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ITEM 1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (137 EX/1)

At its first meeting the Executive Board adopted the provisional agenda as amended (137 EX/1).

The Executive Board decided to refer to the Commissions and Committee specified below the following items of its agenda:

1. Promamme and External Relations Commission: items 5.1.1 (Part II), 5.1.4, 5.2.1, 5.3.1, 5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.5.1, 7.1 (except paras. 13-28) and 7.2.
2. Finance and Administrative Commission: items 4.1, 5,1.1 (Part III), 6.6, 7.1 (paras. 13-28) and 8.1 to 8.7.
3. Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations: item 7.3.

(137 EX/SR 1)

1.1 Replacement of members during their term of office
(137 EX/NOM/1 and 137 EX/NOM/2)

In accordance with Article V.A.4(a) of the Constitution, the Executive Board appointed Mr Gilbert Midende (Burundi) to replace Mr Nicolas Mayugi for the remainder of his term of office.

In accordance with Article V.A.4(a) of the Constitution, the Executive Board appointed Mr Michelangelo Jacobucci (Italy) to replace Mr Giacomo **Ivancich** Biaggini for the remainder of his term of office.

(137 EX/SR 1)

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 136th SESSION
(137 EX/SR.1-14)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 136th session.

(137 EX/SR 1)

ITEM 3 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

3.1 Executive Board

3.1.1 Report by the Bureau on questions that do not appear to require debate (137 EX/2)

The Executive Board approved the recommendations made by its Bureau in document 137 EX/2 concerning items 5.2.2 'Invitations to the 43rd session of the International Conference on Education' and 5.3.2 'UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts'.

(137 EX/SR 1)

3.2 Report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: Examination of communications transmitted to the Committee in pursuance of 104 EX/Decisions 3.3 (137 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(137 EX/SR 9)

3.3 In-depth study on the organization and methods of work of UNESCO, as a member of the United Nations system, in a changing world (137 EX/SP/4 & Add. & Corr. and 137 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the preliminary report prepared by the Working Group relating to the in-depth study on the organization and methods of work of UNESCO, as a member of the United Nations system, in a changing world (137 EX/SP/4 & Add. & Corr.),
2. Thanks the Special Committee and its Working Group for this preliminary analysis of a difficult and complex topic of such importance for the future role of the Organization;
3. Recalls that the Executive Board recommended that 'the role of UNESCO in the United Nations system and in a changing world' be one of the subjects on which heads of delegations would be invited to focus their statements in the general policy debate at the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference;
4. Considers that the examination of this topic should continue as a matter of priority, taking into consideration the views of Member States expressed during the general policy debate as well as other relevant decisions taken by the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session;
5. Requests the Special Committee, in the light of the debates at this session, of any subsequent debates and of any decisions that may be taken by the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session, to recommend to it appropriate ways of continuing the work of reflection by the Special Committee on the in-depth study on the organization and methods of work of UNESCO, as a member of the United Nations system, in a changing world, and to report to it at its 139th session.

(137 EX/SR 8)

3.4 Report by the Special Committee's Working Group on Decentralization concerning the continuation of its work (137 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

1. Having heard the oral report of the Working Group of the Special Committee on Decentralization concerning the

progress of its studies designed to ascertain 'what pattern of decentralization would best serve the specificities of each region and subregion in the context of existing financial constraints', a report requested by the Board at its 136th session (136 EX/Decision 3.3, para. 10),

2. Takes note of the progress made by the Secretariat in devising a methodology for the creation of coherent and compatible regional data bases that can be used to prepare profiles of the different regions taking into account the work carried out in each one of them by UNESCO, including programmes and activities promoted and undertaken within the region funded from both regular and extra-budgetary resources, and the level of co-operation between UNESCO and other organizations of the United Nations system, regional governmental and non-governmental organizations, National Commissions for co-operation with UNESCO and the specialized networks dealing with UNESCO's fields of competence;
3. Considers that in order to establish the pattern of decentralization referred to in paragraph 1 above, such profiles should be compiled for all regions in which UNESCO operates, and in-depth evaluations should likewise be carried out, region by region, of each and every UNESCO field office, as provided for under paragraph 9 of Section II of the set of recommendations adopted by the Board at its 136th session; these evaluations should be carried out in conjunction with the host country and the countries of the region/subregion concerned, as well as with National Commissions and funding organizations, and should indicate the different costs resulting from possible regrouping (136 EX/Decision 3.3);
4. Recommends to the Director-General that work be continued on the data bases and regional profiles that the Secretariat is promoting as a vital working tool and that, in addition, the in-depth evaluations referred to in paragraph 3 above be carried out within a reasonable period of not more than two years; these evaluations, together with the regional profiles, will enable the Director-General, inter alia, to consult with the Member States of the corresponding regional groups, and to formulate the pattern and structure of field offices and activities best suited to the region/subregion concerned; this work should be completed in time to be reflected in the next Medium-Term Plan.

(137 EX/SR 8)

3.5 United Nations Joint Inspection Unit

3.5.1 Reports of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNESCO (137 EX/4 and 137 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 137 EX/4 containing the Director-General's comments on the report of the Joint

Inspection Unit entitled 'The co-ordination of activities related to early warning of possible refugee flows' (JIU/REP/90/2),

2. Recognizes the need to improve the co-ordinating mechanisms within the United Nations system related to early warning of possible refugee flows;
3. Takes note of the Director-General's intention to co-operate with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) in implementing the recommendations contained in the JIU report;
4. Considers that the causes of refugee flows are not only political or military problems but economic, social and cultural problems too, and that UNESCO should mobilize the community of social scientists to study these problems.

