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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (165 EX/1, 165 EX/INF.1 Rev., 165 EX/2 Rev.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 165 EX/1 and 165 EX/INF.1 Rev.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.2.2, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 5.4, 6.3, 9.1, 9.2, 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3; and for programme-related aspects, items 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.4.5, 3.5.3, 4.1, 8.2, 9.3 and 9.4.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.5.2, 5.2, 8.1, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8 and 8.9; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.4.5, 3.5.3, 4.1, 8.2, 9.3 and 9.4.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 165 EX/2 Rev. concerning the following agenda items:

- 3.2.1 Invitations to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (Paris, 9 and 10 January 2003) (165 EX/7)
- 6.4 Draft amendments to the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (165 EX/23)

(165 EX/SR.1 and 4)

1.1 Election of the Chairperson of the Finance and Administrative Commission

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Mr Vladimir Kalamonov (Russian Federation) Chairperson of the Finance and Administrative Commission to replace Mr Evgueny Sidorov (Russian Federation) for the remainder of his term of office.

(165 EX/SR.1)

2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 164th SESSION (164 EX/SR.1-9)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 164th session.

(165 EX/SR.1)

3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (165 EX/4 Part I and Part II and Add., 165 EX/4 Annexes, 165 EX/INF.7, 165 EX/INF.8, 165 EX/INF.9, 165 EX/INF.10, 165 EX/50 Part I and 165 EX/51 Part I)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 165 EX/4 Part I, 165 EX/INF.7, 165 EX/INF.8, 165 EX/INF.9, 165 EX/INF.10,

2. Takes note of their contents.

(165 EX/SR.8)

II

Execution of the programme by object of expenditure

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 145 EX/Decision 5.1 (I), 157 EX/Decision 3.1 (I), 159 EX/Decision 3.1.1 (I), 160 EX/Decision 3.1.1 (I), 161 EX/Decision 3.1.1 (I), 162 EX/Decisions 3.1.1 (III) and 7.12, 31 C/Resolution 50 and 164 EX/Decision 6.9,
2. Having examined documents 165 EX/4 (Part II and Add.), 165 EX/4 Annexes, 165 EX/INF.7 and 165 EX/INF.10,
3. Notes with concern that the table on execution of the programme by object of expenditure has not been included in Part II of document 165 EX/4;
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure the progressive inclusion in the report on the execution of the programme of the information normally included in the above-mentioned table, beginning with the report to be presented to the Executive Board at its 166th session.

(165 EX/SR.7)

III

Universality of the Organization

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the introductory remarks of the Chairperson of the Executive Board and those of the Director-General, as well as the statements of the States Members of the Board and the Observers from other States,
2. Reaffirming the importance that it attaches to universal membership of the Organization for the achievement of its mission, which requires international cooperation,
3. Recognizing the benefits, particularly those of an intellectual and scientific nature, that the Organization and the international community can reap not only from the return of all the States that have withdrawn from UNESCO but also from the entry of the States that are not yet Members thereof,
4. Welcomes with satisfaction the announcement by the President of the United States of America on 12 September 2002 that his country will return to UNESCO;
5. Encourages Singapore to contemplate its early return to the Organization;
6. Encourages States that are not yet Members of UNESCO to join the Organization;

7. Congratulates the Director-General on his role and encourages him to continue his efforts to create conditions conducive to the full universality of the Organization.

(165 EX/SR.9)

3.1.2 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme and budget during the previous biennium (2000-2001 – 32 C/3) (165 EX/6 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/6 (draft document 32 C/3),
2. Recognizing that draft document 32 C/3 was intended to be a transitional document which would not necessarily contain all of the improvements proposed in document 162 EX/6,
3. Noting with appreciation the information contained in document 165 EX/6, as well as the improved methodology used to prepare it, in particular, the improved self-assessment in Part I, the analysis of the issues arising and scope for further improvement set out in Part II, and the systematic validation by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) of the integrity of the data,
4. Invites the Director-General to use the report in proposals regarding future activities of the Organization, specifically in the next Draft Programme and Budget (32 C/5) and in any revision of document 31 C/4;
5. Further invites the Director-General, in the context of results-based programming and budgeting, to improve future C/3 documents following the proposals outlined in Part II of draft document 32 C/3.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.2 Education

3.2.1 Invitations to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (Paris, 9-10 January 2003) (165 EX/7 and 165 EX/2 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that the Third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport recommended to the Director-General that he convene the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport,
2. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to this Round Table,
3. Invites the Director-General to convene the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport;

4. Decides:

- (a) that invitations to participate, with the right to vote, in the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Round Table shall be extended to all States mentioned in paragraph 9 of document 165 EX/7;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Round Table shall be extended to Palestine;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Round Table shall be extended to the organizations of the United Nations system mentioned in paragraph 11 of document 165 EX/7;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Round Table shall be extended to the intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 12 of document 165 EX/7;
 - (f) that invitations to send observers to the Round Table shall be extended to the institutions and foundations listed in paragraph 13 of document 165 EX/7;
 - (g) that invitations to send observers to the Round Table shall be extended to the international organizations mentioned in paragraph 14 of document 165 EX/7;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to extend any other invitations that he may deem useful for the work of the Round Table, informing the Executive Board accordingly;
6. Urges Member States to take immediate steps, within their fields of competence and in the framework of international cooperation, to cooperate in organizing this Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport.

(165 EX/SR.1)

3.2.2 UNESCO-UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (165 EX/8 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 148 EX/Decision 7.1 and 154 EX/Decision 3.3.3 in which it designated Members of the Executive Board to serve on the UNESCO-UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (JCE),
2. Having examined document 165 EX/8,
3. Decides to designate the following States Members of the Executive Board: Cuba, Japan, Oman, Russian Federation, Swaziland and United Kingdom;
4. Authorizes the JCE to discuss its future at its eighth meeting in the light of alternative positive collaborative arrangements between the two organizations and to make recommendations thereon, subject to a similar resolution adopted by the UNICEF Executive Board.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.3 Natural sciences

3.3.1 Report by the Director-General on the results of the feasibility study on the creation of an international basic sciences programme (165 EX/9 and 165 EX/51 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 3.3.2 concerning the report by the Director-General on the reorientation of UNESCO's programmes in the sciences to take account of the conclusions of the World Conference on Science (Budapest, 1999), and 162 EX/Decision 3.3.1 concerning the report by the Director-General on progress achieved in the follow-up to the World Conference on Science,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/9,
3. Recognizing that, today more than ever, basic science and its applications play a critical role in the globalization process and are indispensable for development to meet the basic needs of the population and to take advantage of the unprecedented potential of science for societal advancement,
4. Recalling that enhancing scientific, technical and human capacities to participate in the emerging knowledge societies is a strategic objective of the Organization in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 and that it calls for reinforced determined action to reduce disparities in scientific capacities,
5. Responding to recommendation 28 of the Science Agenda – Framework for Action that invites countries, NGOs, IGOs, and United Nations agencies to strengthen their programmes involving science to address pressing developmental problems,
6. Seeking to stimulate significant new initiatives in the basic sciences to implement the principal recommendations of the World Conference on Science,
7. Invites Member States to:
 - (a) strengthen the political measures aimed at promoting the basic sciences at national level in close cooperation with UNESCO;
 - (b) participate in and increase their support for international and regional cooperation in the basic sciences within the programme of UNESCO in order to build up science capacities and implement activities in the basic sciences and science education that respond to national needs;
 - (c) inform the Director-General of relevant national and regional projects in the basic sciences which they would be prepared to support through extrabudgetary funds, and to cooperate at international level in training, research and promotion of the use of research findings;
8. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) reinforce national capacity-building in science in Member States and the transfer of science and technology through the existing programme in the basic and engineering sciences;

- (b) convene an ad hoc committee of experts representative of the different geographical regions to carry out consultations and prepare a preliminary draft of an international basic sciences programme in the framework of the optimum option selected from among those presented in document 165 EX/9, and to provide support for its work;
- (c) report to it at its 166th session on the work of the ad hoc committee of experts and on its proposals.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.4 Social and human sciences

3.4.1 Elements of an overall UNESCO strategy on human rights (165 EX/10 and 165 EX/51 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved),
2. Bearing in mind the United Nations Secretary-General's Reform Programme (A/51/950) and the Millennium Declaration of the General Assembly of the United Nations (A/RES/55/2),
3. Having discussed document 165 EX/10,
4. Reconfirming UNESCO's commitment to human rights and the need to enhance its contribution to the promotion and protection of all human rights related to its mandate,
5. Welcoming measures taken to mainstream human rights in UNESCO's programmes and to reinforce internal coordination in the field of human rights, both at Headquarters and in the field,
6. Commending UNESCO's efforts to reinforce cooperation with other bodies and agencies of the United Nations system and regional intergovernmental organizations, and also with non-governmental organizations,
7. Requests the Director-General to accord particular priority to education and research in the field of human rights;
8. Invites the Director-General, taking into account the discussion at the 165th session, to continue preparation of an overall UNESCO strategy on human rights in close consultation with Member States and all relevant partners and to present a progress report on its elaboration to the Executive Board at its 166th session;
9. Also invites the Director-General to submit alongside the progress report on an overall UNESCO human rights strategy progress reports on the related strategies currently being developed.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.4.2 Report by the Director-General on the UNESCO study concerning the elaboration of an international instrument on genetic data (165 EX/11 and 165 EX/51 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights (1997),
2. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 22,
3. Having examined document 165 EX/11,
4. Considering the Communiqué of the Round Table of Ministers of Science on “Bioethics: International Implications” (Paris, 22-23 October 2001), inviting the Organization to consider extensions to the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights and to strengthen its standard-setting action,
5. Aware at once of the complexity and the scope of the issue of genetic data and also of the urgent need to define in this regard principles and standards that are recognized and adopted at the international level,
6. Recognizing the importance of ensuring that all participate in the progress of the life sciences, and in the benefits that grow from them, with due regard for the freedom, dignity and identity of the human person,
7. Thanks the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) for the high quality of the work carried out concerning genetic data;
8. Considers that the Organization should prepare, as a matter of urgency, an international declaration on human genetic data with due regard for human dignity and human rights and freedoms;
9. Invites the Director-General to continue the preparation of an international declaration on human genetic data, in consultation with the Member States and other relevant international organizations, for submission to an intergovernmental meeting of all States with a view to its adoption by the General Conference at its 32nd session;
10. Also invites the Director-General to report to it on progress in the work on this question and to submit to it a preliminary draft declaration at its 166th session.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.4.3 Recommendations of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) (165 EX/13 and 165 EX/51 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/13,
2. Taking note of the work already accomplished by the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST),

3. Welcomes the contribution that COMEST has made so far to the reinforcement of the Organization's ethical mission, especially in the field of the ethics of science and technology, which is one of the five main priorities for UNESCO's programme and lies at the heart of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007;
4. Takes note of the recommendations of COMEST in regard to the ethics of freshwater, the ethics of energy and the ethics of outer space;
5. Appreciates the cooperation existing between UNESCO, COMEST and the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS);
6. Appreciates also the cooperation existing between UNESCO, COMEST and the International Council for Science (ICSU) in regard to the ethics of the environment and sustainable development;
7. Requests the Director-General to pursue this international cooperation and to carry out an in-depth study of the report and the recommendations adopted by COMEST at its second session (Berlin, 17-19 December 2001), in accordance with the priorities established in documents 31 C/4 and 31 C/5;
8. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 166th session, and to the General Conference at its 32nd session, a report on the work done by COMEST since its second session and proposals for evaluating the impact of the activities of COMEST;
9. Calls upon States, organizations and institutions to promote and strengthen reflection on the ethics of science and technology in order to ensure that humanity can benefit from scientific discoveries and technological progress in a harmonious way;
10. Invites the Director-General to convey the terms of this decision as well as observations and proposals made by Members of the Executive Board at its 165th session in this regard to the Chairperson of COMEST.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.4.4 Progress report by the Director-General on the International Centre for Human Sciences (ICHS), Byblos (165 EX/12 and 165 EX/51 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/12,
2. Taking into account the terms of the Agreement concluded between UNESCO and the Government of the Lebanese Republic on 4 March 1998 concerning the establishment of the International Centre for Human Sciences (ICHS) in Byblos,
3. Emphasizing the importance of the ICHS in the implementation of UNESCO's programme in the field of the social and human sciences,
4. Paying a special tribute to the role played by the Lebanese authorities in the relaunching of the Centre and its smooth functioning,
5. Appreciating the efforts made by the Director-General and the Director of the Centre to strengthen the ICHS,

