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**INVITATIONS TO THE 46th SESSION  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION**

**SUMMARY**

Pursuant to the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO”, the Director-General submits proposals to the Executive Board for the decisions it has to take concerning invitations to the 46th session of the International Conference on Education. The theme of that session “Educational content and learning strategies for living together in the twenty-first century: problems and solutions”, as proposed by the IBE Council, is in keeping with 30 C/Resolution 3, adopted by the General Conference.

Decision required: paragraph 11.

## INTRODUCTION

1. Resolution 3 (para. 1(c)) adopted by the General Conference at its 30th session provides that the International Bureau of Education (IBE) will, *inter alia*, make preparations for the 46th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE), to be held in Geneva in 2001. The theme of the Conference will be: “Educational content and learning strategies for living together in the twenty-first century: problems and solutions”.

## CATEGORY OF THE CONFERENCE

2. Under the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”), this Conference falls into the category of “intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of States” (category II) and the heads of delegation will therefore represent their governments.

## PARTICIPANTS

3. In accordance with the Regulations as they relate to category II meetings, invitations to the Conference are decided on by the Executive Board.

### **Member States and Associate Members (Article 21.1)**

4. Under Article 21, paragraph 1, the Executive Board, on the Director-General’s proposal and subject to the regulations applicable, shall decide on the Member States and Associate Members whose governments are to be invited.

5. In accordance with the above-mentioned article, the Director-General proposes that all Member States and Associate Members be invited to participate, with the right to vote.

### **Non-Member States (Article 21.3)**

6. Under Article 21, paragraph 3, the Executive Board may designate non-Member States to be invited to send observers to the Conference. The Director-General proposes that States that are not members of UNESCO but are members of at least one of the organizations of the United Nations system be invited to send observers. At the time of preparation of this document those States were the following: Brunei Darussalam, Holy See, Liechtenstein, Singapore and United States of America. In addition, the Director-General proposes that the Executive Board invite to the Conference, as observers, any States that become members of any of the organizations of the United Nations system before the opening of the Conference.

### **Palestine (Article 7B)**

7. Under Article 7B, the Executive Board shall invite Palestine to send observers to the Conference.

**International organizations** (Articles 21.4 and 21.5)

- (a) Organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements (Article 21.4)

8. The Director-General reminds the Board that under Article 21, paragraph 4, the following organizations of the United Nations system, with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements, may send representatives to the Conference:

United Nations (UN)

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)  
Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)  
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)  
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)  
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)  
World Food Programme (WFP)  
United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNIDCP)  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)  
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)  
United Nations University (UNU)  
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

Specialized Agencies

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  
International Labour Organization (ILO)  
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
World Health Organization (WHO)  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

- (b) Other international organizations (Article 21.5)

9. Under Article 21, paragraph 5, the Board may decide that the following shall be invited to send observers to the meeting: (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements; (b) other intergovernmental organizations; and (c) international non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the directives concerning UNESCO's relations with those organizations. The Executive Board has also decided on several occasions to invite to category II meetings institutions and foundations that may have an interest in sending observers to these meetings.

10. The Director-General proposes that the Executive Board invite the following organizations, foundations and institutions to send observers to the Conference:

(a) Organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements

International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
 World Bank (IBRD)  
 World Trade Organization (WTO)

(b) Other intergovernmental organizations

African Bureau of Educational Sciences  
 African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development  
 African Development Bank  
 African Institute of Informatics  
 African Intellectual Property Organization  
 Agence de la Francophonie  
 Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa  
 Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States  
 Arab Federation for Technical Education  
 Arab Gulf States Information Documentation Centre  
 Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization  
 Asian Development Bank  
 Association of South-East Asian Nations  
 Central American Bank for Economic Integration  
 Central American Educational and Cultural Coordination  
 Commission of the European Communities  
 Commonwealth of Independent States  
 Commonwealth of Learning  
 Conference of Ministers of Education of French-Speaking Countries  
 Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sport of French-Speaking Countries  
 Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf  
 Council of Europe  
 Council of the Baltic Sea States  
 Eastern African Centre for Research on Oral Traditions and African National Languages  
 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
 Inter-American Commission of Women  
 Inter-American Development Bank  
 Intergovernmental Authority on Development  
 International Organization for Migration  
 Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
 Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences  
 Latin American Institute for Educational Communication  
 Latin Union  
 League of Arab States  
 Nordic Council  
 OPEC Fund for International Development  
 Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development  
 Organization of African Unity  
 Organization of American States  
 Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture  
 Organization of the Islamic Conference

Regional Council for Adult Education and Literacy in Africa  
South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization  
University for Peace

