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1 Agenda, timetable of work, report of the Bureau, and election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (174 EX/1; 174 EX/1 Prov. Rev.; 174 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev.; 174 EX/2; 174 EX/INF.6)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 174 EX/1 Prov. Rev. and 174 EX/INF.1 Prov. Rev.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 32, 35, 39, 46, 47, 48 and 49; and for programme-related aspects, items 3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 18, 19, 26, 28, 33, 34, 40, 41, 43, 44 and 45.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 5, 23, 24, 25, 27 and 29; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 18, 19, 26, 28, 33, 34, 40, 41, 43, 44 and 45.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 174 EX/2 concerning the following agenda items:

- 11 Memorandum of Understanding between UNESCO and the intergovernmental organization Itaipu Binacional on Water Sciences Technical Cooperation (174 EX/13 Rev.)
- 37 Relations with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (174 EX/23)
- 38 Relations with the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (174 EX/17 and Corr. (Arabic only))
- 50 Proposal to change the name of the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE) to “UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning” (UIL) (174 EX/38 Rev.)

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Mr Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares (Brazil) Chairperson of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations to replace Mr Davidson Hepburn (Bahamas) for the remainder of his term of office.

(174 EX/SR.1)

2 Approval of the summary records of the 172nd and 173rd sessions (172 EX/SR.1-10; 173 EX/SR.1-2)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 172nd and 173rd sessions.

(174 EX/SR.1)

EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3 **Joint report by the Director-General on the implementation of the programme and budget (32 C/5), and on results achieved in the previous biennium 2004-2005 (Draft 34 C/3)** (174 EX/4 – Draft 34 C/3 and Add. 2 and Add. 3; 174 EX/INF.3; 174 EX/INF.5; 174 EX/INF.8; 174 EX/INF.9; 174 EX/INF.14; 174 EX/48 Part I; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the joint report 174 EX/4 – Draft 34 C/3 and Add. 2 and Add. 3, 174 EX/INF.3, 174 EX/INF.5, 174 EX/INF.8 and 174 EX/INF.9,
2. Recognizing that document 174 EX/4 – Draft 34 C/3 is part of the ongoing strengthening of the report of the Director-General on the performance of the programme in previous biennia,
3. Welcoming the quick response by the Director-General to 33 C/Resolution 92, in particular recommendation 2, and his efforts to align the previously separate statutory reports C/3 and EX/4 at the end of the biennium,
4. Noting that document 174 EX/4 – Draft 34 C/3 captures salient parameters for assessing the programme performance of the Organization and that the process adopted has highlighted the scope for further improvements of the C/3 document as a governance tool,
5. Invites the Director-General, taking into consideration the discussions at the 174th session of the Executive Board, to use document 174 EX/4 – Draft 34 C/3 in preparation for future key programming documents of the Organization, specifically the next Programme and Budget (34 C/5) and the next Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4);
6. Also invites the Director-General, when preparing document 35 C/3, to take into consideration the debate at the 174th session of the Executive Board on document 34 C/3;
7. Agrees to report to the General Conference raising pertinent issues arising from the outcome of the dialogue on the execution of the programme and budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5 Approved).

(174 EX/SR.10)

4 **Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions** (174 EX/5 and Add. Rev.2 and Add. 2; 174 EX/INF.8; 174 EX/INF.9; 174 EX/INF.14; 174 EX/48 Part I; 174 EX/49)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered documents 174 EX/5 and Add. Rev.2, 174 EX/INF.8 and 174 EX/INF.9,
2. Takes note of their contents.

II

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 174 EX/5 Add.2,
2. Stresses that the main objective of UNESCO to contribute to peace and security in the world by promoting collaboration among nations through education, science, culture and communication continues to be exceedingly pertinent;
3. Welcomes the report by the Director-General;
4. Expresses its support for the broad-based action outlined in the work plans for document 33 C/5 to foster a better reciprocal knowledge and understanding of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity through UNESCO's areas of competence and thus to promote peace;
5. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 175th session on the links envisaged between the various activities proposed, operational procedures for intersectorality and the planned timetable;
6. Also invites the Director-General to continue exploring opportunities for new and innovative approaches, to promote the existing partnership in this field and to enlist new partners in the implementation of the various activities, such as, as a matter of priority, the Alliance of Civilizations;
7. Agrees to keep this issue under regular review, including during the preparations for the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) and the Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5).

(174 EX/SR.10)

5 Report by the Director-General on the reform process (174 EX/6 Part I and Add. and Add.2 and Part II; 174 EX/INF.8; 174 EX/INF.9; 174 EX/INF.14; 174 EX/49)

Part I – Staff policy

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 5 (I),
2. Having examined document 174 EX/6 Part I,
3. Takes note of the work accomplished to develop and implement the human resources policy framework;
4. Emphasizes the importance of the corporate training programme at all levels of the Organization, and further emphasizes that the objectives of the training programme include better management and an improved culture of accountability;
5. Takes note of the measures applied to streamline the recruitment process, and invites the Director-General to continue his efforts in this significant matter, particularly with regard to the role of the Bureau of Human Resources Management (HRM);

6. Also invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the human resources policy framework, and to report to it at its 176th session.

Part II – New management tools

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 5 (II),
2. Having examined document 174 EX/6 Part II,
3. Takes note of the progress made in the implementation of the new integrated management information system, covering programming and budgeting (SISTER), and finance and accounting (FABS), as well as of the launching of the STEPS (system to enhance personnel services) project for the implementation of the human resources management component;
4. Notes, that the funds identified so far under the regular programme may be insufficient to complete the implementation of the human resources management component in 2006-2007, and that the latter will therefore be introduced in phases, with priority being given to the implementation of the payroll component;
5. Echoes the appeal to Member States launched by the General Conference at its 33rd session for voluntary contributions (33 C/Resolution 75) so as to enable the Secretariat to complete the introduction of the new human resources management system as soon as possible;
6. Invites the Director-General to pursue full implementation within as short a time-frame as feasible of the integrated management information system, and to submit to it at its 176th session a progress report thereon, especially laying stronger emphasis on the qualitative and quantitative benefits achieved thus far.

(174 EX/SR.9)

Education

6 Report by the Director-General on implementing the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board recommendations (174 EX/7; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 174 EX/7,
2. Welcoming efforts undertaken by the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB), UNAIDS Cosponsors, and Member States to identify how the United Nations system can achieve greater cohesion and effectiveness in the response to HIV and AIDS at the country level, within the context of United Nations reform efforts, through the development of recommendations by the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors (GTT),
3. Endorses the recommendations of the Global Task Team, and further endorses all the related decisions as contained in the report of the seventeenth meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board;

4. Requests the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO assumes the leading role for HIV prevention for young people in education institutions, as outlined in the UNAIDS technical support division of labour reproduced in the Annex to document 174 EX/7, and that its efforts at the country level are in line with the GTT recommendations that have been endorsed by the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board and the 2005 World Summit;
5. Invites the Director-General to assure adequate resources for UNESCO to meet its responsibilities as a lead organization and main partner within the framework of the UNAIDS technical support division of labour within existing resources or subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;
6. Further invites the Director-General to include in his regular progress report to the Executive Board information on developments relating to UNESCO's role as a UNAIDS Cosponsor and lead organization.

(174 EX/SR.10)

7 United Nations University: report by the Council of the University and the Director-General's comments thereon (174 EX/8; 174 EX/48 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 129 EX/Decision 5.2.1,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/8,
3. Recognizing the key role of the United Nations University (UNU) as a bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations,
4. Further recognizing the excellent quality of the relationship that has developed between UNU and UNESCO over the years,
5. Expresses its satisfaction at the development of UNU's programme and activities and its appreciation of UNU's active participation in the programme and activities of UNESCO;
6. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Japan for the financial and intellectual support that it provides to UNU;
7. Also expresses its gratitude to the Member States in which the research and training centres are located for their financial and intellectual support;
8. Thanks the governments and organizations that have contributed to the University's funds-in-trust and have provided support for the research and training centres and programmes;
9. Invites the University to strengthen its programmes and tools to meet the human development needs of developing countries, in particular through capacity-building and knowledge sharing;
10. Also invites the University to ensure the broader distribution of its publications throughout the world and in the various official languages of UNESCO;

11. Further invites the Director-General to ensure the appropriate and timely recruitment of the new Rector, and communicate to him or her his support and the terms of this decision.

(174 EX/SR.10)

8 Report by the Director-General on the global action plan to achieve the education for all (EFA) goals (174 EX/9; 174 EX/48 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 7 and 33 C/Resolution 15,
2. Further recalling the EFA Strategic Review (170 EX/8) and UNESCO's EFA strategy for the 2005-2015 period (171 EX/8),
3. Having examined document 174 EX/9,
4. Reaffirming the importance of accelerating progress towards the six EFA goals,
5. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts undertaken thus far to develop the draft global action plan for achieving EFA by 2015, and takes note of contributions from other agencies in the development of the present version of the plan;
6. Urges the Director-General to continue to improve and develop the draft global action plan in two main ways:
 - (a) firstly, to develop a more specific and action-oriented plan with clear time-frames for action and, taking into consideration the mandate and unique contributions of each, determine a clear division of responsibilities among the EFA convening agencies;
 - (b) secondly, to include in the above-mentioned action-oriented plan, in order to make it as comprehensive and inclusive as possible, all relevant initiatives, such as strategies, advocacy, capacity development, mobilization of resources, the Fast-Track Initiative (FTI), the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI), systems for monitoring and evaluation, E-9 initiative, South-South cooperation, triangular cooperation, and exchange and dissemination of best practices as recommended at the High-Level Group Meeting in Beijing, the various decades of relevance for EFA, mechanisms for coordination and governance, etc.;
7. Also takes note of the steps taken to intensify consultations and high-level dialogue with all key international stakeholders;
8. Also urges the Director-General to establish immediately a high-level inter-agency working group of the EFA convening agencies to revise the current draft and develop an agreed global action plan for their work in accordance with paragraph 6 above, and which recognizes the potential contributions of all relevant partners;
9. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the revised global action plan is in a suitable state for review by the heads of the five convening agencies of Jomtien and Dakar as soon as possible, at the latest by mid-July 2006;

10. Recognizing the need to mobilize extra resources and to use the current resources more effectively and efficiently to enable the timely achievement of the EFA goals, calls upon governments, potential donors and international funding agencies to consider making increased commitments to this end, and encourages the Director-General to continue to improve the global action plan in close cooperation with other partner agencies so that it provides a convenient basis for focusing on education needs, for better planning for such needs, and, when necessary, for attracting additional resources;
11. Affirms strongly that the global action plan should reflect UNESCO's leadership and coordination role in the global efforts to achieve the Dakar goals by 2015;
12. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the global action plan defines better a dynamic role for UNESCO at the country and regional levels in support of country actions to achieve the EFA goals, and suggests that this role be initiated quickly through pilot work and in close cooperation with civil society;
13. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 175th session an improved version of the global action plan, and to report on the consequences of the plan for the reorganization of the Education Sector and, following endorsement of the plan by the Executive Board and the heads of the five convening agencies, to report regularly on the implementation of the plan.

(174 EX/SR.10)

9 Report by the Director-General on the financial implications of creating and implementing a South-South cooperation programme in education (174 EX/10 and Corr.; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 7,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/10 and Corr.,
3. Taking note of the Doha Declaration of the Second South Summit of the Group of 77 and China, held in Qatar from 12 to 16 June 2005,
4. Also taking note of the recommendations of the fifth meeting of the High-Level Group on EFA held in Beijing in November 2005,
5. Further taking note of the Monterrey Declaration of the E-9 countries, which affirms the crucial importance of South-South cooperation in pursuit of EFA, and emphasizes the need to move from intention to action in making the E-9 partnership for EFA a force for leadership and innovation in EFA,
6. Taking into consideration the proposal of the Ministers of Education of the E-9 countries that UNESCO establish a unit within the Secretariat to play a coordinating role in all matters concerning South-South cooperation,
7. Takes note of UNESCO's considerable ongoing and past activities in the field of education contributing to South-South cooperation;
8. Encourages Member States to explore possibilities for bilateral and multilateral South-South cooperation initiatives in the field of education, as well as to stimulate the

development of triangular modalities of cooperation (North-South-South), in order to meet the objectives of the Dakar Framework for Action;

9. Requests the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's existing role of facilitator, innovator and catalyst for South-South cooperation in education by launching a new programme/fund for South-South cooperation in education closely linked to the E-9 initiative and financed via voluntary contributions;
10. Invites the Director-General to take appropriate measures within the framework of the Education Sector reform for strengthening South-South cooperation and to define as a matter of priority a focal point, to be responsible for coordination and administration of this programme with EFA partners, and in particular with the E-9 rotating Secretariat;
11. Encourages Member States to provide voluntary contributions for the establishment of this programme/fund;
12. Invites the Director-General to report to it on progress made at its 175th session.

