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#### FIRST MEETING

Monday, 20 October 2003, at 10.25 a.m.

Chairperson: Mr Omolewa later: Mr Wrede

# <u>Item 1</u> – OPENING OF THE SESSION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE 32ND SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE (TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON)

1. Mr OMOLEWA (President of the General Conference) declared the 168th session of the Executive Board open. He thanked the outgoing Members of the Board for their contribution to the goals of UNESCO, an Organization that acted as a vehicle for bringing together different cultures and viewpoints from all corners of the globe. Congratulating the new Members on their election, he expressed his conviction that they would be fully committed to the Organization's common ideals, while bringing their own personal flavour to the deliberations and that the Board would work with the cohesion that was essential for achieving common goals, using a common dynamic.

# <u>Item 2</u> – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (168 EX/1 (prov.))

2. The agenda was adopted.

# Item 3 – ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 3.1 Mr OMOLEWA (President of the General Conference) informed the Members of the Board that the Deputy Permanent Delegate of Germany to UNESCO had written to the Chairperson of the Executive Board on 25 June 2003 and that the Asia and the Pacific group of Permanent Delegations to UNESCO had written to the President of the General Conference on 7 October 2003, informing them of the decision to submit the candidatures, respectively, of Mr Hans-Heinrich Wrede (Germany) and Mr Kenneth Wiltshire (Australia) for the office of Chairperson of the Executive Board.
- 3.2. He then invited the Board to elect its Chairperson. He read out paragraph 1 of Rule 10 and paragraph 1 of Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.
- 4.1 A vote was taken by secret ballot.
- 4.2 <u>At the Chairperson's request, Mr Shchasny (Belarus) and Mr Pigot (Suriname) acted as</u> tellers.
- 4.3 The result of the vote was as follows:

Number of Members:	58
Number of Members absent:	1
Number of blank or invalid ballot papers:	0
Number of votes recorded:	57
Majority required:	29
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr Wrede:	40
Mr Wiltshire:	17

4.4. <u>Having obtained the required majority, Mr Wrede was elected Chairperson of the Executive Board.</u>

5. Mr OMOLEWA (President of the General Conference) congratulated the new Chairperson of the Executive Board on his election, and wished him every possible success. In his own capacity as President of the General Conference, he said that he looked forward to close cooperation with the Board during the coming two years. He invited the new Chairperson to take the Chair.

# Mr Wrede took the Chair.

- 6.1 The CHAIRPERSON thanked the President of the General Conference and all Members of the Board, assuring them that he would take all their interests fully into account. He looked forward to working with all his colleagues, including the representative of Australia, whom he thanked in particular. As a relative newcomer to the Board, he would be ready to listen to others and to learn from them.
- 6.2 The country he represented, Germany, considered his election to be a genuine recognition of its contribution to UNESCO since it joined in 1951. Together with the International Labour Organization, UNESCO had been one of the first international organizations to accept the membership of the Federal Republic of Germany after 1945. UNESCO had allowed his country to contribute to international relations and to the Organization's objectives, as Chancellor Adenauer had pledged it would when he requested admission in 1950. He was proud to say that Germany had made that contribution in every way possible and had continued to do so since 1990, when Germany had been reunited with the full consent of the international community. On a personal level, he was deeply humbled by the confidence the Board had placed in him, and hoped that it would be justified during his two years in office.
- 6.3 The Executive Board had a clear function to perform, as stated in the Constitution: "the Executive Board shall take all necessary measures to ensure the effective and rational execution of the programme by the Director-General". All representatives had to serve the Organization, while serving the Member States and their peoples, and they would do so together, guided by the Constitution and their own sense of purpose. Again, according to the Constitution, the Organization's purpose was "to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture".
- 6.4 The Board had an important role to play, that of executing the decisions of the General Conference. On that score, he again congratulated the Director-General and the President of the General Conference on a thoroughly successful Conference, whose results were excellent for UNESCO's future. The Organization had become more universal, and he welcomed new Members to the Board, including a very new Member, the United States of America, adding that each of the 58 voices would be given an equal hearing.
- 6.5 The Board could and possibly should act as an effective and constructive counterweight to the Director-General and the Secretariat, since only through cooperation and complementarity would they succeed in their joint task. He looked forward to cooperating with the whole Board, to achieve consensus, and with the President of the General Conference, by including him as much as possible in the Board's proceedings. As a colleague had warned him, the fun was over, although he hoped there would still be some light moments in the proceedings. Nevertheless, they had to get on with the job together, starting with the agenda.
- 7.1 The DIRECTOR-GENERAL extended his warmest congratulations to the new Chairperson on his election, the result of a genuinely democratic process in which two excellent candidates had taken part. Furthermore, it was the first time in over 50 years of German membership of UNESCO, and after innumerable significant contributions by Germany to the Organization's activities, that a German national had been elected to the post. The new Chairperson