(c) International non-governmental organizations having formal associate relations with UNESCO

Education International  
International Association of Universities  
International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies  
International Council of Museums  
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

(d) International non-governmental organizations and networks having formal consultative relations with UNESCO

African Council for Communication Education  
Agence francophone pour l'enseignement supérieur et la recherche  
Amnesty International  
Association of African Universities  
Association of Arab Universities  
Association of Commonwealth Universities  
Association of European Universities  
Catholic International Education Office  
Club of Rome  
Community of Mediterranean Universities  
Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service  
Development Innovations and Networks  
European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities  
INCORVUZ Corporation  
Inter-American Organization for Higher Education  
International Association for Educational Assessment  
International Council for Adult Education  
International Council for Open and Distance Education  
International Federation of Human Rights  
International Federation of University Women  
Summer Institute of Linguistics  
Union of Latin American Universities  
World Confederation of Teachers  
World Conference on Religion and Peace  
World Organization of the Scout Movement

(e) International non-governmental organizations having operational relations with UNESCO

Academia Europaea  
African Federation of Associations of Parents of Pupils and Students  
African Social and Environmental Studies Programme  
All-Africa Students Union  
Asian South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education  
Association for International Curriculum Development

Association francophone internationale des directeurs d'établissements scolaires  
 Association of European Journalists  
 Association of Portuguese-Language Universities  
 Association of South-East Asian Institutions of Higher Learning  
 CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS  
 Disabled People's International  
 European Association for the Education of Adults  
 European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages  
 European Federation for Intercultural Learning  
 European University Centre for Peace Studies  
 European Youth Forum  
 Federation of Private Educative Associations of Latin America and the Caribbean  
 Forum for African Women Educationalists  
 Ibero-American University Association of Postgraduate Studies  
 International Alliance of Women  
 International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance  
 International Association for the Development of Cross-Cultural Communication  
 International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement  
 International Association of Applied Linguistics  
 International Association of Educators for World Peace  
 International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature  
 International Association of University Presidents  
 International Association of University Professors and Lecturers  
 International Community Education Association  
 International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
 International Congress of University Adult Education  
 International Council for Educational Media  
 International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance  
 International Council of Associations for Science Education  
 International Council of Women  
 International Council on Education for Teaching  
 International Federation for Parent Education  
 International Federation of East Central European Institutes  
 International Federation of Educative Communities  
 International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
 International Federation of Training Centres for the Promotion of Progressive  
 Education  
 International Federation of Workers' Educational Associations  
 International Institute for Peace  
 International Literacy Institute  
 International Montessori Association  
 International Movement ATD Fourth World  
 International Organization for Science and Technology Education  
 International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education  
 International Round Table for the Advancement of Counselling  
 International School Psychology Association  
 International Schools Association  
 International Society for Education through Art  
 International Union for Health Promotion and Education  
 International Union of Students

United World Colleges  
World Association for Educational Research  
World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace  
World Council for Curriculum and Instruction  
World Council of Associations for Technology Education  
World Council of Comparative Education Societies  
World Federation of United Nations Associations  
World Organization for Early Childhood Education  
World ORT Union

- (f) International non-governmental organizations whose status has not yet been established

International Baccalaureate Organization  
International Institute for Human Rights Studies  
Inter-Parliamentary Union

- (g) Foundations and other similar institutions

European Cultural Foundation (Netherlands)  
European Foundation Centre (Belgium)  
Fondation pour l'Enfance (France)  
King Baudouin Foundation (Belgium)  
Léopold Sédar Senghor Foundation (Senegal)  
Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (Greece)  
Peace and Development Foundation (Senegal)  
UNESCO Basque Country Centre (Spain)  
UNESCO Centre of Catalonia (Spain)  
World Association of Children's Friends (Monaco)  
World Education (United States)  
World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention (Switzerland)

11. In view of the above, the Executive Board may wish to adopt the following decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that, in accordance with 30 C/Resolution 3 (para. 1(c)), adopted by the General Conference at its 30th session, the Director-General is authorized to convene the 46th session of the International Conference on Education in 2001,
2. Having examined document 159 EX/8,
3. Decides:
  - (a) that invitations to participate in the 46th session of the International Conference on Education with the right to vote will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
  - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the States mentioned in paragraph 6 of document 159 EX/8, which are not members of UNESCO but are members of another organization of the United Nations system, and to any other State that becomes a member of one of the

organizations of the United Nations system before the opening date of the Conference;

- (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 159 EX/8;
  - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Conference will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph 8 of document 159 EX/8;
  - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraph 10 of document 159 EX/8;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for advancing the work of the Conference, notifying the Executive Board thereof.