(174 EX/SR.10)

Natural sciences

10 Establishment of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management for Latin America and the Caribbean in Cali, Colombia, under the auspices of UNESCO (174 EX/12; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 33,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/12 and its Annexes,
3. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Colombia to establish the regional centre on urban water management for Latin America and the Caribbean in Cali, Colombia, under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the existing principles and guidelines for category 2 centres as approved by the General Conference in 33 C/Resolution 90;
4. Approves the establishment of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management for Latin America and the Caribbean in Cali, Colombia, under the auspices of UNESCO, in accordance with 33 C/Resolution 33 of the General Conference;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to conclude the corresponding agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Colombia contained in the Annex to the present decision.

ANNEX

**Agreement between the Government of Colombia
and the
United Nations Educational, Scientific And Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
concerning the establishment of the
Regional Centre on Urban Water Management for Latin America and the Caribbean,
under the auspices of UNESCO**

The Government of Colombia, on the one hand, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on the other hand, hereinafter respectively called the “Government” and “UNESCO”,

Having regard to the revised Basic Agreement between the Government of Colombia and the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the World Health Organization, signed on 7 December 1954.

Considering that in June 2002, at its 15th session, the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) adopted Resolution XV-11 welcoming the proposal to establish the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Republic of Colombia (hereinafter referred to as the “Centre”), under the auspices of UNESCO.

Considering that, in accordance with 33 C/Resolution 33 of the General Conference, the Director-General has been authorized by the Executive Board, at its 174th session, to conclude with the Government of Colombia an agreement on the establishment of the Centre in conformity with the draft which was submitted to the Executive Board,

Desirous of defining in this Agreement the terms and conditions governing the contribution that shall be granted to the Centre,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to define the terms and conditions governing collaboration between UNESCO and the Government and also the rights and obligations stemming therefrom for the parties.

Article 2 – Establishment

The Government agrees to take any measures that may be required, in accordance with the laws and regulations of Colombia, for the setting up, as provided for under this Agreement, of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Article 3 – Participation

1. The Centre shall be an autonomous institution at the service of Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO that, by their common interest in the objectives of the Centre, desire to cooperate with the Centre.
2. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO in the region wishing to participate in the Centre’s activities, as provided for under this Agreement, shall send the Director-General of UNESCO, through the National IHP Committees or their respective focal points, notification to

this effect. The Director-General shall inform the Centre, as well as the interested Member States and Associate Members, of the receipt of such notification.

Article 4 – Juridical personality

The Centre shall be established in Colombia under national legislation, and shall enjoy the legal capacity necessary for the exercise of its functions, to contract, receive subventions, institute legal proceedings, obtain payments for services rendered, and carry out the acquisition of any asset, service or other means required in accordance with the prevailing Colombian regulations.

Article 5 – Constitution

The Constitution of the Centre must include the following provisions:

- (a) a legal status granting to the Centre, under national legislation, the autonomous legal capacity necessary to exercise its functions and to receive subventions, obtain payments for services rendered, and carry out the acquisition of any asset, service or other means required;
- (b) a governing structure for the Centre allowing UNESCO representation within its governing body.

Article 6 – Objectives and functions

1. The general objective of the Centre is to promote and develop participatory research and action processes, strengthen technology exchange and transfer, generate information exchange mechanisms in science and technology, and strengthening capacities in the Latin American and Caribbean countries, in order to contribute to the integrated management of water resources, under approaches which can be replicated and adjusted to the needs of the countries in the region.
2. Specific objectives are to:
 - (a) promote research on the different aspects of water management in urban areas, taking into account the needs of the countries in the region;
 - (b) provide Member States with technical and scientific assistance concerning integrated water resources management in urban areas;
 - (c) establish communication channels for knowledge, technology and information exchange among the countries in the region, as such exchange represents a key factor for improvement of operational management capabilities;
 - (d) promote the creation of institutional capacities in the countries of the region through education and scientific and technical training and research;
 - (e) strengthen cooperation and network creation at the international and regional levels;
 - (f) improve local capacities by promoting the participation of national, regional and international institutions and networks in the activities of the Centre;
 - (g) develop and implement regulations, as well as economic and financial instruments and mediation tools which could contribute to conflict resolution and to sustainable development in the region.

3. The following will be the functions of the Centre:
 - (a) acting as a specialized knowledge focal point on integrated urban water management in Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (b) facilitating research and cooperation activities within the Latin American and the Caribbean region on integrated water resources management in urban areas, utilizing the existing networks, particularly the International Hydrological Programme network;
 - (c) systematizing knowledge and information for the production of educational and training materials, taking into account the specific context of the region;
 - (d) developing a programme to strengthen capacities in the area of integrated water management in urban areas, making good use of existing academic programmes in the universities and institutions of the region;
 - (e) providing advisory and technical assistance services in the region for the countries that require them, particularly with respect to public policy formulation, regulations, and conflict management in the field of activity of the Centre.
4. The Centre will fulfil its objectives and perform the above-mentioned activities in close cooperation with the national and regional entities involved in urban water management and the Member States and Associate Members of the Organization and other intergovernmental entities wishing to cooperate with it.

Article 7 – Governing Board

1. The Centre shall be guided and supervised by a Governing Board composed of:
 - (a) the Vice-Minister of the Environment, on behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Land Development, as representative of the Colombian Government, who shall act as Chair of the Governing Board;
 - (b) two representatives of the National Committees of the International Hydrological Programme for each of the three subregions (South America, Mexico and Central America, and the Caribbean) from the Member States and Associate Members, which shall send to the Director-General of UNESCO notification, in accordance with the stipulations of Article 3, paragraph 2, above; the election and renewal of these representatives shall be conducted according to a procedure decided upon by the Governing Board;
 - (c) a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO;
 - (d) a representative of an intergovernmental or international non-governmental organization that substantially contributes to the annual budget of the Centre. This representation shall be defined and renewed by a decision of the Governing Board.
2. The Director of the Centre shall participate in the meetings of the Governing Board with a right to take the floor, but not to vote.
3. The Governing Board shall:
 - (a) approve the long-term and medium-term programmes and activities of the Centre;
 - (b) approve the annual work plan and budget submitted by the Centre Director, in accordance with Article 9 below, and formulate for the Director all directives it may deem necessary;

- (c) approve the annual activity reports submitted by the Director of the Centre;
 - (d) issue the pertinent rules and regulations and determine the financial, administrative and personnel management procedures of the Centre;
 - (e) decide on the participation of regional and international intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Centre.
4. The Governing Board shall meet in ordinary session at least once every calendar year; it shall meet in extraordinary session if summoned by the Chair, either on his or her own initiative or at the request of the Director-General of UNESCO or of at least half of its members.
 5. The Government shall be under no budgetary obligation to finance the travel expenses of the members of the Governing Board.
 6. The Governing Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure. For its first meeting the procedure shall be established by the Government and UNESCO.

Article 8 – Secretariat

1. The Centre's Secretariat shall consist of a Director and such staff as is necessary for the proper functioning of the Centre.
2. The Director shall be appointed by the Chair of the Governing Board in consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO.
3. The other members of the Secretariat may comprise:
 - (a) members of UNESCO's staff who are temporarily seconded and made available to the Centre, as provided for by UNESCO's regulations and by the decisions of its governing bodies;
 - (b) any person appointed by the Director, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Governing Board;
 - (c) government officials who are made available to the Centre, as provided by Government regulations currently in force; initially an official of the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Land Development and an official of the Institute for Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies;
 - (d) researchers and/or professionals invited by the Director to contribute to the Centre's activities.

Article 9 – Duties of the Director

The Director shall discharge the following duties:

- (a) direct the work of the Centre in conformity with the programmes, budgets and directives established by the Governing Board;
- (b) propose the draft work plan and budget to be submitted to the Governing Board for approval;
- (c) prepare the provisional agenda for the sessions of the Governing Board and submit to it any proposals that he or she may deem useful for the administration of the Centre;
- (d) prepare reports on the Centre's activities for submission to the Governing Board;

- (e) represent the Centre in law and in all civil acts.

Article 10 – Financial provisions

1. The Centre shall finance its own administration expenses.
2. The Centre shall receive resources from the Member States of UNESCO, from intergovernmental or national and international non-governmental organizations, and from the payments for services rendered by the Centre.
3. The Centre may likewise receive donations and legacies, with the prior approval of the Governing Board, which shall not compromise either its social mission or its objectives.

Article 11 – Contribution of the Government

The Government shall take, in accordance with the laws and regulations of Colombia, the necessary measures for the Centre to receive all financial resources needed for its proper functioning. The Government may likewise temporarily make available the Government officials necessary to support the Centre.

Article 12 – Contribution of UNESCO

1. UNESCO shall provide assistance in the form of a technical and/or financial contribution for specific activities and projects, in accordance with the strategic goals and objectives of the Organization, although it shall not provide financial support for administrative or institutional purposes.
2. UNESCO shall agree to:
 - (a) provide technical assistance for the creation and operation of the Centre, and contribute, among other things, to the formulation of its short-, medium- and long-term programmes;
 - (b) provide technical assistance through its experts in the specialized fields of the Centre;
 - (c) temporarily second members of its staff. Such secondment may be decided by the Director-General on an exceptional basis where justified by the implementation of a joint activity/project within a priority area approved by UNESCO's governing bodies;
 - (d) promote and facilitate the training of officials and staff members of the Centre;
 - (e) subcontract to the Centre, according to the relevant regulations implemented by the IHP Intergovernmental Council, activities relevant to its purpose, and provide support within its programme and budget, particularly during the Centre's start-up phase;
 - (f) provide the Centre with IHP publications and other materials of interest, and disseminate news concerning the Centre's activities via the IHP website and through other means at its disposal;
 - (g) where appropriate, participate in the scientific, technical or training meetings held by the Centre;
 - (h) encourage governmental and non-governmental financial institutions of an international nature, as well as its Member States, to provide technical and financial assistance for the projects and activities formulated by the Centre in its annual and four-year programmes;
 - (i) include the Centre in the various programmes that it implements and in which the participation of the Centre is deemed necessary.

3. In all the cases listed above, the contribution shall be provided for in UNESCO's programme and budget.

Article 13 – Privileges and immunities

Privileges and immunities will be given, when circumstances so require, within the framework of the revised Basic Agreement between the Government of Colombia and the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the World Health Organization, signed on 7 December 1954.

Article 14 – Responsibility

As the Centre is legally separate from UNESCO, the latter shall not be legally responsible for it, and shall bear no liabilities of any kind, be they administrative, financial or otherwise, with the exception of the provisions expressly laid down in this Agreement.

Article 15 – Evaluation

1. UNESCO may, at any time and subject to prior notification to the Centre, carry out an evaluation of the activities of the Centre in order to check:
 - (a) whether the Centre makes an important contribution to the strategic goals of UNESCO;
 - (b) whether the activities effectively pursued by the Centre are in conformity with those set out in this Agreement.
2. UNESCO shall agree to submit to the Government, at the earliest opportunity, a report on any evaluation.
3. Each of the contracting parties shall have the option of denouncing this Agreement or requesting a revision of its contents, following the results of an evaluation.

Article 16 – Use of UNESCO name and logo

1. The Centre may mention its affiliation with UNESCO. It may therefore use after its title the mention "under the auspices of UNESCO".
2. The Centre is authorized to use the UNESCO logo or a version thereof on its letterhead paper and documents in accordance with the conditions established by the governing bodies of UNESCO.

Article 17 – Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force when UNESCO has received from the Colombian authorities a copy of the legal texts establishing the Centre, and UNESCO has acknowledged in writing that the establishment is in conformity with the terms of the present Agreement.

Article 18 – Duration

This Agreement is concluded for a period of six years as from its entry into force, and may be renewed by tacit agreement for a similar period of six years, unless either party has given notice to the other in writing six months prior to the expiry of the Agreement of its decision to denounce the Agreement.

Article 19 – Denunciation

1. Each of the parties shall be entitled to denounce this Agreement unilaterally, subject to prior written notification to the other party.
2. Such denunciation shall take effect ninety days following receipt of the notification sent by one of the contracting parties to the other.

Article 20 – Revision and settlement of disputes

1. This Agreement may be revised by consent between the Government and UNESCO.
2. Any controversy between the parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through direct negotiations between the parties.
3. The obligations entered into by UNESCO and the Government under this Agreement shall be respected beyond the term of the Agreement inasmuch as required by the commitments made with respect to the withdrawal of UNESCO personnel, funds and property, and the settlement of accounts between the parties to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement in two original copies in English and Spanish, both versions being equally authentic.