(137 EX/SR 8)

ITEM 4 DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1992-1993

4.1 Final recommendations by the Executive Board on the proposed budget for 1992-1993 (26 C/5 and 26 C/5 Rev.1)

The Executive Board,

1. Noting that the Draft Programme and Budget for 1992-1993 (26 C/5 and 26 C/5 Rev.1) has been prepared in accordance with the budgeting techniques approved by it in 135 EX/Decisions 4.1 (Section III, para. 28(a)) and 136 EX/Decisions 4.1 (Section IV, para. 107),
2. Recognizing the efforts made by the Director-General to achieve a reduction of \$11 million in nominal growth, thereby entailing a negative growth in real terms,
3. Recalling that obligatory savings of \$7,506,000 will have to be made in the Programme and Budget in 1992-1993 to reimburse Miscellaneous Income and the Working Capital Fund, as decided by the General Conference at previous sessions,
4. Recommends for consideration by the General Conference a provisional budget ceiling of \$415,143,000 for Parts I to VII of the budget, to which will be added the figure in Part VIII when the General Conference votes the budget;
5. Further recommends that the Draft Appropriation Resolution for 1992-1993 should be amended under paragraph, Additional Appropriations, by adding a reference to Article 7.3 of the Financial Regulations, it being understood that any amendments to the Financial Regulations resulting therefrom will be discussed by the Executive Board at a future session.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 8)

ITEM 5 EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME

5.1 Reports by the Director-General

5.1.1 Report on the activities of the Organization since the 136th session (137 EX/INF.3, Part II, 137 EX/INF.3 Add. and 137 EX/33, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind UNESCO's mandate for culture and also for social science as applied to development strategies and the responsibility of the United Nations system for economic and social development,
2. Recalling the agreement by the international community on the proclamation of the World Decade for Cultural Development with a view to strengthening the cultural dimension of development,
3. Recalling the reference in paragraph 03013 of UNESCO's Programme and Budget for 1990-1991 to the preparation of a report on culture in the world,
4. Recalling the deliberations at its 135th, 136th and 137th sessions concerning the importance of the linkage between culture and development,
5. Taking into account the recommendation made to it by the Intergovernmental Committee for the World Decade (February 1991) to ask the Director-General to take appropriate measures for the preparation of a world report on culture and development,
6. Appreciating the clarifications provided by the Director-General in his oral report (137 EX/INF.3, Part II),
7. Recognizes the advisability of preparing a world report on culture and development, to be prepared by an independent international commission of eminent personalities established by the Director-General of UNESCO in co-operation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, it being understood that the elaboration of the report is to be financed by extra-budgetary resources and that UNESCO should provide all necessary technical support;
8. Recommends that this question be placed on the agenda of the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session so that it may take a decision as to the scope, framework, budget and time frame of such a report on the basis of a background document prepared by the Director-General in the light of the deliberations referred to above.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

5.1.2 Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1990-1991 (27 C/3): Structure of the report (137 EX/SP/2 and 137 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 132 EX/Decision 5.1.3, which specified further the requirements established by the Executive Board at its earlier sessions with regard to the structure and the content of the report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization,
2. Appreciating the innovations introduced by the Director-General in document 26 c/3, especially with regard to size, structure, the presentation of programme implementation and the reinforcement of its evaluation component,
3. Stressing the need for the report to be linked to the synoptic document on the results of evaluation activities, which facilitated the examination by the Executive Board of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1992-1993,
4. Expresses the wish that further improvements be made in document 27 C/3 with a view to providing more specific information on programme performance and the results of evaluations, and on their concrete implications for future programmes;
5. Invites the Director-General to base the structure of his report on the proposals contained in document 137 EX/SP/2 and to take into account the observations made during its examination by the Special Committee, in particular as regards decentralization and the process of reform of the Organization.

(137 EX/SR 8)

5.1.3 Decisions taken and studies conducted by the Executive Board in 1990-1991, concerning the Report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1988-1989, which might be submitted by the Chairman of the Executive Board, as comments by the Board, to the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session (137 EX/SP/3 and 137 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 137 EX/SP/3,
2. Invites its Chairman to submit to the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session 136 EX/Decision 3.3 concerning decentralization, as comments by the Board on the Report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1988-1989 (26 C/3), in accordance with paragraph 9 of Article V.B of the Constitution;

3. Invites the Director-General to make available to the General Conference, at its twenty-sixth session, the in-depth study on decentralization (136 EX/SP/RAP/1 & Corr.).

(137 EX/SR 8)

5.1.4 UNESCO's contribution towards improving the status of women
(137 EX/5 and 137 EX/33, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 137 EX/5,
2. Takes note of its content.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

5.2 Education

5.2.1 Application of 25 C/Resolution 20 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories
(137 EX/6 & Add. and 137 EX/33, Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the Director-General's report (137 EX/6 & Add.),
2. Decides:
 - (a) to place this question on the agenda of its 139th session;
 - (b) to propose the following draft resolution to the General Conference:

'The General Conference,

Recalling the Geneva Convention (1949) relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War,

Having considered the Director-General's report (26 C/17),

Noting with satisfaction that the Palestinian schools and universities, with the exception of Bir Zeit University, have been reopened, thanks in particular to the series of approaches and representations made by UNESCO and the international community,

Noting that the situation regarding education in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights remains disturbing, owing in particular to the changes made by the Israeli authorities to curricula, which do not take into account Syrian Arab identity,

Aware that this situation is doing enormous harm to an entire generation of young people,

1. Strongly deplores the fact that Bir Zeit University is still closed by military order, for the fourth consecutive year, and urges the Israeli occupying authorities to reopen it immediately;
2. Expresses its very acute concern at the situation in Palestinian schools and those in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, which are suffering from a serious shortage of suitable premises and from overcrowded classrooms, a lack of qualified teachers, and curricula that are not adapted to the needs and cultural identity of the Palestinian and Syrian inhabitants of the occupied Arab Territories;
3. Deplores the policy that Israel is continuing to apply in the field of education in the occupied territories and requests it to comply with the relevant UNESCO resolutions;
4. Expresses its deep r-egret that Father Boné was not able to complete his mission and urges that he be allowed to do so as soon as possible;
5. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts undertaken to ensure the implementation of UNESCO's decisions and resolutions and once again reaffirms them;
6. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to assist in the development of the Palestinian Open University (al-Quds);
 - (b) to send his personal representative on a mission to examine the educational consequences of the protracted closure of secondary and other schools in occupied Palestinian territory and to propose remedial measures;
 - (c) to grant assistance for the development of the Palestinian curriculum and to appeal to the international community to participate in the implementation of this project already recommended by the Executive Board (at its 135th session in October 1990);
7. Decides to place this question on the agenda of its twenty-seventh session. '

