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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE OF WORK (161 EX/1 and 161 EX/INF.1)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 161 EX/1 and 161 EX/INF.1.

The Executive Board decided to refer the following items to the commissions:

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.2.1, 3.2.3, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 3.6.6, 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.5, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.7; and for programme aspects, items 3.1.1, 3.2.4, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 4.2, 5.2, 7.2 and 9.6.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 3.1.2, 7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 8.4, 8.6.1; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3.1.1, 3.2.4, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 4.2, 5.2, 7.2 and 9.6.

(161 EX/SR.1)

2 APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 160th SESSION (160 EX/SR.1-15)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 160th session.

(161 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 (161 EX/4 (Part I; Part II and Add. and Corr.) and 161 EX/4 Add., 161 EX/INF.3 and Add., 161 EX/INF.4, 161 EX/INF.13, 161 EX/INF.14, 161 EX/INF.15, 161 EX/INF.16, 161 EX/48 and 161 EX/54)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 161 EX/4 (Part I; Part II and Add. and Corr.) and 161 EX/4 Add., 161 EX/INF.4 and 161 EX/INF.13,
2. Thanks the Director-General for the quality of his report, the additional information provided by the Secretariat and particularly for the explanatory notes provided in Annex I.B of document 161 EX/4, Part II Add. and Corr.;
3. Notes that savings have been made on staff cost expenditures to finance certain reform-related costs;
4. Notes that for certain main objects of expenditure, such as travel by delegates and indirect programme costs, the rate of expenditure so far is relatively high, while for others, in particular those relating to contractual services and contracts with NGOs, the rate of expenditure is relatively low;

5. Insists on the need for better planning and control of expenditures under the budget for the biennium and for accountability and better follow-up of such expenditures as to their execution;
6. Draws the Director-General's attention to the overrun already noted in respect of delegates' travel costs and requests him subsequently to limit to the strict minimum, by the end of the biennium, expenditures under this item;
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 162nd session a full report and a clear overview of the expenditures on delegates' travel subdivided by relevant objects of expenditure covering, among others, the intergovernmental commissions and categories of meetings by Programme Sectors, and to provide additional explanations for any erroneous codification under this main object of expenditure;
8. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it, in future reports on the execution of the programme and budget, beginning at its 162nd session, under the heading of extrabudgetary operational programme execution, separate sections on funds-in-trust and self-benefiting funds.

(161 EX/SR.14 and 15)

II

Follow-up to the final report of the Task Force on UNESCO in the Twenty-First Century

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling paragraph 8 of 160 EX/Decision 9.6, which in particular endorses recommendation 18 of the Final Report of the Task Force on UNESCO in the Twenty-First Century,
2. Having examined document 161 EX/INF.15 relating to the implementation of recommendation 18 of the above-mentioned Report,
3. Considering that the Executive Board needs meaningful and regular information in order to be able to discharge its constitutional responsibilities scrupulously, in accordance with Article V, paragraph 6(b), of the Constitution,
4. Congratulates the Director-General on the planned measures to improve the flow of information between the Secretariat and Member States and to provide on a regular basis more useful and up-to-date information on the management and execution of the programme;
5. Takes note with satisfaction of the planned measures announced by the Director-General, particularly the publication of an electronic newsletter on the management of the programme and budget, the holding by the sectors of regular briefing sessions for Member States, and access to the SISTER system;
6. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts in this direction so that an integrated system of information on the overall management of the Organization's programme and budget, permitting direct access by Member States, is available as soon as possible;

7. Decides to include this matter in the agenda of its 166th session in order to consider progress made and any innovations to be introduced in the future.

(161 EX/SR.12)

III

Protection of the cultural heritage of humanity

The Executive Board,

1. Taking into account the information provided by the Director-General in his introduction to the debate on item 3.1.1 (161 EX/INF.16),
2. Welcoming the immediate action taken by the Director-General to oppose the destruction of part of the cultural heritage of Afghanistan,
3. Greatly appreciating the action taken by the Director-General to mobilize world public opinion in defence of the cultural heritage of humanity,
4. Resolutely condemning the acts of destruction committed against historical and cultural monuments, in particular in Afghanistan, described by the Director-General as “crimes against culture”,
5. Convinced that such acts constitute a crime against the common heritage of humanity,
6. Invites Member States tirelessly to pursue their efforts to ensure the full application of the principles of the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954), the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the other relevant international legal instruments;
7. Also invites Member States to promote education to foster respect for cultural property which represents an important component of the common heritage of humanity;
8. Further invites the World Heritage Committee, the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation and the other competent bodies to identify the means of ensuring better protection of the common heritage of humanity, notably through the development of new mechanisms, within the framework of the aforesaid Conventions, in particular by exploring ways and means of better enforcing the provisions of those Conventions;
9. Invites the Director-General lastly:
 - (a) to pursue his efforts aimed at safeguarding the cultural and historical heritage under threat;

- (b) to give his full support to the World Heritage Committee and other competent bodies with a view to formulating proposals aimed at establishing mechanisms to strengthen the protection of the heritage;
 - (c) to commission a study on the endangered heritage in the twenty-first century;
 - (d) to report to it on these matters at its 162nd session;
10. Decides to include the item “Acts constituting a crime against the common heritage of humanity” in the agenda of its 162nd session and in the provisional agenda of the 31st session of UNESCO’s General Conference.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.1.2 Report by the Director-General on the reform process (161 EX/5 (Part I and Corr. and Part II and Corr.) and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/5 (Part I and Corr. and Part II and Corr.),

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2. Urges the Director-General, in the appointment of staff:
- (a) to strictly observe the criteria of the highest standards of integrity, efficiency and technical competence as stipulated in Article VI.4 of the UNESCO Constitution;
 - (b) in cases where more than one candidate satisfies the criteria presented in subparagraph (a), to give priority to candidates from non- and under-represented countries;
3. Expresses its satisfaction at the progress achieved so far in reviewing the staff policy;
4. Commends the Director-General for ensuring adequate financial and human resources to the Office of Internal Oversight;
5. Welcomes the introduction of the annual and long-range oversight plans and notes the priorities on which they should be based;