For the Government of Colombia

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization

(The representative of the Government)

(The representative of UNESCO)

(174 EX/SR.10)

11 Memorandum of Understanding between UNESCO and the intergovernmental organization Itaipu Binacional on Water Sciences Technical Cooperation
(174 EX/13 Rev.; 174 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article XI.1 of UNESCO's Constitution,
2. Considering that Itaipu Binacional and UNESCO are already cooperating, especially under UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP) Hydrology for the Environment, Life and Policy (HELP) programme, by contributing to activities for an environmentally sound management of the São Francisco Verdadeiro river basin, Brazil, the most important watershed that contributes directly to the Itaipu Reservoir,
3. Further considering the potential areas of collaboration identified between UNESCO and Itaipu Binacional,
4. Having examined document 174 EX/13 Rev. and its Annex,
5. Welcomes the proposal to conclude a memorandum of understanding on water sciences technical cooperation with Itaipu Binacional, which is in line with 33 C/Resolution 72,

which encourages the development of cooperation with international organizations within the existing statutory framework and the development of new partnerships;

6. Authorizes the Director-General to conclude the Memorandum of Understanding reproduced in the Annex to the present decision.

ANNEX

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Itaipu Binacional

and the

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
(UNESCO)**

on

Water Sciences Technical Cooperation

Whereas Itaipu Binacional and UNESCO are already cooperating under UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP) Hydrology for the Environment, Life and Policy (HELP) programme by contributing to activities for an environmentally sound management of the São Francisco Verdadeiro river basin, Brazil, the most important watershed that contributes directly to the Itaipu Reservoir,

Whereas Itaipu Binacional through the Cultivando Agua Boa programme is promoting the application of good practices in integrated water resources management throughout the Itaipu Watershed, especially in the São Francisco Verdadeiro river,

Whereas UNESCO and Itaipu Binacional, are developing multidisciplinary technology and participate in international networks active within the International Hydrological Programme,

Whereas UNESCO provides support under the International Hydrological Programme for the HELP Programme,

Whereas UNESCO and Itaipu Binacional desire to join their efforts and cooperate in implementing projects through which both entities may combine their capabilities, as appropriate for each individual project in various fields relating to water sciences, such as hydrological management methodology at micro-basin level, development of geographic information systems software, HELP-related multidisciplinary studies and capacity-building activities,

Whereas this Memorandum of Understanding will provide an opportunity for UNESCO and Itaipu Binacional to research, develop, and share new information technologies, training techniques, research methods, and basin management methodologies for the resolution of economic and environmental problems on a hemispheric level,

Whereas Itaipu Binacional and UNESCO recognize the advantages of pooling their existing valuable resources and expertise,

Now therefore, Itaipu Binacional and UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties")

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the legal and operational framework for the joint cooperation and joint activities of the Parties.

Article 2 – Potential joint activities

Subject to the availability of resources, and in accordance with their respective capabilities and priorities, the Parties shall:

- (a) collaborate in the identification and implementation of outreach, capacity-building and information exchange activities with objectives which are in line with the mission of UNESCO and Itaipu Binacional;
- (b) carry out joint efforts for the establishment of a centre for the development of hydro-informatics for the advancement of methodologies and analytical tools for integrated water resources management applicable to river basins in different settings and regions which may be used by the local, national or international authorities concerned. Consequently, the proposed centre will in no way affect the autonomy of the relevant decision-making authorities of the Member States with respect to river basin management plans making use of tools provided by the centre;
- (c) identify and develop joint research and capacity-building activities in water-related sciences and multidisciplinary studies relating to integrated water resources management;
- (d) provide technical support to the other basins of the HELP programme.

Article 3 – Implementing arrangements for specific projects and activities

1. The Parties shall enter into and sign a written Project Implementing Agreement (PIA) for every project and activity jointly undertaken under this Memorandum of Understanding. Each project implementing agreement shall specify: the scope of the activity, the expected project period, and the responsibilities of the Parties, including those relating to funding, anticipated results, reporting procedures, the work plan and budget, and any other relevant matter.

2. Unless otherwise specified herein or in an implementing arrangement pursuant hereto, each Party shall bear its own expenses under this Memorandum of Understanding; however, a PIA may provide for the transfer of funds between the Parties and the administration of the resources of one by the other in order to maximize efficiencies in project implementation.

Article 4 – Dispute resolution

The Parties shall attempt to resolve amicably through discussions any disputes arising in relation to the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and specific agreements concluded between the Parties under that framework. If those discussions are unsuccessful, then either Party may submit the dispute for binding arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). There shall be one arbitrator, the place of the arbitration shall be agreed upon by the Parties, the language shall be English, and the arbitrator may decide as amiable compositeur or *ex aequo et bono*.

Article 5 – Privileges and immunities

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be construed to be a waiver of any privileges or immunities of the Parties, their personnel or their agents or principals.

Article 6 – Designation of representatives for notice and coordination

1. For purposes of coordinating responsibilities and giving and receiving written notice under this Memorandum of Understanding, each Party shall designate a representative and give written notice to the other.
2. Either Party may change its designated representative under this article by giving prior written notice to the other.
3. All notifications required under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be sent to or received by, as the case may be, the corresponding designated representative at the postal or email address to be indicated for that purpose by the respective Parties.

Article 7 – Name and logo

Neither Party shall use the name and logo of the other Party unless prior written agreement has been obtained to that effect.

Article 8 – Duration, modification and termination

1. The Parties may amend or otherwise modify this Memorandum of Understanding by a written statement signed by their duly authorized representatives, dated and attached to this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force immediately once it is signed by both Parties, and it shall expire five years after the date on which it entered into force, unless the Parties agree to extend it in writing for another mutually agreed period.
3. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding with thirty days' written notice to the other; however, the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not automatically result in the termination of any PIAs then in force.

SIGNED by the duly designated representatives of the Parties in duplicate originals.

DONE at on

For Itaipu Binacional

For UNESCO

(174 EX/SR.1)

Culture

12 Jerusalem and the implementation of 33 C/Resolution 50 and 172 EX/Decision 18
(174 EX/14; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 39 and 172 EX/Decision 18, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inclusion of the Old City of Jerusalem in the World Heritage List and in the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage,

2. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
3. Having examined document 174 EX/14 concerning Jerusalem,
4. Expresses its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained efforts for the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in compliance with 32 C/Resolution 39 of the General Conference and 171 EX/Decision 18 of the Executive Board, and reiterates its concern as to the obstacles and practices to the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
5. Taking note of the declaration by the Director-General concerning Jerusalem at the 172nd session of the Executive Board which appeals to all parties concerned to respect the outstanding universal value of the Old City of Jerusalem and to refrain from anything that may jeopardize the distinctive character of the Old City of Jerusalem inscribed on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, invites him to pursue his efforts with the concerned authorities in this regard;
6. Congratulates the Director-General on his initiatives in favour of the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, particularly the latest UNESCO mission (December 2005);
7. Expresses its gratitude to the Director-General for the progress made towards establishing a centre for the conservation of Islamic manuscripts in al-Ashrafiya Madrasa within the Esplanade of the Mosques (al-Haram ash-Sharif), requests him to intensify his efforts in that regard, and thanks the United Arab Emirates and the Welfare Association for their support and their generous contribution;
8. Takes note of the information provided in document 174 EX/14 concerning the progress made towards the establishment of an action plan based on the guidelines proposed by the International Committee of Experts and the results of the missions on the spot;
9. Encourages UNESCO Member States to contribute to the efforts towards the implementation of the programme activities for the first phase of the action plan for the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem as identified by the experts and the concerned authorities notably by extrabudgetary resources;
10. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 175th session such an action plan, and decides to include this item in the agenda of the 175th session of the Executive Board.

(174 EX/SR.10)

Communication and information

- 13 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (Tunis, Tunisia, 16-18 November 2005)**
(174 EX/15; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 52,
2. Taking note of the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, in particular paragraph 102, subparagraph (b), stating that in implementing the

Tunis decisions, “each United Nations agency should act according to its mandate and competencies, and pursuant to decisions of their respective governing bodies, and within existing approved resources”,

3. Further recalling the decision of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), in Tunis, that UNESCO should facilitate, alone or together with other stakeholders, the implementation of the action lines included in the Geneva Plan of Action falling under UNESCO’s mandate and competence,
4. Recognizing the important role that ICTs have in promoting cultural and linguistic diversity of content in digital media,
5. Having examined document 174 EX/15,
6. Thanks the Governments of Switzerland and Tunisia for hosting the World Summit on the Information Society and their considerable assistance in ensuring its success;
7. Congratulates the Director-General on the positive results of his action in the WSIS process, which have considerably increased the Organization’s visibility as a significant actor in “ICT for development” and other information society-related issues, and for the publication of the report *Towards Knowledge Societies*;
8. Recommends that emphasis be placed on developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, as users of ICTs in order to utilize these tools as instruments for building knowledge societies;
9. Recognizes the great responsibility that UNESCO has in assuming the role that the Summit acknowledged that UNESCO might play in the implementation of the WSIS decisions;
10. Requests the Director-General to:
 - (a) focus on concrete actions through the implementation of activities included in the Geneva Plan of Action within the framework of document 33 C/5 and future work programmes, in all major programmes, capitalizing on intersectoral cooperation as well, taking into account the recommendations in the World Report *Towards Knowledge Societies*;
 - (b) ensure that UNESCO assumes a prominent role in the international framework of implementation through participation in appropriate mechanisms, including the work of the United Nations Group on the Information Society;
 - (c) collaborate with the Information for All Programme (IFAP) and International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) Councils, their Bureaux, their National Committees, Member States and regional information networks in linking with specific WSIS implementation activities;
 - (d) maintain the momentum of building partnerships with civil society and the private sector, in the spirit of WSIS, and strengthen or establish new ties to facilitate the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action;
 - (e) continue to involve UNESCO actively in the international post-WSIS coordination machinery, in particular in the areas of Internet governance and in measuring the impact of ICTs on development;
 - (f) report on the implementation of the decisions of the Summit and UNESCO’s action in that area to the General Conference at its 34th session.

Intersectoral programme activities

14 Report by the Director-General on progress in the development of a cross-sectoral capacity-building programme (174 EX/16; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 59,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/16,
3. Underlines the critical importance of UNESCO's function as a capacity-builder for Member States, as envisaged in document 31 C/4;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the identification of the role UNESCO can play through its domains of competence in helping developing countries and particularly least developed and post-conflict countries to enhance their technical capacities, including for poverty eradication and the provision of safe drinking water;
5. Reiterates the need for UNESCO to reinforce the alignment of its programme activities in an intersectoral and cross-sectoral manner in order to bring about synergies bolstering effective capacity-building;
6. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the elaboration of a concrete and coherent cross-sectoral capacity-building scheme is duly included in the preparation of documents 34 C/4 and 34 C/5;
7. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 176th session on the progress in developing programmes of cross-sectoral capacity-building, taking into account the diverse socio-economic levels and cultural contexts of Member States.

(174 EX/SR.10)

[15 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of the Issyk-Kul International Centre for the Dialogue among Cultures under the auspices of UNESCO]

This item was withdrawn from the draft provisional agenda; see the footnote in document 174 EX/1.

[16 Proposal for placing the Artek International Youth and Children's Centre under the auspices of UNESCO]

This item was withdrawn from the draft provisional agenda; see the footnote in document 174 EX/1.

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

17 Report by the Director-General on evaluations completed during the 2004-2005 biennium (174 EX/19; 174 EX/48 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 172 EX/Decision 22,

2. Having examined document 174 EX/19, and taking into consideration the evaluation reports that have been presented,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as the report by the Director-General on the implementation of these recommendations,
4. Urges the Director-General to increase the rate of implementation of recommendations which improve the quality of programmes and services to which they relate, to continue to implement the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy, and to take it into account in preparing the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4);
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to the Executive Board on evaluations conducted on the Organization's programme activities, on the progress made in the reform of programme management, in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations for each programme evaluated, and in strengthening the quality of the evaluations undertaken and their impact on the management culture of the Organization.

