education

The Executive Board designated, from among its Members, the following 12 states as members of the temporary working group on human rights education:

| | | |
|---------------|---------|------------------------|
| Brazil | Germany | Libyan Arab Jamahiriya |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Haiti | Lithuania |
| Egypt | Hungary | Republic of Korea |
| Finland | Japan | Uganda |

(155 EX/SR.1)

9.4 Evaluation report on the transdisciplinary project 'Towards a culture of peace' (155 EX/48 and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its relevant decisions, and, in particular, 151 EX/Decision 5.1, paragraph 59, and 154 EX/Decision 8.5, paragraph 6,
2. Having examined the analysis presented in document 155 EX/48,
3. Invites the Director-General to prepare, for submission to it at its 157th session, a substantive and comprehensive evaluation of this transdisciplinary project;
4. Further invites the Director-General to study, in the light of experience gained to date and bearing in mind the views expressed on this subject by the Board at its 155th session, the role and function of the Culture of Peace Co-ordinating Unit in relation to the objectives of present and future projects to promote a culture of peace;
5. Encourages Member States and their National Commissions, UNESCO Chairs, Clubs, Centres and Associated Schools to implement with partners an array of activities contributing to a culture of peace.

(155 EX/SR.14)

9.5 Consolidated report to the United Nations on a culture of peace (155 EX/49 and Corr. and 155 EX/56)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 155 EX/49 and Corr.,
2. Takes note of its content;
3. Aware of the fact that the document has already been transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
4. Invites the Director-General to prepare an addendum to this document, summarizing its discussions at its 155th session, and to transmit it to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

(155 EX/SR.14)

9.6 The culture of peace and UNESCO's action in Member States (155 EX/50, 155 EX/INF.9)

Meeting at Tashkent on the generous initiative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan,

Inspired by the wealth of the historic heritage of Uzbekistan and by its desire to safeguard and promote its cultural values in a spirit of openness to democracy and of peace, and thus encouraged to contribute to the advent of a culture of peace, which will be a challenge for the new millennium,

The Executive Board,

1. Reiterating the commitment enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations 'to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war',
2. Recalling that UNESCO was created 'for the purpose of advancing, through the educational and scientific and cultural relations of the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and of the common welfare of mankind for which the United Nations Organization was established',
3. Thanking the Director-General for having launched the culture of peace initiative and for having greatly contributed to the growing influence of this idea,
4. Recalling resolution 012 adopted by the General Conference at its 28th session concerning the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001, which states that 'the major challenge at the close of the twentieth century is to begin the transition from a culture of war to a culture of peace:
 - (a) a culture of social interaction and sharing, based on the principles of freedom, justice and democracy, tolerance and solidarity,
 - (b) a culture that rejects violence, endeavours to prevent conflicts by tackling their roots and to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation,
 - (c) a culture which guarantees everyone the full exercise of all rights and the means to participate fully in the endogenous development of their society',
5. Taking into account the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance and Follow-Up Plan of Action for the United Nations Year for Tolerance (28 C/Resolution 5.6),
6. Gratified that the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the year 2000 International Year for the Culture of Peace,
7. Fully aware of the great responsibility that will devolve upon UNESCO during the International Year for the Culture of Peace with a view to promoting a world historical and civilizational change in which the peoples of the world learn to live together in a multicultural context sharing common democratic ideals,
8. Recalling the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations to the General Assembly that the first decade of the new millennium be proclaimed an international decade dedicated to a culture of peace and non-violence for the children of the world,

9. Considers that humanity's transition to a new millennium marks a historic turning point when men and women must pledge to discard attitudes and behaviour which, in the past, have so often been the source of war, violence and social injustice and to adopt attitudes and behaviour conducive to a future based on a culture of peace;
10. Reaffirms that all of UNESCO's activities must contribute to the promotion of a culture of peace;
11. Stresses more particularly UNESCO's commitment in the field of education to tolerance, human rights and democracy;
12. Recommends that UNESCO's programme for 2000-2001 contained in document 30 C/5, marking the transition to the new millennium, bear the stirring title 'Towards a culture of peace';
13. Invites Member States, the institutions of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and the non-governmental organizations to celebrate the International Year for the Culture of Peace in the year 2000 by memorable events, to take as of now all necessary steps to ensure the success of the Year and thus to affirm the values of tolerance and mutual understanding and the values of combating poverty and exclusion, all of which are actions that will primarily be of benefit to women, young people and the least developed countries;
14. Invites the Director-General to take the measures necessary for the implementation of this decision and for securing its widest possible circulation.