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6. Notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Director-General to implement the new decentralization reform strategy;
7. Emphasizes that the success of decentralization lies in the adequate delegation of financial and programme-management authority to the field offices, in cooperation with National Commissions, and in augmenting the capacity of these offices to formulate, implement and evaluate programmes and projects.
8. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of his Action Plan and requests him to report to it, against the timetable and benchmarks, on all aspects

of the reform (staff policy, new management tools and decentralization) at its 164th session.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

3.1.3 Report of the Director-General on the execution of the programme and budget during the previous biennium (1998-1999) (31 C/3 and 161 EX/6)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 31 C/3,
2. Noting with satisfaction the significant improvements made in the report, in comparison with previous reports, and in particular the new format for results-based reporting on programme execution,
3. Regrets that this report is submitted to it, in its final version, so long after the period to which it relates, which diminishes its value for timely decision-making;
4. Considers that further improvements could be made to strengthen this important tool for corporate governance:
 - (a) showing clearly the linkage between this report, results-based budgeting, and the Draft Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5);
 - (b) showing the linkage with the work of the External Auditor and also audits undertaken by the Office of Internal Oversight;
 - (c) reflecting the evaluation of programme execution stemming from National Commissions;
 - (d) increasing reporting and external evaluation of the extrabudgetary activities;
 - (e) further developing objective-setting and performance criteria;
 - (f) reflecting developments in assessing the performance and capacity of staff in the section of the report on human resources management;
 - (g) providing a systematic validation of the integrity of the data and analysis in the C/3 document;
 - (h) reporting on the development of the results-based budgeting system;
5. Requests the Director-General to submit to it at its 162nd session proposals for strengthening the report having regard to, *inter alia*, the issues identified above, and to take the appropriate measures to ensure that this report is submitted within six months of the end of the biennium which it covers so that it can be used as input for future planning cycles.

(161 EX/SR.11)

3.2 Education

3.2.1 Draft proposal and plan for a United Nations literacy decade (161 EX/7 and Corr. and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 159 EX/Decision 7.1.3,
2. Having examined document 161 EX/7 and Corr.,
3. Further recalling the commitments made at the World Education Forum, Dakar, April 2000,
4. Acknowledging the centrality of literacy to basic education, including formal and non-formal education, lifelong learning and social development, and the need for national strategies that are aimed at achieving the highest rate for the eradication of illiteracy in society by 2015 and that comprise a follow-up system for their evaluation,
5. Recognizes the urgent need for refocusing in a global and concerted manner on literacy as an integral component of Education for All;
6. Appeals to Member States to give particular attention and support to the item on a United Nations literacy decade which will be placed on the agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly;
7. Authorizes the Director-General to submit the proposed draft plan of action for a United Nations literacy decade, taking into account the comments and observations of the Executive Board at its 161st session, to the fifty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.2.2 Report of the Director-General on the seventh session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (CEART), and report by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (161 EX/8 and 161 EX/23 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/8,
2. Regrets the late reception of the final report of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the application of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (CEART) (CEART/VII/2000/10), which merits further attention and reflection;
3. Asks the Director-General to prepare for the 162nd session of the Executive Board an information paper clarifying the relation between CEART and the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations with respect to document CEART/VII/2000/10;

4. Defers consideration of this item until the 162nd session of the Executive Board.

(161 EX/SR.11)

3.2.3 Implementation of 30 C/Resolution 16 concerning the overall strategy for human rights education (161 EX/24 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Taking note of document 161 EX/24,
2. Reaffirms its commitment to the importance of human rights education and its will to contribute to democracy and peace through UNESCO's fields of competence;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to give high priority to the promotion of human rights education in both formal and non-formal settings;
4. Further invites the Director-General to submit a comprehensive analytical report on the implementation of 30 C/Resolution 16 to it at its 164th session;
5. Requests the Director-General, in the framework of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5), to take into account the views formulated in document 161 EX/24, as well as those expressed during the debate relating to UNESCO's strategy for human rights education.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.2.4 Proposals on an overall strategy for UNESCO's education institutes and their governing bodies (161 EX/41 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 2 and 30 C/Resolution 83,
2. Having examined document 161 EX/41,
3. Takes note of the work carried out so far by the Secretariat with regard to preparing proposals on an overall strategy for UNESCO's education institutes and their governing bodies;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue the initiated review of UNESCO institutes and centres, extending it to all the Organization's fields of competence, so as to consider the continued operation of and support to each institute or centre against alternative modalities of providing equivalent or better programme support for UNESCO activities, based on:
 - (a) levels of performance of each institute or centre against appropriate performance indicators of programme delivery, including those covering excellence, impact and relevance, and consistency with the strategic objectives of the major programmes;

- (b) the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of current systems of governance in UNESCO institutes and centres;
 - (c) the results of the discussions on this item at its 162nd session;
5. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 162nd session proposals on an overall strategy for UNESCO institutes and centres and their governing bodies, consistent with UNESCO's overall decentralization strategy as set out in 30 C/Resolution 83, as well as recommendations with regard to each existing UNESCO institute or centre.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

3.3 Natural sciences

3.3.1 Recommendations by the MAB International Coordinating Council on the feasibility study on developing a UNESCO geosites/geoparks programme (161 EX/9 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/9,
2. Noting the recommendation of the MAB International Coordinating Council and its Bureau against inclusion of a geosites/geoparks programme as part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves,
3. Invites the Director-General not to pursue the development of a UNESCO geosites/geoparks programme, but instead to support ad hoc efforts with Member States as appropriate.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.3.2 Proposed establishment of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (161 EX/10 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling paragraph 33 of the Science Agenda – Framework for Action adopted by the World Conference on Science in Budapest in July 1999,
2. Taking note of resolution XIV-10 adopted by the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in June 2000,
3. Having examined document 161 EX/10, which contains the draft Statutes of the proposed UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and relevant background material,
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Government of the Netherlands which represents an innovative partnership,
5. Appreciating the results of the discussions held so far between the Director-General, the Government of the Netherlands and the International Institute for Infrastructural, Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering (IHE),