6. Encourages the International Centre for Human Sciences at Byblos to reinforce its research work on democracy and culture;
7. Calls on Member States, through their research institutions and experts, to cooperate actively with the Centre;
8. Invites the Director-General to continue his cooperation with the Government of the Lebanese Republic on the basis of the Agreement concluded and the methods for its implementation agreed between the two parties;
9. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 167th session the basis of an integrated strategy for an international programme on democracy, indicating therein the potential contribution of the ICHS to the implementation of that strategy.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.4.5 The Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science (165 EX/24 Rev. and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/24 Rev. concerning the creation of “The Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science”,
2. Considering that the objectives of the Prize are consistent with those of UNESCO, set out notably in the second and sixth paragraphs of the Preamble and in Article I, paragraph 2(c), of its Constitution,
3. Recalling that “promoting principles and ethical norms to guide scientific and technological development and social transformation” has been recognized as one of the strategic objectives in the Medium-Term Strategy of UNESCO for 2002-2007,
4. Emphasizing that the creation of the Prize will help significantly to increase international awareness and to highlight the importance of ethics in science,
5. Expresses to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran its deep gratitude for this initiative and for the generous offer of the Prize, together with the funding of its full operating costs, to be awarded on an initial basis in the 2002-2003 biennium;
6. Approves the Statutes of “The Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science”, as set out in the Annex to this decision;
7. Decides to defer to its 166th session consideration of the modalities for the possible continuation of this Prize beyond the current biennium.

ANNEX

Statutes of The Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Prize is to reward the activities of individuals and groups in the field of ethics in science. Such activities shall be in conformity with UNESCO’s policies and be related to the Programme of the Organization in the field of ethics of science and technology.

2. Designation, amount and periodicity of the Prize

- (a) The Prize shall be entitled “The Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science”;
- (b) The Prize shall be funded by the Islamic Republic of Iran and shall consist of: (i) a gold medal of Avicenna along with a certificate, (ii) a sum of US \$10,000 and (iii) a one-week academic visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran, which would include the delivery of speeches in the relevant academic gatherings, organized for this purpose by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- (c) The Prize shall be awarded on an initial basis in the 2002-2003 biennium;
- (d) The operating costs of the Prize shall be fully covered by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

3. Conditions

The candidates (individuals and groups) shall have contributed to high-quality research in the field of ethics of science and technology.

4. Designation of the prizewinner

The prizewinner shall be designated by the Director-General of UNESCO, on the recommendation of an international jury.

5. Jury

- (a) The jury shall consist of three members, of different nationalities, appointed by the Director-General from among the members of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST), taking into account the renewal of COMEST members.
- (b) The jury shall adopt its own working procedures and shall be assisted by a member of the Secretariat designated by the Director-General.

6. Nomination of candidates

When the Secretariat has received the items to be awarded and the funds for the operating costs, as indicated in Article 2 above, the Director-General of UNESCO shall invite the submission of nominations from the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and from international non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with the Organization. Each Member State and NGO may designate one candidate.

7. Submission of nominations

The governments and NGOs shall provide in support of each candidate a recommendation including:

- (a) a description of the candidate’s academic background and achievements;
- (b) a summary of the work submitted for consideration;
- (c) a review of the way in which the work submitted has contributed to the development of research in the field of ethics of science and technology.

The nominations should be submitted in English or French and be accompanied by a biographical note.

8. Procedure for the awarding of the Prize

The Director-General of UNESCO shall announce the name of the winner. The Director-General (or his representative) shall award the Prize at an official ceremony held for that purpose to which he will invite the representative of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

9. Amendments to the Statutes of the Prize

Any amendment to the present Statutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.5 Culture

3.5.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 164 EX/Decision 3.5.3 (165 EX/14 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 28 and 164 EX/Decision 3.5.3, as well as the provisions of the fourth Geneva Convention (1949) and its additional Protocols, of The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocol and of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage, and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council on the status of Jerusalem,
2. Taking note of document 165 EX/14 concerning Jerusalem and drawing attention to the obstacles to the implementation of 164 EX/Decision 3.5.3,
3. Concerned by the damage duly noted by experts of international repute, which affects and threatens the equilibrium of the Holy City;
4. Profoundly concerned by the actions that endanger the city's heritage and its cultural, architectural, historical and demographic components;
5. Thanks the Director-General for his sustained and praiseworthy efforts to preserve the cultural and historical property of the Old City of Jerusalem and requests him to pursue his efforts to preserve the equilibrium of the whole site and thereby to ensure respect by the occupying power for all the decisions and resolutions relating to Jerusalem in all matters pertaining to its cultural, architectural, historical and demographic components as well as to restoration work;
6. Thanks States, organizations, institutions and individuals who have contributed financially to the special account for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem, notably Saudi Arabia for its sustained and generous contribution;
7. Reaffirms its strong regret that the Israeli authorities persist in preventing Professor Oleg Grabar from carrying out in Jerusalem the mission entrusted to him and that he has been unable, because of the obstacles placed in his way, to submit his report to the Executive Board;
8. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to ensure the implementation by the Israeli authorities of 30 C/Resolution 28 of the General Conference as well as the decisions of the Executive Board, so as to enable Professor Grabar to carry out his mission in Jerusalem and to submit his report to the Board at its 166th session;

9. Urges that the Israeli authorities take all requisite measures to enable this mission to proceed smoothly;
10. Requests the Director-General to keep it informed about the situation so that the Board can study appropriate measures with a view to the application of the resolutions and decisions of UNESCO;
11. Calls on governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions to comply with all the resolutions of the General Conference and decisions of the Executive Board relating to Jerusalem and to authorize no measure that contravenes those resolutions and decisions;
12. Decides to include this item on the agenda of its 166th session.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.5.2 Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity (165 EX/15 and 165 EX/50 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 3.5.1,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/15,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity annexed to this decision.

ANNEX

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF MASTERPIECES OF THE ORAL AND INTANGIBLE HERITAGE OF HUMANITY

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, hereafter referred to as the Special Account.

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

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

The purpose of the Special Account is to receive voluntary contributions, whether from governments or the private sector, in order to fund activities for the safeguarding and promotion of proclaimed “masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity” and the corresponding prizes.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities;
- (b) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for the purpose of activities for the safeguarding and promotion of proclaimed masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity;
- (c) interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative expenses specifically relating to it.

Article 6 – Accounts

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

Article 7 – Investments

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

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

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

Article 9 – General provision

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

(165 EX/SR.7)

3.5.3 Request by the International Institute for Opera and Poetry (IIOP), Verona, Italy, to be recognized as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (165 EX/32 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the “principles and guidelines regarding the establishment of international and regional centres under the auspices of UNESCO” adopted by 21 C/Resolution 40,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/32,

3. Requests the Director-General to undertake a preliminary feasibility study on the matter and to report to it thereon at its 166th session.

(165 EX/SR.8)

3.6 Communication and information

3.6.1 Report by the Director-General on the consultation process and the revised draft recommendation on the promotion and use of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace (165 EX/16 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/16,
2. Thanks the Director-General for his great efforts to further the consultation process in connection with the preparation of the revised draft recommendation on the promotion and use of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit the revised draft recommendation to the General Conference at its 32nd session together with the comments made by the Executive Board at its 165th session.

(165 EX/SR.8)

4 DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2004-2005 (32 C/5)

4.1 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) (165 EX/5 Part I (A), (B) and (C) and 165 EX/INF.3; 165 EX/5 Part II and Part III, and 165 EX/INF.10)

A

Preliminary proposals concerning document 32 C/5

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's preliminary proposals concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) presented in document 165 EX/5 Parts II and III,
2. Reaffirming the provisions of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved),
3. Taking note with satisfaction the results of the broad-based and participatory consultation process undertaken by the Director-General with Member States, through the regional consultations of National Commissions, and with intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5), as reflected in document 165 EX/5 Part I (A, B and C),
4. Taking into account the debates that were held at its present session, in particular the observations and suggestions made in plenary by the Members of the Executive Board on agenda item 4.1, the Director-General's introduction and his reply to these debates

and the deliberations thereon of the Programme and External Relations Commission and of the Finance and Administrative Commission,

5. Commends the Director-General for preparing a concise and well-structured document (165 EX/5 Part II), which constituted a sound basis for deliberations and decision-making for the subsequent stages in the elaboration of document 32 C/5;

6. Requests the Director-General to prepare document 32 C/5 on the basis of the proposals contained in document 165 EX/5 Parts II and III, taking into account the following observations and recommendations:

I. Programming principles and framework

7. Endorses the Director-General's proposal that document 32 C/5 should be based on a quest for further programme concentration and the consolidation of an effective field presence;

8. Invites the Director-General to ensure that document 32 C/5 corresponds fully to the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved) and that it specifies for each major programme the linkages of the programme activities to the strategic objectives and cross-cutting themes of document 31 C/4 Approved;

9. Emphasizes the need to establish in document 32 C/5 clear linkages with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), in particular the central goal of halving poverty by 2015, through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information;

10. Underlines the importance of results-based programming, budgeting, management and monitoring as the key to transparent and accountable programme implementation and to effective and meaningful evaluations;

11. Urges the Director-General to intensify his efforts in that regard through a steady improvement in the formulation of expected results and related quantitative and qualitative, measurable performance indicators, as well as ongoing training programmes to upgrade skills of all staff involved;

12. Encourages the Director-General, in the preparation of document 32 C/5, to build on the steps already taken to make the C/5 documents more concise and results-oriented, so that they can be used to measure performance and set appropriate benchmarks;

13. Concurs with the Director-General's proposal to maintain, in an effort to concentrate the programme, the designation of one principal priority for each major programme and to retain, with some modifications, the same principal priorities as in document 31 C/5 Approved;

14. Agrees that, within each principal priority, budgetary reinforcements shall be accorded only to very specific, well-defined areas ("focus within the focus"), so as to avoid the possible elimination of activities linked to other priorities;

15. Endorses the proposal by the Director-General to formulate a limited number of "other priorities" for each major programme, in an effort to structure and focus each of the major programmes even further;

16. Takes note of the emphasis placed by the Director-General on ensuring that the contribution of each UNESCO institute and centre, in particular those in category 1, to relevant main lines of action is explicitly indicated in document 32 C/5;
17. Welcomes the indication by the Director-General that he will propose a budgetary reinforcement for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to enable it to implement its mandate fully;
18. Endorses the proposal by the Director-General to include references in document 32 C/5 to the regional and subregional strategies related to document 31 C/4 Approved;