had gained his colleagues' confidence in a relatively short time, building on his solid background in the German diplomatic service. The Organization would benefit from his highly appreciated skills and indefatigable spirit, and also from his wit.

- 7.2 UNESCO had just entered a new challenging era, not only with the return of the United States of America and the admission of Timor-Leste, but also as it began to tackle such important issues as quality education, monitoring education for all, the knowledge society, cultural diversity, dialogue among civilizations, and the protection of the intangible heritage.
- 7.3 He concluded by reciting, in German, a poem by Bertolt Brecht:

Friede auf unserer Erde! Peace on our Earth! Friede auf unserem Feld! Peace on our field!

Daß es auch immer gehöre That it may always belong Dem, der es gut bestellt! To those who manage it well!

Friede in unserem Lande! Peace in our country! Friede in unserer Stadt! Peace in our city!

Daß sie den gut behause That it may accommodate those well

Der sie gebauet hat! Who built them!

Friede in unserem Hause! Peace in our House!

Friede im Haus nebenan!

Friede dem friedlichen Nachbarn

Daß Jedes gedeihen kann!

Peace in our neighbour's House!

Peace to the peaceful neighbour

So that everybody can prosper!

8. The CHAIRPERSON thanked the Director-General and said that he would endeavour to abide by the spirit of Brecht's words, which had been well rendered in the English translation.

<sup>9</sup> هنأ السيد رفعت (مصر)، بالنيابة عن المجموعة العربية وبالأصالة عن نفسه وعن حكومة بلده، السيد وريدي لانتخابه رئيسا للمجلس التنفيذي. وأعرب عن أمله في أن يتعاون أعضاء المجلس بروح من الأخوة والمحبة من أجل العمل على تحقيق أهداف اليونسكو والبشرية جمعاء، لا سيما وأن المجلس التنفيذي هو القلب النابض لليونسكو.

- (9) Mr RIFAAT (Egypt) congratulated Mr Wrede, on behalf of the Arab group, in his own capacity, and on behalf of his country's government, on Mr Wrede's election as Chairperson of the Executive Board. He hoped that the Members of the Board would cooperate in a spirit of brotherhood and love in their endeavour to achieve the goals of UNESCO and all humankind, especially since the Executive Board was the throbbing heart of the Organization.
- 10. Mr VARGAS (Brazil), speaking as the longest serving member of the Board, congratulated the new Chairperson and his rival candidate, both of whom had been contenders of the highest quality. Brazil, as one of UNESCO's founding Members, had great hopes for the Organization, and counted on the Chairperson to ensure that the Board executed its mandate of representing all Member States between each General Conference. A line in Schiller's *Ode to Joy*, adopted in part as the European anthem, exhorted all men to become brothers. He hoped that, under the Chairperson's leadership, from a truly universal and not only European standpoint, Schiller's wish could be fulfilled.

