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## **1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (166 EX/1, 166 EX/INF.1 Rev., 166 EX/2 Rev.)**

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 166 EX/1 and 166 EX/INF.1 Rev.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.1.4, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.5, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 9.1, 9.3 and 10.1; and for programme-related aspects, items 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.4.4, 3.6.2, 4.1 and 6.3.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.1.3, 3.3.1, 3.6.3, 8.1, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7 and 8.8; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.4.4, 3.6.2, 4.1 and 6.3.

The Executive Board approved the proposals by the Bureau contained in document 166 EX/2 Rev. concerning the following agenda items:

- 3.2.4 Proposal for the dissolution of the UNESCO-UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (166 EX/10)
- 3.3.2 Invitations to the meeting of government experts responsible for finalizing the draft international declaration on human genetic data (166 EX/8 and Corr.)
- 9.4 Relations with the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and draft agreement between UNESCO and this organization (166 EX/43)

(166 EX/SR.1)

## **2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 165th SESSION (166 EX/SR.1-9)**

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 165th session.

(166 EX/SR.1)

## **3 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME**

### **3.1.1 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (166 EX/4 Part I, Part II and Add., 166 EX/INF.5, 166 EX/INF.7, 166 EX/INF.8, 166 EX/47 Part I and 166 EX/48 Part I)**

#### I

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/4 Part I, 166 EX/INF.5, 166 EX/INF.7 and 166 EX/INF.8,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(166 EX/SR.10)

## II

### Management chart

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/4 Part II and Add., 166 EX/INF.7 and 166 EX/INF.8,
2. Notes the report of the Director-General on the Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2002-2003 (31 C/5 Approved) as at 31 December 2002;
3. Requests the Director-General to expedite the completion of the full implementation of the FABS programme;
4. Invites the Director-General to find meaningful and more adequate ways in addition to mere prorating to reflect the staff costs at the level of the subprogramme;
5. Also invites the Director-General to improve reporting so as to strengthen results-based management;
6. Further invites the Director-General to continue providing information by object of expenditure, particularly travel, contractual services and temporary assistance.

(166 EX/SR.11)

## III

### The events in Iraq

The Executive Board,

1. Taking cognizance of the various statements made by the Director-General concerning the events in Iraq,
2. Noting that they fully reflect the principles of UNESCO in relation to peace and its responsibilities in its fields of competence,
3. Agrees to give its support to the statements of the Director-General and also his action in all UNESCO's fields of competence and especially in relation to the safeguard of the cultural heritage of Iraq;
4. Invites the Director-General to submit a report to it at its 167th session on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq and the progress made between the sessions.

(166 EX/SR.11)

**3.1.2 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its previous sessions (166 EX/5 Part I and Add. and Part II, 166 EX/INF.7, 166 EX/INF.8, 166 EX/47 Part II and 166 EX/48 Part I)**

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/5 Part I and Add., 166 EX/INF.7 and 166 EX/INF.8,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(166 EX/SR.10)

II

**The hiring of consultants and the process  
of modernizing methods for recording expenditures**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/5 Part II, 166 EX/INF.7 and 166 EX/INF.8,
2. Invites the Director-General to make greater efforts to ensure geographical balance, given the same level of competence, among consultants and individual contractors;
3. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 169th session on the review of policies regarding the hiring of consultants and individual contractors;
4. Invites the Director-General to revise the items of the Administrative Manual concerning the subject accordingly;
5. Further invites the Director-General to improve the evaluation of candidates and the recruitment process for consultants and also to elaborate respective guidelines for all staff involved in such recruitment processes;
6. Also requests the Director-General to update the scale of remuneration for consultants;
7. Takes note of the report by the Director-General on the process of modernizing methods for recording expenditures and requests him to present a further report thereon to it at its 167th session, to be forwarded, if the Board so decides, to the General Conference at its 32nd session.

(166 EX/SR.11)

**3.1.3 Report by the Director-General on the reform process (166 EX/6 Part I, Part II and Part III, 166 EX/INF.7, 166 EX/INF.8 and 166 EX/48 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/6 (Part I, Part II and Part III), 166 EX/INF.7 and 166 EX/INF.8,

### **Part I – Staff policy**

2. Takes note with appreciation of the work accomplished to develop and implement the new staff policy and invites the Director-General to report to it again at its 169th session;

### **Part II – New management tools**

3. Takes note of the progress made in the introduction of the new integrated management information system, in particular its programming and budgeting component (SISTER) and the part covering finance and accounting (FABS);
4. Takes note also of the difficulties encountered in incorporating the financial accounts of UNESCO in the new systems and the assurances provided by the Director-General to the effect that an action plan is being implemented which will resolve the problems at Headquarters and ensure that such problems are avoided when the planned roll-out to the field offices takes place in 2003;
5. Notes with concern the continuing under-funding of this important project;
6. Requests the Director-General to make every effort to find funding within the regular budget for the implementation of the new management tools;
7. Urges the Director-General to make all mobilizing efforts to obtain additional extrabudgetary resources to ensure the full funding of the new management tools;
8. Reiterates urgently in this context its appeal to Member States to seriously consider providing voluntary contributions to make up the needed resources and expresses again its appreciation to those Member States that have already done so;
9. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the integrated management information system and to submit to it at its 169th session a progress report thereon.

### **Part III – Decentralization**

10. Takes note of the efforts made by the Director-General to implement the decentralization strategy and of the fact that some results have been so far achieved;
11. Requests the Director-General to develop specific criteria for the distribution of decentralized resources among the field offices, that reflect the needs of the Member States and the priorities of the UNESCO programme, in time for the preparation of document 33 C/5;
12. Invites the Director-General to continue the rational implementation of the decentralization action plan based on the principle of efficiency and increased monitoring and to submit a review report thereon to it at its 169th session.

(166 EX/SR.11)



### 3.1.4 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2000-2001 and the 2002-2003 biennia (166 EX/41 and Corr. and 166 EX/47 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/41 and Corr. and appreciative of the evaluations that have been presented,
2. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as the report of the Director-General on the implementation thereof,
3. Bearing in mind the Director-General's concern about the quality of evaluation reports highlighted in his concluding remarks,
4. Invites the Director-General to implement in the appropriate manner those recommendations that he judges necessary in the light of the debate at its 166th session to improve the programmes to which they relate;
5. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to improve the quality of evaluations as part of the new UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;
6. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to it on evaluations that are carried out on the Organization's programme activities, on the action taken and to be taken on the evaluation recommendations, as well as his reasons for deciding not to implement some of them, and on the improvement of the quality of the evaluations undertaken.

(166 EX/SR.10)

## 3.2 Education

### 3.2.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress achieved in implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action (166 EX/7 and 166 EX/47 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/7,
2. Reaffirms its commitment to the importance and centrality of the follow-up to the World Education Forum in UNESCO's education programme;
3. Requests the Director-General to take steps to ensure financial stability and full editorial independence for future Global Monitoring Reports;
4. Further requests the Director-General to further strengthen UNESCO's capacity to fulfil its international coordination role and take steps to ensure higher-level representation with greater capability for mobilizing political commitment for the EFA goals at the subsequent High-Level Group meetings, as recommended by the Communiqué of the High-Level Group (Abuja, 2002), and to maintain the collective momentum in regard to the follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action in line with the priorities established in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved) and the Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5 Approved);

5. Requests the Director-General to further enhance UNESCO's capacity, strengthening the implementation of the Dakar Framework for Action, in particular by helping through concrete programmes and capacity-building measures those countries concerned to prepare their national action plans;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 169th session on the implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action and on the progress achieved by UNESCO in this connection;
7. Also requests the Director-General to continue to pursue the strengthening of cooperation with donors in regard to the follow-up actions and extrabudgetary programme for technical services to countries implementing the Dakar Framework for Action.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **3.2.2 Follow-up to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (Paris, 9-10 January 2003) (166 EX/42 and 166 EX/47 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

#### **A. Follow-up to the Round Table**

1. Recalling the recommendations of the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport held at UNESCO in Paris on 9 and 10 January 2003,
2. Endorsing the proposal for the preparation by UNESCO of an international anti-doping convention in sport,
3. Invites the Director-General, in consultation with the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), to set up a group of experts to be responsible for putting into practice the recommendations made by the above-mentioned Round Table;
4. Also invites the Director-General to seek the necessary human and financial resources;
5. Decides to include this item in the provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference;

#### **B. International Year for Physical Education and Sport**

6. Recalling the recommendations of the Round Table, and in particular those concerning the reinforcement of physical education and sport within education systems,
7. Decides to include in the agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference an item concerning the proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly of an international year for physical education and sport.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **3.2.3 Promoting quality education: education for peace, human rights and democracy; education for sustainable development; curricula, educational tools and teacher training (166 EX/INF.6)**

Document 166 EX/INF.6 provided a basis for the thematic debate held on Monday, 7 April 2003.

(166 EX/SR.2 and 3)

### **3.2.4 Proposal for the dissolution of the UNESCO-UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (166 EX/10 and 166 EX/2 Rev.)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 3.2.2, in which it authorized the UNESCO-UNICEF Joint Committee on Education to discuss its future at its eighth meeting in the light of alternative positive collaborative arrangements between the two organizations and to make recommendations thereon, subject to a similar resolution being adopted by the UNICEF Executive Board,
2. Having examined document 166 EX/10,
3. Bearing in mind the discussion and recommendation of the Committee on 25 November 2002 (Annex II of document 165 EX/10), and taking account of the decision taken on 15 January 2003 by the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session of the year,
4. Decides therefore to dissolve the UNESCO-UNICEF Joint Committee on Education.

(166 EX/SR.1)

## **3.3 Social and human sciences**

### **3.3.1 Report by the Director-General on The Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science (166 EX/13 and Corr. and 166 EX/48 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/13 and Corr.,
2. Takes note with appreciation of the report on all steps taken to implement 165 EX/Decision 3.4.5;
3. Recalling that the objectives of the Prize are consistent with those of the Medium-Term Strategy of UNESCO for 2002-2007, notably strategic objective 4,
4. Considering the importance of the continuation of the Prize for giving priority to the ethics of scientific knowledge,
5. Decides to replace the present text of Article 2(d) of the Statutes of The Avicenna Prize for Ethics and Science, as set out in the Annex to 165 EX/Decision 3.4.5, with the following wording: “The operating costs of the prize shall be shared equally by the Islamic Republic of Iran and UNESCO with effect from the 2004-2005 biennium,

provided that provision has been made for UNESCO's share of these costs in the programme and budget approved by the General Conference".

(166 EX/SR.11)

### **3.3.2 Invitations to the meeting of government experts responsible for finalizing the draft international declaration on human genetic data (166 EX/8 and Corr. and 166 EX/2 Rev.)**

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind its decision to convene a meeting of government experts (category II) responsible for finalizing the draft international declaration on human genetic data (165 EX/Decision 3.4.2, para. 9),
2. Having examined the Director-General's proposal concerning invitations to the meeting of government experts (166 EX/8 and Corr.),
3. Decides:
  - (a) that invitations to participate in the meeting of government experts responsible for finalizing the draft international declaration on human genetic data, with the right to vote, will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
  - (b) that invitations to send observers to the meeting of government experts will be sent to the States mentioned in paragraph 8 of document 166 EX/8;
  - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the meeting of government experts will be sent to Palestine, as indicated in paragraph 9 of document 166 EX/8;
  - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the meeting of government experts will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system referred to in paragraph 10 of document 166 EX/8;
  - (e) that invitations to send observers to the meeting of government experts will be sent to the intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 11 of document 166 EX/8;
  - (f) that the Director-General is authorized to issue any additional invitation that he may deem conducive to the work of the group of government experts, informing the Executive Board accordingly.

(166 EX/SR.1)

## **3.4 Culture**

### **3.4.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 165 EX/Decision 3.5.1 (166 EX/14 and 166 EX/47 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 31 and 165 EX/Decision 3.5.1, as well as the provisions of the fourth Geneva Convention (1949) and its additional Protocols, of The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

(1954) and the related Protocol and of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage, and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council on the status of Jerusalem,

2. Taking note of document 166 EX/14 concerning Jerusalem and drawing attention to the obstacles to the implementation of 165 EX/Decision 3.5.1,
3. Noting that:
  - (a) despite the sustained and praiseworthy efforts of the Director-General to implement the numerous resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board on the safeguarding of Jerusalem, no progress has been observed concerning respect, by the occupying power, of all the relevant resolutions and decisions relating to Jerusalem in all matters pertaining to its cultural, architectural, historical and demographic components as well as to restoration work,
  - (b) major infrastructural works are continuing and in some cases being speeded up, causing damage to monuments and the violation of historic sites, in a spiritual, cultural and demographic context that, because of both its diversity and its harmonious complementarity, constitutes the unique character of Jerusalem as a symbol of the heritage of humanity as a whole,
  - (c) serious dangers constantly imperil the cultural property of the Old City of Jerusalem (al-Quds),
  - (d) the mission entrusted to Professor Oleg Grabar to draw up a report on the present situation is still refused by Israel,
4. Reaffirming all its previous decisions on the subject and inviting the Director-General to pursue his efforts to obtain their implementation,
5. Reiterates its support for the initiative taken by the Director-General to prepare a comprehensive plan of action to safeguard the Old City of Jerusalem and, in that connection, decides to establish, as soon as possible, a committee of experts to be entrusted with proposing, on a scientific and technical basis, guidelines for this plan of action and modalities for its implementation;
6. Reiterates its appeal to States, organizations, institutions, legal entities and private individuals, to contribute financially to the Special Account for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Holy City, while at the same time thanking Italy for its contribution;
7. Requests the beginning of work to consolidate, restore and rehabilitate the interior of the al-Ḥaram ash-Sharīf (Esplanade of the Mosques), in particular the Ashrafīya Madrasa and the centre for the conservation of historic manuscripts, projects for which the final plans are ready and funding available thanks to a generous contribution by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

