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1 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU** (156 EX/1, 156 EX/INF.1 and Rev. and 156 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 156 EX/1 and 156 EX/INF.1 and Rev.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.3.1, 3.3.4, 3.4.1, 3.5.1,¹ 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.6.1, 4.1, 9.1 (9.1.1, 9.1.2, 9.1.3 and 9.1.4), 10.1, 10.3, 10.4 and 10.7.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.2.2, 3.3.2, 4.1, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 and 8.7.
3. **Joint meeting of the PX and FA Commissions:** items 3.1, 3.2.3, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.5, 6.6, 9.3 and 9.4.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 156 EX/2 concerning the following agenda items:

- 9.5 Relations with the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (UNCCD) and draft Memorandum of Understanding between this body and UNESCO (156 EX/39).
- 9.7 Relations with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (156 EX/47).

(156 EX/SR.1)

2 **APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 155th SESSION** (155 EX/SR.1-16)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 155th session.

(156 EX/SR.1)

¹ This item was examined directly in plenary.

3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (156 EX/4 (Parts I and II and Add.1 and 2), 156 EX/INF.3, 156 EX/INF.8, 156 EX/INF.10 and Corr. and 156 EX/55)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/4 (Parts I and II and Add.1 and 2), 156 EX/INF.3, 156 EX/INF.8, 156 EX/INF.10 and Corr.,
2. Urges the Director-General to continue measures to control staff cost expenditure in order to ensure that the amount of \$313,658,650 as contained in 29 C/Resolution 65 A(j) is not exceeded.

(156 EX/SR.14)

II

Celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Alexander Pushkin

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind that on 6 June 1999 humanity celebrates the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Russian poet Alexander Pushkin,
2. Recalling that at its 29th session the General Conference decided that UNESCO would be associated with the celebration of that anniversary,
3. Emphasizing that Pushkin's work has not only played a key role in the development of Russian culture, but that it has become an integral part of the cultural heritage of humanity,
4. Considering that Pushkin's works celebrate a love of freedom and human dignity, and that they harmoniously combine and illustrate both patriotism and a profound respect for the cultures of other peoples,
5. Noting with interest that the African origins of his forebears and their place in Russian society at the time make Pushkin an outstanding symbol of exchanges between cultures,
6. Invites Member States:
 - (a) to organize an official celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pushkin in their countries;
 - (b) to support the international poetry and singing competitions organized by the International Institute for Opera and Poetry in Verona (Italy);

7. Requests the Director-General to announce the results of these competitions and organize a prize-giving ceremony for the winners at the 30th session of the General Conference.

(156 EX/SR.16)

III

Situation in the Balkans

The Executive Board,

1. Welcoming United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and expressing the hope that it will make it possible rapidly to put an end to the human sufferings of all kinds,
2. Recalling the previous commitments by UNESCO in the region in its fields of competence,
3. Recalling also all international human rights instruments and all international legal instruments relating to the protection and rights of refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as those concerned with the protection of individuals in the event of armed conflict,
4. Further recalling the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954) and the Protocols thereto, of which UNESCO is the depositary,
5. Strongly supports the efforts to achieve a quick, fair and just political solution;
6. Requests the Director-General:
 - (a) to take forthwith appropriate steps so that UNESCO can contribute to reconstruction in the fields of education, science, culture and communication as well as to assistance for refugees;
 - (b) to report to it at its 157th session.

(156 EX/SR.16)

IV

Situation in Sierra Leone

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the millions of displaced persons suffering in Africa, Latin America, Europe and other parts of the world,
2. Particularly concerned by the situation in Sierra Leone, resulting from recent conflicts and disturbances in that area,

3. Recalling all international human rights instruments and all legal instruments relating to the protection and rights of refugees and internally displaced persons as well as those concerned with the protection of individuals in the event of armed conflict,
4. Also recalling the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954) and the Protocols thereto, of which UNESCO is the depositary,
5. Conscious of UNESCO's responsibilities in this regard in the fields of its competence,
6. Strongly supports the efforts made by the international community in promoting fair and just political solutions to the situation in Sierra Leone;
7. Appeals to Member States of UNESCO to provide material assistance to the victims of this situation, in cooperation with the competent humanitarian organizations and the appropriate United Nations agencies;
8. Requests the Director-General:
 - (a) to initiate action for UNESCO's contribution to reconstruction in the fields of education, science, culture and communication as well as for assistance to refugees in Sierra Leone;
 - (b) to report to it at its 157th session on action he has taken in implementation of this decision.

(156 EX/SR.16)

3.2 Education

3.2.1 Draft questionnaire for the Permanent System of Reporting on Education for Peace, Human Rights, Democracy, International Understanding and Tolerance and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (156 EX/5 and 156 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/5,
2. Referring to 23 C/Resolution 13.3, by which the General Conference decided to set up a Permanent System of Reporting on the steps taken by Member States to apply the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session on 19 November 1974,
3. Also referring to the provisions of 28 C/Resolution 5.41 as concerns the updating of the Permanent System of Reporting in the context of a number of new UNESCO and United Nations instruments and action plans regarding education for peace, human rights, democracy, international understanding and tolerance,

4. Bearing in mind that the Advisory Committee (category V) on Education for Peace, Human Rights, Democracy, International Understanding and Tolerance examined (in accordance with its Statutes) the draft questionnaire for the Permanent System of Reporting and made a number of suggestions concerning both its content and form, which were taken into account in the draft questionnaire submitted for examination by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations,
5. Approves the questionnaire for the Permanent System of Reporting on Education for Peace, Human Rights, Democracy, International Understanding and Tolerance to be used by Member States for the preparation of their third reports to the General Conference at its 31st session (2001);
6. Invites the Director-General to consider the necessary modifications, to send the questionnaire to Member States, parliaments and NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO and having education as their main domain, and to take data existing in the United Nations system into account when preparing the third sexennial report within the framework of the Permanent System of Reporting to be submitted to the General Conference at its 32nd session (2003);
7. Invites Member States, parliaments and NGOs to send their reports to the Director-General within 10 months of the date of dispatch of the questionnaire, in order to enable the above-mentioned Advisory Committee to examine these reports and assist the Director-General in the preparation of a synthesis of the reports prior to their submission to the Executive Board for transmission with its comments to the General Conference at its 31st session;
8. Urges Member States, their governments and parliaments, as well as the NGOs concerned, UNESCO Chairs, Clubs and Associated Schools and all sectors and actors of society endeavouring to promote a culture of peace through education to make renewed efforts to publicize and implement the 1974 Recommendation, the Declaration and Integrated Framework of Action on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy and other UNESCO and United Nations instruments and action plans related to this field of education, in particular on the occasion of the International Year for the Culture of Peace (2000) and during preparations for the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010).

(156 EX/SR.12)

3.2.2 Draft Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) (156 EX/6 and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 6,
2. Having examined document 156 EX/6,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) annexed hereto.

Annex

Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education, hereafter referred to as “the Institute”.
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of this Special Account.

Article 2 - Financial period

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

Article 3 - Income

- 3.1 As provided in its Statutes, the income of the Institute shall consist of:
 - (a) a financial allocation determined by the General Conference to cover staff costs, as well as direct and indirect programme costs;
 - (b) contributions made by the Russian Federation;
 - (c) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
 - (d) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes, and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
 - (e) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and
 - (f) miscellaneous income.
- 3.2 The Director may accept income as set forth in Article 3.1 on behalf of the Institute, provided that, in any case which would involve the Institute in an additional financial liability, the Director shall obtain the prior approval of the Institute’s Governing Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”), and the consent of the Executive Board of UNESCO.
- 3.3 The Director shall report to the Board on any subventions, contributions, grants, gifts or bequests accepted.

Article 4 - Budget

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

Article 5 - The General Account

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

Article 6 - Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts

- 6.1 In addition to a Working Capital Fund, the Director shall establish a Reserve Fund to cover end-of-service indemnities and other related liabilities; the Fund shall be reported annually to the Board at the time of the yearly budget approval.

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

Article 7 - Accounts

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

Article 8 - External audit

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

Article 9 - General provision

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

3.2.3 Preparations for the third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS III) and invitations to the Conference (156 EX/7 and Corr. and 156 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of the recommendation of the feasibility study in favour of convening the third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport, adopted by the meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport, on the theme “Physical education and sport, a tool for social development”,
2. Having examined the proposals of the Director-General concerning invitations to that Conference,
3. Invites the Director-General, subject to the availability of adequate extrabudgetary resources, to convene the third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport in Punta del Este (Uruguay), from 1 to 4 December 1999, with a view to strengthening the irreplaceable ethical, educational, cultural and universal dimension of physical education and sport in the political, economic and social development of States and to meeting the ever greater expectations and needs in this field, in support of peace and harmonious development;
4. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate, with the right to vote, in the third International Conference 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 Conference shall be extended to all States mentioned in paragraph 8 of document 156 EX/7;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to Palestine, as indicated in paragraph 8(c) of document 156 EX/7 Corr.;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Conference shall be extended to the organizations of the United Nations system mentioned in paragraph 1 of Annex II to document 156 EX/7;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to the international governmental and non-governmental organizations listed in paragraphs 2 to 5 of Annex II to document 156 EX/7;
 - (f) that invitations to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to the institutions and foundations mentioned in paragraph 6 of Annex II to document 156 EX/7;
 - (g) that invitations to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to the international organizations mentioned in paragraph 7 of Annex II to document 156 EX/7;

5. Authorizes the Director-General to extend any other invitations which he may deem useful for the work of the Conference, 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 contribute to the preparations for the Conference.

(156 EX/SR.14)

3.3 Natural sciences

3.3.1 Preparations for the World Conference on Science and draft declaration and framework for action (156 EX/8 and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report on the preparations for the World Conference on Science and draft declaration and framework for action (156 EX/8),
2. Takes note of the information provided in the report;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit the *Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge* and the *Science Agenda - Framework for Action*, once approved by the World Conference on Science, to the General Conference at its 30th session.

(156 EX/SR.14)

3.3.2 Report on the administrative and financial arrangements consistent with the status of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) (156 EX/9 and Add. and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/9 and Add.,
2. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 3.4.3, by which the Director-General was invited to submit to it at its 156th session a report on the implementation of the functional autonomy of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), with reference to the relevant texts,
3. Considering that the authority delegated by the Director-General to the Executive Secretary of IOC presupposes strict compliance with UNESCO's standard-setting texts (Manual of the General Conference, UNESCO Manual, Staff Regulations),
4. Takes note of the administrative and financial measures taken by the Director-General so as to give IOC operational flexibility within the framework of its functional autonomy;

5. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 157th session the modified Statutes and Financial Regulations of the Commission, taking into account the standard model text for such regulations.

(156 EX/SR.14)

3.3.4 UNESCO Geoparks Programme - a new initiative to promote a global network of geoparks safeguarding and developing selected areas having significant geological features (156 EX/11 Rev. and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that the General Conference at its 29th session gave its approval for UNESCO to undertake steps to “promote a global network of geosites having special geological features” (29 C/5, para. 02036),
2. Having examined document 156 EX/11 Rev.,
3. Invites the Director-General to prepare, in consultation with the Scientific Board of the International Geological Correlation Programme, a feasibility study on developing a UNESCO geosites/geoparks programme and to submit it to the Executive Board preferably at its 159th session but no later than the 160th session. The study should include proposals concerning objectives, criteria, functioning and other operational aspects as well as management and financing of such a new programme. It should also examine the option of improving international recognition and protection of such sites under existing programmes such as the Man and the Biosphere and the World Heritage programmes.

(156 EX/SR.14)

3.4 Social and human sciences

3.4.1 Mid-term evaluation report of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) programme (156 EX/12 and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/12,
2. Underscoring the importance of the mid-term evaluation as an effective means to monitor and improve the MOST programme,
3. Welcoming the objective nature of this mid-term external evaluation,
4. Noting that the evaluation report recommends the consolidation and strengthening of the MOST programme as an intergovernmental research programme on the management of social transformations that represents a considerable achievement for UNESCO,
5. Also takes note of the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Council of the MOST programme aimed, *inter alia*, at developing during the second phase of

the programme a strategy that also addresses the issues of the sustainability of its networks and the quality of its academic output;

6. Invites the Director-General to carry out an in-depth analysis, in conjunction with the Scientific Steering Committee and the Intergovernmental Council of the MOST programme, of the critical observations and specific recommendations contained in Annex I to document 156 EX/12;
7. Invites lastly the Director-General to continue to develop the MOST programme and to submit to it at its 160th session a report on the refocusing of the programme. This report should indicate, paying special attention to women, youth and indigenous peoples, the contribution of MOST to combating exclusion and poverty, and provide specific proposals on cooperation with the International Social Science Council and the International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies within the MOST framework and on the long-term financing of the programme and the possibility of mobilizing extrabudgetary resources.