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

5.2.2 Invitations to the 43rd session of the International Conference on Education (137 EX/7 and 137 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that, subject to the approval of the General Conference at its twenty-sixth session, the Director-General

is authorized to convene the 43rd session of the International Conference on Education in 1992,

2. Having examined document 137 EX/7,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the 43rd session of the International Conference on Education with the right to vote shall be extended to all the Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO and to any other State that becomes a member of UNESCO before the opening of the Conference;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to the States listed in paragraph 6 of document 137 EX/7 that are not members of UNESCO but are members of one of the other organizations of the United Nations system, and to any other State that becomes a member of one of the organizations of the United Nations system;
 - (c) that invitations to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to the African liberation movements recognized by OAU and listed in paragraph 7 of document 137 EX/7, and also to Palestine;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Conference shall be extended to the organizations of the United Nations system, listed in paragraph 9 of document 137 EX/7, with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Conference shall be extended to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in paragraph 11 of document 137 EX/7;
 - (f) that the Director-General is authorized to issue any additional invitation he considers likely to make a useful contribution to the work of the Conference, keeping the Executive Board informed.

(137 EX/SR 1)

5.3 Culture

5.3.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 25 C/Resolution 3.6
(137 EX/26 and 137 EX/33, Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report concerning this question (137 EX/26),
2. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts he has undertaken with a view to carrying out the decisions of the Executive Board;
3. Decides to place this question on the agenda of its 140th session;

4. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the following draft resolution:

'The General Conference,

Recalling the 1954 Convention and Protocol of the Hague for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict,

Having examined the Director-General's report on this question (26 C/14),

Observing with great concern that the cultural heritage and the historic site of the City of Jerusalem, occupied in 1967, are continuing to undergo modifications as a result of the Israeli occupation,

Noting with great regret that, to date, Israel has not responded to the Director-General's request concerning the dispatch to Jerusalem of an interdisciplinary mission of his personal representatives,

1. Reaffirms all its previous resolutions in the form in which they were adopted;
2. Deeply regrets that, in the course of road and construction work and archaeological digs, conservation measures are not being applied uniformly to Jewish, Christian and Muslim cemeteries, and requests that the tranquility of the Muslim cemetery located under the East Wall of the Old City, threatened by a project to widen and improve a pedestrian street, be respected;
3. Deeply deplores any project to dig a new tunnel under the Muslim quarter next to the Haram al-Sharif, and requests that Israel, the occupying power, prohibit the implementation of any such tunnel project, which would endanger a great number of important historical monuments and traditional buildings of great architectural value;
4. Strongly deplores the continued subjection of the occupied Holy City to modifications, alterations, changes and transformations of a demographic and environmental nature, all of which are doing irreparable damage to the equilibrium of this site, which is also one of the world's most beautiful urban landscapes;
5. Deplores the fact that, contrary to historical and archaeological truth, a Jewish religious presentation is given, according to the indications contained in the Director-General's report, of monuments belonging to the Roman, Crusader and Arab heritage of the City of Jerusalem, and more specifically of the underground edifices discovered or exposed to view in the course of the excavation of the tunnel along the West Wall of the Haram al-Sharif;

6. Thanks the Director-General for his efforts to ensure the application of UNESCO'S decisions and resolutions, and invites him to continue his actions to this end as long as the occupation continues;
7. Also invites the Director-General to have his personal representative, Professor Lemaire, report to him on the state of the whole cultural heritage consisting of movable, museological, archival, artistic and other components, and on the requirements to be met for its preservation;
8. Invites the Islamic authorities in charge of the Waqf in Jerusalem to form a council composed of internationally recognized scientific authorities in this field that could give advice on restoration work to be undertaken on the great Islamic monuments in the City, and more specifically on the Qubbat al-Sakhra (the Dome of the Rock);
9. Decides to place this question on the agenda of its twenty-seventh session in order to make the decision required by the situation. `

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

5.3.2 UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts (137 EX/27 and 137 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 137 EX/27 entitled 'UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts' to reward the creation and creativity of young artists,
2. Expresses its gratitude to Mr Kaiti Higashiyama for his generous donation in favour of young artists as well as the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan;
3. Takes note of the draft Agreement between UNESCO and the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (137 EX/17, Annex II);
4. Approves the Statutes of the Prize annexed to this decision.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE UNESCO PRIZE FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE ARTS

PURPOSES

1. The UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts (hereinafter called 'the Prize') shall be awarded, in accordance with the ideals of Mr Kaiti Higashiyama, in recognition of outstanding creative achievements by young artists, or groups of artists, in the field of the visual arts (painting, sculpture and graphics) and that of the performing arts, and to encourage their further development as artists.

PERIODICITY

2. The Prize shall be awarded to five laureates (or groups of laureates) in the above-mentioned fields every two years by the Director-General of UNESCO. For the three prizes in the visual arts, the award ceremony shall be held on the World Day for Cultural Development. The two prizes in the performing arts shall be awarded within the framework of international or regional cultural events (festivals, competitions, etc.) at the discretion of the Director-General.

THE PRIZE

3. Each of the prizes shall consist of a financial award of approximately US \$20,000, the exact sum to be decided each time on the basis of the amount made available in advance to UNESCO from interest accruing from the Higashiyama Fund set up and managed by the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (hereinafter called 'NFUAJ'). To this end the Director-General of UNESCO has established a Trust Fund to receive such interest payments. Any unspent balance of the Trust Fund shall be carried forward from one financial period to the next.