6. Recommends to the General Conference that it approve at its 31st session the establishment of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and that it further examine, amend as appropriate and approve its Statutes.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

3.3.3 Proposed establishment of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management in Teheran, under the auspices of UNESCO (161 EX/11 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling paragraph 29 of the Science Agenda – Framework for Action adopted by the World Conference on Science in Budapest in July 1999,
2. Having examined document 161 EX/11, including the detailed proposal submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran,
3. Taking note of resolution XIV-6 adopted by the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme in June 2000 concerning the establishment of a Regional Centre on Urban Water Management (Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran),
4. Welcoming the proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
5. Appreciating the results of the discussions held so far between the Director-General and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
6. Invites the Islamic Republic of Iran to incorporate into its detailed proposal for the establishment of the aforesaid Centre the recommendations of the Regional Consultation of 8 and 9 May 2001;
7. Invites the Director-General to pursue further discussions with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran with a view to establishing the Centre under the auspices of UNESCO;
8. Further invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference for approval at its 31st session the final proposal for the creation of the Centre as well as the draft Agreement between the Organization and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

3.4 Culture

3.4.1 Report by the Director-General on the progress of the UNESCO draft declaration on cultural diversity (161 EX/12, 161 EX/INF.19 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/12 and Annex, and document 161 EX/INF.19,
2. Takes note of the information they contain on the progress of the UNESCO draft declaration on cultural diversity;

3. Invites the Director-General to take account of comments already made and those formulated during the discussions at the present session when preparing the draft declaration to be submitted to the General Conference at its 31st session; to which end, the Secretariat shall submit a draft to the Member States no later than 15 July 2001 in order to receive their comments before 31 August 2001;
4. Decides to set up an open-ended ad hoc working group in order to help the Secretariat to prepare the text of the draft declaration on cultural diversity and the main lines of an appropriate Action Plan for the implementation of the declaration; the text of the draft to be presented to it by the Secretariat together with the comments of Member States and of the working group at its 162nd session;
5. Further decides to place consideration of this matter under the title “Draft UNESCO declaration on cultural diversity” on the agenda of its 162nd session with a view to the adoption of a recommendation to the General Conference, and on the provisional agenda of the 31st session of the General Conference.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.4.2 Jerusalem and the implementation of 160 EX/Decision 3.5.1 (161 EX/13 and Addenda, 161 EX/INF.16 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 28 and 160 EX/Decision 3.5.1,
2. Recalling the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and its Additional Protocols, of the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954) and its Protocol, and of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the relevant United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions and decisions on the status of Jerusalem,
3. Takes note of document 161 EX/13 and Addenda concerning Jerusalem and the implementation of 160 EX/Decision 3.5.1 and of the exchanges of correspondence between the Director-General of UNESCO and the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel;
4. Concerned at the measures which continue to impede the free access of Palestinians to Jerusalem,
5. Condemns the excessive use of force and the acts of violence which began on 28 September 2000 on the esplanade of al-Saram ash-Sharîf, itself part of a site inscribed in the World Heritage List, and which have led to heavy losses;
6. Endorses the Director-General’s remarks on this issue in document 161 EX/INF.16;
7. Takes note of the conclusions of the Mitchell Commission and of the Egypto-Jordanian initiative, as measures intended to help restore calm and build confidence between the two parties;

8. Renews its request to the Israeli authorities to implement the resolutions and decisions of UNESCO relating to Jerusalem;
9. 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;
10. Thanks the Director-General for his praiseworthy and unceasing efforts for the preservation of the cultural and historic property of the Old City of Jerusalem, and invites him to continue his efforts to safeguard the overall balance of the site, and to endeavour to ensure the application by the occupying power of all decisions and resolutions concerning Jerusalem and relating to cultural, architectural, historical and demographic aspects and to the restoration work;
11. Reiterates its regret that the Israeli authorities are continuing to obstruct the mission to Jerusalem with which Professor Oleg Grabar was entrusted, and that as a result of this obstruction he has not been able to submit his report to the Executive Board at its 161st session;
12. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts with a view to securing the implementation by the Israeli authorities of 30 C/Resolution 28 and enabling Professor Grabar to carry out his mission and to submit his report at the 162nd session;
13. Stresses the need for the Israeli authorities to take all necessary measures to facilitate the satisfactory accomplishment of this mission;
14. Requests governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions to observe UNESCO General Conference resolutions and Executive Board decisions relating to Jerusalem, and not to allow any measures to be taken which contravene them;
15. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 162nd session.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.4.3 Prize regulations, interim report on the progress made in processing the candidatures, and action plan for the safeguarding, protection and promotion of cultural spaces or forms of cultural expression of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity (161 EX/14 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 157 EX/Decision 3.4.1 and 160 EX/Decision 3.5.2 concerning the need to continue to seek extrabudgetary funds that could be used to encourage the creation of prizes and the funding of actions to safeguard and promote masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity,
2. Having examined document 161 EX/14,
3. Thanks the Member States that have contributed, by means of voluntary contributions and prizes, to the implementation of the project concerning the proclamation of masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity;

4. Also thanks the Director-General for his efforts and the encouraging results that have already been obtained;
5. Once again launches an urgent appeal to Member States and to public and private donors to strengthen their action to safeguard, revitalize and promote examples of the heritage proclaimed by UNESCO masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity, in particular by means of extrabudgetary resources and the creation of prizes;
6. Takes note of the interim report on the progress made in processing the candidatures relating to the proclamation and the action plan for the safeguarding, protection and promotion of cultural spaces or forms of cultural expression of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity;
7. Approves the draft general rules governing the award of prizes for safeguarding, protecting and promoting cultural spaces or forms of popular or traditional expression proclaimed by UNESCO as “Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity”, set out in the annex to this decision;
8. Invites the Director-General to carry out a study with a view to the establishment of consolidated administrative and financial procedures for the implementation of the project concerning the “Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity” and to submit the study to it for approval at its 162nd session;
9. Also invites the Director-General to study the question of extending the database on cultural spaces and forms of expression of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity and of setting up for that purpose an audio/video library, safeguarding the recordings of all candidatures presented for the competition without exception;
10. Further invites Member States to consider as appropriate the establishment of national organs for the protection of the intangible heritage, composed of artists, creative workers and any other actors involved at local level.

