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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (159 EX/1, 159 EX/INF.1 and 159 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 159 EX/1 and 159 EX/INF.1.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 7.1 (7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.1.5, 7.1.6 and 7.1.7), 7.5, 7.6.2, 8.1 and 8.3, and, for programme-related aspects, item 3.1.1.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9 and 6.10, and, for administrative and financial aspects, item 3.1.1.
3. **Joint meeting of the PX and FA Commissions:** items 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 4.3, 4.4, 7.3, 7.4 and 8.2.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 159 EX/2 concerning the following agenda item:

- 3.2.2 Invitations to the 46th session of the International Conference on Education (159 EX/8)

(159 EX/SR.1)

2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 157th and 158th SESSIONS (157 EX/SR.1-11 and 158 EX/SR.1-4)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 157th and 158th sessions.

(159 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 (159 EX/4 (Part I and Corr. and Part II) and Add., 159 EX/INF.3 and Add., 159 EX/INF.4, 159 EX/43 and 159 EX/44)**

I

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 159 EX/4 (Part I and Corr. and Part II) and Add., 159 EX/INF.3 and Add., 159 EX/INF.4,
2. Recalling 154 EX/Decision 3.1 with particular reference to paragraphs 4 and 6 of that decision,

3. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General in documents 159 EX/4 (Part I and Corr. and Part II) and Add., 159 EX/INF.3 and Add. and 159 EX/INF.4;
4. Further notes the improved financial situation of the Organization with regard to contributions by Member States and encourages the Director-General to continue his efforts in this respect;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it, in each of his reports on the execution of the programme and budget, a detailed table showing the budgetary situation by object of expenditure under Parts I, III, IV and V and staff costs for each main line of action under Part II, in addition to the information already provided;
6. Calls upon the Member States to pay their contributions in full and on time and invites the Member States in arrears to comply with payment plans.

II

Alexandria Library

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference (159 EX/4 Part I, para. 140),
2. Recalling the Project Agreement between the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and UNESCO concerning the implementation of the Project for the Revival of the Ancient Library of Alexandria (Bibliotheca Alexandrina) signed on 26 October 1990,
3. Bearing in mind that the architectural and technical work is being finalized, and that the Library is due to be inaugurated in early 2001,
4. Considering that the Library is intended to be an international centre for knowledge, contributing to building up regional and national knowledge societies through lifelong learning and research work,
5. Considering with gratitude the wish of the Egyptian Government to make the Library accessible and useful to the whole world by establishing an international Board of Trustees to enhance its international dimension,
6. Considering also that both the Egyptian Government and UNESCO wish to continue their joint strong support for the project,
7. Urges the international community to continue its involvement in and support for the revival of the Alexandria Library, in accordance with the Appeal launched by the Director-General of UNESCO on 22 October 1987 in support of the rebirth of the Alexandria Library;
8. Calls upon the Director-General to renew the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Project Agreement with the Egyptian Government and to continue UNESCO support for

the Library after its official opening and expresses the wish that the Board of Trustees of the Library be composed of eminent personalities from Egypt and from different regions of the world and of representatives of UNESCO and the other international organizations concerned.

III

UNESCO-UNICEF Joint Committee on Education

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined paragraph 7 of document 159 EX/INF.3,
2. Recalling 157 EX/Decision 3.2.1,
3. Aware of the need to strengthen cooperation between UNESCO and UNICEF in support of education for all,
4. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to pursue more earnestly with the Executive Director of UNICEF the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Education with a view to obtaining substantive progress;
 - (b) to report to it on this matter at its 160th session.

(159 EX/SR.10)

3.1.2 Report by the Director-General on the reform process (159 EX/5 and Add., 159 EX/INF.7, 159 EX/INF.8 Rev. and 159 EX/45)

The Executive Board,

I

1. Having examined documents 159 EX/5 and Add., 159 EX/INF.7 and 159 EX/INF.8 Rev.,
2. Recalling Articles IV.B.2 and V.B.6(b) of the Constitution relating to the functions of the General Conference and of the Executive Board,
3. Further recalling the provisions of paragraphs (l) and (p) of the Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001 (30 C/Resolution 1),
4. Recalling also 30 C/Resolution 70, 30 C/Resolution 72, 30 C/Resolution 83 and 30 C/Resolution 84 concerning staff questions and the methods of work of the Organization,
5. Thanks the Director-General for the measures taken to date in order to develop a reform strategy aimed at making the Organization more efficient and ensuring that it performs more successfully;

6. Invites the Director-General to continue his work to this effect taking duly into account the views expressed on the subject by the Executive Board at its 159th session;

II

7. Takes note of the information concerning reclassifications, promotions and appointments decided upon in 1998-1999 as well as of their implications for the staff costs budget of the biennium in question and of the current biennium;
8. Expresses concern that in a great number of cases the procedures and criteria for such appointments and promotions were not followed;
9. Thanks the Director-General for the steps taken in order to maintain staff costs for the 2000-2001 biennium within the budget ceiling specified in document 30 C/5;
10. Expresses its support for the measures taken by the Director-General to suspend a number of staff decisions taken between 1 October and 14 November 1999, in line with the requirements expressed by the General Conference at its 30th session (30 C/Resolution 70 and 30 C/Resolution 72);
11. Invites the Director-General to reduce as rapidly as possible the number of staff in higher level posts in order to achieve a more balanced post structure, and requests him to report to it at its 160th session on the results achieved;
12. Takes note of the fact that the Director-General is experiencing difficulties in applying 30 C/Resolutions 70 and 72 concerning the competitive process with regard to renewal of appointments (Staff Regulation 4.2) and the 90-day advertising period for posts in the General Service and National Professional Officer categories, and requests that, in the case of renewals of appointments, proof of wholly satisfactory service will be required;
13. Requests the Director-General to ensure that the criterion of competence remains at all times the paramount consideration when recruiting staff to posts, while at the same time establishing a more equitable geographical distribution and gender balance of Secretariat staff;
14. Takes note with satisfaction of the Director-General's intention to develop ongoing training within the Organization;
15. Invites the Director-General to review the entire promotion system, and to devise new career development opportunities for the staff of the Organization;
16. Further invites the Director-General to present detailed proposals concerning the new recruitment methods contemplated, and more particularly the use of consultants under renewable contracts for a maximum duration of two years, and to report to it at its 160th session;

III

17. Expresses its support to the Director-General in respect of the establishment of the Office of Human Resources Management, and requests him to strengthen the

machinery for both human and financial resources planning with an eye to the next Programme and Budget;

18. Takes note with gratitude of the Director-General's proposal to set up a single internal oversight service bringing together the audit, inspection, investigation, management improvement and evaluation functions;
19. Decides to consider at its 160th session the Director-General's proposals on the UNESCO internal oversight system, taking into account the forthcoming reports by the Joint Inspection Unit and the International Institute of Internal Auditors;

IV

20. Requests the Director-General to provide it with detailed information on the volume, source and allocation of extrabudgetary resources, having regard to the priorities defined by the General Conference, on the administrative costs relating thereto and on the types of arrangements entered into between the donors and the Organization;

V

21. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 160th session a report containing his conclusions on the management reform process in three separate documents relating to staff policy, the structure and systems of management of the Secretariat, and decentralization;
22. Urges the Director-General to present to it, at its 160th session, a timetable for the implementation of the proposed reforms, with all relevant financial aspects and their impact upon the Organization's next budgets.