Intersectorality

19. Urges the Director-General to intensify the development and implementation of intersectoral activities and projects, seizing one of UNESCO's comparative advantages as a multisectoral and multidisciplinary organization, and underlines that intersectoral action must become an essential thrust of UNESCO's efforts in the future;
20. Agrees in that regard that the innovation introduced in document 31 C/5 should be continued, namely the inclusion of intersectoral projects related to the two cross-cutting themes of document 31 C/4, bearing in mind the need to ensure an adequate regional balance and a focus on meeting the needs of developing countries, and further agrees that an appropriate allocation of funds should be made to such projects;
21. Emphasizes that intersectoral pilot projects related to the cross-cutting themes should be pursued and implemented, especially at the country level, and that their results, based on evaluations, could be replicated on a larger scale;
22. Invites the Director-General to seek extrabudgetary funds for these intersectoral projects and to include information thereon in document 32 C/5;
23. Welcomes the Director-General's intention to include in document 32 C/5 – in addition to the cross-cutting theme projects – a presentation of other intersectoral work that is ongoing or envisaged for 2004-2005;
24. Considers that an increase in intersectoral activities should not lead to the creation of new structures in the Secretariat, and that the Secretariat units contributing to an intersectoral project should always be clearly identified;
25. Requests the Director-General to ensure that document 32 C/5 conveys clearly the full commitment of all major programmes to sustainable development and specifically to the decisions of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its Plan of Implementation, and invites the Director-General to highlight in a summary matrix for each major programme the focus and type of action envisaged;
26. Requests the Director-General, in line with the mainstreaming approach set out in document 31 C/4 Approved, to emphasize and strengthen the support in document 32 C/5 for the priority groups concerned – Africa, the least developed countries (LDCs), women and youth – and to give greater visibility to these efforts;

27. Emphasizes that the needs of these groups must be explicitly addressed by each major programme and that this should be done at all stages of the programming cycle, including design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
28. Welcomes the commitment of the Director-General to continue to support the efforts being made by Africa, in particular, through the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), in all fields of competence of the Organization and requests that the programmes in document 32 C/5 be reinforced in that regard;
29. Welcomes the intention of the Director-General to accord increased, coordinated support for the reconstruction of Afghanistan through assistance in the areas of UNESCO's competence, in accordance with paragraph 32 of document 31 C/4 Approved;
30. Requests the Director-General to continue to provide necessary support to the educational and cultural institutions in Palestine, in accordance with paragraph 32 of document 31 C/4 Approved;
31. Emphasizes the importance of taking also into consideration the specific needs of other groups of countries or regions;

Overall budget distribution

32. Agrees with the Director-General's proposal that the relative allocations of regular programme funds among the major programmes should correspond to those in document 31 C/5 Approved.
33. Endorses the Director-General's intention to propose a shift towards an increase in the overall level of resources devoted to programme activities in document 32 C/5 in relation to administrative costs, thus underlining UNESCO's programme orientation;
34. Considers that document 32 C/5 should be drawn up on the basis of a review of the Organization's staffing profile and distribution of staff with a view to bringing it more into line with programme priorities and the human resource needs of a modern multilateral organization;
35. Invites the Director-General to take measures to increase the resources to be provided to the Participation Programme and recommends that that Programme should be focused on the needs of developing countries and countries in transition to help achieve UNESCO's strategic objectives and programme priorities;
36. Supports the Director-General's proposal that henceforth requests by members of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and of international NGOs should only be submitted if they benefit developing countries and countries in transition;
37. Supports the Director-General's intention to review current regulations and guidelines with a view to providing clearly identified Participation Programme resources for regional and interregional activities;

Decentralization

38. Requests the Director-General to strengthen the staffing in UNESCO's field offices, especially by ensuring the effective presence in all cluster offices of highly

professional multidisciplinary teams in all of UNESCO's areas of competence, with a view to consolidating existing field structures, ensuring maximum programme delivery and allowing more effective coordination with the National Commissions;

39. Requests the Director-General to raise in document 32 C/5 the present levels of funds decentralized to field offices by major programmes, while preserving the effectiveness of UNESCO's unique role at the global level and bearing in mind the content and nature of the issues involved;
40. Requests the Director-General to advance the decentralization of programme resources to the regions with a view to ensuring that the approved work plans for implementation of document 32 C/5 are in place at the beginning of 2004 and also requests the Director-General to report thereon to the Executive Board at its 169th session, bearing in mind that such information is also available online in SISTER;
41. Invites the Director-General to ensure effective and harmonious communication and coordination between Headquarters and field offices, as well as between field offices and National Commissions;
42. Endorses the Director-General's action in support of National Commissions and invites him to redouble his efforts to expand their capacities through document 32 C/5;
43. Looks forward with interest to the presentation in document 32 C/5 of other types and modes of decentralization and their scope;

Extrabudgetary resources

44. Underlines the need to ensure that the objectives and activities funded from extrabudgetary sources are fully consonant and consistent with the strategic objectives of document 31 C/4 Approved and are compatible with the priorities of the programme and budget;
45. Takes note of the Director-General's intention to include in document 32 C/5 only the amount of extrabudgetary funds already received and the funds firmly pledged in signed donor documents;
46. Emphasizes its strong interest in developing a holistic budget in which both regular and extrabudgetary funds are set out in a single joint presentation;

Partnerships

47. Underlines the importance of presenting in document 32 C/5, in line with the Director-General's intention, a context map for each major programme, programme, subprogramme and main lines of action indicating concretely the respective roles and contributions of UNESCO and all its partners, including United Nations system organizations, other intergovernmental and international organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society actors and the private sector;
48. Invites the Director-General to pursue, in a dynamic manner with a view to enhancing efficiency, the ongoing cooperation with other international partners, in particular with United Nations agencies and NGOs, taking into account UNESCO's mandate and comparative advantages;

49. Strongly endorses the Director-General's continued action to integrate UNESCO fully in the activities of the Chief Executives Board (CEB) and the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and requests him to ensure UNESCO's full participation in all CEB and UNDG activities, at the international and national levels;

Modalities of action

50. Welcomes the intention of the Director-General to review UNESCO's modalities of action and programme delivery and underlines in that regard the critical role of capacity-building in all areas as well as more intense and purposeful use of the Organization's networks, such as the Associated Schools Network, UNESCO Chairs, the UNITWIN network, and other innovative and effective modalities;
51. Underlines the importance of fellowships in the context of capacity-building, especially in developing countries and countries in transition, recommends that the areas in which such fellowships are awarded be aligned with the Organization's programme priorities and requests the Director-General to increase the budget for the Fellowships Programme;

II. Priority fields of action

52. Welcomes the Director-General's proposals submitted in paragraphs 23 to 58 of document 165 EX/5 Part II, along with the considerations and amendments presented below;
53. Invites the Director-General to highlight in document 32 C/5 the Organization's constitutional role to promote peace and, to that end, to provide for activities contributing to the prevention and eradication of terrorism and promoting the dialogue among civilizations in all programmes and in an intersectoral manner, taking account of 31 C/Resolution 39;
54. Underlines the need for the Organization, in the context of globalization, to focus in an intersectoral manner on the role of languages;
55. Requests the Director-General to continue to support the Slave Route project as a flagship programme of the Organization and to help strengthen awareness of the need to eradicate new forms of slavery;

Major Programme I – Education

56. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: *basic education for all*, which shall be structured around two key areas of EFA activity, namely: (i) implementing the EFA Framework of Action, especially in E-9 and African countries; and (ii) supporting the EFA international strategy;
57. Recommends that budgetary reinforcement shall be accorded to the EFA Framework for Action, notably:
- (a) promoting the right to education, especially for girls;
 - (b) ensuring equal opportunities for all in primary and secondary education;

- (c) promoting lifelong learning through literacy and non-formal education, especially focusing on UNESCO's lead role in the United Nations Literacy Decade;
 - (d) improving the quality of education;
 - (e) educating for sustainable development;
58. Recommends that the other priorities shall be as follows:
- (a) Training of teachers and education personnel, and the strengthening of teacher training institutions and centres of excellence in developing countries;
 - (b) Human rights education and education for a culture of peace;
 - (c) Preventive education against HIV/AIDS;
 - (d) Technical and vocational education for citizenship and the world of work;
59. Requests the Director-General to pay due attention to higher education in the relevant main lines of action of Major Programme I;

Major Programme II – Natural sciences

60. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: *water and associated ecosystems*;
61. Recommends that budgetary reinforcement shall be accorded to:
- (a) the World Water Assessment Programme;
 - (b) ecohydrology and the role of water for human needs;
 - (c) activities of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) in the follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
62. Recommends that the other priorities shall be as follows:
- (a) capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences, including the fostering of a culture of maintenance, and in the formulation of science policies;
 - (b) protection of the environment and sustainable use and management of natural resources, including emphasis on renewable sources of energy and special focus on small island developing states;
63. Invites the Director-General to respond in document 32 C/5 to the needs of a culture of maintenance and a culture of innovation in an intersectoral manner;

Major Programme III – Social and human sciences

64. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: *ethics of science and technology*, with emphasis on bioethics;
65. Recommends that budgetary reinforcement shall be accorded to the creation of national ethics committees and the strengthening of their activities;

66. Recommends that the other priorities shall be as follows:
- (a) promotion and protection of human rights and democracy and enhancement of human security through social and human sciences;
 - (b) revitalizing philosophical reflection, the human sciences and prospective and anticipatory studies;
 - (c) developing studies and strategies on social transformations and disseminating best practices;

Major Programme IV – Culture

67. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: *promoting cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue*;
68. Recommends that budgetary reinforcement shall be accorded to the world’s cultural and natural physical heritage pursuant to the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, activities pertaining to intangible heritage and the follow-up to the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity;
69. Recommends that the other priorities shall be as follows:
- (a) support for creativity;
 - (b) cultural industries for development;
 - (c) development and strengthening of cultural policies and related capacity-building;

Major Programme V – Communication and information

70. Requests the Director-General to refer in Major Programme V specifically to the impact of globalization and the need for an equitable distribution of its benefits;
71. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: *fostering equitable access to information and knowledge for development*;
72. Recommends that the principal priority shall be structured around three main thrusts:
- (a) fostering action to reduce the digital divide and promoting social inclusion, including through the development of ICT-related policies and capacity-building;
 - (b) harnessing ICTs for education;
 - (c) promoting the expression of cultural and linguistic diversity through communication and information;
73. Recommends that budgetary reinforcement shall be accorded to “fostering action to reduce the digital divide and promoting social inclusion, including through the development of ICT-related policies and capacity-building”;
74. Recommends that the other priorities shall be as follows:

- (a) promoting freedom of expression and the independence and pluralism of the media;
- (b) supporting development of communication media;

B

Budget issues

75. Noting that the Director-General's preliminary proposals for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) are based on the principle of zero real growth and were prepared before the announcement of the return of the United States of America without taking into account its possible contribution,
76. Requests the Director-General to prepare a provisional draft document 32 C/5 based on the discussion held during the 165th session of the Executive Board, including scenarios based on zero nominal and zero real growth and any other relevant factors that might have an impact on the 2004-2005 regular budget;
77. Further requests the Director-General to include, in all scenarios, proposals for restructuring the programme and budget in order to increase expenditure on priority programme objectives;
78. Also requests the Director-General to include specific proposals for rationalization and strengthening of the field structure, showing the implications of this rationalization for Headquarters, keeping in mind the need to maintain UNESCO's comparative advantage at the global level.

(165 EX/SR.9)

5 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

5.1 Relations between the three organs of UNESCO: Role of the General Conference with respect to the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Programme and Budget (C/5) (165 EX/17 and Addenda, 165 EX/SP/2, 165 EX/INF.5 and 165 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 70,
2. Takes note of documents 165 EX/17 and Addenda, and 165 EX/SP/2;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit specific proposals for improving the functioning of the three organs of UNESCO, on the basis of the above-mentioned documents and taking account of the debate by the Executive Board on this item at its 165th session;
4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 166th session.