SELECTION OF PRIZE-WINNERS

4. The prize-winners shall be selected by an international jury, composed as indicated in Article 5. In the case of the two prizes to be awarded in the field of the performing arts, the Director-General may decide to award them within the context of international or regional cultural events as indicated in Article 2, in which case the task of selecting the prize-winner shall be entrusted to the jury already set up for the event.

JURY

5. The Jury shall consist of seven members from different parts of the world who shall be appointed for a term of two years. Five of these members shall be eminent specialists in the fields described in Article 1, appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO to serve in their personal capacity; one member shall represent NFUAJ and one shall represent the Director-General. The Jury shall adopt its Rules of Procedure. The Director-General shall designate a member of the Secretariat to serve as Secretary to the Jury. The administrative costs of the selection process and of the prize-giving ceremony shall be met entirely from the funds provided to UNESCO by NFUAJ.

6. Candidates for the Prize may be proposed to the Director-General by governments of Member States or Associate Members, in consultation with their National Commissions, by recognized schools and institutions for the arts, and by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, each of which may nominate one candidate for each award.

7. Nominations for the Prize shall be accompanied by a biographical statement for each candidate, or group of candidates) and shall include a detailed description and photographic

illustration of the work for which the candidature is being presented. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting documentation to the Director-General shall be 1 November of the year preceding the award of the Prize. In the case of prizes to be awarded in the context of an international or regional cultural event, the UNESCO Prize shall be advertised in advance in a manner to be determined between UNESCO and the organizers of the event.

DURATION

8. The Prize, which is created within the framework of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997), is established for an unlimited duration. If NFUAJ and UNESCO should decide to discontinue awarding the Prize, any unspent balance of the Trust Fund shall be returned to the Federation, after deduction of any expenses remaining unpaid at the time of the discontinuation of the Prize.

(137 EX/SR 1)

5.4 Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs

5.4.1 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: Transmission to the General Conference of the list of persons nominated to fill seats falling vacant in 1991 (137 EX/8 and 137 EX/33, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Having taken note of the list of persons submitted by the States Parties to the aforementioned Protocol, with a view to the election of four members of the Commission, that the Director-General communicated to it in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Protocol (137 EX/8),
3. Transmits this list to the General Conference;
4. Considering that since the Protocol came into force 23 years ago, the Commission has not had to settle any dispute whatsoever between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education and that, as a result, the Commission does not sit,
5. Recommends to the General Conference not to organize any other election after the present one until it becomes necessary to fill a seat which falls vacant as the result of death or resignation.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

- 5.4.2 Report of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education on its work since the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference (137 EX/9 and 137 EX/33, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 19 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Transmits to the General Conference the report of the Commission on its work since the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference;
3. Considering that since the Protocol came into force 23 years ago, the Commission has not had to submit a report to the General Conference concerning any activity, no disputes having arisen between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
4. Recommends to the General Conference that it invite the Commission to submit no more reports until it has specific activities which justify a report being established.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

5.5 Publications

- 5.5.1 Proposals by the Director-General concerning a new publications policy (137 EX/10 and 137 EX/33, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 137 EX/10 containing proposals by the Director-General concerning a new publications policy,
2. Sharing the concern expressed by the Director-General regarding this matter,
3. Recognizing, however, the complexity of this subject, which requires further study and more detailed analysis both by the Executive Board itself and within the Secretariat,
4. Concerned about the clear imbalances that exist with respect to publications in the different languages and also with respect to the distribution of publications, asks the Director-General to consider appropriate measures to redress these imbalances;
5. Requests the Director-General to review his proposals, taking into account the content of the debate at the present session and the results of a broader consultation with Member States, including their National Commissions, professional bodies and institutions in the publishing world;

6. Decides to place the question of a new publications policy on the agenda of its 139th session.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

ITEM 6 GENERAL CONFERENCE

6.1 Revised provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference (137 EX/11 and Corrigenda)

The Executive Board,

1. In view of Rules 11 and 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Noting that three proposals for supplementary items were submitted within the time-limit set by Rule 11, as indicated in paragraphs 7 and 9 of document 137 EX/11,
3. Noting that these items are included in the supplementary list communicated to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (CL/3261, amended by CL/3263),
4. Establishes the revised agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (26 C/1 (prov.)) with the addition of the items mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 137 EX/11, which will constitute items 8.5 and 14.4, namely:

Item 8.5 - Establishment of a UNESCO Forum (item proposed by Germany)

Item 14.4 - Application for admission to UNESCO submitted by Tuvalu;
5. Recommends to the General Conference that it delete item 9.9 from the provisional agenda (26 C/1 (prov.)) established at the 136th session of the Board, and refer item 6.9 to its twenty-seventh session.

(137 EX/SR 4)

6.2 Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference (137 EX/12 & Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 137 EX/12 and Corr.,
2. Approves the proposals contained in paragraph 3 of that document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that it assign items 8.5 and 14.4 to Commission I and to the plenary, respectively, on the understanding that the heads of delegation may refer to item 8.5 in their statements during the general policy debate.

(137 EX/SR 4)

6.3 Place of the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference
(137 EX/13)

The Executive Board,

1. In view- the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Considering that on the date fixed by Rule 3 no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its twenty-seventh session on its territory,
3. Recommends that the General Conference hold its twenty-seventh session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

(137 EX/SR 4)

6.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and Chairpersons of The Commissions and Committees

I

The Executive Board decided, in private meeting, to recommend that, for its twenty-sixth session, the General Conference should increase the number of Vice-Presidents from 32 to 36 and, to that effect, should suspend the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of both Rule 25 and Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, in respect of the number of Vice-Presidents indicated therein.

