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1 Adoption of the agenda, timetable of work and report of the Bureau (171 EX/1 Prov. Rev.; 171 EX/INF.1 Rev. and Corr.; 171 EX/2; 171 EX/INF.8)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 171 EX/1 Prov. Rev. and 171 EX/INF.1 Rev. and Corr.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 7, 8, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 46, 47, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58; and for programme-related aspects, items 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 20, 23, 24, 41, 48, 50, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 and 66.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 21, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 20, 23, 24, 41, 48, 50, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 and 66.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 171 EX/2 concerning the following agenda item:

- 51 Relations with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (171 EX/51)

(171 EX/SR.1)

2 Approval of the summary records of the 170th session (170 EX/SR.1-10 and Corr.)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 170th session.

(171 EX/SR.1)

EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

3 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (171 EX/4 Part I and Add., Part II and Corr.; 171 EX/INF.5; 171 EX/INF.6; 171 EX/INF.9, 171 EX/INF.21; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

I

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/4 Part I and Add., 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6 and 171 EX/INF.9,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(171 EX/SR.10)

II

Management Chart and Appropriation Resolution

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium and appropriated to the regular budget, as well as the between-appropriation-line transfers proposed within the budget appropriation, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved

by the General Conference at its 32nd session (32 C/Resolution 85, paragraph A(b) and (e)), document 171 EX/4 Part II.A and the recommendations of the Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (171 EX/65),

2. Takes note that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of **\$2,810,138** as follows:

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Part II.A – Major Programme I	519,834
Part II.A – Major Programme II	941,107
Part II.A – Major Programme III	6,186
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	797,333
Part II.A – Major Programme V	98,570
Part II.C – Programme Related Services	47,831
Part III – Support for Programme Execution and Administration (indirect costs for field offices)	<u>399,277</u>
Total	<u><u>2,810,138</u></u>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 8 of document 171 EX/4 Part II.A;
4. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,
5. Approves transfers between appropriation lines of:
- (i) **\$1,500,000** from the Reserve for Reclassifications to Parts I-III of the budget;
 - (ii) **\$467,363** from Part III.D “Administration, maintenance and renovation of Headquarters premises” to Part I.C “Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System”;
 - (iii) **\$1,006,200** from Part II.A “Field – Management of decentralized programmes” to Part III.A “Field management and coordination”;
 - (iv) **\$300,000** from Part I.A.2 “Executive Board” to Part III.A “Field management and coordination”;
6. Approves the transfer of **\$7,480,000** from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget to cover increases in staff costs and in goods and services due to statutory, nominal and technical factors;
7. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table annexed to the present decision;
8. Stresses the importance of the timely payment of contributions for effective programme implementation, and invites Member States to comply with their obligations in that regard.

Revised Appropriation Table for 2004-2005

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted (169 EX/Dec.6.2) (170 EX/Dec.7.8.6)	Proposed appropriations and transfers					32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
			(i) Donations received	(ii) Between line transfers		(iii) Transfers from Part IV		
				Transfers from the Reserve for Reclassifications	Transfers between appropriation lines	Staff costs	Goods and services	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION								
A. Governing bodies								
1. General Conference	6 135 300	6 401 300		2 000		15 300	6 418 600	
2. Executive Board	7 958 700	8 010 400			(300 000)	10 200	7 720 600	
Total, Part I.A	14 094 000	14 411 700	0	2 000	(300 000)	25 500	14 139 200	
B. Direction <i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight; International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>	18 378 700	18 339 200		47 500		194 100	18 580 800	
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	3 579 500	6 579 500			467 363		7 355 863	
TOTAL, PART I	36 052 200	39 330 400	0	49 500	167 363	219 600	40 075 863	
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES								
A. Programmes								
Major Programme I - Education								
I. Personnel	48 215 600	48 479 000		192 600		541 800	49 213 400	
II. Activities								
I.1 Basic education for all								
I.1.1 Basic education for all: targeting key goals	21 692 200	22 093 407	308 191				22 401 598	
I.1.2 Supporting EFA strategies	14 133 100	14 273 763	67 214				14 340 977	
I.2 Building learning societies								
I.2.1 Beyond universal primary education	4 826 200	4 873 498	132 430				5 005 928	
I.2.2 Education and globalization	2 150 900	2 253 954	11 999				2 265 953	
UNESCO education institutes								
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	4 591 000	4 591 000					4 591 000	
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5 100 000	5 100 000					5 100 000	
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	1 900 000	1 900 000					1 900 000	
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1 100 000	1 100 000					1 100 000	
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	2 000 000	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					2 200 000	
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 960 000	1 965 120					1 965 120	
Total, Major Programme I	109 869 000	110 829 742	519 834	192 600	0	541 800	112 083 976	
Major Programme II - Natural sciences								
I. Personnel	30 594 300	30 778 600		133 900		395 200	31 307 700	
II. Activities								
II.1 Science, environment and sustainable development								
II.1.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8 992 500	9 351 505	208 477				9 559 982	
II.1.2 Ecological sciences: developing stewardship by people for nature	3 013 200	3 130 289	13 064				3 143 353	
II.1.3 Earth sciences: improving the understanding of the solid Earth and enhancing disaster prevention	1 374 300	1 405 900	72 978				1 478 878	
II.1.4 Towards sustainable living in small islands and in coastal regions	811 100	864 880	10 412				875 292	
II.1.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)	4 795 800	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	6 418 100	636 176				7 054 276	
II.2.2 Science and technology policies for sustainable development	1 105 400	1 105 400					1 105 400	
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 710 000	1 774 700					1 774 700	
Total, Major Programme II	58 231 700	59 625 174	941 107	133 900	0	395 200	61 095 381	
Major Programme III - Social and human sciences								
I. Personnel	18 343 200	18 437 700		95 100		240 700	18 773 500	
II. Activities								
III.1 Ethics of science and technology, with emphasis on bioethics	3 250 800	3 250 800					3 250 800	
III.2 Promotion of human rights and the fight against discrimination	2 184 600	2 184 600					2 184 600	
III.3 Foresight, philosophy, human sciences and human security	3 869 700	3 941 637	6 186				3 947 823	
III.4 Management of social transformations: MOST - Phase II	3 088 600	3 095 733					3 095 733	
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 600 000	2 612 400					2 612 400	
Total, Major Programme III	33 336 900	33 522 870	6 186	95 100	0	240 700	33 864 856	

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted (169 EX/Dec.6.2) (170 EX/Dec.7.8.6)	Proposed appropriations and transfers					32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
			(i) Donations received	(ii) Between line transfers		(iii) Transfers from Part IV		
				Transfers from the Reserve for Reclassifications	Transfers between appropriation lines	Staff costs	Goods and services	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Major Programme IV - Culture								
I. Personnel	33 967 400	34 176 600		164 800		428 200	34 769 600	
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	3 847 800	588 658				4 436 458	
IV.1.2 Strengthening the links between cultural policies and development policies	1 367 500	1 370 338	2 222				1 372 560	
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					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	7 509 577	202 953				7 712 530	
IV.3 Safeguarding cultural diversity through creativity and development								
IV.3.1 Encouraging arts and crafts for sustainable development	1 501 900	1 553 370	3 500				1 556 870	
IV.3.2 Strengthening the role of cultural creation in human and economic development	1 497 400	1 497 400					1 497 400	
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 700 000	1 725 000					1 725 000	
Total, Major Programme IV	53 380 200	53 821 385	797 333	164 800	0	428 200	55 211 718	
Major Programme V - Communication and information								
I. Personnel	18 454 000	18 555 100		94 800		236 700	18 886 600	
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	4 287 894	58 000				4 345 894	
V.1.2 Harnessing ICTs for education	2 236 500	2 281 500	10 144				2 291 644	
V.1.3 Promoting the expression of cultural and linguistic diversity through communication and information	3 641 200	3 678 318	25 438				3 703 756	
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	2 744 200					2 744 200	
V.2.2 Supporting development of communication media	1 814 100	1 814 100	4 988				1 819 088	
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 430 000	2 439 900					2 439 900	
Total, Major Programme V	35 541 400	35 801 012	98 570	94 800	0	236 700	36 231 082	
UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)	9 020 000	9 020 000					9 020 000	
Field - Management of decentralized programmes	32 215 900	32 275 100		91 200	(1 006 200)	172 200	31 532 300	
Total, Part II.A	331 595 100	334 895 283	2 363 030	772 400	(1 006 200)	2 014 800	339 039 313	
B. Participation Programme	23 000 000	23 000 000					23 000 000	
C. Programme Related Services								
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	3 164 000	3 178 500		44 800		36 600	3 259 900	
2. Fellowships Programme	2 522 600	2 537 100		2 400		12 500	2 552 000	
3. Public information	14 516 100	15 198 100		15 400		148 800	15 362 300	
4. Strategic planning and programming monitoring	7 068 400	7 268 577	47 831	52 400		63 200	7 432 008	
5. Budget preparation and monitoring	4 154 200	4 176 300		8 700		72 400	4 257 400	
Total, Part I.I.C	31 425 300	32 358 577	47 831	123 700	0	333 500	32 863 608	
TOTAL, PART II	386 020 400	390 253 860	2 410 861	896 100	(1 006 200)	2 348 300	394 902 921	
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION								
A. Field management and coordination	18 511 000	18 688 022	399 277	38 800	1 306 200	44 500	20 476 799	
B. External relations and cooperation	23 194 000	23 342 700		85 800		280 300	23 708 800	
C. Human resources management	30 800 300	30 979 200		70 000		329 800	32 107 000	
D. Administration, maintenance and renovation of Headquarters premises	100 164 800	101 524 726		359 800	(467 363)	1 100 500	104 637 663	
TOTAL, PART III	172 670 100	174 534 648	399 277	554 400	838 837	1 755 100	180 930 262	
TOTAL, PARTS I - III	594 742 700	604 118 908	2 810 138	1 500 000	0	4 323 000	615 909 046	
Reserve for Reclassifications	1 500 000	1 500 000		(1 500 000)			0	
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13 757 300	8 417 300				(4 323 000)	(3 157 000)	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	610 000 000	614 036 208	2 810 138	0	0	0	616 846 346	

* 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.

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4 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (171 EX/5 and Corr.; 171 EX/INF.5; 171 EX/INF.6; 171 EX/INF.7; 171 EX/INF. 21; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/5 and Corr., 171 EX/INF.5, 171 EX/INF.6, 171 EX/INF.7 and 171 EX/INF.21,
2. Takes note of their contents.

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5 Report by the Director-General on the reform process (171 EX/6 Part I and Add. and Add. 2, Part II and Part III and Corr. (French only); 171 EX/INF.5; 171 EX/INF.6; 171 EX/INF.21; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

I

Staff policy

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 61 (I), 169 EX/Decision 3.3 (I) and 170 EX/Decision 3.2 (II),
2. Having examined document 171 EX/6 Part I and Addenda,
3. Welcomes the detailed information provided, and takes note of the work accomplished in the implementation of the human resources policy reform framework;
4. Expresses its appreciation for the progress achieved in this framework, including the respect of rules and procedures, the recruitment process and the enhanced role of the training and development function;
5. Endorses the medium- and long-term staffing strategy, and invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to pursue the implementation of the human resources policy reform framework;
 - (b) to ensure that particular attention is paid to the role of the consultative machinery in improving staff morale in the implementation of this new policy;
 - (c) to implement the approved medium- and long-term staffing strategy, taking into account the strategy and programmes of the Organization within the limits of the future budgets;
 - (d) to report back on the implementation of the staff policy at its 174th session, including the results of the policies already in place, and to present a first review of the medium- and long-term staffing strategy at its 176th session.

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II

New management tools

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 3.3 (II),
2. Having examined document 171 EX/6 Part II,
3. Takes note of the progress made notwithstanding the difficulties involved with the implementation of the new integrated management information system, covering programming and budgeting (SISTER), and finance and accounting (FABS);
4. Acknowledges the improvements in financial management and programme management which have been made possible by the introduction of SISTER and FABS;
5. Requests the Director-General to take into account the lessons learned in the development and implementation of SISTER and FABS, in order to improve the process of implementing the human resources information system;
6. Stresses the importance of early implementation of the new human resources information system, once the results of the feasibility study have been assessed, in order to underpin the implementation of the new medium- and long-term human resources strategy;
7. Notes, however, that given the likely financial constraints, the human resources component may therefore need to be introduced in phases, with priority given to the implementation of the payroll component;
8. Welcomes the cooperation with other United Nations agencies in the development of a human resources information system;
9. Invites the Director-General to further elaborate on the utilization of possible synergies with other United Nations agencies in purchasing and implementing the human resources information system, and to report thereon in the feasibility study;
10. Further invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the integrated management information system, and to submit to it at its 174th session a progress report thereon.

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III

Decentralization

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 30 C/Resolution 83,
2. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 9.2 and 169 EX/Decision 3.3 (III),

3. Having examined document 171 EX/6 Part III,
4. Takes note, with appreciation, of the work done so far in implementing the decentralization process, as one of the main priorities in the overall reform of the Organization;
5. Welcomes the comprehensive scope and transparent character of the overall review of the Organization's decentralization strategy;
6. Takes note of the review's findings, including the lessons learned and the remedial action already taken or proposed;
7. Emphasizes that UNESCO's global mandate and its country-based activities are complementary aspects of its commitment to achieve its principal priorities, and should be subject to the same results-based framework set out in the C/5 document;
8. Requests the Director-General to ensure that all recommendations on the management of the field offices, including those of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), are fully implemented within an agreed time-frame;
9. Further requests the Director-General to consider how the concentration and focus of field offices may be improved within existing resources in order to avoid overstressing their capacity and to improve their impact and the quality and relevance of services provided;
10. Welcomes the proposals for more clearly defined roles for the regional bureaux, the cluster offices, the national offices, the institutes and Headquarters;
11. Requests the Director-General to further refine their roles with a view to achieving better complementarity, and to present in the context of the preparation of the next Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4), a vision of the optimum division and balance of their functions;
12. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts, in cooperation with Member States, to strengthen relations of UNESCO Headquarters and its field offices with National Commissions, taking into account their national characteristics;
13. Further invites the Director-General to review the implementation and to evaluate the impact of the decentralization strategy in 2008-2009, and to report to it thereon at its 179th session.

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Education

6 Draft international implementation scheme for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (171 EX/7; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions 57/254, 58/219 and 59/237 concerning the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014),

2. Further recalling the presentation of a shorter version of the draft framework for the international implementation scheme for the Decade at the 32nd session of the General Conference (32 C/INF.9),
3. Having examined document 171 EX/7,
4. Takes note of the text of the international implementation scheme elaborated by UNESCO through extensive consultations with United Nations agencies, national governments, civil society organizations and NGOs, experts and specialists;
5. Invites the Director-General to take all necessary measures to ensure UNESCO's response to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 57/254, 58/219 and 59/237;
6. Further invites the Director-General to pursue his consultations with other United Nations agencies, with Member States and with civil society, with a view to enabling UNESCO to play a major and visible role in the effective implementation of the Decade;
7. Invites the Director-General to bring a more strategically focused, consolidated version of the scheme to it for consideration its 172nd session;
8. Requests the Director-General to ensure wide dissemination of the consolidated international implementation scheme to Member States, to United Nations Member States, other United Nations agencies, civil society organizations and NGOs;
9. Encourages the Director-General to establish a clear and focused plan based on a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to UNESCO's involvement in the Decade, and requests the Director-General to specify the precise contributions of UNESCO to the implementation of the Decade, and submit to it at its 172nd session a preliminary report in this regard.

(171 EX/SR.10)

7 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up to the EFA Strategic Review and UNESCO's EFA strategy for the 2005-2015 period (171 EX/8 and Corr.; 171 EX/INF.16 and Corr.; 171 EX/64 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 3.4.2 (I),
2. Having examined document 171 EX/8 and Corr.,
3. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts made to follow up the EFA Strategic Review;
4. Takes note of the outcomes of the initial consultations with key stakeholders to facilitate the preparation of a comprehensive mapping of the current and future contributions of each partner to achieve the EFA goals and education-related millennium goals;
5. Requests the Director-General to intensify consultations and high-level dialogue with key international stakeholders, particularly the World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF and

UNFPA, to agree on the specific roles, responsibilities and contributions of each stakeholder for the period 2005-2015 in achieving the EFA goals;

6. Requests Member States to urge the key international stakeholders through their governing bodies to fully respect the framework of inter-agency coordination and cooperation for the achievement of the EFA goals, with UNESCO as the lead coordinating agency;
7. Further requests the Director-General to prepare, on the basis of these consultations and of consultations with the Working Group and High-Level Group on EFA, a concise global action plan to achieve the EFA goals, including resource mobilization, to be presented to the Executive Board at its 174th session;
8. Also requests the Director-General to develop a management framework for a decentralized and results-oriented education programme reflecting UNESCO's specific contributions, especially in capacity-building for Member States, including those from its institutes and field offices, at the international, regional and country levels;
9. Encourages the Director-General to consider appropriate organizational changes which may be necessary in order to implement the above-mentioned management framework;
10. Requests the Director-General to ensure that all four strategic objectives and corresponding implementation plans presented in the EFA strategy for 2005-2015 develop in alignment with the global plan as it unfolds and in a manner consistent with the management framework;
11. Reiterates that the heart of EFA activity lies at the country level, emphasizes that strong national leadership and national capacity are essential for achieving the Dakar goals, which should be integrated into national development and poverty reduction frameworks, and stresses the need for the international community to fulfil the commitments it made in Dakar, as amplified by the Monterrey Consensus, by substantially increasing its assistance, ensuring better coherence between the donors, and aligning aid with country-led national development strategies;
12. Further requests the Director-General to keep the Executive Board regularly informed regarding the additional extrabudgetary resources which may be necessary for the Organization to efficiently implement its EFA strategy and plans, including regional ones.