(165 EX/SR.9)

5.2 Methods of work and operating costs of the Executive Board (165 EX/18, 165 EX/31, 165 EX/49 and 165 EX/50 Part II)

I

Methods of work

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 4.1 on its working methods,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/18,
3. Thanks its Chairperson for having presented this document;
4. Invites the Special Committee to continue its examination of the working methods of the Executive Board, in particular issues contained in the above-mentioned document, and to report thereon to it at its 166th session.

(165 EX/SR.9)

II

Operating costs

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 6.12 on its operating costs,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/31,
3. Bearing in mind the discussion on this subject at its 165th session,
4. Decides to set up a working group composed of two Members from each group, the President of the General Conference and the Chairpersons of the Finance and Administrative Commission and of the Special Committee;
5. Requests the working group to examine ways and means of reducing the operating costs of the governing bodies of the Organization on the basis of comprehensive information provided by the Director-General, including information on relevant practices in other United Nations organizations, and to report to it with specific recommendations thereon at its 166th session.

(165 EX/SR.7)

5.3 The UNESCO Evaluation Strategy (165 EX/19 and 165 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 6.10, paragraph 7, and 164 EX/Decision 8.5, paragraph 6, on the elaboration of the “UNESCO Evaluation Strategy” and reform of the evaluation process,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/19,
3. Welcomes with interest the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;

4. Takes note of the indicative Medium-Term Evaluation Work Plan 2002-2007, which includes a revised comprehensive Evaluation Plan for 2002-2003;
5. Underscores the importance of the strategy and the need to allocate adequate financial and human resources to the evaluation function;
6. Invites the Director-General to prepare appropriate and costed evaluation plans as part of the C/5 programming process;
7. Underlines the need to take into account the specifics of UNESCO programmes;
8. Requests the Director-General to take the necessary steps to implement the Evaluation Strategy and work plans and to report periodically to it on the implementation of the Strategy;
9. Further requests the Director-General to review the implementation of this Strategy in 2005 and to propose to it a longer term evaluation strategy.

(165 EX/SR.9)

5.4 Progress report by the Director-General on the application of the criteria for an overall strategy with regard to UNESCO institutes and centres (165 EX/20 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 21 C/Resolution 40.1, 30 C/Resolution 2 and 30 C/Resolution 83, and 161 EX/Decision 3.2.4, 161 EX/Decisions 4.1 and 4.2 and 162 EX/Decision 4.2,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/20 and its annex,
3. Takes note of the progress to date in the implementation of the criteria for category 1 institutes and centres;
4. Encourages the Director-General to pursue his efforts aimed at further development and full operationalization of the strategy for UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1) in close consultation and cooperation with their senior management and governing bodies;
5. Invites the Director-General to review the governance of category 1 institutes and centres in the light of the announced principle of delegation of authority and to report thereon to the Executive Board;
6. Notes the criteria proposed for category 2 institutes and centres (165 EX/20, para. 14) and the recommendations for clearer differentiation between categories (paras. 15, 16 and 17 of the same document);
7. Takes note of the current list of institutes and centres in category 2 in the annex to document 165 EX/20 to which should be added the “Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies of Arid and Semi-arid Zones, Egypt” and of the need to harmonize it in the light of subsequent periodical reviews in order to take account of the evolution of these entities, their relationship with UNESCO and their contribution to UNESCO’s strategic objectives;

8. Stresses the desirability of establishing more institutes in both categories in relation to culture, science, education and communication and information technologies, particularly in the developing countries;
9. Invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 167th session, a comprehensive strategy for relations with institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO, together with a finalized list of such entities, as well as revised “Principles and guidelines regarding the establishment of international and regional centres under UNESCO’s auspices and regarding support for the activities of existing centres” incorporating the new criteria, for consideration and onward transmission to the General Conference at its 32nd session;
10. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 167th session, additional information on institutes and centres loosely associated with UNESCO (as referred to in paragraph 17 of 165 EX/20) together with a strategy for UNESCO’s relations with these entities;
11. Also invites the Director-General to ensure that formal arrangements are instituted for both category 1 and 2 institutes and centres so that the continuance of their status is subject to periodic review on the basis of independent evaluation of their impact on UNESCO’s objectives.

(165 EX/SR.8)

6. MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

6.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (165 EX/CR/HR and Addenda, 165 EX/3 PRIV and Add. and Corr.)

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

(165 EX/SR.8)

6.2 Proposals by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on the conditions and procedures applicable to the examination of questions relating to the implementation of UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments (165 EX/21 and 165 EX/47 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 5.2,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/21,
3. Considering the proposals submitted to it by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) on the conditions and procedures applicable to the examination of questions relating to the implementation of UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments,
4. Mindful of the need to improve the effectiveness of the Committee’s mandate and of the reporting system on UNESCO conventions and recommendations in general,

5. Reminds Member States to respect their legal obligations under the UNESCO Constitution concerning periodic reports on the follow-up to conventions and recommendations;
6. Calls upon the Secretariat to assist Member States in the preparation and follow-up of their periodic reports;
7. Recommends to the General Conference that, in order to rationalize such reporting procedures, it establish new procedures for reporting by Member States making a clear distinction between conventions and recommendations; to this end, a revision of Section VI of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution should be undertaken;
8. Decides to examine, in the light of such revision, the possibility of preparing a set of rules of procedure for the CR concerning the examination of reports on conventions and recommendations;
9. Decides, pending the adoption of new reporting procedures by the General Conference, to:
 - (a) request the Secretariat to rationalize the guidelines communicated to Member States for periodic reports having regard also to already existing information monitored by other treaty bodies in the United Nations system as well as by international statistical offices, in particular by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics;
 - (b) invite the Director-General to organize on the sidelines of the General Conference, a meeting of States Parties to conventions on which reports are due in the near future (for example in 2003, the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property; in 2005, the 1960 Convention against Discrimination in Education) so that they can adopt appropriate measures to improve the reporting procedures on the conventions;
 - (c) suggest, with regard to recommendations, that requests for submission of periodic reports by Member States should be organized by sector and in a manner which reflects the policy priorities of the Organization;
 - (d) call upon the Secretariat to use all avenues available to inform Member States about the most important aspects of recommendations and to sensitize them to the importance of such reports;
10. Decides that the above-mentioned measures will be applicable only to the conventions and recommendations entrusted to the CR until an appropriate decision has been taken by the General Conference:
 - (a) the Convention (and Recommendation) of 1960 against Discrimination in Education;
 - (b) the 1966 Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers;

- (c) the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property;
 - (d) the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (including follow-up instruments);
 - (e) the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education;
 - (f) the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education;
11. Decides that UNESCO should continue to work with other institutions of the United Nations system with the aim of standardizing the procedure for the submission and examination of Member States' reports;
 12. Decides to re-examine this item in 2006 in the light of the results achieved by the above-mentioned measures.

(165 EX/SR.6)

6.3 Statutes of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Afghanistan's Cultural Heritage (165 EX/22 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/22,
2. Recognizing the relevance of Afghanistan's cultural heritage in assisting the Afghan people to recover their national identity through reappropriation of the legacy of shared history and values,
3. Bearing in mind the major responsibility entrusted to UNESCO by the Afghan authorities and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) for the overall coordination of efforts aimed at the safeguarding of Afghanistan's cultural heritage,
4. Noting the outcomes of the International Seminar on the Rehabilitation of Afghanistan's Cultural Heritage jointly organized by UNESCO and the Afghan Ministry of Information and Culture, in Kabul from 27 to 29 May 2002,
5. Expresses its appreciation to the donor Member States and institutions for their operational and financial assistance in the safeguarding of Afghan cultural heritage;
6. Thanks the Director-General for the prompt action undertaken by UNESCO for the safeguarding of Afghanistan's cultural heritage;
7. Approves the establishment of an International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Afghanistan's Cultural Heritage and its Statutes as annexed to this decision;
8. Appeals to Member States, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental agencies and foundations to continue to assist the Afghan authorities and UNESCO in the major undertaking of safeguarding Afghanistan's cultural heritage.

ANNEX

**STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF AFGHANISTAN'S CULTURAL HERITAGE**

Article 1

An International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Afghanistan's Cultural Heritage is hereby established (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee").

Article 2

The Committee shall advise the Director-General – who will inform the Afghan authorities, Member States and other partners – on measures to improve and reinforce international cooperation for the safeguarding of Afghanistan's cultural heritage, and more precisely on:

- (a) a policy framework for immediate and long-term heritage protection and the definition of priorities and practical standards according to the funds and technical assistance available or forthcoming in the near future;
- (b) concrete programmes and international assistance of the highest international standards;
- (c) the progress of the various activities in support of the safeguarding of Afghan cultural heritage in order to avoid duplication or conflicts of any kind;
- (d) the exchange of knowledge on cultural sites, museums and cultural traditions throughout the country;
- (e) identification of the funds available from the donor countries and other partners in order to ensure their proper coordination, as well as identification of possible supplementary funding and technical assistance for the safeguarding of Afghanistan's cultural heritage;
- (f) assistance to the Afghan authorities in implementing or elaborating the necessary legislative action to protect their cultural heritage and in preparing nominations of potential world heritage properties for inscription on the World Heritage List.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall be composed of experts who shall be appointed in their personal capacities by the Director-General from a list of experts submitted by Member States, foundations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations funding or implementing activities for the safeguarding of Afghanistan's cultural heritage. At least three members of the Committee shall be from Afghanistan.
2. The normal term of office of members of the Committee shall be four years. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of the resignation, incapacity or death of a member of the Committee, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of his or her term.
3. In addition to the members of the Committee, and the observers mentioned in Article 8, the Director-General may invite to sessions of the Committee, as non-voting participants, the following:
 - (a) persons who by reason of their special knowledge and experience can assist the Committee in its work;
 - (b) representatives of funding/aid agencies which are active in Afghanistan in the relevant areas of cultural heritage and which, in the judgement of the Director-General, have experience that can contribute to the work of the Committee;

- (c) representatives of international and regional non-governmental organizations which may be involved in the activities implemented in Afghanistan in the relevant areas of cultural heritage, in accordance with the directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations.

Article 4

1. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the Director-General for a period of four (4) years. The Committee shall elect its Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur for the same term.
2. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur will form the Bureau of the Committee. They shall be eligible for further terms, and in any event shall remain in office until the election/appointment of the new members of the Bureau.
3. The Director-General shall convene the Bureau and shall be represented at its meetings.
4. In the interval between sessions, the Bureau shall ensure the execution of tasks entrusted to it by the Committee.

Article 5

1. The Director-General shall designate members of the UNESCO Secretariat to represent him or her on the Committee and the Bureau without the right to vote.
2. The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the UNESCO Secretariat.

Article 6

The Director-General shall convene sessions of the Committee, Bureau meetings or small working meetings on certain aspects of the activities of the Committee as and when he or she deems it necessary.

Article 7

The travel and subsistence expenses of Committee members and of persons referred to in Article 3, subparagraph 3(a), may be borne by UNESCO in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the Organization.

Article 8

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to sessions of the Committee.
2. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may send representatives to sessions of the Committee.
3. The Director-General may extend invitations to send observers to sessions of the Committee, to:
 - (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements;
 - (b) intergovernmental or international non-governmental organizations.

Article 9

1. At its first session, the Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.
2. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote.

3. The agenda of the sessions of the Committee shall be drawn up by the Director-General.
4. After each session and at least once a year, the Committee shall present a report on its work and recommendations to the Director-General. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board of the results of the work of the Committee.