(174 EX/SR.10)

18 Biennial evaluation report on the activities and results of all UNESCO decentralized bodies (174 EX/20; 174 EX/48 Part I; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 174 EX/20 in the light of documents 174 EX/27 and 174 EX/29, and taking into consideration the biennial evaluation report that has been presented,
2. Taking note of the key issues to be addressed, which were identified by the evaluators, as well as the report by the Director-General on actions taken and to be taken,
3. Endorsing the opinion expressed in document 171 EX/18 that the contribution of institutes and centres is enhanced by their functional autonomy and by their flexibility,
4. Urges the Director-General to address in an appropriate and timely manner, after full consultation with the bodies concerned and an assessment of the financing which currently underpins their operations, the key issues raised by the evaluators, which will improve the overall performance of institutes and centres; this must include better and more results-based interaction between Headquarters, the institutes and centres, and the regional/field offices;
5. Invites the Director-General to recognize the diversity of the mandates, methods of operation and distinctive capacities of the institutes and centres, in addition to the services they are able to provide;
6. Also invites the Director-General to ensure that work on the institutes and centres is fully in accordance with relevant elements from 174 EX/Decision 26 and 174 EX/Decision 28 as well as the recommendations from both the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the External Auditor contained in documents 174 EX/27 and 174 EX/29;
7. Welcomes the Director-General's decision to establish a Steering Group on Institutes and Centres which ensures the involvement of representatives of the institutes and

centres and suggests that he consider including an external expert as an ex officio member;

8. Requests the Director-General to report to the Executive Board on progress made by the Steering Group in defining the strategic direction and configuration of institutes and centres, as well as on progress made in the implementation of evaluation recommendations.

(174 EX/SR.10)

19 Report by the Director-General on the reorientation of the UNESCO Office in Brasilia (174 EX/21 and Corr. (Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese only); 174 EX/48 Part I; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 174 EX/21, in the light of documents 174 EX/27, 174 EX/29 and 174 EX/INF.4 Rev.,
2. Acknowledging the scale, importance and many positive contributions of the projects managed by the UNESCO Brasilia Office,
3. Concerned with the continuing need to improve the administrative, financial and planning processes relating to the management of the extrabudgetary activities by the UNESCO Brasilia Office, where weaknesses had earlier been identified by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the External Auditor, so as to reinforce internal controls and communications with Headquarters,
4. Recalls the importance for activities at field level to be in line with UNESCO's objectives defined in the C/4 and C/5 documents;
5. Takes note of the actions taken and planned by the Director-General to reorient the operations of the UNESCO Brasilia Office and to remedy the deficiencies by strengthening the management of the Office and improving the monitoring of its operations;
6. Invites the Director-General to complete as quickly as possible the implementation of his action plan for the strategic reorientation of the UNESCO Brasilia Office in accordance with 174 EX/Decision 26 and 174 EX/Decision 28, as well as the recommendations from both IOS and the External Auditor, and to report back to it at its 175th session;
7. Requests the Director-General to ensure that proposals for UNESCO's activities in Brazil are consistent with an overall strategy for decentralization, as part of the rational delivery of programmes in accordance with UNESCO's priority objectives; and that lessons learned from the experience in Brasilia should be taken into account in further developing the decentralization strategy;
8. Also requests the Director-General to take full account of the lessons derived from the experience in Brasilia including the specific risks involved with self-benefiting funds when developing the overall strategic vision and action plan called for in 174 EX/Decision 26, paragraph 9.

(174 EX/SR.10)

20 Follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO (174 EX/11; 174 EX/INF.7; 174 EX/47)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 173 EX/Decision 11,
2. Having started to examine documents 174 EX/11 and 174 EX/INF.7,
3. Welcoming the initiatives taken by the President of the General Conference and the Chairperson of the Executive Board, as well as the progress made thus far by the Director-General in implementing the recommendations referred to in paragraph 4 of 33 C/Resolution 92,
4. Also welcoming the decision of the Chairperson of the Executive Board to consult in writing the Board Members on recommendations 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 22 of 33 C/Resolution 92 with a view to obtaining their comments before the 175th session of the Board,
5. Decides that the Special Committee shall meet for two days immediately prior to the 175th and 176th sessions of the Executive Board for the consideration of the item on the follow-up to 33 C/Resolution 92, paragraph 5, concerning relations between the three organs of UNESCO.
6. Authorizes the Chairperson of the Executive Board, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Special Committee, to identify future items that fall within the Special Committee's terms of reference, for examination at future sessions.

(174 EX/SR.7)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

21 Monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments (174 EX/22 Part I and Corr. (English only), Parts II and III; 174 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 27, paragraph 5 (a) to (c),
2. Taking into account with satisfaction document 174 EX/22 Part I and Corr., Parts II and III, and the breakdown of the various recommendations done by the Secretariat, and having regard to the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) on the matter (174 EX/44),
3. Recalling recommendation 25 of 33 C/Resolution 92, by which the General Conference decided that a focal point should be established within the Secretariat with the purpose of collecting information on the application of all conventions and recommendations adopted by the General Conference at each session and preparing a comprehensive report thereon to the General Conference at each session,

4. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to pursue the examination of the recommendations listed in paragraph 7(d) of 174 EX/22 Part I and Corr.;
 - (b) to submit further information to the Committee so that it may identify, among the 31 UNESCO Recommendations, those which should be monitored by the Committee;
5. Requests the Committee to continue its consideration of new procedures for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's conventions and recommendations;
6. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 176th session proposed harmonized model guidelines based on information provided by the Sectors concerned by the eight conventions in question, taking into account the approach of the United Nations with regard to the harmonized guidelines on reporting under the international human rights instruments;
7. Also requests the Committee to resume consideration of this item at its 175th session and decides therefore to grant to the Committee at the 175th session one and a half extra working days.

(174 EX/SR.7)

22 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 (174 EX/CR/HR and Add. and Add.2; 174 EX/3 PRIV. Draft and Add. and Corr.)

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

(174 EX/SR.7)

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

23 Report by the Director-General on the budget adjustments to the approved appropriation for 2004-2005 arising from donations and special contributions received (174 EX/24 and Corr.; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received and appropriated to the regular budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 32nd session (32 C/Resolution 85, para. A(b)), document 174 EX/24 and Corr. and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (174 EX/49),

2. Notes 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 **\$1,733,933** as follows:

	\$
Part II.A - Major Programme I	808,039
Part II.A - Major Programme II	52,567
Part II.A - Major Programme III	142,133
Part II.A - Major Programme IV	196,251
Part II.A - Major Programme V	30,983
Part III - Support for Programme Execution (indirect costs for field offices)	503,960
Total	<u>1,733,933</u>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 1 of document 174 EX/24 for their extra support to the programmes of the Organization;
4. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table attached in the Annex to the present decision.

ANNEX
Revised Appropriation Table for 2004-2005

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted (169 EX/Dec.6.2) (170 EX/Dec.3.1) (170 EX/Dec.7.8, para.6) (171 EX/Dec.3) (172 EX/Dec.3)	Proposed appropriations and transfer	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
			(i) Donation received	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION				
A. Governing bodies				
1. General Conference	6,135,300	6,418,600		6,418,600
2. Executive Board	7,958,700	7,728,600		7,728,600
Total, Part I.A	14,094,000	14,147,200	0	14,147,200
B. Direction <i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight; International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>	18,378,700	18,615,900		18,615,900
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	3,579,500	7,355,863		7,355,863
TOTAL, PART I	36,052,200	40,118,963	0	40,118,963
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES				
A. Programmes				
Major Programme I - Education				
I. Personnel	48,215,600	49,302,800		49,302,800
II. Activities				
I.1 Basic education for all				
I.1.1 Basic education for all: targeting key goals	21,692,200	22,567,336	456,422	23,023,758
I.1.2 Supporting EFA strategies	14,133,100	14,717,352	232,505	14,949,857
I.2 Building learning societies				
I.2.1 Beyond universal primary education	4,826,200	5,025,928		5,025,928
I.2.2 Education and globalization	2,150,900	2,313,903	119,112	2,433,015
UNESCO education institutes				
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	4,591,000	4,591,000		4,591,000
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5,100,000	5,100,000		5,100,000
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	1,900,000	1,900,000		1,900,000
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1,100,000	1,100,000		1,100,000
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	2,000,000	2,000,000		2,000,000
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2,200,000	2,200,000		2,200,000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1,960,000	1,976,116		1,976,116
Total, Major Programme I	109,869,000	112,794,435	808,039	113,602,474
Major Programme II - Natural sciences				
I. Personnel	30,594,300	31,377,000		31,377,000
II. Activities				
II.1 Science, environment and sustainable development				
II.1.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8,992,500	9,829,596	15,322	9,844,918
II.1.2 Ecological sciences: developing stewardship by people for nature	3,013,200	3,313,353	34,041	3,347,394
II.1.3 Earth sciences: improving the understanding of the solid Earth and enhancing disaster prevention	1,374,300	1,485,128	50,000	1,535,128
II.1.4 Towards sustainable living in small islands and in coastal regions	811,100	893,262		893,262
II.1.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)	4,795,800	4,795,800		4,795,800
II.2 Capacity-building in science and technology for development				
II.2.1 Capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences	5,835,100	7,099,167	(85,417)	7,013,750
II.2.2 Science and technology policies for sustainable development	1,105,400	1,210,470	38,621	1,249,091
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1,710,000	1,774,700		1,774,700
Total, Major Programme II	58,231,700	61,778,476	52,567	61,831,043

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted		32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
		(169 EX/Dec.6.2) (170 EX/Dec.3.1) (170 EX/Dec.7.8, para.6) (171 EX/Dec.3) (172 EX/Dec.3)	(i) Donation received	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Major Programme III - Social and human sciences				
I. Personnel	18,343,200	18,808,000		18,808,000
II. Activities				
III.1 Ethics of science and technology, with emphasis on bioethics	3,250,800	3,280,800		3,280,800
III.2 Promotion of human rights and the fight against discrimination	2,184,600	2,185,731		2,185,731
III.3 Foresight, philosophy, human sciences and human security	3,869,700	3,947,823		3,947,823
III.4 Management of social transformations: MOST - Phase II	3,088,600	3,105,245	49,833	3,155,078
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2,600,000	2,612,400	92,300	2,704,700
Total, Major Programme III	33,336,900	33,939,999	142,133	34,082,132
Major Programme IV - Culture				
I. Personnel	33,967,400	34,842,800		34,842,800
II. Activities				
IV.1 Mainstreaming cultural diversity into policy agendas at national and international levels				
IV.1.1 Promotion of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and implementation of its Action Plan	3,841,800	4,513,149	20,806	4,533,955
IV.1.2 Strengthening the links between cultural policies and development policies	1,367,500	1,372,560		1,372,560
IV.2 UNESCO's contribution to the protection of the world's cultural diversity through cultural and natural heritage preservation				
IV.2.1 Promotion and implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972)	2,141,300	2,184,485		2,184,485
IV.2.2 Protecting cultural diversity through the preservation of cultural heritage in all its forms and through normative action	7,362,900	7,790,778	138,459	7,929,237
IV.3 Safeguarding cultural diversity through creativity and development				
IV.3.1 Encouraging arts and crafts for sustainable development	1,501,900	1,556,870	33,562	1,590,432
IV.3.2 Strengthening the role of cultural creation in human and economic development	1,497,400	1,497,400		1,497,400
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1,700,000	1,744,084	3,424	1,747,508
Total, Major Programme IV	53,380,200	55,502,126	196,251	55,698,377
Major Programme V - Communication and information				
I. Personnel	18,454,000	18,924,800		18,924,800
II. Activities				
V.1 Fostering equitable access to information and knowledge for development, especially in the public domain				
V.1.1 Fostering actions to reduce digital divide and promote social inclusion	4,240,900	4,424,375	(16,660)	4,407,715
V.1.2 Harnessing ICTs for education	2,236,500	2,301,653		2,301,653
V.1.3 Promoting the expression of cultural and linguistic diversity through communication and information	3,641,200	3,792,906	20,932	3,813,838
V.2 Promoting freedom of expression and communication development				
V.2.1 Promoting freedom of expression and the independence and pluralism of the media	2,724,700	2,759,188	2,153	2,761,341
V.2.2 Supporting development of communication media	1,814,100	1,838,063	24,558	1,862,621
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2,430,000	2,439,900		2,439,900
Total, Major Programme V	35,541,400	36,480,885	30,983	36,511,868
UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)	9,020,000	9,020,000		9,020,000
Field - Management of decentralized programmes	32,215,900	31,532,300		31,532,300
Total, Part II.A	331,595,100	341,048,221	1,229,973	342,278,194
B. Participation Programme	23,000,000	23,000,000		23,000,000
C. Programme Related Services				
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	3,164,000	3,264,800		3,264,800
2. Fellowships Programme	2,522,600	2,559,100		2,559,100
3. Public information	14,516,100	15,397,900		15,397,900
4. Strategic planning and programming monitoring	7,068,400	7,655,066		7,655,066
5. Budget preparation and monitoring	4,154,200	4,265,300		4,265,300
Total, Part I.I.C	31,425,300	33,142,166	0	33,142,166
TOTAL, PART II	386,020,400	397,190,387	1,229,973	398,420,360

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted	Proposed appropriations and transfer	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
		(169 EX/Dec.6.2) (170 EX/Dec.3.1) (170 EX/Dec.7.8, para.6) (171 EX/Dec.3) (172 EX/Dec.3)	(i) Donation received	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION				
A. Field management and coordination	18,511,000	20,749,030	503,960	21,252,990
B. External relations and cooperation	23,194,000	23,758,800		23,758,800
C. Human resources management	30,800,300	32,186,900		32,186,900
D. Administration, maintenance and renovation of Headquarters premises	100,164,800	105,024,063		105,024,063
TOTAL, PART III	172,670,100	181,718,793	503,960	182,222,753
TOTAL, PARTS I - III	594,742,700	619,028,143	1,733,933	620,762,076
Reserve for reclassifications	1,500,000			0
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13,757,300	0		0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	610,000,000	619,028,143	1,733,933	620,762,076

* Cross cutting themes:

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

24 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2006-2007 (174 EX/25 and Corr.; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's proposals for transfers within the 2006-2007 budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 33rd session (33 C/Resolution 96, paragraph 1 (d)), document 174 EX/25 and Corr. and the recommendations of the Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (174 EX/49),
2. Approves the transfer of \$5,200,000 from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget to cover increases in staff costs due to statutory and other factors;
3. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table attached in the Annex to the present decision.