8. Once again invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to ensure the implementation of the decision relating to the mission to Jerusalem of Professor Oleg Grabar;
9. Urges that the Israeli authorities take all requisite measures to enable this mission to proceed smoothly;
10. Calls upon governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions to authorize no measure or activity that contravenes the resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board relating to Jerusalem and to do nothing incompatible with the status of Jerusalem;
11. Decides to include this item on the agenda of its 167th session.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **3.4.2 The Olive Roads: Itinerary of culture and sustainable development, dialogue and peace among the peoples of the Mediterranean (166 EX/22 and 166 EX/47 Part I)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the adoption by the General Conference at its 31st session of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity,
2. Likewise recalling the Declaration, and accompanying Plan of Implementation, of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 4 September 2002), which urged the promotion of “dialogue and cooperation among the world’s civilizations and peoples”,
3. Noting the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on “Culture and development” (resolution 57/249, 20 December 2002), emphasizing the need “to enhance the potential of culture as a means of achieving prosperity, sustainable development and global peaceful coexistence”,
4. Also noting that the UNESCO cultural routes and itineraries projects facilitate, within a globalized world, the fostering of a feeling of sharing and participation in order to counter attitudes of identity introspection or exclusion,
5. Having examined document 166 EX/22,
6. Deeming important the proposal made by the representative of Greece for UNESCO to accord recognition to a project entitled “The Olive Roads” whose main aim is:
  - (a) to highlight the shared material and spiritual heritage that has linked the peoples of the Mediterranean since prehistoric times, centred on the olive tree and its many uses,
  - (b) to support efforts to ensure that traditional knowledge is respected and protected and that the environment and natural resources are wisely managed,
  - (c) to guarantee the protection of renewable ecosystems with a view to their sustainable exploitation, this being an essential requirement for the full physical, economic and cultural development of the populations concerned,

- (d) to explore the cultural, spiritual and symbolic use of the olive tree, in particular as an emblem of peace, reconciliation and prosperity, both within and outside its areas of exploitation,
7. Recommends to the General Conference that “The Olive Roads” project be included in document 32 C/5, Subprogramme IV.1.1: Promotion of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and implementation of its Action Plan, and Subprogramme IV.1.2: Strengthening the links between cultural policies and development policies.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **3.4.3 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity** (166 EX/28 and 166 EX/47 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the adoption of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity by the General Conference at its 31st session (31 C/Resolution 25 and Annexes I and II),
2. Recalling also the main lines of an action plan for the implementation of the Declaration in which Member States committed themselves to “deepening the international debate on questions relating to cultural diversity, particularly in respect of its links with development and its impact on policy-making, at both national and international level; taking forward notably consideration of the advisability of an international legal instrument on cultural diversity” (31 C/Resolution 25, Annex II, paragraph 1),
3. Having examined the preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity contained in document 166 EX/28,
4. Decides to place this item on the provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 32nd session a report relating to the preliminary study on the desirability of a new international standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity and the Executive Board’s observations and decisions thereon;
6. Further invites the Director-General to include in the above-mentioned report a reference to the relevant international instruments;
7. Recommends to the General Conference that it take a decision to continue action aimed at drawing up a new international standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity and to determine the nature of that instrument.

(166 EX/SR.10)

**3.4.4 Proposal to grant the status of a regional centre under the auspices of UNESCO to the Nordic World Heritage Foundation (166 EX/17 and 166 EX/47 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 17 of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, which calls for the States Parties to the Convention to support the establishment of foundations whose purpose is to work for the protection of cultural and natural heritage,
2. Also recalling 21 C/Resolution 40,
3. Further recalling 165 EX/Decision 5.4 and 165 EX/Decision 9.3,
4. Having examined document 166 EX/17,
5. Welcoming the proposal made by the Government of Norway,
6. Appreciating the results of the evaluations made so far of the Nordic World Heritage Office and the conversion of the Office into a Foundation,
7. Recommends to the General Conference at its 32nd session that it:
  - (a) grant the Nordic World Heritage Foundation the status of a Regional Centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
  - (b) authorize the Director-General to appoint to the Board of the Foundation one member and a deputy;
  - (c) authorize the Director-General to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Foundation, as appropriate.

(166 EX/SR.10)

**3.4.5 Preliminary feasibility study on the request by the International Institute for Opera and Poetry (IIOP), Verona, Italy, to be recognized as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (166 EX/15 and 166 EX/47 Part I)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 3.5.3,
2. Having examined document 166 EX/15,
3. Takes note of the procedure currently under way to change the status of the International Institute for Opera and Poetry (IIOP), so as to bring it into line with the 1980 guidelines on centres and institutes under UNESCO's auspices,
4. Invites the Director-General to complete the feasibility study which must reflect the revised status of IIOP in accordance with the conditions established by the above-mentioned guidelines and to report thereon to the Executive Board at its 167th session with a view to submission to the General Conference at its 32nd session.

(166 EX/SR.10)



### **3.5 Communication and information**

#### **3.5.1 UNESCO's contribution to the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005) (166 EX/19 and 166 EX/47 Part I)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/19,
2. Endorses UNESCO's strategy to help the global information society develop towards knowledge societies based on the principles of cultural and linguistic diversity, equal access to education, universal access to information and freedom of expression;
3. Calls upon UNESCO Member States to recognize fully and to promote these principles in preparing both meetings of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (Geneva, 10-13 December 2003; Tunis, 2005);
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue to involve non-governmental organizations and civil society closely in the WSIS process;
5. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 167th session on the consultations made and recommendations prepared for the WSIS, and at its 169th session on the results of the Summit meeting in Geneva.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **3.6 Natural sciences**

#### **3.6.1 Proposal for the elaboration of an education programme for the sustainable management of freshwater resources (166 EX/12, 166 EX/INF.9 and 166 EX/47 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the alarming situation with regard to the availability of drinking water resources, as documented in the United Nations World Water Development Report (March 2003),
2. Recognizing that the appropriate development and management of water resources are crucial for sustainable development,
3. Noting that the solution of problems relating to drinking water urgently requires an interdisciplinary approach,
4. Also noting that, because of its importance to the very existence of life, water cannot be treated as a mere commodity,
5. Recognizing that appropriate comprehensive education for water management, at all levels, is essential for dealing with water issues,
6. Further recognizing the importance of an ethical approach to the question of sustainable management of water resources that emphasizes disciplined and sustainable water consumption,

7. Taking note of the analyses and studies carried out by UNESCO on the matter, in particular those of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) and of the World Water Development Report presented to the Third World Water Forum (Kyoto, 16-23 March 2003),
8. Having examined documents 166 EX/12 and 166 EX/INF.9,
9. Invites the Director-General to enhance cooperation with a view to implementing an intersectoral policy for formal and non-formal water education:
  - (a) by calling upon contributions from the UNESCO Chairs in water issues and the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education;
  - (b) by joining forces within the framework of the International Year of Freshwater and the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development;
10. Also invites the Director-General to deploy all the human and financial resources required for the realization of such intersectoral cooperation, including mobilizing the expanded participation of the international community and civil society and of the public and private sectors in Member States in order to obtain the human and financial resources required to achieve the desired impact at the global level;
11. Further invites the Director-General to report to it at its 169th session on the development and implementation of an intersectoral strategy on education for the management of water for all as an integral component of the Decade.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **3.6.2 Establishment of a solidarity fund for safe water for all** (166 EX/16, 166 EX/INF.10 Rev. and 166 EX/47 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that, according to current estimates emanating from the World Water Development Report, approximately 1.2 billion human beings have no access to a safe water supply and 2.3 billion human beings are lacking access to safe sanitation,
2. Having examined documents 166 EX/16 and 166 EX/INF.10 Rev.,
3. Recognizing that to achieve the water-supply-related Millennium Development Goal of halving the number of people with no access to a safe water supply by 2015, as well as the sanitation goal set by the World Summit for Sustainable Development (WSSD) of halving the number of people with no access to safe sanitation, requires major new investments in terms of water infrastructure and services,
4. Recognizing also that, if these investments are to yield sustainable water resources development, they must be based on a thorough and reliable assessment of water availability and vulnerability at appropriate space and time scales,
5. Realizing that concentrated and coordinated scientific efforts are needed to assess the availability, use and vulnerability of water resources for water supply and sanitation and that the International Hydrological Programme and the World Water Assessment Programme are the appropriate vehicles to lead these efforts,

6. Proposes to establish a UNESCO solidarity fund for safe water for all, to be used to finance the assessment of water availability and vulnerability at a scale appropriate for water supply and sanitation development;
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 167th session a study on how such a fund should be established and administered along with a strategic plan for prioritizing the relevant tasks with a view to implementing first activities in Africa.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **3.6.3 Draft Financial Regulations of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education**

(166 EX/24 and Corr. and 166 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/24 and Corr.,
2. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education as set out in the Annex to this decision;
3. Further notes that the Director-General has agreed to a deviation from Article 5.3 of UNESCO's Financial Rules which is reflected in Article 8.1(b) of the Financial Regulations of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education for an initial trial period, after which he will re-examine the issue, in accordance with Article XI of the Statutes of the Institute;
4. Approves the above deviation from UNESCO Financial Rule 5.3 for a period deemed appropriate by the Director-General in accordance with Article XI of the Statutes of the Institute.

#### **ANNEX**

#### **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE UNESCO-IHE INSTITUTE FOR WATER EDUCATION**

##### **Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account of UNESCO**

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, and further to the Cooperation Agreement, between UNESCO and the Stichting International Institute for Infrastructural, Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering Delft hereafter referred to as the "Foundation", the Statutes of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, the agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and UNESCO concerning the seat of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and the Operational Agreement between the Netherlands and UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, hereafter referred to as the "Institute".
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of this Special Account.

##### **Article 2 – Financial period**

- 2.1 The financial period shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December each year.

##### **Article 3 – Income**

- 3.1 As provided in its Statutes, the income of the Institute shall consist of:

- (a) financial contributions allocated to the Institute by the Government of the Netherlands as defined in the Operational Agreement for an initial five-year period renewable thereafter for further fixed-term periods;
  - (b) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities allocated to it for the purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
  - (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
  - (d) tuition fees collected for educational purposes;
  - (e) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities, including overheads recovered;
  - (f) miscellaneous income.
- 3.2 The Director of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (hereafter referred to as “the Director”) may accept income as set forth in Article 3.1 on behalf of the Institute, provided that, in any case which would involve the Institute in additional financial liability, the Director shall obtain the prior approval of the Institute’s Governing Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”) and the consent of the Executive Board of UNESCO.
- 3.3 The Director shall report to the Board on any subventions, contributions, grants, gifts or bequests accepted.

#### **Article 4 – Budget**

- 4.1 The Director shall prepare, in a form to be determined by the Board, an annual programme and budget and shall submit it to the Board for approval.
- 4.2 The Institute’s programme and budget shall comprise: in-kind contributions from the Foundation, such as (i) staff and (ii) technical and other physical facilities, and the Programme Expenditures as defined in the Cooperation Agreement.
- 4.3 The appropriations voted in the budget shall constitute an authorization to the Director to incur obligations and to make expenditures for the purposes for which the appropriations are voted and up to the amounts so voted.
- 4.4 The Director is authorized to transfer funds between activities under the same appropriation line. The Director may be authorized by the Board to transfer funds, when necessary, between appropriation lines within the limits established by the Appropriation Resolution voted by the Board and shall report to the Board on all such transfers.
- 4.5 The Director is required to maintain obligations and expenditures within the level of the actual resources that become available to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.
- 4.6 Appropriations shall remain available for obligation during the financial period to which they relate.
- 4.7 The Director shall make allotments and any modifications thereon, within the limits of the Appropriation Resolution, which shall be communicated, in writing, to the officials authorized to incur obligations and make payments.
- 4.8 Appropriations shall remain available for 12 months following the end of the financial period to which they relate to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations for goods supplied and services rendered in the financial period and to liquidate any outstanding legal obligations of the financial period.
- 4.9 At the end of the 12-month period provided for in Article 4.8 above, the then remaining unspent balance of appropriations shall revert to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.

**Article 5 – The General Account**

- 5.1 There shall be established a General Account to which shall be credited the income of the Institute as described in Article 3 above and which will be used to finance the approved budget of the Institute.
- 5.2 The balance remaining in this General Account shall be carried forward from one financial period to the next.
- 5.3 The uses to which this balance may be put shall be determined by the Board.

**Article 6 – Custody and investment of funds**

- 6.1 All the funds of the Institute shall be deposited without delay with such banks or other depositories selected by the Director or other officer of the Institute or the Foundation to whom such power is delegated by the Director in accordance with the Financial Rules and banking procedures of UNESCO.
- 6.2 The Director may make such investments of monies not needed for immediate requirements as he considers appropriate in consultation with UNESCO.
- 6.3 Income earned on such investments shall be credited to miscellaneous income of the Institute.

**Article 7 – Trust funds, reserve and subsidiary special accounts**

- 7.1 In addition to a Working Capital Fund, the Director shall establish a Reserve Fund to cover end-of-service indemnities and other related liabilities; the Fund shall be reported annually to the Board at the time of the yearly budget approval.
- 7.2 Trust Funds, Subsidiary Special Accounts and any other Reserve Accounts may be established by the Director, who shall report thereon to the Board.
- 7.3 The Director may, when necessary, in connection with the purpose of a Trust Fund, Reserve or Subsidiary Special Account prepare special financial regulations to govern the operations of these funds or accounts and shall report thereon to the Board. Unless otherwise provided these funds and accounts shall be administered in accordance with these Financial Regulations.