II

The Executive Board, at the same private meeting, decided to make the following recommendations concerning nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and for the offices of Chairpersons of the Commissions and Committees:

President of the General Conference: Mr Bethwell Allan Ogot
(Kenya)

Vice-Presidents: the heads of delegation of the following Member States:

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Greece, Guinea, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Mauritania, Monaco, Mongolia, Niger, Pakistan, Poland, Saint Lucia, Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe

Chairpersons of Commissions and Committees:

Programme Commission I:	Ms Margaretha Mickwitz (Finland)
Programme Commission II:	Mr Shuaib Almansuri (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
Programme Commission III:	Mr Komlavi Fofoli Seddoh (Togo)
Programme Commission IV:	Mr Miguel Léon-Portilla (Mexico)
Programme Commission V:	Mr Alexander S. Slipchenko (Ukraine)
Administrative Commission:	Mr Ananda W.P. Guruge (Sri Lanka)
Credentials Committee:	Ms Ana Isabel Prera Flores (Guatemala)
Nominations Committee:	Ms Rosario Manalo (Philippines)
Legal Committee:	Mr Pierre-Michel Eisemann (France)
Headquarters Committee:	Mr Musa Hassan ¹ (Oman)

(137 EX/SR 9)

6.5 Consideration of requests by international non-governmental organizations other than those in categories A and B to be represented by observers at the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference (137 EX/14)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the requests submitted by international non-governmental organizations other than those in categories A and B to be represented by observers at the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference (137 EX/14),
2. Referring to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and to the procedure that it adopted at its 125th session for dealing with such requests,
3. Decides to recommend to the General Conference that it admit as observers at its twenty-sixth session, as they have requested, the following international non-governmental organizations in category C on the occasion of the examination in commission of those items on the provisional agenda which are listed against their names:

1. At the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, the Headquarters Committee elected Mr Musa Hassan (Oman) as Chairman until the closure of the twenty-sixth session. The Chairman of the Headquarters Committee is an ex officio member of the General Committee of the General Conference.

International Federation of Rural Adult Catholic Movements

Item 3.5 of the provisional agenda: Detailed consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1992-1993: Part II - Programme Execution and Services, Programme I.1 'Towards basic education for all' and Mobilizing Project 1 'Combating illiteracy'

Union of African Water Suppliers

Item 3.5 of the provisional agenda: Detailed consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1992-1993: Part II - Programme Execution and Services, Programme II.2 'Environment and natural resources management'

National Council of Arab Culture

Item 3.5 of the provisional agenda: Detailed consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1992-1993: Part II - Programme Execution and Services, Major Programme Area III 'Culture: past, present and future' ;

4. Also decides to recommend the admission as an observer at the twenty-sixth session of the following organization which does not maintain official relations with UNESCO, for the examination in commission of the items on the provisional agenda listed against its name:

International Olympic Committee

Item 3.5 of the provisional agenda: Detailed consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 1992-1993: Part II.A - Major Programme Areas, Programme I.2 'physical education and sport' and Part II.B - Transverse Themes and programmes, Chapter 2: Youth; item 6.7: Desirability of adopting an international instrument to combat doping in sport.

(137 EX/SR 4)

- 6.6 Treatment at the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference of draft resolutions submitted by Member States: DR Reserve (137 EX/15 & Add. and 137 EX/32, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 137 EX/15 & Add.,
2. Noting that Member States have submitted a large number of draft resolutions,
3. Recommends that the General Conference establish, at the beginning of its twenty-sixth session, arrangements for dealing with draft resolutions on the basis of the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in document 26 C/2 (paras. 13-25) on 'Organization of the work of the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference' .

(137 EX/SR 1 and 8)

ITEM 7 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

7.1 Operational activities of the Organization, including co-operation with UNDP (137 EX/16 and 137 EX/33, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's annual report on operational activities (137 EX/16),
2. Notes with satisfaction the steps taken towards the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 44/211, in particular the intensive training of the field staff of UNESCO so as to enable them to participate more fully in field-level collaboration related to operational activities;
3. Also notes that United Nations system guidelines on the enhancement of the Resident Co-ordinator system are being applied by all UNESCO field units and that concrete measures are being taken along these lines, as demonstrated (a) by the Organization's participation in the relevant inter-agency workshops at the Turin Centre, and (b) by the recent moves to common premises with UNDP;
4. Agrees that the Director-General should keep the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation (DG/DIEC) fully informed of the evolution of UNESCO's decentralization policy and practices;
5. Expresses its support for the efforts of the Governing Council to maximize agency contributions to UNDP programming exercises through the new 'TSS-1' facility, for which matching regular programme resources should be made available by UNESCO, keeping in mind the fair sharing of the burden of financing overall support;
6. Agrees that the new UNDP facility for financing the provision of technical services at project level ('TSS-2') should function in such a manner as to improve the quality of such services;
7. Expresses the hope, in this connection, that UNDP may eventually readjust the method of distributing 'TSS-2' funds so that distribution takes better account of different country ratios of involvement in the national implementation of projects;
8. Urges the Director-General to keep the national authorities and the UNDP Resident Representatives fully informed of UNESCO'S broad-ranging fields of competence so that their forthcoming requests for (a) 'TSS-1' services and (b) 'TSS-2' services for projects not implemented directly by UNESCO may be formulated in full knowledge of the Organization's multiple capacities;
9. Requests the Director-General, in his next annual report on operational activities, to provide information on the new UNDP support-cost arrangements;

10. Takes note of the new support-cost arrangements for UNFPA-financed programmes and projects and invites UNFPA to provide adequate funds in the project budgets for technical support services and for administrative and operational support services for ensuring effective and expedient implementation of the projects;
11. Takes note with satisfaction of the evidence that UNESCO has been invited to participate significantly in a majority of the fifth cycle programming exercises of UNDP and particularly appreciates the Administrator's appeals to Resident Co-ordinators to take account, in these exercises, of the 'education for all' priority;
12. Proposes that the examination now under way of the optimal use of human resources in UNESCO take full account of the shift away from project implementation towards more analytical operational tasks;
13. Expresses its gratitude to the donor organizations which entrust UNESCO with technical co-operation funds of a significant magnitude for the benefit of developing countries, often providing an indispensable supplement to UNDP funding - particularly as regards education, science and communication projects in countries undergoing structural adjustment;
14. Proposes that the attention of UNDP be drawn to the difficulties encountered in obtaining progress reports, tripartite review reports and terminal reports relating to projects to which no international experts are assigned;
15. Decides that one in-depth programme evaluation, related to operational activities, should be undertaken each year beginning in 1993, with \$50,000 earmarked for this purpose each year in future C/5 documents.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