ANNEX
Revised Appropriation Table for 2006-2007

Appropriation line	33 C/5 Approved	Transfer from Part IV (Staff costs)	33 C/5 Approved as adjusted
	\$	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION			
A. Governing bodies			
1. General Conference	5,507,100	16,000	5,523,100
2. Executive Board	7,779,400	38,000	7,817,400
Total Part IA	13,286,500	54,000	13,340,500
B. Direction	18,639,000	307,000	18,946,000
<i>(including: Directorate, Office of the Director-General, Internal Oversight Service, Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>			
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	6,734,600		6,734,600
TOTAL, PART I	38,660,100	361,000	39,021,100
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES			
A. Programmes			
Major Programme I - Education			
I. Personnel	52,176,800	568,000	52,744,800
II. Activities			
L1 Strengthening EFA coordination and planning			
I.1.1 Enhancing international coordination and monitoring for EFA	3,913,600		3,913,600
I.1.2 Policy, planning and evaluation for achieving EFA	5,153,400		5,153,400
L2 Attaining basic education for all			
I.2.1 Universal basic education	7,867,000		7,867,000
I.2.2 Literacy Initiative for Empowerment (LIFE) and United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD)	6,272,800		6,272,800
I.2.3 Teacher education	3,417,000		3,417,000
L3 Enhancing quality education			
I.3.1 Quality education for learning to live together	5,304,000		5,304,000
I.3.2 HIV/AIDS and education	1,272,200		1,272,200
L4 Supporting post-primary education systems			
I.4.1 Secondary and technical/vocational education	2,684,800		2,684,800
I.4.2 Higher education for the knowledge society	1,799,500		1,799,500
UNESCO education institutes			
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	4,591,000		4,591,000
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5,100,000		5,100,000
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	1,900,000		1,900,000
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1,100,000		1,100,000
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	2,000,000		2,000,000
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2,200,000		2,200,000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1,050,000		1,050,000
Total, Major Programme I	107,802,100	568,000	108,370,100

Appropriation line	33 C/5 Approved	Transfer from Part IV (Staff costs)	33 C/5 Approved as adjusted
	\$	\$	\$
Major Programme II - Natural sciences			
I. Personnel	32,992,500	475,000	33,467,500
II. Activities			
II.1 Science, environment and sustainable development			
II.1.1 Managing water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8,926,400		8,926,400
II.1.2 Ecological and earth sciences for sustainable development	3,012,200		3,012,200
II.1.3 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)	3,876,400		3,876,400
II.2 Capacity-building in science and technology for sustainable development			
II.2.1 Basic and engineering sciences, renewable energy and disaster mitigation	3,785,100		3,785,100
II.2.2 Science and technology policies for sustainable development	1,686,900		1,686,900
UNESCO science institutes			
UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (IHE)	-		-
The International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)	1,015,000		1,015,000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	700,000		700,000
Total, Major Programme II	55,994,500	475,000	56,469,500
Major Programme III - Social and human sciences			
I. Personnel	19,185,200	273,000	19,458,200
II. Activities			
III.1 Ethics of science and philosophy			
III.1.1 Ethics of science	3,234,300		3,234,300
III.1.2 Foresight, philosophy and human sciences, democracy and human security	2,913,900		2,913,900
III.2 Human rights and social transformations			
III.2.1 Promotion of human rights	1,827,800		1,827,800
III.2.2 Social transformations	2,576,800		2,576,800
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1,100,000		1,100,000
Total, Major Programme III	30,838,000	273,000	31,111,000
Major Programme IV - Culture			
I. Personnel	33,873,400	478,000	34,351,400
II. Activities			
IV.1 Protect and safeguard cultural heritage worldwide			
IV.1.1 Reinforcing capacity-building for the protection of World Heritage	3,304,900		3,304,900
IV.1.2 Identifying and safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage	2,433,800		2,433,800
IV.1.3 Protecting and rehabilitating cultural heritage	2,315,100		2,315,000
IV.1.4 Protecting cultural property	1,082,900		1,082,900
IV.2 Strengthen cultural policies, cultural industries and intercultural dialogue			
IV.2.1 Developing cultural policies	2,061,300		2,061,300
IV.2.2 Promoting intercultural dialogue	1,846,400		1,846,400
IV.2.3 Sustaining cultural industries and crafts	2,606,800		2,606,800
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1,050,000		1,050,000
Total, Major Programme IV	50,574,600	478,000	51,052,600

Appropriation line	33 C/5 Approved	Transfer from Part IV (Staff costs)	33 C/5 Approved as adjusted
	\$	\$	\$
Major Programme V - Communication and information			
I. Personnel	18,502,200	242,000	18,744,200
II. Activities			
V.1 Empowering people through access to information and knowledge with special emphasis on freedom of expression			
V.1.1 Creating an enabling environment for the promotion of freedom of expression and universal access	3,489,600		3,489,600
V.1.2 Fostering community access and diversity of content	6,480,500		6,480,500
V.2 Promoting communication development and ICTs for education, science and culture			
V.2.1 Fostering media development	2,382,500		2,382,500
V.2.2 Advancing the use of ICTs in education, science and culture	595,600		595,600
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1,500,000		1,500,000
Total, Major Programme V	32,950,400	242,000	33,192,400
UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)	9,020,000		9,020,000
Field - Management of decentralized programmes	40,813,800	12,000	40,825,800
Total, Part II.A	327,993,400	2,048,000	330,041,400
B. Participation Programme	20,000,000		20,000,000
C. Programme Related Services			
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	4,309,200	54,000	4,363,200
2. Fellowships Programme	1,867,300	20,000	1,887,300
3. Public information	13,657,600	222,000	13,879,600
4. Strategic planning and programming monitoring	6,258,600	92,000	6,350,600
5. Budget preparation and monitoring	4,306,200	73,000	4,379,200
Total, Part II.C	30,398,900	461,000	30,859,900
TOTAL, PART II	378,392,300	2,509,000	380,901,300
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION			
A. Field management and coordination <i>(Headquarters activities and field office operating costs)</i>	20,988,300	84,000	21,072,300
B. External relations and cooperation	19,824,700	311,000	20,135,700
C. Human resources management	30,716,900	377,000	31,093,900
D. Administration	106,152,000	1,558,000	107,710,000
TOTAL, PART III	177,681,900	2,330,000	180,011,900
TOTAL, PARTS I - III	594,734,300	5,200,000	599,934,300
Reserve for reclassifications	1,500,000		1,500,000
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13,765,700	(5,200,000)	8,565,700
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	610,000,000	-	610,000,000

* Cross-cutting themes:

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

25 Establishment of a currency exchange reserve account for the revaluation of the renovation loan submitted in accordance with Article 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations (174 EX/26; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 6.6 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations,
2. Having considered document 174 EX/26,
3. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to create the Currency Exchange Reserve Account for the Revaluation of the Renovation Loan;
4. Requests the Director-General to provide full disclosure on the movements in the Currency Exchange Reserve Account for the Revaluation of the Renovation Loan when submitting annual financial statements.

(174 EX/SR.9)

26 Report by the External Auditor on the performance audits undertaken in the 2004-2005 biennium (174 EX/27, 174 EX/INF.4 Rev. (Rev. in English only); 174 EX/48 Part I; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the External Auditor contained in document 174 EX/27,
2. Keeping in mind 161 EX/Decision 7.4, 162 EX/Decision 7.10, 164 EX/Decision 6.3, 166 EX/Decision 8.7, 171 EX/Decision 4, 171 EX/Decision 41 and 172 EX/Decision 39, DG/Note/02/11 of 21 May 2002 and comments and recommendations contained in document 169 EX/29,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of the work and the recommendations presented in the document;
4. Welcomes the timely response of the Director-General as outlined in document 174 EX/INF.4 Rev.;
5. Stresses that the regular programme and budget continues to be the bedrock of UNESCO's activities;
6. Recognizes that extrabudgetary contributions and in particular unearmarked voluntary contributions can play an important part in pursuing UNESCO's mandate and objectives, provided that such contributions are aligned with and spent in support of UNESCO's programme and budget approved in the C/5 document;
7. Expresses its appreciation, therefore, to the Member States, intergovernmental organizations, private sector and other funding sources for their support to UNESCO's activities;
8. Notes with concern, however, that the External Auditor has identified some continuing serious weaknesses in the way such resources are managed and evaluated;

9. Urges the Director-General to take timely action on an urgent basis of the External Auditor's recommendations, and more specifically:
 - (a) to develop an overall vision and strategy for mobilizing extrabudgetary contributions and aligning them with the regular programme and budget;
 - (b) to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the respective Secretariat offices involved, including assigning due accountability to the relevant programme sectors, which should together ensure, in close coordination with the donors involved, that extrabudgetary contributions are used in support of UNESCO's mandate and priorities, and report regularly thereon to donors and the governing bodies;
10. Further urges the Director-General to develop an action plan to improve the management of extrabudgetary contributions with the following key elements:
 - (a) criteria for mobilizing extrabudgetary funds and accepting proposals in line with UNESCO's objectives as set out in the C/4 and C/5 documents and in accordance with UNESCO's mandate and comparative advantage;
 - (b) guidance on developing and approving detailed plans for activities and programmes in accordance with resource-based management (RBM) principles including specific guidance on policies and procedures on overhead costs reflecting the ongoing United Nations system-wide discussions, and taking into account recommendations made by the External Auditor in document 169 EX/29;
 - (c) roles and accountability of the respective Secretariat offices involved for the management and implementation of extrabudgetary activities in compliance with approved rules, regulations and policies;
 - (d) arrangements for monitoring and evaluation including performance indicators and clear benchmarks;
 - (e) provisions for an exit strategy within all project plans;
11. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 175th session a report on the above and a timetable for regular reports to the Executive Board and the General Conference on the full and rapid implementation of follow-up action;
12. Further requests the Director-General to forward the reports by the External Auditor together with an update of progress accomplished and comments by the Executive Board at its 175th session to the General Conference at its 34th session.

(174 EX/SR.10)

27 Annual Report (2005) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): report by the Director-General (174 EX/28; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 114 EX/Decision 8.5 and 171 EX/Decision 37,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/28,

3. Takes note of its contents and of General Assembly resolution 60/248;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the work of the International Civil Service Commission, and to take due account of the results of its work.

(174 EX/SR.9)

28 Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) Strategy in 2004-2005: Annual Report 2005 (174 EX/29; 174 EX/48 Part I; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/29,
3. Takes note of the effort made by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) to improve the management of the Organization as well as the remaining areas needing improvement pointed out in the document;
4. Welcomes the reconstitution of the Oversight Committee proposed by the Director-General in this document, recognizing its role in ensuring IOS professional independence and assessing the adequacy of IOS resources;
5. Strongly supports any initiative for the better implementation and further development for the Organization of an ethics programme which is designed to foster an ethical working environment;
6. Invites the Director-General to take timely action to implement audit recommendations, noting the earlier low implementation rate of audit recommendations;
7. Takes note of the further actions that need to be taken by the Secretariat to improve the culture of learning, the culture of accountability, and governance of the oversight functions, by, *inter alia*, establishing an effective system of reporting from the field offices and monitoring their activities, including the establishment of detailed criteria for the review, approval and evaluation of project proposals;
8. Invites the Director-General to make good use of the capacity of IOS to provide assistance with risk monitoring and management and resource-based management (RBM);
9. Requests the Director-General to initiate those actions and ensure their timely implementation within the existing resources;
10. Reaffirms its commitment to the evaluation of the Organization's programmes as a core function to be financed from the future regular budget in order to enhance the credibility of UNESCO's commitment to objective evaluation within the context of the Director-General's reform efforts.