**Article 8 – Internal control**

- 8.1 The Director shall:
  - (a) Submit financial rules, including rules on procurement, based on those currently applied by the Foundation, to the Board for approval;
  - (b) Determine, in agreement with the Comptroller of UNESCO, the amount above which ex ante examination of commitments by certifying officers shall be required;
  - (c) Cause all payments to be made on the basis of supporting vouchers and other documents, which ensure that the services or goods have been received, and that payment has not previously been made;
  - (d) Designate the officers who may receive monies, incur obligations and make payments on behalf of the Institute;
  - (e) Maintain an internal financial control, which shall provide for an effective current examination and for review of financial transactions in order to ensure:
    - (i) the regularity of the receipt, custody and disposal of all funds and other financial resources of the Institute;
    - (ii) the conformity of obligations and expenditures with the appropriations or other financial provisions which may be determined by the Board, or with the purposes and rules relating to Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts;

(iii) the economic use of the resources of the Institute.

- 8.2 No obligation shall be incurred until allotments have been made in writing under the authority of the Director.
- 8.3 The Director may make such *ex gratia* payments as he deems to be necessary in the interest of the Institute, provided that a statement of such payments shall be submitted to the Board with the annual accounts.
- 8.4 The Director may, after full investigation, authorize the writing-off of losses of cash, stores and other assets, provided that a statement of all such amounts written off shall be submitted to the External Auditors with the annual accounts.

#### **Article 9 – The accounts**

- 9.1 The Director shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary and shall prepare, for submission to the Board, annual accounts showing, for the financial period to which they relate:
- (a) the income and expenditure of all funds;
  - (b) the budgetary situation including:
    - (i) original appropriations;
    - (ii) the appropriations as modified by any transfers;
    - (iii) the amounts charged against these appropriations;
  - (c) the assets and liabilities of the Institute.
- 9.2 The Director shall also give such other information as may be appropriate to indicate the current financial position of the Institute.
- 9.3 The annual accounts of the Institute shall be presented in euros. Accounting records may, however, be kept in such currency or currencies as the Director may deem necessary.
- 9.4 Appropriate separate accounts shall be maintained for all Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts.

#### **Article 10 – External audit**

The annual accounts of the Institute, which constitute an integral part of the statement of the financial position of UNESCO, and the report of the External Auditor of UNESCO on the Institute, shall be submitted to the Board for approval. However, as the accounts of UNESCO are not audited on an annual basis, the Board may ask for the annual accounts of the Institute to be submitted for examination to the External Auditor of UNESCO.

#### **Article 11 – General provision**

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

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#### 4 DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2004-2005 (32 C/5 and Corr.)

##### 4.1 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5 and Corr.) and recommendations of the Executive Board

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5 and Corr.) 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 (resolution 55/2),
3. Reaffirming all provisions of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved),
4. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 4.1,
5. Further recalling resolution 57/2 of the United Nations General Assembly on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD),

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6. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for having presented three scenarios for document 32 C/5 in accordance with different budget levels as specified by the Executive Board and for having responded fully and faithfully to the provisions of 165 EX/Decision 4.1;
7. Welcomes the explicit orientation throughout document 32 C/5 directed towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), in particular the central goal of halving poverty by 2015, and taking account of the strategic objectives of document 31 C/4 Approved, including those for its two cross-cutting themes;
8. Notes with satisfaction the substantial progress achieved so far in the reform process;

##### **Results-based programming, management and monitoring (RBM)**

9. Notes with satisfaction the considerable progress achieved so far in the programming, presentation and results orientation of document 32 C/5, in particular regarding the formulation of the results expected at the end of the biennium for each main line of action and the related quantitative and qualitative performance indicators, which represent a major advance in the introduction of results-based programming, management and monitoring (RBM);
10. Invites the Director-General to proceed with the fine-tuning of the RBM approach and the introduction of more qualitative performance indicators as well as impact assessment indicators;
11. Acknowledges that the introduction of RBM at Headquarters and in the field is an ongoing process, which needs to be extended, in particular to the work plans implementing document 32 C/5, and to that end invites the Director-General to include

specific training in the staff training programme, to which Member States are also invited to contribute extrabudgetary resources;

### **Concentration and focus**

12. Commends the Director-General for the concentration and focus in the programme, accomplished through the allocation of additional programme resources to the principal priority of each major programme and for having duly allocated programme resources to the other priorities for each major programme, as defined by the Executive Board;

### **Intersectorality**

13. Welcomes the measures taken by the Director-General to intensify intersectoral and multidisciplinary action in programme activities and, in particular, intersectoral cooperation through concerted joint activities by major programmes; and invites the Director-General to expand such cooperation to other areas and other issues, including ethics and linguistic diversity;
14. Underlines the urgency and importance of reinforced intersectoral action pertaining to the two cross-cutting themes of document 31 C/4 Approved – “Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty” and “The contribution of information and communication technologies to the development of education, science and culture and the construction of a knowledge society”;

### **Mainstreaming**

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 invites the Director-General to ensure full implementation of these requirements in the work plans pertaining to document 32 C/5;
16. Concurs fully with the support envisaged for the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) in all fields of competence of the Organization;
17. Endorses the recommendations of the UNESCO/NEPAD seminar (Ouagadougou, 5-8 March 2003) (166 EX/5 Part I Add.) on the theme “UNESCO and NEPAD: From vision to action”, and requests the Director-General to take into account these recommendations as well as the observations thereon by the Executive Board at its 166th session when finalizing the Programme and Budget (32 C/5) and formulating the related work plans by all programme sectors;

### **Decentralization**

18. Underlines the importance of decentralization of programme activities and encourages the Director-General to proceed further in that direction in line with 30 C/Resolution 83 of the General Conference on “Draft guidelines for the rational implementation of decentralization” and subsequent pertinent decisions by the Executive Board;
19. Requests the Director-General to include in document 32 C/5 in a more visible manner information about programme activities in the various regions so as to allow an assessment of the implementation of the programme at the regional level;



20. Emphasizes the need to take into consideration in the formulation of the work plans for the implementation of document 32 C/5 the regional and subregional strategies pertaining to document 31 C/4 Approved developed through a broad-based participatory process of regional consultations in 2002;
21. Requests the Director-General to provide in the work plans for activities furthering regional cooperation, such as the Regional Education Project for Latin America and the Caribbean (PRELAC) 2002-2017, and interregional cooperation, such as the strategy for the Euro-Arab dialogue and the Mediterranean programme, in close cooperation with competent regional intergovernmental organizations;

### **Extrabudgetary resources**

22. Expresses its profound appreciation to donors of extrabudgetary funds and notes with satisfaction that only the amount of extrabudgetary funds already received and the funds firmly pledged in signed donor documents have been included in document 32 C/5 for each main line of action;
23. Requests the Director-General to include in the appendices to document 32 C/5 information on the regional distribution of extrabudgetary resources by subprogramme and to provide such information regularly thereafter in the reports on the implementation of the programme;
24. Welcomes the improvements made in the holistic presentation of document 32 C/5, but underlines that the General Conference will be required to decide only on the appropriations for regular programme resources and that related extrabudgetary funds are provided for information only and in the interests of transparency;

### **Thematic issues**

25. Expresses its satisfaction that document 32 C/5 envisages in all major programmes concrete action for sustainable development in accordance with the Plan of Implementation adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD);
26. Welcomes the designation of UNESCO by the United Nations General Assembly as lead agency for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) and the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and considers this to be a unique opportunity to demonstrate the leadership, value added and specific competencies of UNESCO in these areas;
27. Requests the Director-General to intensify activities promoting the dialogue among cultures and civilizations, for which UNESCO has a unique mandate, and to do so by broadening their scope and utilizing interdisciplinary approaches with the aim of strengthening plurality, tolerance, mutual understanding and respect for cultural diversity – in line with 31 C/Resolution 39;

### **Modalities of action**

28. Underlines the need for the Organization to identify, test and deploy new modalities of action, in particular concerning capacity-building at the country level and partnerships with competent institutions and organizations and to ensure that fellowships explicitly support the principal priorities of UNESCO's major programmes;

29. Appreciates the inclusion of a context map for each main line of action identifying the alliances and partners to be associated with the implementation of the programme and their respective roles and contributions and looks forward to a further refinement of this presentation in future Programmes and Budgets and reports on the implementation of the Programme, linking them to expected results;

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30. Requests the Director-General to ensure the linguistic conformity and consistency of all language versions, especially with respect to paragraphs 01212 and 02214 of document 32 C/5;
31. Transmits hereby to the General Conference the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5 and Corr.) with the following recommendations:

### **Major Programme I – Education**

32. To ensure that (i) the specific contributions of the UNESCO education institutes to the various main lines of action are presented in a tabular overview; (ii) the institutes contribute in a coherent and complementary manner to the achievement of the principal and other priorities of Major Programme I; (iii) the institutes enhance their interaction and cooperation, visibility and outreach; (iv) the results of the deliberations by the Executive Board at its 167th session on a strategy for UNESCO institutes and centres are appropriately reflected in Major Programme I; and (v) the need to strengthen the role and contribution of IIEP is underlined and that its capacity-building activities continue to be reinforced in developing countries;
33. To include a synoptic overview of all action envisaged in the E-9 countries together with indicative allocations, expected results and performance indicators, especially with respect to Subprogrammes I.1.1, I.1.2 and I.2.1;
34. To insert in the draft resolution in paragraph 01110, subparagraph (a)(iv) at the end of the sentence the words “, particularly in Africa”;
35. To amend in paragraph 01111 the second performance indicator for the first expected result by inserting the words “guidance and counselling” after the acronym “ECCE”;
36. To amend in paragraph 01111 the second expected result by inserting the words “, particularly in developing countries,” after the words “educational personnel”;
37. To refine further the strategy and expected results in paragraph 01114 with a view to improving its focus, especially in the light of the discussions by the Executive Board at its 166th session and its thematic debate on “Promoting quality education: education for peace, human rights and democracy; education for sustainable development; curricula, educational tools and teacher training”;
38. To place particular emphasis in paragraph 01114 on the role of quality education in improving mutual understanding, tolerance and dialogue, and give priority to (i) human rights, values and ethics education; (ii) the development of teacher training and motivation; (iii) the development and revision of textbooks and teaching materials, curricula and teaching methods; and (iv) the contribution of networks such as the Associated Schools Project network;

39. To include in paragraph 01114 a reference to the need to ensure the application of the concept of quality education to all levels of education – primary, secondary, vocational and higher education alike;
40. To emphasize in paragraph 01114 the importance of linguistic diversity within the framework of education, as a means of promoting mutual understanding, tolerance, diversity and peace and as a vehicle for empowering individuals, and to develop an intersectoral UNESCO strategy in that regard;
41. To add in paragraph 01114, in the last paragraph of the strategy section, the words “, including the sustainable management of freshwater resources,” before the words “into the EFA agenda”;
42. To add in paragraph 01114, at the end of the second paragraph of the strategy section, a new sentence to read: “In response to requests by the Executive Board and a meeting by ministers and senior officials responsible for physical education and sport, UNESCO will also prepare, in cooperation with other stakeholders concerned, an international anti-doping convention, which will require extrabudgetary resources.”, and to add a pertinent expected result after the second expected result in the paragraph;
43. To amend in paragraph 01115 the first expected result by adding the words “, particularly in Africa” at the end of the result;
44. To add in paragraph 01121 a new sentence at the end of the second paragraph pertaining to strategy, to read: “At the regional level, UNESCO will also continue to serve as coordinator and mobilizer of resources for the development and implementation of EFA strategies, including the Regional Education Project for Latin America and the Caribbean (PRELAC) 2002-2017”;
45. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 01210, subparagraph (a)(i), by inserting the words “, particularly in developing countries and in countries in transition” at the end of the sentence;
46. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 01210, subparagraph (a)(iv), by inserting the words “and assistance” after the word “advice” and by inserting the words “in Africa in the context of NEPAD” after the words “in particular”;
47. To articulate more clearly throughout paragraph 01211 the necessity of developing quality secondary education and relevant policies for the pursuit of EFA goals and take into account explicitly the recommendations of and follow-up to the Muscat (Sultanate of Oman) International Conference on Secondary Education for a Better Future: Trends, Challenges and Priorities (21-23 December 2002);
48. To amend the first expected result in paragraph 01212 by inserting the words “, implementation plans” after the word “policy-making” and, in the first performance indicator of this result, to add the words “and implementation” after the word “strengthening”;
49. To extend the provisions of the new joint UNESCO-ILO initiative throughout paragraph 01213 to the whole programme pertaining to technical and vocational education and training (TVET);

50. To replace in paragraph 01213 the words “workplace and gender equality” (strategy, second paragraph) with the words “workplace, gender equality and also the vocational rehabilitation of young people with disabilities”;
51. To amend in paragraph 01215 the first performance indicator of the second expected result by inserting the words “of teacher training colleges” after the word “number”;
52. To amend paragraph 01221 (strategy) by adding after the words “providing evidence on the impact of borderless education on widening access” the words “, student, teacher and researcher mobility and the supply of virtual education,”;
53. To further amend paragraph 01221 by adding, at the end of the second paragraph of the part dealing with strategy, the sentence “In the formulation of its policies and approaches, UNESCO will engage in a broad discussion on these issues with other partners, addressing in the process ethical, educational, cultural and economic issues and dimensions, and, also in this context, the specific implications for higher education.”;
54. To reformulate in paragraph 01222 the title of main line of action 2 to read “Global networks supporting EFA, human rights education and education for a culture of peace”;
55. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 01310, subparagraph (1)(d), by deleting the words “on the theme of equity and quality of education/training for young people (12-18/20 years old)” and by adding at the end of the subparagraph the words “and to invite the IBE Council to finalize the theme of the 47th session of the International Conference on Education in the light of the discussions at the Executive Board at its 166th session”;

