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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (169 EX/1 (prov.) Rev., 169 EX/INF.1 and 169 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 169 EX/1 (prov.) Rev. and 169 EX/INF.1.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.6, 3.4.7, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.7.3, 3.7.4, 4.1, 4.4, 7.4, 8.1 and 8.2; and for programme-related aspects, items 3.1, 3.2, 3.8.1, 6.7 and 7.3.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 and 6.8; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3.1, 3.2, 3.8.1, 6.7 and 7.3.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 169 EX/2 concerning the following agenda item:

- 3.4.5 Preparations for the Fourth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS IV) and invitations to the Conference

(169 EX/SR.1)

2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 167th AND 168th SESSIONS (167 EX/SR.1-9 and 168 EX/SR.1-2)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 167th and 168th sessions.

(169 EX/SR.1)

3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (169 EX/4 Part I and Add., Part II, 169 EX/INF.3, 169 EX/INF.4, 169 EX/INF.5, 169 EX/45 Part I and 169 EX/46 Part I)

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Management Chart

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/4 Part II,
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the significant improvement with regard to the timely closing of the accounts of the Organization for the biennium ended 31 December 2003;
3. Notes the adequacy of the rate of expenditure referred to in the document as the “global rate of implementation”;
4. Emphasizes the need to monitor closely expenditure on the renovation of Headquarters buildings, given the scale of the works planned and level of expenditure entailed, including expenditure financed by external borrowing.

(169 EX/SR.7)

II International Decade for the Promotion of Tolerance

The Executive Board,

1. Alarmed by the persistent rise of intolerance which leads to conflicts and terrorism,
2. Bearing in mind the responsibility of UNESCO in promoting tolerant behaviours based on universally recognized values,
3. Reaffirming the utmost necessity of further developing a positive dialogue among different cultures and civilizations,
4. Recalling the celebration in 1995 of the United Nations Year for Tolerance, initiated by UNESCO, and also United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/151 by which the United Nations General Assembly requested UNESCO to continue to be the lead United Nations agency in the promotion of tolerance and non-violence,
5. Reaffirms that there is no valid alternative to tolerance in modern societies, which are more interdependent and globalized than ever;
6. Bearing in mind the positive experience of the celebration of the United Nations Year for Tolerance and the adoption of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance on 16 November 1995 by the UNESCO General Conference at its 28th session that gave the opportunity to implement a large number of projects aimed at promoting tolerance and non-violence and to call the attention of the international community to the need to strengthen efforts in this regard,
7. Invites the Director-General to prepare a concept paper focusing on the possibility of an international decade for the promotion of tolerance;
8. Also invites the Director-General to report on this issue to it at its 171st session, taking account of other intersectoral activities and the activities of the United Nations system of a similar nature;
9. Further invites the Director-General to explore, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the possibility of declaring an international decade for the promotion of tolerance starting in 2006.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.2 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its previous sessions (169 EX/5 Part I and Part II, 169 EX/INF.4, 169 EX/INF.5, 169 EX/INF.6, 169 EX/45 Part I and 169 EX/46 Part I)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/5 (Part I),
2. Takes note of its contents.

(169 EX/SR.8)

II

Use of consultants and individual contractors by the Secretariat

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 161 EX/Decision 7.6 and 166 EX/Decision 3.1.2 on UNESCO's policy for the hiring of consultants,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/5 Part II,
3. Recognizing the need for further improving the policy for the hiring of consultants with a view to achieving a better balance between permanent and temporary staff and a wider geographical distribution,
4. Requests the Director-General to present to it, at its 171st session, along with his annual report on the use of consultants by the Secretariat, the outcome of his review of policies for the hiring of consultants and individual contractors.

(169 EX/SR.7)

3.3 Report by the Director-General on the reform process (169 EX/6 Part I, Part II and Part III, 169 EX/INF.4, 169 EX/INF.5 and 169 EX/46 Part II)

I

Staff policy

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/6 Part I,
2. Takes note of the work accomplished to develop and implement the new staff policy;
3. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the new staff policy and to report thereon, with particular reference to the expected and, where appropriate, achieved results at its 171st session;
4. Requests the Director-General to report on the preparation of the medium- and long-term staffing strategy at its 170th session, setting it within the context of UNESCO's strategic objectives in the various programme areas.

II

New management tools

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 3.1.3,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/6 Part II,
3. Takes note of the progress made, problems encountered and remedial action taken in the implementation of the new integrated management information systems, covering programming and budgeting (SISTER), finance and budgeting (FABS) and human resources management;
4. Takes note further of the under-budgeting of the new management information systems;

5. Recalls 32 C/Resolution 61, which underscores the importance of ensuring adequate funding in the regular budget for essential management tools and which also invites Member States to consider providing voluntary contributions to complement the available budget resources;
6. Requests the Director-General during the current biennium to identify areas where efficiency gains could be achieved in order to liberate funds for these management tools that are essential for programme delivery;
7. Also requests the Director-General in preparatory work on document 33 C/5 to make provision for funding of essential management tools;
8. Invites the Director-General to submit a progress report to it at its 171st session.

III Decentralization

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 3.1.3 (Part III) and 167 EX/Decision 4.3,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/6 Part III,
3. Takes note of the continued efforts made by the Director-General to implement the decentralization strategy and the progress achieved to date;
4. Also takes note of the Plan of Action annexed to document 169 EX/6 Part III, which sets out the progress made in dealing with the issues raised in document 167 EX/14;
5. Invites the Director-General to highlight the results achieved under the Plan of Action in the report that he will submit to it at its 171st session.

(169 EX/SR.7)

3.4 Education

3.4.1 Report by the Director-General on the eighth session of the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), and report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (169 EX/7 and 169 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 4.4, 157 EX/Decision 6.3 and 162 EX/Decision 3.2.2,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/7,
3. Deeply concerned at the continuing decline in the overall status of teachers, which has reached alarming proportions in recent years and has negative implications for the achievement of education for all goals, as indicated in the report of the Joint ILO-UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART),

4. Takes note of the report of the eighth session of the Joint Committee (CEART/8/2003/11);
5. Appreciates the work of the Joint Committee in stimulating action to promote greater awareness and wider application of the 1966 and 1997 Recommendations concerning the status of teaching personnel;
6. Invites the Director-General to assist CEART in carrying out its next cycle of work, the report of which, due in 2006, will be submitted to the Executive Board;
7. Also invites the Director-General to communicate the report of the Joint Committee to Member States, their National Commissions and their partners, international teachers' organizations and other relevant international organizations having relations with UNESCO, asking them to disseminate it as widely as possible, and to encourage them to continue to intensify their efforts to apply all provisions of the 1966 and 1997 Recommendations to improve the status of the teaching profession;
8. Further invites the Director-General to take practical measures at the regional and subregional levels towards the implementation of the provisions of both normative instruments (1966 and 1997) and of the recommendations of CEART as contained in its 2003 report.

(169 EX/SR.9)

3.4.2 United Nations University: Report by the Council of the University and the Director-General's comments thereon (169 EX/8 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/8,
2. Recognizing the key role of the United Nations University (UNU) as a bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations system,
3. Considering the efforts made to rationalize the management of the University and constantly improve its operation,
4. Recognizing the excellent quality of the relationship that has developed between UNU and UNESCO over the years,
5. Notes with satisfaction the development of the programme and activities of UNU;
6. Expresses its appreciation of the active participation of UNU in the programme and activities of UNESCO;
7. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Japan for the financial and intellectual support that it gives to UNU;
8. Further expresses its gratitude to the Member States in which the research and training centres (RTCs) are located for their financial and intellectual support;
9. Thanks the governments and organizations that have contributed to the University's funds-in-trust and have provided support for its research and training centres and programmes;