ANNEX

General rules governing the award of prizes for safeguarding, protecting and promoting cultural spaces or forms of popular or traditional cultural expression proclaimed by UNESCO as “Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity”

1. PURPOSE

These prizes form part of a set of measures designed to contribute to the safeguarding, protecting and promoting of the oral and intangible heritage. Their purpose is to encourage individuals, groups, institutions and organizations to safeguard, protect and promote those cultural spaces or forms of popular or traditional expression proclaimed by UNESCO as “Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity”.

2. OFFICIAL NAME OF EACH PRIZE

Each prize shall be given an official name, to be settled by mutual agreement between the donor and the Director-General.

3. PRIZES

The prizes, the amounts of which will be fixed by the donors, may be awarded every two years, in relation with the “Proclamation by UNESCO of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage”. The amount of a prize not awarded in a particular year may be awarded in one of the four years immediately following the year in question, as an additional prize.

4. ELIGIBILITY

The prizes are open to individuals, groups, institutions and organizations which are mentioned in the candidature files for the Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage as responsible entities for the implementation of the action plan aiming at safeguarding those masterpieces.

5. SELECTION OF PRIZEWINNERS

The prizewinner(s) shall be selected by the Director-General on the recommendation of an international jury.

6. JURY

The jury shall consist of five to twelve members of different nationalities appointed by the Director-General for a period of two years on the basis of the criteria established under paragraph 4 of the Regulations relating to the Proclamation by UNESCO of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity (155 EX/Decision 3.5.5). The jury will be chaired by the President of the International Jury for the Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage.

7. PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF PRIZES

The names of the winners of the prizes will be announced during a special ceremony to be held at the time of the sessions of the General Conference.

8. DURATION FOR THE AWARD OF PRIZES

Each prize is created for an indeterminate period. Should a donor or UNESCO decide to stop awarding the prize, the amounts remaining in the prize account shall be returned to the donor, after deduction of all charges outstanding at the time when the prize is terminated.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.4.4 Report on the preliminary study on the advisability of regulating internationally, through a new standard-setting instrument, the protection of traditional culture and folklore (161 EX/15 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 25, Section B, paragraph 2(a)(iii),
2. Having examined the report on the preliminary study on the advisability of regulating internationally, through a new standard-setting instrument, the protection of traditional culture and folklore, and the conclusions of the International Round Table on “Intangible Cultural Heritage – Working Definitions” (Turin, 14-17 March 2001) organized with the financial support of Italy (161 EX/15),
3. Thanking the Director-General for having organized the aforesaid round table,
4. Noting with satisfaction the results of the first Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity,
5. Decides to include this matter on the provisional agenda of the 31st session of the General Conference under the heading “Preparation of a new international standard-setting instrument for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage”;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference the above-mentioned report on the preliminary study together with the observations of the Executive Board;
7. Recommends the General Conference to take a decision to continue action aimed at advancing the preparation of a new international standard-setting instrument for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.5 Communication and information

3.5.1 Progress report on the draft recommendation to Member States on the promotion and use of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace (161 EX/16 and Corr. and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/16 and Corr.,
2. Taking note of the activities carried out by the Organization on the promotion and use of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace,
3. Invites the Director-General to continue the elaboration of the recommendation on this subject with a view to its submission to the General Conference at its 31st session.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.6 Transverse activities and transdisciplinary project

3.6.1 Report on the progress made by UNESCO in the implementation of the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace and on cooperation with the United Nations system in this field (161 EX/17 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/17,
2. Reaffirming 28 C/Resolution 5.12 recognizing the promotion of a culture of peace as the expression of the fundamental mandate of UNESCO to “contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations”,
3. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 9.6 inviting the Member States, the institutions of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and the non-governmental organizations to celebrate the International Year for the Culture of Peace in the year 2000,
4. Takes note with appreciation of the global mobilization achieved by UNESCO during the International Year for the Culture of Peace, including by Member States, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and a large number of individuals who committed themselves to follow the principles of a culture of peace in their daily lives;
5. Commends the Director-General for the breadth and effectiveness of all activities undertaken;
6. Notes that UNESCO has been designated by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 55/47 as the lead agency for the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World;
7. Invites the Member States and all partners of UNESCO to continue and further deepen their commitment to a culture of peace during the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010);
8. Encourages the Director-General to continue his coordination and mobilization action to promote a culture of peace, in cooperation with the United Nations.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.6.2 UNESCO’s contribution to the United Nations system strategic plan for HIV/AIDS for 2001-2005 (161 EX/18 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 159 EX/Decision 7.1.2, which invited the Director-General to give very high priority to AIDS prevention, particularly in education and scientific research,

2. Having examined document 161 EX/18,
3. Reaffirms the importance of UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations system strategic plan for HIV/AIDS for 2001-2005;
4. Endorses UNESCO's five-year strategic plan of action to develop HIV/AIDS preventive education, as presented in document 161 EX/18 and invites the Director-General to ensure adequate financial and human resources for its implementation;
5. Also invites the Director-General to work in very close cooperation with UNAIDS and relevant regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations, as well as competent NGOs.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.6.3 Evaluation report on the implementation, structure and results of the fellowships programme at UNESCO (161 EX/19 and 161 EX/6)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 9.6.2,
2. Having examined document 161 EX/19,
3. Underscoring the importance of this evaluation in monitoring and improving the fellowships programmes at UNESCO,
4. Supporting the finding that fellowships are an effective and positive tool in enhancing national capacity-building in the Organization's fields of competence,
5. Suggests that fellowship awards should reflect UNESCO's expected strategic objectives and programme priorities;
6. Invites the Director-General to enact the proposals for action made in his observations on the conclusions and recommendations formulated by the external evaluators;
7. Further invites the Director-General to continue to develop and reinforce the fellowships programmes at UNESCO, including their management, and to seek cooperation with other fellowship-awarding organizations;
8. Also invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures to increase the opportunities for training under the Co-sponsored Fellowships Scheme.