### **Major Programme II – Natural sciences**

56. To include in paragraph 02101, after the acronym “MOST.”, the sentence “Efforts will be made to harmonize further the policies of these five scientific and environmental programmes, enabling them to contribute better to the objectives of the principal priority of Major Programme II.”;
57. To include in paragraph 02111 a specific reference to the need for full and open access to hydrological data and information for all;
58. To amend the last sentence in the background portion of paragraph 02112 to read: “UNESCO’s contribution was based on the priorities emphasized in the five themes of IHP-VI and the implementation of WWAP”;
59. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 02120, by inserting in subparagraph (a)(ii) the words “adaptive management and quality economies,” after the word “promoting”;
60. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 02130 by adding, in subparagraph (a)(i), the words “and knowledge related to other emerging scientific disciplines” after the words “hydro-geological knowledge”;
61. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 02130 by inserting in subparagraph (a)(ii) the word “relevant” before the words “space technology”, and to add the words “in priority programmes of Major Programme II” after the words “space technology”;

62. To replace in the draft resolution, in paragraph 02130, subparagraph (a)(iii), the words “further contribute” by the words “contribute more”;
63. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 02140 by adding a new subparagraph (a)(ii) to read “to provide assistance to SIDS in the preparation of the Barbados+10 meeting and to do so also by drawing on the Coastal Regions and Small Islands Platform (CSI) and related successful projects like Small Islands Voice and LINKS”, and renumber the final subparagraph accordingly; and to make an effort in the preparation of the work plans for document 32 C/5 to maintain the level of allocations of document 31 C/5 Approved;
64. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 02210, subparagraph (a)(v), by inserting the words “asset management”, replacing the word “assets” and inserting the words “governmental and” after the word “competent”;
65. To add in paragraph 02213 under the last expected result a new performance indicator “extrabudgetary resources solicited and obtained for the establishment of a centre for maintenance in Africa and a network of such centres created and made operational”;
66. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 02220 by replacing in subparagraph (a)(vi) the words “new contract between science and society” by the words “new commitment for science”;

### **Major Programme III – Social and human sciences**

67. To revise the comprehensive strategy for activities in the area of ethics in science and technology in Programme III.1 with a view to making full use of the intersectoral potential;
68. To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 03100 to consolidate subparagraphs (a)(iv) and (a)(vii) into a new subparagraph to read “promote – both in the area of bioethics and in fields dealt with by COMEST – education-, research- and information-related activities, with a view to fostering the debate on ethics and responsibility at various levels, including the education system, scientific circles and their young scientists in particular, decision-makers and the media”, which is to become the last subparagraph under (a), with all other subparagraphs being renumbered accordingly;
69. To add in the draft resolution in paragraph 03200 a new subparagraph (a)(iv) to read “contribute, in close cooperation with the Education Sector, to the further development of the concept of quality education (see para. 01114 above) with particular focus on human rights education and related curricula reform and textbook revision as well as involvement of the Associated Schools Project (ASP) network”;
70. To delete in the draft resolution in paragraph 03300 the word “forward-looking” in subparagraph (a)(i);
71. To replace in the draft resolution in paragraph 03300 the text of the four indented phrases at the end of subparagraph (a)(vi) with the following two new phrases: “– the elaboration of integrated regional and subregional frameworks for the promotion of human security and peace, including reflection on the historical, social, economic and cultural factors at the roots of new forms of violence, such as terrorism, and on their consequences, as well as dissemination of the results of such reflection;–

implementation of the relevant parts of the corresponding Programme of Action for the International Decade which are explicitly addressed to UNESCO;

72. To add in the draft resolution in paragraph 03400, subparagraph (a)(iii), the words “, especially in developing countries and countries in transition” at the end of the subparagraph;

#### **Major Programme IV – Culture**

73. To reflect in paragraph 04003 more explicitly the established international consensus on cultural diversity as set out in the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development “Our Creative Diversity” (1995), the Action Plan of the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development (Stockholm 1998) and the two UNESCO World Culture Reports (1998, 2000);
74. To include in paragraphs 04112 and 04122 a reference to “The Olive Roads” as an itinerary of culture and sustainable development, dialogue and peace among the peoples of the Mediterranean, and to indicate that extrabudgetary funds will be required for its implementation;
75. To define more clearly in paragraph 04112 action undertaken in support of artists and artistic creativity and to link it explicitly to the International Network for Cultural Diversity and the flagship project on the Slave Route;
76. To articulate more clearly in paragraph 04112 the importance of the flagship project on the Slave Route for all UNESCO programmes and of the “United Nations Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations” for the struggle against racism, discrimination and intolerance, and to add to the expected results/performance indicators a new item “Greater awareness of modern forms of slavery, with a view to their eradication”;
77. To highlight in paragraph 04112 more explicitly the importance of the general histories and the regional histories project and to underline the need to complete these volumes, particularly those on Latin America and the Caribbean, as envisaged in document 31 C/5 Approved, as well as their importance as pedagogical tools; and further to include a reference to Latin America and the Caribbean and to refer to “Africa” instead of “Central Africa”, adding a pertinent performance indicator in that regard;
78. To insert in paragraph 04112 under the last expected result the words “the Arabia Plan,” after the words “particularly under”;
79. To insert in the draft resolution in paragraph 04120, at the end of subparagraph (a)(iii), the following words “and monitor the impact of any innovative cultural policies and training programmes on the sustainability of both cultural and biological diversity in the sites selected”;
80. To articulate more clearly in paragraph 04121 the linkages between cultural policies and sustainable development;
81. To insert in the draft resolution in paragraph 04210 a new subparagraph (a)(ii) to read “by considering an increase in the resources for main line of action 2 in Subprogramme IV.2.1 so as to meet more satisfactorily the requests for support by States Parties to the 1972 Convention related to the identification, protection, preservation, periodic

reporting and presentation of cultural and natural properties of outstanding universal value, and by submitting pertinent proposals to the Executive Board”, and renumber the present subparagraph (a)(ii) accordingly;

82. To refer in paragraph 04221 on the flagship project on “Heritage, dialogue and reconciliation: the heritage in pre- and post-conflict situations” to UNESCO’s global mission to protect and preserve the world’s cultural heritage in pre-conflict, conflict and post-conflict situations and to the need to take systematic initiatives in that regard, backed with adequate resources, wherever conflicts loom or arise;
83. To replace in the draft resolution in paragraph 04310, subparagraph (a)(i), the beginning of the sentence up to the first semi-colon with the following words “encourage the development of the arts through the organization of a world conference focusing on arts education as one dimension of quality education (see para. 01114 above)”;

### **Major Programme V – Communication and information**

84. To make more explicit reference in paragraph 05008 to the need for promoting the concept of the public domain of information as a means for accessing information and knowledge;
85. To amend the title of Programme V.1 to read “Fostering equitable access to information and knowledge for development, especially in the public domain”;
86. To add in the draft resolution in paragraph 05110, subparagraph (a)(i), the words “, especially in developing countries,” after the words at the beginning “foster actions to reduce the digital divide”;
87. To add in the draft resolution in paragraph 05110, subparagraph (a)(ii), and in the draft resolution in paragraph 05120, subparagraph (a)(iii), the words “, especially in developing countries” after the words at the end of the sentences;
88. To add in the draft resolution in paragraph 05110, subparagraph (a)(iii), the words “, especially in the public domain and” after the words “to enhance information access”;
89. To reflect more explicitly in paragraph 05111 the link between strategic objectives 10 and 11 of document 31 C/4 Approved and the four principles essential for the development of equitable knowledge societies – equal access to education, universal access to information (in the public domain), freedom of expression, cultural and linguistic diversity – which UNESCO pursues in connection with the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS); and to include therein any results emanating from the Ministerial Roundtable to be held during the 32nd session of the General Conference and to relate them to UNESCO’s contribution to the follow-up to the declaration and action plan expected to be adopted at the first stage of WSIS, scheduled for Geneva in December 2003;
90. To add in paragraph 05112 to the first performance indicator in the second expected result the words “and professionals” after the words “communication and information trainers”;
91. To strengthen in the strategies in Subprogramme V.1.1 references to the ethical and societal challenges of the information society and also to pay due attention to negative aspects of globalization in the process of realization of the information society;

92. To ensure enhanced cooperation and greater synergies between the Information for All Programme (IFAP) and the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), including the possibility of issuing joint statements on major issues relating to the building of knowledge societies;
93. To amend in paragraph 05211 the first performance indicator of the second expected result which should read “Need for a UNESCO Observatory on freedom of expression examined”;
94. To underline in Subprogramme V.2.2 the critical need for capacity-building in developing countries and to secure extrabudgetary funds therefor, especially through the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC);

#### **UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)**

95. To underline the need to strengthen the role and contribution of UIS through its collaboration with all sectors and to continue reinforcing UIS’s capacity-building activities in developing countries;

#### **Projects related to the cross-cutting themes**

96. To refine the objectives and the expected results of the cross-cutting theme projects with a view to indicating more specifically their contribution to the implementation of the major programmes concerned and to ensure that efforts are made to mobilize extrabudgetary resources in order to maximize the impact of these projects;

#### **Participation Programme**

97. To include in the draft resolution in paragraph 09004 a new principle A.2 “Priority under the Participation Programme will be given to the developing countries and countries in transition” and to renumber the subsequent principles accordingly;

#### **Programme Related Services**

98. To amend paragraph 18038 by adding the word “and” after the word “Palestinian Authority” in the first indented phrase;
99. To amend the last indented phrase in paragraph 18038 to read “a contribution to the future Palestine as an independent, democratic and prosperous state and society, peacefully forming an integral part of the region.”;
100. To amend paragraph 18039 by replacing in the third expected result the word “modernized” by the word “rehabilitated”.

### **III**

#### **Budget issues**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5 and Corr.),



2. Takes note of the fact that the budgeting techniques in document 32 C/5 are in accordance with 31 C/Resolution 68;
3. Notes that the extrabudgetary data presented in the document are useful in providing a comprehensive overview of these resources, as reflected in paragraphs 25 and 26 of document 32 C/5;
4. Notes also that, in accordance with 165 EX/Decision 4.1, the Director-General has proposed three scenarios using the same budgeting techniques;
5. Requests the Director-General to include the E-9 initiative under a single budget line in document 32 C/5 and to provide the corresponding indicators;
6. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt a budget ceiling of US \$610 million subject to the declared re-entry of the United States of America during the 2002-2003 biennium, as expected.

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## **5 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION**

### **5.1 Report by the Director-General on specific proposals for improving the functioning of the three organs of UNESCO (166 EX/20)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 70 and 165 EX/Decision 5.1,
2. Having examined documents 166 EX/20, 165 EX/17 and addenda and 165 EX/SP/2,
3. Bearing in mind the discussion on this subject at its 166th session,
4. Decides to set up a working group composed of two Members from each group;
5. Requests the working group to examine the proposals contained in document 166 EX/20, through consultations with the members of the electoral groups and between those groups, and to present to it a report with specific recommendations thereon at its 167th session.

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### **5.2 Report by the working group of the Executive Board on ways and means of reducing the operating costs of the governing bodies of the Organization (166 EX/21)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 5.2 (II),
2. Having examined the report of the working group set up at the 165th session to examine ways and means of reducing the operating costs of the governing bodies of the Organization (166 EX/21),

3. Recognizing the need to reduce the operating costs of the governing bodies and improve their efficiency,
4. Bearing in mind the principles of universality and equity,
5. Affirming the right of the Member States to participate, on an equal basis, in the work of the Executive Board and its subsidiary bodies,
6. Having examined the financial and administrative arrangements contained in the Executive Board's Rules of Procedure and, in particular, rules 61, 62 and 63, as well as the costs of their application,
7. Decides to adopt the following measures under Rule 61 with effect from 1 January 2004:
  - (a) Discontinuation of the subsistence allowance for representatives or alternates to the Executive Board during sessions of the General Conference;
  - (b) Discontinuation of the subsistence allowance during sessions of the Executive Board for representatives or alternates residing in the locality where the meetings are held;
8. Decides consequently to amend paragraphs 1.2, 3.1.2, 3.4, 5 and 6 of the Annex to its Rules of Procedure as follows (N.B. the words or sentences to be added are underlined in the text and the words or sentences to be deleted are struck out):

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1.2 Travel of a representative appointed by the Member, or of any other person specially appointed by the Board, to perform a mission on behalf of the Board, within the terms of a specific decision of the Board. Between sessions, the Bureau may authorize such a mission. The Chairperson should inform the Board annually of all missions undertaken in the preceding year.

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3.1.2 During meetings of the Board or of its subsidiary organs, for each day throughout the period of meetings spent in the locality in which the meetings are held provided the representative or alternate does not normally reside in that locality. ~~including, when meetings are held immediately before, during or immediately after sessions of the General Conference, each day covered by the whole period of meetings of the Board and the Conference; however, representatives appointed by the Members or alternates attending meetings in the locality in which they normally reside (i.e. when no travel or only urban travel is involved) shall receive a subsistence allowance only in respect of days on which they attend meetings;~~

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~~3.4 When representatives appointed by the Members or alternates attend meetings in the locality in which they normally reside (i.e. when only urban travel is involved) half the applicable rate shall be paid.~~

Renumber accordingly.

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~~5.1 When a representative appointed by the Member is absent and is represented by one or more alternates at certain meetings of a session or of a group of meetings, a subsistence allowance shall be payable to one alternate only in respect of days on which he represents the Member at meetings.~~

5.2 When an alternate or alternates attend a session or group of meetings instead of the representative appointed by the Member, a subsistence allowance and transportation costs shall be payable for one alternate only, and provided the alternate does not normally reside in the locality where the meetings are held, and that the representative appointed by the Member renounces, for that session or group of meetings, any travel entitlement he may have under subparagraphs 1.1, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.