10. Renews its support to the Rector of UNU, Professor Hans van Ginkel;
11. Invites the University to ensure a balanced presence in all regions of the world and to strengthen its efforts in support of activities, in particular in developing countries;
12. Invites the Director-General to communicate to the Chair of the Council of the United Nations University and to the Rector the text of this decision.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.4.3 United Nations Literacy Decade: Progress report 2003-2004 (169 EX/9 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 9.1.1, whereby the Director-General was requested to report regularly on the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD) and authorized to prepare the report for the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session,
2. Bearing in mind that the attainment of literacy is a pre-requisite for achieving the global objectives of education for all (EFA) and the International Development Goals adopted in the Millennium Declaration,
3. Having examined document 169 EX/9 on the progress of the United Nations Literacy Decade,
4. Requests the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's capacity to fulfil its international role in coordinating efforts relating to the Decade by mobilizing the human and financial resources required to maintain the momentum generated during the Decade's launch year, insisting on actions and strategies that lead to concrete progress;
5. Also requests the Director-General to include a special focus on E-9 and sub-Saharan African countries and countries with particular needs, in the Decade;
6. Further requests the Director-General to strengthen UNESCO's capacity to fulfil its task through investment in advocacy campaigns and partnerships ensuring linkage to the EFA goals, with special emphasis on gender;
7. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to work closely with UNLD partners including United Nations organizations and bi-/multilateral development agencies to ensure the attainment of literacy;
 - (b) to monitor continuously the progress of the Decade and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session as well as to the Executive Board every two years, beginning in 2005;
 - (c) within the framework of national development plans, to reinforce assistance to the Member States in need for the purposes of practical strategy, project planning and implementation of functional literacy activities.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.4.4 Report by the Director-General on the progress achieved in implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action (169 EX/10 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 3.2.1,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/10,
3. Recalling the recommendations of the third meeting of the High-Level Group and the subsequent debate by the Executive Board,
4. Recalling further UNESCO's mandated role of coordinating education for all (EFA) partners and maintaining their collaborative momentum,
5. Reaffirms its commitment to the importance and centrality of the follow-up to the World Education Forum in UNESCO's education programme;
6. Requests the Director-General to undertake a strategic review focusing on specific UNESCO outputs for presentation to the Executive Board at its 170th session, with an analysis and recommendations on UNESCO's tasks, including its capacity for coordination and more effective linkages between the Working Group on EFA, the High-Level Group, the Fast-Track Initiative Partners Group and other relevant stakeholders;
7. Also requests the Director-General to develop a strategy (2005-2015) and a results-based implementation plan on UNESCO-assigned EFA tasks for each year up to 2015, as well as on the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012), to be included in the programme and budget.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.4.5 Preparations for the Fourth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS IV) and invitations to the Conference (169 EX/12 and 169 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the recommendations of MINEPS III and of the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (Paris, 9-10 January 2003) and the proposals of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS),
2. Taking note of the feasibility study in favour of holding the fourth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS IV),
3. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to MINEPS IV,
4. Invites the Director-General to convene the fourth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport, during the course of 2004 in Athens, Greece;

5. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate with the right to vote in the Conference will be extended to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be extended to all the States mentioned in paragraph 11 of document 169 EX/12;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference will be extended to Palestine;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Conference will be extended to the organizations of the United Nations system listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Annex II to document 169 EX/12;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be extended to the intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations listed in paragraphs 3 to 5 of Annex II to document 169 EX/12;
 - (f) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be extended to the institutions and foundations mentioned in paragraph 6 of Annex II to document 169 EX/12;
 - (g) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be extended to the international organizations listed in paragraph 7 of Annex II to document 169 EX/12;
6. Authorizes the Director-General to extend any other invitations that he may deem useful for the work of MINEPS IV, informing the Executive Board accordingly;
7. Urges the Member States to take immediate steps, within their fields of competence and in the framework of international cooperation, to cooperate in organizing the fourth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport.

(169 EX/SR.1)

3.4.6 The Olympic Truce (*Ekecheiria*) (169 EX/37 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 58/6 of 3 November 2003, “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal”,
2. Recalling also: (a) resolution 48/11 of 25 October 1993 by which the United Nations General Assembly restored the ancient Greek tradition of the *Ekecheiria*, or “Olympic Truce”, to further the observance during the Games of a truce that will foster the creation of a peaceful environment and enable athletes and other people concerned to attend the Games and participate in them in complete safety, thereby rallying young people the world over in the cause of peace; and (b) the appeal launched in the Millennium Declaration for the Olympic Truce to be observed now and in the future and for the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to be supported in its efforts to promote peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic Ideal,

3. Noting that the Games of the XXVIIIth Olympiad will take place from 13 to 29 August 2004 in Athens in the country, Greece, that gave birth to the Olympic Games in Antiquity, where the Games were revived in 1896 and where the tradition of the Olympic Truce came into being,
4. Considering that the appeal launched by the IOC for the observance of an Olympic truce, an appeal with which the National Olympic Committees of Member States are associated, could significantly help to realize the goals and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO,
5. Welcoming the establishment by the IOC of an International Olympic Truce Foundation and International Olympic Truce Centre to promote more actively the ideals of peace and understanding through sport, whose Board of Directors includes the current President of the General Assembly and representatives of the United Nations Secretary-General and of the Director-General of UNESCO,
6. Gratified by the support given by distinguished personalities worldwide in their individual capacities for promotion of the Olympic Truce,
7. Taking account of the joint organization by the IOC and UNESCO of the World Conference on Education and Sport for a Culture of Peace in Paris from 5 to 7 July 1999, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/13 of 20 November 1997, and their initiation of a programme of action pursuant to resolution 53/243 of 13 September 1999,
8. Having examined document 169 EX/37,
9. Considering the proposal made by the representative of Greece for an item entitled *Ekecheiria* or Olympic Truce to be included in the provisional agenda of the 169th session of the Executive Board to be of importance,
10. Urges Member States, in the framework of the Constitution of UNESCO, to observe the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, during the Games of the XXVIIIth Olympiad, to be held in Athens, Greece, from 13 to 29 August 2004;
11. Requests the Director-General to promote the Olympic Truce among Member States on the basis of, among other things, human development initiatives through sport and to work with the IOC for the achievement of these objectives;
12. Welcomes the fact that the IOC has decided to mobilize all international sports bodies, and that the National Olympic Committees of Member States have decided to take concrete measures at the local, national, regional and global levels to promote and strengthen a culture of peace in the spirit of the Olympic Truce;
13. Further welcomes the implementation of a larger number of sports-based development projects, and encourages Member States and all the United Nations agencies and programmes concerned to strengthen their activities in this field in conjunction with the IOC.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.4.7 State of progress of the preparations for the 47th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE), to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 September 2004 on the theme of quality education for all young people: challenges, trends and priorities (169 EX/41 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/41,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.5 Natural sciences

3.5.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress on an international basic sciences programme (IBSP), including draft statutes for an IBSP Scientific Board (169 EX/13 and Corr. and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 3.4.2 on the report by the Director-General on the recommendations of the Ad hoc Committee of Experts on an international basic sciences programme, and 32 C/Resolution 15,
2. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the progress on an international basic sciences programme (IBSP), including draft statutes for an IBSP Scientific Board (169 EX/13 and Corr.),
3. Recognizing that the worldwide effort that the IBSP entails coincides with the strategic objectives the Organization set out in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 and with its unique mandate for the basic sciences within the United Nations system,
4. Seeking considerable reinforcement of intergovernmental cooperation in building national capacities in science through an IBSP that focuses on major region-specific actions involving a network of national, regional and international centres in the basic sciences,
5. Emphasizing that the IBSP introduces a new international platform for implementation of the follow-up to the World Conference on Science in the framework of UNESCO's programme in the basic sciences,
6. Noting that the statutes proposed for the IBSP Scientific Board comply with those of advisory committees (in category V of the applicable Regulations for meetings), and highlight the participation of experts from all regions and women scientists,
7. Stressing that today more than ever governments, the private sector and international organizations should provide enhanced support for building up adequate and evenly distributed scientific and technological capacities through basic research and science education programmes as an indispensable foundation for economic, social, cultural and environmentally sound development,

8. Takes note of developments in the establishment of the IBSP presented in document 169 EX/13, and IBSP-related actions which the Director-General has suggested for 2004-2005 in that document;
9. Approves the statutes of the IBSP Scientific Board as annexed to this decision;
10. Invites Members States to continue to identify, and inform the Director-General of, priority projects in the basic sciences that they would propose for implementation in the framework of the IBSP;
11. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) take the actions he proposed in document 169 EX/13 for building up IBSP activity in 2004-2005;
 - (b) present the IBSP in document 33 C/5 as a new flagship initiative that has a specified strategy, content, expected results and budgetary provisions for regional and international projects within the subprogramme on capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences;
 - (c) submit a report to it at its 172nd session, and then to the General Conference at its 33rd session, on the development of the IBSP and the strategy of action proposed for 2006-2007.