- 11. M. NDINGA OBA (Congo), s'exprimant au nom de son pays et de l'ensemble des membres africains, félicite M. Wrede, auquel, note-t-il, le Conseil exécutif a d'emblée marqué sa confiance en l'élisant à une très forte majorité des suffrages. Le Groupe africain, qui a déjà eu tout loisir d'apprécier la compétence du nouveau Président, promet d'être résolument à ses côtés pour l'aider à assurer la mise en oeuvre du programme adopté par la Conférence générale et à faire avancer un certain nombre de dossiers importants qu'il a particulièrement à coeur de voir aboutir.
- 12. Mr SHEYA (United Republic of Tanzania) congratulated the Chairperson on his newly acquired responsibility. His experience and diplomatic skills would enable him to help the Executive Board to fulfil its constitutional mandate. He had always been impressed by the Chairperson's expressions of sympathy for Africa's causes, in particular the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Africa needed UNESCO as a partner in realizing the NEPAD goals, since the Director-General had mainstreamed NEPAD-related concerns in the various programmes, in document 32 C/5. Poverty, illiteracy, HIV/AIDS, science and technology, and access to information and knowledge were all immediate challenges facing Africa. Thanks to education particularly quality education and the realization of the Dakar goals and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the continent would see the light at the end of the tunnel. The Chairperson faced a great and noble task, that of harmonizing all the different concerns, including those facing Africa. He pledged that his delegation would cooperate with him to the maximum.
- 13. Mr SATO (Japan) extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Chairperson, emphasizing the importance of solidarity. In that spirit and in a spirit of cordiality, he looked forward to cooperating with the new Chairperson, who had demonstrated excellent leadership qualities, on the many issues facing the Board.
- 14. Mr WILTSHIRE (Australia) added his congratulations to the new Chairperson, thanked him for a lively and enjoyable contest, and wished him every success. The election had been a very democratic process, and he thanked those who had supported his candidature. He pledged to lend his full support to all the Chairperson's endeavours during the exciting two years ahead.
- 15. La Sra. LUX de COTÍ (Guatemala) felicita, en nombre de su Gobierno, al nuevo Presidente del Consejo, y expresa la confianza que Guatemala tiene puesta en la UNESCO y su Consejo Ejecutivo para que ayuden al mundo a hacer frente a los diversos retos que tiene planteados y a privilegiar la diversidad cultural lingüística y el diálogo entre culturas y civilizaciones, elementos ambos de particular relevancia en la actual coyuntura mundial, sin olvidar desde luego los importantes objetivos dimanantes del Foro Mundial de Dakar. Tras manifestar la voluntad de su país de participar con espíritu de equipo en esa importante labor, concluye reiterando su más sincera felicitación al nuevo Presidente del Consejo Ejecutivo.
  - (15) Ms LUX de COTÍ (Guatemala) congratulated, on behalf of her government, the new Chairperson of the Board, and said that Guatemala was counting on UNESCO and the Executive Board to help the world address the various challenges with which it was faced, and to focus on cultural and linguistic diversity and dialogue among cultures and civilizations, both of which were of particular importance in view of the current international situation, without overlooking the important goals adopted by the Dakar World Education Forum. After expressing her country's commitment to participating in a team-spirited manner in that major endeavour, she concluded by reiterating her sincere congratulations to the new Chairperson of the Executive Board.
- 16. M. GUEGUINOU (France) adresse au Président du Conseil exécutif ses très chaleureuses félicitations au nom des anciens et des nouveaux membres du Groupe I, qui se réjouit de voir l'un

des siens porté à ces hautes fonctions, et au nom de la France, dont il rappelle les relations très étroites avec l'Allemagne. M. Wrede est appelé à exercer une lourde charge dans une période difficile sur le plan des relations internationales. Le Conseil se trouve cependant raffermi par le succès indiscutable de la 32e session de la Conférence générale, et, quand on connaît les qualités humaines et les compétences du nouveau Président, on ne peut douter que celui-ci saura se montrer l'égal de ses illustres prédécesseurs qui, pour trois d'entre eux - Mme Bennani, la Présidente sortante, et les représentants du Brésil et du Pakistan - comptent d'ailleurs parmi les membres du nouveau Conseil. M. Guéguinou transmet à M. Wrede les voeux les plus cordiaux du Groupe I.

- 17. Mr PIGOT (Suriname) welcomed the Chairperson on behalf of his delegation and region. He added that Suriname had a long tradition of working with the German people, not least with the Herrnhut missionaries, who had made an important contribution to the country's education system.
- 18. Mr AZIZ (Afghanistan) congratulated the Chairperson on behalf of the Afghan Government and people, wishing him a successful term of office. He wished that he had had two votes so that he could have voted for both candidates, or that the Chairmanship could be shared, but he was certain that the talented representative of Australia would still contribute to the success of the Executive Board. Despite being a newcomer himself, he hoped that he would be able to work with the Chairperson and the Director-General in successfully addressing all the major issues facing UNESCO.
- 19. The CHAIRPERSON thanked all the Board Members for their congratulations, and suggested that the meeting be suspended to enable the various regional groups to hold consultations in regard to the next item of the agenda.

The meeting was suspended at 11.25 a.m. and resumed at 12.15 p.m.