(174 EX/SR.10)

29 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (174 EX/30; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 74 and 172 EX/Decision 40,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/30,
3. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress achieved in managing the UNESCO complex and the implementation of the Belmont Plan;
4. Also takes note of the decision of the Director-General, in line with 170 EX/Decision 7.8, to allocate \$1.5 million to meet the most urgent Headquarters security requirements;
5. Invites the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to keep it informed on the progress of work on the Miollis/Bonvin site;
6. Approves the revised rental scale for offices in the Miollis building to be increased by 10%, subject to adjustments in line with inflation, effective from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007;
7. Decides that further adjustments of the base scale, beyond yearly adjustments based on the inflation rate, must be approved by the Executive Board, taking into account information provided by the Director-General on the costs of maintenance, conservation and services of the Miollis premises with a view to ensuring full cost recovery, while respecting the non-commercial nature of the Organization;
8. Reiterates its request to the Director-General to apply without exception all necessary measures resulting from the contracts on letting office space to Permanent Delegations, including the redistribution of those offices to delegations regularly discharging their contractual obligations and to report thereon to it at its 175th session;
9. Bearing in mind the decision of the Headquarters Committee taken at its 159th session, notes the fact that the necessary extrabudgetary funds to implement the UNESCO Starck Project have not been collected;
10. Requests the Director-General to implement the original renovation plan project for the restaurant in the Fontenoy building;
11. Expresses its appreciation to Mr Philippe Starck for having made his generous offer of the decoration project;
12. Reiterates the invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters.

(174 EX/SR.9)

30 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (174 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(174 EX/SR.5)

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

31 Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions and improvement of the methods of work of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (174 EX/31 and Add.; 174 EX/46)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 49 and 33 C/Resolution 92,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/31 and Add.,
3. Taking into account 33 C/Resolution 92, recommendation 19 (ii), concerning the revitalization of the role of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO),
4. Having examined a number of measures contained in Part I of document 174 EX/31 with a view to improving the methods of work of the NGO Committee,
5. Referring to Section V, paragraph 3, of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations (1995), according to which the General Conference shall receive, every six years, a report by the Executive Board on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by non-governmental organizations,
6. Considering that the purpose of the sexennial report that it will submit to the General Conference at its 34th session is essentially to evaluate cooperation between UNESCO and NGOs during the period 2001-2006 based on the 1995 Directives, to evaluate the functioning and current relevance of the statutory mechanisms established by these Directives, and to contribute to the definition of future directions for UNESCO's cooperation with international non-governmental organizations in the framework of the Organization's next Medium-Term Strategy,
7. Decides, with respect to the improvement of the methods of work of the NGO Committee, to consider putting in place, in further meetings, the mechanisms contained in the following Plan of Action:
 - (a) organize a series of thematic round tables on the involvement of NGOs in the main lines of thrust of UNESCO's action on the basis of Committee members' suggestions for possible topics;
 - (b) give further impetus to the involvement of youth in the work of NGOs;

- (c) establish an open forum for presentations by Members of the Committee, NGOs and invited guest speakers on “good practices” and lessons learned at the regional, national and local levels for outreach to and partnership with the NGO community;
 - (d) use the preparation of the sexennial report 2001-2006 as a qualitative tool for the revitalization of the Committee;
 - (e) strengthen coordination and cooperation between NGOs and the National Commissions;
8. Also decides that the sexennial report shall take the form outlined in paragraphs 16 to 29 of document 174 EX/31, in accordance with Section I, paragraph 7.1, and Section V, paragraph 3, of the Directives;
 9. Further decides to entrust the preparation of the sexennial report, to be examined at the 176th session of the Executive Board in April 2007, to a working group composed of six members of the NGO Committee (one per electoral group). Six NGO representatives appointed by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, together with six participants from the Secretariat appointed by the Director-General, are invited to take part in the work of this group;
 10. Takes note of the Director-General’s recommendation concerning the admission to formal consultative relations of the organization listed in Annex I to document 174 EX/31, and decides to continue the examination of this recommendation at its 175th session;
 11. Takes note of the Director-General’s decisions concerning the admission to operational relations of the organizations listed in Annex II to document 174 EX/31;
 12. Also takes note of the Director-General’s decision concerning the admission to official relations of the organization listed in Annex III to document 174 EX/31 and the organization listed in document 174 EX/31 Add.;
 13. Decides to defer to its 175th session consideration of the item concerning the International Dance Council (IDC);
 14. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 179th session his decision concerning the application of the City of Peace Foundation (UNIPAZ/UNIPAIX) for official relations.

(174 EX/SR.7)

32 Directives concerning the use of the name, acronym, logo and Internet domain names of UNESCO (174 EX/32; 174 EX/48 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 89 and 169 EX/Decision 7.4, 171 EX/Decision 47 and 172 EX/Decision 45,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/32,

3. Takes note of the actions undertaken by the Director-General to involve Member States and their National Commissions in preparing the directives concerning the name, acronym, logo and Internet domain names of UNESCO;
4. Approves the full text of the Directives annexed to document 174 EX/32;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to grant to Member States, on request, a period of transition in the application of the Directives;
6. Decides that the Directives:
 - (a) shall be applied by the governing bodies, the Secretariat and the Member States for a trial period lasting until the 34th session of the General Conference;
 - (b) shall be re-examined in the light of the experience gained during the trial period, amended if necessary, and adopted definitively by the General Conference at its 34th session;
7. Invites the Director-General to draw up practical guidelines for the application of the Directives by all competent organs.

(174 EX/SR.10)

33 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and the status of implementation of approved/accepted recommendations of JIU reports (174 EX/33; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 7.2 and 171 EX/Decision 48,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/33, containing the comments by the Director-General and the status of implementation of recommendations of previous JIU reports,
3. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its reports entitled “Procurement practices within the United Nations system” (JIU/REP/2004/9 and Corr. (English only)), “Harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system” (JIU/REP/2004/10), “Some measures to improve the overall performance of the United Nations system at the country level” (JIU/REP/2005/2, Parts I and II), “Policies of United Nations system organizations towards the use of open-source software (OSS) in the Secretariats” (JIU/REP/2005/3 and Corr.), “A common payroll for United Nations system organizations” (JIU/REP/2005/4), and “Policies of United Nations system organizations towards the use of open-source software (OSS) for development” (JIU/REP/2005/7);
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure vigorously the follow-up of implementation of approved/accepted recommendations of JIU reports, and to report to it at its 176th session on the status of implementation of those recommendations.

(174 EX/SR.10)

34 Report by the Director-General on the involvement of National Commissions for UNESCO in the decentralization process (174 EX/34; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 171 EX/Decision 64,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/34,
3. Recognizing the provisions of the Constitution of UNESCO and the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO,
4. Acknowledging the previous steps taken in response to 171 EX/Decision 64, including the development of guidelines, and the report to the General Conference at its 33rd session, contained in document 33 C/INF.4,
5. Recommends that National Commissions, UNESCO field offices and Headquarters continue improving their cooperation in the decentralization process;
6. Also recommends that the communication modalities be revised to ensure effective communication between National Commissions, UNESCO field offices and Headquarters on all activities;
7. Takes note of the “Guidelines for interface and cooperation between UNESCO field offices and National Commissions for UNESCO”, dated October 2005, as a non-binding reference document;
8. Urges that those guidelines be implemented by National Commissions and field offices, and updated continuously to meet evolving challenges and ongoing needs;
9. Recommends that National Commissions be consulted regarding an examination of the implementation of the guidelines as part of the forthcoming evaluation of decentralization in 2008;
10. Requests the Director-General to ensure greater involvement of National Commissions in the forthcoming C/4 and C/5 processes and other forthcoming consultations and training events;
11. Further requests the Director-General to take all appropriate steps to ensure that full implementation of the modalities of cooperation between National Commissions, UNESCO field offices and Headquarters, including consultation, be undertaken and assiduously followed.

(174 EX/SR.10)

GENERAL MATTERS

35 Implementation of 33 C/Resolution 70 and 172 EX/Decision 51 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (174 EX/35; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 70 and 172 EX/Decision 51, as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 4 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its Additional Protocols,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/35,
3. Further recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in order to satisfy the right to education for all and to meet the need for Palestinians to have safe access to the education system,
4. Recalling paragraph 31 of the Medium-Term Strategy (31 C/4 Approved), defining a “road map for a revitalized UNESCO: principles of action and programming”, and paragraph 12 of 31 C/Resolution 43,
5. Committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflicts,
6. Deeply convinced that the continuous strengthening of the reconstruction and development process in the Palestinian Territories should be carried out in a context of non-violence and of mutual respect and recognition, as promoted by the objectives of the road map,
7. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 33 C/Resolution 70 and 172 EX/Decision 51, and requests him to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented in the framework of the Approved Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5 Approved);
8. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States, IGOs and NGOs to UNESCO’s action in the Palestinian Territories, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
9. Thanks the Director-General for the results which have been obtained in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities, and invites him to promote UNESCO’s assistance to the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions;
10. Expresses its concern at any actions undermining the cultural and natural heritage, and cultural and educational institutions, as well as at any impediments which prevent Palestinian and all other schoolchildren and students from being an integral part of their social fabric and from exercising fully their right to education, and calls for the observance of the provisions of 33 C/Resolution 70 and 172 EX/Decision 51;

11. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce his action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage;
12. Invites the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO's fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students both from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;
13. Requests the Director-General to follow closely the implementation of the recommendations of the seventh meeting of the Joint UNESCO/Palestinian Authority Committee (1-2 September 2005), especially in Gaza, and to strengthen cooperation with the Palestinian authorities in order to convene a donor meeting in compliance with 33 C/Resolution 70;
14. Encourages the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, and expresses the hope that the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed, and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with UNESCO's Constitution and the United Nations resolutions on this matter, particularly the relevant Security Council resolutions;
15. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and adequate assistance to the educational and cultural institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
16. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Executive Board at its 175th session, and invites the Director-General to submit to it a progress report thereon.

(174 EX/SR.10)

36 Provisional list of matters to be considered by the Executive Board at its 175th session
(174 EX/INF.10)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 174 EX/INF.10,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(174 EX/SR.9)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

37 Relations with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and that organization (174 EX/23; 174 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of the UNESCO Constitution,

2. Having examined document 174 EX/23,
3. Noting with satisfaction the state of cooperation which already exists between the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and UNESCO,
4. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development,
5. Taking note of the fact that the Executive Secretary of that organization has approved the text of the draft cooperation agreement,
6. Approves the Cooperation Agreement which is annexed to this decision;
7. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the Cooperation Agreement on behalf of UNESCO, and to establish official relations with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development.

ANNEX

Cooperation Agreement

between the

**Intergovernmental Authority on Development
(IGAD)**

and the

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
(UNESCO)**

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (hereinafter referred to as IGAD), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO),

Considering that IGAD has been established in order, *inter alia*, to give effect to the desire of its Member States for economic, political and social integration in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community to promote peace, stability and security in the region, to foster agricultural development and environmental protection, and to facilitate efforts in the region to ensure the integration of its Member States and people,

Considering that UNESCO was established for the purpose of advancing, through the educational, scientific and cultural relations of the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and the common welfare of humankind,

Desirous of coordinating their respective efforts in pursuit of the goals that are shared between them, in accordance with the Charter establishing IGAD and the Constitution of UNESCO,

Having regard to 174 EX/Decision 37, adopted by Executive Board of UNESCO at its 174th session,

Having regard to the decision taken in Nairobi, Kenya, on 21 March 1996 to revitalize the mandates of IGAD,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement shall be to provide a framework of cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the two parties.

Article 2 – Cooperation

1. UNESCO and IGAD shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for the purpose which is stipulated in Article 1.
2. Such cooperation shall encompass any matter pertaining to the fields of education, science and culture and concerning such similar tasks and activities as both organizations may pursue.

Article 3 – Consultation

1. The competent bodies of both organizations shall consult each other regularly on all matters mentioned in Article 2 which are of common interest.
2. When circumstances so require, both organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities in fields of common interest.
3. IGAD shall inform UNESCO of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. IGAD shall study any proposal submitted to it by UNESCO in such areas with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.
4. UNESCO shall inform IGAD of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of IGAD. UNESCO shall study any proposal submitted to it by IGAD in such areas with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

Article 4 – Reciprocal representation

1. UNESCO may invite IGAD to attend as observer the General Conference of UNESCO and meetings of the Executive Board whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
2. IGAD may invite UNESCO to attend as observer the Summits of Heads of State and meetings of the Council of Ministers whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement between the Executive Secretary of IGAD and the Director-General of UNESCO to ensure the reciprocal representation of IGAD and UNESCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices and which deal with matters of interest to the other organization.