## 6. New members

Representatives appointed by the Members newly elected to the Board shall be eligible to receive a subsistence allowance in respect of any meetings held immediately after the close of the session of the General Conference at which they are elected provided they do not normally reside in the locality where the meetings are held; but however, their transportation expenses on this occasion shall not be payable by the Organization;

.....”

9. Recalls also that in pursuance to 145 EX/Decision 3.1.4, paragraph 7(b) a mechanism has been established to enable the representatives or alternates of Member States of the Executive Board who so wish to forgo the travel and/or daily subsistence allowances allocated to them;
10. Invites the Director-General to consider the possibility of reducing the operating expenses of the Executive Board by:
  - (a) reducing the volume of documentation and particularly the costs of document composition and distribution;
  - (b) reducing or avoiding expenditure on overtime;
11. Also invites the Director-General to formulate proposals aimed at improving the functioning of the General Conference, drawing on the following considerations:
  - (a) the current length of the General Conference should not be reduced but its structure should be simplified;
  - (b) in addition to the economies already made in the operation of the General Conference, in particular as regards documentation, further economies should be sought in the following areas:
    - (i) volume of documentation and costs of document composition and distribution;

- (ii) amount of expenditure on overtime;
- (iii) amount of expenditure on supplies, equipment and hire charges;

12. Further invites the Director-General:

- (a) to report to the Executive Board at its first session in the year following the General Conference on the operating costs of the Conference by item of expenditure;
- (b) to report annually to the first session of the Executive Board on the operating costs of the Board during the previous year by item of expenditure;

13. Decides that savings resulting from this decision should be allocated to the priority programmes;

14. Also decides to consider at its 167th session the following subjects:

- (a) the number of items on its agenda;
- (b) the role of its subsidiary bodies.

(166 EX/SR.9)

**5.3 Report by the Special Committee on the working methods of the Executive Board**  
(166 EX/SP/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/SP/2,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(166 EX/SR.8)

**6 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

**6.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon** (166 EX/CR/HR and Add., 166 EX/3 PRIV., 166 EX/23 and 166 EX/45 Rev.)

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

(166 EX/SR.8)

**6.2 Report on the preparation of a draft international declaration on human genetic data**  
(166 EX/11 and Add. and 166 EX/47 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/11 and Add.,

2. Congratulates the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and particularly its Drafting Group for the progress achieved;
3. Encourages the Director-General to further associate Member States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, and relevant national bodies with the drawing up of the draft international declaration on human genetic data;
4. Further encourages the Director-General to continue information and awareness-raising activities with a view to intensifying the international debates on issues relating to bioethics and to involve the international community closely with these activities so as to attract attention to the drawing up of the draft international declaration on human genetic data;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit a consolidated text, taking account of the results of the international consultation, including the advice of the IBC at its May 2003 meeting, to the meeting of government experts (category II) responsible for finalizing the draft international declaration on human genetic data (Paris, 25-27 June 2003), and to allow, if necessary, two additional days for this meeting, with a view to its adoption by the General Conference at its 32nd session.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **6.3 Proposal to change the legal status of the UNESCO Institute for Education in order to bring it into line with the other UNESCO institutes (166 EX/9 and 166 EX/47 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 6, paragraph 3,
2. Confirming the relevance and innovative nature of the activities of the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE), in literacy, non-formal education, and adult and lifelong learning,
3. Taking into account the new arrangements for financial support following Germany's decision to phase out its institutional grant,
4. Having examined document 166 EX/9,
5. Approves the Statutes proposed by the Director-General establishing UIE as an international institute in the framework of UNESCO as annexed to this decision;
6. Invites the Director-General to negotiate and sign a corresponding Host Country Agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany, in which the contribution of the host country to UIE is specified;
7. Takes note of the Director-General's proposal to open a Special Account for the Institute in line with the new status of the Institute;
8. Further invites the Director-General to implement the new Statutes and to inform the General Conference in that regard at its 32nd session.

## ANNEX

### Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Education

#### Article I – Definitions

Unless otherwise stated in the text:

**UNESCO** means the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**General Conference** means the General Conference of UNESCO

**Executive Board** means the Executive Board of UNESCO

**Director-General** means the Director-General of UNESCO

**Board** means the Governing Board of the Institute

**Committee** means the Standing Committee of the Board as provided for in Article VII of the Statutes

**Director** means the Director of the Institute

**Institute** means the newly established international UNESCO Institute for Education

**Statutes** means the Statutes of the Institute

**Personnel** means the personnel of the Institute as provided for in Article IX

**UIE Foundation** means the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE), established by UNESCO in 1952 as a foundation under German law in Hamburg, Germany

**Constitution** means the Constitution of the UIE Foundation

#### Article II – Legal status of the Institute

1. An international UNESCO Institute for Education is hereby established within the framework of UNESCO, of which it shall be an integral part.
2. The Institute shall replace the UIE Foundation which shall be dissolved in accordance with Article X of its Constitution and the relevant provisions of the applicable German law and in consultation with the competent German authorities.
3. Within the above-mentioned framework, the Institute shall enjoy the functional autonomy necessary to achieve its objectives.
4. All activities carried out by the Institute shall be in conformity with the present Statutes as well as the relevant decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Board.
5. The name of the Institute shall be the same as that of the former UIE Foundation, UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE).
6. The Institute shall have its seat in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

#### Article III – Objectives and functions

1. Within UNESCO's broad educational mandate, the mission of UIE shall be to promote the recognition of and create the conditions for the exercise of the right to education and learning. As a non-profit international institute of UNESCO, UIE shall undertake research, capacity-building, networking and publication on lifelong learning with a focus on adult and continuing education, literacy and non-formal basic education.
2. To that end, the Institute shall focus on the following objectives:

- (a) strengthening adult and lifelong learning by working with and providing services in its areas of competence to UNESCO Member States, to international and intergovernmental agencies, to non-governmental organizations, grassroots and community associations and to partners in civil society and the private sector;
  - (b) fostering a holistic and integrated approach based on awareness of different needs with a special concern for the disadvantaged and marginalized;
  - (c) helping to build bridges and networks for cross-fertilization and sharing of knowledge, experience and tools in the areas of literacy, non-formal education, and adult and lifelong learning within and between nations, with special emphasis on least developed countries.
3. The Institute shall perform the following functions:
- (a) fostering policy dialogue to further the universalization of the right to education and to learn for marginalized and disadvantaged groups by promoting lifelong learning, disseminating good practice and advocating conducive legal, policy and financial environments;
  - (b) research and research-based capacity-building to develop a solid, culturally diversified and relevant knowledge base;
  - (c) networking, partnership building among stakeholders and partners, exchange of experience and innovations, documentation and dissemination of outcomes.

#### **Article IV – Governing Board**

1. The Board shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Director-General with regard to gender balance and to a geographical distribution that is as equitable and wide as possible. The Director-General shall also appoint an alternate to each full member. One of the members shall be a national of the host country. The members shall be chosen *intuiti personae* according to their eminence in the fields relevant to education and the aims of the Institute.
2. The term of office of all members and their alternates shall be four years. All members and alternates shall be eligible for reappointment, but not for more than two consecutive terms.
3. If any member resigns, or is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, his/her alternate will automatically hold office for the rest of the term. If the member and alternate resign or are prevented from carrying out their duty, the Director-General shall appoint a new member and alternate for a new term.
4. The Board members shall not receive salaries in respect of their duties, but their travel costs shall be covered according to the UNESCO rules and regulations.
5. The Board shall elect its Chairperson and its Vice-Chairperson from among its members for a term of four years.

#### **Article V – Functions of the Governing Board**

The functions of the Board shall be:

1. To determine and approve the general policy and the nature of the Institute's activities planned over a two-year period, within the framework decided by the General Conference,

including the Approved Programme and Budget and with due regard to the obligations resulting from the fact that the Institute is an integral part of UNESCO.

2. To examine the annual draft programme and budget of the Institute and adopt the revised programme and budget.
3. To adopt and address to the Director-General an annual report on activities.
4. To review progress in the work of the Institute with a view to desirable future developments.
5. To assist the Director-General in the nomination of a Director of the Institute by making recommendations to that end.
6. To report, through its Chairperson, to the General Conference on the activities of UIE.

#### **Article VI – Operation of the Board**

1. The Board shall meet at least once a year and whenever necessary in the interest of the Institute or for the requirement of its business. It shall be summoned by the Chairperson, who shall draw up the agenda, at least four weeks before the date of the meeting. The Chairperson must call a meeting if the Director or at least five members of the Board request it.
2. Decisions shall be taken by simple majority. Each member of the Board shall have one vote. A quorum shall consist of seven members of the Board.
3. The Board shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.
4. The Director-General or his/her representative shall attend all meetings of the Board without the right to vote. He/she may at any time make oral or written statements to the Board concerning any question under consideration by it.
5. The Board may invite observers, as it considers appropriate.

#### **Article VII – The Committee**

1. Between its meetings, the Board shall be represented by a Standing Committee.
2. The Committee shall consist of the Chairperson of the Board and two other members to be elected by the Governing Board from among its members for a two-year period with the possibility of re-election. The Board shall also elect replacement members to sit in the Committee in case one of its full members resigns or is prevented from carrying out his/her duties.
3. The Director-General or his/her representative may attend the meetings of the Committee.
4. The Committee shall supervise the work of the Director to the extent to which authority is delegated to it by the Board, to which it shall report its activities.
5. The Board may authorize the Committee to exercise certain of its functions in its name, except those functions reserved by these Statutes for the Board, and to report on its actions to the Board in the matter.
6. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year.



### **Article VIII – The Director**

1. The Director of the Institute shall be appointed by the Director-General on the recommendation of the Board (Article V, para. 5). He or she shall be a UNESCO staff member and therefore subject to UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.
2. The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Institute. In this capacity, he/she, by due delegation of the Director-General, shall perform the following functions:
  - (a) to administer the Institute;
  - (b) to prepare, after consultation with the Committee, the annual programme and budget of the Institute and the annual reports of activities;
  - (c) to draw up, subject to the Board's approval, detailed plans for the implementation of the approved programme, and to direct their execution;
  - (d) to appoint and manage, on behalf of the Director-General, in accordance with UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, the UNESCO staff members of the Institute and the special staff, such as consultants, and persons under secondment or under other arrangements;
  - (e) to receive funds and make payments in accordance with the financial regulations of the special account for the Institute as provided in Article X;
  - (f) to establish, without prejudice to the financial regulations of the special account for the Institute, financial rules and procedures in order to ensure effective financial administration and economy.

### **Article IX – The Personnel**

1. The personnel employed by the UIE Foundation prior to the adoption of the present Statutes shall be transferred, if they so desire, to the Institute, subject to an appropriate agreement being concluded between the host country and UNESCO.
2. With its transfer to the Institute, the personnel will be subject to UNESCO's Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

### **Article X – Finance**

1. The income of the Institute shall consist of:
  - (a) a financial allocation determined by the General Conference;
  - (b) contributions made by the Federal Republic of Germany;
  - (c) voluntary contributions from other Member States of UNESCO, international agencies and organizations as well as other entities, allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
  - (d) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it by other public or private organizations, associations or individuals for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
  - (e) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and

- (f) miscellaneous income.
- 2. The income of the Institute shall be paid into a special account to be set up by the Director-General, in accordance with the relevant provisions of UNESCO's Financial Regulations. This special account shall be operated and the Institute's budget administered in accordance with these Statutes and the financial regulations of the special account.
- 3. In the event of a decision by the General Conference to close down the Institute its assets shall be vested in and its liabilities taken over by UNESCO.

#### **Article XI – Amendments**

The present Statutes may be amended only by a decision of the General Conference or the Executive Board.

#### **Article XII – Transitional Provisions**

Upon the entry into force of these Statutes:

- (a) The members of the Governing Board of the UIE Foundation shall become members of the Board of the Institute and shall hold their office until the end of their original term.
- (b) The Director of the UIE Foundation shall become Director of the Institute.

#### **Article XIII – Entry into Force**

The present Statutes will enter into force once the Host Country Agreement and the Agreement mentioned in Article IX have been concluded by UNESCO and the Federal Republic of Germany, and after the Foundation has been dissolved legally.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **6.4 Report by the Director-General on a revised draft charter on the preservation of the digital heritage (166 EX/18 and 166 EX/47 Part I)**

The Executive Board,

- 1. Having examined document 166 EX/18,
- 2. Invites the Director-General to further revise the draft charter on the preservation of the digital heritage, taking into account the discussions at its 166th session and at the second session of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme, to be held from 22 to 24 April 2003, as well as any contributions which Member States might wish to make;
- 3. Also invites the Director-General to submit a consolidated draft charter on the preservation of the digital heritage to the General Conference at its 32nd session.

(166 EX/SR.10)

## 7 GENERAL CONFERENCE

### 7.1 Preparation of the provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference (166 EX/25 and Add. and Add.2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Having examined documents 166 EX/25 and Add. and Add.2,
3. Decides:
  - (a) that the provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference shall comprise the items proposed in the above-mentioned documents, with the following additions:
    - 5.8 Report of the UNESCO General Conference Youth Forum (2003);
    - 5.9 Follow-up to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (Paris, 9-10 January 2003);
    - 5.10 Proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly of an international year for physical education and sport;
    - 5.11 Desirability of drawing up an international standard-setting instrument on cultural diversity;
    - 5.12 Proposal to grant the status of a regional centre under the auspices of UNESCO to the Nordic World Heritage Foundation;
    - 5.13 Request by the International Institute for Opera and Poetry (IIOP), Verona, Italy, to be recognized as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO;
    - 11.15 Implementation of 31 C/Resolution 52 on the scale of assessments and currency of Member States' contributions;
  - (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 20 June 2003), shall be included by the Director-General in 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. 30 June 2003).