### Item 4 – ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 20. The CHAIRPERSON said that after consultations among all the electoral groups, the following candidates had been proposed for election as Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board: France proposed by Group I, the Russian Federation proposed by Group II, Brazil proposed by Group III, Pakistan proposed by Group IV, the United Republic of Tanzania proposed by Group V(a), and Egypt proposed by Group V(b). Since there was general agreement on the nominations, each group having proposed one candidate, he suggested that if there were no objection, the candidates should be elected by acclamation.
- 21. <u>France, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania and Egypt were elected Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board by acclamation.</u>
- 22. The CHAIRPERSON congratulated the Vice-Chairpersons on their election, and said that he looked forward to working with them. He suggested that the meeting should be suspended once more to enable the Vice-Chairpersons to hold consultations in regard to the next item of the agenda.

The meeting was suspended at 12.20 p.m. and resumed at 12.55 p.m.

- <u>Item 5</u> ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ELECTION OF THEIR CHAIRPERSONS
- Item 5.1 PROGRAMME AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

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Item 5.2 – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

and

Item 5.3 – SPECIAL COMMITTEE

and

Item 5.4 – COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

and

# <u>Item 5.5</u> – COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 23.1 At the invitation of the CHAIRPERSON, The SECRETARY read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by each electoral group to serve on the Special Committee, to be composed of 18 members in accordance with 122 EX/Decision 9.2: Iceland, Turkey, United States of America (Group I); Czech Republic, Russian Federation, Ukraine (Group II); Brazil, Ecuador, Uruguay (Group III); Bangladesh, India, Viet Nam (Group IV); Congo, Ghana, Mozambique (Group V(a)); Jordan, Morocco, Yemen (Group V(b)).
- 23.2 He then read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by each electoral group to serve on the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, which had included 30 members during the 2002-2003 period: France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, United States of America (Group I); Belarus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia (Group II); Bahamas, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Suriname (Group III); Afghanistan, China, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka (Group IV); Cameroon, Kenya, Rwanda, Senegal, Swaziland (Group V(a)); Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco (Group V(b)).
- 23.3 He then read out the list of Members of the Executive Board proposed by each electoral group to serve on the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations, which had included 24 members during the 2002-2003 period: France, Germany, Italy, Turkey (Group I); Hungary, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia (Group II); Cuba, Dominica, Jamaica, Venezuela (Group III); Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka (Group IV); Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Mali, Mauritius (Group V(a)); Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco, Yemen (Group V(b)).
- 24. The membership of the permanent committees of the Executive Board was approved.
- 25.1 The CHAIRPERSON reminded the Board that all Members of the Executive Board were automatically members of the Programme and External Relations Commission and of the Finance and Administrative Commission, and accordingly declared established all the permanent commissions and committees of the Executive Board.
- 25.2 He then invited the Board to elect the Chairpersons of the Programme and External Relations Commission, the Finance and Administrative Commission, the Special Committee, the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 16.2, paragraph 1 of Rule 10 and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, which he read out.
- 26.1 A vote was taken by secret ballot.

- 26.2 <u>At the Chairperson's request, Mr Shchasny (Belarus) and Mr Pigot (Suriname) acted as</u> tellers.
- 26.3 The result of the vote was as follows:

Number of Members: 58
Number of Members absent: 0
Number of blank or invalid ballot papers: 0
Number of votes recorded: 58
Majority required: 30

- 26.4 <u>Mr Sourang (Senegal) was elected Chairperson of the Programme and External Relations</u> Commission with 57 votes;
- 26.5 Mr Bedjaoui (Algeria) was elected Chairperson of the Finance and Administrative Commission with 55 votes;
- 26.6 Mr Singhvi (India) was elected Chairperson of the Special Committee with 57 votes;
- 26.7 <u>Mr Hepburn (Bahamas) was elected Chairperson of the Committee on Conventions and</u> Recommendations with 54 votes;
- 26.8 Mr Štrajn (Slovenia) was elected Chairperson of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations with 56 votes.
- 27. The CHAIRPERSON congratulated the Chairpersons of the commissions and committees on their election, and thanked the tellers.

The meeting rose at 1.35 p.m.

#### **SECOND MEETING**

Monday, 20 October 2003, at 3.20 p.m.