(171 EX/SR.10)

8 Report by the Director-General on cooperation between UNESCO and OECD in drafting guidelines on “Quality provision in cross-border higher education” (171 EX/43 Rev.; 171 EX/64 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 26) and the World Declaration on Higher Education adopted by the 1998 World Conference on Higher Education,
2. Recalling the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity (2001),

3. Having examined document 171 EX/43 Rev.,
4. Building on the six regional conventions and one interregional convention on the recognition of qualifications in higher education (1974, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1983 and 1997), the Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education (1993) and the Recommendation on the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel (1997),
5. Referring to 32 C/Resolution 10 on higher education and globalization,
6. Recognizing that cross-border provision of higher education may offer students/learners new opportunities such as increased access to higher education, improvement and innovations in higher education systems, and may contribute to the building of international cooperation, which are essential to academic knowledge as well as, more generally, to national social and economic development,
7. Recognizing that cross-border provision of higher education needs to be addressed appropriately in order to ensure high-level quality provision, and that it is increasingly important for students/learners and relevant stakeholders to be better informed of the quality of higher education programmes,
8. Invites the Director-General to inscribe on the provisional agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference an agenda item with a view to the further discussion of the non-binding draft guidelines.

(171 EX/SR.10)

9 Progress report on the preparation of an international convention against doping in sport (171 EX/46; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 9,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/46,
3. Notes the rapid progress made in the development of the convention;
4. Expresses its gratitude in this context to the Chair of the Intergovernmental Meeting, Mr Jean-Pierre Blais (Canada) and also to the Chair of the Drafting Group, Ms Vera Lacoeuilhe (Saint Lucia), for their work, as well as to the participants of the various meetings;
5. Further expresses its gratitude to the World Anti-Doping Agency and the Council of Europe for their cooperation on and contribution to the development of the convention;
6. Considers that it is essential to provide the secretariat of the convention with sufficient funding so that the convention can be appropriately applied and be effective in the fight against doping in sport;

7. Recommends that the General Conference adopt at its 33rd session the draft convention presented by the Director-General, and that it include in the convention the financing of its secretariat from the regular budget of UNESCO on a strict minimal basis, it being understood that voluntary funding may also be provided to support the convention.

(171 EX/SR.10)

Natural sciences

10 Report by the Director-General on the feasibility study for the establishment of a regional centre for biotechnology training and education in India, under the auspices of UNESCO (171 EX/9; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 3.4.3 requesting the Director-General to undertake a feasibility study on this proposal and examine, *inter alia*, the possibility of including the proposed regional centre as a regional centre of excellence in an international basic sciences programme,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/9 and its Annex,
3. Aware of the importance of international and regional cooperation for the development of science and technology in Asia and the Pacific, in particular in the area of biotechnology training and education,
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Government of India,
5. Takes note of the observations and conclusions of the feasibility study;
6. Deeming the considerations and proposals contained therein to be such as to meet the requirements needed for UNESCO to grant its auspices to the regional centre,
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 33rd session, approve the establishment of the regional centre for biotechnology training and education in India under the auspices of UNESCO, and authorize the Director-General to negotiate and sign an appropriate agreement, it being understood that the obligations of UNESCO shall not be other than those indicated in the Annex to this decision.

ANNEX

**Agreement
between the Government of India
and the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
concerning the Establishment of a Regional Centre
for Biotechnology Training and Education in India**

Whereas the General Conference, at its 33rd session, decided that a regional centre for biotechnology training and education would be established in India under the auspices of UNESCO,

Whereas the Government of India has contributed and stands ready to contribute further to the establishment and operation of the Regional Centre in its territory,

Bearing in mind that the Government of India has already taken a number of effective measures and steps to ensure the necessary infrastructure and facilities for the Regional Centre,

Desirous of concluding an agreement with a view to ensuring the establishment and operation of the said Regional Centre and to defining the terms and conditions governing the support that it shall be granted, under the guidelines laid down by the General Conference (21 C/Resolution 40) for regional centres set up by a State with UNESCO's participation,

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter called "UNESCO", and the Government of India, hereinafter called "the Government",

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Establishment

The Government agrees to take any measures which may be required for the setting up of the Regional Centre for Biotechnology Training and Education in India, hereinafter called "the Regional Centre", as provided for under this Agreement.

Article 2 – Participation

1. The Regional Centre shall be an autonomous institution at the service of Member States of UNESCO which, by their geographical proximity to the Regional Centre and their common interest in its objectives in the field of biotechnology, desire to cooperate with the Regional Centre.

2. Member States of UNESCO wishing to participate in the Regional Centre's activities, as provided for under this Agreement, shall send the Director-General of UNESCO notification to this effect, and shall designate a national institution working in the field of biotechnology which shall be competent to represent the Member State. The Director-General shall inform the Regional Centre and the Member States mentioned in Article 2, paragraph 1, above, of the receipt of such notifications.

Article 3 – Objectives and functions

1. The objectives of the Regional Centre are:

- (a) to promote capacity-building through education and training and research and development in biotechnology for sustainable development objectives through regional and international cooperation;
- (b) to facilitate transfer of knowledge and technology relating to biotechnology at the regional level;
- (c) to create a hub of biotechnology expertise in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) region, and more generally in the Asia region, and to address human resources needs in the region;
- (d) to create a network of satellite centres in the region;
- (e) to promote and strengthen South-South cooperation.

2. The functions of the Regional Centre shall be:

- (a) to execute educational and training activities to transfer knowledge in biotechnology;
- (b) to undertake research, development and scientific investigation in collaboration with relevant research centres in the region;
- (c) to hold scientific symposiums and conferences (regional and international) and to conduct short-term and long-term training courses and workshops in all areas of biotechnology;
- (d) to collect universally available information with a view to setting up a data bank;
- (e) to collect and disseminate, through networking, the relevant local knowledge;
- (f) to disseminate the outcomes of research activities in different countries through the publication of books, articles, etc.;
- (g) to promote collaborative research and development networking programmes in specific areas of biotechnology, and exchange and mobility of scientists at the regional level in this context with due consideration for issues pertaining to intellectual property rights of collaborating institutions.

3. The Regional Centre shall pursue the above objectives and functions in close collaboration with other relevant regional and international networks, the centres collaborating with UNESCO, microbial resources centres (MIRCENs) and biotechnology education and training centres (BETCENs) in the region.

4. The Regional Centre shall carry out the above functions dependent on the extent to which regional and international resources can be mobilized.

Article 4 – Governance

1. The Board of Governors:

- (a) The Regional Centre shall be administered by a Board of Governors composed of:
 - (i) a representative of the Government;
 - (ii) a representative of each of the other Member States that (1) has sent the Director-General of UNESCO notification, as provided for under Article 2, paragraph 2, above; or that (2) makes a substantial contribution to the operating budget or running of the Regional Centre, and is thus accorded a seat by decision of the Board of Governors;
 - (iii) a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO.
- (b) The Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology of the Indian Ministry of Science and Technology shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Governors. The person designated by the Chairperson shall be the representative of the Government.
- (c) The Board of Governors shall have all the powers required for the running and administration of the Regional Centre. It shall:
 - (i) approve the annual work plan and budget of the Regional Centre;
 - (ii) examine the annual reports submitted by the Director of the Regional Centre as provided under Article 6 below;
 - (iii) study and approve the Centre's internal procedures, including financial regulations and staff rules;
 - (iv) approve the Regional Centre's organizational structure and number of staff;
 - (v) convene special consultative sessions to which it shall invite, in addition to its own members, the Director of the Regional Centre and representatives of other interested countries and international organizations, in order to obtain proposals for strengthening the scope of services of the Regional Centre and for carrying out projects and activities relevant to the Regional Centre, and to expand the Regional Centre's fund-raising strategy and capabilities.
- (d) The Board of Governors shall meet in ordinary session once a year; it shall meet in an extraordinary session if summoned by the Chairperson, either on his own initiative or at the request of at least half of its members.
- (e) The Board of Governors shall adopt its own rules of procedure. For the first meeting the procedure shall be established by the representatives of the Government and of the Director-General of UNESCO.

2. The Executive Committee:

- (a) shall be constituted, in consultation with the Board of Governors, for the day-to-day management of the Centre;
- (b) shall comprise the Director of the Regional Centre and representatives of the Department of Biotechnology, of the Indian Ministries of External Affairs and Human Resources Development, of three countries of the region (representation by rotation), and of UNESCO.

3. The Programme Advisory Committee:
 - (a) shall be constituted to provide technical advice for planning, execution, review and monitoring of the programme of the Regional Centre;
 - (b) shall comprise scientific, technical and legal experts nominated by the Government, countries of the region and UNESCO, and experts invited from outside the region.
4. The Secretariat:

shall be established to execute the day-to-day activities of the Regional Centre under the authority of the Director of the Regional Centre.

Article 5 – Secretariat

1. The Regional Centre's Secretariat shall consist of a Director and such staff as is necessary for the proper functioning of the Regional Centre.
2. The Director shall be appointed by the Board of Governors in consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO.
3. The other members of the Secretariat may comprise:
 - (a) members of UNESCO's staff who may be made available to the Centre, as provided for by the Organization's regulations;
 - (b) any person appointed by the Director, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Board of Governors;
 - (c) government officials who may be made available to the Regional Centre, as provided by the Government's regulations.

Article 6 – Duties of the Director

1. The Director shall discharge the following duties:
 - (a) direct the work of the Regional Centre in conformity with the programmes and directives established by the Board of Governors;
 - (b) propose the draft work plan and budget to be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval;
 - (c) prepare the provisional agenda for the sessions of the Board of Governors and submit to it any proposals that he may deem useful for the administration of the Regional Centre;
 - (d) prepare reports on the Regional Centre's activities to be submitted to the Board of Governors;
 - (e) represent the Regional Centre in law and in all civil acts.

Article 7 – Financial arrangements

1. The Regional Centre's resources shall derive from catalytic funds allotted by the Government and, for start-up activities, by UNESCO, subject to the decisions of the General Conference, as well as from such contributions as it may receive from other Member States of UNESCO within the region for the establishment of a core fund following an agreed process through the administrative mechanisms of the Regional Centre, from external sources to be explored with intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations, and from payments for services rendered. The Member States may also provide voluntary contributions to the Core Fund, including contributions in the form of secondment of scientists, researchers, teachers, officers, etc.
2. The travel costs of the representatives of Member States participating in the sessions of the administrative bodies of the Regional Centre shall be met by the Member States participating in the Regional Centre. The local costs shall be covered by the Core Fund.
3. The Regional Centre may, with the approval of the Board of Governors, receive donations, gifts and legacies.

Article 8 – Contribution of the Government

1. The Government shall provide the Regional Centre with appropriate office space, equipment and facilities.
2. The Government shall make available to the Regional Centre the necessary staff, and contribute special funds which shall cover:
 - (a) the salaries and compensations of the Secretariat staff, including the Director;
 - (b) the communication, utilities and maintenance costs of the Regional Centre, plus the expenses of holding the sessions of the Board of Governors and special consultative sessions;
 - (c) the cost of studies, training, and publication activities, complementing the contributions from other sources.

Article 9 – Contribution of UNESCO

1. UNESCO shall provide technical assistance as and when required and as appropriate, for the establishment and operation of the Regional Centre, including assistance in the formulation of the short-term, medium-term and long-term programmes of the Regional Centre.
2. UNESCO shall provide some catalytic support within the framework of the regular biennial Programme and Budget (C/5 document), particularly for start-up activities of the Regional Centre, it being understood that UNESCO may only contribute financially to concrete activities/projects of the Regional Centre if those are deemed in line with UNESCO's programme priorities. UNESCO shall not, however, provide financial support for administrative or institutional purposes.
3. It shall encourage the international governmental and non-governmental financial entities, as well as Member States of UNESCO, to provide financial and technical assistance and to propose applicable projects to the Regional Centre, and shall facilitate contacts with other international organizations relevant to the functions of the Regional Centre.
4. It shall provide the Regional Centre with relevant UNESCO publications and other pertinent material, and shall disseminate information on the activities of the Regional Centre via the UNESCO website and other newsletters and mechanisms at its disposal.
5. It shall participate, when appropriate, in the scientific, technical and training meetings held by the Regional Centre.

Article 10 – Legal status, privileges and immunities

1. The Regional Centre shall enjoy on the territory of India the personality and legal capacity necessary for the exercise of its functions.
2. The Government shall apply to UNESCO and its officials and experts and to the representatives of Member States and Associate Members attending the sessions of the governing bodies and the Programme Advisory Committee, the provisions of the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, to which it has been party since 1949.
3. The Government shall authorize the entry, free of visa charges, the sojourn on its territory and the exit of any person invited to attend the sessions of the governing bodies or proceeding to the Regional Centre on official business.
4. The goods, assets and income of the Regional Centre shall be exempt from all direct taxes. Further, the Regional Centre shall be exempt from the payment of any fees or taxes in respect of equipment, supplies and material imported or exported for its official use.
5. The Regional Centre may have accounts in any currency, hold funds and foreign exchange of any kind, and transfer them freely.
6. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any claims which may be brought by third persons against UNESCO, against members of its staff or against other persons employed by the Regional Centre, and shall hold UNESCO and the above-mentioned parties harmless from any claims or liabilities resulting from

operations of the Regional Centre under this Agreement, except where it is agreed by UNESCO and the Government that such claims or liabilities arise from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such persons.

Article 11 – Final clauses

1. The present Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the two parties. It shall remain in force for a period of six years following its date of entry into force and may be reviewed for a similar period as agreed upon between the parties provided that the renewal of the designation of the Regional Centre as a category 2 centre has been recommended by the Executive Board of UNESCO.

2. The present Agreement may be revised by consent between the Government and UNESCO.

3. Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving six months prior written notice to the other party.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement in two original copies.

For the Government of India:

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization:

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(representative of the Government)

(representative of UNESCO)

(171 EX/SR.10)

11 Reactivation and strengthening of centres of excellence in the fields of biology, molecular biology and tropical ecology (171 EX/10; 171 EX/INF.20; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering the strategies and recommendations contained in document 161 EX/41, 161 EX/Decision 3.2.4, document 162 EX/18 and 30 C/Resolution 83 concerning the formulation of natural sciences programmes for human and institutional capacity-building in science and technology,
2. Emphasizing the need to strengthen UNESCO's activities through the educational and training activities of the centres of excellence established in Venezuela,
3. Recalling the crucial responsibility entrusted to UNESCO in the fields of education, science and technology for the growth and development of the Latin America and the Caribbean region,
4. Having examined documents 171 EX/10 and 171 EX/INF.20,
5. Thanks the Member States concerned for their support for this initiative, which will benefit the regional and international scientific community in each of the centres' specific fields, thereby strengthening the Latin American and Caribbean integration process;
6. Invites the Director-General to conduct a feasibility study on placing these international centres under the auspices of UNESCO, for consideration at its 172nd session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

12 Proposed establishment of the international centre for water hazard and risk management (ICHARM) in Tsukuba, Japan, under the auspices of UNESCO (171 EX/11 and Add. and Add. Corr.; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 21 C/Resolution 40.1 and 165 EX/Decision 5.4,
2. Further recalling the implementation plan highlighting the needs to mitigate the effects of drought and floods which was adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002, and the ministerial declaration underlining the need for comprehensive efforts against water-related disasters from the Third World Water Forum in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka, Japan in 2003, and Resolution XVI-4 adopted at the 16th session of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) Intergovernmental Council held from 20 to 24 September 2004 in Paris,
3. Having examined document 171 EX/11 and Add. and Add. Corr.,
4. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of Japan to establish the international centre for water hazard and risk management (ICHARM) under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the existing principles and guidelines (21 C/36) and the proposed strategy for this category of institutes and centres (165 EX/20 and 167 EX/16);
5. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 33rd session, approve the establishment of the international centre for water hazard and risk management (ICHARM), under the auspices of UNESCO, and authorize the Director-General to sign the agreement between the Government of Japan and UNESCO which is annexed to the present decision.