(159 EX/SR.11)

3.1.3 Proposal by the Director-General on adjustments to the Approved Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (159 EX/6 and 159 EX/45 Add. and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling paragraphs A(a), (b) and (c) of the Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001 (30 C/Resolution 1) wherein:
 - “(a) For the financial period 2000-2001 the sum of \$544,367,250 is appropriated (...) subject to adjustments authorized in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) below:
 - (b) The Director-General is authorized to prepare, within the framework of the above-mentioned financial limit, any adjustment to the appropriations of paragraph (a) above, taking into account the findings of the Executive Board (30 C/6, Part II, Annex, ...) and to submit such adjustments to the Executive Board for examination and approval at its 159th session.
 - (c) The Director-General is authorized to find savings of at least \$10 million in order to strengthen the Organization's activities, in particular in the following areas:

- Participation Programme,
 - the E-9 countries,
 - new management and monitoring requirements,
 - statutory requirements of the Medical Benefits Fund, and
 - Young Professionals Programme.”,
2. Having examined the proposals of the Director-General in this regard contained in document 159 EX/6 and taking into consideration the views expressed by its Members at the 159th session,
 3. Approves the measures proposed in Part I and Annex II of that document for refocusing certain priority areas in the Approved Programme and Budget for 2000-2001;
 4. Approves also the measures proposed in Part II and Annexes I and III of that document aimed at redeploying identified savings of \$10,761,100 to further strengthen the activities indicated by the General Conference in paragraph A(c) of the Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001.

(159 EX/SR.11)

3.2 Education

3.2.1 United Nations University (UNU): Report of the Council of the University and the Director-General's comments thereon (159 EX/7 and Add. and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/7 and Add.,
2. Recognizing the efforts made by the Council and the Rector of UNU to renew the structures and programmes of the institution and reinvigorate its management in line with the recommendations put forward by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU/REP/98/3),
3. Expresses its appreciation of the active participation of UNU in UNESCO's activities and programmes;
4. Expresses its satisfaction at the development of the programme and activities of UNU;
5. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Japan for the financial and intellectual support that it gives to UNU, particularly through its funds-in-trust;
6. Expresses its gratitude to the Member States in which the research and training centres (RTCs) and programmes (RTPs) are located for their financial and intellectual support;
7. Thanks the governments and organizations that have contributed to the University's funds-in-trust and have provided support for the research and training centres and programmes;

8. Expresses its renewed support to the Rector of UNU Professor Hans van Ginkel and encourages him in his efforts to raise extrabudgetary funds for UNU, particularly in aid of developing countries;
9. Reaffirms its previous recommendations for the continuation of cooperation between UNESCO and UNU, mainly through the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, follow-up to the World Conference on Higher Education and the World Conference on Science, and the programmes for the promotion of human rights, peace, conflict resolution, the environment and the social and human sciences;
10. Urges the University to continue to implement the recommendations of the report of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit, in particular by increasing its activities in the developing countries, especially in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, in order to reduce the current imbalances and to include a specific reference to this issue in its next report;
11. Also urges the University to improve the flow of information provided to Member States;
12. Invites the Director-General to communicate to the Chair of the Council of UNU and to the Rector the terms of this decision.

(159 EX/SR.10)

3.2.2 Invitations to the 46th session of the International Conference on Education (159 EX/8)

The Executive Board,

1. Considering that, in accordance with 30 C/Resolution 3 (para. 1(c)), the Director-General is authorized to convene the 46th session of the International Conference on Education in 2001,
2. Having examined document 159 EX/8,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the 46th session of the International Conference on Education with the right to vote will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the States mentioned in paragraph 6 of document 159 EX/8, which are not Members of UNESCO but are members of another organization of the United Nations system, and to any other State that becomes a member of one of the organizations of the United Nations system before the opening date of the Conference;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 159 EX/8;

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

(159 EX/SR.1)

3.2.3 Report by the Director-General on the outcome and implications for UNESCO of the World Education Forum in Dakar (159 EX/41)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/41 on the Report by the Director-General on the outcome and implications for UNESCO of the World Education Forum held in Dakar,
2. Recognizing the effective role of UNESCO within the EFA Assessment 2000,
3. Acknowledging UNESCO's lead role in the follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action,
4. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 160th session a concrete Plan of Action for the implementation of and follow-up to the Dakar Framework for Action on the basis of Annex II of document 159 EX/41.

(159 EX/SR.8)

3.3 Social and human sciences

3.3.1 UNESCO's contribution to poverty eradication (159 EX/9 and Corr., 159 EX/INF.6 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 159 EX/9 and Corr. and document 159 EX/INF.6,
2. Welcomes the efforts made by the Secretariat to develop a framework for UNESCO's strategy on development and poverty eradication;
3. Notes the work in progress;
4. Reaffirms its commitment to the importance of poverty eradication in UNESCO's programming;
5. Invites the Director-General to elaborate a strategy and preliminary programme for UNESCO on development and poverty eradication, through a strong

interdisciplinary approach coordinated by the MOST Programme that includes the examination of education as a tool;

6. Requests that this strategy take into account the views expressed during the debate on this topic and outline modalities for its implementation, and that it be submitted to it at its 160th session.

(159 EX/SR.10)

3.4 Culture

3.4.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 156 EX/Decision 3.5.1 (159 EX/10 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of the 1954 Hague Convention and the Protocol thereto, the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and its Additional Protocols, the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, the relevant United Nations Security Council and General Assembly decisions and resolutions on the status of Jerusalem, and the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger,
2. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 28,
3. Concerned at the measures which continue to impede the free access of Palestinians to Jerusalem and to the Holy Places of the Old City of Jerusalem (see the report contained in document 30 C/12),
4. Thanks the States, organizations, institutions and individuals that have made financial contributions to the Special Account for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the City of Jerusalem, and in particular the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its generous contribution;
5. Thanks the Director-General for his praiseworthy and unceasing efforts to ensure full implementation of UNESCO resolutions and decisions concerning the monuments, characteristics and cultural property of the Old City of Jerusalem;
6. Welcomes the Director-General's choice of Professor Oleg Grabar to prepare the report to be submitted at its 160th session in pursuance of 30 C/Resolution 28;
7. Requests the Israeli authorities to implement the relevant resolutions and decisions of UNESCO;
8. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts with a view to ensuring the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of UNESCO concerning the City of Jerusalem, in accordance with its basic texts and the 1972 Convention, and thus to pay due attention to compliance with all decisions and resolutions relating to Jerusalem with regard to cultural, architectural, historical and demographic features and the restoration work;
9. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 160th session.

(159 EX/SR.10)

3.4.2 Proposals for the implementation of an interdisciplinary Arabia Plan programme
(159 EX/11 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/11 on the proposals for the implementation of an interdisciplinary Arabia Plan programme,
2. Invites the Director-General to finalize his proposals in accordance with the spirit and the letter of 30 C/Resolution 30, in close cooperation with the Arab Group;
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 160th session.