ANNEX

Statutes of the Scientific Board of the International Basic Sciences Programme

Article 1

- 1.1 The International Basic Sciences Programme, hereinafter referred to as the “IBSP”, aims at the reinforcement of intergovernmental cooperation in strengthening national capacities in the basic sciences and science education through major region-specific actions involving a network of national, regional and international centres of excellence or benchmark centres in the basic sciences (32 C/Resolution 14, para. 6(a)(iii)).
- 1.2 A Scientific Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, is hereby established as a category V Advisory Committee to monitor the IBSP and to advise the Director-General thereon. In conformity with the rules concerning Advisory Committees, the reports of the Board shall be addressed to the Director-General, who shall decide what use shall be made of them. The Executive Board shall be kept informed by the Director-General of the results of the Committee’s proceedings.

Article 2

- 2.1 The Board shall be composed of up to 30 members appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO following consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO, and principal partners of UNESCO in the basic sciences, such as the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), and the International Council for Science (ICSU) and its scientific unions particularly specialized in the fields of basic sciences.
- 2.2 Members appointed to the Board shall be scientists actively engaged in activities in the basic sciences that relate to the objectives of the IBSP in research, science education,

science management and the promotion of international cooperation, taking into account an equitable geographical distribution, participation of women scientists and involvement of international non-governmental scientific organizations – major partners with which UNESCO has signed an Agreement on Cooperation within the IBSP (c.f. Article 5.2). All members of the Board shall be specialists serving in an individual capacity.

- 2.3 Members of the Board shall be appointed for a term of three years. Taking into account both the need for continuity and the need for rotation of membership, members shall be eligible for reappointment for a further term of three years, but shall not serve continuously for more than six years and every three years, at least half of the Board members shall be replaced.
- 2.4 In case of death or resignation of an appointed member, this member may be replaced for the remainder of his/her term in accordance with the procedure defined in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above.
- 2.5 Each appointed member shall have one vote.
- 2.6 The representative designated by the Director-General of UNESCO shall be an *ex officio* member of the Board with no right to vote.

Article 3

- 3.1 The Board shall meet at least once a year at the invitation of UNESCO. If necessary, the Board may provide its advisory service through the use of electronic means of communication.
- 3.2 Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to sessions of the Board.
- 3.3 Representatives of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system may attend the sessions of the Board. Other intergovernmental organizations may be invited by UNESCO to send observers to meetings of the Board.
- 3.4 Observers of interested international scientific organizations may be invited to attend sessions of the Board in accordance with the regulations and rules in force in UNESCO.
- 3.5 Representatives and observers referred to in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.4 above shall not have the right to vote.

Article 4

- 4.1 At its first session, the Board shall elect from among its members a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons. These shall form the Board's Bureau, which shall also include, as an *ex officio* member, the designated representative of the Director-General referred to in Article 2.6.
- 4.2 The Board shall elect a new Bureau at each of its sessions following renewal of its membership, in accordance with Articles 2.1 to 2.3. Members of the Bureau shall be eligible for re-election.
- 4.3 UNESCO may convene meetings of the Bureau between, or in conjunction with, sessions of the Board or, if possible, replace these meetings by consultations with the use of information and communication technologies.

- 4.4 The Board may assign to its own Bureau certain duties such as the approval of reconsidered and modified IBSP project proposals, progress reports on IBSP projects or revised final reports of IBSP projects.
- 4.5 The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure, which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.

Article 5

- 5.1 In complying with Article 1.2, the Board shall be responsible for supervising, from the scientific point of view, and for monitoring, the implementation of the IBSP, for studying proposals concerning developments and modifications of the programme, for assisting in the development of national, regional and international projects related to the IBSP, for evaluating project proposals received, and for making recommendations on new and ongoing IBSP projects, and for any measures that may be required for the successful implementation and development of the programme.
- 5.2 The Board may recommend to the Director-General the granting of status of major IBSP partner to international or regional non-governmental or intergovernmental scientific organizations already officially recognized by UNESCO (NGO Directives or Agreements with IGOs) that envisage sustained commitment to both cooperation in the implementation of the programme and the provision of financial resources for programme activity. This status of major IBSP partner shall be granted in the framework of an Agreement on Cooperation within the IBSP signed by the Director-General or his/her representative.
- 5.3 The Board shall monitor the development of international and regional partnerships within the IBSP with scientific non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, in particular those to which UNESCO has granted the status of major IBSP partner, and shall report to the Director-General thereon.
- 5.4 The Board may suggest changes in the policy, scope or organization of the IBSP to the Director-General of UNESCO.
- 5.5 In carrying out its activities, the Board may make full use of the facilities offered by UNESCO, other international organizations, governments and foundations.
- 5.6 The Board may consult appropriate international, regional or national governmental and non-governmental scientific and educational institutions concerning proposals for IBSP projects and partnerships in the implementation of IBSP projects.
- 5.7 The Board shall, when required, coordinate the IBSP with other related international scientific programmes, especially with UNESCO's IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST programmes.

Article 6

- 6.1 A secretariat for the IBSP and its Board shall be provided by UNESCO at its Headquarters. The designated representative of the Director-General of UNESCO shall be Executive Secretary of the IBSP.
- 6.2 The secretariat shall take the steps required for the convening of the sessions of the Board.

Article 7

- 7.1 The Board shall prepare and submit a report on the progress of the IBSP to each ordinary session of the General Conference of UNESCO. On such occasions, the report shall also be submitted to the governing bodies of the organizations having the status of major IBSP partners (c.f. Article 5.2).
- 7.2 The Chairperson of the IBSP shall join the Steering Group of Chairpersons of the intergovernmental programmes of UNESCO, namely: IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST, and shall contribute to the Joint Communication of the Chairpersons to the Director-General and the General Conference at each of its ordinary sessions.

Article 8

These Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board by a simple majority, except when they reproduce provisions of existing rules or other UNESCO legislative texts.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.6 Social and human sciences

3.6.1 Report by the Director-General on the evaluation of the impact of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) (169 EX/15 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 26,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/15,
3. Appreciates the role of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) in stimulating reflection on the ethics of science and technology;
4. Welcomes UNESCO's new orientation with regard to the ethics of science and technology;
5. Takes note with interest of the COMEST report on the teaching of ethics and encourages the intensification of activities in this field;
6. Requests the Director-General to keep it informed of the action he intends to take on the advice and recommendations of COMEST concerning the advisability of drafting an international declaration on the ethics of outer space, reporting on his consultations with the other specialized agencies within the United Nations system and other competent organizations;
7. Further requests the Director-General to prepare a study, in cooperation with the International Council for Science, on the advisability of elaborating an international declaration on science ethics to serve as a basis for an ethical code of conduct for scientists;

8. Invites the Director-General to keep it informed of the studies undertaken to examine the principles of environmental ethics and to identify possible international actions in this field;
9. Also invites the Director-General to convey to the Chairperson of COMEST the terms of this decision.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.6.2 Report by the Director-General on the drawing up of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics (169 EX/16 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights (1997) and the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data (2003),
2. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 24,
3. Having examined document 169 EX/16,
4. Welcomes the initiatives already undertaken by the Director-General with a view to the elaboration of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics, which is a priority for UNESCO;
5. Takes note with satisfaction of the efforts made to involve Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations and relevant national bodies in the process of drafting the declaration on universal norms on bioethics;
6. Approves the proposed timetable for the elaboration of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics, established in consultation with the Bureaux of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) and contained in document 169 EX/16 and invites the Director-General to pursue it, including adequate consultation with all relevant United Nations and other multilateral organizations, including FAO, WHO, WIPO and WTO;
7. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 170th session.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.6.3 Preparation of a strategy on philosophy (169 EX/39 Rev. and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the importance of philosophy and the role it can play in the conduct of human affairs,
2. Taking note with satisfaction of the Director-General's efforts to reinvigorate the Philosophy Programme at UNESCO,
3. Considering the twofold requirement for diagnosis and forecasting and the need for practically oriented rigorous philosophical studies related to the global problems of the present-day world,