ANNEX

**Agreement between the Government of Japan and the
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
concerning the Establishment of the
International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM)
under the Auspices of UNESCO**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”) and the Government of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”),

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Establishment

The Government agrees to take appropriate measures, in accordance with the laws and regulations of Japan, that may be required for the setting up of the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM) in Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the Centre”) as provided for under this Agreement.

Article 2 – Participation

1. The Government agrees to take appropriate measures, in accordance with its laws and regulations, which may be required for the Public Works Research Institute (hereinafter referred to as “PWRI”) to operate the Centre under the Agreement between PWRI and the Organization, as may be amended by mutual agreement.
2. The Centre shall be an integral part of PWRI, which enjoys on the territory of Japan the personality and legal capacity necessary for the exercise of its functions, in accordance with laws and regulations of Japan, and shall serve Member States of the Organization which may, as a result of problems in the field of water-related hazards and risk management, desire to cooperate with the Centre.

Article 3 – Objective and functions

1. The objective of the Centre shall be to conduct research, capacity-building and information networking activities in the field of water-related hazards and risk management at the local, national, regional and global levels in order to prevent and mitigate their impacts with a view to sustainable and integrated river basin management.
2. In order to achieve the above objective, the functions of the Centre shall be:
 - (a) to promote scientific research and undertake effective capacity-building activities at the institutional and professional levels;
 - (b) to create and reinforce networks for the exchange of scientific, technical and policy information among institutions and individuals;
 - (c) to develop and coordinate cooperative research activities, taking advantage particularly of the existing scientific and professional capacity of the relevant International Hydrological Programme (hereinafter referred to as “IHP”) networks, the World Water Assessment Programme, the International Flood Initiative/Programme, and the relevant programmes of non-governmental organizations, and involving international institutions and networks operating under their auspices;
 - (d) to conduct international training courses especially for the practitioners and researchers of the world;
 - (e) to organize knowledge and information transfer activities, including international symposia and workshops, and to engage in appropriate awareness-raising activities targeted at various audiences, including the general public;
 - (f) to develop a strong programme of information and communication technology;
 - (g) to provide technical consulting services;
 - (h) to produce technical publications and other media items relating to the activities of the Centre.
3. The Centre shall pursue the above objective and functions in close coordination with IHP.

Article 4 – Advisory Board

The Government and the Organization recognize that the following provisions are included in the Agreement between PWRI and the Organization:

- (a) The Advisory Board for the Centre shall be established. Six members of the Advisory Board shall be elected by the IHP Intergovernmental Council, while other members (no more than seven) shall be appointed by the Chief Executive of PWRI. A representative of the Director-General of the Organization should be included in the Advisory Board as a full member.
- (b) The functions of the Advisory Board shall be:
 - (i) to advise on the draft work plan and budget submitted by the Director of the Centre;
 - (ii) to examine and advise on the reports submitted by the Director of the Centre.
- (c) The Chief Executive of PWRI is responsible for making a final decision on the work plan and budget based on the advice from the Advisory Board.
- (d) The Advisory Board shall meet once every two years and whenever necessary.
- (e) The Centre shall function as a secretariat of the Advisory Board.

Article 5 – Staff

The Government and the Organization recognize that the following provisions are included in the Agreement between PWRI and the Organization:

- (a) The Centre shall consist of a Director and staff necessary for the activities of the Centre.
- (b) The Director shall be appointed by the Chief Executive of PWRI in consultation with the Director-General of the Organization, and direct the work of the Centre.
- (c) The Centre’s staff shall include:

- (i) the members employed by the Chief Executive of PWRI;
- (ii) researchers or professionals appointed and/or invited by the Chief Executive of PWRI to contribute to the Centre’s activities.

Article 6 – Financial matters

1. The Government shall take appropriate measures, in accordance with its laws and regulations, which may be required for the Centre to receive adequate funds.
2. The Government and the Organization recognize that the following provision is included in the Agreement between PWRI and the Organization:

The Centre’s resources shall derive from sums allotted by PWRI, from such contributions as it may receive from other governmental or intergovernmental organizations or any non-governmental organizations, and from payments for services rendered.

Article 7 – Contribution of the Organization

1. The Organization shall provide technical and administrative assistance for the establishment and operation of the Centre, including assistance in the formulation of the short-term, mid-term and long-term programmes of the Centre.
2. In conformity with the relevant policies of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP, the Organization may delegate to the Centre the execution of activities concerning water-related hazards and risk management, and may provide support within the framework of each regular biennial programme and budget, particularly to reinforce its start-up period.
3. The Organization shall introduce the Centre to the international governmental and non-governmental financial entities, as well as Member States of the Organization, and encourage them to provide financial and technical assistance and to propose relevant projects to the Centre, and shall facilitate contacts with other international organizations relevant to the functions of the Centre.
4. The Organization shall provide the Centre with IHP publications and other pertinent material, and shall disseminate information on the activities of the Centre via the IHP website and other mechanisms at its disposal.
5. The Organization shall participate, whenever appropriate, in the scientific, technical and training meetings held by the Centre.

Article 8 – Final clauses

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force upon its signature by the Government and the Organization. It shall remain in force until the end of the fifth year following the signature of the present Agreement, and may be renewed for a similar period as agreed upon between the Government and the Organization.
2. The present Agreement may be revised by agreement between the Government and the Organization.
3. Either party shall have the right to terminate the present Agreement by giving six months’ prior written notice to the other party.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement in two original copies.

For the Government of Japan:

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization:

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(representative of the Government)

(representative of the Organization)

13 Information on a proposal for granting the Instituto de Matematica Pura e Aplicada (IMPA), in Brazil, the status of an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (171 EX/INF.3; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/INF.3,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(171 EX/SR.10)

Social and human sciences

14 Report by the Director-General on an intersectoral strategy on philosophy (171 EX/12 and Corr. (English only); 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 3.6.3,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/12,
3. Considering the need to respond collectively to existing and emerging world challenges,
4. Reconfirming UNESCO's commitment to encouraging international intellectual cooperation in promotion of the dialogue between civilizations and of peace,
5. Thanks UNESCO for the efforts made in its activities to promote philosophical reflection and to underscore the role of different philosophical systems;
6. Invites the Director-General to implement the intersectoral strategy on philosophy contained in document 171 EX/12 through close intersectoral cooperation, especially with the Education Sector, and in partnership with relevant partners, in particular National Commissions for UNESCO.

(171 EX/SR.10)

15 Proclamation of a world philosophy day (171 EX/48 Rev.; 171 EX/INF.12; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which stipulates in Article 26 that “everyone has the right to education” (para. 1) and that “education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality ... It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups ... for the maintenance of peace” (para. 2),
2. Recalling also the Constitution of UNESCO, which declares that “the States Parties to this Constitution, believing in full and equal opportunities for education for all, in the unrestricted pursuit of objective truth, and in the free exchange of ideas and knowledge, are agreed and determined to develop and to increase the means of communication

between their peoples and to employ these means for the purposes of mutual understanding and a truer and more perfect knowledge of each other's lives",

3. Mindful of the eminent role played by philosophy in the development of humanity,
4. Convinced of the importance of philosophy, and concerned about the need to protect humanity from the dual threat of obscurantism and extremism,
5. Recalling the fundamental role of philosophy in the promotion of tolerance and peace,
6. Underscoring that UNESCO has the ambition of imbuing public opinion with moral and philosophical which are conducive to strengthening respect for human beings, love of peace, solidarity and attachment to an ideal of culture,
7. Recalling that one of UNESCO's particular aims is to encourage progress in philosophical studies, to support the activities of associations, universities and all other institutions with a similar goal, and to foster international exchanges and publications in the field, in particular through the holding of Philosophy Day at UNESCO, which has been celebrated since 2002 at the Organization's Headquarters and in more than 70 Member States,
8. Having examined document 171 EX/48 Rev.,
9. Urges Member States to:
 - (a) pursue their efforts to promote philosophy within their countries;
 - (b) support the proclamation of a world philosophy day to confirm the traditional place of that discipline in civic life so that philosophy may pursue its universal mission in the service of cultural diversity and peace in the world;
 - (c) strengthen the teaching of that discipline in their countries, and encourage initiatives involving philosophical activities by different partners within the discipline;
 - (d) use the guidelines established by UNESCO, such as the intersectoral strategy on philosophy, and promote them within the framework of international cooperation on questions relating to philosophy education and within the scientific community;
10. Takes note of the conclusions of the feasibility study presented by the Director-General on the celebration of a world philosophy day (171 EX/INF.12), including an indication of the expected results as well as an assurance that there will be no additional financial implications for the regular budget of UNESCO;
11. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 33rd session, proclaim the third Thursday of November every year "World Philosophy Day";
12. Recommends that the General Conference request the General Assembly of the United Nations to associate itself with this celebration and encourage the Member States of the United Nations to do likewise.

16 Report by the Director-General on the drawing up of a declaration on universal norms for bioethics (171 EX/13; 171 EX/INF.13; 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 3.5.1,
2. Bearing in mind the timetable for the drawing up of the declaration on universal norms for bioethics that it approved at its 169th session (169 EX/Decision 3.6.2),
3. Having examined document 171 EX/13,
4. Recognizes the complexity of the subject addressed and the value of the exchanges engaged in at the first intergovernmental meeting of experts (Paris, 4-6 April 2005), and notes that it is necessary for further discussions to be held among Member States on fundamental issues such as the scope of the future declaration, its target audience, and the definition of bioethics;
5. Aware of the crucial role that the government experts play in the process of elaborating the declaration, welcomes their willingness to engage in a constructive process of negotiation on the different positions expressed;
6. Takes note of the recommendations of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) with regard to the drawing up of the declaration;
7. Thanks and congratulates the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and its Drafting Group for the work accomplished;
8. Takes note of the preliminary draft drawn up by the International Bioethics Committee, which is contained in the annex to document 171 EX/13, and considers that it constitutes a basis for the governmental negotiations aimed at finalizing the draft declaration;
9. Considers that the government experts, at the meeting in June 2005, should prepare and present a draft to the Director-General with a view to its transmission to the General Conference at its 33rd session in October 2005.

(171 EX/SR.10)

Culture

17 Report by the Director-General on a strategy to facilitate the restitution of stolen or illicitly exported cultural property (171 EX/14 and Add.; 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 38,
2. Having examined documents 171 EX/14 and Add.
3. Noting in particular Recommendations Nos. 3 and 4 adopted at its 13th session by the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation, as annexed to document 171 EX/14 Add.,

4. Invites the Director-General to inscribe on the provisional agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference an agenda item on a strategy to facilitate the restitution of stolen or illicitly exported cultural property;
5. Further invites the Director-General to inscribe on the provisional agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference an agenda item concerning the question regarding cultural objects displaced in connection with the Second World War.

(171 EX/SR.10)

18 Jerusalem and the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 39 and 170 EX/Decision 3.6.1
(171 EX/15; 171 EX/64 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 39 and 170 EX/Decision 3.6.1, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and its two Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inclusion of the Old City of Jerusalem in the World Heritage List and in the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on protection of the cultural heritage,
2. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, shall 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. Having examined document 171 EX/15 concerning Jerusalem,
4. Expresses its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained efforts for the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in compliance with 32 C/Resolution 39 of the General Conference as well as 170 EX/Decision 3.6.1 of the Executive Board, and reiterates its concern as to the obstacles to the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
5. Congratulates the Director-General on the holding of the first meeting of the International Committee of Experts on the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem at UNESCO Headquarters on 26 and 27 January 2005, invites him to pursue his efforts with a view to establishing an action plan in conformity with the main lines established by this Committee, and requests him to present to it a progress report on the implementation of the plan of action for the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
6. Further invites the concerned parties to cooperate with UNESCO for the implementation of the action plan, and reiterates its appeal to the Member States with a view to their financial contribution to the full implementation of this action plan;
7. Encourages the Director-General to intensify his efforts towards the establishment of a centre for the conservation of Islamic manuscripts in al-Ashrafiya Madrasa within the Esplanade of the Mosques (al-Haram ash-Sharif);
8. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 172nd session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

19 Report by the Director-General on the progress towards the draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions (171 EX/44; 171 EX/INF.18; 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 34 and 169 EX/Decision 3.7.2,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/44,
3. Having been informed of the results of the two sessions of the category II intergovernmental meeting of experts on the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions held in Paris from 20 to 25 September 2004 and from 31 January to 11 February 2005,
4. Recognizing the progress made during these sessions, and noting the recommendation adopted by the experts at the second session of the intergovernmental meeting,
5. Requests the Director-General to continue his efforts to move forward the preparation of a preliminary draft international convention;
6. Authorizes the Director-General to convene a third session of the intergovernmental meeting of experts to further develop the preliminary draft convention;
7. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 172nd session on the progress accomplished on the preliminary draft convention at the third session of the intergovernmental meeting.

(171 EX/SR.10)

DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2006-2007 (33 C/5)

20 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board (171 EX/INF.5; 171 EX/INF.6; 171 EX/INF.19; 171 EX/INF.21; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) prepared by the Director-General and submitted to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VI.3(a) of the Constitution,
2. Recalling the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2000 (General Assembly resolution 55/2), which will be reviewed by the General Assembly at summit level from 14 to 16 September 2005,
3. Reaffirming all provisions of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved),
4. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 4.1,
5. Further recalling General Assembly resolution 57/2 on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD),

6. Mindful of the various reform initiatives and proposals under consideration by the United Nations and, in that connection, underlining the importance of the continued reform process of UNESCO,

I

UNESCO in a reforming United Nations system

7. Welcomes the explicit orientation of programme strategies and action throughout document 33 C/5 towards the Millennium Declaration, the internationally agreed development goals contained therein, and other internationally agreed targets in UNESCO domains, with special emphasis on the central goal of halving poverty by 2015;
8. Underlines the ongoing need to articulate and align UNESCO action more clearly with respect to these objectives with a view to attaining concrete results, especially at the country level, in all domains of UNESCO;
9. Resolves that the principal characteristics and comparative advantages of UNESCO in its role as a specialized agency of the United Nations must be clearly articulated and reflected in the next Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4), based on the provisions of the Constitution, which are as relevant as ever in today's world;
10. Expresses appreciation for UNESCO's strategy to concentrate its activities in the fields of its core mandate, and appreciates the progress achieved towards this goal, as shown in document 33 C/5;
11. Affirms that UNESCO must continue to protect and promote its primary responsibility for its core mandate, commends the Director-General for his efforts in that regard, encourages supportive efforts and cooperation by other organizations of the United Nations system in performing this responsibility, avoiding duplication and strengthening complementarity, and to that end underlines the importance of ensuring that in the activities of United Nations coordination mechanisms, the core mandates of specialized agencies are fully brought into play, on an equal footing with those of United Nations funds and programmes;
12. Welcomes in that regard the Director-General's statement that UNESCO is intensifying its contribution to both global and country-level activities of the United Nations system, such as the Chief Executives Board (CEB) and the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) as well as in United Nations country teams, and encourages the Director-General to pursue these efforts vigorously, which are also aimed at enhancing effectiveness and harmonization of activities by the United Nations system in support of the sustainable development of Member States;

II

Strengthening action on some core issues

13. Recalls the five functions of UNESCO set out in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (para. 30 of document 31 C/4), and underlines the need to reinforce building of human and institutional capacities in Member States in all the Organization's fields of competence;

14. Emphasizes the function of standard-setter, which requires systematic attention at all stages, including striking a balance between expert and intergovernmental inputs during the preparatory phase of elaborating a convention or normative instrument, allowing sufficient time for the negotiation process as well as for in-country consultations so as to enhance national ownership and prospects for ratification, and recalls in this regard paragraph 17 of 170 EX/Decision 4.1;
15. Affirms the need to mainstream fully the needs and requirements of Africa, the least developed countries (LDCs), women and youth throughout all programmes of the Organization in accordance with the provisions of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved), and urges the Director-General to ensure full implementation of these requirements in the work plans pertaining to document 33 C/5;
16. Recognizes the critical role women play in the realization of UNESCO's strategic objectives and in the pursuit of internationally agreed development goals, and urges that women be empowered to contribute more effectively in the implementation of the programme, including through enhanced participation in decision-making processes;
17. Requests the Director-General to intensify efforts to mainstream the needs of women with a view to achieving women's empowerment and gender equality and, in particular, to pursue the internationally agreed development goal of gender parity in education at all levels, as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
18. Urges UNESCO to take full advantage of the creativity of women, and specifically their contributions to science and the knowledge society, while tackling poverty, illiteracy and the threat of HIV/AIDS, which afflict women disproportionately, to intensify education to overcome violence against women, and to facilitate in all these endeavours solidarity action involving women from North and South;
19. Calls upon the Director-General to address the needs of young people as the successor generation, to respond to their expectations and ideas, to empower them to participate as partners in all areas of competence of the Organization, and to enable them to make a concrete contribution, including through partnerships, and in that regard welcomes the institutionalization of the Youth Forum preceding the General Conference;
20. Requests the Director-General to implement staff capacity development and training programmes fostering women, gender and youth mainstreaming, drawing on corporate training funds;
21. Emphasizes UNESCO's unique mandate and responsibility to foster a dialogue among civilizations and cultures with a view to promoting peace, understanding among peoples and a better reciprocal knowledge of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity, and to that end requests the Director-General during 2006-2007 to intensify concrete action in all fields of UNESCO's competence, together with a broader involvement of women and young people, and to include appropriate interdisciplinary approaches in the next Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4), bearing in mind document 171 EX/40 on the dialogue among peoples and the action areas indicated throughout document 33 C/5;
22. Recommends that document 33 C/5 include action promoting the dialogue among and with indigenous peoples, following up on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1995-2004), and placing emphasis on education integrating the cultural and linguistic specificities – in line with education for all (EFA) and other

internationally agreed development goals – and the preservation and protection of the tangible and intangible heritage of the indigenous peoples;