(161 EX/SR.11)

3.6.4 Proposals for the implementation of an interdisciplinary Arabia Plan programme (161 EX/20 and Corr. and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/20 and Corr.,

2. Considers that the Arabia Plan is conducive to promoting dialogue between cultures and civilizations in the Arab world and between the Arab world and the rest of the world;
3. Approves the proposals put forward in the document;
4. Invites the Director-General to implement the Arabia Plan in the light of the comments and observations of Members of the Executive Board, and to take the necessary steps to include it in document 31 C/5.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.6.5 UNESCO's contribution to the International Year of Mobilization against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (2001) and the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (161 EX/49 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/49,
2. Recalling the long-standing action of UNESCO in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination, its Convention against Discrimination in Education, and its Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice (1978),
3. Taking note of United Nations General Assembly resolutions 53/132, 54/154, 55/83 and 55/84, in this regard and welcoming the convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (Durban, South Africa, 31 August-7 September 2001),
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. Requests the Director-General to ensure adequate UNESCO participation in the World Conference and its working groups and a visible and significant UNESCO contribution to the Conference and to continue to cooperate closely in this regard with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; also requests the Director-General to ensure adequate UNESCO participation in the 9th Summit of la Francophonie (27-29 October 2001);
7. Invites the Director-General to contribute to the implementation of the decisions and recommendations to be adopted by the above-mentioned World Conference.

(161 EX/SR.12)

3.6.6 Strategy for the cross-cutting theme “Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty” (161 EX/21 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/21,
2. Takes note of its content.

(161 EX/SR.12)

4 DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2002-2007 (31 C/4) AND DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2002-2003 (31 C/5)

4.1 Consideration of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) and recommendations of the Executive Board

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4),
2. Noting that this document was prepared in conformity with 160 EX/Decision 5.1 and draws on the results of a vast and transparent consultation process with Member States, National Commissions, international and regional organizations and other stakeholders,
3. Conscious that this Strategy is an integral part and the programmatic pillar of the reform process of the Organization and that it complements the administrative and structural reforms already launched,
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for the innovative approach and presentation of the Strategy and expresses its conviction that it lays a solid foundation for the urgently required programmatic re-orientation and renewal of the Organization;
5. Underlines the importance of the unifying theme for the Strategy “UNESCO contributing to peace and human development in an era of globalization through education, the sciences, culture and communication” and expresses its wish that the linkages between the unifying theme and the various activities proposed be more explicitly articulated throughout the document;
6. Welcomes the clear progress in the presentation of the document, in particular its clarity and focus, which sets forth the general policies of the Organization, its mission, strategic objectives and related strategies in each of its fields of competence;
7. Appreciates the clear structure of the Strategy, built around a set of well-defined strategic and sub-strategic objectives and two cross-cutting themes to be pursued during 2002-2007;
8. Underlines that the two cross-cutting themes – “Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty” and “The contribution of information and

communication technologies to the development of education, science and culture and the construction of a knowledge society” – must be intrinsic to all of UNESCO’s programmes;

9. Expresses its wish that the Strategy be presented in such a way that the central role of the two cross-cutting themes for the entirety of the Organization’s activities becomes more apparent;
10. Takes note of the valuable contributions made during the Executive Board’s thematic debate on “The new information and communication technologies for the development of education, science and culture” and during the debate held at the 161st session on “eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty”;
11. Acknowledges the Director-General’s analysis of the new and ongoing challenges to UNESCO in the present global environment and underlines the need to relate the various strategic objectives more explicitly to this overarching analysis;
12. Welcomes the results-based approach adopted for the formulation of expected outcomes related to each of the strategic objectives and sub-objectives and to the activities envisaged under the cross-cutting themes;
13. Recognizes that UNESCO’s activities are oriented along three main thrusts, as set out in paragraph 26 of document 31 C/4;
14. Endorses the Director-General’s observation that UNESCO must continue to make strategic choices, based on its mandate and a dynamic analysis of its comparative advantage and of emerging challenges;
15. Affirms that the urgent needs of excluded and vulnerable groups and the most disadvantaged regions and countries should be more explicitly addressed in all programmes of UNESCO;
16. Appreciates the efforts made towards the mainstreaming of priority areas, such as Africa, the least developed countries (LDCs), women and youth throughout the document;
17. Emphasizes the need to develop, in close collaboration with all stakeholders and drawing on UNESCO’s field network, regional and subregional strategies immediately following the adoption of document 31 C/4 by the General Conference;
18. Welcomes the commitment by the Director-General that in implementing its activities UNESCO will actively pursue partnerships, where appropriate;
19. Expresses its desire that all partnership relations be clearly identified in a context map, identifying, as appropriate, for each programme and strategic objective the partners to be associated and their respective roles and contributions;
20. Being acutely aware that the implementation of the Strategy will depend on the availability and mobilization of resources, recognizes that the application of all resources should be firmly targeted on the strategic objectives;

21. Transmits hereby to the General Conference the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) together with the following recommendations:

The global setting (paras. 1-24)

22. *To highlight more clearly throughout the document the unifying theme of the Strategy and to make more explicit its relation with the two cross-cutting themes and with the strategic objectives;*
23. *To spell out more clearly the linkages between the two cross-cutting themes and the sectoral objectives throughout the document;*