(159 EX/SR.10)

3.4.3 Strategy regarding the completion and follow-up of the general and regional history projects (159 EX/12 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of paragraph 05300 of document 30 C/5 Approved,
2. Noting the progress made in the preparation and publication of the five general and regional histories and the African language versions of the General History of Africa,
3. Recognizing the need to complete the five history projects as soon as possible in order, in particular, to improve clarification and understanding of the processes of intercultural dialogue and cultural pluralism and considering that historical publications can provide a basis for writing history textbooks and for facilitating their revision,
4. Recognizing also the need for follow-up activities relating to the General History of Africa, as defined at the last meeting of the International Scientific Committee for the drafting of a General History of Africa (Tripoli, 10-13 April 1999),
5. Acknowledges the efforts and dedication of the presidents of the respective international scientific committees of the general and regional history projects;
6. Thanks the Governments of Côte d'Ivoire, France and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and also the Holy See, the World Islamic Call Society (WICS) and the Agence de la Francophonie for their generous contributions to the general and regional history projects;
7. Approves the measures proposed under the strategy for completion of the five general and regional history projects and for carrying out the follow-up activities of the General History of Africa;
8. Urgently appeals to Member States and to public and private institutions to make voluntary contributions to these projects;

9. Invites the Director-General to do his utmost to mobilize the necessary resources, to take appropriate measures for the completion of the five general and regional history projects and to consider including in document 31 C/5 an allocation under the regular programme for any projects not completed during the current biennium;
10. Further invites the Director-General to explore the possibility of resorting to an international bid with the aim of reducing publishing costs and to submit to it a report thereon at its 161st session;
11. Also invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 161st session, in the same report, an account of progress on these projects and an assessment of results achieved.

(159 EX/SR.10)

3.5 Communication, information and informatics

3.5.1 Replacement of the General Information Programme (PGI) and of the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP) by a new programme (159 EX/14 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 36,
2. Takes note of the activities undertaken by the interim committee established by 30 C/Resolution 36 and by the Secretariat for the preparation of the new programme and the statutes of the corresponding intergovernmental body and approves the timetable contained in document 159 EX/14;
3. Decides to replace the General Information Programme (PGI) and the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP) by a new programme;
4. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 160th session the new programme and the statutes of its intergovernmental body.

(159 EX/SR.10)

3.5.2 List of the first projects to be undertaken in the framework of the promotion and use of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace (159 EX/15 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/15,
2. Reiterating that UNESCO should play a leading international role in promoting equal access to information that falls in the public domain, especially by encouraging linguistic and cultural pluralism on the global information networks,

3. Encourages the continuation of work with a view to drawing up a list of specific projects within the framework of “Initiative B@bel” communicated by the Director-General, in accordance with 30 C/Resolution 37;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue the elaboration of this strategy with a view to including it in the draft recommendation to Member States on the promotion of multilingualism and equal access to information on the global networks to be submitted for adoption by the General Conference at its 31st session, in conformity with the applicable rules of procedure, and to submit a progress report on the matter to it at its 161st session;
5. Invites Member States, non-governmental organizations and the world intellectual community to encourage and support the development of this programme by strengthening linguistic and cultural pluralism on the national sites of the global information networks.

(159 EX/SR.10)

4 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

4.1 Methods of work of the Executive Board (159 EX/13 and 159 EX/42)

4.2 Relations between the three organs of UNESCO (159 EX/38 and 159 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

I

1. Having examined the issue of the Legal Adviser to the Executive Board in the light of Part A of document 159 EX/13,
2. Emphasizing the need for the Executive Board to have recourse to independent and impartial legal advice from the Legal Adviser,
3. Requests that the Director-General take the decisions concerning the appointment, tenure and termination of appointment of the Legal Adviser of the Organization in consultation with the Executive Board;
4. Recommends that the General Conference amend the Staff Regulations accordingly;
5. Notes that 30 C/Resolution 78, which provides that the Legal Committee can now meet whenever necessary if convened by the President of the General Conference, on his own initiative or at the request of the Executive Board, offers an alternative recourse for the Board to seek legal advice;

II

6. Having examined Part B of document 159 EX/13 relating to the mode of election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Board,

7. Considers that the current Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board governing the election and replacement of the Chairperson of the Executive Board provide adequate guidance;
8. Considers also that the current practice of electing the Chairperson of the Executive Board as governed by the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board is adequate;
9. Decides not to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board to provide for the replacement of the Chairperson who becomes a candidate for the post of Director-General;

III

10. Having examined Parts C and D of document 159 EX/13 and, also, document 159 EX/38,
11. Considering that the two interlinked issues of the structure of the subsidiary organs of the Executive Board and of the relations between the three organs of UNESCO require in-depth, substantive examination by the Executive Board,
12. Bearing in mind the terms of reference of the Special Committee (158 EX/Decision 6.1) which, *inter alia*, entrust the Committee with the task of undertaking in-depth studies,
13. Decides to establish an open-ended ad hoc working group of the Special Committee, composed of six (6) representatives of the following Member States: Dominican Republic, Guinea, India, Oman, Poland, and United Kingdom, whose mandate will be to carry out inter-sessional work on the issue of UNESCO's governance, the relations between its three organs and the related structure of the subsidiary organs of the Executive Board and to submit specific recommendations thereon to the members of the Special Committee prior to the 160th session;
14. Recommends that consideration by the open-ended ad hoc working group of the structure of the subsidiary organs of the Executive Board take account of, *inter alia*, (i) the introduction of the results-based approach to the programme and budget; (ii) the consolidation of oversight responsibilities proposed by the Director-General in document 159 EX/INF.7; and (iii) coherence among the subsidiary bodies of the Executive Board.

(159 EX/SR.9)

- 4.3 Report by the Director-General on how the current decentralized bodies and units of UNESCO satisfy the basic criteria for the rational implementation of decentralization** (159 EX/INF.8 Rev. and 159 EX/45)
- 4.4 Proposal on the evaluation criteria by which field offices will be assessed** (159 EX/17 and 159 EX/45)
- 7.4 Report on the establishment of a “special procedure” to increase the participation of National Commissions in the execution of activities envisaged in document 30 C/5 Approved** (159 EX/31 and 159 EX/45)*

The Executive Board,

I

1. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 5.1 and 30 C/Resolution 83,
2. Having examined document 159 EX/INF.8 Rev.,
3. Notes that the document submitted to it at its 159th session does not provide the information requested in the above-mentioned decision and resolution;
4. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 160th session a report on how the current decentralized bodies and units of UNESCO satisfy the basic criteria for the rational implementation of decentralization;
5. Also requests the Director-General to present to it at its 160th session practical measures designed to implement a new decentralization strategy, including a definition of the operational functions of the national, regional and subregional offices, and to ensure that there is no duplication with those of the National Commissions;

II

6. Having examined document 159 EX/17,
7. Invites the Director-General to continue to draw up appropriate indicators, taking account of the discussions by the Executive Board and in accordance with 30 C/Resolution 83, and to incorporate them into an operational evaluation system;
8. Also invites the Director-General to report to it thereon at its 160th session, taking into consideration the discussions which took place at its 159th session;

III

9. Having examined document 159 EX/31,
10. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 59 and 30 C/Resolution 83 (Part II) which both request that practical measures be developed in order to increase the participation of the National Commissions for UNESCO in the execution of

* The Executive Board adopted a single decision concerning these three items of its agenda which it had considered together.

activities included in the Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5 Approved),