Chairperson: Mr Wrede

- Item 6 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES
- <u>Item 6.1</u> PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE (168 EX/DR.1)

and

<u>Item 6.2</u> – PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (168 EX/DR.2)

and

- <u>Item 6.3</u> PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (168 EX/DR.3)
- 1. The CHAIRPERSON said that the proposed terms of reference of the Special Committee, as set out in document 168 EX/DR.1, and of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, as set out in document 168 EX/DR.2, were identical to those adopted by the Executive Board at its 163rd session, with some minor corrections reflecting the actual terms of reference as applied in 2002-2003. The proposed terms of reference of the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations were in keeping with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations approved by the General Conference at its 28th session, and amended at its 31st session. He proposed that the Board adopt the draft decisions one by one.
- 2. Mr PARSONS (Secretariat) said that the square brackets in 168 EX/DR.1 indicated phrases that would be deleted from the terms of reference of the Special Committee if the draft decision was adopted, thus bringing them into line with the practice followed by the Committee in recent years. The "substantive consideration" of the C/3 document referred to in the previous version of paragraph 3(a) was more the domain of the Programme and External Relations Commission. Likewise, "decentralization" (previous version of paragraph 3(c)) had been dealt with by the Finance and Administrative Commission and the Programme and External Relations Commission rather than by the Special Committee.
- 3. The draft decision contained in document 168 EX/DR.1 was adopted.
- 4. The draft decision contained in document 168 EX/DR.2 was adopted.
- 5. The draft decision contained in document 168 EX/DR.3 was <u>adopted</u>.
- 6. Mr EINARSSON (Iceland) congratulated the Chairperson on his election. During the discussions in the Special Committee in its recent sessions, some new, as yet unfinished ideas had emerged as to the terms of reference of the NGO Committee. He hoped that the Special Committee would continue to reflect thereon so that the next time the Board dealt with the mandate of the NGO Committee it could put those ideas into practice.

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- 7.1 In response to a proposal made by Mr KOMÁREK (Czech Republic), the CHAIRPERSON said that the number of members of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and the NGO Committee would be inserted into the decisions just adopted.
- 7.2 He indicated that the concerns expressed by the representative of Iceland would be addressed within the framework of the examination of the methods of work of the Organization, as required by the General Conference.
- <u>Item 5.6</u> RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (168 EX/DR.4)
- 8. The CHAIRPERSON read out the names of the Members of the Board that had been proposed by each electoral group to comprise the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters. For Group I: Canada and the United Kingdom; Group II: Russian Federation and Ukraine; Group III: Cuba and Jamaica; Group IV: Japan and Viet Nam; Group V(a): Namibia and the United Republic of Tanzania, Group V(b): Algeria and Jordan. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Board wished to complete 168 EX/DR.4 accordingly, and adopt it.
- 9. It was so decided.
- Item 8 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS
- <u>Item 8.1</u> SPECIAL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 6.7 OF UNESCO'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (168 EX/4 and Add.)
- 10.1 Mr WARREN (Secretariat) said that the Board had before it two sets of Special Financial Regulations, one concerning the Special Account for the Headquarters Utilization Fund, and the other the Special Account for the contribution of the United States of America for the period 1 October to 31 December 2003. Both sets had been drawn up according to the standards approved by the Executive Board. Document 168 EX/4 Add. specified that the General Conference had approved the Board's recommendation that the Organization should assume the rental costs of the Director-General's accommodation as from 1 July 2003.
- 10.2 With regard to the contribution of the United States of America, the General Conference had suspended Article 5.2 of the Financial Regulations and decided to establish a Special Account for the contribution assessed for the final three months of 2003. The Special Financial Regulations had been drawn up to govern that Special Account.
- 10.3 He drew the Board's attention to paragraph 2 of the draft decision contained in paragraph 8 of document 168 EX/4, and recalled that the Legal Adviser had indicated that the Board should "approve" rather than "take note of" the amendments to the Special Regulations of the Special Account for the Headquarters Utilization Fund.
- 11. The CHAIRPERSON, replying to a proposal made by Mr SHEYA (United Republic of Tanzania), said that a reference to document 32 C/62 Corr. should be inserted in Article 3 of the Special Financial Regulations for the Special Account for the contribution of the United States of America. Furthermore, as Mr Warren had observed, paragraph 2 of the draft decision should be taken to read "approves" rather than "takes note".
- 12. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