UNESCO's mission (paras. 25-36)

24. *To emphasize more clearly the relation between the three main strategic thrusts and the contemporary challenges and opportunities described in the part on the global setting;*
25. *To reformulate paragraph 36 on the basis of the provisions of the UNESCO Constitution, in particular Article VII thereof, and the Charter of National Commissions as well as other relevant resolutions by the General Conference;*
26. *To include the Associated Schools among the partners mentioned in paragraph 36;*

Providing the means (paras. 37-47)

27. *To include an explicit human resources policy and strategy for the Organization which will support the full implementation of the strategic objectives;*
28. *To amend the box after paragraph 47 by making reference to the cross-cutting themes immediately following the unifying theme;*

Education (paras. 48-77)

29. *To articulate more clearly the contribution of education to the eradication of poverty, through both formal and non-formal settings;*
30. *To refer, within the framework of the follow-up to the Dakar World Education Forum, to the need to encourage the development of literacy in all its dimensions, including basic skills and functional literacy, on the basis of the concept of lifelong learning and utilizing local languages;*
31. *To highlight in paragraph 56 the need for additional resources to implement all Education for All (EFA) commitments;*
32. *To expand in paragraph 58 on the needs of the E-9 countries and to continue to accord high priority to the E-9 Initiative, keeping in view the fact that two thirds of the world's illiterates are found in the E-9 countries;*
33. *To include reference to the EFA observatory, currently in paragraph 58, in a new subsequent paragraph;*

34. *To make more specific references, throughout the entire section dealing with education, to the recommendations of the International Commission on Education for the Twenty-First Century (Delors report), considering UNESCO's function as a laboratory of ideas and a source of policy advice and development for Member States;*
35. *To emphasize the importance of teacher training and retraining for all levels and forms of education, including the use of information and communication technologies and modern methods of distance and open learning, as a means of building an enabling environment in the context of the knowledge society;*
36. *To place greater emphasis on promoting the use of local languages in education as a pillar for identity and dialogue and the teaching of additional languages utilizing modern methods as a means of promoting better understanding, tolerance, diversity and peace and as a vehicle for empowering individuals in the twenty-first century; and to develop urgently a UNESCO strategy in this regard;*
37. *To reformulate the text pertaining to strategic objective 2 on a holistic basis and to include:*
 - (a) *values and civic education, especially for human rights and democracy;*
 - (b) *the reform of curricula, taking into account sociocultural needs and promoting regional and subregional networks;*
 - (c) *support by UNESCO of Member States' initiatives to carry out bilateral or multilateral revision of textbooks, particularly textbooks on history and civic education;*
 - (d) *the measurement and monitoring of learner achievements;*
 - (e) *the structure, method and content of education systems;*
 - (f) *the improvement of human and material resources;*
 - (g) *preventive education;*
 - (h) *school networking through the Associated Schools Project;*
38. *To emphasize more clearly the central role of comprehensive preventive education in combating the HIV/AIDS pandemic, including educational, scientific, communication, cultural, social and human rights dimensions; and further to underline the importance of both non-formal and formal approaches in that regard;*
39. *To make reference to Latin America and the Caribbean in the box following paragraph 70;*
40. *To formulate, jointly with the International Labour Organization and other willing agencies, an international long-term programme for the development of technical and vocational education and training, including teacher training and alternative delivery mechanisms;*

41. *To include in paragraphs 69 and 71 the need to promote science-based “disaster preparedness” in the strategy for environmental and science education and to cross-reference it to paragraph 101;*
42. *To express more clearly the need for UNESCO’s education institutes and centres to contribute, in a coherent and complementary manner, to the achievement of the objectives and sub-objectives of the education strategy and, to that end, to develop focused and concentrated programmes, to adopt results-oriented approaches and to enhance visibility and outreach;*

Sciences (paras. 78-118)

43. *To give more prominence to the need for people-centred sustainable development in all areas of the strategy for the sciences;*
44. *To attach importance throughout the strategy for the sciences to the role and importance of local and traditional knowledge, as agreed at the World Conference on Science;*
45. *To refer in paragraphs 28 and 81 to the “new commitment for science”, as defined by the results of the World Conference on Science, instead of a “new social contract between science and society”;*
46. *To reflect in paragraphs 85 and 111 the need for enhanced cooperation between the natural and the social and human sciences and to give more emphasis to issues pertaining to the ethics of science and technology, the formulation and development of science and technology policies in Member States and the capacity-building, including in research and science and technology management, and their interrelationships;*
47. *To include in paragraph 92 and in the box on The Oceans (related to paragraph 33(d)) a reference to the follow-up of the Pan African Conference on Sustainable Integrated Coastal Management (PACSICOM) to the effect that IOC will concentrate in Africa a significant portion of its field activities, especially in the development of marine data and information networks and integrated coastal management;*
48. *To reinforce synergies between UNESCO’s intergovernmental and international science programmes and those of ICSU in line with the recommendations of the World Conference on Science;*
49. *To add at the end of paragraph 101 that, in developing strategies for enhancing human security, UNESCO shall also address the impact of and preparedness for technological and other man-made disasters;*
50. *To include reference in paragraph 102 to the need for increased involvement of qualified and experienced scientists from developing countries in the execution and implementation of the Global Renewable Energy Education and Training Programme;*
51. *To replace the first and second sentences of paragraph 103 with the following text:*

“UNESCO will continue to give priority to network research on social transformations, that is different ways in which globalizing forces affect local communities and national societies with diverse historical experiences, economic and social patterns, political institutions and cultures. Such research shall focus, in principle, on the themes recommended by Member States for the second phase of the MOST Programme (2002-2009). Likewise, priority will be given to the follow-up ...”;