4. Taking into account the necessity to put philosophically scrutinized concepts and philosophical reflection and analysis at the foundation of UNESCO's overall programmes,
5. Stressing the need to promote harmony and pluralism in society through philosophical education and the teaching of philosophy on a wider scale,
6. Having examined document 169 EX/39 Rev.,
7. Requests the Director-General to propose to it, at its 171st session, an intersectoral strategy on philosophy to be drafted in close consultation with the Member States and their National Commissions, relevant NGOs and eminent personalities.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.7 Culture

3.7.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 167 EX/Decision 3.6.1 and 32 C/Resolution 39 (169 EX/17 and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only))

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 39, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocol and of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage,
2. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, will in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
3. Expressing its deep concern at all of the obstacles which seriously undermine the protection and safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Jerusalem,
4. Taking note of document 169 EX/17 concerning Jerusalem,
5. Expressing its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained and praiseworthy efforts to implement 32 C/Resolution 39 on the safeguarding of the Old City of Jerusalem and inviting him to pursue his efforts to obtain its implementation,
6. Takes note with satisfaction:
 - (a) of the mission of Professor Andrea Papi (Italy) concerning the establishment of a centre for the conservation of Islamic manuscripts in the al-Ashrafiya Madrasa on the Esplanade of the Mosques (al-Haram ash-Sharif);
 - (b) of the institutional mission led by the Director of the World Heritage Centre with the President of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), Professor Michael Petzet, and the Director-General of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM),

Dr Nicholas Stanley-Price, which visited Jerusalem from 28 February to 5 March 2004, and which was able to establish an inventory and make contact with the authorities concerned;

7. Reiterates its request to the Director-General to establish an international committee of independent experts, highly qualified technically and professionally, to be entrusted with proposing, on the basis of document 169 EX/17, the guidelines of the programmed plan of action and proposals for its implementation, and to do so in consultation with the parties concerned;
8. Invites the Director-General to submit a full report to it at its 170th session;
9. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 170th session.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.7.2 Cultural diversity: summary of preliminary work and category VI meetings of experts, and prospects (169 EX/11, 169 EX/40 and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only))

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 34,
2. Having taken note of document 169 EX/11,
3. Having examined document 169 EX/40,
4. Having been informed of the results of the first two category VI meetings of experts concerning the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions, held in Paris from 17 to 20 December 2003 and from 30 March to 3 April 2004,
5. Takes note of the timetable proposed by the Director-General and requests him to continue his efforts to ensure the preparation, in accordance with Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions, of a preliminary report together with a preliminary draft international convention;
6. Invites the Director-General to convene meetings of government experts (category II) aimed at taking forward the preparation of the preliminary draft convention in order to report to the General Conference at its 33rd session;
7. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate with the right to vote in one or more intergovernmental meetings (category II) to draw up an international convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the States mentioned in the Annex to document 169 EX/40;

- (c) that an invitation to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in section (c) of the Annex to document 169 EX/40;
- (d) that invitations to send representatives to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in section (d) of the Annex to document 169 EX/40;
- (e) that invitations to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in sections (e) (i), (ii), (iii), (f) and (g) of the Annex to document 169 EX/40;
- (f) that the Director-General is authorized to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for the work of the above-mentioned intergovernmental meeting or meetings (category II), notifying the Executive Board thereof.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.7.3 Strengthening of the World Heritage Centre's capacities to carry out its responsibility for the implementation of the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (169 EX/14 Rev. and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the clear indications given by all UNESCO Member States that more resources should be allocated for concrete programmes and activities than for administration,
2. Recalling the request made by the General Conference at its 31st session and endorsed in UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 that resources should be concentrated on high priority activities and key strategic programmes,
3. Recalling the debate at the 32nd session of the General Conference and the call for an overall increase in the human and financial resources allocated to the Culture Sector, whose action to protect heritage has been unanimously acknowledged and praised,
4. Recalling the debate at the XIV General Assembly of States Parties to the 1972 Convention, and in particular resolution 14 GA 5,
5. Recalling that the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) has already started and reaffirming the paramount role in this process of the General Conference and of the Executive Board as governing bodies and as policy- and decision-making bodies,
6. Requests the Director-General to consider allocating, in document 33 C/5, additional resources to the World Heritage Centre, in particular as regards the permanent staff, for the priorities identified by States Parties and the World Heritage Committee in regard to the implementation of the 1972 Convention, by examining whether the resources currently allocated to the Centre for its institutional tasks are adequate and taking into account the needs of the different regions;

7. Invites the Director-General to take full account of the views and requests expressed by Member States at the 32nd session of the General Conference and at the XIV General Assembly of the States Parties to the 1972 Convention as well as of the debates during the 169th session of the Executive Board in order to ensure appropriate follow-up in the preparation of document 33 C/5.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.7.4 Transitional measures in view of the entry into force of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (169 EX/38 and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only))

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the unanimous adoption of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage by the General Conference at its 32nd session,
2. Emphasizing the need to implement a strategy for raising awareness of the Convention and for promoting it in the Member States,
3. Recommends to the Director-General that he ensure close cooperation with Member States in the implementation of this strategy, specially by inviting them to take appropriate measures at national level for the ratification of the Convention;
4. Invites the Director-General to provide adequate resources for the effective implementation of this Convention in the preparation of document 33 C/5 and to report to it at its 171st session on the strategy for raising awareness of and promoting the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

(169 EX/SR.8)

3.8 Communication and information

3.8.1 Establishment of the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize (169 EX/18 Rev. and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only))

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind that the Government of the Republic of Korea proposed to establish and fund a UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize within the framework of the Memory of the World Programme, and reaffirmed that commitment at the 32nd session of the General Conference,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/18 Rev. concerning the creation of the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize,
3. Expresses to the Republic of Korea its gratitude for this initiative and for the generous offer to fund the Prize and also the operating costs thereof;
4. Approves the statutes of the “UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize” as annexed hereto, it being understood that they could be modified after the overall review of UNESCO prizes to be submitted to the Executive Board at its 171st session.

ANNEX

Statutes of the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Prize is to commemorate the inscription of the *Buljo jikji simche yojeol*, the oldest known book of movable metal print in the world, in the Memory of the World Register, and to contribute to the preservation of documentary heritage as a common heritage of humanity and to its accessibility.

2. Designation, amount and periodicity of the Prize

- (a) The Prize shall be entitled “The UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize”.
- (b) The Prize shall be funded by the Republic of Korea through arrangements made with the Municipal Council of Cheongju City and shall consist of a sum of US \$30,000 for each UNESCO biennium.
- (c) The Prize shall be awarded on an initial basis for five biennia.
- (d) The operating costs of the Prize and also all costs related to the award ceremony shall be fully covered by the Republic of Korea.
- (e) Should the Republic of Korea decide to terminate the prize, any surplus funds for the prize in UNESCO’s accounts shall be returned to it.

3. Conditions

The candidates shall be persons (juridical or natural) who have made a significant contribution to the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage.

4. Designation of the prizewinner

The prizewinner shall be designated by the Director-General of UNESCO, on the recommendation of the Jury of the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize.

5. Jury

- (a) The Jury shall consist of all the members of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme, sitting as the Jury of the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize. The quorum for the Jury shall be seven members.
- (b) The Jury shall adopt its own working procedures in conformity with these Statutes and shall be assisted by a member of the UNESCO Secretariat designated by the Director-General. Decisions shall be taken by consensus to the extent possible, and otherwise by secret ballot until a simple majority is obtained. In the event of a tied vote, the Jury shall have the option of awarding the prize to two candidates, between whom it will be equally divided. A Jury member shall not take part in a vote concerning a nomination from his or her country.
- (c) A working group of the Jury shall make a pre-selection to limit candidates to no more than twelve, if necessary. The working group shall consist of all five persons serving in the Bureau of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme, sitting as the working group of the Jury. The quorum for the working group shall be three members.
- (d) In order to minimize costs, the Jury and its working group shall hold a special meeting on the occasion of meetings of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme and of its Bureau, respectively.

6. Nomination of candidates

The Director-General of UNESCO shall invite the submission of nominations to the secretariat of the Prize, by 31 December of every even year, from the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and from intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) maintaining official relations with the Organization. The work of the IGOs and INGOs must be in the field of preservation and conservation of documentary heritage. Each Member State, IGO and INGO may designate no more than three candidates for each biennium.