- <u>Point 7</u> EXECUTION DU PROGRAMME
- Point 7.1 EDUCATION
- <u>Point 7.1.1</u> INVITATIONS A LA 47E SESSION DE LA CONFERENCE INTERNATIONALE DE L'EDUCATION (CIE) (168 EX/2)
- 13. Mme BAH DIALLO (Sous-Directrice générale adjointe pour l'éducation) présente le document 168 EX/2 dans lequel il est indiqué que la 47e session de la Conférence internationale de l'éducation se tiendra à Genève.
- 14. Mr KUSI-ACHAMPONG (Ghana) said that given the reference in paragraph 6 of document 168 EX/2 to States that were not members of UNESCO, but were members of at least one of the organizations of the United Nations system, the draft decision itself could benefit from being made more explicit, and accordingly its paragraph 3(b) should be amended to refer to "members of any organization of the United Nations system".
- 15. Mr SHEYA (United Republic of Tanzania) said that the exact reference of the General Conference resolution should be cited in paragraph 1 of the draft decision.
- 16. The CHAIRPERSON said that when the General Conference resolutions had been assigned numbers, the exact reference would be included in the text. He saw no objection to the amendment proposed by the representative of Ghana.
- 17. Mr TAVARES (Indonesia) pointed out that paragraph 1 of document 168 EX/2 stated erroneously that the event would be held in 2003 rather than 2004.
- 18. The draft decision contained in paragraph 11 of document 168 EX/2, as amended orally, was <u>adopted</u>.
- Point 7.1.2 INVITATIONS A UNE OU PLUSIEURS REUNIONS INTERGOUVER-NEMENTALES (DE CATEGORIE II) POUR L'ELABORATION D'UNE CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE CONTRE LE DOPAGE DANS LE SPORT (168 EX/3)
- 19. Mme BAH DIALLO (Sous-Directrice générale adjointe pour l'éducation) présente le document 168 EX/3 et demande que, dans le prolongement de la Table ronde des ministres et hauts responsables chargés de l'éducation physique et du sport tenue en janvier 2003 et conformément à la résolution de la Conférence générale relative à l'élaboration d'une Convention internationale contre le dopage dans le sport, le Conseil autorise la convocation d'une ou plusieurs réunions intergouvernementales de catégorie II.
- 20. Mr WILTSHIRE (Australia) said that his country was a great supporter of and contributor to the move towards a convention. It was to be hoped that all intergovernmental and expert meetings on the subject would have comprehensive geographical representation, and he urged the Director-General and the Secretariat to pursue that goal actively.
- 21. The DIRECTOR-GENERAL said that he would ensure that the meetings, in particular category VI meetings, would have appropriate geographic representation. The first meeting on the anti-doping convention would be a category II meeting, and he would therefore be inviting representatives of all governments to attend.
- 22. The draft decision contained in paragraph 12 of document 168 EX/3 was adopted.

#### Item 9 – GENERAL MATTERS

- <u>Item 9.1</u> PROPOSED DATES OF THE 169TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OF THE MEETINGS OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULES FOR SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS IN 2004-2005 (168 EX/INF.1)
- 23.1 The CHAIRPERSON said that in accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board determined at each session the dates and place of the following session. The dates could be modified if necessary by the Chairperson. Document 168 EX/INF.1 contained the dates proposed for the 169th session of the Executive Board, established on the basis of the actual duration of the Board's sessions in 2002-2003. The dates for subsequent sessions were purely indicative.
- 23.2 Some Members had wondered whether it would be possible, in the context of other meetings and conferences, to postpone the start of the 169th session from 13 to 19 April.
- 24. The DIRECTOR-GENERAL said that the traditional ceremony to mark World Press Freedom Day, 3 May, was due to be held in 2004 in Serbia and Montenegro, and his presence there over two days was indispensable. In addition, given the number of public holidays in early May, efforts were usually made to avoid holding the Board in the first week of that month. The proposed dates did not cover any holidays, falling as they did after the Easter break.
- 25. Ms ATKINSON (United Kingdom) said that she did not wish to complicate matters, but that it might be worth taking into consideration the Orthodox Easter, 11 April, and the dates of school holidays in the host State, which would be from 10 to 26 April in the Paris region.
- 26. M. MORANTE (Italie) rappelle lui aussi que le 11 avril est pour les chrétiens le jour de Pâques et correspond également à une période de vacances dans un grand nombre de pays, en particulier dans le pays hôte. Il se demande s'il ne vaudrait pas mieux repousser les dates de la session en utilisant un jour férié comme le 1er mai car il lui semble inopportun de faire travailler tout le Secrétariat pendant les vacances scolaires, période généralement mise à profit par de nombreux fonctionnaires pour se rendre dans leur pays. Il tient à souligner par ailleurs que l'UNESCO tient régulièrement compte, dans le calendrier des réunions, de périodes importantes pour d'autres religions, le ramadan notamment, ce dont il se félicite. Il demande donc que la fête chrétienne de Pâques, également importante pour de nombreux pays, soit elle aussi respectée.
- 27. El Sr. BARNET LANZA (Cuba) está totalmente de acuerdo con las fechas propuestas por el Director General; en cambio recuerda que el 1º de mayo se celebra en muchos países del mundo, entre ellos Cuba, el Día de los Trabajadores, razón suficiente para que esa jornada no sea laborable en la Organización.
  - (27) M. BARNET LANZA (Cuba) approuve entièrement les dates proposées par le Directeur général ; il rappelle en revanche que le 1er mai, jour de la fête du Travail, est célébré dans de nombreux pays du monde, notamment à Cuba, ce qui suffit à justifier qu'il ne soit pas un jour ouvré à l'Organisation.
- 28. The CHAIRPERSON said that it appeared that the original proposal should be maintained. It might be possible, however, to start later in the week the two meetings scheduled immediately after Easter Monday could perhaps take place a day later.
- 29. The DIRECTOR-GENERAL said that that should be feasible, and the session could end on 30 April, although that might mean representatives would have to travel on 1 May, a public holiday.