52. *To insert a new paragraph following paragraph 103 emphasizing the need to provide policy advice on poverty in all its dimensions and specificities, including migration, drugs, urban violence and exclusion, in line with the strategy for the cross-cutting theme on eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty, and to provide for pertinent extension mechanisms;*
53. *To increase attention to inter-agency cooperation in the field of water resource management in paragraphs 104 and 105;*
54. *To insert a new sentence, to become the fifth sentence of paragraph 104: “Equally, special attention shall be given to water resources management in arid and semi-arid zones.”;*
55. *To rephrase the last sentence in paragraph 104 as follows: “UNESCO shall also endeavour to provide an enhanced understanding of vulnerabilities and causes of water conflicts and to develop cooperative approaches and tools to assist in preventing or reducing them through successful water resource management.”;*
56. *To include in paragraph 112 reference to the “culture of maintenance” and its relevance for sustainable development, focusing on its intersectoral aspects;*
57. *To make specific reference, following paragraph 113, to the development of programmes on basic sciences, such as mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology;*
58. *To emphasize in paragraph 114 the need to increase the dissemination of scientific and technological information and to facilitate access to scientifically relevant data as a vehicle for contributing to scientific and economic progress;*

Culture (paras. 119-148)

59. *To reflect more clearly, in the section on culture, the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development and the conclusions of the Stockholm Conference and the resulting dynamics including, inter alia, the formation of a network and round tables of ministers of culture, the drafting of a declaration on cultural diversity and the development of a plan of action to ensure implementation and follow-up;*
60. *To reflect more explicitly in paragraph 123 not only the need for a more balanced and representative World Heritage List, but also for closer linkages between the strategies for the world’s tangible and intangible heritage shared by humanity as a whole;*

61. *To continue to define more precisely the concept of intangible heritage in the elaboration of a normative instrument and to provide clearer guidance for UNESCO's ongoing programmes and activities in this area;*
62. *To include under expected outcomes of strategic objective 7 a reference to increased participation of Member States in the protection of underwater heritage through broad accession to the new normative instrument, and enhanced knowledge of civil society through programming for capacity-building at the regional and international levels;*
63. *To pay more attention to the pivotal role of language in the definition of cultural identity and, in particular, to endangered languages and the study, learning and translation thereof as a key element for the promotion of the intangible heritage, cultural diversity and linguistic pluralism;*
64. *To change the wording of strategic objective 8 to read: "Safeguarding cultural diversity and encouraging dialogue among cultures and civilizations";*
65. *To attach more emphasis to UNESCO's contribution to the recognition, promotion and application of cultural rights, as defined in existing international human rights instruments;*
66. *To replace the second expected outcome following paragraph 131 with the following text: "Development of programmes aimed at fostering shared values";*
67. *To delete the box on the Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity and instead to provide a revised description of the Global Alliance in paragraph 141, including a clearer reference to the exploratory and evolutionary nature of the initiative at its present stage; and, within the context of the full articulation of the initiative to give emphasis to its ethical implications, the need to safeguard in its eventual implementation the very principle it is designed to uphold, the contribution it may make to the eradication of poverty through the promotion of cultural industries in developing countries and the need to ensure effective cooperation in concert with other competent United Nations organizations;*

Communication and information (paras. 149-172)

68. *To place emphasis on the need to strengthen cooperation and complementarity of the Information for All Programme and the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC);*
69. *To articulate in more detail UNESCO's envisaged contribution and role in the preparations and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society, scheduled for 2003;*
70. *To place more emphasis on the importance of training in information and communication technologies through formal and informal means, at local, national and regional levels, with a view to facilitating access to learning, to boost capacity-building, to help eradicate poverty, to support economic development and to reduce the digital divide;*

71. *To support and promote the traditional media which play a fundamental role in developing countries, especially as regards the consolidation of the freedom of expression and of pluralism;*

Strategy for cross-cutting theme: Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty (paras. 173-196)

and

Strategy for cross-cutting theme: The contribution of information and communication technologies to the development of education, science and culture and the construction of a knowledge society (paras. 197-215)

72. *To stress that the cross-cutting themes must be integrated fully by all programmes and that their linkages must be highlighted;*
73. *To welcome and endorse the strategy and focus provided in the strategy for the eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty, which should enable UNESCO to contribute constructively in its areas of competence to the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and especially its central goal of halving extreme poverty by the year 2015;*
74. *To welcome and endorse the strategy for the contribution of information and communication technologies to the development of education, science and culture and the construction of a knowledge society; and to emphasize that it will be required to develop further the strategic positioning and specific orientation of UNESCO, especially in preparation for the World Summit on the Information Society, scheduled for 2003, and other international initiatives.*

II

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4),
2. Requests the Director-General to prepare a proposed resolution for the approval of this Medium-Term Strategy by the General Conference together with the recommendations of the Executive Board.

4.2 Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5) and recommendations of the Executive Board

III

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5),
2. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 5.1,
3. Taking into account the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4) and the recommendations it formulated at its present session thereon,

4. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved in the presentation, readability and results-orientation of document 31 C/5 and the innovation adopted regarding a series of interdisciplinary and intersectoral projects as a contribution to the two cross-cutting themes of the Medium-Term Strategy;
5. Commends the Director-General on his success in preserving the amount of resources for programme activities from the regular budget at US \$112,989,500;
6. Welcomes the concentration and focus inherent in document 31 C/5 accomplished by the Director-General by selecting both a principal priority and a set of other priorities for each major programme;
7. Emphasizes the need to identify for each programme, subprogramme and main line of action the relationship to the principal priorities and the other priorities and invites the Director-General to prepare relevant information documents for each of the programme commissions of the General Conference at its 31st session;
8. Further welcomes the measures already taken to promote interdisciplinary approaches in programme activities and intersectoral cooperation in the Secretariat and invites the Director-General to strengthen further such cooperation, as appropriate;
9. Underlines that the two cross-cutting themes – “Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty” and “The contribution of information and communication technologies to the development of education, science and culture and the construction of a knowledge society” – must be intrinsic to all of UNESCO’s activities and that they must permeate all UNESCO’s action;
10. Concurs with the substantial rate of decentralization of programme activities proposed by the Director-General and emphasizes that this will be an important factor for enhancing the role, impact and visibility of UNESCO;
11. Underlines the need to formulate speedily regional and subregional strategies for each major programme, with provisions for interdisciplinary approaches, so as to translate the priorities into operational reality;
12. Emphasizes the critical importance of capacity-building as a modality in all programme activities of UNESCO;
13. Expresses its satisfaction that document 31 C/5 identifies clearly for each main line of action the various partners to be engaged in the process of implementation;
14. Recommends that Member States submit a draft resolution at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in September 2001 for the proclamation of a United Nations Year for the common cultural heritage;
15. Transmits hereby to the General Conference the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5) together with the following recommendations:
16. *To demonstrate more clearly, throughout document 31 C/5, the link between the strategic objectives in document 31 C/4, including those pertaining to the cross-cutting themes, and the activities proposed in document 31 C/5;*