7. Submission of nominations

Each nomination must include, in English or in French:

- (a) a description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- (b) a summary of the work submitted for consideration;
- (c) a review of the way in which the work submitted has contributed to the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage.

8. Procedure for the awarding of the Prize

The Director-General of UNESCO shall announce the name of the winner(s). The Director-General (or his/her representative) shall award the Prize at an official ceremony held for that purpose either in Paris or in Cheongju City, Republic of Korea, on the occasion of Jikji Day, as from the 2004-2005 biennium.

9. Amendments to the Statutes of the Prize

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

(169 EX/SR.8)

4 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

4.1 Report by the Director-General on the strengthening of the capacities of the Executive Board to carry out its responsibility for the execution of the programme approved by the General Conference (169 EX/19 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the debate at the 32nd session of the General Conference on the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5),
2. Reaffirming its role as a governing body and as a policy- and decision-making body,
3. Recognizing the progress achieved thus far in implementing a results-based programming, budgeting, management and reporting process (RBM),
4. Requests the Director-General, at the first session of each biennium, to report on the preparations for drafting the programme and budget for the following biennium;
5. Further requests the Director-General, in the context of his preliminary proposals presented at the second session of each biennium, to outline in particular:

- (a) strategic priorities, with clear objectives for the biennium;
 - (b) necessary adjustments to the programme in order to focus resources on the highest priority areas;
 - (c) measures to strengthen further the reform process;
6. Requests also the Director-General, when presenting the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5), to:
- (a) link the presentation of all resources, i.e. regular programme and extrabudgetary resources, to a full picture of expected results;
 - (b) specify how all costs associated with programme delivery (new integrated management systems, results-based management, Headquarters renovation and maintenance, security, staff and field offices) may be accommodated within the regular budget in order to ensure efficient delivery of the programme and the achievement of UNESCO's objectives;
7. Invites the Director-General, in the context of a more rigorous results-based approach, to present in his report on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (EX/4) an assessment of progress achieved towards the realization of expected results in each of the five programme areas and management, including the strategic objectives set out in the C/4 document.

(169 EX/SR.8)

4.2 Working methods of the Executive Board within the context of relations between the three organs of UNESCO (169 EX/20 and 169 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 4.1,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/20,
3. Decides that:
 - (a) the information meetings, referred to in the Annex to 155 EX/Decision 5.4, shall be open, in future, to all Member States of the Organization, and a report on the proceedings shall be sent to all Member States;
 - (b) a thematic debate, led by an internationally renowned figure on themes of particular relevance to the Organization, shall be organized during the second Executive Board session of the first year of the biennium, that is, midway between two General Conference sessions;
4. Invites the Special Committee to continue its examination of the working methods of the Executive Board, including those of the Commissions and Committees.

(169 EX/SR.7)

4.3 **Proposals concerning criteria for establishing the agenda of the Executive Board** (169 EX/21 (Rev. in English only) and 169 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 4.2,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/21 Rev.,
3. Decides to consider at its 170th session the following proposed amendments to its Rules of Procedure (N.B. the words or phrases to be added are underlined):

Rule 7 – Adoption of the agenda

1. The Board shall adopt its agenda at the beginning of each session.
2. Items shall not be examined more than twice in each biennium unless decided by a simple majority of the Executive Board, except for:
 - (a) questions required by the Constitution and the present Rules or any other applicable Rules and Regulations;
 - (b) questions on which decision is pending.
3. The Executive Board shall ensure that the provisions of Article 13.1 of the Financial Regulations are applied.
4. Urges Member States to send to the Chairperson the items that they wish to see placed on the agenda at least 40 days prior to the opening of the session, accompanied by an explanatory note;
5. Decides further that questions whose inclusion has been decided by the Board at previous sessions, but which do not require a new decision, should be grouped under one item, i.e. the “Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its previous sessions”.

(169 EX/SR.8)

4.4 **Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2002-2003 biennium** (169 EX/22 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 4.4,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/22 and taking into consideration the evaluation reports that have been presented,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators and of the report of the Director-General on the implementation of these recommendations,
4. Invites the Director-General to implement in an appropriate manner recommendations which improve the programmes to which they relate and to continue to improve the quality of evaluations by implementing the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;

5. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to it on evaluations that are carried out on the Organization's programme activities, and on the progress made in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations and in strengthening the quality of the evaluations undertaken.

(169 EX/SR.8)

5 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

5.1 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 (169 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 169 EX/3 PRIV. and Add. and Corr.)

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

(169 EX/SR.9)

6 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

6.1 Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 2002-2003 and on the transfers made between appropriation lines for the purpose of closing the accounts for 2002-2003 (169 EX/23 (and Corr. in French only) and 169 EX/46 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Appropriation Resolution for 2002-2003 (31 C/Resolution 73, para. A(b)) which authorizes the Director-General to accept voluntary contributions, donations and contributions from governments towards the cost of established field units, reporting thereon to the Members of the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action,
2. Recalling also that the same Appropriation Resolution for 2002-2003 (para. A(f)) authorizes the Director-General, in urgent and special circumstances, to make transfers between appropriation lines, informing the Members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of the transfers made and the reasons therefor,
3. Having examined document 169 EX/23,
4. Takes note of the increase in the appropriations to the regular budget for 2002-2003 by adding the carry-forward of the unspent balance from the 2000-2001 budget amounting to \$8,005,346 and by accepting donations and special contributions amounting to \$3,769,082 received from governments and institutions;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the donors mentioned in Annex I to document 169 EX/23;
6. Notes, subject to final audit, that there is an unspent balance amounting to \$2,109,926 under the Adjusted Appropriation for 2002-2003 and that, in accordance with 32 C/Resolution 64 (paras. 5, 6 and 7), the Director-General has presented his budget proposals for the use of these funds in document 169 EX/25;
7. Takes note of the transfers made between appropriation lines to close the accounts for 2002-2003.

(169 EX/SR.7)

6.2 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2004-2005 (169 EX/24 and 169 EX/46 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director General's proposals for transfers within the 2004-2005 budget in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 32nd session (32 C/Resolution 85, para. A(d)), document 169 EX/24 and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (169 EX/46 Part II),
2. Approves the transfer of \$2,340,000 from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget to cover increases in staff costs on account of statutory and other factors;
3. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table annexed to the present decision;
4. Invites the Director-General, when preparing document 33 C/5, to make proposals for alternative methods of budgeting for anticipated and unanticipated cost increases over the biennium, for example, by the creation of a contingency reserve.

Revised Appropriation Table for 2004-2005

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	Transfer from Part IV (Staff costs)	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
	\$	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION			
A. Governing bodies			
1. General Conference	6 135 300	1 900	6 137 200
2. Executive Board	7 958 700	16 400	7 975 100
Total Part I.A	14 094 000	18 300	14 112 300
B. Direction	18 378 700	91 100	18 469 800
<i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight; International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>			
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	3 579 500		3 579 500
TOTAL, PART I	36 052 200	109 400	36 161 600
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES			
A. Programmes			
Major Programme I - Education			
I. Personnel	48 215 600	263 400	48 479 000
II. Activities:			
I.1 Basic education for all			
I.1.1 Basic education for all: targeting key goals	21 692 200		21 692 200
I.1.2 Supporting EFA strategies	14 133 100		14 133 100
I.2 Building learning societies			
I.2.1 Beyond universal primary education	4 826 200		4 826 200
I.2.2 Education and globalization	2 150 900		2 150 900
UNESCO education institutes			
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	4 591 000		4 591 000
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5 100 000		5 100 000
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	1 900 000		1 900 000
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1 100 000		1 100 000
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	2 000 000		2 000 000
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 200 000		2 200 000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 960 000		1 960 000
Total, Major Programme I	109 869 000	263 400	110 132 400
Major Programme II - Natural sciences			
I. Personnel	30 594 300	184 300	30 778 600
II. Activities:			
II.1 Science, environment and sustainable development			
II.1.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8 992 500		8 992 500
II.1.2 Ecological sciences: developing stewardship by people for nature	3 013 200		3 013 200
II.1.3 Earth sciences: improving the understanding of the solid Earth and enhancing disaster prevention	1 374 300		1 374 300
II.1.4 Towards sustainable living in small islands and in coastal regions	811 100		811 100
II.1.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	4 795 800		4 795 800
II.2 Capacity-building in science and technology for development			
II.2.1 Capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences	5 835 100		5 835 100
II.2.2 Science and technology policies for sustainable development	1 105 400		1 105 400
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 710 000		1 710 000
Total, Major Programme II	58 231 700	184 300	58 416 000

