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EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
AT THEIR PREVIOUS SESSIONS**

SUMMARY

This report is intended to inform the Members of the Executive Board of progress in the follow-up of decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions.

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171 EX/Decision 61**Organization of a UNESCO regional ministerial conference on the strategic role of renewable energies in sustainable development in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, first half of 2006)**

1. By 171 EX/Decision 61, the Executive Board welcomed the initiative taken by Kazakhstan and supported by the Member States concerning the organization of a UNESCO regional ministerial conference on the strategic role of renewable energies in sustainable development in Central Asia, in Kazakhstan, in the first half of 2006; and invited the Director-General: (a) to consider and define possible arrangements for the Organization's intellectual and financial involvement in the implementation of this project, as well as the dissemination of the results of this conference, and (b) to submit a report thereon at its 172nd session.
2. To implement that decision, a draft concept paper was developed as the first announcement of the conference. The document, entitled "Renewable Energy for Development in Central Asia", covers the following aspects: (i) objectives of the event, (ii) definition of specific activities, (iii) partners, (iv) work programme, and (v) planning of the tasks.
3. A preparatory meeting is planned in Kazakhstan in September 2005 to inform and mobilize other international partners as well as United Nations entities present in Kazakhstan. The meeting will also review with local authorities concerned modalities for the implementation of the event and finalize the conference programme.
4. Preliminary contacts have recently been initiated with different institutions in order to mobilize potential partners and secure additional resources to complement the UNESCO and Kazakhstan contributions towards expenses. Following initial contacts, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has shown great interest in co-sponsoring the event.
5. The conference has been promoted at international events on renewable energy organized by and/or in association with UNESCO. Special mention of the conference was made during the 20th European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition organized from 6 to 10 June 2005 in Spain.

171 EX/Decision 66**International Programme for Environmental Development (IPED)**

1. The proposal of establishing an International Programme for Environmental Development was submitted to the 171st session of the Executive Board by the delegation of Italy. The Executive Board took note of the content of the document presented by Italy, as well as of document 171 EX/INF.20 presenting the comments of the Director-General thereon.
2. In this latter document, the Director-General recommended “that a feasibility study be carried out on the proposed Programme, which would seek, among other things, to identify (...) the centre/institute/other body that would house the Programme, and the relationship of such a body with UNESCO”.
3. Since the last session of the Board, as a follow-up on this matter, further discussions have taken place between the Secretariat and the Italian Authorities, who informed the Secretariat of their intention to request that the institution hosting the Programme be a UNESCO category I institute.
4. According to current procedures for the creation of such an Institute, it has been agreed that:
 - (i) an Aide Mémoire will be signed between UNESCO and the Italian Authorities, through which the parties will agree to explore the feasibility of the creation of such an Institute;
 - (ii) a joint task force will be put in place to carry out the feasibility study.
5. The feasibility study would have to be submitted to the Executive Board during the next biennium, with a view to a final decision by the General Conference at its 34th session.

171 EX/Decision 65**Proposal for a convention on broadcasting and new technologies**

1. By 171 EX/Decision 65, the Executive Board invited the Director-General to submit a proposal for a convention on broadcasting and the new technologies for examination at the next session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Rome Convention, and to report thereon to the Executive Board at its 172nd session. Pursuant to this decision, such a proposal was submitted for examination by the Intergovernmental Committee of the International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations (Rome Convention) at its 19th session, which took place on 27 and 28 June 2005 in Paris at UNESCO Headquarters.
2. Eleven out of the 12 members of the Committee were represented at the 19th session, namely: Belgium, Burkina Faso, Colombia, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Poland and the United Kingdom. Upon the invitation of the Chairperson of the Committee, the delegate of India participating as an observer introduced the proposal.
3. After deliberation, the opinion of the Committee was summarized by the Chairperson as follows: “The Committee examined the proposal of India further to the decision of the Executive Board of UNESCO and at the request of its Director-General. The Committee is concerned about duplication of work if negotiations were to be launched at UNESCO. All members of the Committee who took the floor were therefore not in favour of launching such negotiations and endorsed the continuation of efforts at WIPO. Three observers agreed with the opinion of the Committee members and two observers supported the proposal of India. UNESCO was encouraged to become more actively involved in the negotiations at WIPO.”

169 EX/Decision 3.4.5**Follow-up to and implementation of the main results of the Fourth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS IV)**

1. In 169 EX/Decision 3.4.5, the Executive Board invited the Director-General to convene the Fourth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS IV) in 2004 in Athens (Greece).
2. Pursuant to that decision, the Director-General organized MINEPS IV in Athens, from 6 to 8 December 2004, at the invitation of the Greek Government. Representatives from around 70 countries attended the meeting.
3. The purpose of MINEPS IV was to take up the challenges presented by the place of physical education and sport (PES) in society. The aim was mainly to halt the trend towards the downgrading of PES as a school discipline, to encourage the extension of the practice of physical and sports activities both in and outside school and to promote the ethical and universal values inherent in PES.
4. The participants in MINEPS IV reaffirmed their commitment to implementing coherent policies and practical measures to promote the development of physical education and sport (PES). Condemning doping, violence and forms of intolerance, they also reaffirmed their commitment to tackling the problems that are debasing the Olympic ideals and the educational values of sport. The importance of PES in achieving the Education for All (EFA) goals was also stressed.
5. The three commissions addressed respectively key issues such as: the fight against doping in sport, PES in quality education, the reinforcement of physical education and sport within education systems and, finally, the role of PES in the life and development of women and young girls.
6. The conclusions and the follow-up activities of MINEPS IV are as follows:
 - (a) the enhancement of physical education and sport within education systems as part of EFA;
 - (b) the finalization of the Draft International Convention against Doping in Sport, which is to be submitted to the General Conference at its 33rd session;
 - (c) the preservation and promotion of traditional games and sports;
 - (d) better coordination of the activities relating to the celebration of the International Year for Sport and Physical Education.
7. The Athens Declaration and the recommendations of the three Commissions of MINEPS IV, adopted in plenary meeting, are contained in document 172 EX/INF.7.