Article 10

These Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board, on its own initiative or following proposals of the Director-General.

Article 11

The Committee's mandate shall expire upon the decision of the Director-General after consultation with the Executive Board.

(165 EX/SR.8)

6.4 Amendments to the Statutes of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) (165 EX/23 and 165 EX/2 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 142 EX/Decision 5.5.4 in which it took note of the decision of the Director-General to use the annual interest earned from the investment of the proceeds of the sale of the Château du Bois du Rocher to finance bursaries for artists, under the new IFPC programme of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC),
2. Having examined document 165 EX/23,
3. Recommends that the General Conference approve at its 32nd session the amendments to the IFPC Statutes, as set out in the Annex to this decision.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR THE PROMOTION OF CULTURE

(the proposed amendments are underlined)

Article 1. Constitution of the fund

An "International Fund for the Promotion of Culture" (hereinafter termed "the Fund") is hereby constituted within the framework of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Article 2. Aims

1. The resources of the Fund are intended to promote:
 - (a) national cultures, the values that they embody and the forms of expression that ensure their authenticity and identity;
 - (b) artistic creation in all its forms, while respecting its independence and free expression;
 - (c) international and regional cultural cooperation.
2. To achieve these aims, the Fund's resources will be used to provide intellectual, technical and financial collaboration in areas such as:

- (a) the formulation of strategies of cultural development regarded as an aspect of the overall development of individuals and of societies;
- (b) the establishment or reinforcement of institutions, structures and facilities whose purpose is cultural or artistic, and of national or regional machinery for aid to cultural action and artistic creation;
- (c) the training of specialists in cultural development and cultural action, such as planners, administrators, cultural activities organizers and technicians;
- (d) cultural production and cultural circulation;
- (e) research into cultural development;
- (f) the organization of exchanges and meetings to encourage the mutual appreciation of cultures and understanding among peoples, in a spirit of peace and international cooperation.

Article 3. Operations

1. The Fund's operations may take the following forms:
 - (a) intellectual or technical cooperation;
 - (b) financial aid in different forms, including investment, loans, possibly refundable contributions, grants, or any other kind of financial participation;
 - (c) general, all other forms of activities that its Administrative Council may consider as being in conformity with the fundamental aims of the Fund and with its operational policy.
2. The beneficiaries of the Fund shall be:
 - (a) national and regional public bodies with specific responsibility for the promotion of cultural development, which the Fund could provide with additional resources of an intellectual, financial or technical kind;
 - (b) private bodies whose objectives are in conformity with those of the Fund and whose activities contribute to the promotion of cultural action and artistic creation;
 - (c) individuals who may request the Fund's assistance in these domains, particularly creative artists.

Article 4. Resources

1. The Fund's resources shall consist of:
 - (a) voluntary contributions made by governments, organizations in the United Nations system, institutions constituted under public, private, municipal or international law, associations or private individuals;
 - (b) fees collected for special purposes and profits from promotional activities;
 - (c) interest accruing from the Fund's resources;
 - (d) any other resources authorized by the Financial Regulations of UNESCO or by resolutions of the General Conference.
2. The Fund shall also administer the fund created by the sale of property constituting the Aschberg donation, which fund is managed separately by the Secretariat of the Fund, in consultation with an International Artistic Committee, for the purpose of financing the UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists.

3. The Fund may accept works of art or royalties made over to it.
4. The Fund may receive funds-in-trust from organizations in the United Nations system, governments, public or private organizations, associations or private individuals, for purposes that conform to the Fund's aims. A commission to cover the expense incurred in the administration of the aforesaid funds will be collected by the Fund, in accordance with terms to be fixed by agreement between the parties.
5. Resources allocated to the Fund shall be paid into a special account set up by the Director-General of UNESCO in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Organization's Financial Regulations. This special account shall be operated in accordance with the provisions of the said Regulations.
6. Contributions to the Fund and other forms of assistance shall be allocated only for the purposes defined by the Administrative Council.

Contributions earmarked for a specific programme or project may be received, provided that the implementation of the programme or execution of the project has been decided upon by the Administrative Council. Contributions to the Fund shall not be subject to any political condition.

7. The operating expenses of the Administrative Council, Executive Committee and any other subsidiary organ and staff costs shall be met from the Fund's resources.

Article 5. Administrative Council

A. Membership

1. The Fund shall be administered by an Administrative Council consisting of fifteen members designated by the Director-General, on the basis of equitable geographical and cultural distribution, having regard to their competence and taking account of the origin of the Fund's resources. Members of the Council shall sit in a personal capacity.
2. Members of the Administrative Council shall be appointed for a period of four years. When the Council is first established, however, seven members shall be designated for a period of two years. Members shall be immediately eligible for a four-year term of office but shall not serve consecutively for more than two terms.
3. In the event of the death or resignation or absence of a member from three consecutive sessions of the Council, he may be replaced by the Director-General for the remainder of his term, in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraph 1 above.
4. The Director-General, or the replacement designated by him, shall take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Administrative Council, Executive Committee and any other subsidiary organ set up by the Council.
5. Legal entities and individuals not members of the Council who have contributed to the Fund's resources may attend Council meetings without the right to vote.
6. The Council may invite representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to attend its meetings as observers.
7. The Council may propose that the Director-General appoint as an honorary member any eminent personality who has made an outstanding contribution to the activities of the Fund. This title granted by the Director-General is entirely honorific. Honorary members may attend the meetings of the Council without the right to vote.

B. Functions

8. The Administrative Council shall enjoy wide intellectual and operational autonomy within UNESCO, under the conditions set forth in these Statutes.

9. The Administrative Council shall lay down the principles governing the Fund's activities, with due regard to the general aims of UNESCO and of the United Nations.
10. In pursuing the aims set forth in Article 2, the Administrative Council shall endeavour to give special consideration to projects which involve the application of new methods and ideas and of measures likely to encourage research and experimentation in regard to cultural activity and communication, special attention being given to operations which may have multiplier effects.
11. The Council shall decide how the Fund's resources are to be used.
12. The Council shall make whatever arrangements it may deem necessary for the establishment and execution of the Fund's programme of activities.
13. The Council shall be consulted as to the appointment of the Director of the Fund.
14. The Council may establish the subsidiary organs that it deems necessary.
15. Whenever he considers it necessary, the Director-General may refer to the Executive Board or the General Conference any matter arising from the operation of the Fund. In such a case and if the Director-General so requests, the Council shall refrain from any final action until the matter has been considered by the organ concerned.

C. Procedure

16. The Council shall meet in ordinary session once a year. It may meet in extraordinary session when convened by the Director-General of UNESCO or at the request of half of its members.
17. The Director of the Fund shall take part, without the right to vote, in meetings of the Council and shall provide the Secretariat of the Council.
18. The Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.

Article 6. Executive Committee

1. The Council shall set up an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Council and four persons elected from among its members.
2. The Executive Committee shall, as a general rule, meet once a year.
3. The Executive Committee shall perform the functions assigned to it by the Council.

Article 7. The Director

1. The Director of the Fund shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO after consultation with the Administrative Council.
2. The Director shall formulate proposals in regard to the measures to be taken by the Administrative Council and shall execute the decisions taken.
3. The Director may conclude contracts with international, regional or national organizations (public or private) and with legal entities or individuals, with a view to the execution of the Fund's activities.
4. The Director shall endeavour to promote the voluntary contribution of funds or of any other form of resources, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.

Article 8. The staff

1. The Director of the Fund and staff appointed to the Fund by the Director-General shall be UNESCO staff members and shall be subject to the provisions of the Staff Regulations of UNESCO approved by the General Conference.

2. The Director may recruit other persons on a temporary basis, and in accordance with the relevant rules of UNESCO on the subject, for the execution of specific activities of the Fund.

Article 9. Reports

The Director-General shall submit a report on the Fund's activities to the General Conference of UNESCO, at each of its ordinary sessions. The report shall also be submitted to legal entities or individuals who have contributed to the Fund's resources.

Article 10. Transitional provisions

1. The Director-General of UNESCO shall make all the appropriate preparatory arrangements for the Fund's entry into operation and for the establishment of its Administrative Council. For this purpose, until such time as the Fund may be provided with sufficient resources, the Director-General shall meet the necessary expenses from funds voted by the General Conference.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 5, paragraph 12, the Director-General of UNESCO may appoint the first Director of the Fund from among officials of the Secretariat.

(165 EX/SR.1 and 4)

7 GENERAL CONFERENCE

7.1 Dates of the 32nd session of the General Conference (165 EX/25)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/25,
2. Subscribes to the proposal made by the Director-General whereby the 32nd session of the General Conference would open on Monday, 29 September 2003, and conclude its work on Saturday, 18 October 2003;
3. Invites the Director-General to draw up the provisional list of speakers for the general policy debate of the 32nd session on the basis of the proposals set out in paragraphs 18 and 19 of document 165 EX/25, which are based on the arrangements made by the United Nations General Assembly for the preparation of its general debate (A/RES/51/241).

(165 EX/SR.9)

8 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

8.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2002-2003 (165 EX/26 and 165 EX/50 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium and appropriated to the regular budget in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 31st session (31 C/Resolution 73, para. A(b)) (165 EX/26) and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (165 EX/50 Part I),

2. Takes note of the fact that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$508,110 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A – Major Programme I	178,316
Part II.A – Major Programme II	47,417
Part II.A – Major Programme III	25,000
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	3,061
Part II.A – Major Programme V	49,501
Part III – Support for Programme Execution (Indirect costs)	204,815
Total	<u>508,110</u>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 1 of document 165 EX/26;
4. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table annexed to this decision:

Revised Appropriation Table for 2002-2003

Appropriation line	31 C/5 Approved	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted (164 EX/Dec. 6.2)	Donations	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION				
A. Governing Bodies				
1. General Conference	6 292 400	6 294 400		6 294 400
2. Executive Board	7 839 400	7 858 800		7 858 800
Total, Part I.A	14 131 800	14 153 200	0	14 153 200
B. Direction	16 186 400	16 306 400		16 306 400
<i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight; International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>				
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations system	2 153 000	2 153 000		2 153 000
TOTAL, PART I	32 471 200	32 612 600	0	32 612 600
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES				
A. Programmes				
Major Programme I - Education				
I.1 Basic education for all: meeting the commitments of the Dakar World Education Forum				
I.1.1 Coordinating the follow-up of the Dakar Framework for Action	21 644 400	21 722 000	26 535	21 748 535
I.1.2 Strengthening inclusive approaches to education and diversifying delivery system	24 168 300	24 968 300	121 301	25 089 601
I.2 Building knowledge societies through quality education and a renewal of education systems				
I.2.1 Towards a new approach to quality education	15 833 500	16 207 000	30 480	16 237 480
I.2.2 Renewal of education systems	14 489 500	15 751 506		15 751 506
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 Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 200 000	2 200 000		2 200 000
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	1 200 000	1 500 000		1 500 000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 865 000	1 865 000		1 865 000
Total, Major Programme I	94 091 700	96 904 806	178 316	97 083 122
Major Programme II - Natural sciences				
II.1 Science and technology: capacity-building and management				
II.1.1 Follow-up to the World Conference on Science: policy-making and science education	5 763 700	5 832 450	13 000	5 845 450
II.1.2 Science and technology capacity-building	15 043 000	15 128 300		15 128 300
II.2 Sciences, environment and sustainable development				
II.2.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8 691 200	8 926 400	1 000	8 927 400
II.2.2 Ecological sciences	5 036 000	5 055 500		5 055 500
II.2.3 Cooperation in earth sciences and natural hazards reduction	5 665 800	5 703 500	18 667	5 722 167
II.2.4 Towards sustainable living in coastal regions and on small island	2 328 900	2 339 500		2 339 500
II.2.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	7 004 000	7 035 100		7 035 100
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 335 000	2 335 000	14 750	2 349 750
Total, Major Programme II	51 867 600	52 355 750	47 417	52 403 167
Major Programme III - Social and human sciences				
III.1 Ethics of science and technology	3 563 800	3 573 200		3 573 200
III.2 Promotion of human rights, peace and democratic principles	12 216 000	12 822 700		12 822 700
III.3 Improvement of policies relating to social transformations and promotion of anticipation and prospective studies	10 222 400	10 266 300	25 000	10 291 300
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 580 000	2 580 000		2 580 000
Total, Major Programme III	28 582 200	29 242 200	25 000	29 267 200