Article 5 – Joint IGAD/UNESCO commissions

1. IGAD and UNESCO may refer to a joint commission any matter of common interest which may be deemed appropriate for reference thereto.
2. Any joint commission of this kind shall be composed of representatives appointed by both organizations, individually, the number to be appointed by each being determined by joint agreement.
3. The joint commission shall meet every two years and whenever deemed appropriate or necessary to both organizations. The reports of the joint commission shall be communicated to the Executive Secretary of IGAD and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

Article 6 – Exchange of information and documents

Subject to such measures as may be necessary to protect the confidentiality of particular documents, UNESCO and IGAD shall exchange information and documents on all matters recognized by both organizations as being of common interest.

Article 7 – Execution of the Agreement

The Executive Secretary of IGAD and the Director-General of UNESCO shall, for the purpose of executing this Agreement, enter into any such additional arrangements as may prove desirable, in the light of experience.

Article 8 – Review and termination

1. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of both parties.
2. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party. The termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.

Article 9 – Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon approval by the competent organs of both organizations and signature by the Executive Secretary of IGAD and the Director-General of UNESCO.

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In two original copies in English.

For the
Intergovernmental Authority on Development
(IGAD)

For the
United Nations Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization
(UNESCO)

Dr Attalla Hamad Bashir
Executive Secretary

Mr Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General

(174 EX/SR.1)

38 Relations with the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and that organization (174 EX/17 and Corr. (Arabic only); 174 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of the UNESCO Constitution,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/17,
3. Noting with satisfaction the existing cooperation between the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and UNESCO,

4. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the Economic Community of Central African States,
5. Taking note of the fact that the Secretary-General of that organization has approved the text of a possible draft cooperation agreement,
6. Approves the Cooperation Agreement which is reproduced in the Annex to this decision;
7. Authorizes the Director-General to sign the Cooperation Agreement on behalf of UNESCO, and to establish official relations with the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).

ANNEX

Cooperation Agreement

between the

**Economic Community of Central African States
(ECCAS)**

and the

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
(UNESCO)**

The Economic Community of Central African States (hereinafter referred to as ECCAS), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO),

Considering that ECCAS was established to promote and strengthen harmonious cooperation and balanced development in all areas of economic and social activity, especially in the fields of education, culture, science and technology, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the United Nations Charter and the Treaty establishing ECCAS,

Considering that the goals of ECCAS include the formulation of a common education policy encompassing education models based on economic and sociocultural realities in the subregion, and the promotion of all forms of cultural expression with a view to making them better known,

Considering that in addition to its original mandate under the Treaty, it also has the task of promoting peace, security and stability in Central Africa,

Considering that UNESCO has a constitutional task to advance, through the educational, scientific and cultural relations of the world's States, the objectives of international peace and the common welfare of humankind,

Considering that UNESCO's programmes are aimed at making a positive contribution to sustainable human development through education, science, culture, communication and information,

Desirous of coordinating their respective efforts in pursuit of their common goals, in accordance with the Treaty establishing ECCAS and the Constitution of UNESCO,

Having regard to the Declaration of Ouagadougou of 5 March 2003 establishing the Forum of Regional and Subregional African Organizations to Support Cooperation between UNESCO and NEPAD (FOSRASUN),

Having regard to 174 EX/Decision 38 adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 174th session,

Having regard to ECCAS decision 007/CEEAC/CCEG/18/99 of 25 June 1999 authorizing the Secretary-General to seek and enter into any agreements with international partners concerning technical and financial assistance,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Cooperation

1. UNESCO and ECCAS shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for that purpose.
2. Such cooperation shall encompass any matter pertaining to the fields of education, science and culture concerning such similar tasks and activities as both organizations may pursue.

Article 2 – Consultation

1. The competent bodies of both organizations shall consult each other regularly on all matters mentioned in Article 1 which are of common interest.
2. When circumstances so require, both organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities in fields of common interest.
3. ECCAS shall inform UNESCO of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. ECCAS shall study any proposal submitted to it by UNESCO in its fields of competence with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.
4. UNESCO shall inform ECCAS of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of ECCAS. It shall study any proposal submitted to it by ECCAS in its fields of competence with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

Article 3 – Reciprocal representation

1. UNESCO may invite ECCAS to attend as observer the General Conference of UNESCO and meetings of the Executive Board whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
2. ECCAS may invite UNESCO to attend as observer the Conference of Heads of State and Government and meetings of the Council of Ministers whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement between the Secretary-General of ECCAS and the Director-General of UNESCO to ensure the reciprocal representation of ECCAS and UNESCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which deal with matters of interest to the other organization.

Article 4 – Joint ECCAS/UNESCO commissions

1. ECCAS and UNESCO may refer any matter of common interest to a joint commission, should they deem it appropriate.

2. Any joint commission of this kind shall be composed of representatives appointed by each organization, the number of representatives to be appointed by each being determined by joint agreement.

3. Any such joint commission shall meet every two years and whenever deemed appropriate or necessary by both organizations. The reports of the joint commission shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of ECCAS and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

Article 5 – Exchange of information and documents

Subject to such measures as may be necessary to protect the confidentiality of particular documents, UNESCO and ECCAS shall exchange information and documents on all matters recognized by both organizations as being of common interest.

Article 6 – Execution of the Agreement

The Secretary-General of ECCAS and the Director-General of UNESCO shall, for the purpose of executing this Agreement, enter into any such additional arrangements as may prove desirable in the light of experience.

Article 7 – Review and denunciation

1. This Agreement may be amended with the mutual written consent of both parties.

2. Either of the parties may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party. The denunciation of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.

Article 8 – Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon approval by the respective competent organs of both organizations and signature by the Secretary-General of ECCAS and the Director-General of UNESCO.

This Agreement has been drawn up in two original copies in the French language, both being equally authentic.

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For the
Economic Community of
Central African States
(ECCAS)

For the
United Nations Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization
(UNESCO)

Louis Sylvain-Goma
Secretary-General

Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General

(174 EX/SR.1)

39 Report by the Director-General on the UNESCO Co-Action Programme (174 EX/36; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 174 EX/36,

2. Takes note of the analysis made of the current situation of the Co-Action Programme, and the negative assessment of the prospects for continuing the Programme in its present form;
3. Decides to replace the Co-Action Programme as created by 23 EX/Decision 7.2, by a new UNESCO programme for rapid and high-impact response to post-crisis situations which would complement the existing mechanism;
4. Further decides to close the Programme's account within the Public Information, Liaison and Relations Fund (PILRF), and authorizes the Director-General to transfer the remaining funds to a Special Account dedicated to the new programme referred to in paragraph 3 above;
5. Requests the Director-General to further elaborate, in consultation with all major stakeholders, the priorities, criteria and fundraising strategy of the new UNESCO programme for rapid high-impact response to post-crisis situations, and to report thereon to it at its 175th session.

(174 EX/SR.10)

40 Convening of a session of the International Conference on Education in Geneva, Switzerland, by the International Bureau of Education (IBE) in 2008 (174 EX/18 Rev.; 174 EX/INF.11; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 174 EX/18 Rev.,
2. Recognizing the important role that the International Bureau of Education (IBE), a UNESCO category 1 institute, plays in respect of Major Programme I,
3. Taking note with satisfaction of the outcome of the 54th session of the Council of the International Bureau of Education held in Geneva from 25 to 27 January 2006, and in particular its proposal to the Executive Board and the General Conference to consider organizing a session of the International Conference on Education (ICE) in Geneva in 2008,
4. Noting that this proposal would serve to ensure the holding of the International Conference on Education within a suitable time-frame, in view of the importance of maintaining the regularity and continuity of the high-level political dialogue on education,
5. Taking note of the support in both financial and human resources indicated by UNESCO's Education Sector at the 54th IBE Council Meeting for the organization of the next session of the International Conference on Education,
6. Invites the Director-General to initiate the appropriate consultation process in order to identify the theme of the Conference;
7. Invites the Director-General to make the necessary proposals for convening a session of the International Conference on Education in 2008 within the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5), while seeking additional extrabudgetary resources for

the International Conference on Education, and to provide an appropriate financial allocation to support the activities of IBE under Major Programme I;

8. Calls upon Member States, international organizations and other agencies to contribute financially and by other appropriate means to the organization of the International Conference on Education in 2008;
9. Recommends that the General Conference mandate the IBE Council to organize in 2008 a session of the International Conference on Education, and requests the IBE Council to take this into account when approving the IBE budget for 2007-2008, and to continue to mobilize the human and financial resources necessary for IBE to accomplish its mission.

(174 EX/SR.10)

41 Follow-up to the Jakarta Declaration adopted at the International Conference (December 2005) on the Right to Basic Education as a Fundamental Human Right and the Legal Framework for its Financing (174 EX/37 Rev.; 174 EX/INF.11; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 174 EX/37 Rev., and underlining the significance of the Jakarta Declaration,
2. Recognizing the necessity and importance of examining the legal framework for the provision and financing of education with regard to the promotion of education for all (EFA),
3. Considering the great significance of ensuring provisions for the financing of basic education in constitutional and national legislation, as noted in the debates of the International Conference on the Right to Basic Education as a Fundamental Human Right and the Legal Framework for its Financing held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 2 to 4 December 2005,
4. Requests the Director-General, within existing resources or as appropriate through extrabudgetary funding, as a follow-up to the Jakarta Declaration, to develop activities for supporting country efforts establishing a legal framework for the financing of basic education as a crucial aspect of promoting EFA;
5. Also requests the Director-General to report to it at its 176th session on the implementation of this decision.

(174 EX/SR.10)

[42 Conversion of the UNESCO Crafts Prize into the Seal of Excellence]

This item was withdrawn from the provisional agenda; see the footnote in document 174 EX/1.

43 Invitations to the intergovernmental meeting on the preparation of an international declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War (174 EX/39; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 45,
2. Having examined document 174 EX/39,
3. Invites the Director-General to convene an intergovernmental meeting (category II) to elaborate a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War to take place at UNESCO Headquarters, from 19 to 21 July 2006;
4. Encourages Member States to provide voluntary contributions to facilitate interpretation and translation in the six working languages, and the Director-General to be flexible in using the Organization's resources to support the meeting;
5. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate with the right to vote in the intergovernmental meeting to draw up a draft declaration of principles relating to cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the above-mentioned meeting will be sent to the States mentioned in Annex II to document 174 EX/39;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the above-mentioned meeting will be sent to the Palestinian authorities, as mentioned in section (c) of Annex II to document 174 EX/39;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the above-mentioned meeting will be sent to the entities and organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in section (d) of Annex II to document 174 EX/39;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the above-mentioned meeting will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in sections (e) (i), (ii) and (f) as indicated in the amended Annex to the present decision;
 - (f) that the Director-General is authorized to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for the work of the above-mentioned intergovernmental meeting, notifying the Executive Board thereof;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit a progress report to the Executive Board at its 175th session.

ANNEX

(e) Other intergovernmental organizations**(i) Regional organizations**

Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization
 Commonwealth of Independent States
 Council of Europe
 European Commission
 European Parliament
 Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

(ii) Interregional organizations

International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration
 of Cultural Property
 Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 World Customs Organization

(f) International non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO

European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities
 International Council on Archives
 International Council on Monuments and Sites
 International Council of Museums

(174 EX/SR.10)

44 Follow-up to the First World Congress on Literacy (Havana, Cuba, 2005) and in particular the results of the evaluation of the effectiveness of the literacy method *Yo sí puedo* (174 EX/40, 174 EX/INF.11; 174 EX/48 Part II; 174 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that 171 EX/Decision 62 regarding information on the First World Congress on Literacy, held in Havana from 31 January to 4 February 2005, “Requests the Director-General to conduct a feasibility study on the recommendations contained in the Declaration of the Ministers of Education, Deputy Ministers and Representatives of Ministries attending the First World Congress on Literacy and to inform the Executive Board of the conclusions of this study on the possible involvement of UNESCO in this initiative”,
2. Further considering that the feasibility study concerns the mass literacy teaching method developed by Cuba which is being used successfully in more than 12 countries,
3. Bearing in mind that the aims of the literacy teaching method correspond to the Millennium Development Goals and the goals of the United Nations Literacy Decade set out in the Dakar Framework for Action of the World Education Forum, which involves and directly commits UNESCO,
4. Recognizing the need to be informed, in view of literacy needs throughout the world, of the feasibility of the aforementioned method and, in that connection, of the possible involvement of UNESCO in an initiative of that kind,
5. Taking note of the information provided by the Director-General on the subject,

6. Requests the Director-General to expedite the decision taken at its 171st session and to submit to it, at its 175th session at the latest, the conclusions of the studies on the feasibility and effectiveness of the Cuban literacy method *Yo sí puedo* and on the possible involvement of UNESCO in initiatives enabling advantage to be taken of the method for the sake of progress towards achieving the objectives of the United Nations Literacy Decade and the Millennium Development Goals in the field in question.