(156 EX/SR.14)

3.5 Culture

3.5.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 155 EX/Decision 3.5.1 (156 EX/13)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and the Protocol thereto, and the relevant provisions of the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and its Additional Protocols,
2. Recalling also that the Old City of Jerusalem is covered by the provisions of the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and that it is inscribed on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger,
3. Affirming that, in regard to the status of Jerusalem, UNESCO abides by United Nations Security Council and General Assembly decisions and resolutions, and in particular resolutions 252 (1968) and 478 (1980),
4. Reaffirming all the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Conference and the Executive Board of UNESCO concerning the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem, which request that no measure and no action likely to modify the religious, cultural, historical and demographic character of the city and the overall balance of the site be taken,
5. Thanks the States, organizations, institutions and individuals who have made financial contributions to the Special Account for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem and renews its appeal for increased contributions to this Special Account;
6. Thanks the Director-General for his praiseworthy and unceasing efforts to ensure full implementation of UNESCO resolutions and decisions concerning the

safeguarding of the monuments, characteristics and cultural property of the Old City of Jerusalem;

7. Regrets the non-implementation of 150 EX/Decision 3.4.3 by the Israeli authorities;
8. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to appoint an eminent expert on the subject to present a report on the question covering all the aspects mentioned in the relevant resolutions and decisions of UNESCO, and to submit it to the General Conference at its 30th session;
 - (b) to ensure implementation of 150 EX/Decision 3.4.3;
 - (c) to have a system installed for the surveillance of the historic buildings situated along the line of the tunnel mentioned in 150 EX/Decision 3.4.3, and to take rapid steps to ensure the implementation of the safeguarding operations;
 - (d) to give all due attention to ensuring the implementation of the short- and medium-term plan of action decided upon previously;
 - (e) to expedite the completion of the restoration work on Sammam al-Shifâ' and Sammam al-'Ain, under the supervision of the Islamic Waqf in Jerusalem;
 - (f) to establish a restoration plan for all the Jerusalem sites inscribed on the World Heritage List, whether they be Christian, Jewish or Muslim;
 - (g) to strengthen these efforts for the safeguarding of the religious, cultural, architectural and historic aspects of the city;
9. Takes note with great satisfaction of the progress made in the creation of an institute for safeguarding the cultural heritage, at Al-Quds University;
10. Encourages dialogue between academic institutions for training in the conservation of the cultural heritage;
11. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 159th session.

(156 EX/SR.13)

3.5.2 Framework agreement concerning the Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona 2004 (156 EX/14 and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/14,
2. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 26 and 155 EX/Decision 3.5.2,

3. Reaffirming that, since the objectives of the Universal Forum of Cultures come very close to those of UNESCO, it is fitting for the Organization to be involved as the main partner in their implementation, to which it may make a productive contribution,
4. Approves the agreement annexed hereto;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to sign it and to take the necessary measures so that, on the basis of 29 C/Resolution 26, UNESCO may contribute fully to the success of the Forum.

Annex

**Framework Agreement concerning
the Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona 2004
between
the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
and
the Consortium Barcelona - 2004,
a public association governed by law 30/1992 of 26 November 1992**

Noting that the Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona 2004, an initiative of the City of Barcelona presented by Spain to the General Conference at its 29th session, seeks to facilitate dialogue between peoples, cultures and civilizations and to promote the values of tolerance and peace,

Considering that the project could make a significant contribution to building a culture of peace, a major objective of UNESCO and one endorsed by the international community,

Noting that the planning, organization and staging of the Forum will be under the direction of the Consortium Barcelona - 2004, made up of the City of Barcelona, the Autonomous Government of Catalonia and the Spanish Government,

Recalling that the General Conference decided at its 29th session “that UNESCO, in accordance with the proposal made by the organizers of the Forum, should be the main partner of the Forum throughout the various phases of the project” (29 C/Resolution 26),

Believing that UNESCO can make a decisive contribution to the success of the Forum through its missions, activities and links with institutions and professional circles throughout the world,

The parties have agreed upon the following provisions:

1. The present framework agreement is intended to establish a framework for cooperation between UNESCO and the Consortium Barcelona - 2004 (hereinafter referred to as “the Consortium”) for the preparation and holding of and follow-up to the Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona 2004; it sets out the modalities of UNESCO’s association with the Forum, within the framework of the Organization’s competence and the priorities for its activities determined

by its Member States; it covers the period of the preparation and staging of and follow-up to the Forum;

2. UNESCO and the Consortium shall keep each other informed of all activities of common interest that either may undertake; each will propose that the other be represented in such activities in accordance with procedures to be laid down by the joint committee referred to in paragraph 8; they shall consult each other as necessary on the preparation and implementation of activities that they consider should be conducted jointly;
3. In order to add to the Forum's impact, UNESCO shall endeavour to ensure the broad dissemination of information on the objectives and activities of the Forum and to give them the greatest possible multiplier effect internationally;
4. The parties shall ensure that all activities undertaken in connection with the Forum are given a character distinct from that of an international exhibition, bearing in mind the 1928 Convention regarding International Exhibitions;
5. The parties may, where necessary, conclude particular agreements between themselves or with other partners to implement specific activities involved in preparing for the Forum;
6. UNESCO shall, under the conditions stipulated in 29 C/Resolution 26, provide such technical services as may facilitate the achievement of the Forum's objectives, in particular by mobilizing the expertise at its disposal, by providing the organizers with appropriate information, by facilitating contact between the latter and the professional circles which are its partners, and by facilitating the participation of interested international governmental and non-governmental organizations;
7. The Consortium may be given written authorization by the Director-General of UNESCO to use the name, logo and seal of UNESCO under conditions and procedures to be proposed by the joint committee referred to in paragraph 8;
8. When the present framework agreement enters into force, UNESCO and the Consortium shall set up a joint cooperation committee in order effectively to coordinate their cooperation under the present agreement and resolution 26 adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 29th session; the parties shall each designate one of their representatives on the joint committee as focal point;
9. Pursuant to 29 C/Resolution 26, the costs of the Forum shall be fully covered by the organizers and UNESCO's cooperation shall have no budgetary implications for the Organization;
10. Each of the parties shall make available to the other appropriate facilities for the implementation of the present agreement;
11. The Director-General of UNESCO shall inform the Executive Board annually of activities carried out under the present agreement and the aforesaid 29 C/Resolution 26; the Consortium shall likewise regularly report to its

participating institutions; both parties shall exchange the information necessary to those ends;

12. This agreement shall become operative once it has been signed by both parties; it may thereafter be amended by their common consent. One year after the close of the Forum, the parties shall agree upon a date for expiry of the framework agreement.

(156 EX/SR.14)

3.5.3 Follow-up to the General History of Africa project (156 EX/10 Rev.)

(See decision 4.1, paragraph 31.)

3.6 Communication

3.6.1 Feasibility study on the convening of a world conference on communication and information (156 EX/15 and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/15 in pursuance of 155 EX/Decision 4.1,
2. Considering that UNESCO has, for the past few years, been examining the idea of organizing a world conference on information and communication and has already held a series of consultations in this regard,
3. Takes note of the initiative of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) concerning “a World Summit on the Information Society” (WSIS), as presented in the 1998 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution Plen/13 and discussed in the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Geneva, 9 April 1999);
4. Emphasizes the need for a coordinated approach to these issues within the United Nations system;
5. Invites the Director-General to undertake discussions with ITU and interested agencies of the United Nations system with a view to examining the possibility of organizing jointly in the year 2002 a world summit (or world conference) on the information society, in close consultation with Member States and relevant international and intergovernmental UNESCO programmes, as well as with representatives of the business community and civil society, in order to define topics with respect to an integrated cultural, ethical, technological and economic approach;
6. Also invites the Director-General to report to it, at its 157th session, on inter-agency consultations and the drafting of a memorandum of understanding between UNESCO and ITU;
7. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 159th session, a more detailed feasibility study, including an evaluation of previous conferences and an analysis of the financial implications for UNESCO resulting from its contribution to organizing a world summit (or a world conference);

8. Finally invites the Director-General to report to it at its 159th session on progress with the preparatory work and forms of cooperation and to invite to that session representatives of ITU and other interested organizations.

(156 EX/SR.14)

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

4.1 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5) and recommendations by the Executive Board (30 C/5, 156 EX/INF.4 and 156 EX/53)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5) submitted to it by the Director General,
2. Bearing in mind the orientations set out in the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 (28 C/4 Approved),
3. Acknowledges the progress achieved in the presentation of document 30 C/5, as regards its clarity, readability and transparency, and in the evolution towards results-based programming and budgeting;
4. Notes with satisfaction that the presentation of this document is in conformity with the principles and guidelines set out by the General Conference (29 C/Resolution 87);
5. Recognizes that the strategic orientations proposed in document 30 C/5 are on the whole consistent with the main conclusions emerging from the process of consultation of Member States;
6. Submits to the General Conference the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5), recommending the following amendments:

Major Programme I

Coherence of the education programme

7. Better coordination among UNESCO education institutes and between the institutes and the Secretariat at and away from Headquarters is essential to ensure the coherence of the education programme. This concern should be reflected in the following resolution to be inserted after paragraph 01007:

“The General Conference

Invites the Director-General:

- (a) *to establish for the implementation of Major Programme I, ‘Education for all throughout life’, a system of coordination and division of labour between the Secretariat at Headquarters and all units away from Headquarters, in particular the UNESCO education institutes, field offices*

and affiliated institutes, on the basis of 29 C/Resolution 7 and of the relevant recommendations by the External Auditor;

(b) to submit proposals on an overall strategy, including coordination mechanisms, to the 161st session of the Executive Board, addressing the need to improve the coherence and implementation of the education programme as well as the cost-effectiveness and the functioning of the UNESCO education institutes and their governing bodies.”

8. Furthermore, in document 30 C/5 Approved, the strategies and results expected from the UNESCO education institutes should also be presented under the relevant sections of Major Programme I, as well as a full list of other institutes associated with UNESCO's education programme.

EFA initiative of the E-9 countries

9. Given that, according to the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001, the E-9 countries are a priority group within Programme I.1, actions envisaged in support of the E-9 countries require adequate funding and should be given greater visibility through a special presentation in document 30 C/5 Approved. To this end, the resolution proposed in paragraph 01130 should be amended by adding at the end of subparagraph (a)(ii) the following phrase:

“... with particular emphasis on ... the E-9 initiative and on the plan of action of these countries;”

The fifth expected result, under paragraph 01132, should be also reformulated to read as follows:

“Collaboration and joint activities between the E-9 countries consolidated, particularly in the areas of teacher education, youth education, women's education and distance education; assistance provided to the E-9 countries in the formulation of appropriate education policies to follow up the results of EFA Assessment 2000;”

Culture of maintenance

10. The development of attitudes and the acquisition of skills fostering respect for objects and property are objectives which should be promoted at all levels and in all forms of education. Therefore strategies aimed at promoting a culture of maintenance and their expected results should be included in relevant parts of Major Programme I in document 30 C/5 Approved.

Media education

11. Activities in the area of media education should be included under Major Programme I and implemented in close coordination with the activities in this area already envisaged under Major Programme IV (para. 04121). To this end, the resolution proposed in paragraph 01220, under renovation of secondary education, should be amended by adding, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i):

“enhance international and national capacities for the renewal, diversification and expansion of secondary education ... with particular emphasis on science and technology education, on *media education* and on preventive education against HIV-AIDS and drugs;”

Technical and vocational education

12. As a follow-up to the second International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education (Seoul, April 1999), close cooperation with other United Nations agencies, especially ILO, should be forged in developing an international long-term programme in technical and vocational education and training. This objective should be reflected in the proposed resolution contained in paragraph 01220, by adding at the end of subparagraph (a)(ii) the following text:

“develop jointly with ILO an international long-term programme for the development of technical and vocational education and training, which would be open to other agencies willing to participate; and prepare together with ILO an updated version of the UNESCO-ILO Memorandum of Understanding (1954) to this effect;”

UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

13. The rapid growth in the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme has raised the problem of geographical balance and sustainability of UNESCO Chairs, which needs to be addressed. This concern should be reflected by amending subparagraph (a)(ii) of the resolution proposed in paragraph 01230 as follows:

“consolidate and strengthen the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme as an effective tool for the transfer of knowledge and the improvement of research, training and development of higher education, in particular in developing countries and the countries in transition, by further developing criteria for the selection of appropriate institutions, in collaboration with the United Nations University, seeking a better geographical balance of the Chairs and increasing their sustainability, on the basis of the conclusions of the external evaluation carried out in 1999; and to strengthen ... ;”

UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa

14. A medium-term strategy should be drawn up so as to outline the major directions, phases and requirements for the development of the newly established International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa in Addis Ababa. This concern should be reflected in paragraph 01463 by adding, at the end of the first expected result, the following:

“A negotiated and agreed programme of work ... drawn up, as well as a medium-term strategy on the further development of the Institute, including adequate funding and staffing requirements.”

Major Programme II

UNISPAR

15. Actions to promote university-science-industry cooperation should be continued in the framework of the UNISPAR (University-Industry-Science Partnership) programme and in close collaboration with UNIDO. This objective should be reflected by amending, in paragraph 02103, the fifth expected result as follows:

“University-industry cooperation promoted through workshops and the dissemination of information and learning materials in innovation and the commercialization of R&D, in the framework of the UNISPAR (University-Industry-Science Partnership) programme developed in cooperation with UNIDO;”

University science and engineering education

16. The promotion of a culture of maintenance should be continued in the framework of action aimed at improving university science and engineering education. A specific reference to this effect should be added at the end of the strategy outlined in paragraph 02111, as follows:

“Special attention will be given to the introduction of training courses in the use and maintenance of scientific equipment, especially in technical institutions in Africa. Support will be given to the maintenance centre to be established within the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology.”

World Solar Programme

17. The World Solar Programme requires adequate funding and should be given greater visibility at the international level. On the basis of resolution 53/7 of the United Nations General Assembly, concrete action should be undertaken to ensure that the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 becomes a joint endeavour of the entire United Nations system, with special attention to Africa. This objective should be reflected in the resolution proposed in paragraph 02118 by adding a new subparagraph (a)(ii) to read as follows:

“undertake concrete action on the basis of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/7 to ensure that the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 becomes a joint endeavour of the entire United Nations system, paying particular attention to Africa;”

UNESCO Geoparks Programme

18. The proposal to launch a UNESCO Geoparks Programme should be re-examined on the basis of a feasibility study to be presented at the 159th or 160th session of the Executive Board. Accordingly, the resolution proposed in paragraph 02210 should be amended, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i), as follows:

“promote modern earth system management ... and by preparing a feasibility study on developing a UNESCO Geoparks Programme to enhance geological heritage;”

Regional activities of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

19. The plan of action envisaged under IOC should emphasize the activities undertaken in the different regions, particularly in Africa and in the least developed countries. This concern should be reflected in the resolution proposed in paragraph 02240 by adding at the end of subparagraph (a)(i) the following phrase:

“... by developing national and regional scientific capacities for integrating results to promote sustainable development, *in particular in UNESCO priority groups of countries, Africa - in support of the follow-up to the Pan African Conference on Sustainable Integrated Coastal Management (PACSICOM) - and the least developed countries;*”

In addition, in the section “Regional and subregional strategies” presented at the end of Major Programme II, the priority activities in the different regions and subregions undertaken under IOC should be specified.