Appropriation line	31 C/5 Approved	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted (164 EX/Dec. 6.2)	Donations	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Major Programme IV - Culture				
IV.1 Reinforcing normative action in the field of culture				
IV.1.1 Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	5 894 000	5 928 600		5 928 600
IV.1.2 Meeting new demands in the area of standard-setting	2 626 300	2 638 842		2 638 842
IV.2 Protecting cultural diversity and promoting cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue				
IV.2.1 Safeguarding and revitalization of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage	21 164 900	21 996 500	3 061	21 999 561
IV.2.2 Promotion of cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue	6 595 800	7 222 100		7 222 100
IV.3 Strengthening links between culture and development	6 138 900	6 165 400		6 165 400
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 430 000	1 430 000		1 430 000
Total, Major Programme IV	43 849 900	45 381 442	3 061	45 384 503
Major Programme V - Communication and information				
V.1 Promoting equitable access to information and knowledge, especially in the public domain				
V.1.1 Formulating principles, policies and strategies to widen access to information and knowledge	5 810 300	5 836 000		5 836 000
V.1.2 Development of infrastructure and building capabilities for increased participation in the knowledge society	6 997 000	7 016 800	37 001	7 053 801
V.2 Promoting freedom of expression and strengthening communication capacities				
V.2.1 Freedom of expression, democracy and peace	7 343 200	7 581 900	12 500	7 594 400
V.2.2 Strengthening communication capacities	9 624 100	10 082 800		10 082 800
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	3 290 000	3 290 000		3 290 000
Total, Major Programme V	33 064 600	33 807 500	49 501	33 857 001
UNESCO Institute for Statistics	6 820 000	6 820 000		6 820 000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	500 000	500 000		500 000
Total, UNESCO Institute for Statistics	7 320 000	7 320 000	0	7 320 000
Total, Part II.A	258 776 000	265 011 698	303 295	265 314 993
B. Participation Programme	22 000 000	22 000 000		22 000 000
C. Programme Related Services				
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	2 647 700	2 669 100		2 669 100
2. Fellowships Programme	1 962 400	1 979 900		1 979 900
3. Public information	20 354 400	20 690 200		20 690 200
Total, Part II.C	24 964 500	25 339 200	0	25 339 200
TOTAL, PART II	305 740 500	312 350 898	303 295	312 654 193
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION				
A. Strategic planning and programme monitoring	6 128 000	6 564 100		6 564 100
B. Budget preparation and monitoring	4 244 900	4 277 100		4 277 100
C. Field management and coordination	48 954 500	50 196 548	204 815	50 401 363
D. External relations and cooperation	22 008 800	22 158 900		22 158 900
E. Human resources management	25 684 800	25 931 500		25 931 500
F. Administration	88 685 500	91 201 900		91 201 900
G. Renovation of Headquarters Premises	6 292 500	6 292 500		6 292 500
TOTAL, PART III	201 999 000	206 622 548	204 815	206 827 363
TOTAL, PARTS I - III	540 210 700	551 586 046	508 110	552 094 156
Reserve for reclassifications	1 500 000	1 500 000		1 500 000
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13 690 850	10 320 850		10 320 850
TOTAL, PARTS I - IV	555 401 550	563 406 896	508 110	563 915 006
Less: Amount to be absorbed during the execution of the programme and budget within the limits of the approved total budget	(11 034 300)	(11 034 300)		(11 034 300)
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	544 367 250	552 372 596	508 110	552 880 706

* 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

8.2 Report by the Director-General on use of carry-over funds (165 EX/27 and 165 EX/51 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 6.2,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/27,
3. Takes note of the report by the Director-General on the use of carry-over funds;
4. Also takes note of the following revised Appropriation Table for 2002-2003 annexed to this decision;
5. Requests the Director-General to take additional measures for the use of carry-over funds allocated for urgent priorities in Afghanistan, Palestine and Africa.

Revised Appropriation Table for 2002-2003

Appropriation line	31 C/5 Approved	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted (164 EX/Dec. 6.2)	Donations	Transfers in accordance with the revised workplans for the carry-over funds	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
	\$	\$	\$		\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION					
A. Governing bodies					
1. General Conference	6 292 400	6 294 400			6 294 400
2. Executive Board	7 839 400	7 858 800			7 858 800
Total Part I.A	14 131 800	14 153 200	0	0	14 153 200
B. Direction	16 186 400	16 306 400			16 306 400
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C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	2 153 000	2 153 000			2 153 000
TOTAL, PART I	32 471 200	32 612 600	0	0	32 612 600
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES					
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* 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

8.3 Updated report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations made in regard to the 1998-1999 biennium (165 EX/28 and 165 EX/50 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/28,
2. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved in the implementation of a number of the recommendations of the External Auditor made with regard to the 1998-1999 biennium concerning human resources and the Participation Programme;
3. Notes with concern that there has been little progress in implementing the recommendations relating to the management of travel expenses, facilities, unliquidated obligations and the UNESCO Coupons Programme;
4. Urges the Director-General to endeavour to ensure speedy implementation of those recommendations made by the External Auditor in regard to the 1998-1999 biennium which are still being implemented.

(165 EX/SR.7)

8.4 Financial report and audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 2001 and report by the External Auditor (165 EX/29 and Add. and 165 EX/50 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 165 EX/29 and Add.,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of her work;
3. Notes the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the two-year financial period then ended; that they were prepared in accordance with the stated accounting policies, which were applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding financial period;
4. Takes note of the unobligated balances in Statement IV by appropriation line and approves the expenditure as reported;
5. Requests the Director-General, following the discussion of the long form report included in document 165 EX/29 Add., to ensure that the governing bodies receive at the earliest opportunity relevant and complete information on matters that significantly impact the financial viability of UNESCO in order to enable them to fulfil their oversight responsibility, particularly in relation to unliquidated obligations, the management of the currency clearing account and the interests earned by all the funds managed by UNESCO, as well as on the inspection and management problems encountered in field offices stemming in particular from a failure to observe the Organization's rules and regulations;

6. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 166th session on action taken in response to the recommendations by the External Auditor as a result of the performance audit of UNESCO's Natural Sciences Sector;
7. Urges the Director-General to take appropriate steps to improve and strengthen financial management in UNESCO, in particular in field offices;
8. Invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor to the General Conference at its 32nd session and to submit this report to the Executive Board at its 167th session for prior review;
9. Decides to transmit to the General Conference the report of the External Auditor and the audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 2001.

(165 EX/SR.7)

8.5 Report by the Director-General on the status of contributions of Member States, and of payment plans, and on the scale of assessments of Member States' contributions
(165 EX/30 and 165 EX/50 Part II)

The Executive Board,

A. Scale of Assessments

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 52, in which the Executive Board was requested to undertake at its 165th session an in-depth examination of UNESCO's scale of assessments for the years 2002-2003, making proposals for the consideration of the General Conference which could include retrospective adjustments of the interim scales of assessments,
2. Recalling also that 31 C/Resolution 52 stresses the need for the General Conference to ensure the most equitable and efficient implementation of its constitutional duty to approve and give final effect to the budget and to the apportionment of financial responsibility among the Member States of the Organization,
3. Having examined document 165 EX/30 and taken note of the up-to-date information provided during the debate of the Executive Board at its 165th session,
4. Taking note of the serious concerns raised by a number of Member States on the way in which the present scale of assessments, made on an *interim* basis, affects a large number of Member States,
5. Noting the wish expressed by many Member States to study and review the existing procedures used to determine the current UNESCO scale of assessments,
6. Considering that there may possibly be a change in the membership of the Organization in the near future,
7. Decides to set up a working group of the Executive Board assisted by the Secretariat to consider this matter in detail and submit a report to the Board at its 166th session;
8. Requests the Director-General, taking into account the recommendations of the working group and the decisions of the Executive Board at its 166th session, to

prepare the scale of assessments of Member States' contributions for each of the years 2004-2005 on the basis that UNESCO will apply the scale or scales of assessments adopted/to be adopted by the United Nations General Assembly for the same years; the UNESCO scale or scales to be established with the same minimum rate and the same maximum rate as used by the United Nations, all other rates being adjusted to take into account the difference in membership between the two organizations in order to derive a UNESCO scale of 100%, and to submit this to the General Conference via the Executive Board meeting at its 167th session;

B. Collection of Member States' contributions and payment plans

9. Expresses its appreciation to Member States that have paid their contributions for the year 2002 and to those that have made efforts to reduce their arrears in response to appeals;
10. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
11. Strongly supports the approaches the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;
12. Urges Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of assessed contributions, to inform him as promptly as possible of the date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;
13. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay;
14. Notes with regret in particular the failure of 30 Member States to pay up to the end of September 2002 the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in instalments, in addition to current year contributions;
15. Urgently appeals to those Member States in arrears on payment plans to settle their outstanding instalments as well as their regular assessed contributions at the earliest possible time, bearing in mind the risk of loss of voting rights that may otherwise ensue at the 32nd session of the General Conference;
16. Taking into account the willingness of a number of States that were part of the former Soviet Union to overcome the difficulties in paying their contributions, established without taking into account their economic indicators, requests the above-mentioned working group to examine the possibility of restructuring and/or correcting the arrears of these States for the years 1993-1999 and to report to it thereon at its 166th session;
17. Encourages the Director-General to continue contacts with Member States in arrears on payment plans to assist them in resolving the situation of their arrears.

(165 EX/SR.8)

8.6 UNESCO fellowships: budget level in 2004-2005 for enhancing capacity-building in the Member States (165 EX/INF.6 and 165 EX/50 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 9.6.2 and 161 EX/Decision 3.6.3,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/INF.6,
3. Reaffirms the value of fellowships as an effective modality for enhancing human resources and capacity-building, particularly for developing countries and countries in transition;
4. Requests the Director-General to align fellowships more closely with the Organization's priority programme areas, and to increase the budget devoted to the Fellowships Programme, *inter alia* by seeking extrabudgetary funding and by rearranging resources within the modalities of programme execution;
5. Invites the Director-General to explore possibilities for strengthening the Fellowships Programme through partnerships with civil society and non-governmental organizations.

(165 EX/SR.7)

8.7 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (165 EX/33 and Add. and 165 EX/50 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 165 EX/33 and Add.,
2. Takes note with satisfaction of their contents.