(155 EX/SR.16)

9.7 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the appointment of the Director-General of the Organization (155 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(155 EX/SR.11)

9.8 Dates of the 156th session

| | |
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| Special Committee | 17 to 19 May 1999 |
| Committee on Conventions and Recommendations | 18 to 20 May 1999 |
| (Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters) | 17 to 21 May 1999 |
| Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations | 20 May 1999 and 21 May afternoon (and possibly on Saturday 22 May 1999) |
| Bureau | 21 May 1999 |
| Plenaries and Commissions | 25 May to 11 June 1999 |

(155 EX/SR.15)

9.9 Expression of thanks to the Uzbek authorities

The Executive Board,

1. Thanks the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, His Excellency Mr Islam Karimov, for his generous invitation to hold the concluding meeting of its 155th session in Tashkent on 6 November 1998 in order to examine item 9.6 concerning the culture of peace and UNESCO's action in Member States;
2. Expresses its profound gratitude to the authorities and peoples of Uzbekistan for their warm hospitality and the exemplary organization of its stay in Uzbekistan.

(155 EX/SR.16)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 2 AND 3 NOVEMBER 1998

At the private meetings held on 2 and 3 November, the Executive Board considered items 6.1, 7.10 and 9.7 of its agenda.

6.1 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

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

(See decision 6.1)

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

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

9.7 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the appointment of the Director-General of the Organization

Following its deliberations on this item, the Executive Board decided on the measures required to give effect to Rule 56 of its Rules of Procedure. It invited its Chairperson to send to Member States, at the end of the present session, the usual communication referred to in paragraph 1 of Rule 56 and considered that it would be desirable for candidatures to be submitted by 6 April 1999. It also decided that the candidates would be invited to send to the Chairperson of the Board, by 10 September 1999, which is the final deadline set for receiving candidatures, a text setting out their vision for UNESCO, and that it would interview candidates at the 157th session, in a private meeting, before designating the candidate to be recommended by the Board to the General Conference at its 30th session.

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APPENDIX

(This Appendix contains Annexes I-1 to I-6 of document 155 EX/40
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ANNEX I-1

**NGOs ADMISSIBLE TO FORMAL CONSULTATIVE RELATIONS -
DECISIONS ADJOURNED**

ASSOCIATION DES UNIVERSITES ARABES
ASSOCIATION OF ARAB UNIVERSITIES

CONGRES JUIF MONDIAL
WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

CONSEIL LATINO-AMERICAIN DES SCIENCES SOCIALES
LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL SCIENCES COUNCIL

ANNEX I-2

NGOs ADMITTED TO OPERATIONAL RELATIONS

ASSOCIATION LATINO-AMERICAINE POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME
LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

ASSOCIATION MONDIALE POUR L'APPEL ISLAMIQUE
WORLD ISLAMIC CALL SOCIETY

CLUB D'AFRIQUE
AFRICA CLUB

CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES MOYENS D'ENSEIGNEMENT
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PERSONNES AGEES
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF THE ELDERLY

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE MUSIQUE ESPERANCE
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE MUSIQUE ESPERANCE

ORGANISATION DE LA TELEVISION IBERO-AMERICAINE
IBERO-AMERICAN TELEVISION ORGANIZATION

ORGANISATION PANAFRICAINE DES FEMMES
PAN-AFRICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

ANNEX I-3

**NGOs WITH EXTENDED PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL RELATIONS
(to 31 December 1998)**

ASSOCIATION DES JURISTES AFRICAINS
AFRICAN JURISTS ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION EUROPEENNE POUR L'EDUCATION DES ADULTES
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS

BUREAU EUROPEEN DE COORDINATION DES ORGANISATIONS
INTERNATIONALES DE JEUNESSE
EUROPEAN COORDINATION BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH
ORGANIZATIONS

CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DE LA DANSE
INTERNATIONAL DANCE COUNCIL

CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU CINEMA, DE LA TELEVISION ET DE LA
COMMUNICATION AUDIOVISUELLE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FILM, TELEVISION AND AUDIOVISUAL
COMMUNICATION

CONSEIL LATINO-AMERICAIN D'EDUCATION DES ADULTES
LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR ADULT EDUCATION

CONSEIL MONDIAL DES ASSOCIATIONS D'EDUCATION COMPAREE
WORLD COUNCIL OF COMPARATIVE EDUCATION SOCIETIES

CONSEIL POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE LA RECHERCHE ECONOMIQUE ET
SOCIALE EN AFRIQUE
COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH IN
AFRICA

EDUCATION MONDIALE
WORLD EDUCATION

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES SOCIETES DE LA CROIX ROUGE ET DU
CROISSANT ROUGE
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES

FEDERATION MONDIALE DES ANNONCEURS
WORLD FEDERATION OF ADVERTISERS

FE Y ALEGRIA
FE Y ALEGRIA

INSTITUT INTERNATIONAL DE LA LITTERATURE POUR ENFANTS ET DE
RECHERCHE EN LECTURE
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND READING
RESEARCH