Mitigating the effects of the El Niño phenomenon

20. Efforts should be continued to strengthen interdisciplinary and intersectoral cooperation as well as cooperation with competent international organizations in pursuing scientific studies and developing early warning systems to mitigate the impact of the El Niño phenomenon, including in landlocked countries. This concern should be reflected by amending the fourth expected result indicated in paragraph 02241, as follows:

“The early warning systems for tsunamis, storm surges and El Niño events and impacts made more effective *through integrated interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies*, in concert with other early warning systems overseen by UNESCO; *Member States, including landlocked countries, assisted in developing early warning and forecasting systems on El Niño and storm surges;*”

Social transformations and development

21. The conclusions of the mid-term evaluation of the MOST programme have underlined the advisability of pursuing the further development of the programme by focusing it on its main research themes and on the use of the results of the networks which participate in it in order to contribute to the renewal of policy-making. A strategic plan of action should be designed to that effect, in consultation with the MOST Intergovernmental Committee and its Scientific Steering Committee, and presented to the Executive Board at its 160th session. In this context, the resolution proposed under paragraph 02250 should be amended, under subparagraph (a)(i), to read as follows:

“*on the basis of the decisions of the Executive Board relating to the mid-term evaluation of the programme*, help to improve the formulation of social development policies by consolidating the main projects and networks which have been established under the MOST programme, extracting therefrom a well-structured set of conclusions and framing a strategy to communicate them to decision-makers;”

Major Programme III

Culture and development

22. In the framework of UNESCO's contribution to the implementation of the Action Plan adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development (Stockholm, 1998), more attention should be paid, on the one hand, to the role that the cultural heritage and cultural industries, *inter alia*, can play in socio-economic development, in particular through the creation of income-generating activities, and, on the other, to issues linked to the circulation of and trade in cultural goods. Consequently, the resolution proposed in paragraph 03011 should be amended so that subparagraph (a) reads as follows:

“to implement the following plan of action in order to promote public policies that recognize the central role of culture in development, *including the creation of income-generating activities*, by mobilizing and sharing information and new knowledge in this domain, *in particular concerning the trade in cultural goods*, facilitating the elaboration of innovative policy frameworks and strengthening national and local capacities in the management/administration of cultural institutions;”

23. The Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development invited UNESCO to further develop inter-agency cooperation in the field of cultural policies. This should be reflected in the resolution proposed in paragraph 03011 by adding at the end of subparagraph (a) the following:

“*and to develop further inter-agency cooperation with a view to establishing close links between cultural and educational, social, health and development policies;*”

Major Programme IV

Promotion of independent and pluralist media

24. The effective implementation of the declarations and the action plans issued by the five regional seminars on promoting independent and pluralist media organized in recent years should be considered as a priority. This concern should be reflected in the proposed resolution in paragraph 04110, by amending its subparagraph (a)(i) as follows:

“... foster, *notably in the context of the follow-up to the five regional seminars organized on this theme*, media independence and pluralism as prerequisites and major factors of democratization by providing advisory services on media legislation and sensitizing governments, parliamentarians and other decision-makers;”

“Memory of the World” programme

25. The coordination between the “Memory of the World” programme and the activities in Major Programme III relating to the cultural heritage should be reinforced. This concern should be reflected in the implementation strategy of

this programme (para. 04122) and in the resolution proposed in paragraph 04120 which should be amended in subparagraph (a)(ii) as follows:

“...while paying special attention to the preservation and promotion of the documentary heritage of humanity through the “Memory of the World” programme, *and reinforcing its coordination with activities relating to the cultural heritage;*”

Development of “infostructure”

26. In the framework of the activities envisaged in paragraph 04221, devoted to “Integrated information and informatics strategies and methodologies”, an action plan to develop “infostructure” in Africa and in the least developed countries should be drawn up, focusing on education and training of personnel in the area of information and informatics and on the provision of informatics tools for the collection, storage and treatment of information. Consequently, the resolution proposed in paragraph 04220 should be amended by adding, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i), the following:

“by drawing up an action plan to develop ‘infostructure’ in Africa and in the least developed countries, and by adapting existing software (CDS/ISIS, IDAMS) and multilingual terminology networks (such as INFOTERM) to the new technological environment;”.

The strategy and the expected results should be reformulated accordingly.

Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace

27. A new resolution should be inserted at the beginning of paragraph 05100, which should read as follows:

“The General Conference

1. *Invites the Director-General to further develop, in line with the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001, the coherence of UNESCO’s strategies fostering a culture of peace, as the expression of its fundamental mandate to which all of UNESCO’s activities must contribute;*
2. *Invites furthermore the Director-General to focus the transdisciplinary project ‘Towards a culture of peace’ on:*
 - (a) *UNESCO’s contribution to the International Year for the Culture of Peace (2000) and the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010) (Unit 1);*
 - (b) *UNESCO’s contribution to the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004) and the further development of an integrated approach to ‘Education for a culture of peace’ (Unit 2);*

- (c) *UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations (2001) and the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1994-2004) (Unit 3);*”.

Unit 1

28. UNESCO is expected to play a prominent role in the implementation of the programme of action on a culture of peace, which is under consideration by the United Nations General Assembly. In the framework of the guidelines defined in this programme of action, emphasis should be put on concrete activities rather than on those of a theoretical nature and efforts should focus on lending support to initiatives taken by the Member States themselves. Consequently, the resolution proposed in paragraph 05100 should be amended so that subparagraph (a)(ii) will read as follows:

“contribute to the implementation of the programme of action on a culture of peace [to be] adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, by concentrating the activities on the promotion of and support to initiatives undertaken at national, subregional and regional levels and on the dissemination of successful experience;”

Unit 2

29. Activities under this Unit should take full account of such recommendations of the Executive Board's temporary working group on human rights education as are approved by the General Conference. This concern should be reflected in the resolution proposed in paragraph 05200 by adding in subparagraph (a) the following phrase:

“to implement the following plan of action, on the basis of the recommendations of the Executive Board's temporary working group on human rights education, in order to ...,”

30. The activities aimed at promoting multilingual education should rely mainly on university networks such as LINGUAPAX (the eighth international conference of which is due to be held in Ukraine, in 2000, with extrabudgetary funding support) and LINGUAUNI. In this context, the resolution proposed in paragraph 05200 should be amended, by adding to subparagraph (a)(iv), the following phrase:

“promote linguistic diversity and multilingual education at all levels of education, in cooperation with networks such as LINGUAPAX and LINGUAUNI;”

Unit 3

31. An innovative overall strategy should be prepared concerning the dissemination of the General History of Africa and the completion of the other history projects. Fund-raising should be a major element of this strategy, which should explore the various ways and means to ensure the financing of the different activities. Consequently, the resolution proposed in paragraph 05300 should be amended by adding, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i), the following text:

“design a comprehensive strategy, and make a cost estimate of its implementation, to promote dissemination and follow-up activities of the General History of Africa, to ensure the completion of the other history projects (the History of Humanity; the History of Civilizations of Central Asia; the General History of the Caribbean; the History of Latin America; The Different Aspects of Islamic Culture) and to secure the extrabudgetary funds required for that purpose;”

Regional and subregional strategies

32. Sections at the end of each major programme dealing with “Regional and subregional strategies”¹ should include specific references to action envisaged in the Pacific, in the Caribbean and in the Indian Ocean as well as in the countries of the Baltic and the countries in transition.² Information should also be provided, in document 30 C/5 Approved, on budget allocations for that purpose. References to inter-agency collaboration should be included in these sections as necessary.

Coordination of activities concerning Africa

33. The “Priority Africa Special Account” should be used as a means to strengthen the role of the Priority Africa Department in giving impetus and facilitating implementation of activities. This objective should be reflected in paragraph 09305 by reformulating the latter part of the fourth expected result as follows:

“Establishment of a ‘Priority Africa Special Account’ for the funding and execution of five pilot projects in the following fields: culture of maintenance; the OAU Decade for African Education; the strengthening of the role of science and technology in African development; informatics education for youth and women; skills and vocational training for youth; these projects should be implemented by the competent programme sectors in collaboration with the Priority Africa Department.”

Information and dissemination services

34. It is essential to formulate a coherent public information strategy including the information activities of programme sectors, in order to enhance the visibility of UNESCO’s action in the Member States. The resolution proposed in paragraph 12002 should be amended by the addition of an introductory subparagraph which should read as follows:

*“The General Conference
Invites the Director-General to formulate a comprehensive strategy, and make a cost estimate of its implementation, devised to raise the visibility of UNESCO’s action, to strengthen the coordination of information and dissemination activities within the Secretariat, to develop cooperation with partners and to*

¹ Major Programme I, paragraphs 01701 to 01716; Major Programme II, paragraphs 02701 to 02733; Major Programme III, paragraphs 03701 to 03705; and Major Programme IV, paragraphs 04701 to 04715.

² See paragraph 216 of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 (28 C/4).

improve the quality of UNESCO's productions, both written and audiovisual, and to submit proposals to that end to the Executive Board at its 161st session;"

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35. The resolution proposed in paragraph 13002 should be amended by adding in subparagraph (a)(i), at the end of the text concerning National Commissions, the following text:

"and by increasing the participation of National Commissions in the execution of activities envisaged in document 30 C/5 Approved, through the establishment of a special procedure to that effect;"

Advisory committees and bodies

36. The satisfactory functioning of the advisory committees and bodies should be ensured by the provision of adequate budgetary allocations. To this end, document 30 C/5 Approved should contain a recapitulatory list of the advisory committees and bodies which are to be convened together with their budgetary provisions and the programme to which they are related.¹

(156 EX/SR.16)

B

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5) prepared by the Director-General,
2. Conscious of its responsibilities as stated in Article V.6(a) of the Constitution,
3. Defers to its 157th session further consideration of the draft decision annexed hereto;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 157th session on the impact of the exchange rates of the basic currencies of UNESCO on the Organization's financial situation during the current biennium and any short-, medium- and long-term repercussions of a change in the value of the United States dollar currently used under the principle of the constant dollar on the finances of UNESCO and its budgeting techniques.

¹ A recapitulation list of the advisory committees and bodies envisaged in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 will be made available for the 30th session of the General Conference.

Annex

The Executive Board,

1. *Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5) prepared by the Director-General and submitted to it in accordance with Article VI.3(a) of the Constitution,*
2. *Submits, as provided for in Article V.6(a) of the Constitution, this draft with the following recommendations to the General Conference for approval;*
3. *Noting with appreciation that the presentation of document 30 C/5 complies with the guidelines and directives of the General Conference and the Executive Board,*
4. *Considering that the preparation of the two budgetary scenarios does not fully comply with the requirements included in paragraphs 82 and 83 of 155 EX/Decision 4.1,*
5. *Drawing the attention of the General Conference to the difficult economic situation and the continuing severe financial constraints in almost all Member States urgently requiring the efficient use of the limited resources available,*
6. *Further drawing the attention of the General Conference to the fact that, in view of these difficulties, the budgets for 2000-2001 of international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, remain within the levels of the current biennium,*
7. *Also drawing the attention of the General Conference to the strong wish of Members of the Executive Board to restrict the budget for 2000-2001 to a level reflecting the above considerations,*
8. *Recommends that the General Conference approve a programme and budget on the basis of document 30 C/5 with a ceiling of \$544,367,250 for the biennium 2000-2001 at an exchange rate of 5.70 FF/US \$, taking into account savings of \$9,560,300 to be realized from:*
 - *increases planned for*
 - *staff travel*
 - *financial allocations*
 - *other contributions (Annex II);*
 - *established posts (Appendix VI and para. T13003);*
 - *activities (para. T13003);*
 - *temporary assistance;*
 - *conferences and meetings; and*
 - *the UNESCO Publishing Office and Monthly Periodicals;*
 - *changes in programmes with possible reductions in costs;*

in order to strengthen the Organization's activities in the fields of:

- *the Participation Programme (\$2,830,000);*
- *the E-9 countries (\$2,500,000);*

- *new management and monitoring requirements (\$2,500,000);*
 - *statutory requirements of the Medical Benefits Fund (\$1,180,100); and*
 - *the Young Professionals Programme (\$550,200);*
9. *Further recommends that the General Conference include in Part A of the Appropriation Resolution as proposed in document 30 C/5:*

(a) *subparagraph (e) as follows:*

“Transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board, it being understood that under Parts II.A and B of the budget, budget lines for programmes and fields of action corresponding to a programme resolution of the General Conference will constitute appropriation lines”;

(b) *a footnote to subparagraph (j) as follows:*

“Calculated on the basis of the established posts as shown in Appendix VI, as amended, with a lapse factor rate of 3 per cent, not including short-term temporary personnel or consultant services under the regular budget, or posts financed from extrabudgetary sources”.

(156 EX/SR.14)

5 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

5.1 Proposed guidelines for the rational implementation of decentralization

(156 EX/16 and 156 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 151 EX/Decision 3.1, Part V, 152 EX/Decision 6.1, 155 EX/Decision 5.3 and 29 C/Resolution 89,
2. Also recalling the Track 2 initiatives of the United Nations Secretary-General on field structures and, in particular, the JIU report on joint United Nations field offices (JIU/REP/97/1),
3. Noting the pressing need, particularly in view of the increasing budgetary restraints at the national and international level, to provide the process of decentralization of UNESCO with a framework which ensures that the application of such a process is efficient as well as responsive to the concerns of Member States, in particular, the least developed countries,
4. Approves, as a first step, the basic criteria for the rational implementation of decentralization, annexed to this decision;
5. Decides to transmit the above-mentioned criteria for consideration and approval to the General Conference at its 30th session;
6. Requests the Director-General to suspend the establishment of any new field offices and units pending such consideration by the General Conference;

7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 159th session a report demonstrating in detail how the current decentralized bodies and units of UNESCO satisfy the annexed basic criteria.