(165 EX/SR.7)

8.8 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (165 EX/34, 165 EX/INF.4 and 165 EX/50 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 165 EX/34 and 165 EX/INF.4,
2. Noting that the Headquarters Committee examined and approved these documents at its 148th session,
3. Takes note of the progress of work under the Belmont Plan for the restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters, and in connection with the management of UNESCO's buildings;
4. Takes note also of the design brief as submitted and the order of priority for the work under Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan;
5. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 167th session a substantive design brief, showing detailed projections of likely accommodation requirements by 2008 and options as to how these requirements may be met;

6. Notes with appreciation the envisaged new security measures at Headquarters and requests the Director-General to keep it informed about their implementation;
7. Requests the Director-General to continue to explore all favourable options for Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan, in accordance with the resolutions of the General Conference, and to submit to it for examination at its 166th session a report on all such options, including a possible scenario concerning loans for the financing of Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan, and on the beginning of negotiations with foundations in order to finance part of this work, as well as a specific assessment of the possible impact on the future budgets of UNESCO;
8. Further requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 166th session information on the financing of refurbishment and maintenance programmes implemented in other United Nations specialized agencies (e.g. in Rome, Vienna and Geneva);
9. Reiterates its invitation to the Director-General to allocate for the maintenance of Headquarters, under the relevant budget item in document 32 C/5, amounts corresponding, to the extent possible, to the practice-based standards applied in the host country for similar purposes;
10. Invites the Director-General to complete by November 2002 the move of the NGOs occupying premises at Headquarters to Building VI bis and to distribute premises vacated in the Miollis Building to Permanent Delegations.

(165 EX/SR.7)

8.9 Amendment to the Financial Regulations of the Priority Africa Special Account (165 EX/45 and 165 EX/50 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 157 EX/Decision 8.11 and 164 EX/Decision 8.6,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/45,
3. Takes note of the revised Financial Regulations of the Priority Africa Special Account as set out in the annex to this decision.

ANNEX

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE PRIORITY AFRICA SPECIAL ACCOUNT

(amendments are underlined)

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, a Special Account was created in 1999 for “Priority Africa”, hereafter referred to as the Special Account.
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account and replace the previous financial regulations.

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

The Priority Africa Special Account shall be used to strengthen the Africa Department's role as a catalyst and facilitator for the implementation of activities in Africa.

From this standpoint, the purpose of the Special Account shall be:

- (a) to mobilize extrabudgetary funds to finance activities in Africa, notably the implementation of programmes and projects carried out by the programme sectors coordinated by the Africa Department in response to the needs of African Member States;
- (b) to prepare and disseminate widely among Member States and development partners in Africa, and in particular civil society, reports, studies and publications on the priority assigned to Africa in UNESCO's programmes and their linkage with the priorities identified with respect to the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the Millennium Declaration and any other initiative taken by African Member States and approved by the Executive Board;
- (c) to ensure funding for the meetings of the UNESCO Committee for NEPAD (UCNEP), and any other meetings authorized by the Director-General intended to ensure a higher profile for the implementation of the priority assigned to Africa in the Organization's programmes.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities;
- (b) amounts provided from the regular budget of the Organization as determined by the General Conference;
- (c) the balance of the amount mobilized for the International Fund for the Technological Development of Africa;
- (d) miscellaneous income (separate and distinct from the normal budgetary provisions of the Organization), including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative expenses specifically relating to it.

Article 6 – Accounts

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

Article 7 – Investments

7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.

7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

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

Article 9 – General provision

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

(165 EX/SR.7)

8.10 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (in private meeting) (165 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(165 EX/SR.8)

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

9.1 UNESCO's contribution to operational policies and activities for development cooperation within the United Nations system (165 EX/35 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/35 containing the Director-General's annual report on UNESCO's contribution to operational policies and activities for development cooperation of the United Nations system,
2. Takes note with interest of the information contained therein;
3. Also takes note with interest of the implementation of the goals of the Millennium Declaration by the whole of the system and of the commitments entered into by States at the International Conference on Financing for Development held in Monterrey, Mexico, and at the G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Canada;
4. Supports the strengthening of participation by UNESCO in the activities undertaken by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) to help develop policies which, at the national level, are directed towards the implementation of the Millennium goals and the preparation of the system's programming frameworks – the Common Country Assessment (CCA) and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF);
5. Notes the decision of the Governing Council of UNDP to discontinue the cooperation agreements with the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations system, and invites

the Director-General, in his next report to the Executive Board, to include information on the consequences of this decision for UNESCO;

6. Further takes note of the progress of collaboration with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), which had been suggested by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (159 EX/34), bearing in mind also 159 EX/Decision 7.6.2;
7. Emphasizes the need to pursue the achievement of the Dakar goals and those set out in the Millennium Declaration and in the Declaration of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in all UNESCO programmes and, to that end, to incorporate these aspects in document 32 C/5 and increase cooperation between UNESCO and such agencies as UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and UNAIDS;
8. Takes note finally of the progress achieved in the development of cooperation with the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP), in particular the efforts made to involve non-governmental organizations in the above-mentioned activities;
9. Invites the Director-General to continue to enhance UNESCO's collaboration with the other institutions of the United Nations system, bearing in mind the specific mandate of each agency and seeking complementarities and synergies in joint activities with a view to securing greater coordination with the United Nations system, and to report to it thereon at its 167th session.

(165 EX/SR.8)

9.2 Report by the Director-General on specific mechanisms through which interested National Commissions can effectively participate in programme execution at the level of UNESCO field offices (165 EX/36 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 161 EX/Decision 8.4 and 164 EX/Decision 7.2,
2. Further recalling 30 C/Resolution 83 and the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved),
3. Having examined document 165 EX/36,
4. Bearing in mind that, in accordance with the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO, the enhancement of the operational capacities of National Commissions is a responsibility shared between Member States and the UNESCO Secretariat,
5. Underscoring the importance of monitoring and accountability in respect of the activities carried out by National Commissions under contract to the UNESCO Secretariat,
6. Invites the Director-General to encourage cluster consultations between field offices and National Commissions which should, in particular, help to:
 - (a) review, assess and evaluate the overall cooperation among field offices and National Commissions in programme planning and execution;

- (b) discuss bottom-up planning on the basis of country-specific needs and reach agreements on the prospects for future cooperation in the implementation of specific activities and joint projects;
 - (c) offer training opportunities to the National Commissions on new developments at UNESCO with special emphasis on programme management, partnerships with civil society, media relations, new information and communication technologies, and fund-raising, as befits their role as catalysts for outreach to national partners;
7. Suggests that these proposals may be implemented on a pilot basis by 2004-2005, taking into account the comments made by the Executive Board at its 165th session, and be subsequently reviewed on the basis of the experience gained and the results achieved;
 8. Invites the Director-General to provide each National Commission with a precise frame of reference for the respective areas of competence of UNESCO's various field offices (cluster or regional) operating in its region;
 9. Further invites the Director-General to ensure, to the extent possible, the participation on an equal footing in the execution of UNESCO's programme of all interested National Commissions operating in a region;
 10. Recommends to the General Conference that it invite the Director-General to take the necessary measures to synchronize the schedule of regional and subregional biennial consultations with National Commissions on the preparation of the draft C/4 and C/5 documents with those of regional quadrennial and statutory conferences of National Commissions, and to examine how possible savings obtained from such an arrangement could be used to develop cooperation and capacity-building mechanisms at cluster level;
 11. Invites Member States to provide adequate support to their National Commissions to develop their cooperation at cluster level, in particular, by helping them, wherever possible, to participate in consultation mechanisms;
 12. Requests the Director-General to take appropriate measures to introduce necessary modifications to the rules and procedures for concluding contracts with National Commissions, in order to ensure full accountability for funds released to these bodies, taking into account comments made by the Members of the Executive Board on this issue at its 165th session.

(165 EX/SR.8)

9.3 Report by the Director-General on the progress made in the preparation of guidelines for selecting partners in the Member States, including the rules and regulations governing the use of UNESCO's name and emblem by these partners (165 EX/37 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 159 EX/Decision 7.3,
2. Having examined document 165 EX/37,

3. Takes note with approval of the various activities undertaken by the Director-General with a view to developing elements for partnership guidelines of the Organization, including regulations for the use of UNESCO's name and/or emblem by partners;
4. Invites the Director-General to take into account the comments concerning future partnership guidelines made by it at its 165th session and to proceed with the formulation of such guidelines, including relevant regulations for the use of UNESCO's name and/or emblem by partners, as outlined in paragraph 11 of document 165 EX/37;
5. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 167th session on the measures taken, and the results achieved, so as to improve the regulatory framework for developing UNESCO's relations with partners, including the rules and provisions governing the use of the name/emblem of UNESCO by its partners.

(165 EX/SR.8)

9.4 L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science" (165 EX/38 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/38 concerning the L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science", intended to reward and promote the contribution and role of women in science,
2. Considering that the objectives of the Prize are in line with those of UNESCO, as set out in the second and sixth paragraphs of the Preamble and Article I, paragraph 2(c), of its Constitution,
3. Expresses its gratitude to the L'ORÉAL Group for this initiative and for its generous offer to finance all expenditure pertaining to the Prize;
4. Approves the Statutes of the L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science", as contained in the Annex to this decision.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE L'ORÉAL-UNESCO PRIZE "FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE"

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Prize is to promote the contribution and role of women in science, in particular in the life sciences and the science of matter, in the service of sustainable development. These contributions must be in harmony with the policy and objectives of UNESCO, whilst having a link with the programmes undertaken by the Organization in these specific fields.

2. Designation and amount of the Prize

- 2.1 The Prize shall be called the L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Prize "For Women in Science".
- 2.2 The Prize, wholly financed by L'ORÉAL, shall be awarded each year to at least five prizewinners. Its amount shall be set by L'ORÉAL, which shall be responsible for its financing and any costs which may be associated with it. L'ORÉAL shall make direct payments to the prizewinners.

3. Frequency and geographical distribution of the Prizes

The Prize shall be awarded annually on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

4. Conditions

The (individual) candidates must have earned recognition for their scientific work in the life sciences or the science of matter in relation with UNESCO's objectives in these fields.

5. Selection of prizewinners

The prizewinners shall be selected by an international jury.

6. Jury

6.1 The Jury shall be composed of:

- (a) three permanent members who shall be: the representative of the Director-General of UNESCO, a representative of L'ORÉAL and an eminent representative of the scientific community, who shall chair the Jury and shall be appointed by common agreement between UNESCO and L'ORÉAL;
- (b) a number of distinguished personalities from the scientific community, proposed by the permanent members of the Jury and approved by the Director-General of UNESCO and by L'ORÉAL, respecting balanced geographical distribution.

6.2 The Director-General of UNESCO shall be the Honorary President of the Jury.

6.3 The Jury shall normally meet once a year.

7. Executive Secretariat

7.1 The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for administering the Prize. It shall consist of one member designated by the Director-General of UNESCO, one member designated by L'ORÉAL and any person considered useful for the effective functioning of the Prize (expert in the life sciences or the material sciences, for instance) and selected by common agreement between UNESCO and L'ORÉAL.

7.2 The main duties of the Executive Secretariat shall be to:

- (a) invite scientific sponsors defined in paragraph 9.1 below to nominate candidates;
- (b) compile dossiers of candidates for the Prize;
- (c) organize meetings of the Jury;
- (d) contact the prizewinners;
- (e) organize the prize-giving ceremony;
- (f) organize the preparation and distribution of the various press kits, notices, information letters and other documents;
- (g) contribute to the implementation of the project "Promotion of science and technology education for young girls", provided for in the partnership agreement between UNESCO and L'ORÉAL.

8. Rules of Procedure

The Jury shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure, which cannot conflict with the provisions of the present Statutes and which shall be submitted to the Director-General of UNESCO and to L'ORÉAL for approval. The Jury shall be assisted in carrying out its task by the Executive Secretariat.

9. Nomination of candidates

9.1 The candidates shall be nominated by "sponsors", eminent personalities from the international scientific community identified by the Jury and the Executive Secretariat, as well as by the National Commissions for UNESCO.