11. Recalling also the large body of texts adopted by the General Conference which entrust the National Commissions for UNESCO with the responsibility of participating in the implementation of UNESCO programme activities as well as cooperating in their planning and evaluation (in particular 14 C/Resolution 5.21 in 1966; 16 C/Resolution 7.11 in 1970; the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO in 1978; 25 C/Resolution 15.212 in 1989; 26 C/Resolution 13.2 in 1991; 27 C/Resolution 13.12 in 1993; 28 C/Resolution 13.5 in 1995; and 29 C/Resolution 61 in 1997),
12. Taking into account the fact that the adoption of 29 C/Resolution 87 formalized the Secretariat's methods of work with the National Commissions for UNESCO whereby in the first year of each biennium, the Director-General consults all National Commissions on the preparation and contents of the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5) and, at the appropriate time, the Draft Medium-Term Strategy (C/4),
13. Takes note of the information presented by the Director-General in document 159 EX/31;
14. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 161st session on contractual activities being implemented with the help of National Commissions and on the monitoring, audit and evaluation mechanism relating to these activities;
15. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 161st session proposals on the establishment of a "special procedure" in line with 30 C/Resolution 59 and 30 C/Resolution 83 (Part II) in order to increase the participation of National Commissions in the execution of UNESCO's programme.

(159 EX/SR.11)

5 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

5.1 Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (159 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 159 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(159 EX/SR.8)

6 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

6.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001 (159 EX/18 and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the transfers proposed by the Director-General within the 2000-2001 budget, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 30th session (30 C/Resolution 1, para. A(f)), in document 159 EX/18,
2. Approves the transfers between appropriation lines of staff costs amounting to \$1,699,900;
3. Takes note of the following revised Appropriation Table:

Approved Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001*

Appropriation line	30 C/5 Approved \$	Proposed adjustments \$	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted \$
Part I General Policy and Direction			
A. Governing Bodies:			
1. General Conference	6 153 700	3 600	6 157 300
2. Executive Board	7 614 900	5 900	7 620 800
Total, Part I.A	13 768 600	9 500	13 778 100
B. Direction:			
3. Directorate	1 742 000	6 900	1 748 900
4. Services of the Directorate (including: Executive Office of the Director-General; Inspectorate General; Office of the Mediator; Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs; Bureau of Studies, Programming and Evaluation; Bureau of the Budget. The former Office of the Assistant Director-General for the Directorate has been discontinued.)	20 517 800	106 200	20 624 000
Total, Part I.B	22 259 800	113 100	22 372 900
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System			
	1 122 900		1 122 900
Total, Part I	37 151 300	122 600	37 273 900
Part II Programme Execution and Services			
A. Major Programmes, Transdisciplinary Project and Transverse Activities:			
I Education for all throughout life			
I.1 Basic education for all			
I.1.1 Providing basic education for all children	16 569 200	67 700	16 636 900
I.1.2 Fostering literacy and non-formal education among youth and adults	15 659 700	49 400	15 709 100
I.1.3 Mobilizing commitments and partnerships for education for all	10 078 800	30 300	10 109 100
I.2 Reform of education in the perspective of education for all throughout life			
I.2.1 Renewal of education systems for the information age	16 693 800	66 300	16 760 100
I.2.2 Renovation of general secondary and vocational education	14 574 300	56 800	14 631 100
I.2.3 Higher education and development	6 041 700	13 200	6 054 900
> The status of teachers and teacher education in the information society	3 132 200	7 600	3 139 800
> Educating for a sustainable future (Environment, population and development)	8 292 900	33 200	8 326 100
UNESCO education institutes			
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	5 000 000		5 000 000
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	6 000 000		6 000 000
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	2 300 000		2 300 000
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1 200 000		1 200 000
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 375 300		2 375 300
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	1 300 000		1 300 000
Total, Major Programme I	109 217 900	324 500	109 542 400
II The sciences in the service of development			
II.1 Advancement, transfer and sharing of scientific knowledge			
> Follow-up to the World Conference on Science	1 584 400	2 500	1 586 900
II.1.1 Advancement, transfer and sharing of knowledge in the basic and engineering sciences	23 471 800	71 100	23 542 900
> The World Solar Programme, 1996-2005	2 008 300	3 200	2 011 500
II.1.2 Advancement, transfer and sharing of knowledge in the social and human sciences	6 616 100	18 000	6 634 100
II.2 Sciences, environment and socio-economic development			
> Promoting integrated approaches to environment and development	448 100	700	448 800
II.2.1 Earth sciences, earth system management and natural disaster reduction	7 270 100	27 400	7 297 500
II.2.2 Ecological sciences and the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme	10 508 600	35 800	10 544 400
II.2.3 Hydrology and water resources development in a vulnerable environment	6 714 000	19 600	6 733 600
> Environment and development in coastal regions and in small islands	3 600 700	10 100	3 610 800
> Human development for sustainable living conditions in the Pacific	480 100	800	480 900
II.2.4 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	6 626 300	19 900	6 646 200
II.2.5 Social transformations and development	11 389 100	46 700	11 435 800
> Cities: Management of social transformations and the environment	668 600	1 700	670 300
II.3 Philosophy, ethics and human sciences			
	4 538 500	11 400	4 549 900
Total, Major Programme II	85 924 700	268 900	86 193 600

* Parts I to VII are calculated at the constant rates of exchange of 5.70 French francs (0.869 Euros) and 1.45 Swiss francs to one United States dollar.

Appropriation line	30 C/5	Proposed	30 C/5
	Approved \$	adjustments \$	Approved as adjusted \$
III Cultural development: the heritage and creativity			
Culture and development	2 266 200	4 100	2 270 300
III.1 Preservation and enhancement of the cultural and natural heritage			
III.1.1 Safeguard and revitalization of the tangible and intangible heritage	25 188 200	100 700	25 288 900
III.1.2 Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	5 224 200	21 000	5 245 200
III.2 Promotion of living cultures	8 500 700	20 700	8 521 400
> Reading for All	1 073 400	4 200	1 077 600
> Caribbean people: Tapestry of the past - Fabric for the future	571 300	1 000	572 300
Total, Major Programme III	42 824 000	151 700	42 975 700
IV Towards a communication and information society for all			
IV.1 Free flow of ideas			
IV.1.1 Freedom of expression, democracy and peace	3 965 000	10 000	3 975 000
IV.1.2 Media, information and society	7 911 800	26 100	7 937 900
> Ethical, legal and sociocultural challenges of the information society	2 528 200	7 400	2 535 600
IV.2 Bridging the communication and information gap			
IV.2.1 Development of communication	12 126 300	42 700	12 169 000
IV.2.2 Development of "infostructure"	5 906 600	12 200	5 918 800
Total, Major Programme IV	32 437 900	98 400	32 536 300
Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace			
Unit 1 Culture of Peace: raising awareness and building partnerships	4 462 100	13 400	4 475 500
Unit 2 Educating for a culture of peace	10 522 900	34 400	10 557 300
Unit 3 From interculturality to cultural pluralism	5 495 900	18 800	5 514 700
Transverse activities:			
UNESCO Institute for Statistics	6 820 000		6 820 000
Anticipation and future-oriented studies	1 595 100	4 400	1 599 500
Fellowships and Procurement Services and Related Programme Support	4 099 800	16 200	4 116 000
Coordination of activities in favour of priority groups:			
Coordination of activities concerning women	1 190 500	4 200	1 194 700
Coordination of activities concerning youth	1 465 000	5 700	1 470 700
Coordination of activities concerning Africa	3 475 900	16 300	3 492 200
Total, Transdisciplinary Project and Transverse Activities	39 127 200	113 400	39 240 600
Participation Programme	22 000 000		22 000 000
Total, Part II.A	331 531 700	956 900	332 488 600
B. Information and Dissemination Services			
1. Clearing House	4 590 700	20 400	4 611 100
2. UNESCO Publishing Office	7 326 300	31 800	7 358 100
3. Office of Monthly Periodicals	4 879 700	13 900	4 893 600
4. Office of Public Information	5 219 000	18 300	5 237 300
Total, Part II.B	22 015 700	84 400	22 100 100
Total, Part II	353 547 400	1 041 300	354 588 700
Part III Support for Programme Execution	56 760 500	258 000	57 018 500
Part IV Management and Administrative Services	47 718 800	193 900	47 912 700
Part V Common Services; Maintenance and Security	28 998 900	84 100	29 083 000
Part VI Renovation of Headquarters Premises	6 499 500		6 499 500
Total, Parts I-VI	530 676 400	1 699 900	532 376 300
Part VII Anticipated Cost Increases	13 690 850	(1 699 900)	11 990 950
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	544 367 250	-	544 367 250