(166 EX/SR.10)

### 7.2 Draft plan for the organization of the work of the 32nd session of the General Conference (166 EX/26 and Corr. and Add. and Add.2 and Add.3)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/26 and Corr. and Add. and Add.2 and Add.3,

2. Considers that the timetable of work for the 32nd session of the General Conference should be drawn up on the basis of standard practice;
3. Approves the suggestions contained in the above-mentioned documents, on the understanding that:
  - item 5.8 will be considered in plenary meetings;
  - items 5.9 and 5.10 will be considered by Commission II;
  - items 5.11, 5.12 and 5.13 will be considered by Commission IV;
  - item 11.15 will be considered by the Administrative Commission;
  - document 32 C/2 will contain a list of the operative paragraphs of Part II of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) likely to be the subject of draft amendments;
4. Invites the Director-General to draw up on this basis document 32 C/2 on the organization of the work of the General Conference.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **7.3 Invitations to the 32nd session of the General Conference (166 EX/27)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/27,
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 32nd session of the General Conference:

Brunei Darussalam	Singapore
Holy See	Timor-Leste
Liechtenstein	United States of America;
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 167th session the admission to the 32nd 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.

(166 EX/SR.9)

#### **7.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 32nd session of the General Conference (166 EX/INF.3)**

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

Commission I	Mr J.I. VARGAS (Brazil)
Commission II	Ms Z. JALAL (Pakistan)
Commission III	Mr T. MARKKANEN (Finland)
Commission IV	Mr O. YAÏ (Benin)
Commission V	Mr A. AL-MASHAT (Iraq)
Administrative Commission	Mr V. KALAMANOV (Russian Federation)
Nominations Committee	Mr J. BARROS VALERO (Mexico)
Legal Committee	Mr M. BEDJAOUÏ (Algeria)
Credentials Committee	Mr H. RALAMBOMAHAY (Madagascar)

(166 EX/SR.9)

#### **7.5 Form of the Executive Board's report on its activities in 2002-2003 to be submitted to the General Conference at its 32nd session**

The Executive Board decided that the report on its activities in 2002-2003 would be submitted in writing by its Chairperson to the General Conference.

(166 EX/SR.9)

## **8 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS**

### **8.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2002-2003 (166 EX/29 and 166 EX/48 Part II)**

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 and the transfers proposed by him within the 2002-2003 budget in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 31st session (31 C/Resolution 73, paragraph A(b), (d) and (e)) (166 EX/29), and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (166 EX/48 Part II),

I

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 \$1,296,709 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A – Major Programme I	306,200
Part II.A – Major Programme II	354,981
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	130,929
Part II.A – Major Programme V	24,235
Part III – Support for Programme Execution and Administration	480,364
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,296,709</b>

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 1 of document 166 EX/29;

II

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 \$1,498,700 from the Reserve for Reclassifications to Parts I-III of the budget;

III

6. Approves the transfer of \$6,589,700 from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget to cover increases in staff costs and in goods and services on account of statutory and other factors;
7. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table annexed to this decision:

**Revised Appropriation Table for 2002-2003**

Appropriation line	31 C/5 Approved	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted (165EX/Dec.6.1)	Proposed Transfers				31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
			I Donations received	II Distribution of the Reserve for Reclassifications	III Transfer from Part IV		
					Staff costs	Other costs	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION</b>							
<b>A. Governing Bodies</b>							
1. General Conference	6 292 400	6 294 400			14 600		6 309 000
2. Executive Board	7 839 400	7 858 800			23 800		7 897 200
<b>Total Part I.A</b>	<b>14 131 800</b>	<b>14 153 200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14 600</b>	<b>38 400</b>		<b>14 206 200</b>
<b>B. Direction</b>	16 186 400	16 306 400		81 400	265 500		16 653 300
<i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight; International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>							
<b>C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System</b>	<b>2 153 000</b>	<b>2 153 000</b>				230 500	<b>2 383 500</b>
<b>TOTAL, PART I</b>	<b>32 471 200</b>	<b>32 612 600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96 000</b>	<b>303 900</b>	<b>230 500</b>	<b>33 243 000</b>
<b>PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES</b>							
<b>A. Programmes</b>							
<b>Major Programme I - Education</b>							
<b>I.1 Basic education for all: meeting the commitments of the Dakar World Education Forum</b>							
I.1.1 Coordinating the follow-up of the Dakar Framework for Action	21 644 400	21 748 535	84 270	65 600	216 000		22 114 405
I.1.2 Strengthening inclusive approaches to education and diversifying delivery systems	24 168 300	25 089 601	58 889	73 400	249 500		25 471 390
<b>I.2 Building knowledge societies through quality education and a renewal of education systems</b>							
I.2.1 Towards a new approach to quality education	15 833 500	16 237 480	35 493	48 000	199 300		16 520 273
I.2.2 Renewal of education systems	14 489 500	15 661 506	115 772	43 900	187 000		16 008 178
<b>UNESCO education institutes</b>							
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 Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 200 000	2 200 000					2 200 000
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	1 200 000	1 500 000					1 500 000
<b>Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*</b>	1 865 000	1 865 000	11 776				1 876 776
<b>Total, Major Programme I</b>	<b>94 091 700</b>	<b>96 993 122</b>	<b>306 200</b>	<b>230 900</b>	<b>851 800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98 382 022</b>
<b>Major Programme II - Natural Sciences</b>							
<b>II.1 Science and technology: capacity-building and management</b>							
II.1.1 Follow-up to the World Conference on Science: policy-making and science education	5 763 700	5 845 450		15 000	70 800		5 931 250
II.1.2 Science and technology capacity-building	15 043 000	15 218 300	25 838	39 200	185 500		15 468 838
<b>II.2 Sciences, environment and sustainable development</b>							
II.2.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8 691 200	8 927 400	170 124	22 600	76 500		9 196 624
II.2.2 Ecological sciences	5 036 000	5 055 500	111 110	13 100	42 300		5 222 010
II.2.3 Cooperation in earth sciences and natural hazards reduction	5 665 800	5 722 167	22 019	14 800	81 900		5 840 886
II.2.4 Towards sustainable living in coastal regions and on small islands	2 328 900	2 339 500	25 890	6 100	23 100		2 394 590
II.2.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	7 004 000	7 035 100		18 200	67 600		7 120 900
<b>Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*</b>	2 335 000	2 349 750					2 349 750
<b>Total, Major Programme II</b>	<b>51 867 600</b>	<b>52 493 167</b>	<b>354 981</b>	<b>129 000</b>	<b>547 700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53 524 848</b>
<b>Major Programme III - Social and Human Sciences</b>							
<b>III.1 Ethics of science and technology</b>	3 563 800	3 573 200		9 600	23 500		3 606 300
<b>III.2 Promotion of human rights, peace and democratic principles</b>	12 216 000	12 822 700		32 800	179 600		13 035 100
<b>III.3 Improvement of policies relating to social transformations and promotion of anticipation and prospective studies</b>	10 222 400	10 291 300		27 400	109 800		10 428 500
<b>Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*</b>	2 580 000	2 580 000					2 580 000
<b>Total, Major Programme III</b>	<b>28 582 200</b>	<b>29 267 200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69 800</b>	<b>312 900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29 649 900</b>

Revised Appropriation Table for 2002-2003

Appropriation line	31 C/5 Approved	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted (165EX/Dec.6.1)	Proposed Transfers				31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
			I Donations received	II Distribution of the Reserve for Reclassifications	III Transfer from Part IV		
					Staff costs	Other costs	
<b>Major Programme IV - Culture</b>							
<b>IV.1 Reinforcing normative action in the field of culture</b>							
IV.1.1 Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	5 894 000	5 928 600		27 900	87 600		6 044 100
IV.1.2 Meeting new demands in the area of standard-setting	2 626 300	2 638 842		12 400	21 200		2 672 442
<b>IV.2 Protecting cultural diversity and promoting cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue</b>							
IV.2.1 Safeguarding and revitalization of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage	21 164 900	21 919 561	44 076	100 200	332 900		22 396 737
IV.2.2 Promotion of cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue	6 595 800	7 222 100	800	31 200	66 500		7 320 600
<b>IV.3 Strengthening links between culture and development</b>							
IV.3.1 Strengthening links between culture and development	6 138 900	6 165 400	86 053	29 100	66 900		6 347 453
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 430 000	1 430 000					1 430 000
<b>Total, Major Programme IV</b>	<b>43 849 900</b>	<b>45 304 503</b>	<b>130 929</b>	<b>200 800</b>	<b>575 100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46 211 332</b>
<b>Major Programme V - Communication and Information</b>							
<b>V.1 Promoting equitable access to information and knowledge, especially in the public domain</b>							
V.1.1 Formulating principles, policies and strategies to widen access to information and knowledge	5 810 300	5 836 000		15 700	68 800		5 920 500
V.1.2 Development of infrastructure and building capabilities for increased participation in the knowledge society	6 997 000	7 053 801	11 309	18 900	53 200		7 137 210
<b>V.2 Promoting freedom of expression and strengthening communication capacities</b>							
V.2.1 Freedom of expression, democracy and peace	7 343 200	7 674 400	12 926	19 900	103 500		7 810 726
V.2.2 Strengthening communication capacities	9 624 100	10 082 800		26 000	117 100		10 225 900
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	3 290 000	3 290 000					3 290 000
<b>Total, Major Programme V</b>	<b>33 064 600</b>	<b>33 937 001</b>	<b>24 235</b>	<b>80 500</b>	<b>342 600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34 384 336</b>
<b>UNESCO Institute for Statistics</b>	<b>6 820 000</b>	<b>6 820 000</b>					<b>6 820 000</b>
Project relating to cross-cutting theme*	500 000	500 000					500 000
<b>Total, UNESCO Institute for Statistics</b>	<b>7 320 000</b>	<b>7 320 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>7 320 000</b>
<b>Total, Part II.A</b>	<b>258 776 000</b>	<b>265 314 993</b>	<b>816 345</b>	<b>711 000</b>	<b>2 630 100</b>		<b>269 472 438</b>
<b>B. Participation Programme</b>	<b>22 000 000</b>	<b>22 000 000</b>					<b>22 000 000</b>
<b>C. Programme Related Services</b>							
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	2 647 700	2 669 100		39 800	40 700		2 749 600
2. Fellowships Programme	1 962 400	1 979 900			17 200		1 997 100
3. Public information	20 354 400	20 690 200		14 600	282 400		20 987 200
<b>Total, Part IIC</b>	<b>24 964 500</b>	<b>25 339 200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54 400</b>	<b>340 300</b>		<b>25 733 900</b>
<b>TOTAL PART II</b>	<b>305 740 500</b>	<b>312 654 193</b>	<b>816 345</b>	<b>765 400</b>	<b>2 970 400</b>		<b>317 206 338</b>
<b>PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>							
A. Strategic planning and programme monitoring	6 128 000	6 564 100		40 700	93 800		6 698 600
B. Budget preparation and monitoring	4 244 900	4 277 100			76 100		4 353 200
C. Field management and coordination	48 954 500	50 401 363	470 364	149 100	662 200	9 200	51 692 227
D. External relations and cooperation	22 008 800	22 158 900	10 000	96 300	321 200		22 586 400
E. Human resources management	25 684 800	25 931 500		66 000	273 200		26 270 700
F. Administration	88 685 500	91 201 900		285 200	1 126 200	145 000	92 758 300
G. Renovation of Headquarters Premises	6 292 500	6 292 500				378 000	6 670 500
<b>TOTAL, PART III</b>	<b>201 999 000</b>	<b>206 827 363</b>	<b>480 364</b>	<b>637 300</b>	<b>2 552 700</b>	<b>532 200</b>	<b>211 029 927</b>
<b>TOTAL, PARTS I - III</b>	<b>540 210 700</b>	<b>552 094 156</b>	<b>1 296 709</b>	<b>1 498 700</b>	<b>5 827 000</b>	<b>762 700</b>	<b>561 479 265</b>
Reserve for reclassifications	1 500 000	1 500 000		(1 498 700)			1 300
<b>PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES</b>	<b>13 690 850</b>	<b>10 320 850</b>			<b>(5 827 000)</b>	<b>(762 700)</b>	<b>3 731 150</b>
<b>TOTAL, PARTS I - IV</b>	<b>555 401 550</b>	<b>563 915 006</b>	<b>1 296 709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>565 211 715</b>
Less: Amount to be absorbed during the execution of the programme and budget within the limits of the approved total budget	(11 034 300)	(11 034 300)					(11 034 300)
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED</b>	<b>544 367 250</b>	<b>552 880 706</b>	<b>1 296 709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>554 177 415</b>

\* 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



## 8.2 Report by the working group of the Executive Board on the scale of assessments of Member States' contributions and the collection of Member States' contributions and payment plans (166 EX/30 and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 8.5 whereby it decided to set up a working group of its Members assisted by the Secretariat to consider the matter of the scale of assessments for 2002-2003 and to examine the possibility of restructuring and/or correcting the arrears of a number of States that were part of the former Soviet Union for the years 1993-1999 and to report thereon at its 166th session,
2. Having examined document 166 EX/30 and Corr. containing the report of the working group,

### A

#### Situation of Member States of the former Soviet Union

3. Endorses the proposal of the working group for restructuring, for the years 1992-1999, the arrears of a number of Member States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan) that were part of the former Soviet Union;
4. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following proposals:
  - (a) No debt would be cancelled;
  - (b) The debt accumulating from 1992 to 1999 would be considered to be "old" debt and should be treated separately for voting rights purposes until the 35th session of the General Conference;
5. Urges each Member State concerned, if it has not already done so, to:
  - (a) pay before the 32nd session of the General Conference an amount at least equivalent to its current debt for 2000 to 2003;
  - (b) pay a minimum part of its "old" debt before the 32nd session of the General Conference or before the end of 2004 if national budget cycles do not permit earlier payment, so that the total paid of that "old" debt for each of the years concerned will be at least equal to the amount assessed for 2003; and
  - (c) reschedule or prepare separately with the Secretariat a payment plan in which it commits itself to pay its future current contributions and a part of its "old" debt to be submitted to the General Conference for approval; the relevant government department of the Member State should endorse this payment plan to ensure its viability and, if this payment plan does not cover all the arrears due within three biennia, the Member State concerned would be required to submit a progress report to the General Conference at its 35th session with a view to reconsideration of the scheduling of its arrears in the light of its capacity to pay at that time;
6. Requests that the Member States concerned, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, contact the Secretariat

individually to assist them in the preparation of their letter requesting voting rights at the 32nd session of the General Conference and in exploring the possibility of entering into “swap” agreements using the modality in 149 EX/Decision 6.5, paragraph 12, with a view to reducing the “old” debt;

7. Recommends that the General Conference consider favourably the applications for voting rights submitted in accordance with Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of those among the above-mentioned Member States that fulfil the requirements set out in paragraph 5 above.