23. Underlines the important role of UNESCO in post-conflict and post-disaster situations, and recommends that in document 33 C/5 explicit reference be made in the various Major Programmes concerned to relevant General Conference resolutions and Executive Board decisions, specifically to General Conference resolutions 32 C/Resolutions 50, 51 and 52 pertaining to Angola, Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and to Executive Board decisions 170 EX/Decision 9.2 on Afghanistan and 170 EX/Decision 9.4 on Iraq;

III

The reform process

24. Notes with satisfaction the substantial progress achieved in the reform process, and calls for a further strengthened implementation of the change management measures;

Programme concentration and prioritization

25. Welcomes the concentration and focus of the programme contained in document 33 C/5, but considers that a further prioritization on an ongoing basis is desirable, linked to clear goals, expected results, timelines and well-defined sunset clauses based on clearly defined expected results and timelines, and backed up by evaluations;
26. Notes that the Secretariat's revised programme management cycle represents a common global framework linking Headquarters, field offices and institutes, requests the Director-General to establish, in the context of the decentralization process, clear lines of management responsibility ensuring an effective targeting of all programme activities, and invites him in the context of the preparation of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) to present a vision on the optimum division and balance of functions of cluster offices, national offices, regional bureaux, institutes and Headquarters;

Results-based programming, management and monitoring (RBM)

27. Recognizes the progress made in the introduction of the results-based programming, management and monitoring (RBM) approach of UNESCO, requests the Director-General to pay particular attention to the integration of quality dimensions into the formulation of results and performance indicators as well as of impact assessments, and to intensify staff training in RBM from the corporate training budget, and underlines the need to move towards a results-based budgeting (RBB) approach, which will identify staff costs, in the presentation of document 34 C/5;

Decentralization

28. Commends the Director-General for his commitment to decentralization, recognizes the progress so far achieved, and requests him to continue to refine the strategy, including the authority and responsibility of field offices within UNESCO's organizational structure and programmatic decision-making, to continue to apply it in a flexible manner, and to pursue measures aimed at harmonization within the larger United Nations framework;

29. Requests the Director-General to assign sufficiently senior specialists with requisite competences to field offices, to make more use of national experts as a cost-effective option, and to encourage greater involvement of National Commissions in programme implementation and related decision-making based on consultations with the field offices concerned;

National Commissions

30. Recognizes that National Commissions, embedded in the structure of UNESCO as constituent elements, provide visibility to UNESCO in Member States, represent a mechanism for implementing UNESCO programmes at the national and international levels, have a coordinating function at the national level in UNESCO's areas of competence in close cooperation with UNESCO field offices and Headquarters, and in this function are a unique model in the United Nations system for cooperation with civil society and other stakeholders;
31. Requests the Director-General to ensure that within the structure of the Secretariat, the organizational unit dealing with National Commissions has sufficient operational space and flexibility to respond to the needs of National Commissions in performing their role;

Human resources strategy

32. Takes note of the submission of a mid-/long-term staffing strategy, including the emphasis on career development and staff competencies (171 EX/6 Part I), welcomes the announcement by the Director-General that in document 33 C/5 the same level of intake of Young Professionals will be maintained as in document 32 C/5, and requests the Director-General, in addressing the renewal of staff, to pay particular attention to the career development of Young Professionals;

Extrabudgetary resources

33. Welcomes the presentation of extrabudgetary resources in document 33 C/5, which facilitates a holistic overview, reiterates the need to ensure a full alignment of activities funded from extrabudgetary sources with the priorities of the regular programme, underlines the need to clearly identify the contribution of extrabudgetary resources to expected results concerned, and requests the Director-General to provide, on a regular basis, information regarding extrabudgetary resources in his reports on the implementation of the programme, as well as to provide information on the overall strategy for the use and mobilization of extrabudgetary resources, including measures to improve the predictability of such resources, transparency in the mechanisms, and the results obtained;

Visibility and public information

34. Requests the Director-General, and invites Member States to promote more vigorously the visibility and presence of UNESCO globally with respect to its core mandate and priority programmes, and to tailor specific messages to well-defined target groups, making full use of all tools and approaches – particularly the excellent UNESCO web portal, press releases and media advisories, publications, video and photographic material – with a view to stimulating a broad-based public engagement in and awareness of UNESCO programmatic themes;

IV

Major Programmes**Major Programme I – Education**

35. Affirms that education is at the heart of UNESCO's mandate, with education for all (EFA) and its six Dakar goals as an agreed priority, for the attainment of which UNESCO must exercise full leadership as the lead coordinating agency of the global EFA movement addressing all educational levels and aimed at promoting quality education;
36. Recommends that document 33 C/5 should include action in response to the relevant provisions of 171 EX/Decision 7, which reads as follows:

“The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 3.4.2 (I),
2. Having examined document 171 EX/8 and Corr.,
3. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts made to follow up the EFA Strategic Review;
4. Takes note of the outcomes of the initial consultations with key stakeholders to facilitate the preparation of a comprehensive mapping of the current and future contributions of each partner to achieve the EFA goals and education-related millennium goals;
5. Requests the Director-General to intensify consultations and high-level dialogue with key international stakeholders, particularly the World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA, to agree on the specific roles, responsibilities and contributions of each stakeholder for the period 2005-2015 in achieving the EFA goals;
6. Requests Member States to urge the key international stakeholders through their governing bodies to fully respect the framework of inter-agency coordination and cooperation for the achievement of the EFA goals, with UNESCO as the lead coordinating agency;
7. Further requests the Director-General to prepare, on the basis of these consultations and of consultations with the Working Group and High-Level Group on EFA, a concise global action plan to achieve the EFA goals, including resource mobilization, to be presented to the Executive Board at its 174th session;
8. Also requests the Director-General to develop a management framework for a decentralized and results-oriented education programme reflecting UNESCO's specific contributions, especially in capacity-building for Member States, including those from its institutes and field offices, at the international, regional and country levels;

9. Encourages the Director-General to consider appropriate organizational changes which may be necessary in order to implement the above-mentioned management framework;
10. Requests the Director-General to ensure that all four strategic objectives and corresponding implementation plans presented in the EFA strategy for 2005-2015 develop in alignment with the global plan as it unfolds and in a manner consistent with the management framework;
11. Reiterates that the heart of EFA activity lies at the country level, emphasizes that strong national leadership and national capacity are essential for achieving the Dakar goals, which should be integrated into national development and poverty reduction frameworks, and stresses the need for the international community to fulfil the commitments it made in Dakar, as amplified by the Monterrey Consensus, by substantially increasing its assistance, ensuring better coherence between the donors, and aligning aid with country-led national development strategies;
12. Further requests the Director-General to keep the Executive Board regularly informed regarding the additional extrabudgetary resources which may be necessary for the Organization to efficiently implement its EFA strategy and plans, including regional ones.”;
37. Strongly supports the three core initiatives proposed by the Director-General, namely the Literacy Initiative for Empowerment (LIFE), the Teacher-Training Initiative for Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Global Initiative on HIV/AIDS and Education, for which UNESCO has been designated as lead agency by the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations of UNAIDS;
38. Underlines UNESCO’s particular mandate to foster women’s and girls’ education and to assist countries in attaining the agreed objective of achieving gender parity at all levels of education by 2015, as stipulated in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
39. Notes that “literacy with special emphasis on education for rural people” has been selected as the theme for the fifth EFA High-Level Group Meeting (Beijing, 28-30 November 2005), and emphasizes that UNESCO should pay particular attention to rural education, which is critical for the attainment of the six Dakar goals and for the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012);
40. Requests the Director-General to reflect in document 33 C/5 support to the E-9 countries as a flagship activity, providing information on the proposed follow-up to the decisions taken at the Fifth E-9 Ministerial Review Meeting in Cairo (19-21 December 2003) and a synthesis of all action envisaged in E-9 countries under Major Programme I, including indicative allocations, expected results and performance indicators;
41. Underlines the importance of technical and vocational training, and recommends that in the proposed resolution contained in paragraph 01410 the following words be added at the end of paragraph (a)(ii) “taking into account the significant contribution of the Bonn UNEVOC Centre for the implementation of these activities”;

42. Requests the Director-General to strengthen significantly UNESCO's action for the effective implementation of the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) through a holistic and intersectoral approach, and to do so in close cooperation with other United Nations organizations, Member States and civil society, and emphasizes the need to reflect more adequately the importance of the Decade throughout document 33 C/5;
43. Welcomes the proposals made by the Director-General pertaining to higher education (Subprogramme I.4.2) and to teacher training in Africa (Subprogramme I.2.3), and recognizes that capacity-building through teacher training plays a pivotal role in the efforts to achieve the EFA goals and as an integral part of quality education;
44. Requests the Director-General to include among the activities of both Major Programme I and Major Programme IV action to follow up on the World Conference on Arts Education, within existing financial resources, especially in Subprogrammes I.3.1 and IV.2.3; and recommends to amend accordingly, in paragraph 01310, paragraph (a)(i) of the proposed resolution to read “developing the whole person, including aspects of physical education and health, arts education, and facilitating ...”; to amend paragraph (a)(ii) of the proposed resolution contained in paragraph 04230 to read “; promote the arts, in close cooperation with artistic NGOs, including contributing to the follow-up to the World Conference on Arts Education ...”, and taking into account the actual results of the World Conference to add a new expected result to paragraph 04232, as appropriate;
45. Recommends that in paragraph 01611 Yemen be included among the countries in which the cross-cutting theme project “Enhancing the socio-economic skills of deprived youth in the Arab States” is being carried out;

Major Programme II – Natural sciences

46. Expresses its satisfaction with the proposals made by the Director-General for the principal priority “Water and associated ecosystems”, and highlights that this is an area where UNESCO needs to maintain and buttress its comparative advantage as a lead agency of the United Nations system;
47. Supports the proposals made by the Director-General for the subprogramme on “Ecological and earth sciences for sustainable development”, and underlines its critical role, especially for developing countries;
48. Requests the Director-General to allocate in the work plans adequate resources for activities pertaining to the earth sciences, and particularly to the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP);
49. Supports UNESCO action aimed at preparing for and mitigating the consequences of disasters, including tsunamis;
50. Strongly endorses in that regard the proposal by the Director-General to contribute, through the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), to the cooperative establishment of robust tsunami warning systems in the Indian Ocean and other regions, bearing in mind the need to enhance the reliability of such systems with a view to minimizing the rate of false alarms;

51. Strongly supports the work of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP), and the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, and invites the Director-General to facilitate synergies and increased operational efficiency;
52. Recommends that in the proposed resolution contained in paragraph 02120 the following words be inserted at the end of subparagraph (b)(ii) “champion the process leading to the proclamation of an international year of Planet Earth, and ensure UNESCO’s leadership role in its implementation phase”, and to add in paragraph 02124 among the expected results at the end of the biennium the following new expected result: “International Year of Planet Earth proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly”;
53. Recommends that in the proposed resolution contained in paragraph 02210, subparagraph (v), the words “and through the culture of maintenance” be deleted, that a new subparagraph (vi) be added with the following text “assist in building capacities in physical asset management for poverty eradication and sustainable development through the culture of maintenance”, and that other subparagraphs be renumbered accordingly;
54. Further recommends that in “strategic approaches” the following words be inserted after the words “culture of maintenance”: “as an intersectoral activity involving Major Programmes I and V”, and that the following new expected result be added: “capacity for asset management improved” with the following performance indicators: “(i) capacities built through the African Regional Centre for the Culture of Maintenance at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology; (ii) training programmes and manuals on the culture of maintenance developed; (iii) sensitization and awareness seminars and workshops on the culture of maintenance organized; (iv) formulation of a culture of maintenance syllabus for integration into school curricula”;
55. Highlights the significant role that the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) as a flagship activity of UNESCO, with the principal goal of sustainably building capacities in science and science education through international and regional cooperation, is expected to play in pursuing one of UNESCO’s core mandates;
56. Welcomes new proposals to strengthen in a holistic manner UNESCO’s technical capacity-building for long-term results, particularly in areas such as water-related efforts, a basic science and mathematics education, and engineering and technology in support of sustainable development, and calls for effective intersectoral action in that regard, drawing also on action already envisaged in paragraph 08109, which should be redrafted accordingly in line with the three areas above;
57. Requests the Director-General, in support of capacity-building activities, to make use of the contribution of category 1 UNESCO institutes and centres, category 2 institutes and centres under UNESCO’s auspices and other centres of excellence associated with UNESCO;

Major Programme III – Social and human sciences

58. Endorses the proposals contained in Major Programme III concerning the principal priority “The ethics of science and technology, with special emphasis on bioethics”;

59. Recommends to delete in paragraph (vi) of the proposed resolution contained in paragraph 03110 the words "... a universal declaration of ethical principles for the environment ..." taking into account the discussion at the fourth session of COMEST, and to amend the narrative in the second paragraph of the section on "strategic approaches" accordingly;
60. Welcomes the adoption of the Intersectoral Strategy on Philosophy as contained in document 171 EX/12, and requests the Director-General to implement this Strategy through effective intersectoral cooperation, especially with Major Programme I, and in partnership with National Commissions for UNESCO and relevant stakeholders;
61. Recommends that in paragraph 03210 concerning the box on the new flagship activity "International Coalition of Cities against Racism and Discrimination" a reference be made in the third paragraph to the need "to devise regionally appropriate approaches when forming the coalitions in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, the Arab States and the Latin America and the Caribbean region";
62. Requests the Director-General to take measures aimed at improving the visibility of the MOST Programme as well as the mobilization of more extrabudgetary resources for its activities;
63. Recommends that paragraph 03213, the first expected result be amended to read "New mechanisms developed to counter various forms of racism, discrimination, xenophobia, intolerance and exclusion";
64. Further recommends that in paragraph 03122, the last expected result be amended to read "Research on new forms of violence, including terrorism, and new needs in peace education completed"; and that the related performance indicators be amended to read "Various studies on new forms of violence, including terrorism" and "Publication of notebooks on new forms of violence, including terrorism";

Major Programme IV – Culture

65. Emphasizes that the culture programme is an integral component of UNESCO's core mandate and constitutes a major asset for its relevance and visibility in Member States as well as in the United Nations system, and expresses the wish that this importance be fully highlighted and articulated in document 33 C/5;
66. Endorses the proposals contained in Major Programme IV concerning the principal priority "Promoting cultural diversity, with special emphasis on the tangible and intangible cultural heritage";
67. Strongly endorses the view that UNESCO's core mandate in culture includes the cultural challenges of the contemporary world as well as both tangible and intangible heritage, including sites not inscribed on the World Heritage List, and that this should be reflected in the capacities of the Secretariat units concerned;
68. Requests the Director-General to include in paragraph 04220, within existing resources, provisions for the development and implementation of additional cultural routes/roads, such as the proposed project Roads to Independence: the African Liberation Heritage and the proposed project Earthenware and Ceramics Road in the Asia and the Pacific region;

69. Recommends with respect to the proposed project Roads to Independence: the African Liberation Heritage, to insert in paragraph 04220 at the end of subparagraph (a)(i) the words “including roads to independence and liberation heritage in Africa, in collaboration with SADC, NEPAD and the African Union”; to insert in the related “strategic approaches” after the words “Great Lakes” the words “and Southern Africa”; and to insert after the words “slavery and its abolition” the words “as well as Roads to Independence: the African Liberation Heritage project”;
70. Further recommends to add in paragraph 04221 “expected results at the end of the biennium” the following words in the second bullet: “seminar and” before the words “training activities”, and to add in paragraph 04131 after the word “Africa” the words “including strategic direction and resources needed for the protection, conservation and development of the region’s liberation heritage”, as well as to insert after the words “drawn up” the words “including data and databases on types and location of heritage resources of African liberation in the SADC region”;
71. Requests the Director-General to propose a detailed plan of action for UNESCO’s overall strategy for an intersectoral programme on languages, including the designation of a focal point and a separate budget line in document 33 C/5 from the available resources foreseen in the regular budget;