Annex

Basic criteria for the rational implementation of decentralization

The following criteria shall apply to all UNESCO bodies not based at UNESCO Headquarters. Such “decentralized bodies” are institutes, centres and other functional representations of UNESCO at the local, regional or international level, as well as national, subregional, regional or liaison offices of UNESCO located away from Headquarters:

1. The creation of a decentralized body, as well as the creation of organs within a decentralized body endowed with a certain degree of autonomy, shall be subject to previous verification by the Executive Board of the following requisites:
 - (a) the creation of the decentralized body must be demonstrated to be the most effective way of delivering the objectives approved by the General Conference;
 - (b) the mandate of the decentralized body must be strictly confined to the programmes and activities of UNESCO;
 - (c) resources for the financing of the decentralized body - including programme, personnel and functioning costs - must be identified and clearly set out in the Programme and Budget;
 - (d) the activities carried out by the decentralized body must clearly complement those of existing Headquarters sectors, programmes or other decentralized bodies within UNESCO, so that duplication of activities is avoided;
 - (e) the decentralized body shall coordinate activities, and whenever possible share facilities, with the local representations of the other specialized institutions, funds and programmes of the United Nations system; and
 - (f) the decentralized body must be subject to a periodic review by the Executive Board that will make a recommendation in order to decide on its future. In the case of institutes, this review should be conducted at four-yearly intervals. For other decentralized bodies, this review should be conducted at two-yearly intervals.
2. Decentralized bodies shall be regulated by a common set of administrative and financial rules and procedures. Reasons for an exceptional departure from such standard rules and procedures shall be transmitted to the Executive Board, for its consideration and approval.
3. Each decentralized body shall report to the Assistant Directors-General responsible for the sectors or multidisciplinary programmes within which such body operates.

4. Joint United Nations field representation or the dispatch of time-bound missions with a specific task shall be preferred to the establishment of decentralized bodies. Priority shall be given, in this regard, to least developed countries.
5. Decentralized bodies shall normally be all-purpose regional and subregional offices. The establishment of UNESCO offices at the national level shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances.
6. The Executive Board shall receive, every two years at its spring session, a comprehensive evaluation report on the activities and results of all decentralized bodies during the previous year, for its consideration, approval and transmission to the External Auditor. At the request of the Executive Board a progress report may also be provided on a yearly basis.

(156 EX/SR.15)

5.2 Biennial report on the results achieved by the field offices and financial report on each field office (156 EX/17, 156 EX/INF.9 and Add. and 156 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 156 EX/17 and 156 EX/INF.9 and Add., expresses appreciation for the report;
2. Notes that document 156 EX/INF.9 and Add. constitutes a compilation of activities of UNESCO field offices and data regarding staff and actual indirect programme costs for 1996 and 1997;
3. Requests the Director-General, in order to facilitate future biennial reports on the results achieved by field offices, to submit to it at its 159th session clear evaluation criteria by which field offices will be assessed, taking account of such basic criteria for the rational implementation of decentralization as may be approved by the General Conference;
4. Invites the Director-General to consult National Commissions and traditional partners of UNESCO;
5. Further invites the Director-General to make full use of the evaluation criteria and procedures in preparing future biennial reports;
6. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 159th session, in addition to the criteria referred to in paragraph 3, an improved version of document 156 EX/INF.9 taking into account the comments made by the Executive Board.

(156 EX/SR.14)

5.3 Conditions under which the right to vote may be granted on an exceptional basis to the Member States referred to in Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution (156 EX/18 and 156 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/18,
2. Takes note of the report contained in this document.

(156 EX/SR.14)

5.4 Recommendations of the Special Committee on the methods of work of the Executive Board (156 EX/19 and 156 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/19,
2. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 5.4 concerning the recommendations of the Special Committee on the methods of work of the Executive Board,
3. Decides to retain the information meetings between sessions of the Executive Board, while continuing examination of this question with a view to seeking improvements;
4. Decides to amend Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board to read as follows: “The representatives and alternates appointed by Members of the Board shall not, during their term of office, accept from the Organization payment of any expenses or allowances other than those provided for in Rules 59, 60 and 61. They shall not receive any fees or remuneration from the Organization during their term of office”;
5. Approves the Special Committee’s recommendation to amend Rule 63 to read as follows: “Representatives and alternates appointed by Members of the Board may not enter into a contractual relationship with the Secretariat until 18 months have elapsed from the date of cessation of their representative functions”;
6. Recommends to the General Conference that, at its 30th session, it amend the Staff Regulations in order to reflect Rule 63 as amended;
7. Requests the Special Committee to continue examination of the questions related to the methods of work of the Executive Board, including those that have not yet been reviewed.

(156 EX/SR.13)

5.5 Relations between the three organs of UNESCO (156 EX/48 and 156 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/48 and the Special Committee’s recommendations on the subject,

2. Expressing its appreciation to the author of the document, Mr Pío Rodríguez, for the work he has done on a voluntary basis and for the remarkable quality of his contribution,
3. Recalling that, in accordance with Article V.B.6(b) of the Constitution, the Executive Board:
 - (a) is responsible to the General Conference for the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference,
 - (b) takes all the necessary measures to ensure the effective and rational execution of the programme by the Director-General, in accordance with the decisions of the General Conference and having regard to circumstances arising between two ordinary sessions,
4. Recalling also that it is incumbent upon the Director-General to put into effect the decisions of the General Conference and of the Executive Board,
5. Desirous of ensuring the harmonious functioning of the three constitutional organs, in accordance with their respective responsibilities, as set out in the Constitution,
6. Endorses the recommendations below:
 - A. Execution of the programme and budget
 - (a) An in-depth debate on the overall execution of the programme and budget of a biennium, including personnel management, shall be held during the second session of the first year of that biennium; for that purpose the Board shall have at its disposal a full report on the execution of the programme and budget during the previous biennium prepared by the Director-General and similar to the present C/3 document, and also the report of the External Auditor;
 - (b) The debate shall be followed by a decision in which the Board will give its views on the whole of the implementation of the programme and budget by the Director-General during the past biennium;
 - (c) To facilitate this decision, prior review shall be conducted at a joint meeting of the Finance and Administrative Commission and the Programme and External Relations Commission;
 - B. Personnel management and structure of the Secretariat
 - (a) The Executive Board shall make sure that an appropriate and transparent system exists for appointments, promotions and renewal of contracts, and that this system is applied properly in the framework of a personnel management policy based on the development of human resources;
 - (b) Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board shall be deleted and replaced by the following text: “The Director-

General shall inform the Board of every appointment, promotion or renewal of a contract of officials at D-1 level and above that has taken place since the previous session and report on the proper application of the personnel management system”;

C. Role of the Executive Board in relation to the General Conference

- (a) The report by the Executive Board on its own activities shall constitute an important reference document for the General Conference and be preceded by an examination by the Special Committee;
- (b) Representation of the Board at the General Conference, particularly in its various subsidiary organs, shall be ensured and institutionalized as provided in Rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- (c) The Bureau of the Executive Board shall designate the Members to be called upon to represent the Board in the organs concerned;

D. Management transparency

The Board shall review all of the Organization’s accountability mechanisms, including audit, inspection and evaluation mechanisms, in order to improve transparency of management; the Special Committee shall be entrusted with an in-depth study of the matter;

E. General

The Board could in the future make effective use of its institutional memory in order to benefit from the past discussions of matters currently under examination;

7. Resolves that the issue of the respective authority of, and the relations between, the General Conference, the Executive Board and the Director-General be the subject of further consideration at the 159th session of the Executive Board.

(156 EX/SR.14)

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 (156 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 156 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(156 EX/SR.13)

6.2 Examination of the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and report by the Committee thereon (156 EX/20 and Add. and 156 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having taken cognizance of the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the Committee's methods of work (156 EX/52),
2. Takes note of its content.

(156 EX/SR.12)

6.3 Examination of the reports and responses received in the Sixth Consultation of Member States on the Implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (156 EX/21 and 156 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/21 concerning reports and responses received in the framework of the Sixth Consultation of Member States on the Implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education,
2. Notes with appreciation the replies of the 56 Member States which have submitted their reports to the Sixth Consultation, 30 of them being States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education;
3. Notes also comments from NGOs emphasizing their concerns and providing examples of their activities and projects aimed at the practical elimination of discrimination in education;
4. Appreciates the general efforts of Member States to ensure equality of educational opportunity for all, in particular for women and girls, persons belonging to minorities, refugees and indigenous people;
5. Reaffirms the importance of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education and of their implementation by Member States in order to make the full exercise of the right to education a reality for all;
6. Notes that since January 1985 the number of Member States which are States Parties to the Convention has increased from 77 to 87 (as of January 1999);
7. Strongly recommends that the General Conference invite Member States which have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention;
8. Recalls that the submission of periodic reports by Member States concerning the implementation of conventions and recommendations adopted by the General Conference is a constitutional obligation, and that the States Parties to the above-mentioned Convention have further assumed the obligation, under the terms of Article 7 thereof, to provide detailed information in their reports to the General

Conference on the legislative and other action they have taken for the implementation of the Convention;

9. Recalls also that the periodic consultation of Member States on the implementation of the above-mentioned Convention and Recommendation is intended to enable the Organization to ascertain both the extent to which Member States are giving effect to these instruments and the obstacles which they encounter, and regrets that more countries do not reply;
10. Notes with satisfaction that the Sixth Consultation produced information that may be used by Member States for furthering the implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education and ensuring real equality of educational opportunity by drawing on the most effective examples of measures undertaken by various Member States, in particular regarding disadvantaged population groups;
11. Invites Member States to intensify the exchange of information accumulated in the course of the Sixth Consultation;
12. Invites the Director-General to ensure that the results of the Consultation can be widely used, in particular through the preparation and publication of a collection of examples of practical measures that have proved to be most efficient in Member States and in the activities of NGOs which took part in the Sixth Consultation;
13. Also invites the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO action against discrimination in education to ensure the widest possible democratization of education and to study, in view of the Seventh Consultation and in cooperation with the United Nations, the possibility of creating a coherent mechanism of reporting on and monitoring of the right to education as it is set down in various United Nations conventions on human rights, and to inform it about measures undertaken to this end.

(156 EX/SR.12)

6.4 Report by the Director-General on allegations received by the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (CEART) and report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (156 EX/22 and 156 EX/52)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 4.4,
2. Having examined the interim report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, regarding an allegation by the Czech and Moravian Trade Union of Workers in Education (CMOS PS) of non-observation of certain provisions of the said Recommendation in the Czech Republic,
3. Takes note of the interim report;

4. Invites the Director-General to communicate the interim report to the Government of the Czech Republic and to the Czech and Moravian Trade Union of Workers in Education, and to invite them to take the necessary follow-up action as recommended in the report.

(156 EX/SR.12)

6.5 Report by the Director-General on the International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa and the draft Statutes (156 EX/23 and 156 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/23,
2. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 6.4,
3. Recommends to the General Conference that it approve at its 30th session the draft Statutes set out in the Annex to this decision whereby an International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) is established in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia);
4. Requests the Director-General, after approval of the Statutes by the General Conference at its 30th session, to submit special financial regulations to the Executive Board at its 159th session, taking into account the Board's decision on the standard model texts contained in document 156 EX/32.*

Annex

Draft Statutes of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa

Article I - Establishment of the Institute

1. The UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (hereinafter termed "the Institute") is hereby established within the framework of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, of which it shall be an integral part.
2. The Institute's headquarters shall be in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
3. As part of its effort to build and strengthen the capacities of educational institutions in Africa the programming and structure of the Institute will as much as possible be decentralized to regional and national institutions. The Institute will form and maintain a network of such institutions with a view to developing and enhancing their institutional capacities.

Article II - Aims and functions

1. The Institute shall contribute to the design and implementation of a programme aimed at meeting the needs of Africa in particular and of the developing world in general, in the area of educational management, curriculum development,

* See decision 8.5 below.

teacher education and distance education with special emphasis on the need to promote international solidarity in the production, sharing and dissemination of knowledge, ideas and experience among educational leaders and change agents by:

- (a) providing up-to-date intensive training to middle- and high-level education personnel in the four areas identified above;
 - (b) promoting research into specific educational issues and problems, the results of which may enhance educational goals and development;
 - (c) ensuring contact with individual specialists and centres of excellence worldwide with a view to enlisting their full involvement in the activities of the Institute;
 - (d) promoting a programme of exchanges of experience, staff and programmes;
 - (e) paying special attention, in all its activities, to the educational needs of the host country.
2. The programme of the Institute shall be part and parcel of the programme and budget of UNESCO approved by the General Conference and will follow its priorities and main lines of action.
 3. In order to implement its programme and budget, the Institute may maintain direct relations with the educational authorities of Member States of UNESCO of the Africa region and of the Third World.

Article III - Governing Board - Membership

1. The Institute shall be administered by a Governing Board (hereinafter called “the Board”), consisting of 12 members chosen for their eminence in the fields relevant to education and the aims of the Institute and sitting in a personal capacity. The members shall be appointed by the Director-General in the following way:
 - (a) Nine members appointed for a period of four years with due regard to equitable geographical, linguistic and gender distribution. One of the members shall be a national of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
 - (b) Two members drawn from the following regional organizations in Africa designated, for a period of three years, in rotation:
 - the Organization of African Unity (OAU)
 - the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
 - the African Development Bank (ADB)
 - the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA).
 - (c) One member appointed for a period of three years representing the bilateral donor community, including foundations.