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	Transfer from Part IV (Staff costs)	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
Major Programme III - Social and human sciences			
I. Personnel	18 343 200	94 500	18 437 700
II. Activities:			
III.1 Ethics of science and technology, with emphasis on bioethics	3 250 800		3 250 800
III.2 Promotion of human rights and the fight against discrimination	2 184 600		2 184 600
III.3 Foresight, philosophy, human sciences and human security	3 869 700		3 869 700
III.4 Management of social transformations: MOST - Phase II	3 088 600		3 088 600
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 600 000		2 600 000
Total, Major Programme III	33 336 900	94 500	33 431 400
Major Programme IV - Culture			
I. Personnel	33 967 400	209 200	34 176 600
II. Activities:			
IV.1 Mainstreaming cultural diversity into policy agendas at national and international levels			
IV.1.1 Promotion of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and implementation of its Action Plan	3 841 800		3 841 800
IV.1.2 Strengthening the links between cultural policies and development policies	1 367 500		1 367 500
IV.2 UNESCO's contribution to the protection of the world's cultural diversity through cultural and natural heritage preservation			
IV.2.1 Promotion and implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972)	2 141 300		2 141 300
IV.2.2 Protecting cultural diversity through the preservation of cultural heritage in all its forms and through normative action	7 362 900		7 362 900
IV.3 Safeguarding cultural diversity through creativity and development			
IV.3.1 Encouraging arts and crafts for sustainable development	1 501 900		1 501 900
IV.3.2 Strengthening the role of cultural creation in human and economic development	1 497 400		1 497 400
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 700 000		1 700 000
Total, Major Programme IV	53 380 200	209 200	53 589 400
Major Programme V - Communication and information			
I. Personnel	18 454 000	101 100	18 555 100
II. Activities:			
V.1 Fostering equitable access to information and knowledge for development, especially in the public domain			
V.1.1 Fostering actions to reduce digital divide and promote social inclusion	4 240 900		4 240 900
V.1.2 Harnessing ICTs for education	2 236 500		2 236 500
V.1.3 Promoting the expression of cultural and linguistic diversity through communication and information	3 641 200		3 641 200
V.2 Promoting freedom of expression and communication development			
V.2.1 Promoting freedom of expression and the independence and pluralism of the media	2 724 700		2 724 700
V.2.2 Supporting development of communication media	1 814 100		1 814 100
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 430 000		2 430 000
Total, Major Programme V	35 541 400	101 100	35 642 500
UNESCO Institute for Statistics	9 020 000		9 020 000
Field - Management of decentralized programmes	32 215 900	59 200	32 275 100
Total, Part II.A	331 595 100	911 700	332 506 800

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	Transfer from Part IV (Staff costs)	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
B. Participation Programme	23 000 000		23 000 000
C. Programme Related Services			
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	3 164 000	14 500	3 178 500
2. Fellowships Programme	2 522 600	14 500	2 537 100
3. Public information	14 516 100	88 800	14 604 900
4. Strategic planning and programme monitoring	7 068 400	27 200	7 095 600
5. Budget preparation and monitoring	4 154 200	22 100	4 176 300
Total, Part II.C	31 425 300	167 100	31 592 400
TOTAL PART II	386 020 400	1 078 800	387 099 200
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION			
A. Field management and coordination	18 511 000	24 200	18 535 200
B. External relations and cooperation	23 194 000	126 600	23 320 600
C. Human resources management	30 800 300	178 900	30 979 200
D. Administration, maintenance and renovation of Headquarters premises	100 164 800	822 100	100 986 900
TOTAL, PART III	172 670 100	1 151 800	173 821 900
TOTAL, PARTS I-III	594 742 700	2 340 000	597 082 700
Reserve for reclassifications	1 500 000		1 500 000
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13 757 300	(2 340 000)	11 417 300
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	610 000 000	0	610 000 000

* Cross cutting themes:

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

6.3 Report by the Director-General on any unobligated funds from the 2002-2003 biennium along with budget proposals for the use of such funds (169 EX/25 and 169 EX/46 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the terms of 32 C/Resolution 64 and, in particular, paragraphs 5-7 thereof,
2. Recalling also that the General Conference, at its 31st session, adopted a total appropriation of \$544,367,250 for the 2002-2003 biennium (31 C/5 Approved),
3. Having examined document 169 EX/25,
4. Noting that this approved appropriation was subsequently increased to \$556,141,678 by the carry-forward of the unspent balance of the 2000-2001 budget and by the addition of donations and special contributions received by the Director-General, and that there remains, subject to final audit, an unspent balance of \$2,109,926 at the closing of the accounts at 31 December 2003,
5. Having examined the Director-General's proposal presented in document 169 EX/25 for the use of the unspent balance of \$2,109,926 to finance activities in the 2004-2005 biennium, of which \$1,175,200 represent commitments made in the 2002-2003 biennium and which need to be paid in the current financial year,
6. Requests the Director-General to take appropriate measures for monitoring obligations throughout the 2004-2005 biennium to ensure their continuing validity;
7. Approves the carry-forward, subject to final audit, to the 2004-2005 budget of the unspent budget balance from the 2002-2003 budget, to be allocated as follows:
 - (a) \$1,175,200 for the regularization of the liabilities arising from the cancellation of unliquidated obligations in the 2002-2003 biennium;
 - (b) \$934,726 to finance a portion of the costs required to reinforce security measures, the full details of which are set out in document 169 EX/27 (Report by the Director-General on strengthening the security of UNESCO premises worldwide);
8. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table for 2004-2005 annexed to the present decision.

Revised Appropriation Table for 2004-2005

This table of Revised Appropriation 2004-2005, which incorporates the transfers from Part IV of the budget and the carry-forward from the 2002-2003 biennium, supersedes the table annexed to decision 6.2.

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	Transfer from Part IV (ref: 169 EX/24)	Carry-forward of unspent balance from 2002-2003 (ref: 169 EX/25)		32 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
			Liabilities 2002-2003	Security reinforcement	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION					
A. Governing bodies					
1. General Conference	6 135 300	1 900	264 100		6 401 300
2. Executive Board	7 958 700	16 400	35 300		8 010 400
Total, Part I.A	14 094 000	18 300	299 400		14 411 700
B. Direction <i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight; International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>	18 378 700	91 100			18 469 800
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	3 579 500				3 579 500
TOTAL, PART I	36 052 200	109 400	299 400		36 461 000
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES					
A. Programmes					
Major Programme I - Education					
I. Personnel	48 215 600	263 400			48 479 000
II. Activities:					
I.1 Basic education for all					
I.1.1 Basic education for all: targeting key goals	21 692 200		223 200		21 915 400
I.1.2 Supporting EFA strategies	14 133 100		99 100		14 232 200
I.2 Building learning societies					
I.2.1 Beyond universal primary education	4 826 200		2 300		4 828 500
I.2.2 Education and globalization	2 150 900		49 900		2 200 800
UNESCO education institutes					
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	4 591 000				4 591 000
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5 100 000				5 100 000
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	1 900 000				1 900 000
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1 100 000				1 100 000
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	2 000 000				2 000 000
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 200 000				2 200 000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 960 000				1 960 000
Total, Major Programme I	109 869 000	263 400	374 500		110 506 900
Major Programme II - Natural sciences					
I. Personnel	30 594 300	184 300			30 778 600
II. Activities:					
II.1 Science, environment and sustainable development					
II.1.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8 992 500		17 800		9 010 300
II.1.2 Ecological sciences: developing stewardship by people for nature	3 013 200		8 900		3 022 100
II.1.3 Earth sciences: improving the understanding of the solid Earth and enhancing disaster prevention	1 374 300				1 374 300
II.1.4 Towards sustainable living in small islands and in coastal regions	811 100				811 100
II.1.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	4 795 800				4 795 800
II.2 Capacity building in science and technology for development					
II.2.1 Capacity building in the basic and engineering sciences	5 835 100		83 000		5 918 100
II.2.2 Science and technology policies for sustainable development	1 105 400				1 105 400
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 710 000		64 700		1 774 700
Total, Major Programme II	58 231 700	184 300	174 400		58 590 400