7.2 Collaboration between UNESCO and the National Commissions
(137 EX/17 and 137 EX/33, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board on co-operation with the National Commissions and, more particularly, 25 C/Resolution 15.212 and 136 EX/Decision 3.3, Section V, referring to the role of the National Commissions in decentralization,
2. Having noted the report submitted to it by the Director-General pursuant to 25 C/Resolution 15.212,
3. Convinced that any renewed reflection on collaboration with the National Commissions must take full account of the crucial role they have to play in co-operating with UNESCO with a view to responding more effectively to the challenges of the modern world,

4. Noting the Director-General's concern to strengthen collaboration with the National Commissions still further and to broaden the scope of their activity, in particular as regards their participation in the preparation and execution of UNESCO's programmes,
5. Recognizing the fact that, above all, the National Commissions reflect a joint enterprise involving the respective responsibilities of all the interested parties: Member States, National Commissions themselves and the Secretariat of UNESCO,
6. Thanks the Director-General for the report that he submitted to it at the present session (137 EX/17);
7. Endorses the ideas and suggestions contained in paragraphs 37 to 43 of document 137 EX/17;
8. Invites the Member States to implement fully the provisions of Article VII of the Constitution of UNESCO and those of the Charter of National Commissions;
9. Recommends to the National Commissions that they step up their activities and bring more strongly into play around UNESCO's action, in an efficient manner, professional institutions, NGOs, associations, UNESCO Centres and Clubs, and personalities representing intellectual, scientific and cultural circles in their countries, by associating them more closely and to a greater extent with their work;
10. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to take into consideration the increased and specific information and training needs of the National Commissions of the most disadvantaged countries;
 - (b) to consider proposing a substantial increase in budgetary allocations for activities designed to strengthen UNESCO'S relations with National Commissions, when preparing the Draft Programme and Budget for 1994-1995 and for subsequent biennia;
 - (c) to send UNESCO experts to the least developed countries to help them to establish or to strengthen their National Commissions so as to foster their participation in UNESCO's activities.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

7.3 Granting of subventions to certain international non-governmental organizations in 1992-1993 (136 EX/5 and 137 EX/31)

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to Section VI of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with international non-governmental organizations,

2. Recalling 135 EX/Decisions 6.2, by which it decided to examine the Director-General's detailed proposals concerning the granting of subventions to international non-governmental organizations at the spring session that precedes each ordinary session of the General Conference,
3. Having examined document 136 EX/5, in which the Director-General submitted to it proposals on the granting of subventions to a number of international non-governmental organizations during the 1992-1993 biennium,
4. Having undertaken, in accordance with 136 EX/Decisions 4.1.B (para. 6), an in-depth examination of the Director-General's proposals contained in that document,
5. Approves the subventions set out in Annexes 1 to 22 of that document;
6. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to replace those subventions that were previously equal to or less than \$25,000 by contracts, on the basis of the information set forth in Section VI of document 136 EX/5;
7. Recommends that the General Conference, at its twenty-sixth session, approve the appropriations required for the granting of posts subject to subventions for which the detailed proposals have already been approved, in principle, by the Board (Section V of the document) and that special consideration be given to Member States' priorities, the decentralization policy and the principle of geographical balance;
8. Invites the Director-General to grant the said subventions, having regard to the appropriations approved by the General Conference and in accordance with the provisions of Section VI of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with international non-governmental organizations.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 9)

ITEM 8 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

- 8.1 Geographical distribution of the staff. revision of the quota system and medium-term overall plan (1990-1995) for the recruitment and renewal of the staff (137 EX/19 and 137 EX/32, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 25 C/Resolution 40 adopted by the General Conference, and more particularly subparagraph 3(b) of the operative part of that resolution inviting the Director-General to continue to report to the Executive Board once a year on the implementation of the recruitment plan and on the situation regarding the equitable geographical distribution of posts in the Secretariat,
2. Recalling further its discussions at its 134th and 135th sessions,

3. Having taken cognizance of document 137 EX/19 and in particular the information that it contains on the norms for geographical distribution within the different Specialized Agencies of the United Nations common system,
4. Notes the general trend in geographical distribution of staff and the implementation of the plan for the recruitment and renewal of staff;
5. Bearing in mind Article VI of the Constitution, requests the Director-General to pursue, notwithstanding administrative and budgetary constraints, the efforts already made to improve the geographical distribution of posts in the Secretariat, taking into account the objectives of the plan;
6. Invites the Director-General to report to it on that matter at its 140th session;
7. Decides to continue to examine the methodology for calculating the quotas assigned to Member States in respect of posts subject to geographical distribution, taking into account the views expressed by the members of the Finance and Administrative Commission at the 131st, 134th and 137th sessions, as well as any further relevant information that the Director-General may communicate to it;
8. Invites the Director-General to report to it on the matter at its 140th session in the light of a detailed comparative study, with due reference to the norms established and experience acquired in other United Nations Specialized Agencies.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 8)

8.2 Proposed transfers within the budget for 1990-1991 (137 EX/20)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 1990-1991 budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution for 1990-1991 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session (25 C/Resolution 17, para. A(d) and (f)), document 137 EX/20 and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon,
2. Approves the following between-line transfers amounting to US \$7,317,200 to cover increases in staff costs and in the costs of goods and services on account of inflation and statutory factors, and currency fluctuation:

Appropriation line	Total requirements	Transfers		Austerity savings + Part VII
		To	From	
(in thousands of United States dollars)				
PART I - GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION				
1. General Conference	52.3		197.6	249.9
2. Executive Board	77.8		210.1	287.9
3. Directorate	34.8	23.5		11.3
4. Services of the Directorate	405.9	368.0	-	37.9
Total, PART I	570.8	391.5	407.7	587.0
PART II - PROGRAMME OPERATIONS AND SERVICES				
A. MAJOR PROGRAMME AREAS				
MPA I	1,710.1		86.3	1,796.4
MPA II	641.0	343.3		297.7
MPA III	384.5	35.2	-	349.3
MPA IV	142.1		557.9	700.0
MPA V	128.2		146.1	274.3
MPA VI	65.8		41.5	107.3
MPA VII	101.8		176.1	277.9
c. TRANSVERSE PROGRAMMES AND ANCILLARY SERVICES				
(i) <u>Transverse programmes</u>				
1. General Information Programme	121.5	42.1		79.4
2. Clearing house	66.3	8.6		57.7
3. Statistical programmes and services	109.5	87.8		21.7
4. Future-oriented studies	14.6	2.4		12.2
(ii) <u>Ancillary services</u>				
1. Bureau for Co-ordination of Operational Activities	232.9	145.3		87.6
2. Bureau for External Relations	224.6	175.9		48.7
3. Bureau for Co-ordination of Field Units	59.0	48.1		10.9
4. Office of Public Information/ UNESCO Courier	282.0	241.7		40.3
Total, PART II	4,283.9	1,130.4	1,007.9	4,161.4

Appropriation line	Total requirements	Transfers		Austerity savings + Part VII
		To	From	
(in thousands of United States dollars)				
PART III - PROGRAMME SUPPORTING SERVICES	900.0	376.8	-	523.2
PART IV - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	1,203.5	985.6	-	217.9
PART V - COMMON SERVICES	359.0	280.6	-	78.4
Total, PARTS I to V	7,317.2	3,164.9	1,415.6	5,567.9
PART VII - ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	-		1,749.3	1,749.3
Total, PARTS I to VII	7,317.2	3,164.9	3,164.9	7,317.2

(137 EX/SR 1 and 8)

8.3 Financial report and interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 1990 for the financial period ending 31 December 1991 (137 EX/21 and 137 EX/32, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 137 EX/21,
2. Decides to transmit to the General Conference the financial report of the Director-General together with the interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 1990 for the financial period ending 31 December 1991.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 8)

8.4 Consideration of communications received from Member States invoking the terms of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution concerning the voting rights of Member States in arrears with their contributions, and recommendations of the Executive Board thereon (137 EX/22 and Addenda and 137 EX/32, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 137 EX/22 and Addenda containing the communications received from Bolivia, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Grenada, Guatemala, Iraq, Liberia, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Sierra Leone) Somalia and Yugoslavia,

2. Having taken note of communications received from Indonesia and Niger,
3. Expresses concern at the fact that some of the arrears listed in document 137 EX/22 Add. have been owing for several biennia;
4. Noting from the report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization since its last session that he has been obliged to enter into internal and external borrowing arrangements frequently during the year 1991 because of late payment of contributions,
5. Invites the Director-General to urge Member States that are still in arrears, as listed in document 137 EX/22 Add., to pay their outstanding contributions or, in exceptional circumstances, at least to enter into payment plans for settlement of their arrears;
6. Recommends that the General Conference permit the Member States listed in paragraph 1 above to vote during the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference, in accordance with Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution;
7. Recommends further that the General Conference consider granting such permission in future only to those Member States who are unable to pay due to exceptional circumstances, and have entered into definite payment plans for settlement of their arrears within three biennia.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 8)

8.5 Report by the Director-General on possible alternatives for improving the cash situation for the future (137 EX/23 and 137 EX/32, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on possible alternatives for improving the cash situation for the future (137 EX/23) and taken note of the updated information provided during the debate in the Finance and Administrative Commission concerning arrears in payment of contributions, the cash deficit existing in consequence and the current borrowing requirements of the Organization,
2. Expresses its gratitude to the Director-General for the useful and comprehensive study contained in that document;
3. Commends the Director-General on the administrative measures taken by him to accelerate the collection of contributions and urges him to continue his efforts with a view to obtaining timely and full payment of amounts assessed;
4. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation devolving upon Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;

1. Indonesia paid in full on 16 September 1991.

5. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay;
6. Reiterates the recommendation made to the General Conference in 136 EX/Decisions 8.4 that the incentive scheme to induce prompt payment of contributions should be continued for the next two biennia;
7. Expresses deep concern at the magnitude of the cash deficits that arose during the period September 1990 through September 1991, resulting in internal and external borrowings which currently amount to approximately US \$25 million, and at the possible adverse effects on the approved programme of work arising from persistent late payment of contributions assessed;
8. Considers it essential, in view of the Organization's current cash deficits and resulting borrowings that the General Conference be presented with detailed proposals by the Director-General which define the duration of short-term loans, set out a reasonable ceiling on borrowing and also set out modalities and principles of cash flow management;
9. Invites the Director-General to present to the General Conference all possible options for repayment of all loans;
10. Recommends that the other possible alternatives for improving the cash position identified in the Director-General's study be considered at the earliest date by an appropriate organ of the Executive Board, taking into account the views expressed by the Finance and Administrative Commission at the 137th session, and the information received through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on arrangements for dealing with cash deficits in other United Nations organizations;
11. Invites the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference document 137 EX/23 and the Executive Board's decision thereon, together with a summary of the opinions expressed during the debate in the Finance and Administrative Commission on this item.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 8)

8.6 Establishment of an expert group on financial and administrative matters (137 EX/24 and 137 EX/32, Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 136 EX/Decisions 3.4.1, Section II,
2. Decides to set up, on an experimental basis, a group of experts on financial and administrative matters which will be drawn from the Finance and Administrative Commission and financed from within the budget provision made for the Executive Board;

3. Defines the mandate of the group of experts as being:
to assist the Commission in its work, with a view to strengthening its efficiency and effectiveness, and to this end:
 - (a) to review the documents and issues to be considered by the Commission at each session of the Board and to submit its findings thereon to the Commission;
 - (b) to perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Commission, pertaining to financial and administrative matters;
4. Considers that the group should be composed of a total of 12 experts, two per regional group;
5. Decides to designate the members of the group of experts at its '139th session and to settle at that session other issues relating to the functioning of the group;
6. Invites the Director-General to provide all the necessary assistance to the group of experts.