2. The members of the Board mentioned in paragraph 1, subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c), shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO after consultation with the Board, the Member States and organizations concerned.
3. All members mentioned under paragraph 1 are eligible for a second term but shall not serve consecutively for more than two terms.
4. The Director-General of UNESCO or his/her representative shall attend all meetings of the Board. He/she may at any time make oral or written statements to the Board concerning any question under consideration.
5. In addition the Director-General may invite representatives from the United Nations system to participate in the Board's deliberations without the right to vote. These representatives should be actively involved in human resource development and capacity-building in Africa.
6. If a member resigns or is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, the Director-General shall appoint a new member to hold office for the remainder of the term of the person he/she replaces.

Article IV - Functions of the Board

1. The Board shall determine the policies of the Institute within the framework of the Statutes and of the general policy of UNESCO, with due regard to the obligations resulting from the fact that the Institute has been established within the framework of UNESCO.
2. It shall decide how the funds available for the operation of the Institute are to be used, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, and shall adopt the budget. The budget ceiling shall not exceed the total sum available, including contributions and subventions paid to the Institute under formal agreement for the relevant financial year.
3. The Board shall approve the acceptance of voluntary contributions and contractual revenues from sales of services or fees for special purposes as stated in Article VIII.
4. The Board shall review progress in the work of the Institute. It should, in particular, lay down the conditions for the admission of participants to the Institute's training programmes and make whatever general arrangements it may deem necessary for the establishment and execution of the programme of the Institute.
5. The Board shall be consulted as to the appointment of the senior officials of the Institute and shall make recommendations to the Director-General of UNESCO on the appointment of the Director.
6. The Board shall submit a report on the Institute's activities to each of the ordinary sessions of the General Conference of UNESCO.

Article V - Procedure

1. The Board shall elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Board shall meet in ordinary session once a year. The Chairperson shall call a special session if the Director or at least five members of the Board request it.
2. The Board shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.
3. The Board shall set up an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and one member elected in accordance with the provisions of the Board's Rules of Procedure. Between the sessions of the Board, the Executive Committee shall perform the functions assigned to it by the Board.
4. The Chairperson shall represent the Board between meetings and supervise work together with the Director to the extent to which authority is delegated to him/her by the Board; he/she shall report to the Board on actions taken.
5. The Director of the Institute shall act as Secretary of the Board.

Article VI - The Director

1. The Director of the Institute, who shall be a staff member of UNESCO, shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO after consideration of the recommendations of the Board.
2. The Director shall be responsible for the overall management of the Institute and for the implementation of its programme.
3. He/she shall prepare the draft programme and budget of the Institute and shall submit it to the Board for approval.
4. Subject to the latter's approval, he/she shall draw up detailed plans for teaching, research, networking and dissemination, and shall direct their execution.
5. He/she shall submit a report on the execution of the programme and budget to each session of the Board.

Article VII - The staff

1. In addition to the Director, other members of the staff whose appointment shall be governed by the UNESCO Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, shall be regarded as staff members of the Organization.
2. The Institute may appoint resident fellows who are not officials of UNESCO.
3. The working hours for specialized staff members of the Institute, and in particular its teaching staff, shall be so calculated as to enable them to devote sufficient time to a study of problems arising in the field of educational and economic planning, curriculum development and teacher education.

Article VIII - Finance

1. The financial year of the Institute shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December in each year.
2. The funds allocated for the running of the Institute shall come from the budget approved by the General Conference of UNESCO, in addition to such subventions, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it by other United Nations agencies, governments, public or private organizations, associations or individuals, and fees collected for special purposes.
3. Funds allocated for the operation of the Institute shall be paid into a Special Account to be 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 and the Institute's budget administered in accordance with the above-mentioned provisions and the financial regulations of the Special Account.
4. Upon termination of the life of the Institute its assets shall be vested in UNESCO.

Article IX - Transitional provisions

1. The Director-General of UNESCO shall make all necessary arrangements for the Institute's entry into operation and for the establishment of its Governing Board. For this purpose, pending the adoption of the Institute's first annual budget, the Director-General shall incur the necessary expenditure from funds voted by the General Conference.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles IV and VI, the Director-General of UNESCO shall appoint the first Director and, in agreement with the latter, appoint the first officials of the Institute without consulting the Governing Board.

(156 EX/SR.14)

6.6 Report by the Director-General on the creation of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (156 EX/24 and 156 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the creation of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (156 EX/24),
2. Acknowledging the valuable contribution of the Interim Steering Committee set up by the Director-General to advise him during the transitional period 1998-1999,
3. Takes note of the additional measures taken so far to ensure the transition from the present Division of Statistics to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics;

4. Takes note also of the establishment as of 1 July 1999 of the Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and of its special Financial Regulations as set out in Annex II to this decision;
5. Recommends to the General Conference that it approve at its 30th session the draft Statutes set out in Annex I to this decision.

Annex I

Draft Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics

Article I - Title and authority

1. These Statutes shall be known as the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics.
2. These Statutes have been approved by the General Conference which has sole authority to amend any provision thereof.

Article II - Definitions

Unless otherwise stated in the text:

Board means the Governing Board of the Institute

Chairperson means the Chairperson of the Board

Committee means the Policy and Planning Committee provided for in Article VI of the Statutes

Director means the Director of the Institute

Director-General means the Director-General of UNESCO

General Conference means the General Conference of UNESCO

Institute means the UNESCO Institute for Statistics

Personnel means the Personnel of the Institute

Statutes means the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics

UNESCO means the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Article III - Creation of the Institute - Mission, objectives and functions

1. A UNESCO Institute for Statistics is hereby established within the framework of UNESCO, of which it shall be an integral part. The Institute shall enjoy the intellectual, administrative and functional autonomy necessary to achieve its objectives, in accordance with the Statutes.

2. Within UNESCO's broad mandate to contribute to the advancement and sharing of knowledge and the free flow of ideas, the mission of the Institute shall be to provide statistical information on education, science, culture and communication which helps decision-making in Member States and facilitates democratic debate in UNESCO's areas of competence.
3. To that end, the Institute shall focus on the following objectives:
 - (a) to foster the development of international statistics in its fields of competence which reflect the changing policy contexts in those fields and which are reliable, robust and feasible to collect;
 - (b) to arrange for the collection, production, analysis and timely dissemination of policy-relevant statistics, indicators and related documentation based on the development work in subparagraph (a) above;
 - (c) to support the development of the statistical and analytical capacities of Member States both for their own purposes, but also as a contribution to the achievement of the objective set in subparagraph (b) above; and
 - (d) to provide analysis services within the context of the Institute's mission, taking into account the needs of the Member States.
4. The Institute shall perform the following functions:
 - (a) a development function comprising, as main tasks, the identification of future needs and the development of appropriate responsive and flexible data and indicators paying attention to the appropriate quality standards;
 - (b) a collection and dissemination function; and
 - (c) a capacity-building function.
5. The prime objective of the Institute shall be to serve the needs of Member States through its core-work programme. In addition, it shall be responsive, depending on additional finances, to other needs or demands emanating from other parts of UNESCO and other users in Member States and international organizations.

Article IV - Governing Board

1. The Board shall be composed of 12 members chosen for a term of four years and sitting in a personal capacity. The members shall be elected or designated in the following way:
 - (a) six members shall be elected by the General Conference, one for each electoral group of UNESCO; and
 - (b) six members shall be designated by the Director-General, after consultation with partner agencies, organizations and institutions, which are co-sponsors of the programmes of the Institute.
2. The elected members shall not be eligible for re-election for a second consecutive term.

3. The Board may invite observers as it deems appropriate.
4. The Board shall elect its Chairperson, from among its members, for a two-year term of office.

Article V - Functions of the Governing Board

1. The functions of the Board shall be:
 - (a) to approve the general policy and the nature of the Institute's activities, within the framework decided by the General Conference and with due regard to the obligations resulting from the fact that the Institute is an integral part of UNESCO;
 - (b) to set guidelines for the development of the programme, including an indication of the overall budget and of the balance of priorities within the programme;
 - (c) in accordance with the provisions of Articles VII, VIII and IX, to examine and approve the yearly programme and budget prepared by the Director, on the understanding that the budget ceiling shall not exceed the total sum to be available during the financial year, including contributions and subventions to be paid, or provided in kind, to the Institute;
 - (d) to examine the annual and other reports on the activities and yearly expenditures of the Institute prepared by the Director and to advise the latter on the execution, evaluation and follow-up of the Institute's programme and on any matters he/she may bring to its attention;
 - (e) to submit yearly reports on the Institute's activities to each ordinary session of the General Conference;
 - (f) to make recommendations to the Director-General on the appointment of the Director.
2. The Board shall be consulted by the Director on the appointment of the senior officials of the Institute.

Article VI - Procedures

1. The Board shall meet in ordinary session once a year. It may be convened in extraordinary session by the Chairperson, either on his/her initiative or at the request of four of its members, or of the Director.
2. The Chairperson and the members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services; the Institute shall cover the costs of their travel and daily subsistence allowance, when they are on official travel on the Institute's business.
3. During their terms of office, the Chairperson and the members of the Board shall not be entitled to any fee or honorarium for any work carried out on the Institute's behalf.

4. The Board shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.
5. The Board may deliberate and take decisions when at least six of its members are present.
6. The Board shall establish a Policy and Planning Committee, which shall be convened by its Chairperson, or by the Board, and shall meet as often as required by the needs of the programme. Its Chairperson shall be the Chairperson of the Board and shall consist of four other members, in addition to its Chairperson, chosen by the Board from among its members. The Committee shall perform the function of providing the initial input and guidance for the planning and budgeting process of the Institute and any other functions as decided by the Board, either in its Rules of Procedure or during an ordinary session.
7. The Board may set up other committees from among its members, as may be required. Each of such committees shall adopt their Rules of Procedure.
8. The official languages of the Board shall be English and French.

Article VII - The Director and the Personnel

1. The Director of the Institute, who shall be a staff member of UNESCO, shall be appointed by the Director-General, upon the recommendation of the Board.
2. The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Institute. In this capacity, the Director shall, by due delegation of authority by the Director-General:
 - (a) administer the Institute;
 - (b) prepare its draft programme of work and budget estimates and submit them to the Board for approval;
 - (c) subject to the Board's approval, draw up detailed plans for the implementation of the approved programme, and direct their execution;
 - (d) appoint, in accordance with the Organization's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, the staff members of the Institute and, in conformity with the applicable administrative and legal provisions, other members of the Institute's personnel such as consultants, persons on secondment or under other contractual arrangements;
 - (e) make payments in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Special Account as provided in Article IX;
 - (f) establish, without prejudice to the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Institute, financial rules and procedures in order to ensure effective financial administration and economy.

Article VIII - Technical Advisory Panels

1. The Board may establish technical advisory panels, composed of high-level experts in the fields of statistics and policy analysis in order to:

- (a) advise the Institute in setting up and implementing standards and in validating procedures;
 - (b) send to the Board recommendations on the programme of work prepared by the Director for the Board's approval;
 - (c) offer any other advice in matters of policy and programmes as requested by the Board, or the Director, and in particular for any medium-term plan that the Institute may adopt.
2. One of the technical advisory panels should deal with issues relating to the use of statistics such as statistical and indicator needs for policy-makers, and another with issues connected with the supply of statistics such as the validity of collection methods and the reliability of data.
3. The members of the panels shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board, on the basis of proposals prepared by the Director. Their Chairperson shall be chosen from among the Board's members. The panels shall adopt their own Rules of Procedure.
4. Unless on a special consultancy, the members of the Technical Advisory Panel shall receive no compensation for their services; the Institute shall cover the costs of their travel and daily subsistence allowance, when they are on official travel on the Institute's business.

Article IX - Finance

1. The income of the Institute shall consist of:
 - (a) a financial allocation determined by the General Conference to cover staff costs, as well as direct and indirect programme costs;
 - (b) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
 - (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
 - (d) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and
 - (e) miscellaneous income.
2. The income of the Institute shall be paid into a Special Account to be set up by the Director-General, in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO's Financial Regulations. This Special Account shall be operated and the Institute's budget administered in accordance with the above-mentioned provisions and the Financial Regulations of the Special Account.

3. Upon termination of the life of the Institute its assets shall be vested in UNESCO.

Article X - Transitional provisions

1. The Director-General shall make all necessary arrangements for the Institute's entry into operation. For this purpose, pending the adoption of the Institute's first annual budget by the Board, the Director-General shall incur the necessary expenditure from funds voted by the General Conference, which shall be transferred to a special account established and administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.
2. The General Conference of UNESCO shall elect at its 30th session the first six elected members of the Board. Their period of service shall be as follows:
 - (a) three members to be decided by drawing lots until 31 December 2003;
 - (b) three members until 31 December 2001.
3. Three of the members designated by the Director-General shall serve until 31 December 2003 and the other three until 31 December 2001.

Annex II

Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account of UNESCO

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, hereafter referred to as the "Institute".
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of this Special Account.

Article 2 - Financial period

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

Article 3 - Income

- 3.1 As provided in its Statutes, the income of the Institute shall consist of:
 - (a) a financial allocation determined by the General Conference to cover staff costs, as well as direct and indirect programme costs;
 - (b) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;

- (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
 - (d) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and
 - (e) miscellaneous income.
- 3.2 The Director may accept income as set forth in Article 3.1 on behalf of the Institute, provided that, in any case which would involve the Institute in an additional financial liability, the Director shall obtain the prior approval of the Institute's Governing Board (hereafter referred to as "the Board") and the consent of the Executive Board of UNESCO.
- 3.3 The Director shall report to the Board on any subventions, contributions, grants, gifts or bequests accepted.