Major Programme V – Communication and information

72. Endorses the proposals contained in Major Programme V concerning the principal priority “Empowering people through access to information and knowledge, with special emphasis on freedom of expression”;
73. Calls upon the Director-General to implement fully and visibly during 2006-2007 the relevant outcomes of the first phase (2003) of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS I), to contribute constructively to the preparation of the second phase (2005) of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS II) based on UNESCO’s four principles pertaining to the building of knowledge societies, and to incorporate and implement the relevant outcomes of WSIS II in the work plans relating to document 33 C/5;
74. Takes note of the concept of “information culture” considered by the Information for All Programme (IFAP), and recommends that appropriate references in this regard be included in Major Programme V;
75. Recommends that issues of ethics, as contained in paragraphs 52 and 55 of the Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society held in December 2003 in Geneva, be fully reflected in the relevant parts of Major Programme V;
76. Recognizes that the development of information and communication technologies (ICTs) provides opportunities to improve the free flow of ideas by word and image, but also poses challenges for ensuring participation of all in the global information society;
77. Also recognizes that different levels of economic development affect prospects for access to cyberspace, and that specific policies and increased solidarity are required to redress current asymmetries and to create inclusive knowledge societies;

78. Expresses appreciation for UNESCO's unfailing support for the protection, preservation and expansion of the public domain in the areas of information and knowledge, underscores the contribution of open access regimes to knowledge sharing, notes that broadcasting plays a pivotal role in building a knowledge society, and that breakthroughs in communication technology have presented the world with an unprecedented opportunity to deliver the benefits of knowledge to hitherto deprived sections of the population in developing countries, invites the Director-General, in accordance with 171 EX/Decision 65, to ensure that UNESCO, as a specialized agency within the United Nations system dealing with the issue of communication and information, plays an active role in any deliberations affecting its mandate, and further invites the Director-General to submit a proposal on a convention on broadcasting and emerging technologies to be examined at the next session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations (Rome Convention, 1961);
79. Requests the Director-General to continue giving strong emphasis to community media centres (CMC) in developing countries, thereby providing access to information and knowledge, and serving as platforms for the creation of linguistically and culturally diversified content;

UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)

80. Commends the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) for its valuable role in providing the basis for evidence-based policy-making and programming;
81. Recognizes the need to provide UIS with requisite resources to carry out its mission, which also includes contributions to the monitoring of progress towards the implementation of the six Dakar EFA goals, the Millennium Declaration, and the internationally agreed development goals contained therein;

V

Specific programme issues

Intersectoral action

82. Underlines the significance of joint intersectoral action as a thrust for the future of UNESCO and as a genuine comparative advantage of the Organization and requests the further development of intersectorality both at Headquarters and in the field;
83. Welcomes the various joint intersectoral actions and mainstreaming issues contained in document 33 C/5, and requests the inclusion of an additional intersectoral initiative addressing the issue of youth violence in Central America, with allocation of resources to be provided in work plans in all fields of the Organization through the Major Programmes and the Bureau of Strategic Planning;
84. Recommends that in connection with the twentieth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster in 2006, and in accordance with the Declaration of Principles on the CORE Programme adopted with the participation of UNESCO on 15 October 2003, a scientific analysis of the consequences of the disaster be conducted under the aegis of UNESCO, drawing on already existing research and the work of scientific institutes and laboratories, within the programme action envisaged for document 33 C/5;

Participation Programme

85. Recognizes that the Participation Programme is an essential part of the process of programme execution, and that it promotes the direct participation of National Commissions and their partners in the execution of the programme, at the national, regional and international levels, and emphasizes its importance in fostering the presence and visibility of UNESCO in Member States;
86. Invites the Director-General to consider maintaining the Participation Programme at the same level as in document 32 C/5;

VI

Budget issues

87. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5),
88. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 4.1,
89. Takes note of the fact that the budgeting techniques are in accordance with 32 C/Resolution 83;
90. Noting the progress achieved in the presentation of document 33 C/5,
91. Stresses the need to further improve results-based management at all levels of the Organization;
92. Notes that the Director-General has put forward a single budget proposal of \$635 million, including additional proposals for an amount of \$25 million above the baseline of \$610 million to strengthen the delivery of UNESCO's principal priorities;
93. Further notes that this proposal of the Director-General received support from a number of Member States;
94. Requests the Director-General to keep exploring possibilities to reinforce principal priority programmes within the baseline of \$610 million;*
95. Further requests the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 172nd session a further budget proposal based on the current proposal and the discussions held during its 171st session, with a baseline of \$610 million, accompanied by a supplementary proposal for the strengthened delivery of principal priorities identifying additional financial resources of up to \$25 million through innovative mechanisms, excluding carry-over, which could include firm pledging;
96. Notes that the Director-General has presented in document 171 EX/INF.7 supplementary information concerning additional financial estimates for field security in 2006-2007.

- * *Inter alia*, by replacing lower-priority programmes and by further rationalizing financial resources allocated to central services, to Part III (B and D), and to those expenditures relating to programmes when they are not essential to the implementation of programme activities (travel expenses, publications, meetings, etc.)

(171 EX/SR.10)

METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

21 Report by the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO (171 EX/16 and Corr. (English only); 171 EX/61; 171 EX/62; 171 EX/63; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the final report of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO contained in documents 171 EX/16 and Corr.,
2. Having examined also the report of the Special Committee on this item,
3. Thanks the President of the 32nd session of the General Conference, Chairperson of the ad hoc working group, for the presentation of the report of the ad hoc working group to the Special Committee and for the explanations provided at the request of its members;
4. Takes note of the recommendations contained in the report of the ad hoc working group;
5. Recommends that the General Conference, when examining these recommendations, take into consideration the observations and the suggestions made by the Executive Board, as follows:

Comments on the report of the ad hoc working group (171 EX/16 and Corr.)

Recommendations 1, 3 and 4

With reference to the programme management cycle, the opinions were divided. While some Members of the Board underlined the technical advantages possibly afforded by such a cycle – namely the alleviation and improvement of the programming process, the alignment of the length of the Medium-Term Strategy with the new term of office of the Director-General, and the more precise and improved nature of the consultation with Member States – others emphasized its major disadvantages, such as possible difficulties at the national level with regard to a longer-term budgetary commitment, the lack of experience of such a cycle in the United Nations system, and the risk of rendering the programme less flexible and hampering UNESCO's ability to respond effectively to changing needs during its execution. It was recommended that a full debate on the subject take place in the General Conference.

Recommendations 2 and 5

There was a general endorsement of these recommendations.

Recommendation 6

The Executive Board recognized the need for a simpler procedure for the admissibility of draft resolutions, placed directly under the control and

responsibility of Member States themselves. In view of the complexity of this recommendation, amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference would be necessary.

Recommendation 7

While there was general agreement that a reduction of the number of agenda items would be useful for the conduct of business, some Members of the Board recalled that the right of Member States to place items on the agenda should in no way be curtailed. In this connection, it was suggested that the duration of the sessions of the General Conference should be extended.

Recommendations 8 to 12

The Executive Board took note of these recommendations. While generally agreeing with them, the Board would have wished further technical precision as to their implications.

Recommendation 13

No specific views were expressed on this recommendation.

Recommendation 14

Some Members of the Board expressed support for the shortening of the agenda, while others stressed that nothing should pre-empt the right of Member States to place items on the agenda as appropriate. The proposal that a number of agenda items could be identified for “taking note” only by the Executive Board was positively considered.

Recommendations 15 and 16

There was general agreement with the spirit of these recommendations. While the necessity of holding thematic debates was highlighted, opinions were divided as to whether these debates must be held inside or outside the ordinary sessions of the Board.

Recommendation 17

There was a general agreement that the debates on staffing issues could be carried out in a more effective manner. Opinions were divided as regards the systematic holding of private meetings at each session of the Board.

Recommendation 18

This recommendation gave rise to divergent, even opposed views. Some Board Members preferred option A, provided that the duration of the plenary be extended, stressing that it would enable greater participation of small delegations; however, they sought clarification concerning the membership of the expert groups proposed. Others expressed their preference for option B. Yet several other Members favoured the continuation of the present structure.

Recommendation 19

- (i) Bearing in mind the historical background of the Special Committee and its specific mandate and role, many Members of the Board felt that the Committee should be maintained in its present format. Others were in favour of its abolition.

- (ii) Several Members of the Board stressed that the mandate of the NGO Committee could be expanded and strengthened with a view to revitalizing its role. On this issue, the NGO Committee endorsed the conclusions of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO.

Paragraphs 43 and 52

There was a divergence of opinions concerning the mandate of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) as reflected in paragraph 43 of the report of the ad hoc working group. While many Board Members – including those of the Committee itself – were generally in favour of reinforcing its current mandate on human rights-related issues, and agreed with the proposal that the monitoring of standard-setting texts could, on the other hand, be given higher priority within the Secretariat, others believed that human rights-related issues should not be part of the mandate of the CR Committee. On this issue, the CR Committee endorsed the conclusions of the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO. Some Members of the Board also felt that the wording in paragraph 43 should have been formulated as a recommendation contained within recommendation 19.

Recommendations 20 and 21

Several Board Members expressed concern that a reduction of the size of the Executive Board would be detrimental to a truly inclusive and democratic decision-making process; others believed that it would enable the Board to fulfil its functions in a more efficient manner.

Recommendation 22

There was general agreement on this recommendation, provided that it would not slow down or jeopardize UNESCO's response in emergency situations, but rather bring additional support to the Director-General's interventions.

Recommendations 23, 24 and 25

These recommendations were generally endorsed. A number of Board Members thought that further clarifications were needed with regard to their concrete implications.

Recommendation 26

The Members of the Executive Board expressed their inability to commit to a concrete time-bound action plan before knowing which kind of measures would be actually be approved by the General Conference. They also noted that the report of the ad hoc working group required further deliberations and a negotiation process.

(171 EX/SR.10)

22 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2004-2005 biennium (171 EX/17; 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 5.2,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/17, and taking into consideration the evaluation reports that have been presented,

3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as 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 the Executive Board on evaluations that are carried out of the Organization's programme activities, on the progress made in reform of programme management in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations for each programme evaluated, and in strengthening the quality of the evaluations undertaken and their impact on the management culture of the Organization.

(171 EX/SR.10)

23 Report by the Director-General on the revised and completed principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1) and institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2)
(171 EX/18; 171 EX/INF.10; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 21 C/Resolution 40.1, 30 C/Resolution 2 and 30 C/Resolution 83 of the General Conference, and 161 EX/Decision 3.2.4, 161 EX/Decisions 4.1 and 4.2, 162 EX/Decision 4.2, 165 EX/Decision 5.4 and 167 EX/Decision 4.5 of the Executive Board,
2. Further recalling the recommendations of the Legal Committee of the General Conference following the adoption by the Executive Board of 165 EX/Decision 5.4 (LEG/2002/REP, para. 11),
3. Having examined documents 171 EX/18 and 171 EX/INF.10,
4. Takes note of the updated data on UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1) and the updated list of institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) (171 EX/INF.10);
5. Approves the principles and guidelines proposed by the Director-General for UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1), as contained in section II of document 171 EX/18, and decides to submit them to the General Conference;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference, through the Executive Board at its 172nd session, draft statutes for those institutes and centres previously classified in category 1 that have not yet been approved by the General Conference;
7. Underlines the importance for UNESCO to ensure a substantial, effective and sustainable contribution of category 2 institutes and centres to the implementation of UNESCO's programme action, thereby making use of all available resources and strengthening the Organization's global outreach and impact, and requests that flexibility be allowed in the terms of the guidelines and the model agreement governing the establishment of such centres, as contained in Annexes I and II to document 171 EX/18, thereby taking into account the specific situation of Member States proposing the designation of such centres;

8. Approves the criteria proposed by the Director-General in section III of document 171 EX/18 to serve as a permanent framework for designating and engaging with institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), and decides to submit them, together with Annexes I and II to document 171 EX/18, to the General Conference;
9. Further invites the General Conference to authorize it to decide, when appropriate, on its behalf, on the granting of category 2 status to new institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO;
10. Decides that the principles and guidelines for category 1 and the criteria for category 2 institutes and centres, together with Annexes I and II of document 171 EX/18, constitute the “Overall Strategy for UNESCO Institutes and Centres and their Governing Bodies”, and submits it in its entirety for consideration and approval by the General Conference at its 33rd session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

24 Report by the Director-General on the overall review of UNESCO prizes (171 EX/19, 171 EX/INF.11 and Add. and Corr.; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report of the Director-General on the overall review of UNESCO Prizes (171 EX/19 and 171 EX/INF.11 and Add. and Corr.),
2. Approves the overall strategy and its criteria set out by the Director-General in document 171 EX/19, and in particular in paragraphs 15 (a) to (z);
3. Endorses the standard model texts for UNESCO prize statutes and for financial regulations, as attached hereto as Annex I and Annex II, respectively;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to proceed with the termination and abolition of the following inactive or discontinued UNESCO prizes – the Noma Prize (for Meritorious Work in Literacy), the Malcolm Adiseshiah International Literacy Prize, the Nessim Habif Prize, the UNESCO-ROSTSCA Awards for Young Scientists, the UNESCO Prize for Children’s and Young People’s Literature in the Service of Tolerance, the UNESCO/Françoise Gallimard Prize for Young Writers Expressing the Tensions and Hopes of Our Time, the Pacha Prize, the UNESCO Cities for Peace Prize, and the UNESCO Web Prize –, after due consultations with the donors concerned, as well as of the UNESCO prizes for architecture and landscape architecture, which are currently funded from the regular programme and budget,
5. Further authorizes the Director-General to enter into negotiations with donors and involved parties of current UNESCO prizes with a view to adjusting and aligning current practices and provisions with the overall strategy;
6. Invites Member States and other donors to consider making proposals for new UNESCO prizes, especially with a view to filling existing gaps in the coverage of programme areas by prizes;

7. Requests the Director-General to report, beginning in 2007, on a biannual basis, on the implementation of the strategy and the development of the overall situation with regard to UNESCO prizes.

ANNEX I

Standard Model Text for the Statutes of *[prize name]*

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the ... *[prize name]* is to ... [e.g. reward the efforts of a *[person/s]* who has/have contributed, through ... *[nature of the work]*, to the development and dissemination of ... *[worldwide/regionally]*]. The objective of the Prize is in conformity with UNESCO's policies, and is related to the programme of the Organization in the field of ... *[programme, strategic objective and/or programme priority]*.

Article 2 – Designation, amount and periodicity of the Prize

2.1 The Prize shall be entitled "..."*[prize name]*.

2.2 (a) *Amount covering a one-time award:* The Prize shall be funded by *[donor or funding source]* and shall consist of a *[one time contribution]* sum of US \$..., which shall cover both the monetary value of the Prize and the costs of administering the Prize. Any interest that may accrue will be added to the overall contribution. *[Mention if the prize is to comprise other items, such as medals.]*

or

(b) *Amount covering more than a one-time award:* The Prize shall be funded by *[donor or funding source]*, and shall consist of a recurrent payment of US \$.... *[frequency to be determined in consultation with donor]*. The value of the Prize shall be determined by the Director-General *[in consultation with the donor]* on the basis of the contribution received from ... *[indicate donor or funding source]*, the interest on the sum deposited in the special account, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, and the charges to be borne by the account for the cost of administering the Prize. *[Mention if the prize is to comprise other items, such as medals.]*

2.3 All funds received and the interest accrued thereon shall be kept in a special interest-bearing account for the Prize (see Financial Regulations in Annex II).

2.4 The full staff support and operating/management costs of the Prize, including all costs related to the award ceremony and public information activities, estimated at *[minimum amount to be decided]* shall be fully covered by ... *[donor or funding source – name and country]*. To this end, the Director-General shall determine a mandatory overhead cost amount to be applied and charged against the funds in the Special Account, which is to be established under the Financial Regulations for the Prize.

2.5 The Prize shall be awarded *[specific periodicity to be decided]*, on an initial basis for ... biennia *[to be decided by donor and UNESCO]*. *[If it is envisaged, in consultation with the donor, that the prize may be shared.]* A prize amount may be equally divided among a maximum of three laureates.

Article 3 – Conditions/qualifications of candidates

Candidates shall have made a significant contribution to ... *[prize purpose]*. Prizes may be conferred upon individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations.

Article 4 – Designation/selection of the prizewinner/s

The prize-winner/s *[number of laureates]* shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made to him/her by a jury.

Article 5 – Jury

5.1 The Jury shall consist of a number of three or five independent members *[to be determined for each case]*, of different nationalities and gender, appointed by the Director-General for a period of six years *[unless a different term is determined in consultation with the donor in each case]*, eligible for re-election *[to be decided in each case]*. Representatives and alternatives of Members of the Executive Board cannot be appointed as

jurors. Jurors involved in a real or potential conflict of interest shall recuse themselves from further deliberations or be asked by the Director-General to do so. The Director-General may replace members of the Jury for reason.