## **B**

### **Scale of contributions 2002-2003**

8. Recalling that in 31 C/Resolution 52 the General Conference resolved that the scale of assessments of Member States of UNESCO for each of the years 2002 and 2003 shall be made on an interim basis and requested the Executive Board to undertake at its 165th session an in-depth examination of the question and to report to the General Conference at its 32nd session, making proposals for its consideration which could include retrospective adjustments of the interim scale of assessments and that by 165 EX/Decision 8.5 the Board set up a working group to consider the matter of the scale of assessments and to report thereon to it at its 166th session,
9. Noting that the scale of assessments for Member States of UNESCO has traditionally been based on that of the United Nations, subject to necessary adjustments due to the difference in membership between the two organizations,
10. Having examined General Assembly resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 which established the latest scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations and, in particular, its decisions regarding:
  - (a) a minimum assessment rate of 0.001%,
  - (b) a maximum assessment rate for the least developed countries of 0.01%,
  - (c) a maximum assessment rate of 22%,
  - (d) the application of a new methodology which led to a substantial increase in the rate of assessment of some Member States,
  - (e) the implementation of transitional measures to address those substantial increases,
  - (f) the fact that the United States of America had decided to pay to the United Nations in 2001 an amount equal to 3% of the amount assessed on Member States pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/239 of 23 December 2000, and that as an exceptional measure this amount was to be credited against the assessed contributions of certain other Member States for the programme budget for 2001,
11. Having further considered General Assembly resolution 55/5 C which stressed that the reduction of the maximum assessment rate would apply to the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations and should have no automatic implication for the apportionment of the expenses of the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency,

12. Further noting the serious concerns raised by a number of Member States at the way in which the present scale of assessments, made on an interim basis, affects several Member States,
13. Bearing in mind the measures adopted by the United Nations with regard to its scale of assessments for the year 2001, as well as the relief measures agreed by the World Health Organization for the years 2002-2003,
14. Further noting the decision of the United Nations to modify the rates of assessment for Afghanistan and Argentina in 2003 as ad hoc adjustments,
15. Endorses the proposal of the working group and recommends that the General Conference at its 32nd session:

*Resolves that:*

- (a) the 2002 UNESCO scale shall be applied without modifications;
- (b) with regard to contributions for the year 2003, and as an exceptional measure, Afghanistan and Argentina shall be given a credit equivalent in effect to an ad hoc reduction in their rates of assessment to 0.001% and 1.27420% respectively and other Member States shall be allocated the lowest assessed contribution from either the interim scale for 2003 or the 2000 adopted scale adjusted to the 22% maximum ceiling;
- (c) to ensure availability of funding for these credits, the Secretariat shall make all efforts to obtain voluntary contributions, extrabudgetary resources or any other source of funding for that purpose so as to supplement the resources available;
- (d) a maximum amount of \$12.9 million depending on the availability of funds will be credited to certain Member States for the year 2003, as per Annex IV of document 166 EX/30, from voluntary contributions received for this purpose and from funding currently earmarked for the existing experimental scheme to encourage prompt payment of contributions made available from the 2002-2003 biennium as resolved by 31 C/Resolution 53, Part III;
- (e) any Member State may voluntarily waive its right to a credit;
- (f) Afghanistan and Argentina shall be dealt with first and consequently shall have no further entitlement to a credit;
- (g) the total amount of resources available up to \$12.9 million shall be credited against the assessed contributions of Member States in 2005;
- (h) any remaining balance shall be distributed to Member States in accordance with the experimental scheme to encourage prompt payment of contributions;
- (i) the relevant provisions of Articles 4.3, 4.4, 5.2 and 7.1 of the Financial Regulations shall be suspended.

**8.3 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (166 EX/31 and Add. and 166 EX/48 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/31 and Add.,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(166 EX/SR.11)

**8.4 Report by the Director-General on the geographical distribution of the staff of the Organization (166 EX/32 and 166 EX/48 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 72 and 164 EX/Decision 6.8,
2. Having considered document 166 EX/32,
3. Also recalling that the criterion of competence should remain the prime criterion for the recruitment of staff,
4. Takes note of the geographical distribution of the staff as at 1 January 2003 and of the measures proposed to improve it;
5. Also takes note of the information provided by the Director-General on the methodologies used in the United Nations system;
6. Decides to create an open-ended ad hoc intersessional working group in order to further examine the options in document 166 EX/32, in the light of 164 EX/Decision 6.8 and the discussion at its 166th session, and to present to the Board at its 167th session a report with concrete proposals on the criteria to significantly improve the geographical distribution of staff.

(166 EX/SR.11)

**8.5 Annual Report (2002) by the International Civil Service Commission: Report by the Director-General (166 EX/33 and 166 EX/48 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/33,
2. Takes note of the contents of this document and of United Nations General Assembly resolution 57/285;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure the participation of UNESCO in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and to take due account of the results of its work.

(166 EX/SR.11)

**8.6 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (166 EX/34, 166 EX/INF.4 and 166 EX/48 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 166 EX/34 and 166 EX/INF.4,
2. Noting that the Headquarters Committee examined and approved those documents at its 150th session,
3. Takes note of the progress of work under the Belmont Plan for the restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters, and of the management of UNESCO's buildings;
4. Takes note with appreciation of the measures being implemented to improve security at Headquarters and invites the Director-General to take further measures in order to guarantee the security of the staff and offices of the Permanent Delegations;
5. Restates its concern at the inadequate funding for Headquarters maintenance and operations, and reiterates its invitation to the Director-General to add to the appropriation line for maintenance and operations in document 32 C/5;
6. Expresses its great anxiety with regard to the report on the alarming state of the buildings of the Miollis-Bonvin site and invites the Director-General to seek the appropriate funding;
7. Thanks the Principality of Monaco, the State of Kuwait, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Sultanate of Oman for their voluntary contributions for renovation of the Miollis building;
8. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to seek funding for the subsequent stages of the Belmont Plan, in accordance with the resolutions of the General Conference, and to submit to it for examination at its 167th session proposals relating to loans for the financing of Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan.

(166 EX/SR.11)

**8.7 Report by the Director-General on extrabudgetary resources (166 EX/35 and Add. and 166 EX/48 Part II)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General contained in documents 166 EX/35 and Add.,
2. Expresses its satisfaction and appreciation to all donor governments and other extrabudgetary funding sources;
3. Takes note with satisfaction of the efforts deployed by the Director-General to ensure that extrabudgetary activities are programmed and implemented in compliance with the strategic objectives and programmatic priorities identified in the C/4 and C/5 documents, and that they respond to the needs of the beneficiaries, taking into account the Millennium Development Goals;

4. Notes with interest the findings of the Joint Inspection Unit with regard to the application of programme support costs to extrabudgetary contributions and invites the Director-General to pursue follow-up action, in close coordination with other United Nations agencies, in accordance with the proposals contained in document 166 EX/35, with the current system and guidelines for derogations remaining in force until then, and also to report to it at its 167th session on the measures proposed;
5. Encourages the Director-General to continue to take the necessary measures to improve the execution rate for extrabudgetary activities;
6. Requests the Director-General to accelerate the efforts for the registration, in SISTER and in FABS, of all extrabudgetary activities;
7. Further requests the Director-General to ensure that information on extrabudgetary resources is regularly made available at the Spring session each year, making reference to and including charts on the profile of the donors as well as the amount of the resources committed and rate of execution according to programmes, activities, regions and countries;
8. Encourages the initiative taken by the Director-General with a view to establishing closer working relations with the other United Nations bodies, in order to monitor more effectively the support costs linked to the extrabudgetary activities.

(166 EX/SR.11)

#### **8.8 Comments by the Director-General on the implementation of the Internal Oversight Service Strategy in 2002-2003: Annual Report 2002** (166 EX/36 and 166 EX/48 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined together document 166 EX/36 and the abstract of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) included as an Annex to that document as well as the respective observations by the Director-General,
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the further progress achieved by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and at the results of its activities and the improvements made to its strategy for 2003;
3. Requests the Director-General to continue to ensure the objectivity and impartiality of the Internal Oversight Service;
4. Notes with concern the continuing weaknesses in internal control identified by the IOS, especially in some of the field offices, and requests the Director-General to continue to address the causes of these weaknesses;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to ensure the preparation of an audit plan at the beginning of each year identifying the field offices to be audited by IOS in the course of that year for the purpose of improving the management of those offices;

6. Invites the Director-General to implement the JIU recommendations which he considers appropriate and requests him to report to it at its 169th session on the implementation of these recommendations.

(166 EX/SR.11)

#### **8.9 Procedure to be followed for appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (166 EX/PRIV.1)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/PRIV.1,
2. Having regard to paragraph 2(a) of the Statutes of the Appeals Board,
3. Invites its Chairperson to propose to it, after consultation with the Vice-Chairpersons and the Director-General, a Chairperson and alternate Chairperson for the Appeals Board for a term of six years starting on 1 January 2004.

(166 EX/SR/PRIV.1)

#### **8.10 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (166 EX/PRIV.2 and 166 EX/PRIV/INF.1)**

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

(166 EX/SR.8)

### **9 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **9.1 Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (166 EX/37 and Add. and 166 EX/47 Part II)**

##### **9.1.1 United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All**

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 7.1.1 and General Assembly resolution 56/116 on the United Nations Literacy Decade,
2. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 57/166 on the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade in which UNESCO is designated coordinating agency for the Decade;
3. Encourages the Director-General to devise the necessary modalities and strategies to ensure that UNESCO effectively plays its lead role in the United Nations system for the Decade;

4. Requests the Director-General to report regularly on the implementation of the Plan and authorizes him to prepare the report requested by resolution 57/166 for the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session in 2004.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **9.1.2 United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002**

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 57/158 on the conclusion of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage;
2. Takes note with appreciation of the invitation to the Director-General to address the Plenary of the General Assembly during its 58th session in 2003;
3. Encourages the Director-General to utilize this opportunity to maintain the momentum generated by the Year in raising awareness of, and attention to, the safeguarding and protection of national and world cultural heritage.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **9.1.3 United Nations Reforms**

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 57/300 entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change”, containing the Secretary-General’s new reform measures;
2. Requests the Director-General to closely follow the elaboration of the Secretary-General’s proposals of importance to UNESCO, and to keep the Board informed thereon.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### **9.1.4 International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition, 2004**

The Executive Board,

1. Having noted with satisfaction General Assembly resolution 57/195 entitled “The fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action” in which the General Assembly proclaims 2004 as the International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition,
2. Recognizing the historic importance of this commemoration, the scope of which is universal because slavery was a wound inflicted on humanity as a whole,
3. Invites the Director-General to pursue his consultations with the Member States and with civil society in order to receive proposals with a view to the elaboration of a programme of activities for the celebration of the Year 2004;



4. Invites the Member States and the international community to participate actively in and to contribute to the commemoration activities organized for the Year 2004.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### 9.1.5 Culture and development: World Day for Cultural Diversity

The Executive Board,

1. Noting resolution 57/249 entitled “Culture and development” in which the United Nations General Assembly welcomes, *inter alia*, the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and the accompanying main lines of an action plan for its implementation,
2. Recalling that the adoption of UNESCO’s Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and of the main lines of an action plan constitutes a major contribution of the Organization to progress in the debate on the relations between culture and development,
3. Welcoming the proclamation of 21 May by the United Nations General Assembly as the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development,
4. Noting the priority accorded to implementation of the main lines of the action plan of the Declaration in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved) and in the Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5 Approved),
5. Invites all the Member States of UNESCO to take an active part in the celebration of the Day on 21 May and also invites National Commissions, non-governmental organizations, decision-makers and authorities in the field of cultural policy, representatives of local authorities, parliamentarians, Goodwill Ambassadors, national and local partners concerned and the media to participate broadly in this celebration;
6. Invites the Director-General to encourage and support all initiatives which are taken in this regard at the national, regional and international levels.

(166 EX/SR.10)

### 9.1.6 United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling resolution 57/254 “Decade of Education for Sustainable Development” adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session,
2. Takes note with deep appreciation of the designation of UNESCO as lead agency for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development by the United Nations General Assembly;
3. Invites the Director-General to take all necessary measures to ensure UNESCO’s response to United Nations General Assembly resolution 57/254;

4. Invites in particular the Director-General to pursue his consultations with other United Nations agencies, with Member States and with civil society with a view to the elaboration of a draft international implementation scheme;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 32nd session a proposal for a draft international implementation scheme for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development beginning in 2005;
6. Further requests the Director-General to prepare a short progress report on the implementation of resolution 57/254 to be presented to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.