6.2 Report by the Director-General on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 1998-1999 and on transfers made between appropriation lines for the purpose of closing the accounts for 1998-1999 (159 EX/19 and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the General Conference Appropriation Resolution for 1998-1999 (29 C/Resolution 65, para. A(f)) which authorizes the Director-General, in urgent and special circumstances, to make transfers between appropriation lines, informing the Members of the Executive Board in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of the transfers made and the reasons therefor,
2. Recalling also that the same Appropriation Resolution (para. A(b)) authorizes the Director-General to accept voluntary contributions, donations and contributions from governments towards the cost of established field units, reporting thereon to the Members of the Executive Board in writing at the session following such action,
3. Having examined the Director-General's report on the budgetary situation of the Organization in 1998-1999 and on the adjustments and transfers made by him at the end of the biennium for the purpose of closing the accounts (159 EX/19),
4. Takes note of the fact that the Director-General has increased the appropriations to the regular budget for 1998-1999 by a total amount of \$4,074,811 by accepting donations and contributions from governments and institutions, as well as contributions towards the running costs of established field offices;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the donors mentioned in Annex I to document 159 EX/19;
6. Notes that the actual expenditure under staff costs remained within the approved allocation;
7. Also notes that undischarged obligations of funds increased significantly in relation to the previous biennium;
8. Takes note of the transfers made between appropriation lines to close the accounts for 1998-1999.

(159 EX/SR.10)

6.3 Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) (159 EX/20 and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 6.5, paragraph 4, and 30 C/Resolution 8,
2. Having examined document 159 EX/20,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) annexed hereto.

Annex

Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account of UNESCO

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA), hereafter referred to as “the Institute”.

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

Article 2 - Financial period

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) a financial allocation determined by the General Conference to cover staff costs, as well as direct and indirect programme costs;
- (b) voluntary contributions from States, 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;
- (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it or purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
- (d) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and
- (e) miscellaneous income.

3.2 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 an 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 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 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.

4.5 Appropriations shall remain available for obligation during the financial period to which they relate.

4.6 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.

4.7 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 other outstanding legal obligations of the financial period.

4.8 At the end of the 12-month period provided for in Article 4.7 above, the then remaining unspent balance of obligations retained 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 - Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts

6.1 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.

6.2 Trust Funds, Subsidiary Special Accounts and any other Reserve Accounts may be established by the Director, who shall report thereon to the Board.

6.3 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 7 - Accounts

7.1 The UNESCO Comptroller 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.

7.2 The Director shall also give such other information as may be appropriate to indicate the current financial position of the Institute.

7.3 The annual accounts of the Institute shall be presented in dollars of the United States of America. Accounting records may, however, be kept in such currency or currencies as the Director may deem necessary.

7.4 Appropriate separate accounts shall be maintained for all Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts.

Article 8 - External audit

The audited 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 9 - General provision

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

6.4 Report by the Director-General on the consequences of the switch to the euro (159 EX/21 and Corr. and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 69,
2. Having examined document 159 EX/21 and Corr.,
3. Decides to set up a working group of representatives of Member States to consider this matter further;
4. Further decides that the working group of representatives of Member States be composed of the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters of the Finance and Administrative Commission;
5. Also decides that the working group will meet in a special session before the ordinary meeting of the Group of Experts preceding the 160th session of the Executive Board, as an open-ended working group with the mandate to consider this matter further, in accordance with 30 C/Resolution 69;
6. Requests the working group to report back to it at its 160th session.

(159 EX/SR.10)

6.5 Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters (159 EX/22 and Corr. and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 159 EX/22 and Corr.,
2. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 76, Part II, paragraph 7,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters annexed hereto.

Annex

**Financial Regulations of the Special Account
for the restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters**

Article 1 - Creation of a Special Account

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters, hereinafter referred to as the "Special Account".

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

Article 2 - Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 - Purpose

The purpose of the Special Account is to group funds available, including any loans, for the restoration and improvement of UNESCO Headquarters irrespective of their source.

Article 4 - Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) amounts provided from the regular budget of the Organization as authorized by the General Conference;
- (b) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities;
- (c) appropriate amounts provided from the Headquarters Utilization Fund;
- (d) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 - Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative and staff expenses as well as any interest that might be payable on any loans specifically relating to it.

Article 6 - Accounts

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

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

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

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

Article 7 - Investments

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

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

Article 8 - Closure of the Special Account

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

Article 9 - General provision

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

(159 EX/SR.10)

6.6 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on the plan of work for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters buildings for the 2000-2001 biennium (159 EX/23 and Add. and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/23 and Add.,
2. Takes note of the information in regard to the financing of Phase 1 of the Belmont Plan;
3. Also takes note of the plan of work for 2000-2001 and the proposals on organizational arrangements for the implementation of the Belmont Plan contained in document 159 EX/23 and Add.;
4. Endorses the proposal to contract, following an open recruitment procedure and without creating a new post, a Project Manager for the implementation of the Belmont Plan for the initial period of 2000-2001, this contract to be financed from the Special Account accommodating funds for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters;
5. Requests the Director-General to report to it at every regular session, in consultation with the Headquarters Committee, on the status of implementation of the work to restore and improve the Headquarters buildings;
6. Invites the Director-General to prepare a technical design brief setting out UNESCO's accommodation requirements, in the light of the reform of the Organization, to guide the design of the longer term restoration and improvement project.

(159 EX/SR.10)

6.7 Report by the Director-General on the option of outsourcing health-care insurance (159 EX/24 and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 74,
2. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the option of outsourcing health-care insurance (159 EX/24),
3. Takes note of the information provided therein.

(159 EX/SR.10)

6.8 Annual report (1999) of the International Civil Service Commission and related General Assembly resolution: Report by the Director-General (159 EX/25 and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/25,
2. Takes note of:
 - (a) the contents of the said document;
 - (b) resolution 54/238 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to ensure the participation of UNESCO in the work of the Commission and to take due account of the results of its work.