5.2 The Jury shall elect its own Chair (if three members) and Deputy Chair (if five members). Members shall receive no remuneration for their work, but will receive allowances for travel and accommodation, where required. A quorum of two (in the case of three members) or three jurors (in the case of five members) present will be required for jury deliberations to proceed. The working languages for deliberations by the Jury shall be English and French.

5.3 The Jury shall conduct its business and deliberations in conformity with these Statutes, and shall be assisted in the performance of its task 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. A member shall not take part in a vote concerning a nomination from his or her country.

5.4 The Jury shall meet ... every ... year [*frequency to be decided in light of the periodicity of the Prize*].

5.5 The Jury shall send an assessment of nominations and accompanying recommendations to the Director-General of UNESCO no later than ... of (year) [*closing date to be decided*].

Article 6 – Nomination of candidates

6.1 When UNESCO has received the funding of the prize [*as well as other items, if any*], as indicated in Article 2 above, the Director-General of UNESCO shall officially invite the submission of nominations to the Secretariat of the Prize, by ... [*specific date and periodicity to be decided*], from the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, as well as from non-governmental organizations maintaining formal consultative relations with the Organization and active in relevant fields covered by a prize.

6.2 Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO. A self-nomination cannot be considered.

6.3 Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, in English or French, *inter alia*:

- (a) a description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- (b) a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance, submitted for consideration;
- (c) a definition of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives.

Article 7 – Procedure for the awarding of the Prize

7.1 The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General at an official ceremony held for that purpose in ... [*location to be decided*] on the occasion of ... [*official event, if any, to be decided*]. UNESCO shall present to the prizewinner/s a check for the amount of the Prize [*as well as a diploma and a medal, to be decided*]. UNESCO shall officially announce the name/s of the prizewinner/s.

7.2 If a work being rewarded has been produced by two or three persons, the Prize shall be awarded to them jointly. In no case may a prize amount be divided among more than three persons.

7.3 The prizewinner/s, if possible, shall give a lecture on a subject relevant to the work for which the Prize has been awarded. Such a lecture shall be organized during or in connection with the prize ceremony.

7.4 The work produced by a person since deceased shall not be considered for the Prize. If, however, a prizewinner dies before he or she has received the Prize, then the Prize may be presented posthumously [*awarded to relatives or an institution*].

7.5 Should a prizewinner decline the Prize, the jury shall submit a new proposal to the Director-General.

Article 8 – Sunset clause – mandatory renewal of the Prize

8.1 After a period of six years, the Director-General of UNESCO together with the donor will undertake a review of all aspects of the Prize and decide about its continuation or termination. The Director-General will inform the Executive Board of UNESCO about the results of this review.

8.2 In case of termination of the Prize, the use of any unspent balance of funds shall be determined by the Director-General, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Prize.

Article 9 – Appeals

No appeals shall be allowed against the decision of UNESCO with regard to the award of the Prize. Proposals received for the award of the Prize may not be divulged.

Article 10 – Amendments to the Statutes of the Prize

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

ANNEX II

**Standard Model Text for the Financial Regulations
of the Special Account for [prize name]
(Ref. 161 EX/Decision 7.10)**

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

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

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

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

[description of purpose]

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities;
- (b) such amounts provided from the regular budget of the Organization as might be determined by the General Conference;
- (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the object of the Special Account;
- (d) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative expenses specifically relating to it.

Article 6 – Accounts

6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.

6.2 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.

6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.

6.4 Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

Article 7 – Investments

7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.

7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

The Director-General shall decide upon the closure of the Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary and inform the Executive Board accordingly. The Director-General shall decide about the use of any unspent balance of funds.

Article 9 – General provision

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

(171 EX/SR.10)

25 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the appointment of the Director-General of the Organization (171 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(171 EX/SR.3)

MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

26 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 (171 EX/CR/HR and Add.-Add.3; 171 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.

(171 EX/SR.3)

27 Examination of the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and report of the Committee thereon (171 EX/21 and Add. and Corr.; 171 EX/61)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 32 C/Resolution 77 and 165 EX/Decision 6.2 on the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) on the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments,
2. Recalling 19 C/Resolution 6.113, 19 C/Resolution 12.1 and 104 EX/Decision 3.3, as well as the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations contained in document 166 EX/45 Rev. on the second aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on the examination of communications relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence,

3. Further recalling 170 EX/Decision 6.2,
4. Having examined documents 171 EX/21 and Add. and Corr. as well as the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on the matter (171 EX/61),
5. Decides, concerning the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and in order to strengthen and improve the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments, to request the Committee:
 - (a) to identify, in conjunction with the Secretariat, the priority recommendations in the list of standard-setting instruments (171 EX/21, Annex I);
 - (b) to propose new procedures specifically for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided;
 - (c) to formulate harmonized model guidelines for conventions which are monitored by the Committee;
 - (d) to examine the reports of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education once a year;
6. Decides to grant the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations two extra working days at its 174th session in order for it to carry out the tasks referred to in subparagraphs (a) to (c) of paragraph 5 of this decision;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 33rd session, invite the Director-General to submit to it at each of its sessions a comprehensive report on UNESCO's standard-setting instruments, focusing on the status of ratification of conventions, with the comments of the Board on the matter;
8. Decides, concerning the second aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, to take note of the improvements made by the Committee to its procedural practice as set out in paragraph 25 of document 171 EX/61 and annexed to this decision.

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Concerning the second aspect of its terms of reference, the Committee decided to make the following improvements to its procedural practice:

- (a) to pay more attention to the application of the criteria of admissibility of communications so as to ensure greater clarity and improve the work of the Committee in that field. To that end, when a communication is declared admissible, the Committee should specify, in the light of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, the criteria and conditions underlying the decision of admissibility;
- (b) to make contact with other international organizations, in particular when they are dealing with the same cases, so as to obtain additional information;

- (c) to publish the documents of the Committee or make them accessible to the public after a period of 20 years, as provided for by Rule 29, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, so as to ensure that the Committee's achievements are more widely known.

(171 EX/SR.7)

28 Guidelines for the preparation of reports for the seventh consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (1960) (171 EX/22; 171 EX/INF.17; 171 EX/61)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 6.3,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/22,
3. Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution, and recognizing the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education as key pillars in the education for all (EFA) process,
4. Approves the guidelines prepared for the seventh consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (1960) contained in Annex I of document 171 EX/22, which will be modified to take account of the amendments proposed by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations;
5. Requests the Director-General to launch the seventh consultation, soliciting from Member States reports on the implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation, to be prepared and submitted to UNESCO within a period of one year;
6. Also requests the Director-General to organize, on the sidelines of the 33rd session of the General Conference of UNESCO, an informal information meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education and other Member States in order to make them more aware of the significance of the reports and the methodology for their preparation;
7. Further requests the Director-General to report to it at its spring session in 2007 on the results of the seventh consultation in the form of an analytical report, along with a report on the actions foreseen regarding the organization on the sidelines of the 34th session of the General Conference of a meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education, as stipulated in 165 EX/Decision 6.2 and 170 EX/Decision 6.3;
8. Reminds Member States of the obligation "to make the text of any convention or recommendation known to the bodies, target groups and other entities interested in matters dealt with therein" in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure concerning Recommendations to Member States and International Conventions, as amended by the General Conference in October 2003.

(171 EX/SR.7)

29 Monitoring the ratification of conventions (171 EX/49; 171 EX/61)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/49,
2. Thanks Ecuador, with appreciation, for its proposal, and decides to refer it to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations for further examination;
3. Takes note of the content of the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on the matter (171 EX/61).

(171 EX/SR.7)

GENERAL CONFERENCE

30 Preparation of the provisional agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference (171 EX/24 and Corr. (English only))

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The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/24 and Corr.,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that the provisional agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference shall comprise the items proposed in document 171 EX/24, as well as items which the Executive Board decided to include at its 171st session;
 - (b) that any other items submitted by Member States or Associate Members or by the United Nations, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, not later than 100 days before the opening of the session (i.e. by **24 June 2005**), shall be inscribed by the Director-General on the provisional agenda, which shall then be communicated to Member States and Associate Members not later than 90 days before the opening of the session (i.e. **4 July 2005**).

II

The Executive Board,

1. Emphasizing the need for UNESCO as a specialized agency of the United Nations system to contribute effectively both to inter-agency activities and also to the objectives of the wider multilateral system,
2. Considering that UNESCO has a comparative advantage within the United Nations system in specific, and important, priority areas (several of which are relevant to the goals set out in the Millennium Declaration) as described in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved),

3. Recalling that document 31 C/4 Approved is due to be replaced by a new strategy in 2007,
4. Aware that discussions at the 32nd session of the General Conference, as well as at its own sessions, on the Organization's principal priorities, have enriched the terms of debate in a number of programme areas, and helped to clarify the role which the Organization should play in the multilateral system,
5. Decides that the preparation of draft document 34 C/4 should begin at the 33rd session of the General Conference with a discussion of some of the principles that should govern its preparation and drafting;
6. Requests the Director-General to inscribe on the agenda of the 33rd session of the General Conference an item entitled "Preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy 2008-2013 (34 C/4)";
7. Taking into account the discussions on this subject at its 171st session, decides that document 33 C/6 shall also be the basic reference document for a discussion of this item by the General Conference, in particular the sections on UNESCO in a reforming United Nations system and UNESCO's own reform process, which, given its extensive nature, merits full consideration in document 34 C/4.

(171 EX/SR.8)

31 Draft plan for the organization of the work of the 33rd session of the General Conference (171 EX/23)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 171 EX/23,
2. Approves the suggestions contained in that document;
3. Invites the Director-General to draw up on this basis document 33 C/2 on the organization of the work of the General Conference, taking into account the observations expressed at its 171st session.

(171 EX/SR.8)

32 Invitations to the 33rd session of the General Conference (171 EX/25 and Corr. and Corr. 2 (Arabic only))

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/25 and Corr.,
2. Takes cognizance of the notification to be sent by the Director-General to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
3. Takes note of the invitations to be sent by the Director-General to intergovernmental organizations in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of that Rule;

4. Decides, in accordance with paragraph 4 of that Rule, that the following States shall be invited to send observers to the 33rd session of the General Conference:

Holy See
Liechtenstein
Singapore;

5. Includes Palestine in the list provided for in paragraph 6 of that Rule, and notes that the Director-General intends to send it an invitation in accordance with that paragraph;
6. Notes the invitations that the Director-General intends to send to international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO;
7. Decides to examine at its 172nd session the admission to the 33rd session of the General Conference of observers from non-governmental organizations (other than those maintaining formal relations with UNESCO), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO, as well as from other international organizations.

(171 EX/SR.8)

33 Submission of nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 33rd session of the General Conference (171 EX/INF.4)

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

Commission I	Ms B. Mukherjee (India)
Commission II	Ms G.-B. Andersson (Sweden)
Commission III	Mr J. Oszlanyi (Slovakia)
Commission IV	Mr J. Nualart (Mexico)
Commission V	Mr M. Sheya (United Republic of Tanzania)
Administrative Commission	Mr M. Bedjaoui (Algeria)
Credentials Committee	Mr D. Najman (Serbia and Montenegro)
Nominations Committee	Ms S. Campbell (Jamaica)
Legal Committee	Mr P.-M. Eisemann (France)

(171 EX/SR.8)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL DECISIONS

34 Report by the Director-General on financial management and related issues (171 EX/26; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the terms of 31 C/Resolution 50, 32 C/Resolution 64 and 170 EX/Decision 7.1,
2. Having examined the report of the Director-General as contained in document 171 EX/26, setting out the rationale for a more flexible budgetary management system,
3. Taking into account the recommendations of the External Auditor as contained in document 160 EX/25 Add.,

4. Takes note of the significant unrecorded and unfunded liability relating to the benefits of UNESCO employees, and the study being undertaken by the United Nations on the subject, and invites the Director-General to report to it thereon after the study is completed;
5. Requests the Director-General to present to it, at its 172nd session, a study on possible ways of addressing the issue of the unfunded liabilities, including innovative funding methods, taking into account the actions being considered by the United Nations and other international organizations;
6. Invites the Director-General to include in this study proposals which may lead to more effective and flexible budgetary management.

(171 EX/SR.9)

35 Report by the Director-General on the use of consultants by the Secretariat and the outcome of the review of policies for the hiring of consultants and individual contractors by the Secretariat (171 EX/27; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 3.1.2 (II) and 169 EX/Decision 3.2 (II),
2. Having examined document 171 EX/27,
3. Recalling the need for further improving the policy for the hiring of consultants with a view to achieving a wider geographical distribution,
4. Takes note of the additional data and analysis presented in the document and the changes introduced in the revised policy to improve the process for the hiring of consultants and individual contractors;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to it his report on the use of consultants and individual contractors every two years in order to align better with the C/5 planning cycle.

(171 EX/SR.9)

36 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (171 EX/28; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 82 and 32 C/Resolution 74,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/28,
3. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress achieved in managing the UNESCO complex and the implementation of the Plan for the Restoration and Improvement of UNESCO Headquarters (Belmont Plan);

4. Invites the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to keep it informed of the progress of the work on the Miollis/Bonvin site;
5. Invites the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to report to it at its 172nd session on the planning progress of the UNESCO-Starck Restaurant Renovation and Decoration Project, including on funds collected through the fund-raising campaign launched by the Headquarters Committee.

(171 EX/SR.9)

37 Annual report (2004) by the International Civil Service Commission: report by the Director-General (171 EX/29; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/29,
2. Takes note of its contents and of United Nations General Assembly resolution 59/268 concerning the United Nations common system;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the work of the International Civil Service Commission, and to take due account of the results of its work.

(171 EX/SR.9)

38 Report by the Director-General on the state of the UNESCO Medical Benefits Fund (171 EX/30 and Add. and Add.2; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Financial Regulation 12 and 32 C/Resolution 73,
2. Having examined documents 171 EX/30 and 171 EX/32,
3. Recognizes that the Medical Benefits Fund is an efficient and indispensable element of social protection which the Director-General must provide for the serving and retired staff members of the Organization;
4. Takes note with interest of the report of the Director-General on the studies currently being conducted on the Medical Benefits Fund, and of the actuarial estimates concerning the evolution of the Fund's financial situation;
5. Takes note of the measures proposed in document 171 EX/30 to ensure the Fund's long-term financial stability and equilibrium;
6. Takes note of the report by the External Auditor on the Medical Benefits Fund (171 EX/32);
7. Requests the Director-General to forward these reports, together with comments from the Executive Board, to the General Conference;

8. Invites the Director-General to present for its further consideration, at its 172nd session, a global plan of action, including financial implications, together with a timetable for the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor;
9. Further invites the Director-General to submit this updated report, along with the comments of the Executive Board at its 172nd session, to the General Conference at its 33rd session.

(171 EX/SR.9)

39 Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) Strategy in 2004-2005: annual report 2004 (171 EX/31; 171 EX/62; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/31,
3. Takes note of the contributions made by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) to improving the management of the Organization as part of its ongoing reform;
4. Expresses its appreciation for the results achieved, the plans of IOS for 2005, particularly the commitment to facilitate an Organization-wide risk assessment, and the strategic direction to be followed in 2006-2007 (33 C/5).

(171 EX/SR.9)

40 Report by the External Auditor on the performance audits undertaken in the 2004-2005 biennium, and follow-up to recommendations in prior reports (171 EX/32; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Financial Regulation 12 and 32 C/Resolution 73,
2. Having examined documents 171 EX/30 and 171 EX/32,
3. Recognizes that the Medical Benefits Fund is an efficient and indispensable element of social protection which the Director-General must provide for the serving and retired staff members of the Organization;
4. Takes note with interest of the report of the Director-General on the studies currently being conducted on the Medical Benefits Fund and of the actuarial estimates concerning the evolution of the Fund's financial situation;
5. Takes note of the measures proposed in document 171 EX/30 to ensure the Fund's long-term financial stability and equilibrium;
6. Takes note of the report by the External Auditor on the Medical Benefits Fund (171 EX/32);

7. Requests the Director-General to forward these reports, together with comments from the Executive Board, to the General Conference;
8. Invites the Director-General to present for its further consideration, at its 172nd session, a global plan of action, including financial implications, together with a timetable for the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor;
9. Further invites the Director-General to submit this updated report, along with the comments of the Executive Board at its 172nd session, to the General Conference at its 33rd session.

(171 EX/SR.9)

41 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor on audits already undertaken (171 EX/33; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 50, 166 EX/Decision 8.7, 169 EX/Decision 6.7 and 169 EX/29,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/33,
3. Notes the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor;
4. Requests the Director-General to take prompt action to implement those recommendations where further action is needed;
5. Further requests the Director-General to provide, at its 172nd session, an updated report on progress made and a timetable for action to implement recommendations in a number of areas where further action is needed, devoting special attention to the following matters, where progress has been especially slow:
 - (a) the establishment by all programme sectors of a skills database concerning consultants;
 - (b) improved reporting on expenditure, including from extrabudgetary funds;
 - (c) addressing the numerous possible causes of the unsatisfactory implementation, including the slow rate of implementation and the improvement needed in the presentation of results in respect of extrabudgetary resources;
6. Welcomes the study being prepared by the Secretariat on support costs associated with extrabudgetary resources, and requests information to be provided to it at its 174th session on the criteria to be used in establishing these support costs, to be applied to various types of extrabudgetary project.