Article 4 - Budget

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

- 4.8 At the end of the 12-month period provided for in Article 4.7 above, the then remaining unspent balance of obligations retained shall revert to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.

Article 5 - The General Account

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

Article 6 - Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts

- 6.1 In addition to a Working Capital Fund, the Director shall establish a Reserve Fund to cover end-of-service indemnities and other related liabilities; the Fund shall be reported annually to the Board at the time of the yearly budget approval.
- 6.2 Trust Funds, Subsidiary Special Accounts and any other Reserve Accounts may be established by the Director, who shall report thereon to the Board.
- 6.3 The Director may, when necessary, in connection with the purpose of a Trust Fund, Reserve or Subsidiary Special Account, prepare special financial regulations to govern the operations of these funds or accounts and shall report thereon to the Board. Unless otherwise provided these funds and accounts shall be administered in accordance with these Financial Regulations.

Article 7 - Accounts

- 7.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary and shall prepare, for submission to the Board, annual accounts showing, for the financial period to which they relate:
- (a) the income and expenditure of all funds;
 - (b) the budgetary situation including:
 - (i) original appropriations;
 - (ii) the appropriations as modified by any transfers;
 - (iii) the amounts charged against these appropriations;
 - (c) the assets and liabilities of the Institute.
- 7.2 The Director shall also give such other information as may be appropriate to indicate the current financial position of the Institute.

- 7.3 The annual accounts of the Institute shall be presented in dollars of the United States of America. Accounting records may, however, be kept in such currency or currencies as the Director may deem necessary.
- 7.4 Appropriate separate accounts shall be maintained for all Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts.

Article 8 - External audit

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

Article 9 - General provision

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

(156 EX/SR.14)

7 GENERAL CONFERENCE

7.1 Preparation of the provisional agenda of the 30th session of the General Conference (156 EX/25, 156 EX/25 Add. and Add.2 and Add.3)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Having examined documents 156 EX/25, 156 EX/25 Add. and Add. 2 and Add.3,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that the provisional agenda of the 30th session of the General Conference shall include the questions proposed in these documents, with the following additions:
 - 4.11 The transatlantic slave trade and slavery: a crime against humanity
 - 4.12 Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa
 - (b) that any other questions that may be submitted by Member States or Associate Members or by the United Nations, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, not later than 100 days before the opening of the session (i.e. by 18 July 1999 at the latest), shall be placed by the Director-

General on the provisional agenda, which will then be communicated to Member States and Associate Members not later than 90 days before the opening of the session (i.e. by 28 July 1999).

(156 EX/SR.9)

7.2 Draft plan for the organization of the work of the 30th session of the General Conference (156 EX/26, 156 EX/26 Add. and Corr. and Add.2 and Add.3)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 87, whereby the General Conference decided to make a number of changes to its functioning, several of which took effect during the 29th session,
2. Emphasizing the need to continue the reform of the structure and the working methods of the General Conference,
3. Having considered documents 156 EX/26, 156 EX/26 Add. and Corr., and Add.2 and Add.3,
4. Approves the suggestions in these documents, subject to the following comments and modifications:
 - (a) Commission V as proposed in document 156 EX/26 will not be established. Commission IV will be split into two commissions:

Commission IV will be responsible for Major Programme III - Cultural development: the heritage and creativity;

a new Commission V will be responsible for Major Programme IV - Towards a communication and information society for all;
 - (b) the distribution of the items which were assigned to Commission V in document 156 EX/26 will now be as follows:
 - (i) the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace" will be dealt with in each programme commission (from II to V); a consolidated debate on the subject will then take place in plenary meeting;
 - (ii) item 4.4, "Proposal of the Executive Board for an overall strategy for human rights education", will be discussed in Commission II;
 - (iii) the transverse activity "Anticipation and future-oriented studies" will be considered by Commission I;
 - (iv) the transverse activity "Fellowships and Procurement Services and Related Programme Support" will be considered by Commission I;
 - (v) "Coordination of activities in favour of priority groups" will be assigned to Commission I;

- (vi) item 4.2, "Implementation of 29 C/Resolution 55 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories: Report by the Director-General", will be considered by Commissions II and IV;
 - (vii) item 4.10, "Preparation by UNESCO of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations", will be considered by Commission IV;
 - (viii) item 6.1, "Adoption of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics", will be dealt with in Commission I;
 - (ix) the Participation Programme will be dealt with by the Administrative Commission;
- (c) a special Youth Forum will be organized during the second week, comprising five meetings. That Forum will discuss all the Organization's future aims and activities;
 - (d) a limited number of informal seminars, workshops and round tables dealing with substance, but not necessarily related directly to the debates on the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5) in the programme commissions, should be organized in parallel to the work of these commissions during the General Conference. The themes should be related to the activities of the programme sectors;
5. Decides to examine at its 157th session the list of questions which it may recommend that the General Conference, at its 30th session, request the Board to consider on its behalf during the 2000-2001 biennium;
 6. Invites the Director-General to draw up document 30 C/2 on the organization of the work of the General Conference on this basis.

(156 EX/SR.12)

7.3 Invitations to the 30th session of the General Conference (156 EX/27 and 156 EX/INF.7)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/27,
2. Takes note of the notification to be sent by the Director-General to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
3. Takes note also of the invitations to be sent by the Director-General to intergovernmental organizations in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of that Rule;
4. Decides, in accordance with paragraph 4 of that Rule, that the following States shall be invited to send observers to the 30th session of the General Conference:

Brunei Darussalam
Federated States of Micronesia
Holy See

Liechtenstein
Singapore
United States of America

5. Includes Palestine in the list provided for in paragraph 6 of that Rule and notes that the Director-General intends to send it an invitation in accordance with that paragraph;
6. Notes also that the Director-General intends to send invitations to international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal (consultative or associate) relations with UNESCO.

(156 EX/SR.10)

7.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 30th session of the General Conference (156 EX/INF.5 Rev.)

The Executive Board decided to recommend to the General Conference the following nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions:

Commission I	Ms J. Silvera Nuñez (Cuba)
Commission II	Mr L. Molnar (Slovakia)
Commission III	Mr C. Chetsanga (Zimbabwe)
Commission IV	Mr V. Vassilikos (Greece)
Commission V	Mr A. Al-Mashat (Iraq)
Administrative Commission	Mr R. Marshall (New Zealand)

(156 EX/SR.13)

7.5 Form of the Executive Board's report on its activities in 1998-1999 to be submitted to the General Conference at its 30th session

The Executive Board decided that the report on its activities in 1998-1999 would be submitted in writing to the General Conference by the Chairperson of the Board.

(156 EX/SR.10)

8 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

8.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 1998-1999 (156 EX/28 and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1998-1999 budget and his report on donations and special contributions received since the 155th session of the Executive Board and appropriated to the regular budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 29th session (29 C/Resolution 65, paragraphs A(b) and (d)), document 156 EX/28, and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (156 EX/53),

2. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,
3. Approves the transfer between appropriation lines of staff costs and other costs amounting to \$6,106,400;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the donors and special contributors listed in paragraph 11 of document 156 EX/28;
5. Takes note that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$1,662,333 as follows:

	\$
Part I - General Policy and Direction	
Executive Board	20,000
Part II.A - Major Programme I	439,928
Part II.A - Major Programme II	375,064
Part II.A - Major Programme III	525,885
Part II.A - Major Programme IV	153,754
Part II.A - Transdisciplinary projects and transverse activities	43,631
Part III - Support for Programme Execution	
Bureau for External Relations	24,000
Part IV - Management and Administrative Services	80,071
Total	1,662,333

6. Further takes note of the revised appropriation table;
7. Regrets the lack of justifications for some of the proposals for transfers made in Part I of document 156 EX/28 and requests the Director-General to remedy this situation in future;
8. Also requests the Director-General to manage prudently obligations and expenditures of the current financial period and to ensure that any of the financial risks of the 1998-1999 biennium are taken care of within the limits of the approved appropriations.

Appropriation line	29 C/5 Approved	29 C/5 Approved as adjusted after 154 EX/Dec.6.3 and 155 EX/Dec.7.1	Proposed adjustments				29 C/5 Approved as adjusted
			Staff costs	Other costs	Donations and contributions	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Part I - General Policy and Direction							
A. Governing bodies							
1. General Conference	7,596,800	7,602,300	9,300	-	-	9,300	7,611,600
2. Executive Board	8,403,000	8,412,800	14,500	-	20,000	34,500	8,447,300
Total, I.A	15,999,800	16,015,100	23,800	-	20,000	43,800	16,058,900
B. Direction							
3. Directorate	1,728,200	1,739,500	20,500	-	-	20,500	1,760,000
4. Services of the Directorate (including: Office of the ADG/DRG; Executive Office of the Director-General; Office of Management Coordination and Reforms; Inspectorate General; Office of the Mediator; Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs; Bureau of Studies, Programming and Evaluation; Bureau of the Budget)	19,462,700	19,632,800	275,800	-	-	275,800	19,908,600
Total, I.B	21,190,900	21,372,300	296,300	-	-	296,300	21,668,600
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System							
	1,170,700	1,170,700	-	-	-	-	1,170,700
Total, I.C	1,170,700	1,170,700	-	-	-	-	1,170,700
TOTAL, PART I	38,361,400	38,558,100	320,100	-	20,000	340,100	38,898,200
Part II - Programme Execution and Services							
A. Major Programmes, Transdisciplinary Projects and Transverse Activities							
I Education for all throughout life	104,697,150	105,080,281	592,200	528,300	439,928	1,560,428	106,640,709
II The sciences in the service of development:							
Natural Sciences Sector	63,070,900	63,539,475	384,000	129,500	373,286	886,786	64,426,261
Social and Human Sciences Sector	23,675,000	23,647,600	210,800	18,000	1,778	230,578	23,878,178
III Cultural development: the heritage and creativity	41,577,000	41,731,785	357,000	271,500	525,885	1,154,385	42,886,170
IV Communication, information and informatics	30,002,100	29,895,400	205,900	108,400	153,754	468,054	30,363,454
Transdisciplinary projects and transverse activities	42,406,900	42,310,797	297,300	11,400	43,631	352,331	42,663,128
Participation Programme	24,830,000	27,313,000	-	-	-	-	27,313,000
Total, II.A	330,259,050	333,518,338	2,047,200	1,067,100	1,538,262	4,652,562	338,170,900
B. Information and Dissemination Services							
1. Clearing House	6,316,700	6,326,700	65,700	-	-	65,700	6,392,400
2. UNESCO Publishing Office	4,971,700	4,881,400	56,100	-	-	56,100	4,937,500
3. UNESCO Courier Office	3,693,100	5,200,200	32,100	-	-	32,100	5,232,300
4. Office of Public Information	9,113,000	7,711,300	81,100	-	-	81,100	7,792,400
Total, II.B	24,094,500	24,119,600	235,000	-	-	235,000	24,354,600
TOTAL, PART II	354,353,550	357,637,938	2,282,200	1,067,100	1,538,262	4,887,562	362,525,500
Part III - Support for Programme Execution	55,283,200	55,523,500	630,100	-	24,000	654,100	56,177,600
Part IV - Management and Administrative Services	47,896,200	48,215,900	463,900	1,180,100	80,071	1,724,071	49,939,971
Part V - Maintenance and Security	33,863,400	33,997,600	162,900	-	-	162,900	34,160,500
Part VI - Capital Expenditure	1,711,900	1,711,900	-	-	-	-	1,711,900
Parts I - VI Subtotal	531,469,650	535,644,938	3,859,200	2,247,200	1,662,333	7,768,733	543,413,671
Part VII - Anticipated cost increases	12,897,600	10,028,600	(3,859,200)	(2,247,200)	-	(6,106,400)	3,922,200
TOTAL, PARTS I - VII	544,367,250	545,673,538	-	-	1,662,333	1,662,333	547,335,871

8.2 Annual report by the Director-General on the use of outside consultants and advisers by the Secretariat (156 EX/29 and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/29,
2. Takes note of the information contained therein;
3. Requests the Director-General to introduce a centralized and efficient system of management for all consultants and advisers, including those contracted by the decentralized bodies of UNESCO;
4. Further requests the Director-General to create a transparent and effective system of engaging consultants so that equal opportunity is available to all Member States and to make serious efforts to improve the geographical representation of these consultants;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue to provide it with an annual report on the use of consultants and advisers, setting out the rationale underlying such use;
6. Further invites the Director-General to inform it about the review of the basic conditions of employment of consultants and advisers by preparing a report for consideration at its 159th session and, in the meantime, requests the Director-General to appoint any consultants, special advisers and senior special advisers under the existing categories of temporary personnel and to utilize the standard consultant form for any such appointment, it being understood that consultants who are appointed by UNESCO to field offices and whose positions are financed from the regular budget should be subject to the same rules as those appointed at Headquarters.

(156 EX/SR.14)

8.3 Twenty-fourth Annual Report (1998) of the International Civil Service Commission and related General Assembly resolution: Report by the Director-General (156 EX/30 and Add. and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/30 and Add.,
2. Takes note of:
 - (a) the contents of that document;
 - (b) the twenty-fourth Annual Report (1998) of the International Civil Service Commission;
 - (c) resolution 53/209 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly;

3. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure the participation of UNESCO in the work of the Commission and to take due account of the results of its work.

(156 EX/SR.14)

8.4 Report by the Director-General on progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (156 EX/31 and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 156 EX/31,
2. Being of the opinion that the reporting of the Director-General needs to be improved in order to show concrete steps taken by the Secretariat on the different recommendations made by the External Auditor,
3. Requests the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 30th session, after prior examination by the Board at its 157th session, a report making specific references to recommendations made by the External Auditor in document 155 EX/27 and Add., detailing in relation to each recommendation the specific measures adopted for implementation.