(159 EX/SR.10)

6.9 Annual report by the Director-General on the use of outside consultants and advisers by the Secretariat (159 EX/26 and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/26,
2. Takes note of the detailed information contained therein;
3. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to it annually on the use of consultants by the Secretariat, and on the grounds for such use and to provide qualitative and quantitative information on one-dollar consultant contracts;
4. Recalls that recourse to consultants must be strictly confined to temporary needs for specialist skills that the permanent staff cannot supply;
5. Expresses concern over the imbalance in the geographical distribution of consultant contracts;
6. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to establish a system permitting better monitoring and management of the various types of contract;

7. Encourages Member States to put forward qualified specialists in UNESCO's various fields of competence who might suitably be employed as consultants;
8. Further invites the Director-General to inform it of the basic conditions in regard to the use of consultants by means of a preliminary report for consideration at its 161st session.

(159 EX/SR.10)

6.10 Report by the Director-General on the functioning and implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (159 EX/27 and Add. and 159 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/27 and Add., and the proposals therein,
2. Notes the new procedure concerning the reception, approval and follow-up of Participation Programme requests presented in Part I of this document;
3. Recalls 157 EX/Decision 9.3 which invites the Director-General to define the circumstances and the proposed criteria under which emergency assistance may be granted;
4. Requests the Director-General to introduce, under the SISTER programme, a system of control and analysis for evaluation reports submitted in respect of projects for which financial contributions have been approved under the Participation Programme;
5. Calls upon the Director-General to continue his coordination efforts with other United Nations agencies when providing emergency assistance and requests the Director-General, with a view to ensuring better implementation of paragraph 14 of 30 C/Resolution 50, Part C, concerning emergency assistance, to follow the procedure proposed in paragraph 31 of document 159 EX/27;
6. Invites the Director-General to provide it at its 160th session with a detailed list of projects approved for the Participation Programme and emergency assistance during the first half of the current biennium;
7. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 160th session clear-cut criteria for emergency assistance as requested by the Executive Board at its 157th session;
8. Requests the Director-General to present in document 32 C/3 (Report of the Director-General 2000-2001) a list of evaluation reports for the 2000-2001 biennium.

(159 EX/SR.10)

6.11 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (159 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(159 EX/SR.8)

7 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

7.1 Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (159 EX/28, 159 EX/INF.5 and 159 EX/44)

7.1.1 Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (159 EX/28 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/28, sub-item 7.1.1, dealing with UNESCO's contribution to the follow-up to the United Nations Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados, 1994) in general, and the General Assembly special session for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, in particular,
2. Taking note of resolution 54/224, as well as of the Declaration and review document that resulted from the special session and were adopted by the General Assembly,
3. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 9.1.2,
4. Reaffirming its commitments to the goals of the Barbados Programme of Action and the importance of intersectoral and inter-agency follow-up to the six problem areas (climate change, natural and environmental disasters and climate variability, freshwater resources, coastal and marine resources, energy, tourism) prioritized by the United Nations General Assembly special session as in need of urgent attention over the next five years,
5. Taking into account the consultation processes Focus on the Pacific, Focus on the Caribbean and Indian Ocean Forum 2000 that the Organization started during the previous biennium and which also require an intersectoral approach,
6. Mindful of UNESCO's unique intersectoral potential for bringing together, among others, decision-makers, local communities, cultural heritage experts, educators, and social and natural scientists,
7. Recognizing the particular significance of traditional systems of knowledge for small island States, and taking into account the pertinent recommendations of the World Conference on Science (Budapest, 1999) and commitments made at the 30th session of the General Conference of UNESCO to establish an intersectoral project in this domain,

8. Invites the Director-General:

- (a) to enhance actions to address the six priority problem areas of the Barbados Programme of Action for Small Island Developing States, through the relevant activities of all programme sectors and through intersectoral pilot projects and UNESCO Chairs concerning “wise practices” for sustainable island living;
- (b) to continue to ensure that the consultation processes Focus on the Pacific, Focus on the Caribbean and Indian Ocean Forum 2000, as well as follow-up to the World Conference on Science recommendations concerning traditional knowledge, are carried out in an intersectoral manner;
- (c) to ensure that, in the preparation of the next Medium-Term Strategy, those programme elements of the Organization that are geared towards the needs of the small developing Member States and Associate Members, including the intersectoral Coastal Regions and Small Islands (CSI) platform, are further strengthened;
- (d) to pursue efforts to seek funds from appropriate funding agencies and mechanisms for the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action, and to assist small island developing States in their national efforts to obtain extrabudgetary funds;
- (e) to report periodically to it on progress made by UNESCO, especially in an intersectoral manner, and at the United Nations system level in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for Small Island Developing States;
- (f) to monitor the work and research on small island States in other organizations and bodies, particularly the Commonwealth, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Joint Task Force of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the World Bank on Small States.

(159 EX/SR.10)

7.1.2 Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)
(159 EX/28 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/28, sub-item 7.1.2,
2. Recalling resolution E/1999/36 adopted by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations concerning coordination of the activities of the United Nations system under the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS),
3. Considering the growing need to strengthen UNESCO’s contribution to the fight against AIDS in cooperation with UNAIDS,

4. Stressing that UNESCO, in a transdisciplinary perspective, can make a unique contribution, both specific and global, to the fight against AIDS and other endemic diseases by ensuring that its activities in the fields of education, science, culture and communication are complementary,
5. Considering the important role that scientific research must play in providing solutions for the eradication of these diseases and, in particular, the need to develop scientific cooperation with and the transfer of technology to developing countries; considering also the ethical dimension and risks of new forms of discrimination and exclusion linked to the spread of these diseases,
6. Takes note of the Director-General's efforts to strengthen UNESCO's contribution to the fight against AIDS in partnership with UNAIDS, other partners in the United Nations system and the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention;
7. Urges Member States to give full moral and material support to the UNAIDS Programme and to UNESCO's participation therein, by involving their National Commissions and their intellectual and scientific communities in the fight against AIDS;
8. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) continue, in all the Organization's fields of competence, particularly education and science research, to give very high priority to activities designed to meet countries' specific AIDS-prevention needs, with special emphasis on the countries hardest hit by the epidemic, particularly in Africa under the International Partnership against AIDS in Africa;
 - (b) take appropriate measures to strengthen the coordination machinery for AIDS-related activities by strengthening UNESCO's financial and human resources to secure its effective contribution to UNAIDS;
 - (c) strengthen UNESCO's cooperation with the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention to promote research with the aim of permitting access to treatment for all patients and developing a preventive vaccine as rapidly as possible;
 - (d) draw up a draft strategic plan of action oriented towards objectives and results as part of UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations system strategic plan for HIV/AIDS for 2001-2005 to be submitted to it at its 161st session and to ensure that the strategy is taken into account in the preparation of the Organization's next Medium-Term Strategy and in the Programme and Budget for 2002-2003.