SERVICIO PAZ Y JUSTICIA EN AMERICA LATINA
SERVICIO PAZ Y JUSTICIA EN AMERICA LATINA

SOCIETE INTERNATIONALE DE BIOMETEOROLOGIE
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BIOMETEOROLOGY

UNION DES JURISTES ARABES
UNION OF ARAB JURISTS

ANNEX I-4

NGOs PLACED IN INFORMAL RELATIONS

FEDERATION ARABE DES ORGANISMES AU SERVICE DES SOURDS
ARAB FEDERATION FOR THE ORGANS OF THE DEAF

ANNEX I-5

NGOs WHOSE OFFICIAL RELATIONS ARE CONFIRMED AS TERMINATED

ALLIANCE BIBLIQUE UNIVERSELLE
UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES

AMITIE INTERNATIONALE JUDEO-CHRETIENNE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

ASSOCIATION AFRICAINE POUR L'ALPHABETISATION ET L'EDUCATION DES
ADULTES
AFRICAN ASSOCIATION FOR LITERACY AND ADULT EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION ASIATIQUE DES ETUDIANTS
ASIA PACIFIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION DE RECHERCHE COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONALE
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE PEDAGOGIE UNIVERSITAIRE
ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE PEDAGOGIE UNIVERSITAIRE

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES CRITIQUES DE THEATRE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THEATRE CRITICS

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES RESSOURCES EN EAU
INTERNATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES UNIVERSITES DU TROISIEME AGE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE THIRD AGE UNIVERSITIES

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DU DROIT DES EAUX
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WATER LAW

ASSOCIATION LATINO-AMERICAINE D'ETUDES AFRO-ASIATIQUES
LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

CENTRE EUROPEEN DE LA CULTURE
EUROPEAN CULTURAL CENTRE

CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE DROIT COMPARE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

CLUB INTERNATIONAL ENERGETIQUE DE MOSCOU
MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CLUB

COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE D'HISTOIRE DES MOUVEMENT SOCIAUX ET
DES STRUCTURES SOCIALES
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE HISTORY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
AND STRUCTURES

COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE DU GENIE RURAL
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

CONFEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES RELATIONS PUBLIQUES
EUROPEAN PUBLIC RELATIONS CONFEDERATION

CONGRES INTERNATIONAL DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT UNIVERSITAIRE POUR
ADULTE
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF UNIVERSITY ADULT EDUCATION

CONSEIL DU COMMONWEALTH POUR L'ECOLOGIE HUMAINE
COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL

CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES BATIMENTS ELEVES ET DE L'HABITAT
URBAIN
COUNCIL ON TALL BUILDINGS AND URBAN HABITAT

CONSEIL MONDIAL DES PEUPLES INDIGENES
WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ORGANISATIONS DE CORRESPONDANCES
ET D'ECHANGES SCOLAIRES
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL
CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGES

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DU SPORT UNIVERSITAIRE
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION

FEDERATION MONDIALE DES ECOLES ARABO-ISLAMIQUES INTERNATIONALES
WORLD FEDERATION OF ARAB ISLAMIC INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

GROUPE LATINO-AMERICAIN DE REHABILITATION PROFESSIONNELLE
LATIN AMERICAN GROUP OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

GROUPEMENT INTERNATIONAL DES EDITEURS SCIENTIFIQUES
TECHNIQUES ET MEDICAUX
INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL
PUBLISHERS

INSTITUT AFRICAIN INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN INSTITUTE

INSTITUT PANAFRICAIN POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT
PAN-AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT

MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL
MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL

MOUVEMENT CHRETIEN POUR LA PAIX
CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR PEACE

MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL DE LA RECONCILIATION
INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL DES JEUNES ET DES ETUDIANTS POUR LES
NATIONS UNIES
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AND STUDENT MOVEMENT FOR THE UNITED
NATIONS

MOUVEMENT PANAFRICAIN DE LA JEUNESSE
PANAFRICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

ORGANISATION POUR LES MUSEES, LES MONUMENTS ET LES SITES
D'AFRIQUE
ORGANIZATION OF MUSEUMS, MONUMENTS AND SITES OF AFRICA

PROGRAMME DE RECHERCHE ET DE LIAISON UNIVERSITAIRES POUR LE
DEVELOPPEMENT
PROGRAM OF RESEARCH AND LIAISON BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES FOR
DEVELOPMENT

RESEAU EUROPEEN DE JEUNES SCIENTIFIQUES
EUROPEAN YOUTH SCIENCE NETWORK

SOCIETE AFRICAINE DE CULTURE
SOCIETY OF AFRICAN CULTURE

UNION CATHOLIQUE INTERNATIONALE DE SERVICE SOCIAL
CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

UNION INTERAFRICAINNE DES AVOCATS
INTER-AFRICAN UNION OF LAWYERS

WORLDVIEW INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
WORLDVIEW INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

ANNEX I-6

**FOUNDATIONS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS
WITH WHICH OFFICIAL RELATIONS ARE RENEWED**

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE POLICY FOUNDATION
INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE POLICY FOUNDATION