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	Transfer from Part IV (ref: 169 EX/24)	Carry-forward of unspent balance from 2002-2003 (ref: 169 EX/25)		32 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
			Liabilities 2002-2003	Security reinforcement	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
B. Participation Programme	23 000 000				23 000 000
C. Programme Related Services					
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	3 164 000	14 500			3 178 500
2. Fellowships Programme	2 522 600	14 500			2 537 100
3. Public information	14 516 100	88 800			14 604 900
4. Strategic planning and programme monitoring	7 068 400	27 200	17 300		7 112 900
5. Budget preparation and monitoring	4 154 200	22 100			4 176 300
Total, Part II.C	31 425 300	167 100	17 300		31 609 700
TOTAL, PART II	386 020 400	1 078 800	775 900		387 875 100
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION					
A. Field management and coordination	18 511 000	24 200	12 100		18 547 300
B. External relations and cooperation	23 194 000	126 600	22 100		23 342 700
C. Human resources management	30 800 300	178 900			30 979 200
D. Administration, maintenance and renovation of Headquarters premises	100 164 800	822 100	65 700	934 726	101 987 326
TOTAL, PART III	172 670 100	1 151 800	99 900	934 726	174 856 526
TOTAL, PARTS I - III	594 742 700	2 340 000	1 175 200	934 726	599 192 626
Reserve for reclassifications	1 500 000				1 500 000
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13 757 300	(2 340 000)			11 417 300
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	610 000 000	-	1 175 200	934 726	612 109 926

* Cross cutting themes:

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

6.4. Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (169 EX/26 and 169 EX/46 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/26,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(169 EX/SR.7)

6.5 Report by the Director-General on strengthening the security of UNESCO premises worldwide (169 EX/27 (and Corr. in English only) and 169 EX/46 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 75,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/27 and Corr.,
3. Emphasizing that the security of UNESCO personnel and premises, both at Headquarters and in the field, is an issue of paramount importance,
4. Endorses the Director-General's proposals aimed at strengthening the security of UNESCO premises and staff at and away from Headquarters, as part of the United Nations system-wide efforts, in particular responding to the mandatory requirements of the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator (UNSECOORD), the Minimum Operation Security Standards (MOSS) and the Headquarters Minimum Operation Security Standards (HMOSS);
5. Takes note, however, of the fact that the overall cost of the required additional security and safety measures at and away from Headquarters for 2004-2005 is currently estimated at \$13.3 million, out of which only an amount of \$2,174,900 is available in document 32 C/5 Approved;
6. Notes that a part of this shortfall will be met from the funds carried forward from the 2002-2003 biennium as proposed by the Director-General in document 169 EX/25;
7. Recommends that the Director-General make efforts, as far as possible, to meet the balance of the costs required for additional safety measures from within the regular budget;
8. Approves the proposal of the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to include an appropriate security investment provision in the rental charges for conference/meeting facilities and exhibition space at Headquarters; and invites the Headquarters Committee to establish on its behalf fixed rates applicable to Permanent Delegations for such venues as from July 2004;
9. Recommends to the Director-General to propose that security provisions be included, as appropriate, in the direct costs of extrabudgetary projects;
10. Invites the Director-General to include the issue of security in his ongoing study of extrabudgetary support costs;

11. Urges Member States, as did the General Conference at its 32nd session, to make voluntary contributions for reinforcing security and safety of UNESCO premises in order to cover any remaining shortfall as soon as possible and to enable UNESCO to respond to unforeseen security challenges;
12. Requests the Director-General to submit a progress report on the matter to it at its 170th session.

(169 EX/SR.7)

6.6 Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service Strategy in 2002-2003: Annual Report 2003 (169 EX/28 and 169 EX/46 Part I)*

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/28,
3. Takes note of the work by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) towards improving the management culture within UNESCO, and contributing to a continuous process of change, as well as to the ongoing reform process of the Organization, and expresses its satisfaction with the results achieved;
4. Welcomes the active and fruitful engagement of IOS with the Joint Inspection Unit, which contributes both to an improved management culture within UNESCO and also to the development of common standards and harmonization of management practices throughout the United Nations system;
5. Welcomes also the forward-looking work by IOS on the identification of risks to the Organization, including in the key area of decentralization;
6. Invites the Director-General to build on the work already undertaken to make evaluation, which is an integral part of results-based management, a fundamental tool of management within UNESCO, at every level of the Organization;
7. Notes with interest the evolution, as a result of IOS's work, of a revised programme management cycle which will enable field offices to contribute more effectively to the achievement of UNESCO's objectives, and requests the Director-General to keep it informed of progress in implementing the revised cycle from its inception in the next biennium (2006-2007);
8. Stresses the importance of continuing to strengthen the capacity of IOS in order to support the ongoing reform of the Organization;
9. Recommends that efforts to fill the remaining vacancies in IOS be further intensified.

(169 EX/SR.7)

* After considering this item, the Special Committee transmitted its recommendations to the Finance and Administrative Commission which, after examining it, subsequently recommended to the Executive Board that it adopt this decision.

6.7 Report by the External Auditor on the performance audits undertaken in the 2002-2003 biennium (169 EX/29 and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only))

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 50,
2. Having examined the report by the External Auditor contained in document 169 EX/29,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of the work presented in the document and endorses her recommendations;
4. Notes that the Director-General has agreed with all the recommendations and has started to implement them;
5. Requests him to pursue full implementation of these recommendations, and to reflect the changes made in the preparation of document 33 C/5;
6. Welcomes the timely and comprehensive work done by the External Auditor on management of extrabudgetary funds;
7. Shares nonetheless the concern expressed in the External Auditor's report regarding the management of extrabudgetary funds;
8. Endorses the main principles for improved management of extrabudgetary funds, on the lines proposed by the External Auditor, as follows:
 - (a) identify clearly the ways in which extrabudgetary funds will contribute to the achievement of the Organization's most important objectives; and develop adequate results-based performance measures to assess that contribution;
 - (b) ensure that the Organization has the capacity to deliver, including developing the staff skills, and establishing proper coordination and the systems to carry out the work;
 - (c) ensure that the Organization delivers the highest quality products to Member States and donors through enhanced monitoring and quality control; and
 - (d) inform oversight bodies and senior management in a timely way about the overall management of extrabudgetary funds;
9. Recommends that extrabudgetary funds be allocated to the top priorities of the Organization;
10. Welcomes the clear guidance in this report on steps needed to develop a results-based governance culture for the institutes;
11. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 171st session on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor in this and in previous reports with a time-bound action plan;
12. Requests that the Director-General forward these reports together with comments from the Executive Board to the General Conference.

(169 EX/SR.8)

6.8 Annual report (2003) by the International Civil Service Commission: Report by the Director-General (169 EX/30 and 169 EX/46 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/30,
2. Takes note of the contents of this document and United Nations General Assembly resolution 58/251;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure the participation of UNESCO in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and to take due account of the results of its work.

(169 EX/SR.7)

6.9 Housing arrangements for the Director-General (169 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(169 EX/SR.9)

6.10 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (169 EX/PRIV.2 and Add. and Corr.)

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

(169 EX/SR.9)

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

7.1 Relations with non-governmental organizations, and with foundations and similar institutions (169 EX/31 and 169 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 7.3 and 166 EX/Decision 9.2, and 32 C/Resolution 60,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/31,
3. Takes note of the information contained in paragraphs 2-27 of that document;
4. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to commence the procedure for evaluation of the statutory cooperation relations with the following 10 foundations with a view to taking a decision on the renewal of those relations at the 170th session of the Executive Board:
 - Bariloche Foundation
 - Fondation pour l'enfance
 - Green Cross International
 - International Science Policy Foundation
 - Léopold Sédar Senghor Foundation

- Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights
 - Peace and Development Foundation
 - South-North Solidarity and Culture
 - UNESCO-Basque Country Centre (UNESCO Etxea-Euskal Herria)
 - World Association of Children’s Friends;
5. Takes note of the Director-General’s decision to suspend, as an interim measure, relations with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA), pending a decision by the Executive Board with respect to that organization;
 6. Invites the Director-General to help settle the current problems within WFUCA so as to arrive at a satisfactory solution;
 7. Further invites the Director-General to continue assistance to UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, where appropriate through National Commissions, to enable them to carry on their outstanding work and their programmes and activities;
 8. Takes note of the Director-General’s decision to place relations with the International Association of Art (IAA) on an informal basis;
 9. Takes note of the Director-General’s decision to renew operational relations with the following four non-governmental organizations:
 - Fédération internationale Musique-Espérance
 - International Amateur Theatre Association
 - Maison internationale de la poésie
 - Union internationale de la marionnette;
 10. Takes note of the Director-General’s decision concerning admission to operational relations of the following three non-governmental organizations:
 - Arab Organization for Human Rights
 - Fédération internationale des professeurs de français
 - Society for Research into Higher Education.