(174 EX/SR.10)

[45 Preparation of a draft recommendation on the definition and recognition of the profession of conference interpreter]

This item was withdrawn from the agenda by the United Kingdom and Senegal.

46 Respect for freedom of expression and respect for sacred beliefs and values and religious and cultural symbols (174 EX/42; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the pertinent aspects of UNESCO's mandate as set forth in its Constitution,
2. Further recalling 33 C/Resolution 49 of the General Conference on the misuse of religious symbols and expressions,
3. Having examined document 174 EX/42,
4. Reaffirming the international instruments that uphold freedom of expression and freedom of thought, conscience and religion,
5. Also reaffirming UNESCO's commitment to respect for freedom of expression and respect for religious beliefs and religious symbols,
6. Emphasizing that the media can have an important role to play in promoting tolerance, respect for and freedom of religion and belief,
7. Upholding the exercise of freedom of expression in a spirit of mutual respect and mutual understanding, urges mutual respect for cultural diversity, religious beliefs and religious symbols;
8. Requests the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's programmes and actions, in its fields of competence, to fulfil its commitment towards mutual understanding and respect for all peoples' religious and cultural values, and freedom of expression;
9. Also requests the Director-General to accelerate the implementation of the plan of action for the dialogue among civilizations, cultures and peoples with a view to creating a culture of peace and of living together;
10. Further requests the Director-General to undertake a compilation and comprehensive study of all existing relevant international instruments, and to propose means and modalities of action available to UNESCO for the purpose of furthering mutual understanding in order to overcome the still prevailing ignorance of each other's ways and lives, and of promoting peace, tolerance and dialogue among civilizations, cultures, peoples and religions;

11. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 176th session a comprehensive report concerning this issue.

(174 EX/SR.10)

47 A proposal for the adoption of a binding international legal instrument to ensure respect for prophets, beliefs, sacred values, religious symbols and places of worship (174 EX/43 Rev.; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 174 EX/43 Rev.,
2. Takes note of the statement made on this item by the observer for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in the PX Commission.

(174 EX/SR.10)

48 Follow-up to 166 EX/Decision 3.6.1 concerning the proposal for the elaboration of an education programme for the sustainable management of freshwater resources (174 EX/INF.13; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 3.6.1 concerning the elaboration of an education programme for the sustainable management of freshwater resources,
2. Further recalling the water resources priority in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007, and UNESCO's role as lead agency for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development,
3. Having examined document 174 EX/INF.13,
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the strategic approach agreed between the sectors of UNESCO concerned and the ongoing elaboration of an intersectoral action plan on the matter and recommends that it should, in particular, incorporate knowledge of traditional systems of water management in different parts of the world, and integrate this knowledge in the programmes of education;
5. Invites the Director-General to report on the matter to the Board at its 175th session.

(174 EX/SR.10)

49 UNESCO technical assistance to the Republic of Djibouti in the area of water resources management to strengthen sustainable development action to combat the effects of the drought disaster, and encouragement to Member States to provide, in so far as possible, appropriate assistance in that regard (174 EX/45; 174 EX/INF.11 Add.; 174 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling resolution 57/254 of the United Nations General Assembly on the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), which designates UNESCO as the lead agency for the promotion of the Decade,

2. Having examined document 174 EX/45,
3. Requests the Director-General to provide technical assistance to Djibouti in the area of water resources management to combat the effects of the drought;
4. Invites the Director-General to appeal to Member States to provide, in so far as possible, appropriate emergency assistance to Djibouti.

(174 EX/SR.10)

50 Proposal to change the name of the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE) to “UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning” (UIL) (174 EX/38 Rev.; 174 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 174 EX/38 Rev.,
2. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 6 and 166 EX/Decision 6.3,
3. Referring to Article XI of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Education concerning the amendments to the Statutes,
4. Decides to change the name of the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE) to UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), and accordingly to approve the Statutes of the Institute, adopted by the Executive Board at its 166th session as amended in the Annex to the present decision;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit, for information, a report on the transition of UIE to a fully-fledged institute to the Executive Board at its 175th session.

ANNEX

Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

Article I – Definitions

Unless otherwise stated in the text:

UNESCO means the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

General Conference means the General Conference of UNESCO

Executive Board means the Executive Board of UNESCO

Director-General means the Director-General of UNESCO

Board means the Governing Board of the Institute

Committee means the Standing Committee of the Board as provided for in Article VII of the Statutes

Director means the Director of the Institute

Institute means the newly established international UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

Statutes means the Statutes of the Institute

Personnel means the personnel of the Institute as provided for in Article IX

UIE Foundation means the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE), established by UNESCO in 1952 as a foundation under German law in Hamburg, Germany

Constitution means the Constitution of the UIE Foundation

Article II – Legal status of the Institute

1. An international UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning is hereby established within the framework of UNESCO, of which it shall be an integral part.
2. The Institute shall replace the UIE Foundation which shall be dissolved in accordance with Article X of its Constitution and the relevant provisions of the applicable German law and in consultation with the competent German authorities.
3. Within the above-mentioned framework, the Institute shall enjoy the functional autonomy necessary to achieve its objectives.
4. All activities carried out by the Institute shall be in conformity with the present Statutes as well as the relevant decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Board.
5. The name of the Institute shall be the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL).
6. The Institute shall have its seat in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

Article III – Objectives and functions

1. Within UNESCO's broad educational mandate, the mission of the Institute shall be to promote the recognition of and create the conditions for the exercise of the right to education and learning. As a non-profit international institute of UNESCO, the Institute shall undertake research, capacity-building, networking and publication on lifelong learning with a focus on adult and continuing education, literacy and non-formal basic education.
2. To that end, the Institute shall focus on the following objectives:
 - (a) strengthening adult and lifelong learning by working with and providing services in its areas of competence to UNESCO Member States, to international and intergovernmental agencies, to non-governmental organizations, grassroots and community associations and to partners in civil society and the private sector;
 - (b) fostering a holistic and integrated approach based on awareness of different needs with special concern for the disadvantaged and marginalized;
 - (c) helping to build bridges and networks for cross-fertilization and sharing of knowledge, experience and tools in the areas of literacy, non-formal education, and adult and lifelong learning within and between nations, with special emphasis on least developed countries.
3. The Institute shall perform the following functions:
 - (a) fostering policy dialogue to further the universalization of the right to education and to learn for marginalized and disadvantaged groups by promoting lifelong learning, disseminating good practice and advocating conducive legal, policy and financial environments;
 - (b) research and research-based capacity-building to develop a solid, culturally diversified and relevant knowledge base;

- (c) networking, partnership building among stakeholders and partners, exchange of experience and innovations, documentation and dissemination of outcomes.

Article IV – Governing Board

1. The Board shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Director-General with regard to gender balance and to a geographical distribution that is as equitable and wide as possible. The Director-General shall also appoint an alternate to each full member. One of the members shall be a national of the host country. The members shall be chosen *intuiti personae* according to their eminence in the fields relevant to education and the aims of the Institute.
2. The term of office of all members and their alternates shall be four years. All members and alternates shall be eligible for reappointment, but not for more than two consecutive terms.
3. If any member resigns, or is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, his/her alternate will automatically hold office for the rest of the term. If the member and alternate resign or are prevented from carrying out their duty, the Director-General shall appoint a new member and alternate for a new term.
4. The Board members shall not receive salaries in respect of their duties, but their travel costs shall be covered according to the UNESCO rules and regulations.
5. The Board shall elect its Chairperson and its Vice-Chairperson from among its members for a term of four years.

Article V – Functions of the Governing Board

The functions of the Board shall be:

1. To determine and approve the general policy and the nature of the Institute's activities planned over a two-year period, within the framework decided by the General Conference, including the Approved Programme and Budget and with due regard to the obligations resulting from the fact that the Institute is an integral part of UNESCO.
2. To examine the annual draft programme and budget of the Institute and adopt the revised programme and budget.
3. To adopt and address to the Director-General an annual report on activities.
4. To review progress in the work of the Institute with a view to desirable future developments.
5. To assist the Director-General in the nomination of a Director of the Institute by making recommendations to that end.
6. To report, through its Chairperson, to the General Conference on the activities of the Institute.

Article VI – Operation of the Board

1. The Board shall meet at least once a year and whenever necessary in the interest of the Institute or for the requirement of its business. It shall be summoned by the Chairperson, who shall draw up the agenda, at least four weeks before the date of the meeting. The Chairperson must call a meeting if the Director or at least five members of the Board request it.

2. Decisions shall be taken by simple majority. Each member of the Board shall have one vote. A quorum shall consist of seven members of the Board.
3. The Board shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.
4. The Director-General or his/her representative shall attend all meetings of the Board without the right to vote. He/she may at any time make oral or written statements to the Board concerning any question under consideration by it.
5. The Board may invite observers, as it considers appropriate.

Article VII – The Committee

1. Between its meetings, the Board shall be represented by a Standing Committee.
2. The Committee shall consist of the Chairperson of the Board and two other members to be elected by the Governing Board from among its members for a two-year period with the possibility of re-election. The Board shall also elect replacement members to sit in the Committee in case one of its full members resigns or is prevented from carrying out his/her duties.
3. The Director-General or his/her representative may attend the meetings of the Committee.
4. The Committee shall supervise the work of the Director to the extent to which authority is delegated to it by the Board, to which it shall report its activities.
5. The Board may authorize the Committee to exercise certain of its functions in its name, except those functions reserved by these Statutes for the Board, and to report on its actions to the Board in the matter.
6. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

Article VIII – The Director

1. The Director of the Institute shall be appointed by the Director-General on the recommendation of the Board (Article V, para. 5). He or she shall be a UNESCO staff member and therefore subject to UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.
2. The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Institute. In this capacity, he/she, by due delegation of the Director-General, shall perform the following functions:
 - (a) to administer the Institute;
 - (b) to prepare, after consultation with the Committee, the annual programme and budget of the Institute and the annual reports of activities;
 - (c) to draw up, subject to the Board's approval, detailed plans for the implementation of the approved programme, and to direct their execution;
 - (d) to appoint and manage, on behalf of the Director-General, in accordance with UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, the UNESCO staff members of the Institute and the special staff, such as consultants, and persons under secondment or under other arrangements;
 - (e) to receive funds and make payments in accordance with the financial regulations of the special account for the Institute as provided in Article X;

- (f) to establish, without prejudice to the financial regulations of the special account for the Institute, financial rules and procedures in order to ensure effective financial administration and economy.

Article IX – The personnel

1. The personnel employed by the UIE Foundation prior to the adoption of the present Statutes shall be transferred, if they so desire, to the Institute, subject to an appropriate agreement being concluded between the host country and UNESCO.
2. With its transfer to the Institute, the personnel will be subject to UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

Article X – Finance

1. The income of the Institute shall consist of:
 - (a) a financial allocation determined by the General Conference;
 - (b) contributions made by the Federal Republic of Germany;
 - (c) voluntary contributions from other Member States of UNESCO, international agencies and organizations as well as other entities, allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
 - (d) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it by other public or private organizations, associations or individuals for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
 - (e) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and
 - (f) miscellaneous income.
2. The income of the Institute shall be paid into a special account to be set up by the Director-General, in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO's Financial Regulations. This special account shall be operated and the Institute's budget administered in accordance with these Statutes and the financial regulations of the special account.
3. In the event of a decision by the General Conference to close down the Institute its assets shall be vested in and its liabilities taken over by UNESCO.

Article XI – Amendments

The present Statutes may be amended only by a decision of the General Conference or the Executive Board.

Article XII – Transitional provisions

Upon the entry into force of these Statutes:

- (a) the members of the Governing Board of the UIE Foundation shall become members of the Board of the Institute and shall hold their office until the end of their original term;
- (b) the Director of the UIE Foundation shall become Director of the Institute.

Article XIII – Entry into force

The present Statutes will enter into force once the Host Country Agreement and the Agreement mentioned in Article IX have been concluded by UNESCO and the Federal Republic of Germany, and after the Foundation has been dissolved legally.

(174 EX/SR.1)

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Announcements concerning the private meetings held on Monday 3 April and Wednesday 12 April 2006

At the private meetings held on the following dates, the Executive Board considered the following items: Monday 3 April 2006 – item **30**; Wednesday 12 April 2006 – item **22**.

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

1. The Executive Board examined the report of 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.
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein.

30 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (174 EX/PRIV.1)

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Board of the decisions taken since the 172nd session regarding the appointments and extensions of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization. He also evoked some adjustments which could be brought to the structure of the Secretariat in order to increase its efficiency and rationalize its work.

(174 EX/SR.5 and 7)