(156 EX/SR.14)

8.5 Proposal of standard model texts for financial regulations of special accounts applicable to institutes and similar bodies (156 EX/32 and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/32,
2. Approves the standard model text for the Financial Regulations of Special Accounts applicable to institutes and similar bodies created in the framework of UNESCO as annexed to the present decision;
3. Requests the Director-General to apply the standard model text for any institute or similar body created in the framework of UNESCO;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it for its consideration and recommendation on any deviation from the standard model text when proposing draft financial regulations for any institute.

Annex

Standard model Financial Regulations of Special Accounts applicable to institutes and similar bodies created in the framework of UNESCO

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account of UNESCO

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for [name of institute], hereafter referred to as “the Institute”.

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

Article 2 - Financial period

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

Article 3 - Income

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

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

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

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

Article 4 - Budget

4.1 The Director shall prepare, in a form to be determined by the Board, an annual programme and budget and shall submit it to the Board for approval.

4.2 The appropriations voted in the budget shall constitute an authorization to the Director to incur obligations and to make expenditures for the purposes for which the appropriations are voted and up to the amounts so voted.

4.3 The Director is authorized to transfer funds between activities under the same appropriation line. The Director may be authorized by the Board to transfer funds, when necessary, between appropriation lines within the limits established by the Appropriation Resolution voted by the Board and shall report to the Board on all such transfers.

- 4.4 The Director is required to maintain obligations and expenditures within the level of the actual resources that become available to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.
- 4.5 Appropriations shall remain available for obligation during the financial period to which they relate.
- 4.6 The Director shall make allotments and any modifications thereon, within the limits of the Appropriation Resolution, which shall be communicated, in writing, to the officials authorized to incur obligations and make payments.
- 4.7 Appropriations shall remain available for 12 months following the end of the financial period to which they relate to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations for goods supplied and services rendered in the financial period and to liquidate any other outstanding legal obligations of the financial period.
- 4.8 At the end of the 12-month period provided for in Article 4.7 above, the then remaining unspent balance of obligations retained shall revert to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.

Article 5 - The General Account

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

Article 6 - Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts

- 6.1 In addition to a Working Capital Fund, the Director shall establish a Reserve Fund to cover end-of-service indemnities and other related liabilities; the Fund shall be reported annually to the Board at the time of the yearly budget approval.
- 6.2 Trust Funds, Subsidiary Special Accounts and any other Reserve Accounts may be established by the Director, who shall report thereon to the Board.
- 6.3 The Director may, when necessary, in connection with the purpose of a Trust Fund, Reserve or Subsidiary Special Account, prepare special financial regulations to govern the operations of these funds or accounts and shall report thereon to the Board. Unless otherwise provided these funds and accounts shall be administered in accordance with these Financial Regulations.

Article 7 - Accounts

- 7.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary and shall prepare, for submission to the Board, annual accounts showing, for the financial period to which they relate:

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

Article 8 - External audit

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

Article 9 - General provision

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

(156 EX/SR.14)

8.6 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on the rental of offices in UNESCO buildings (156 EX/33 and Add. and Corr. and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 156 EX/33 and Add. and Corr.,
2. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 7.6, by which the Executive Board requested the Director-General to report to it, at its 156th session, on the situation of premises in the UNESCO buildings used by Member States and non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, with the corresponding rate of payment or non-payment, and to report to it on the rental of meeting rooms and on the surface area for the bank and for the commercialization of goods, in the UNESCO buildings,

3. Notes the measures taken and the modest progress made regarding the release of space in Building V (Miollis) for the use of Permanent Delegations;
4. Approves the guidelines for the use of premises in UNESCO Headquarters recommended by the Headquarters Committee in documents 156 EX/33 and Add. and Corr., annexed to this decision which could be implemented in phases;
5. Commends the efforts made by the Secretariat to recover arrears of rent from Permanent Delegations;
6. Once again urges all Member States to discharge their obligations relating to payment for the premises they occupy in the Organization's Headquarters buildings;
7. Requests the Director-General to provide all the information that the Headquarters Committee considers essential to complete its work as assigned in 155 EX/Decision 7.6, in a satisfactory manner;
8. Recalling that, in paragraph 4 of that decision, the Board requested the Director-General to ensure that the premises then occupied by five NGOs in Building V were vacated, regrets that these NGOs were relocated in other buildings of the Organization;
9. Invites the Director-General to provide for efficient implementation, as soon as possible, of the kind offer by ILO to leave the premises it presently occupies in UNESCO, and to report to it at its 157th session.

Annex

Guidelines for the use of premises in UNESCO Headquarters recommended by the Headquarters Committee in document 156 EX/33 Add.

1. The Miollis building, including its two basements, should be reserved for the Permanent Delegations.
2. Priority should be given, in line with 28 C/Resolution 33 (Part III) and 29 C/Resolution 82 (Part II), to Permanent Delegations which request offices in Building V. Such priority should be accorded to:
 - Permanent Delegations whose countries do not have an embassy or consulate in Paris and which have already requested, in writing, working premises at Headquarters;
 - Member States which have requested one or two offices and which are on a waiting list;
 - Permanent Delegations which have requested extra space, on condition that they pay their rent regularly and have no rental arrears.
3. Executive Board decisions and General Conference resolutions concerning NGOs which no longer maintain formal associate relations with UNESCO should be applied without reservation.

4. NGOs which no longer maintain such relations must vacate without delay the offices they occupy in all Headquarters buildings.
5. Secretariat staff aside, all the occupants of offices in all Headquarters buildings, including NGOs, must pay rent.

(156 EX/SR.14)

8.7 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on the progress of work under the Renovation Plan (156 EX/34 and Add. and 156 EX/53)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/34, as well as the comments made by the Headquarters Committee thereon (156 EX/34 Add.),
2. Takes note of the information on the state of progress of the work provided for in the Renovation Plan;
3. Endorses the Headquarters Committee's call for the Secretariat, when reporting on the implementation of the Renovation Plan, to use exactly the same headings as those given by the Director-General in his report to the General Conference at its 29th session on the implementation of the Renovation Plan (29 C/47);
4. Notes with regret that changes have been made in the implementation of the Renovation Plan of which it was given no prior notification;
5. Takes note of the review of the work remaining to be carried out and of the corresponding new distribution of the funds still available for the 1998-1999 biennium;
6. Invites the Director-General to supply any information that the Headquarters Committee may request on the progress of work under the Renovation Plan at any point during the biennium;
7. Further invites the Director-General, in consultation with the Headquarters Committee, to continue to report to it at each of its ordinary sessions on the progress of the work provided for in the Renovation Plan and of any other work that might accompany it, taking into account the relevant recommendations and suggestions made by the Headquarters Committee in document 156 EX/34 Add.

(156 EX/SR.14)

8.8 Consultation in pursuance of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (156 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(156 EX/SR.9)

9 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

9.1 Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (156 EX/35 and 156 EX/54)

9.1.1 The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

The Executive Board,

1. Reconfirming the high priority accorded to Africa in UNESCO's programmes and activities,
2. Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations entitled "The Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa" (A/52/871-S/1998/318),
3. Taking note of General Assembly resolution 53/92 in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited the Specialized Agencies to consider the recommendations of the report,
4. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
5. Decides to consider in depth the report of the Secretary-General at its 157th session together with the Director-General's proposals and actions in response to the recommendations of the report, with a view to submitting the Board's recommendations thereon to the 30th session of the General Conference;
6. Further decides to include in the provisional agenda of the General Conference at its 30th session an agenda item entitled "Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa".

(156 EX/SR.14)

9.1.2 Follow-up to United Nations conferences

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/35, Part I.B, dealing with the follow-up to United Nations conferences,
2. Taking note of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session and the information provided by the Director-General on UNESCO's contribution to the following conferences:
 - (a) the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (resolution 53/188),
 - (b) the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (resolution 53/189),

- (c) the World Conference on Human Rights (resolution 53/166),
 - (d) the International Conference on Population and Development (resolution 53/183),
 - (e) the World Summit for Social Development (resolution 53/28),
 - (f) the Fourth World Conference on Women (resolution 53/120),
 - (g) the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (resolution 53/180),
3. Recalling 141 EX/Decision 7.2.2, 144 EX/Decision 5.1.4 and 149 EX/Decision 7.1.3, Parts I and II,
 4. Reaffirming its commitments to the goals of the programmes of action adopted by these conferences and stressing the importance of coordinated follow-up action to their implementation by the United Nations system, especially at the field level,
 5. Recognizing the importance of the special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly for the purpose of reviewing the implementation of the outcomes of these international conferences,
 6. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) ensure an efficient UNESCO contribution to and active participation in the preparatory processes and the special sessions themselves;
 - (b) continue to ensure that UNESCO's relevant programmes contribute fully to the United Nations system-wide coordinated action to ensure the implementation of the programmes of action of these conferences and of new orientations to be adopted by these special sessions;
 - (c) continue to keep the Board informed periodically of new developments in the follow-up to United Nations system conferences.

(156 EX/SR.14)

9.1.3 The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report of the Director-General on the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations (156 EX/35, Part I.C),
2. Noting General Assembly resolution 53/202 entitled "The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations" in which it was decided to hold, in the year 2000, a Millennium Assembly, and which requested the views of, *inter alia*, Member States, members of Specialized Agencies and observers on the scope and objectives of the Millennium Assembly and Summit,

3. Noting with appreciation the contribution that the Director-General has provided to the United Nations on the Millennium Assembly,
4. Convinced that UNESCO, within its fields of competence, has an important role to play in and a relevant contribution to make to the intergovernmental process of consultation in preparation for the holding of the Millennium Assembly,
5. Takes note, in particular, of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 53/202;
6. Decides to continue to consider the item during its next session with a view to formulating concrete proposals in response to the General Assembly request, for submission to the General Conference at its 30th session;
7. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 157th session on progress and developments in preparations for the Millennium Assembly at intergovernmental and inter-agency levels and in civil society.

(156 EX/SR.14)

9.1.4 Reform of the United Nations

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General on the Reform of the United Nations (156 EX/35, Part I.D);
2. Invites the Director-General to continue to keep it informed about the subject and to inform it, at its 157th session, concerning UNESCO's contribution to the report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in particular on "division of labour" within the United Nations system.

(156 EX/SR.14)

9.2 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (156 EX/36 and 156 EX/51)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/36 on "Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions" and the report of its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations (156 EX/51),
2. Recalls 155 EX/Decision 8.7, in particular paragraph 5 thereof requesting a report on the Special NGO Support Programme and paragraph 7 requesting concrete proposals for developing a genuine "triangular" partnership between NGOs, National Commissions and field offices;
3. Expresses concern about the persisting difficulties regarding the provision of full information to Board Members relating to financial relations with NGOs and their contribution to the implementation of the programme approved by the General Conference;

4. Requests additional information on the organization listed in Annex I.1 to document 156 EX/36;
5. Decides to admit to formal consultative relations the organizations listed in Annex I.2 to document 156 EX/36;
6. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to admit to operational relations the organizations listed in Annex I.3 to that document; and of the decision to place on an informal basis relations with the organizations listed in Annexes I.4 and I.5 to that document;
7. Further takes note of the Director-General's decision to admit the organization listed in Annex I.6 of that document to official relations under the 1991 Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions; and of his decision not to renew official relations under those Directives with the organization listed in Annex I.7 to that document;
8. Takes note also of the information provided in paragraphs 4 to 13 of document 156 EX/36 concerning the 1998 International NGO Conference and regional and subregional networking and invites all parties concerned to continue to discuss and to bring into operation the most effective mechanisms for encouraging such networking;
9. Decides to place an item entitled "Overall strategy for UNESCO's cooperation with NGOs" on the agenda of its 157th session and to set up a working group within the NGO Committee consisting of representatives of France, Lithuania, Pakistan, Saint Lucia, Uganda and Yemen to prepare the background documentation for this item;
10. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 157th session proposals for including UNESCO's relations with NGOs in the new integrated programme monitoring system.

(156 EX/SR.14)

9.3 Report by the Director-General on the functioning of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (156 EX/37 and 156 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/37, which provides a report on the criteria and requirements as regards the possible approval and implementation of projects in the framework of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance and additional measures to strengthen its operational efficiency,
2. Expresses its satisfaction on the quality and clarity of the document submitted by the Secretariat in response to 155 EX/Decision 8.2;
3. Takes note of the criteria and requirements contained in 29 C/Resolution 51;

4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 30th session, approve, as a first step, the following criteria, which would supplement those included in 29 C/Resolution 51:
 - (a) requests shall not be approved until all financial reports and evaluation reports have been submitted for the biennium before last (i.e. in this case, the 1996-1997 biennium);
 - (b) as concerns the number of requests which may be submitted: each Member State may submit through its National Commission or, where there is no National Commission, through a designated government channel, up to 15 requests including those presented by NGOs and by IGOs;
 - (c) a Member State may not normally submit a request previously funded for the same purpose during two consecutive biennia;
 - (d) when preparing requests, Member States should give priority to local initiatives rather than adding to projects which have already been approved by the General Conference (in the C/5 document) for the biennium;
 - (e) an evaluation should be made of each project presented, taking into account how it has been prioritized by the country or countries involved and the programme adopted by UNESCO;
 - (f) international NGOs, the list of which will be established by the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations of the Executive Board, may present requests with the support of at least two Member States, it being understood that the projects requested will be in addition to the official number approved by the General Conference;
5. Invites the Director-General to report to it, at its 157th session, on the functioning and status of implementation of the Participation Programme, in particular, regarding the following aspects:
 - (a) the internal mechanisms through which a request is evaluated and approved;
 - (b) the rationale for managing the Participation Programme and emergency assistance under the same administrative unit;
 - (c) the financial impact of possible exclusion of non-governmental organizations from the Participation Programme;
 - (d) the financial impact of excluding intergovernmental organizations from the Participation Programme;
6. Further invites the Director-General to provide, starting at its 157th session, full information on NGOs along the same lines as that provided for countries in the tables of document 156 EX/37.