(159 EX/SR.10)

7.1.3 United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All (159 EX/28 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/28, sub-item 7.1.3,
2. Welcoming General Assembly resolution 54/122,
3. Reaffirming UNESCO's commitment to creating a literate world,
4. Authorizes the Director-General to prepare, with a view to education for all and on the basis of the results of the Dakar World Forum, the draft proposal and plan of action for a United Nations literacy decade and to submit it to the Board for consideration at its 161st session and subsequently to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;
5. Invites the Director-General, in elaborating a plan of action oriented towards results, to take into account the comments and observations of the Board at this session.

(159 EX/SR.10)

7.1.4 Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (159 EX/28 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/28, sub-item 7.1.4, concerning the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance,
2. Taking note of General Assembly resolution 54/154 in this regard and welcoming the General Assembly initiative to convene in 2001, in South Africa, the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance,
3. Recalling the long-standing action of UNESCO in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination and its Convention of 1960 against Discrimination in Education, and its Declaration of 1978 on Race and Racial Prejudice,
4. Reaffirms UNESCO's firm position against racism formulated in Article I of its Constitution, which stipulates that human rights and fundamental freedoms are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion;
5. Appeals to Member States to ratify or accede to the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education;
6. Invites the Director-General to ensure a visible and significant UNESCO contribution to the above-mentioned World Conference and to cooperate closely with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in its preparation;

7. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 161st session a UNESCO position paper containing specific actions and initiatives on UNESCO's contribution to the International Year of Mobilization against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

(159 EX/SR.10)

7.1.5 World Solar Programme (1996-2005) (159 EX/28 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/28, sub-item 7.1.5,
2. Having considered United Nations General Assembly resolution 54/215 "World Solar Programme 1996-2005",
3. Recalling its previous decisions on the World Solar Programme 1996-2005,
4. Invites the Director-General to:
 - (a) continue all efforts by the Organization aimed at the effective implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 including promotion for the mobilization of resources, with special emphasis being placed on the Global Renewable Energy Education and Training Programme and on the implementation of high priority national projects in Member States;
 - (b) ensure full participation by UNESCO, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme, in the preparation of the draft report of the United Nations Secretary-General to the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005;
 - (c) pursue all efforts aimed at efficient cooperation between governments, multilateral funding agencies and relevant parts of the United Nations system with a view to the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005.

(159 EX/SR.10)

7.1.6 Return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin (159 EX/28 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General on the return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin contained in document 159 EX/28, sub-item 7.1.6,
2. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 54/190 on the subject;

3. Calls on Member States to become party to the conventions and protocols on the return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to submit, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session, the report requested in General Assembly resolution 54/190 on the return or restitution of cultural property to its country of origin and on the fight against illicit trafficking in such property.

(159 EX/SR.10)

7.1.7 Preparation for the special sessions of the General Assembly in 2000 and 2001 on overall review and appraisal of United Nations conferences (159 EX/28 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered document 159 EX/28, sub-item 7.1.7, dealing with the General Assembly special sessions in 2000 and 2001 on the overall review and appraisal of United Nations conferences,
2. Taking note of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session and the information provided by the Director-General on UNESCO's contribution to the following special sessions:
 - (a) special session on the Fourth World Conference on Women: Women 2000: Gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century (54/141 and 54/142),
 - (b) special session for the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (54/23),
 - (c) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (54/235),
 - (d) special session for the follow-up to the World Summit for Children (54/93),
 - (e) special session on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (54/207),
3. Recalling 149 EX/Decision 7.1.3, Parts I and II, and 156 EX/Decision 9.1.2,
4. Reaffirming its commitments to the goals of the programmes of action adopted by the United Nations conferences and stressing the importance of coordinated follow-up action to their implementation by the United Nations system, especially at the field level,
5. Recognizing the importance of the special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly for the purpose of reviewing the implementation of the outcomes of these United Nations conferences,
6. Invites the Director-General to:

- (a) ensure efficient UNESCO contributions and active participation in the preparatory processes and the special sessions themselves;
- (b) continue to ensure that UNESCO's relevant programmes contribute fully to the United Nations system-wide coordinated action to ensure the implementation of the programmes of action of these conferences and further implementation of new orientations to be adopted by these sessions;
- (c) continue to keep it informed periodically of new developments in the follow-up of the United Nations system conferences.

(159 EX/SR.10)

7.2 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (159 EX/29 and Corr. and 159 EX/16)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/29 and Corr. on Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions,
2. Referring to Section V, paragraph 3, of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations (1995), according to which the General Conference shall receive, every six years, a report by the Executive Board on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by non-governmental organizations,
3. Considering that the purpose of the sexennial report that it will submit to the General Conference at its 31st session is essentially to evaluate the functioning of the statutory mechanisms established by the 1995 Directives and to contribute to the definition of future directions for UNESCO's cooperation with non-governmental organizations in the framework of the Organization's next Medium-Term Strategy,
4. Decides that the report shall take the form outlined in paragraphs 17 to 22 of document 159 EX/29;
5. Further decides to establish a working group composed of: Chile, France, Ghana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Romania and Tunisia. The participation of representative NGOs in the work of this working group shall be decided in consultation with the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee; the participation of relevant members of the Secretariat shall be decided in agreement with the programme sectors;
6. Decides also to entrust to this working group: (i) the preparation of the sexennial report to be examined at its 161st session; (ii) the formulation of innovative proposals to further improve cooperation between UNESCO and NGOs and strengthen the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations;
7. Takes note of the Director-General's recommendations concerning the admission to formal consultative relations of the organizations listed in Annex I of

document 159 EX/29 and Corr. and decides to continue the examination of these recommendations at its next session;

8. Further takes note of the Director-General's decisions concerning the admission to operational relations of the organizations listed in Annex II of document 159 EX/29;
9. Takes note also of the information presented in paragraphs 31 to 43 of document 159 EX/29 concerning various aspects of the implementation of the 1995 Directives, and requests the Director-General to keep it informed with regard to these matters.

(159 EX/SR.9)

7.3 Guidelines for selecting partners in the Member States, including the rules and regulations governing the use of UNESCO's name and emblem by these partners: Proposals by the Director-General (159 EX/30 and 159 EX/45)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/30,
2. Recalling 122 EX/Decision 5.4.3 and 156 EX/Decision 9.4, and also 27 C/Resolution 13.12, 28 C/Resolution 13.5 and 30 C/Resolution 83,
3. Approves the measures taken by the Director-General and his proposals to develop a standard methodology applicable to all the directives concerning the Organization's partnerships;
4. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to ensure, in cooperation with the National Commissions, strict application of the existing rules and regulations established by the governing bodies concerning the selection of partners in the Member States, including regulation of the use of UNESCO's name and emblem;
 - (b) to pursue, within the United Nations system, the consultation and coordination with regard to partnerships initiated by the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC);
 - (c) to report to it at its 162nd session on progress made on this subject.

(159 EX/SR.11)

7.4 Report on the establishment of a "special procedure" to increase the participation of National Commissions in the execution of activities envisaged in document 30 C/5 Approved (159 EX/31 and 159 EX/45)

(See decisions 4.3 and 4.4)

(159 EX/SR.11)

7.5 Review of the modalities and procedure to be followed for establishing the list of anniversaries proposed by Member States with which UNESCO could be associated (159 EX/32 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/32,
2. Approves the amendments proposed therein to the criteria and procedure concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in the future, for consideration and decision by the governing bodies, paragraph II(b) to read as follows: “Commemorations of the birth, independence or institutional regime of a State will not be eligible for consideration; similarly the anniversaries of military events will be excluded”.