(169 EX/SR.8)

7.2 Implementation of the pilot scheme on the follow-up of Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports (169 EX/32 and 169 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/32, reporting on the implementation of the pilot scheme for the follow-up of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports,
2. Notes that the pilot scheme is working well in practice, and that the processes being followed are in line with those envisaged in document 165 EX/40;
3. Approves the application of the pilot scheme on a continuing basis;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it on any problems experienced in implementing these arrangements in future.

(169 EX/SR.8)

7.3 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO and implementation of recommendations of previous reports (169 EX/33 and 169 EX/45 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 8.8,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/33, containing the comments by the Director-General and the status of implementation of recommendations of previous Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports,
3. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its reports/notes entitled Managing Information in the United Nations system organizations: Management information systems (JIU/REP/2002/9), Evaluation of United Nations system response in East Timor: Coordination and effectiveness (JIU/REP/2002/10 (and Corr. in English only)), Implementation of multilingualism in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2002/11) and United Nations system regional presence and coordination: The case of Arab countries (JIU/NOTE/2002/2);
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure the follow-up of implementation of JIU recommendations endorsed by legislative organs as well as those accepted by him, and to report to it at its 171st session on the status of implementation of those recommendations and on results obtained.

(169 EX/SR.8)

7.4 Report by the Director-General on the regulation of the use of the Organization's name and logo by "UNESCO Houses" created in Member States (169 EX/34 and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only))

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 169 EX/34,
2. Takes note of its contents;
3. Invites the Director-General to submit to it, at its 171st session, detailed proposals concerning the protection of the name and logo of UNESCO in the Member States, duly taking into account the debates held at the 169th session of the Executive Board.

(169 EX/SR.8)

8 GENERAL MATTERS

8.1 Implementation of 167 EX/Decision 9.1 and 32 C/Resolution 54 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (169 EX/35 and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only))

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General (169 EX/35),
2. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 54 of the General Conference and Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education; and Articles 4 and

94 of the Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education,

3. Also recalling the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols,
4. Further recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in the exercise of the right to education for all and in the protection of cultural, historical and natural heritage,
5. Considering the need for safe access of Palestinians to the education system, particularly recalling the consequences of recent measures which affect the fulfilment of this need,
6. Deeply concerned about the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other cultural property to be protected in the event of conflicts,
7. Expressing its deep concern at all the obstacles that gravely undermine the cultural and natural heritage, cultural and educational institutions, and the right to education,
8. Recalls paragraph 32 of the Medium-Term Strategy (31 C/4 Approved), defining a “road map for a revitalized UNESCO: principles of action and programming”, and paragraph 12 of 31 C/Resolution 43;
9. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54;
10. Regrets the delays as regards the implementation of some parts of certain resolutions and decisions of UNESCO, and requests the Director-General to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented;
11. Urgently appeals for the necessary measures to be taken so as to enable the Palestinian educational establishments to function;
12. Profoundly regrets that the implementation of the third phase of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP) has long been suspended, and expresses the hope that the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee, which has been reactivated, will continue to meet regularly on an annual basis with a view to being results-oriented;
13. Requests the Director-General to reinforce his action in favour of reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of Palestinian cultural heritage and archaeological sites;
14. Urges the Director-General to strengthen the plan of action, through the intersectoral coordination team, with a view to implementing the UNESCO Programme for Palestine, which is included as a priority in the Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5 Approved);
15. Appreciates the establishing of the Director-General’s Task Force on Reconstruction and Reconciliation in the Middle East in UNESCO’s fields of competence;
16. Invites the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO’s fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students from both regular budget and extrabudgetary resources;

17. Calls on the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee to convene a donor meeting in order to have additional capacities to achieve the objectives set out in this decision;
18. Expresses the hope that the Israeli-Palestinian and Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with UNESCO's Constitution and the United Nations resolutions, particularly the relevant Security Council resolutions on this matter;
19. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making with a view to preserving the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts with a view to offering appropriate curricula and to provide more grants and special assistance to the educational institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
20. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 170th session.

(169 EX/SR.8)

8.2 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq (169 EX/36 and Add. and 169 EX/45 Part II (Rev. in English only))

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 9.2,
2. Having examined document 169 EX/36 and Add.,
3. Emphasizing the necessity to meet the immediate and pressing needs of the Iraqi people, notably in the fields of education and culture, with a view to generating conditions conducive to the restoration of social stability,
4. Recalling the major responsibility entrusted to UNESCO in the fields of education and culture and its prompt and efficient action since the end of the conflict,
5. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts made to sustain UNESCO's recovery-related activities, despite the deterioration of the security situation in Iraq;
6. Appreciates UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations system response for the benefit of Iraq, with particular regard to the successful termination of the Oil-for-Food Programme and the conduct of reconstruction planning processes;
7. Notes the Director-General's decision to convene the first meeting of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Iraqi Cultural Heritage (ICC) on 24 and 25 May 2004 in Paris;
8. Also notes the Director-General's decision to establish a UNESCO Office for Iraq, initially located in Amman and, as soon as the situation permits, to be relocated in Baghdad;

9. Thanks all concerned Member States, IGOs, NGOs and foundations for their substantial contributions to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people and appeals to them to continue to assist UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction processes in Iraq;
10. Invites the Director-General to provide a progress report to it thereon at its 170th session.

(169 EX/SR.8)

8.3 Dates of the forthcoming sessions of the Executive Board (including the meetings of its subsidiary bodies)

170th session

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	28 September and 1 October 2004
Special Committee	29-30 September 2004
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	29 September-1 October 2004
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	29 September-1 October 2004
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	1 October 2004
Plenary meetings (4-6 and 13-14 October) and Commissions (7-12 October)	4-14 October 2004

171st session

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	12 and 15 April 2005
Special Committee	13-14 April 2005
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	13-15 April 2005
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	13-15 April 2005
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	15 April 2005
Plenary meetings (18-20 and 27-28 April) and Commissions (21-26 April)	18-28 April 2005

Tentative dates of the 172nd session

(13 working days/17 calendar days)

Bureau	30 August and 2 September 2005
Special Committee	31 August-1 September 2005
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	31 August-2 September 2005
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	31 August-2 September 2005
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	2 September 2005
Plenary meetings (5-7 and 13-15 September) and Commissions (8-12 September)	5-15 September 2005

N.B.: Pursuant to Rule 1, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, “The opening date of the session shall be fixed by the Director-General, after consulting the Members of the Executive Board ...”. This consultation will take place at the 171st session of the Board. The 33rd session of the General Conference may start on Monday, 19 September 2005.

(169 EX/SR.9)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON MONDAY, 19 APRIL AND WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL 2004

At the private meetings held on Monday, 19 April, and Wednesday, 28 April 2004, the Executive Board considered respectively items 6.9, 6.10 and 5.1 of its agenda.

6.9 Housing arrangements for the Director-General (169 EX/PRIV.1)

The Executive Board, after examining document 169 EX/PRIV.1 *decided* on measures to be taken regarding this question.

6.10 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (169 EX/PRIV.2 and Add. and Corr.)

1. In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General *informed* the Board of the decisions taken since the 167th session regarding the appointments and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

2. The Director-General *also informed* the Board of the developments concerning the ongoing discussions with the host country on the interpretation of the Headquarters Agreement, and in particular on the possibility of work permits for family members of international professional staff in France as well as on general conditions of certain personnel recruited for short periods.

5.1 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, *having taken note* of the Committee's report, *endorsed* the wishes expressed therein.

(169 EX/SR.9)