(171 EX/SR.10)

42 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (171 EX/34; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/34,
2. Takes note of its content.

(171 EX/SR.9)

43 Special financial regulations submitted in accordance with Article 6.7 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations (171 EX/50; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 75, paragraph 5,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/50,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the following Special Accounts:
 - (a) the Special Account for Strengthening the Security of UNESCO Premises Worldwide, attached hereto as Annex I;
 - (b) the Special Account for the UNESCO-Starck Restaurant Renovation and Decoration Project, attached hereto as Annex II.

ANNEX I

**Financial Regulations of the Special Account
for Strengthening the Security of
UNESCO Premises Worldwide**

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for Strengthening the Security of UNESCO Premises Worldwide, hereafter referred to as the Special Account.

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

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

The purpose of the Special Account is to accommodate funds available for strengthening the security of UNESCO premises worldwide from extrabudgetary sources.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities and individuals;
- (b) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative and staff expenses specifically relating to it.

Article 6 – The accounts

- 6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.
- 6.2 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
- 6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.
- 6.4 Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

Article 7 – Investments

- 7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.
- 7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

The Director-General may decide upon the closure of the Special Account at such time as he deems that its operation is no longer necessary, and inform the Executive Board accordingly.

Article 9 – General provision

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

ANNEX II

**Financial Regulations of the Special Account
for the UNESCO-Starck Restaurant Renovation and
Decoration Project**

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO-Starck Restaurant Renovation and Decoration Project, hereafter referred to as the Special Account.
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

The purpose of the Special Account is to accommodate funds available for the UNESCO-Starck Restaurant Renovation and Decoration Project from extrabudgetary sources.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities and individuals;
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Article 9 – General provision

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

(171 EX/SR.9)

44 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (171 EX/PRIV.2)

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

(171 EX/SR.3)

RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

45 Grouping of Member States for the purpose of elections to the Executive Board (171 EX/35 and Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 145 EX/Decision 6.1, 28 C/Resolution 20.4 and 32 C/Resolution 79,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/35,
3. Reaffirming that:
 - (a) the ratio of approximately one seat on the Executive Board for every three Member States in each electoral group should be applied in the most equitable way possible;
 - (b) such an equitable distribution of seats on the Executive Board should also be ensured when a Member State decides to move to another electoral group, with the concurrence of the relevant group, or to become a new member of one electoral group, in accordance with the principle reaffirmed by the General Conference in 32 C/Resolution 79;
4. Bearing in mind the fact that Timor-Leste has joined Group IV, and Brunei Darussalam recently became a Member of UNESCO, and may join Group IV,
5. Considering the possibility of further countries becoming members of UNESCO in the near future,
6. Decides to recommend to the General Conference that the existing grouping of Member States for the purpose of elections to the Executive Board be maintained for the moment, and further decides to request the General Conference, at its 33rd session, to continue studying the question of an equitable distribution of seats on the Executive Board.

(171 EX/SR.8)

46 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2006-2007 with which UNESCO could be associated (171 EX/36 and Corr.; 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/36 and Corr.,
2. Noting that the proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General comply with the criteria approved by 159 EX/Decision 7.5,
3. Encourages the Member States of all regions to make proposals with a view to ensuring an improved geographical distribution and gender balance, by also selecting eminent women, as far as possible, according to the criteria approved by the governing bodies;
4. Recommends to the General Conference:

- (a) that UNESCO should be associated in 2006-2007 with the following celebrations:
1. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jean Carzou (Garnik Zoulumian) (Armenia);
 2. 100th anniversary of the birth of Norair Sisakyan (Armenia);
 3. 150th anniversary of the birth of Sigmund Freud (Austria);
 4. 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Austria);
 5. 100th anniversary of the birth of Letif Kerimov (Azerbaijan);
 6. 200th anniversary of the birth of Napoleon Orda (Belarus);
 7. 500th anniversary of the birth of Lambert Lombard (Belgium);
 8. 100th anniversary of the death of King Gbehanzin of Abomey (Benin);
 9. 100th anniversary of the death of Marin Drinov (Bulgaria);
 10. 100th anniversary of the birth of Emilian Stanev (Bulgaria);
 11. 150th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla (Croatia);
 12. 150th anniversary of the birth of Dragutin Gorjanović Kramberger (Croatia);
 13. 100th anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Prelog (Croatia);
 14. 100th anniversary of the birth of Alejandro Garcia Caturla (Cuba);
 15. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jaroslav Ježek (Czech Republic);
 16. 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Secondary School of Glassmaking in Kamenický Šenov (Czech Republic);
 17. 300th anniversary of the death of Jiří Josef Kamel (Czech Republic);
 18. 100th anniversary of the establishment of the city of Mbandaka and the Zoo and Botanical Garden of Eala (Democratic Republic of the Congo);
 19. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jorge Icaza (Ecuador);
 20. 100th anniversary of the death of Paul Cézanne (France);
 21. 300th anniversary of the birth of Georges-Louis Leclerc, known as (comte de) Buffon (France);
 22. 50th anniversary of the death of Irène Joliot-Curie (France);
 23. 1500th anniversary of the construction of the Jvari Church in Mtskheta (Georgia);
 24. 900th anniversary of the construction of the Gelati Monastery (Georgia) architectural complex and cultural centre;
 25. 100th anniversary of the birth of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Germany);
 26. 150th anniversary of the death of Heinrich Heine (Germany);
 27. 50th anniversary of the death of Bertolt Brecht (Germany);
 28. 100th anniversary of the beginning of Bartók's and Kodály's systematic field research to collect traditional folk music (Hungary);
 29. 100th anniversary of the birth of Luchino Visconti (Italy);
 30. 300th anniversary of the birth of Carlo Goldoni (Italy);
 31. 100th anniversary of the birth of Hideki Yukawa (Japan);
 32. 500th anniversary of the death of Aisha al-Baounieh (Jordan);
 33. 100th anniversary of the birth of Akhmet Zhubanov (Kazakhstan);
 34. 100th anniversary of the birth of Akzhan Zhaksybekuly Mashani (Kazakhstan);
 35. 800th anniversary of the foundation of Cēsis city (Latvia);
 36. 50th anniversary of the First International Congress of Negro Writers and Artists (Mali);
 37. 150th anniversary of the death of Danzanravjaa Dulduitiin (Mongolia);
 38. 100th anniversary of University Evening Classes in West Africa (Nigeria);
 39. 1300th anniversary of the birth of al-Khalil Bin Ahmed al-Farahidi (Oman);

40. 100th anniversary of the birth of Jerzy Giedroyc (Poland);
41. 150th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Conrad Korzeniowski (Poland);
42. 100th anniversary of the birth of Grigore Moisil (Romania);
43. 100th anniversary of the first flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft entirely propelled by an on-board engine, produced and earlier used by the Wright Brothers in their 1903 flight, performed by Traian Vuia (Romania);
44. 50th anniversary of the death of Constantin Brancusi (Brâncuși) (Romania);
45. 150th anniversary of the State Tretyakov Gallery (Russian Federation);
46. 200th anniversary of the foundation of “The Moscow Kremlin” State Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve (Russian Federation);
47. 250th anniversary of the foundation of the Russian Academy of Fine Arts (Russian Federation);
48. 100th anniversary of the birth of Léopold Sédar Senghor (Senegal);
49. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ladislav Hanus (Slovakia);
50. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ludovit Rajter (Slovakia);
51. 100th anniversary of the creation of the Committee for the Promotion of Studies and Scientific Research (Spain);
52. 100th anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Buddhadasa Bhikkhu (Thailand);
53. 600th anniversary of the death of ‘Abdurrahmān Ibn Khaldūn (Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt);
54. 800th anniversary of the birth of Mevlana Celaleddin-i Belhi-Rumi (Maulānā Jalāl-ud-Dīn Balkhī Rūmī), poet and philosopher (Turkey, Egypt and Afghanistan);
55. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Bahriany (Ukraine);
56. 150th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Franko (Ukraine);
57. 50th anniversary of the establishment of St. Joseph’s Kaengesa Seminary (United Republic of Tanzania);
58. 2000th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Marg’ilon (Margilan) (Uzbekistan);
59. 2750th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Samarqand (Samarkand) (Uzbekistan);

- (b) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme;
- (c) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 2006-2007 be hereby closed.

(171 EX/SR.10)

47 Report by the Director-General concerning the protection of the name and logo of UNESCO in the Member States (171 EX/37; 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 7.4,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/37,

3. Takes note of the proposals for the updating of the regulatory framework of UNESCO by means of new directives concerning the use of the name, acronym and logo of UNESCO;
4. Invites the Director-General to consult Member States and National Commissions further on the draft directives and to submit to it, at its 172nd session, a report on the results of the consultation, including a study on the rights of use and authorization of the Internet domain names of the Organization.

(171 EX/SR.10)

48 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO, the status of implementation of recommendations of previous reports, and results obtained (171 EX/38; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 7.3,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/38, containing the comments by the Director-General and the status of implementation of recommendations of previous JIU reports,
3. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its reports entitled “Review of the Headquarters agreements concluded by the organizations of the United Nations system: Human resources issues affecting staff” (JIU/REP/2004/2) and the series of reports on managing for results in the United Nations system comprising the “Overview of the series of reports on managing for results in the United Nations system” (JIU/REP/2004/5), Part I: “Implementation of results-based management in the United Nations organizations” (JIU/REP/2004/6), Part II: “Delegation of authority and accountability” (JIU/REP/2004/7), and Part III: “Managing performance and contracts” (JIU/REP/2004/8);
4. Requests the Director-General to ensure the follow-up of implementation of approved/accepted recommendations of JIU reports, and to report to it at its 174th session on the status of implementation of those recommendations.

(171 EX/SR.10)

49 Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (171 EX/39 and Add.; 171 EX/63)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 9.5, 166 EX/Decision 9.2, 32 C/Resolution 60 and 170 EX/Decision 8.2,
2. Having examined documents 171 EX/39 and Add.,
3. Takes note of the information contained in paragraphs 2 to 24 of document 171 EX/39 and in paragraphs 1 to 3 of its addendum;
4. Decides on the basis of the Director-General’s recommendation to renew the formal consultative relations for a further period of six years with:

African Council for Communication Education;

Association of Arab Universities;
Commonwealth Press Union;
European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities;
European Broadcasting Union;
International Association for Educational Assessment;
International Dance Council;
International Federation of the Phonographic Industry;
International Ocean Institute;
Jeunesses Musicales International;
Latin American Social Sciences Council;
SIL International;
Simon Wiesenthal Center;
Traditions for Tomorrow;
Union of Latin American Universities;
World Jewish Congress;

5. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to place the following organizations in operational relations:
 - Arab Lawyers' Union;
 - Development Innovations and Networks;
 - International Federation of Translators;
 - International Planned Parenthood Federation;
6. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to continue on an informal basis its cooperation with the International Association of Literary Critics (IALC);
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 174th session additional information to be provided by the City of Peace Foundation (UNIPAZ/UNIPAIX) concerning its application for operational relations;
8. Decides to admit to formal consultative relations the Arab Institute of Human Rights (AIHR);
9. Also decides to include in the agenda of its 174th session, an item on the improvement of the methods of work of the Committee on International NGOs.

(171 EX/SR.8)

50 UNESCO's Co-Action Programme (171 EX/45; 171 EX/64 Part I; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/45,
2. Takes note of the report on the current status of the Co-Action Programme;
3. Decides to retain the Co-Action Programme as created by 23 EX/Decision 7.2;
4. Invites the Director-General to examine new ways of reinvigorating and managing the Co-Action Programme, using all UNESCO's partners in ways which would reduce the management responsibility of the Secretariat;
5. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 174th session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

51 Relations with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that organization (171 EX/51 and 171 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of the UNESCO Constitution, and in conformity with 151 EX/Decision 9.4,
2. Considering the desirability of establishing a framework for cooperation between UNESCO and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) in areas of mutual interest, and in the context of a reinforcement of the Organization's partnership with civil society and its elected representatives,
3. Having examined document 171 EX/51,
4. Approves the cooperation agreement with the organization United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) set out in the annex to this decision, and invites the Director-General to sign it.

ANNEX

**Cooperation Agreement
between the
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
and
United Cities and Local Governments**

The United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization
(hereinafter referred to as "UNESCO"),

represented by its Director-General,

Mr Koïchiro Matsuura

and

United Cities and Local Governments
(hereinafter referred to as "UCLG"),

represented by its Presidents,

Mr Bertrand Delanoë,
Mr Smangaliso Makhathshwa

Considering that UNESCO was established to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that UCLG, a new world organization, works to promote peace, democracy and citizenship, democratic urban governance and decentralization, cooperation among cities, and solidarity, and contributes to sustainable development and the enhancement of the status of cultural diversity in urban settings,

Taking into account the vital role of local government as a force for the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and the commitment of UCLG to renew and deepen its partnership with the United Nations and the global community,

Referring to the Local Government Declaration to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, adopted in 2002 in Johannesburg by the mayors, leaders and representatives of the cities and local governments of the world and their international and national associations,

Aware of the significance of the Final Declaration of the Congress establishing UCLG adopted on 5 May 2004 in Paris by the mayors, decision-makers and representatives of the cities and local governments of the world,

Reaffirming the importance of the Agenda 21 for Culture – An Undertaking by Cities and Local Governments for Cultural Development, adopted on 8 May 2004 in Barcelona by the mayors, decision-makers and representatives of the cities and local governments of the world,

Desiring to cooperate with a view to the achievement of their common aims, in particular with regard to the promotion of democracy and human rights, respect for cultural and linguistic diversity, local development, education and training, culture and communication, and the advancement of women in society,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Cooperation

1. UNESCO and UCLG agree to cooperate through their competent bodies.
2. Such cooperation shall chiefly concern matters relating to:
 - local democracy and urban governance;
 - human rights and the fight against all forms of discrimination;
 - dialogue for peace;
 - urban policies and the right to the city;
 - the protection of cultural diversity and cultural development;
 - the identification and enhancement of cultural and heritage resources;
 - support for cultural creativity;
 - research on culture, urban policies and local development;
 - education and training;
 - the information society;
 - women's rights;
 - science and technology;
 - environmental protection.
3. Such cooperation shall be aimed in particular at strengthening the practices of decentralized cooperation, between cities of the North and the South and among cities of the South, so as to promote a new form of international cooperation.

Article 2 – Consultations

The competent bodies of UNESCO and UCLG shall hold regular mutual consultations on matters of common interest. When circumstances so require, the two organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities under this Agreement.

Article 3 – Reciprocal representation

1. UNESCO shall invite UCLG, in accordance with the applicable procedures, to send observers to sessions of the General Conference and to other meetings that it may convene, when matters of mutual interest are under consideration.
2. For its part, UCLG shall invite UNESCO, in accordance with the applicable procedures, to send observers to its governing bodies and to other meetings that it may convene, when matters of mutual interest are under consideration.

Article 4 – Exchange of information and documents

Subject to provisions that may be necessary to preserve the confidential nature of particular documents, UNESCO and UCLG shall continuously exchange information and documents on matters of mutual interest.

Article 5 – Joint activities and technical cooperation

1. UNESCO and UCLG may engage in joint cooperation in the form of technical meetings, public seminars, training courses, activities specifically for youth, women and the most deprived, thematic projects and support measures for particular regions or countries.
2. Technical and financial arrangements for the design and implementation of such projects shall be determined by the relevant bodies of UNESCO and UCLG.

Article 6 – Execution of the Agreement

1. UNESCO and UCLG shall hold regular consultations on the conduct of activities relating to the execution of this Agreement.

2. The Director-General of UNESCO and the Presidents of UCLG may make such additional administrative arrangements as may be necessary to implement this Agreement.

Article 7 – Entry into force, amendment and term of the Agreement

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Director-General of UNESCO and the Presidents of UCLG.
2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent. Amendments to the Agreement shall enter into force one month after notification of approval by the competent bodies of UNESCO and UCLG.
3. This Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period; it may be denounced by UNESCO or by UCLG provided that six months' notice thereof is given in writing.