(159 EX/SR.10)

7.6 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO

7.6.1 Review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery (JIU/REP/99/1 and A/54/288/Add.1) (159 EX/33 and 159 EX/42)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/33,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report “Review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its Machinery” and the Director-General for his comments;
3. Recognizes the importance of coordination within the United Nations family;
4. Stresses the need to achieve an efficient and effective division of labour between United Nations bodies, bearing in mind their respective strengths and mandates;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue participating actively in the review process of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) and its subsidiary machinery, bearing in mind the Executive Board’s conclusions on this issue, and to convey these conclusions to the Economic and Social Council through ACC.

(159 EX/SR.9)

7.6.2 United Nations Office for Project Support (UNOPS) (JIU/REP/98/5 and A/53/788/Add.1) (159 EX/34 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/34,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report “United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS): Broader Engagement with United Nations Organizations (JIU/REP/98/5)”, and the Director-General for his comments;

3. Welcomes the sharing by UNOPS with United Nations system organizations of its expertise and its experience in the area of procurement in general and, in particular, its practices and procedures in emergency situations.

(159 EX/SR.10)

8 GENERAL MATTERS

8.1 Application of 157 EX/Decision 10.2 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (159 EX/35 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report (159 EX/35),
2. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 54,
3. Considering that UNESCO's action in favour of the Palestinian people is of major importance and gives the Organization an important role within the United Nations system in peacemaking and peace-building and in the promotion of a culture of peace and dialogue between peoples,
4. Congratulates and thanks the Director-General for his great efforts to ensure the full implementation of the Executive Board's decisions and the General Conference's resolutions;
5. Expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to all countries and organizations that have made a financial contribution to the projects carried out under the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP);
6. Thanks the Director-General for the implementation of the preparatory work relating to the third phase of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP);
7. Requests the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 160th session the final version of the third phase of UPP;
8. Expresses the hope that the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will be speedily brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions, to which UNESCO adheres, particularly Security Council resolutions 242, 338 and 425, based on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of land for peace;
9. 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 Syrian 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;

10. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;
11. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 160th session.

(159 EX/SR.10)

8.2 Report by the Director-General on the choice of the location of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (159 EX/36 and 159 EX/45)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 157 EX/Decision 3.1(III) and 30 C/Resolution 44,
2. Having examined document 159 EX/36 concerning the report of the Director-General on the choice of the location of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS),
3. Considering that the bidding process was conducted in an open and transparent manner by the Secretariat,
4. Congratulates the Governing Board of UIS and its ad hoc Committee for the rigour of the procedure that they established to conduct the bidding process, the quality of the report submitted and the timeliness of the recommendation;
5. Expresses the Organization's sincere and deepest gratitude to Canada, France, Netherlands and the United Kingdom for the quality of the bids and the strong commitment shown to the mission and the development of UIS;
6. Decides that UIS, wherever located, should function mainly as a centre for active and close networking with leading national and international statistical institutions, particularly those in developing countries; and may at the same time continue, wherever necessary, its functional relationship with entities engaged in relevant data collection and analysis;
7. Decides also that UIS should be located in Montreal (Canada), provided that the Director-General determines that the agreement negotiated with Canada is based on the assumptions underlying the evaluation;
8. Invites the Director-General to proceed with the negotiation for an appropriate agreement with Canada, taking into account the assumptions underlying the evaluation and the views expressed by the Governing Board of the Institute in its recommendation to the Director-General;
9. Also invites the Director-General to report to it on this subject at its 160th session.

(159 EX/SR.11)

8.3 Strategy paper by the Director-General on the place of UNESCO in the United Nations system-wide actions on the culture of peace (159 EX/37 and 159 EX/44)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/37,
2. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 161st session on:
 - (a) the results of the International Year for the Culture of Peace, progress made by UNESCO in the implementation of the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, UNESCO's strategy for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World and cooperation with the United Nations system thereon;
 - (b) the concrete steps he is taking to mainstream gender concerns in the framework of UNESCO's next Medium-Term Strategy and its programmes, particularly relating to the culture of peace, human rights, development and eradication of poverty;
3. Invites the Director-General to report to it on:
 - (a) UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004) and the further development of an integrated approach to education for a culture of peace, in accordance with 30 C/Resolution 16;
 - (b) UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations (2001) and the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1994-2004).

(159 EX/SR.10)

8.4 Interim report of the Task Force on UNESCO in the Twenty-First Century (159 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 10.2 which established a Task Force on UNESCO in the Twenty-First Century,
2. Recalling also the mandate of the Task Force as defined in that decision:

“ ...to identify the new challenges for UNESCO posed by the twenty-first century, and to propose a strategic vision for UNESCO in the twenty-first century which focuses on the objectives in relation to which UNESCO has or should have a comparative advantage, with orientations, activities, programmes and a modernization of structure and management that would allow UNESCO to achieve its mission with the greatest efficiency and effectiveness possible”,
3. Having examined the interim report of the Task Force (159 EX/39),

4. Considers that:

- (a) the principles set forth in paragraphs 7 to 13 of the Task Force's interim report,
- (b) the fields of activity set forth in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the report, and
- (c) the criteria for the selection of the fields of activity and the specific actions of UNESCO and for the corresponding modalities of implementation set forth in paragraphs 29 to 50 thereof,

should be taken into account in the preparation of the next C/4 and C/5 documents;

5. Requests the Director-General to take account of the above considerations and the observations resulting from the examination of the aforesaid report in the preparation of the next C/4 and C/5 documents;
6. Invites the Director General to include the interim report of the Task Force in the consultation documents on the Medium-Term Strategy and the Programme and Budget for 2002-2003.

(159 EX/SR.7)

8.5 UNESCO in a globalizing world (159 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 159 EX/40,
2. Takes note of its content.

(159 EX/SR.7)

8.6 Dates and preliminary draft agenda* of the 160th session (159 EX/INF.11 and 12)

Task Force on UNESCO in the Twenty-First Century	29-30 September and 2-3 October 2000
Group of Experts on Administrative and Financial Questions	2-6 October 2000
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	3-5 October 2000
Special Committee	4-5 and 6 (afternoon) October 2000
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	5 and 6 (afternoon) October 2000
Bureau	6 October 2000
Plenaries and commissions	9-25 October 2000

(159 EX/SR.11)

* The Executive Board took note of document 159 EX/INF.12.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2000

At the private meetings held on 24 May, the Executive Board considered items 5.1 and 6.11 of its agenda.

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

1. The Executive Board examined the report of its Committee on Conventions and Recommendations concerning the communications received by the Organization on the subject of cases and questions of alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence.
2. The Executive Board, having taken note of the Committee's report, endorsed the wishes expressed therein and heard the explanations of the representative of a Member State referred to in the report.

6.11 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General *informed* the Board of the decisions he had taken since the previous session regarding appointments, promotions and extensions of contract of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts came under the regular programme of the Organization. He *consulted* the Executive Board on the structure of the Secretariat and the changes he envisaged making in it. The Director-General *informed* the Board of questions relating to the Headquarters agreement between the host country and UNESCO. He *drew the attention* of the Board to the interpretation costs of regional group meetings.

(159 EX/SR.8)