9.4 Guidelines for mobilizing private funds and criteria for selecting potential partners: Proposals by the Director-General (156 EX/38 and 156 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 8.6 and 28 C/Resolution 13.5,
2. Having examined document 156 EX/38,
3. Approves the proposed guidelines and criteria annexed to the present decision, concerning fund-raising arrangements and agreements with private funding partners;
4. Invites the Director-General to inform it periodically about contracts signed between UNESCO and private partners;
5. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 159th session additional proposals concerning guidelines for selecting private partners on the basis of 28 C/Resolution 13.5.

Annex

Guidelines for mobilizing private funds and criteria for selecting potential partners

A. Purpose and validity

1. The present guidelines aim at enhancing UNESCO's capacity to obtain additional extrabudgetary funding from private sources by:
 - (a) ensuring an institutionally coherent and efficient approach to private funding sources, based on better coordination of the numerous initiatives which are launched in the name of UNESCO, as well as on the improvement of existing internal capacities;
 - (b) standardizing the various procedures related to private sector fund-raising activities, and hence reducing potential risks that the Organization might incur.

B. Private sector fund-raising: objective and priorities

2. Private sector funding is sought for the implementation of UNESCO's programmes and projects, according to the Organization's aims and policies. As stated in its Constitution (Article IX, para. 3), voluntary contributions, gifts, bequests and subventions may be accepted directly from, *inter alia*, "private institutions, associations and persons", subject to the conditions specified in Articles 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6 of the Financial Regulations.
3. Priority should be given to those initiatives and activities:
 - (a) which correspond to the main objectives and priorities of UNESCO and which are prepared and/or implemented and/or endorsed by UNESCO, and

accepted by the concerned beneficiary Member State(s) where applicable;
and

- (b) which generate additional extrabudgetary funding as well as public awareness of UNESCO's activities.

C. The screening and selection of UNESCO's private funding partners

4. Fund-raising partnerships may be established with private entities/individuals having provided positive proven references of their ability to assist UNESCO. In particular, potential partners will be requested to submit their:

- (a) legal statutes, registration certificate, detailed structure;
- (b) bank references;
- (c) clear and comprehensive work plan, including a description of the mechanisms, procedures, methods and third partners to be utilized for obtaining the proposed financial contribution;

(d) concrete financial proposal including the terms of payment.

5. UNESCO will not consider, for any kind of partnership, proposals made by private entities/individuals:

- (a) involved in activities which do not comply with United Nations aims and principles;
- (b) with past convictions for unlawful activities;
- (c) involved in activities contrary to United Nations sanctions in force; or
- (d) that have not respected their obligations under previous partnership agreements with the Organization.

6. In cases where the Director-General deems an offer of contribution to be *prima facie* acceptable, he will directly request the opinion of the UNESCO National Commission of the Member State concerned and/or refer it to its Permanent Delegation to UNESCO. Where the offer directly or indirectly involves additional financial liability for the Organization, it should be submitted to the Executive Board for acceptance as required under Financial Regulation 7.3.

7. The possibilities for obtaining tax deductions for contributions to UNESCO under the specific national regulations applying to each type of funding/funding source should be examined before potential partners are selected. This examination should be undertaken in close consultation with the relevant National Commission(s) for UNESCO, and/or Permanent Delegation(s).

D. Establishing a partnership agreement with private funding sources

8. Any fund-raising partnership agreement with private sources shall be subject to the signature of a formal written contract between UNESCO and the said

partner. This contract will stipulate a complete set of modalities for the implementation of the proposed activity: purpose, duration, territories, obligations of the partner, obligations of UNESCO, financial arrangements and terms of payment. The draft agreement shall only be submitted for signature to the partner after approval by the UNESCO substantive, financial and legal services concerned.

(156 EX/SR.14)

9.5 Relations with the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (UNCCD) and draft Memorandum of Understanding between this body and UNESCO (156 EX/39 and 156 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/39,
2. Considering the desirability of establishing official relations between UNESCO and the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,
3. Approves the draft Memorandum of Understanding;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish formal relations with the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of UNESCO.

(156 EX/SR.1)

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

9.6.1 Coordination at Headquarters and field level between United Nations agencies involved in peace-building: An assessment of possibilities (JIU/REP/97/4) (156 EX/40 and 156 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/40,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled "Coordination at Headquarters and field level between United Nations agencies involved in peace-building: An assessment of possibilities" (JIU/REP/97/4);
3. Notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report, the comments thereon of the Secretary-General and of the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, as well as the Director-General's observations on this subject;
4. Invites the Director-General to foster improvement of the mechanisms of cooperation and coordination with relevant bodies with a view to further enhancing UNESCO's contribution to peace-building generally and post-conflict peace-building in particular in the framework of its overall contribution to the establishment of a culture of peace;

5. Stresses the need to achieve the objectives of all peace-building efforts without imposing arbitrary time limits;
6. Requests the Director-General to inform it at its 157th session of UNESCO's activities in this respect.

(156 EX/SR.13)

9.6.2 Fellowships in the United Nations System (JIU/REP/98/1) (156 EX/41 and 156 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/41,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled "Fellowships in the United Nations System" (JIU/REP/98/1);
3. Takes note with appreciation of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) and the Director-General on both the conclusions and the recommendations contained in the report;
4. Takes note also of the interest of the Member States in increasing the number of fellowships offered by UNESCO;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue efforts to enhance inter-agency coordination in the field of fellowship administration, taking into account the recommendations applicable to UNESCO;
6. Further requests the Director-General to submit to it, at its 160th session, an evaluation report on the implementation, structure and results of the fellowships programme at UNESCO.

(156 EX/SR.13)

9.6.3 The United Nations University: Enhancing its relevance and effectiveness (JIU/REP/98/3) (156 EX/42 and 156 EX/50)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 156 EX/42,
2. Thanks the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for its report entitled "The United Nations University: Enhancing its relevance and effectiveness" (JIU/REP/98/3);
3. Takes note with interest of the comments of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General on the conclusions and recommendations of the report;
4. Appreciates the efforts made by the Council of the United Nations University (UNU) and the Rector to renew the structures and the programmes of this institution in accordance with its Charter, in particular the review of its

organization, the assessment of past activities and the concentration of its programme;

5. Further appreciates the contribution made by the University to the World Conference on Higher Education;
6. Invites the Director-General to explore ways and means of strengthening cooperation between UNESCO and UNU, in particular through joint programming of activities of mutual interest and reinforcing the role of the University in the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme;
7. Encourages the Director-General to ensure UNU's active participation in the World Conference on Science, to be held in Budapest (Hungary) from 26 June to 1 July 1999, and in the follow-up to the World Conference on Higher Education, in particular in the development of the UNESCO/UNU Forum on Higher Education;
8. Expresses its gratitude for the voluntary contributions made to date to the Endowment Fund of UNU by several governments, in particular the Government of Japan, the host country of the University, and Member States which host research and training centres and programmes;
9. Urges all Member States to contribute financially to the Endowment Fund, the operating budget and UNU programme and project support, particularly for activities in developing countries;
10. Concerned by the necessity to accord sufficient attention to the needs and priorities of developing countries, invites UNU to increase its activities in these countries;
11. Requests the Director-General, when presenting the report of the Council of the United Nations University together with his own comments thereon at its 159th session, to inform the Board of the results of the external evaluation of the University, the measures taken to implement the recommendations of JIU, taking note of the comments made by the United Nations Secretary-General and the Director-General, and the state of cooperation between UNU and UNESCO.

(156 EX/SR.13)

9.7 Relations with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (156 EX/47 and 156 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/47,
2. Approves this draft cooperation agreement as contained in Annex II of that document;
3. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with INTERPOL and to sign the Cooperation Agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

(156 EX/SR.1)

10 GENERAL MATTERS

10.1 Report by the Executive Board's temporary working group on human rights education (156 EX/43 and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 8.5(III), whereby it decided to set up a temporary working group on human rights education,
2. Having examined the report contained in document 156 EX/43,
3. Notes with satisfaction the quality of the work accomplished by the members of the group;
4. Endorses the report and, in particular, the recommendations contained therein;
5. Decides to submit these recommendations to the General Conference at its 30th session for endorsement.

(156 EX/SR.14)

10.2 Reflection on UNESCO in the twenty-first century (156 EX/INF.6)

The Executive Board,

1. Aware of the great challenges that UNESCO has to face in the new millennium,
2. Decides that the outcome of its deliberations at its 156th session, devoted to the future of UNESCO, should be the subject of a report to be brought to the attention of the General Conference at its 30th session;
3. Decides to modify the title of item 4.1 of the provisional agenda of the General Conference to read: "UNESCO in the Twenty-first Century" instead of "Future Orientations of the Activities of the Organization";
4. Decides to establish a Task Force whose mandate will be to identify the new challenges for UNESCO posed by the twenty-first century, and to propose a strategic vision for UNESCO in the twenty-first century which focuses on the objectives in relation to which UNESCO has or should have a comparative advantage, with orientations, activities, programmes and a modernization of structure and management that would allow UNESCO to achieve its mission with the greatest efficiency and effectiveness possible;
5. Decides that this Task Force will be made up of eighteen (18) representatives from States Members of the present Executive Board. Each electoral group will designate three (3) Member States by 30 July 1999. Each chosen Member State will nominate its representative, who should have an in-depth knowledge of UNESCO, international organizations or other relevant experience, by 30 August 1999;
6. Decides that the first meeting of the Task Force will take place no later than 30 September 1999;

7. Decides that the Task Force will designate its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at its first meeting;
8. Decides that the Task Force will briefly inform the Executive Board at each of its sessions and present an interim report to it at its 159th session with a view to presenting its final conclusions for decision no later than the 161st session;
9. Decides that the Task Force will be open-ended, thus allowing participation by all Member States wishing to make a contribution;
10. Invites the Director-General to assist in this exercise;
11. Decides that the Task Force may consult persons and organizations as it sees fit.

(156 EX/SR.16)

10.3 Situation of the Villa Ocampo (156 EX/44 and Corr. and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 92 EX/Decision 6.11, in which it authorized the Director-General to accept the donation of the Villa Ocampo,
2. Having taken note of the information contained in document 156 EX/44 on the situation of the Villa Ocampo,
3. Recognizing the significance and importance of the Villa Ocampo for the cultural life of Argentina and Latin America in particular, and for the world in general, as well as its status as a national historic monument,
4. Also recognizing that the activities conducted there come within UNESCO's fields of competence and contribute to cultural development,
5. Urges the Government of the Argentine Republic to continue to participate in devising an institutional solution that would ensure the future development of the Villa Ocampo, and thanks it for its generosity in contributing funds to carry out the work essential for the conservation of the property;
6. Authorizes the Director-General to continue consultations, in conjunction with the Government of the Argentine Republic, for the purpose of identifying a non-governmental organization willing and able to take over responsibility for the direction and administration of the Villa Ocampo, with a view to reaching an agreement; and invites him to report to it on progress made at its 157th session.

(156 EX/SR.14)

10.4 Evaluation of UNESCO's "youth" activities 1994-1997 and proposals for a new UNESCO strategy on youth (156 EX/45 and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/45,
2. Thanks the evaluator for his valuable report;
3. Takes note of the conclusions of the evaluation; and
4. Invites the Director-General to take this report, as well as the comments made at its 156th session and the relevant decisions of the General Conference, into consideration in the preparation of any recommendation that he may make to the governing bodies of the Organization.

(156 EX/SR.14)

10.5 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the appointment of the Director-General of the Organization (156 EX/PRIV/INF.1 and Add.)

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

(156 EX/SR.13)

10.6 The visibility of UNESCO in the Member States (156 EX/46)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the report *Global Vision, Local Voice* by the Task Force on the reorientation of United Nations Public Information Activities,
2. Considering that the growing demand for public information and the competition for attention in this field requires regular updating of UNESCO's public information policies and practices,
3. Invites its Members to reflect on ways of improving the visibility of UNESCO in its Member States and to convey their suggestions to the Chairperson of the Board;
4. Requests the Director-General to assist it in carrying out an overview of activities and making preliminary proposals in the field of public information;
5. Decides to place this item on the agenda of its 157th session.

(156 EX/SR.12)

10.7 Slavery, a crime against humanity (156 EX/49 and 156 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 156 EX/49,
2. Noting that the issue is being discussed by members of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights,
3. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 3.4.1,
4. Further recalling that the General Conference, at its 27th session, assigned to the project, "The Slave Route", the objective of studying the root causes and the methods of the slave trade and of highlighting the interactions to which it has given rise both in the Americas and in the Caribbean,
5. Recognizing that Article 7 of the Statutes of the International Criminal Court includes slavery as one of the crimes against humanity,
6. Invites the Director-General, in the framework of the objectives assigned by the General Conference to the project, "The Slave Route", to continue providing UNESCO's contribution when different aspects of the slave trade and slavery are discussed within the appropriate organs;
7. Decides to include on the provisional agenda of the 30th session of the General Conference an item entitled "The transatlantic slave trade and slavery: a crime against humanity".

(156 EX/SR.14)

10.8 Dates of the 157th session

Special Committee	29-30 September 1999
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	29 September-1 October 1999
(Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters)	29 September-4 October 1999
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	1 October 1999
Bureau	4 October 1999
Plenaries and commissions	5-22 October 1999

(156 EX/SR.16)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 28 MAY AND 9 JUNE 1999

At the private meetings held on 28 May and 9 June, the Executive Board considered items 6.1, 7.4, 8.8 and 10.5 of its agenda.

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

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

7.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 30th session of the General Conference

The Executive Board made recommendations concerning nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions of the 30th session of the General Conference.

(See decision 7.4)

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

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

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

The Board finalized the arrangements for the interviews it would have at its 157th session with the candidates for the post of Director-General.