(166 EX/SR.10)

## **9.2 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions** (166 EX/38 and Corr. and 166 EX/46)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/38 and Corr.,
2. Takes note of the information contained in paragraphs 4 to 16 of document 166 EX/38 and Corr.;
3. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to renew statutory relations with the NGOs maintaining operational relations with UNESCO which are listed in Annex I to document 166 EX/38, except for:
  - (a) the following non-governmental organizations with which cooperation will continue on an informal basis:
    - General Association of International Sports Federations
    - International Association of Constitutional Law
    - International Association of Scientific Experts in Tourism
    - Law Association for Asia and the Pacific
    - International Peace Bureau
    - International Centre of Films for Children and Young People
    - International Council of Graphic Design Associations
    - International Abolitionist Federation
    - Federation of Arab News Agencies
    - International Federation of Resistance Movements
    - International Federation for Information and Documentation
    - Muslim World League
    - International Organization of Journalists
    - International Organization for Science and Technology Education
    - Organization for Flora Neotropica
    - International Christian Union of Business Executives
    - World Council of Associations for Technology Education
  - (b) the following non-governmental organizations with which the Secretariat will initiate consultations with a view to agreeing, by common consent, on how cooperation can be continued:

- International Association of Literary Critics
  - Maison Internationale de la Poésie
  - International Amateur Theatre Association
  - Union Internationale de la Marionnette
  - Fédération Internationale Musique-Espérance
- (c) the International Association of Art, which is maintained provisionally in operational relations, pending clarification of its internal situation, until the 169th session of the Board in 2004;
4. Further takes note of the Director-General's decision regarding the admission to operational relations of the following non-governmental organizations:
- International Association of Academies of Sciences
  - Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation
  - International Astronautical Federation;
5. Takes note also of the Director-General's decision to admit to official relations, as a foundation, the Foundation for UNESCO – Education for Children in Need;
6. Invites the Director-General to present to it at its 167th session updated NGO cooperation strategies from all programme sectors.

(166 EX/SR.8)

### 9.3 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2004-2005 with which UNESCO could be associated (166 EX/39 and 166 EX/47 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/39,
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. Recommends to the General Conference:
  - (a) that UNESCO be associated with the following celebrations in 2004-2005:
    - (i) 1,600th anniversary of the creation of the Armenian alphabet
    - (ii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Yusif Mammedeliyev
    - (iii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Lubomir Pipkov
    - (iv) 100th anniversary of the birth of Atanas Dalchev
    - (v) 100th anniversary of the birth of Pablo Neruda
    - (vi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Alejo Carpentier Valmont
    - (vii) 150th anniversary of the birth of Leoš Janáček and the 100th anniversary of the first performance of Jenůfa
    - (viii) 100th anniversary of the death of Antonín Dvořák
    - (ix) 200th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen
    - (x) 100th anniversary of the death of Mahmud Sami Al Barudi
    - (xi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Yahya Haqqi
    - (xii) 200th anniversary of the birth of George Sand
    - (xiii) 200th anniversary of the birth of Victor Schoelcher

- (xiv) 100th anniversary of the death of Jules Verne
  - (xv) 300th anniversary of the translation of the “Thousand and One Nights”  
by Antoine Galland
  - (xvi) 200th anniversary of the death of Immanuel Kant
  - (xvii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Attila Jozsef
  - (xviii) 700th anniversary of the birth of Francesco Petrarca (Petrarch)
  - (xix) 600th anniversary of the birth of Leon Battista Alberti
  - (xx) 300th anniversary of the death of Luca Giordano<sup>1</sup>
  - (xxi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Alkei Khakan Margulan
  - (xxii) 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Crafts and  
Arts Islamic School in Tripoli
  - (xxiii) 100th anniversary of the restoration of the Latin alphabet  
in Lithuanian publications
  - (xxiv) 700th anniversary of the birth of Ibn Battuta
  - (xxv) 100th anniversary of the birth of Witold Gombrowicz
  - (xxvi) 50th anniversary of the death of George Enescu
  - (xxvii) 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the city of Kazan and  
200th anniversary of the Kazan State University
  - (xxviii) 250th anniversary of the Moscow Lomonosov State University
  - (xxix) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail A. Sholokhov
  - (xxx) 100th anniversary of the birth of Ladislav Novomeský
  - (xxxi) 250th anniversary of the birth of Jurij Vega
  - (xxxii) 2,700th anniversary of Kulob-city
  - (xxxiii) 200th anniversary of the birth of King Mongkut, Rama IV
  - (xxxiv) 100th anniversary of the birth of Kulap Saipradit
  - (xxxv) 100th anniversary of the birth of Sergiy Vsekhsviatsky
  - (xxxvi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Serge Lifar
  - (xxxvii) 100th anniversary of the establishment of St Mary’s Rubya Seminary
  - (xxxviii) 1,100th anniversary of the creation of the Enlightenment Centre of Qaffol  
ash-Shoshiy in Tashkent
  - (xxxix) 2,700th anniversary of the city of Qarshi
  - (xl) 1,000th anniversary of the Academy of Ma’mun in Khorezm;
- (b) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme;
- (c) that the circular letter in which the Director-General invites the National Commissions to inform him of the anniversaries of eminent personalities or historic events with which they would like to associate UNESCO should be sent no later than 15 September of the first year of the biennium, with a deadline for replies of 15 January of the following year, and that the procedure for consideration of the proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries be modified accordingly, starting with the next biennium;

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<sup>1</sup> The representative of Italy informed the Board that this anniversary should be replaced by the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Enrico Fermi.

4. Requests the Director-General to complete within the two-month statutory period the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO could be associated in 2004-2005, as provided by the procedure for consideration of proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries, and submit it to the 167th session of the Executive Board for a final approval.

(166 EX/SR.10)

**9.4 Relations with the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and draft agreement between UNESCO and this organization (166 EX/43 and 166 EX/2 Rev.)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 166 EX/43,
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the state of cooperation existing between the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and UNESCO;
3. Approves the draft cooperation agreement which is annexed to this decision;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) and to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

**ANNEX**

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE COMMUNITY OF SAHELO-SAHARAN STATES**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,  
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

The Community of Sahelo-Saharan States, hereinafter referred to as CEN-SAD, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter referred to as UNESCO,

Considering that CEN-SAD was established in order, *inter alia*, to give effect to the desire of its Member States for economic, cultural, political and social integration in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Treaty establishing the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States, to promote peace, stability and security in the Sahelo-Saharan region, and to foster joint efforts in the region to secure the integration of its States and its peoples,

Considering that UNESCO has a constitutional mission to advance, through the educational, the scientific and the cultural relations of the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and of the common welfare of mankind for which the United Nations was established and which its Charter proclaims,

Desirous of coordinating their respective efforts in pursuit of the goals which are shared between them, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Treaty of CEN-SAD and the Constitution of UNESCO,

Having regard to 166 EX/Decision 9.4 adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 166th session,<sup>1</sup>

Having regard to the decision taken by (governing body of CEN-SAD) (place and date),<sup>1</sup>

Have agreed as follows:

### **Article I**

#### **Cooperation**

1. UNESCO and CEN-SAD shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for that purpose.
2. Such cooperation shall encompass any matter pertaining to the fields of education, science and culture and concerning such similar tasks and activities as both organizations may pursue.

### **Article II**

#### **Consultation**

1. The competent bodies of both organizations shall consult each other regularly on all matters mentioned in Article I which are of common interest.
2. When circumstances so require, both organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities in fields of common interest.
3. CEN-SAD shall inform UNESCO of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. CEN-SAD shall study any proposal submitted to it by UNESCO in such areas with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.
4. UNESCO shall inform CEN-SAD of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of CEN-SAD. UNESCO shall study any proposal submitted to it by CEN-SAD in such areas with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

### **Article III**

#### **Reciprocal representation**

1. UNESCO may invite CEN-SAD to attend as observer the General Conference of UNESCO and meetings of the Executive Board whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
2. CEN-SAD may invite UNESCO to attend as observer the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State and meetings of the Executive Council (Council of Ministers) whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement between the Secretary-General of CEN-SAD and the Director-General of UNESCO to ensure the reciprocal representation of CEN-SAD and UNESCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices and which deal with matters of interest to the other organization.

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<sup>1</sup> To be completed.

#### **Article IV**

##### **Joint CEN-SAD/UNESCO commissions**

1. CEN-SAD and UNESCO may refer to a joint commission any matter of common interest which may be deemed appropriate for reference thereto.
2. Any joint commission of this kind shall be composed of representatives appointed by each organization, the number to be appointed by each being determined by agreement between them.
3. The joint commission shall meet every two years and whenever deemed appropriate or necessary by both organizations. The reports of the joint commission shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of CEN-SAD and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

#### **Article V**

##### **Exchange of information and documents**

Subject to such measures as may be necessary to protect the confidentiality of particular documents, UNESCO and CEN-SAD shall exchange information and documents on all matters recognized by both organizations as being of common interest.

#### **Article VI**

##### **Execution of the Agreement**

The Secretary-General of CEN-SAD and the Director-General of UNESCO shall, for the purpose of executing this Agreement, enter into any such additional arrangements as may prove desirable, in the light of experience.

#### **Article VII**

##### **Review and examination**

1. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of both parties.
2. Either of the parties may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party. The denunciation of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the normal execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.

#### **Article VIII**

##### **Entry into force**

This Agreement shall enter into force upon approval by the respective competent organs of both organizations and signature by the Secretary-General of CEN-SAD and the Director-General of UNESCO.

Done in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

in two original copies

For the Community of  
Sahelo-Saharan States

For the United Nations Educational,  
Scientific and Cultural Organization

Mohamed Al-Madani Al-Azhari  
The Secretary-General

Koïchiro Matsuura  
The Director-General

(166 EX/SR.1)

## 10 GENERAL MATTERS

### 10.1 Application of 165 EX/Decision 10.2 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (166 EX/40 and 166 EX/47 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General (166 EX/40),
2. Recalling Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education and Articles 4 and 94 of the Geneva Convention with regard to the denial to children of the right to education,
3. Also recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in the exercise of the right to education for all and in the protection of the cultural, historic and natural heritage of humanity,
4. Considering that the critical situation facing the Palestinian territories gravely prejudices the right to education in Palestine, because of the continued sealing off of these territories and the continuing curfews,
5. Deeply concerned by the destruction of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other cultural property to be protected in the event of armed conflict, in accordance with the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and The Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols,
6. Highly appreciative of the efforts of the international community to halt the violence and safeguard the peace process, which is seriously threatened by tragic events,
7. Affirms the urgent need for the Israelo-Palestinian peace negotiations to be resumed and for a just and comprehensive peace to be speedily brought about, in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council;
8. Recalls paragraph 32 of the Medium-Term Strategy (31 C/4 Approved), defining a “road map for a revitalized UNESCO: principles of action and programming”, and paragraph 12 of 31 C/Resolution 43;
9. Supports the efforts of the Director-General to secure implementation of 165 EX/Decision 10.2, and welcomes in particular the intersectoral mission led by the Deputy Director-General to Israel and Palestine, from 7 to 15 December 2002, at the



request of the Director-General, a mission whose objectives included an assessment of the situation with a view to reconciliation in the Middle East and an update, in conjunction with the Palestinian Authority, of those UNESCO projects aimed at the reconstruction and rehabilitation of cultural and educational institutions;

10. Deplores the fact that obstacles and delays persist as regards the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of UNESCO;
11. Urgently appeals to the Israeli authorities to facilitate safe access of Palestinian children to their schools and to allow the functioning of educational establishments;
12. Expresses its profound regret that the implementation of the third phase of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP) has been effectively suspended because of the present situation;
13. Urges the Director-General to ensure the application of the above-mentioned resolutions by inserting it, as a priority, in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) and to strengthen the plan of action of the intersectoral coordination team with a view to implementing the UNESCO Programme for Palestine;
14. Invites the Director-General to continue the financial assistance for Palestinian students so that they can pursue their studies;
15. Renews its appeal to donor agencies to make generous contributions to fund the reconstruction of Palestinian educational and cultural institutions;
16. Expresses the hope that the Arabo-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions, to which UNESCO adheres, particularly Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 based on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of “land for peace”;
17. Also invites the Director-General:
  - (a) to continue the efforts he is making vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities with a view to preserving the human and social fabric and safeguarding the Arab cultural identity of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in this regard;
  - (b) to continue his efforts vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities so that they cease imposing Israeli curricula on the students of the occupied Syrian Golan, to offer more grants to those students and to provide special assistance to the educational institutions of the Golan;
18. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;
19. Decides that this item be included in the agenda of its 167th session.

## 10.2 Dates for the 167th session (including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

(12 working days/16 calendar days)

Bureau	9 and 12 September 2003
Special Committee	10-11 September 2003
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	10-12 September 2003
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	10-12 September 2003
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	12 September 2003
<b>Plenary meetings</b> (15-17 and 23-24 September) <b>and</b> <b>Commissions</b> (18-22 September)	15-24 September 2003

(166 EX/SR.11)

### ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON FRIDAY, 4 APRIL AND TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 2003

At the private meetings held on Friday, 4, and Tuesday, 15 April 2003, the Executive Board considered items 8.9, 8.10 and 6.1 of its agenda.

#### **8.9 Procedure to be followed for appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board** (166 EX/PRIV.1)

The Board *invited* its Chairperson to propose to it, after consultation with the Vice-Chairpersons and the Director-General, a Chairperson and an Alternate Chairperson for the Appeals Board for a term of six years starting on 1 January 2004.

#### **8.10 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board** (166 EX/PRIV.2 and 166 EX/PRIV/INF.1)

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General *informed* the Board of developments since the 165th session concerning the reform process, particularly issues related to the development of a medium- and long-term human resources strategy, and of decisions he had taken regarding appointments and extensions of appointment of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization.

#### **6.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon**

1. The Executive Board *examined* the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.

2. The Executive Board, *having taken note* of the Committee's report, *endorsed* the wishes expressed therein.

(166 EX/SR.8)