(137 EX/SR 1 and 8)

- 8.7 Draft amendment to Article 4.1 of the Financial Regulations
(137 EX/25 and 137 EX/32, Part II)

(See paragraph 5 of decision 4.1 above.)

- 8.8 Consultation pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (137 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(137 EX/SR 10)

ITEM 9 OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 131 EX/Decisions 9.4 and 132 EX/Decisions 9.3,
2. Decides to include this question in the agenda of the 142nd session;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt the following draft resolution:

'The General Conference,

Recalling the provisions of Article II of the Constitution of UNESCO, concerning the admission of new Member States,

Recalling 25 C/Resolution 0.62 concerning the request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO,

Wishing to give total support to the development of the peace process in the Middle East and expressing the hope that the current initiatives will soon result in lasting peace in that region,

Considering the importance of continuing to examine this question in a spirit of constructive co-operation and consensus, and taking into account the higher interests of the Organization,

1. Invites the Director-General:

(a) to pay particular attention to the implementation of the projects defined in UNESCO's studies on the needs of the Palestinian people within the Organization's fields of competence;

(b) to increase the participation of Palestine in the programmes and activities which UNESCO implements or in which it collaborates;

2. Decides to include this question in the agenda of its twenty-seventh session. '

(137 EX/SR 6 and 7)

9.2 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of 136 EX/Decision 9.3 (137 EX/28)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its previous decisions on the situation of the educational, cultural and scientific institutions of Kuwait following the Iraqi invasion (135 EX/Decision 8.4 and 136 EX/Decision 9.3),
2. Having reviewed the findings of the mission carried out in Kuwait by the personal representative of the Director-General, and the findings of the UNESCO Intersectoral Working Group (136 EX/31, paras. 7 and 8),
3. Aware of the pervasive damage inflicted on the entire education system, scientific research centres and cultural institutions during the Iraqi invasion of the State of Kuwait,
4. Concerned about the grave and continuing environmental dangers to human beings and the biosphere in Kuwait and in the Gulf region that have resulted from the burning of Kuwaiti oil wells by the occupying forces, and the dumping of crude oil in the Gulf,
5. Considering the urgent need felt by the Government of Kuwait to reorient the education system, and strengthen its links with the world of work, by training an adequate number of professionals and technicians in UNESCO's fields of competence,

6. Having studied document 137 EX/28, submitted by the Director-General, concerning the Secretariat's action in the light of the findings of the mission carried out in Kuwait by his personal representative in implementation of 135 EX/Decisions 8.4,
7. Thanking the Director-General, his personal representative, and the UNESCO Intersectoral Working Group for all that they have done to implement the above-mentioned decisions,
8. invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to distribute his special representative's report as an official document of the Executive Board;
 - (b) to co-operate closely with international governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of the environment in implementing the recommendations made at the meetings held in Kuwait, as reported in document 136 EX/28, paragraphs 10 and 11;
 - (c) to prepare and submit a training programme in various sectors falling within UNESCO's fields of competence, especially in the field of the environment, in order to train the maximum number of experts and technicians;
 - (d) to implement previous Executive Board decisions inviting him to co-operate with the Government of Kuwait in all matters falling within UNESCO's fields of competence and to provide it with the support it requests;
 - (e) to report to it on the implementation of this decision at its 139th session.

(137 EX/SR 6)

9.3 Application for admission to UNESCO submitted by Tuvalu
(137 EX/18)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that the Prime Minister of Tuvalu has, on 25 July 1991, requested the admission of Tuvalu to membership of UNESCO,
2. Having noted that the Government of Tuvalu accepts UNESCO'S Constitution and is ready to fulfil the obligations that will devolve upon it by virtue of its admission and to contribute towards meeting the expenses of the Organization,
3. Decides, pursuant to Article II, paragraph 2, of UNESCO'S Constitution, to recommend that the General Conference, at its twenty-sixth session, admit Tuvalu to membership of the Organization;

4. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following resolution:

'The General Conference,

Considering that the Prime Minister of Tuvalu has, on 25 July 1991, requested the admission of Tuvalu to membership of UNESCO,

Having noted that the Government of Tuvalu accepts UNESCO'S Constitution and is ready to fulfil the obligations which will devolve upon it by virtue of its admission and to contribute towards meeting the expenses of the Organization,

Having noted that the Executive Board, at its 137th session, recommended the admission of Tuvalu to membership of UNESCO,

Decides to admit Tuvalu as a member of UNESCO. '

(137 EX/SR 6)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON 8 AND 10 OCTOBER 1991

At the private meetings held on 8 and 10 October 1991, the Board considered items 3.2, 6.4 and 8.8 of its agenda.

3.2 Revert by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations: Examination of communications transmitted to the Committee in pursuance of 104 EX/Decisions 3.3 (137 EX/3 PRIV.)

(a) 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;

(b) The Board took note of the narrative part of that report and endorsed the wishes expressed by the Committee.

6.4 Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and Chairpersons of the Commissions and Committees

(See decision 6.4 above.)

8.8 Consultation pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (137 EX/PRIV.1)

In accordance with Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General informed the Executive Board of the decisions he had taken since its 136th session concerning appointments and promotions to senior posts in the Secretariat. He also informed the Board about his decisions and intentions concerning reclassifications of posts, the promotion of officials at Director level and above, and the renewal of the contracts of a number of officials of the Organization at D-1 level and above.

(137 EX/SR 9)