- 9.2 Nominations must reach the Executive Secretariat before 15 August of each year.
- 9.3 The Jury shall meet towards October-November of the same year to select the prizewinners and notify the Director-General and L'ORÉAL of its choice.

10. Submission of nominations

The sponsors must provide a dossier in support of each candidate, comprising:

- (a) the completed registration form signed by the sponsor;
- (b) the curriculum vitae of the candidate;
- (c) a list of all her publications;
- (d) copies of her five most important and significant publications;
- (e) a summary in English (maximum of five typed pages) of her qualifications, main scientific achievements and contributions.

11. Procedure for the awarding of the Prize

The Executive Secretariat shall contact the prizewinners and organize their participation in the prize-giving ceremony. The Prizes shall be awarded to the prizewinners in the first quarter of each year at a ceremony to take place at UNESCO Headquarters, to be presided over by the President of the Jury in the presence of the Director-General and the Chairman and CEO of L'ORÉAL.

12. National initiatives of the UNESCO-L'ORÉAL Partnership For Women in Science

National initiatives may be developed as an extension of the UNESCO-L'ORÉAL Prize "For Women in Science". Such initiatives shall be developed and implemented by common agreement between L'ORÉAL, UNESCO and the National Commissions concerned.

13. Amendments to the Statutes of the Prize

Any amendment to the present Statutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval, except that the Executive Secretariat may amend the timetable and the place of the ceremony.

(165 EX/SR.8)

9.5 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions
(165 EX/39, 165 EX/ONG.2 and 165 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/39,
2. Takes note with appreciation of the information contained in paragraphs 2-70 of document 165 EX/39, and invites the Director-General to submit the Organization's sectoral and intersectoral strategies for cooperation with non-governmental organizations to the General Conference at its 32nd session for consideration in the programme commissions;
3. Decides, on the basis of the information contained in document 165 EX/ONG.2, to renew statutory relations with NGOs as follows:
 - (a) reclassification to formal associate relations of the following non-governmental organizations:
 - Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIJS)
 - International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)

- World Association of Newspapers (WAN);
- (b) renewal of formal consultative relations with the following non-governmental organizations:
- Agency of Francophonie Universities (AUF)
 - Amnesty International (AI)
 - Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC)
 - Association of African Universities (AAU)
 - Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC)
 - Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
 - Catholic International Education Office (OIEC)
 - Club of Rome (CoR)
 - Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)
 - Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU)
 - Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS)
 - European University Association (EUA)
 - Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE)
 - Inter American Press Association (IAPA)
 - International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)
 - International Association of Broadcasting (IAB)
 - International Cell Research Organization (ICRO)
 - International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC)
 - International Coordination Council of Educational Institutions Alumni (INCORVUZ-XXI)
 - International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)
 - International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)
 - International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM)
 - International Council of French-Speaking Radio and Television (CIRTEF)
 - International Council of Organizations for Folklore Festivals and Folk Art (CIOFF)
 - International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP)
 - International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF)
 - International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (IFHR)
 - International Federation of University Women (IFUW)
 - International Press Institute (IPI)
 - International Publishers Association (IPA)

- International Reading Association (IRA)
 - International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCARP)
 - International Union of Architects (IUA)
 - Reporters sans frontières International (RSF)
 - Union of International Associations (UIA)
 - World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC)
 - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)
 - World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP)
 - World Confederation of Teachers (WCT)
 - World Crafts Council (WCC)
 - World Federation of Teachers' Unions (FISE)
 - World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF)
 - World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)
 - World Press Freedom Committee (WPFC);
- (c) renewal of formal consultative relations and re-evaluation in two years of cooperation with the following non-governmental organizations:
- Arab Lawyers' Union (ALU)
 - Development Innovations and Networks (IREN)
 - European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities (EAASH)
 - International Association for Educational Assessment (IAEA)
 - International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI)
 - International Federation of Translators (FIT)
 - International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF);
- (d) reclassification to operational relations of the following non-governmental organizations:
- Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)
 - International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL)
 - International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)
 - Pan-Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association International (PPSEAWA)
 - Society for International Development (SID)
 - World Assembly of Youth (WAY);
- (e) continuation of cooperation with the International Committee for Social Science Information and Documentation (ICSSD) through its affiliation with the International Social Science Council (ISSC);

- (f) continuation of cooperation on an informal basis with the following non-governmental organizations:
- International Institute of Communications (IIC)
 - Pan-African Union for Science and Technology (PUST);
4. Also decides to admit to formal consultative relations the World Islamic Call Society (WICS) and the International Radio and Television University (URTI);
5. Taking note of paragraphs 71, 72 and 73 of document 165 EX/39, calls upon the Director-General to support NGOs with expertise in UNESCO's fields of competence, especially in developing countries, in order to enhance their participation in UNESCO's programmes.

(165 EX/SR.6)

9.6 Proposal for the handling of Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports in UNESCO (165 EX/40 and 165 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/40, containing the proposal for the pilot scheme on the follow-up of JIU reports,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit and the Director-General for their efforts to ensure the effective follow-up of JIU reports and recommendations contained therein;
3. Approves the pilot scheme laid out in paragraph 6 of the above-mentioned document subject to the clarification that all reports of relevance to UNESCO will include the comments of the Director-General;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it on the implementation of the pilot scheme at its 169th session for review and adjustment as necessary.

(165 EX/SR.9)

9.7 Report by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) on Strengthening the Investigations Function in United Nations System Organizations (JIU/REP/2000/9) (165 EX/41 and 165 EX/49)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/41, containing the comments by the Director-General,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled "Strengthening the Investigations Function in United Nations System Organizations" (JIU/REP/2000/9), and supports recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 contained therein;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to take initiatives to strengthen the investigations function in UNESCO, drawing on the valuable recommendations in the Joint Inspection Unit's report.

(165 EX/SR.9)

10 GENERAL MATTERS

10.1 Report by the Director-General on the establishment of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics in Canada and the first year of operation (165 EX/42 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the activities of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) since its relocation to Montreal in September 2001 (165 EX/42),
2. Takes note of the achievements in the development and execution of the new programme of the Institute over the last year, taking account of the time and effort devoted to the relocation of the Institute and the recruitment of over 30 new staff members;
3. Encourages the Director-General to pursue better coordination to address relationships between UNESCO programme sectors and UIS;
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure also full implementation by UIS of its mandate, particularly coordination with statistical institutions in developing countries;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics;
6. Further invites the Director-General to keep it regularly informed.

(165 EX/SR.8)

10.2 Application of 164 EX/Decision 8.2 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (165 EX/43 and Add. and 165 EX/51 Part II)

I

Application of 164 EX/Decision 8.2

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General (165 EX/43 and Add.),
2. Having taken note of the circumstances that have prevented international officials and experts from carrying out the missions entrusted to them by the Director-General,
3. Greatly concerned by the critical situation facing the Palestinian territories, which gravely prejudices the right to education in Palestine, because of the continued sealing off of these territories and the continuing curfews,
4. Highly appreciative of the efforts of the international community to halt the violence and safeguard the peace process, which is seriously threatened by tragic events,
5. Affirms the urgent need for the Israel-Palestinian peace negotiations to be resumed and for a just and comprehensive peace to be speedily brought about, in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council;

6. Supports the efforts of the Director-General to secure implementation of 164 EX/Decision 3.1.1(III) and 164 EX/Decision 8.2, in particular the activities under way or in preparation in accordance with these decisions;
7. Recalls paragraph 32 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;
8. Requests the Director-General to secure the implementation of these resolutions by including them as a priority in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5);
9. Deplores the fact that obstacles persist as regards the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of UNESCO and expects that the situation shall be rectified as soon as possible;
10. Urgently appeals to the Israeli authorities to facilitate safe access of Palestinian children to their schools and to allow the functioning of educational establishments;
11. Expresses its profound regret that the implementation of the third phase of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP) has been effectively suspended because of the present situation;
12. Expresses its gratitude to the States, organizations, foundations and representatives of the private sector that have contributed to the UNESCO Programme for Palestine;
13. Renews its appeal to sponsors to contribute generously to financing the reconstruction of Palestinian educational and cultural institutions;
14. Invites the Director-General to continue the financial assistance for Palestinian students so that they can pursue their studies;
15. Expresses the hope that the Arabo-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions, to which UNESCO adheres, particularly Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 based on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of “land for peace”;
16. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities with a view to preserving the human and social fabric and safeguarding the Arab cultural identity of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in this regard;
 - (b) to continue his efforts vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities so that they cease imposing Israeli curricula on the students of the occupied Syrian Golan, to offer more grants to those students and to provide special assistance to the educational institutions of the Golan;
17. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;
18. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 166th session.

II

Reconstruction and rehabilitation of cultural and education systems, and the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage in Palestine

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 3.1.1 (III),
2. Having heard the Director-General's introduction as well as the debate on items 3.1.1 and 4.1,
3. Thanks the Director-General for the missions he has dispatched to the area, by way of preliminary initiatives with a view to expanding action by UNESCO in its fields of competence;
4. Takes note of the Director-General's statements to the effect that he will send, as soon as possible, an intersectoral UNESCO mission led by the Deputy Director-General to assess reconstruction needs in Palestine in the Organization's fields of competence; will strengthen UNESCO's action under the agreement signed between the Organization and the Palestinian Authority; and will convene an information meeting for all the permanent delegates entirely devoted to questions of reconstruction and reconciliation in the Middle East;
5. Endorses decision 26 COM 6.1 of the World Heritage Committee;
6. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to pursue and develop the preparation of projects for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and relaunching of educational, cultural and information systems, and for the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage in Palestine, so as to put UNESCO in a position to play an active part in the restoration of peace and the establishment of relations of trust in the region;
 - (b) to pursue and intensify his efforts to ensure that the international community contributes to the special fund that he has set up to finance priority actions in Palestine;
7. Calls on States, organizations and institutions, as well as individuals, to contribute generously to this special fund;
8. Requests the Director-General to report to it on the implementation of this decision at its 166th session.

(165 EX/SR.8)

10.3 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2000-2001 biennium (165 EX/44 and 165 EX/51 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 165 EX/44 and appreciative of the evaluations that have been presented,

2. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as the report of the Director-General on their implementation,
3. Bearing in mind the Director-General's concern about the quality of some evaluation reports highlighted in the Director-General's concluding remarks,
4. Invites the Director-General to implement in the appropriate manner those recommendations that he judges necessary in order to improve the programmes to which they relate, and to improve the quality of evaluations by implementing the new UNESCO Evaluation Strategy (165 EX/19);
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to it on evaluations that are carried out on the Organization's programme activities and on the progress made in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations.

(165 EX/SR.8)

10.4 Dates for the 166th session (including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	31 March and 3 April 2003
Special Committee	31 March (afternoon) – 2 April 2003
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	1-3 April 2003
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	1-3 April 2003
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	3 April 2003
Plenary meetings and Commissions	4-16 April 2003

(165 EX/SR.9)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER AND WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2002

At the private meetings held on Monday, 7 October and Wednesday, 16 October 2002, the Executive Board considered items 8.10 and 6.1, respectively, of its agenda.

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

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General *informed* the Board of developments since the 164th session concerning the reform process, the restructuring of the Secretariat and appointments, and the general situation regarding staff, including decisions he had taken regarding appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization. The Director-General *also informed* the Board of the reclassifications of posts provided for in the budget reserve of document 31 C/5 and of the functioning of the Internal Oversight Service. The Director-General *consulted* the Board, pursuant to 159 EX/Decisions 4.1 and 4.2, on the extension of the contract of the Legal Adviser of the Organization.

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

1. The Executive Board *examined* the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, *having taken note* of the Committee's report, *endorsed* the wishes expressed therein.

(165 EX/SR.8)