SIGNED on at in four copies, two in French and two in English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization:

For United Cities and Local Governments:

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Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General

Bertrand Delanoë
Smangaliso Makhathshwa
Presidents

(171 EX/SR.1)

GENERAL MATTERS

52 Report by the Director-General on the promotion of the dialogue among peoples (171 EX/40 and 171 EX/INF.15; 171 EX/64 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to 31 C/Resolution 39, 32 C/Resolution 30 and 32 C/Resolution 47 and also to 170 EX/Decision 4.1, section II “The promotion of dialogue among peoples”,
2. Thanking the Director-General for the report contained in document 171 EX/40,
3. Requests the Director-General to improve, by drawing up a plan of action, the coordination between the activities of the various sectors of UNESCO aimed at promoting the dialogue among peoples through a better reciprocal knowledge of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity, to promote peace and understanding among peoples;
4. Invites the Director-General, to that end, to consult with other partners and organizations, as appropriate;
5. Further invites the Director-General to report to it on this subject at its 174th session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

53 Implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (171 EX/41 Rev.; 171 EX/64 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3, as well as Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education, Articles 4 and 94 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education, as well as the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its Additional Protocols,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/41 Rev.,
3. Further recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in order to satisfy the right to education for all and to meet the need for Palestinians to have safe access to the education system,
4. Recalling paragraph 31 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,
5. Deeply committed to the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other historical and cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflicts,
6. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3, and requests him to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented, and that their implementation be reinforced in the framework of the Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5);
7. Expresses its appreciation for the substantial contributions of all concerned Member States, IGOs and NGOs to UNESCO’s action in the Palestinian Territories, and appeals to them to continue assisting UNESCO in this endeavour;
8. Thanks the Director-General for the results which have been obtained in relation to the implementation of a number of current educational and cultural activities;
9. Reiterates its concern as to the obstacles to the safeguarding of the cultural and natural heritage, to the functioning of the cultural and educational institutions, and calls for the observance of the provisions of 32 C/Resolution 54 and 170 EX/Decision 9.3;
10. Encourages the Director-General to continue to reinforce his action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian archaeological sites and cultural heritage;
11. 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 both from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;
12. Requests the Director-General to continue close monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the sixth meeting of the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee, in particular the flagship projects identified at that meeting, and to reinforce

cooperation with the Palestinian authorities with a view to organizing a donor event in compliance with 32 C/Resolution 54;

13. Encouraged by the resumption of the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, expresses the hope that the 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 on this matter, particularly the relevant Security Council resolutions;
14. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making to preserve the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts to offer appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and special assistance to the educational institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
15. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 172nd session, and invites the Director-General to present to it a progress report thereon.

(171 EX/SR.10)

54 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq
(171 EX/42; 171 EX/64 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 9.4,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/42,
3. Emphasizing the need to reinforce UNESCO's action in favour of the rehabilitation and development of Iraq, in the context of the new transitional period created by the election of a National Assembly and the establishment of the Iraqi Transitional Government,
4. Recalling the major responsibility entrusted to UNESCO, within the United Nations integrated response, in the fields of education, culture, science and communication, as well as its key role in contributing to democracy, particularly human rights, freedom of expression and access to scientific knowledge for the reconstruction of Iraq,
5. Thanks the Director-General for the results achieved, in particular in the implementation of the projects funded by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) Trust Fund for Iraq, as well as by the International Fund for Higher Education in Iraq;
6. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by the Secretariat in implementing the recommendations of the first meeting of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq (ICC), requests the Director-General to further monitor the implementation of the ICC recommendations, and thanks the Iraqi Transitional Government for having organized the Second Cultural Forum in Iraq;
7. Also requests the Director-General to give full support to the Iraqi Transitional Government in the formulation and implementation of educational, cultural, scientific

and media policies for Iraq, in particular through capacity-building, and to ensure that UNESCO becomes fully present in Iraq, as soon as circumstances permit;

8. Thanks all Member States, NGOs, IGOs 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;
9. Invites the Director-General to present to it a progress report thereon at its 172nd session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

55 Report by the Director-General on an overall strategy for an intersectoral programme for languages at UNESCO (171 EX/20; 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 170 EX/Decision 9.5,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/20,
3. Taking into account the programme review submitted by the Director-General in that document,
4. Endorses the proposed overall strategy;
5. Requests the Director-General to propose a detailed plan of action including an intersectoral coordination mechanism with a separate budget line added in document 33 C/5 in order to facilitate the implementation of the strategy.

(171 EX/SR.10)

56 Provisional list of the matters to be considered by the Board at its 172nd session (171 EX/INF.14)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 171 EX/INF.14,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(171 EX/SR.9)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

57 Proclamation of 2007 as the United Nations international year of Planet Earth (171 EX/52 and Add. and Corr.; 171 EX/INF.20; 171 EX/64 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of the fact that Planet Earth offers life support systems to the human race and other living beings,

2. Noting that the wealth of scientific information available on Planet Earth, which could assist planning, disaster mitigation, resource exploitation and management remains untapped and hardly known to the public or to policy- and decision-makers,
3. Having examined documents 171 EX/52 and Add. and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.20,
4. Taking into account the crucial role UNESCO could play in raising public awareness of the importance of earth sciences, disaster reduction and related capacity-building for building sustainable communities,
5. Invites the Director-General to support all efforts leading to the United Nations General Assembly proclaiming 2007 the “International Year of Planet Earth”;
6. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 33rd session, adopt a resolution on this subject.

(171 EX/SR.10)

58 Universal Forum of Cultures – 2007 in Monterrey, Mexico (171 EX/53; 171 EX/64 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report submitted by the Director-General on the Universal Forum of Cultures – Barcelona 2004 (171 EX/53; 171 EX/INF.9),
2. Having taken cognizance of the decision of the government of the state of Nuevo León, Mexico, to hold the Universal Forum of Cultures – Monterrey 2007,
3. Considering with great satisfaction the great significance and the success of the Barcelona 2004 Forum of Cultures, the close links between its objectives and those of UNESCO, and the importance of implementing the recommendations of the World Commission on Culture and Development,
4. Noting that the organizers of the Monterrey 2007 Forum are proposing that UNESCO should be their main partner, and convinced that such cooperation would be particularly fruitful for the attainment of common goals,
5. Noting in this respect that the costs of the Forum will be fully covered by its organizers, and that this cooperation would therefore have no budgetary implications for UNESCO,
6. Considering that UNESCO could play a particularly effective part, in the framework of the objectives set forth in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 and the Programme and Budget for 2004-2005, both in formulating the approaches and major themes that could guide the implementation of the Forum and in encouraging official participation by Member States in the Forum and by networks of all kinds to ensure the impact and influence of the Forum,
7. Decides to recommend that the General Conference, at its 33rd session, in line with the proposal made by the organizers of the Universal Forum of Cultures – Monterrey 2007, grant approval for UNESCO to be the main partner of the event throughout the various phases of the project;

8. Invites the Director-General to draw up, in cooperation with the Forum's organizers, a draft framework agreement on the modalities of the partnership, together with a plan of action, for submission to the Executive Board at its next session;
9. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its 172nd session on the implementation of this decision.

(171 EX/SR.10)

59 Cross-sectoral activities in technical capacity-building (171 EX/54 and Add. and Corr.; 171 EX/INF.20; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recognizing that in order to most effectively leverage its programmes, UNESCO should operate in a cross-sectoral manner and foster work structures conducive to cross-sectoral collaboration,
2. Stressing that technical capacity-building in basic and applied sciences, engineering and technology is a critical aspect of reducing poverty and establishing sustainable economic and social infrastructure, and that this capacity-building includes education, science, and communication and information elements,
3. Recalling that the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) includes a strategic objective on "Enhancing scientific, technical, and human capabilities to participate in emerging knowledge societies",
4. Further recalling that the approved Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) includes regular budget and extrabudgetary funds for capacity-building in science and technology for development, and states that the overall strategy of UNESCO in the engineering sciences and technology is to promote human and institutional capacity-building, particularly in developing countries,
5. Noting that the Executive Board, at its 170th session, outlined the priorities for the Natural Sciences Sector as follows:
 - (a) the principal priority shall be water and associated ecosystems;
 - (b) the other priorities shall be:
 - (i) oceans;
 - (ii) capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences, the formulation of science policies, and the promotion of a culture of maintenance;
 - (iii) promoting the application of science, engineering and appropriate technologies for sustainable development, natural resource use and management, disaster-preparedness and alleviation, and renewable sources of energy;
6. Taking into consideration the above mandates,
7. Having examined documents 171 EX/54 and Add. and Corr. and 171 EX/INF.20,

8. Welcomes the establishment of a unit within the Science Sector to coordinate activities in capacity-building focused on:
 - (a) water-related efforts – activities to include enhancement of the current hydrology effort as it relates to capacity-building efforts in engineering and water sciences to address water-related needs;
 - (b) basic science and mathematics education – activities to include development of training materials and programmes in science and mathematics;
 - (c) engineering – activities to include strengthening of the existing engineering programme, including training educators for developing countries, support of workshops for educators in curriculum development on best practices and quality assurance, and development of appropriate collaborations with industry;
 - (d) technology – activities to include technology management and innovation management, including training in this area;
9. Requests the Director-General to develop cross-sectoral activities within UNESCO to emphasize building capacities in developing countries, and mainly, least developed countries (LDCs) and post-conflict countries to address elements of the goals for sustainable development outlined in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, particularly safe drinking water and poverty reduction;
10. Invites the Director-General to utilize existing budgetary resources to accomplish the development of these cross-sectoral capacity-building activities, and to develop benchmarks and an evaluation process;
11. Further invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures for the development of a cross-sectoral capacity-building programme, and to submit a report on progress to it at its 174th session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

60 Participation of the European Community in the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) on the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions (171 EX/47 and Add; 171 EX/62)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 3.7.2, in which it invited the Director-General to convene meetings of government experts (category II) aimed at taking forward the preparation of the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions in order to report to the General Conference at its 33rd session,
2. Having examined document 171 EX/47 concerning the participation of the European Community in the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) on the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions submitted by the Member States of the European Union represented in the Executive Board,

3. Invites, on an exceptional basis, the European Community, while maintaining its observer status, to participate actively and as fully as appropriate in the work of the intergovernmental meeting of experts from 25 May to 4 June 2005;
4. Recommends that the General Conference, at its 33rd session, take this decision into account with respect to its consideration of the item relating to the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions.

(171 EX/SR.10)

61 Organization of a UNESCO regional ministerial conference on the strategic role of renewable energies in sustainable development in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, first half of 2006) (171 EX/55; 171 EX/INF.20; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind United Nations General Assembly resolution 54/215 of 22 December 1999, which established a direct link between the importance of renewable energies and sustainable development and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002, in particular the Plan of Implementation, in which renewable energies are considered to be a major instrument of sustainable development and poverty eradication,
2. Having examined documents 171 EX/55 and 171 EX/INF.20,
3. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 14,
4. Recalling also 155 EX/Decision 4.1, in which it recommended that specific action be taken to include renewable energies in the Programme and Budget (C/5),
5. Referring also to paragraph 45 of the same decision, in which it considered that UNESCO should continue its action in relation to the Aral Sea basin,
6. Welcomes the initiative taken by Kazakhstan and supported by the Member States concerned with a view to the organization of a UNESCO regional ministerial conference on the theme “The strategic role of renewable energies in sustainable development in Central Asia” in Kazakhstan in the first half of 2006;
7. Thanks the Director-General for the high profile given to renewable energies;
8. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to consider and define possible arrangements for the Organization’s intellectual and financial involvement in the implementation of this project, as well as the dissemination of the results of this conference;
 - (b) to submit to it at its 172nd session a report thereon.

(171 EX/SR.10)

62 Information on the First World Congress on Literacy (Havana, 31 January-4 February 2005) (171 EX/56; 171 EX/INF.20; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/56 and 171 EX/INF.20,
2. Taking note of the report of the first World Congress on Literacy held in Havana from 31 January to 4 February 2005,
3. Requests the Director-General to conduct a feasibility study on the recommendations contained in the Declaration of the Ministers of Education, Deputy Ministers and Representatives of Ministries attending the First World Congress on Literacy (Annex to document 171 EX/56), and to inform the Executive Board of the conclusions of this study on the possible involvement of UNESCO in this initiative;
4. Requests the Director-General to report on this initiative to the General Conference at its 33rd session in the context of reporting on UNESCO's work in the field of illiteracy.

(171 EX/SR.10)

63 Proposal for the establishment of an IHP-HELP centre for water law, policy and science at the University of Dundee, United Kingdom, under the auspices of UNESCO (171 EX/57; 171 EX/INF.20; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the importance of interfacing water law, policy and science in the work of UNESCO,
2. Having examined documents 171 EX/57 and 171 EX/INF.20,
3. Takes note of the important opportunities for cooperation mentioned in those documents;
4. Requests the Director-General to prepare a feasibility study for submission to it at its 172nd session, and subsequently to the General Conference at its 33rd session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

64 Greater cooperation between National Commissions and UNESCO field offices (171 EX/58; 171 EX/64 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/58 and 171 EX/6 Part III,
2. Recalling 136 EX/Decision 3.3,
3. Recalling the functions of National Commissions as described in the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO,
4. Recognizing the role of National Commissions in participating in the overall activities of UNESCO as a key actor in helping to forge Member States' views on the

Organization's strategies and programmes, and in endorsing and promoting the visibility of UNESCO's activities at the national level, as envisaged in UNESCO's Constitution,

5. Also recognizing that UNESCO field offices are an important platform for the preparation and implementation of UNESCO's activities in Member States,
6. Reaffirms the need for the UNESCO field offices and the National Commissions to work in close cooperation through mutual and regular consultations, in accordance with UNESCO's Constitution and the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO;
7. Invites the Director-General to prepare guidelines for such cooperation and consultations between National Commissions and the UNESCO field offices, and to report to the General Conference at its 33rd session on the steps taken on the issue within the overall stated objectives of decentralization and reform of the structure of UNESCO;
8. Further invites the Director-General to prepare and submit to it at its 174th session a document on the involvement of National Commissions in the decentralization process.

(171 EX/SR.10)

65 Protection of the rights of broadcasting organizations (171 EX/59; 171 EX/INF.20; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/59 and 171 EX/INF.20,
2. Noting that the issue of broadcasting comes within UNESCO's core mandate as part of the activities of the Communication and Information Sector,
3. Recalling that the principal priority identified for the Communication and Information Sector is "empowering people through access to information and knowledge, with special emphasis on freedom of expression",
4. Further recalling the International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations (Rome Convention, 1961), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Performance and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT), the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT), and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), which already provide protection to the rights of broadcasters,
5. Takes note of the developments at WIPO aimed at finalizing a new convention on broadcaster's rights, and of UNESCO's continuing role in the WIPO process;
6. Recognizing that attempts to impose another layer of rights over and above the intellectual property rights of copyright holders affect the rights of both the copyright holder(s) and the rights of the public at large, and act as an impediment to the preservation of information and universal access to it and to the participation of all in the emerging global information society,

7. Stresses the importance of promoting and enhancing the public domain as a vital means of providing access to information and knowledge and ensuring that any convention on broadcasting does not curtail access to public domain materials which are accessible only through broadcast;
8. Also recognizing that such regulations have a negative impact on the free flow of information essential to the building of knowledge societies, and that the separation between content and content-carrying signals is crucial for maintaining the distinction between the rights of copyright-holders as creators of works and broadcasters as transmitters of signals,
9. Reaffirms that UNESCO is committed to promoting freedom of expression, creating an enabling environment which is conducive to facilitating universal access to information and knowledge, developing effective infrastructures and stimulating the development of and access to, diverse contents;
10. Thanks the Government of India for taking an initiative on this issue of immense concern to UNESCO;
11. Invites the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO, as the specialized agency within the United Nations system dealing with the issue of communication and information, plays an active role in any deliberations affecting its mandate;
12. Further invites the Director-General to submit a proposal for a convention on broadcasting and the new technologies for examination at the next session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Rome Convention, and to report thereon to the Executive Board at its 172nd session.

(171 EX/SR.10)

66 International Programme for Environmental Development (IPED) (171 EX/60; 171 EX/INF.20; 171 EX/64 Part II; 171 EX/65)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 171 EX/60 and 171 EX/INF.20,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(171 EX/SR.10)

**ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS
HELD ON MONDAY 18 APRIL 2005 AND WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2005**

At the private meetings held on Monday 18 April and Wednesday 27 April 2005, the Executive Board considered respectively items 44, 25 and 26 of its agenda.

44 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (171 EX/PRIV.2)

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 170th session regarding the appointments and extensions of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization. He also outlined some adjustments to be

brought to the structure of the Secretariat in order to increase its efficiency and rationalize its work. There followed an extensive debate in a questions and answers session between the Director-General and Board Members. Twenty-five of them took the floor.

25 Consideration of the procedure to be followed for the appointment of the Director-General of the Organization (171 EX/PRIV.1)

Following its deliberations on this item, the Executive Board decided on the measures required to give effect to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure. It invited its Chairman to send to Member States, by Friday 22 April 2005, the usual communication referred to in paragraph 1 of Rule 58, and decided that candidatures should be submitted by 29 July 2005 at the latest. No candidatures will be accepted after that date. In accordance with Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure, it further decided to consider, at its 172nd session, in private meeting, such candidatures in accordance with the procedure adopted by it for that purpose.

26 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.

(171 EX/SR.3; 171 EX/SR.7)