- 30. The CHAIRPERSON proposed that the spring session should start on 14 April, possibly in the afternoon, and should continue until 30 April, if necessary. In reply to a question by Mr HEPBURN (Bahamas), he said that Members would be informed in due course as to whether the plenary meetings would start on 19 April.
- 31. The dates proposed for the 169th session in document 168 EX/INF.1, as amended, were approved.
- <u>Item 9.2</u> TENTATIVE LIST, BY SUBJECT, OF MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2004-2005 (168 EX/INF.2)
- 32. The CHAIRPERSON emphasized that the list contained in document 168 EX/INF.2 was not exhaustive, and that Board Members could propose items for inclusion in the agenda throughout the biennium. The list had aimed to include questions arising from resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its 32nd session and decisions adopted by the Board at its 167th session.
- 33. Ms MOLINA (Italy) said that her country would like to see the resolution concerning carry-over funds adopted by the Fourteenth General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage reflected in the documentation on carry-over funds to be submitted to the Board at a later date.
- 34. Mr WILTSHIRE (Australia) said that he understood that the list was a tentative one, but wished to be assured that all the items referred to the Board by the General Conference were included in it. In particular, he failed to see any reference to the dialogue among civilizations or to the referral to the Board by the General Conference of the matter of governance and relations between the three organs of UNESCO.
- 35. The DIRECTOR-GENERAL said that the list had been drawn up over the previous weekend, and that some items could be missing. The list would be reviewed carefully.
- 36. Ms SABHARWAL (India) congratulated the Chairperson on his election. Her country endorsed the concerns expressed by the representative of Australia, in particular with respect to the question of dialogue among civilizations. She hoped that the question would be addressed in the Director-General's report on the execution of the programme, as it was a subject which should be covered by all the programme sectors.
- 37. Mr EINARSSON (Iceland) said that the Board had been trying to shorten the list of items on its agenda, but the proposal in hand was a little too radical. Most of the items that were already on the list in document 168 EX/INF.2 were of an administrative nature; more substantive items had to be filled in, such as a more general approach to the biotechnical problems, and the preparation for a possible convention on cultural diversity.
- 38. The CHAIRPERSON thanked the Secretariat for preparing the document at such short notice. He was certain that important substantive issues would not be omitted from the Board's agenda.
- 39.1 Mr AGGELER (United States of America) said that, as a new Member of the Board and of the Organization, his country congratulated the Chairperson, a colleague and a friend, on his election.
- 39.2 He wondered whether the item on Jerusalem should not refer to the implementation of the relevant General Conference resolution on the matter, rather than to the most recent Executive Board decision.

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40. The SECRETARY said that at its 169th session the Board would be examining the follow-up to the decision adopted by the Board at its 167th session, as requested in that decision, and that at its 170th session it would consider the follow-up to the relevant General Conference resolution, as requested in that resolution.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.