17. *To revisit the formulation of the expected results included in document 31 C/5 with a view to ensuring that they are appropriately specified throughout the document;*
18. *To include, in document 31 C/5 Approved, a context map, as appropriate, for each programme and subprogramme, identifying the partners to be associated and their respective roles and contributions;*

Major Programme I – Education

19. *To amend the formulation of paragraph 01006 by placing more emphasis on the role to be played by educational policies in poverty reduction strategies and on the need to reduce illiteracy as envisaged in the Dakar Framework;*
20. *To create, under Subprogramme I.1.1 (Coordinating the Follow-up of the Dakar Framework for Action) a new main line of action on “EFA activities in the E-9 countries”, to be inserted in paragraph 01112 after main line of action 2 (National and regional education strategies and EFA action plans), the contents of which are to be redrafted to reflect the transfer of the E-9 related activities to a new main line of action, it being understood that the creation of the new main line of action will entail no increase in the overall budget of the programme;*
21. *To reflect in paragraph 01121 and in paragraph 01122 the need to develop all dimensions of literacy (e.g. functional literacy, computer literacy) and their contribution to lifelong learning and to the fulfilment of basic needs;*
22. *To amend the draft resolution contained in paragraph 01210 relating to Subprogramme I.2.1 (Towards a new approach to quality education) by adding in paragraph (a)(i) after the words “quality education” the new words “as outlined in the Delors report” and by replacing the last part of paragraph (a)(i) beginning with “in particular through education ...” with the words “with a clear focus on human rights education, the reform of curricula and textbook revision and the Associated Schools Project (ASP)”;*
23. *To amend the narrative in paragraph 01210 related to Subprogramme I.2.1 (Towards a new approach to quality education) by reflecting the amendment in paragraph 19 as well as the need for an agreed-upon framework of action, encompassing other dimensions of quality education, including the measurement and monitoring of outcomes; the improvement in the structures, methods and contents of education systems and delivery systems;*
24. *To change the title of main line of action 1 in paragraph 01211 to read “Education for a culture of peace and human rights”;*
25. *To give more emphasis in paragraph 01211 for main line of action 1 of Subprogramme I.2.1 to activities in favour of human rights and values education, in cooperation with Major Programme III, and using the potential of the Associated Schools Project (ASP);*
26. *To express a linkage between the activities envisaged in paragraph 01213 under main line of action 3 of Subprogramme I.2.1 (Promoting science and technology education) and the corresponding activities envisaged in paragraph 02110 under Major Programme II;*

27. *To make reference in paragraph 01213 to the need to develop attitudes and acquire skills fostering a culture of maintenance, based on interdisciplinary approaches especially with activities envisaged in paragraph 02123 under Major Programme II;*
28. *To make reference to Latin America in the first result envisaged for paragraph 01214;*
29. *To add at the end of paragraph (a)(i) of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 01220 the words “renew UNESCO’s efforts with respect to teacher training and retraining, and to enhance the status of teachers” and to make accordingly appropriate adjustments in paragraph 01224 of main line of action 4 (Improving teacher education and the status of teachers);*
30. *To add further at the end of paragraph (a)(i) of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 01220 the words: “assist Member States in developing and implementing strategies, as a follow-up to the 1999 Seoul Congress; develop jointly with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other agencies willing to participate an international long-term programme for the development of technical and vocational education and training (TVET); and prepare together with ILO an updated version of the UNESCO-ILO Memorandum of Understanding (1954) to that effect” and to amend the narrative text in paragraph 01222 (main line of action 2, “Technical and vocational education and training for citizenship and the world of work”, under Subprogramme I.2.2) accordingly;*
31. *To reflect, throughout Major Programme I but particularly in Subprogramme I.2.1, main line of action 1, the need to provide educational services, both in formal and non-formal settings, in the language of learners;*
32. *To place greater emphasis in Subprogramme I.2.1 on promoting the use of local languages in education as a pillar for identity and dialogue and the teaching of additional languages as a means of promoting better understanding, tolerance, diversity and peace and as a vehicle for empowering individuals in the twenty-first century; and to develop urgently a UNESCO strategy in that regard;*
33. *To expand paragraph 01300 by stating that, in general and subject to the results of the Task Force established by the Director-General, the activities of the UNESCO institutes and centres of education should contribute, in a coherent and complementary manner, to the achievement of the principal and other priorities of Major Programme I and, to that end, that the institutes and centres should focus and concentrate on the objectives and activities approved by the General Conference, and to enhance their visibility and outreach;*
34. *To include in paragraph 01300 a matrix showing how the outputs of each institute will contribute to the implementation of the principal and other priorities in their respective fields of specialization;*
35. *To present also under the expected results relating to the various main lines of action of Major Programme I the expected results from activities of the UNESCO institutes and centres;*

Major Programme II – Natural sciences

36. *To amend the draft resolution proposed in paragraph 02110 by adding at the end of paragraph (a)(i) the words “and through the promotion of local and traditional knowledge systems” and to make corresponding amendments in the narrative of paragraph 02110 pertaining to Subprogramme II.1.1 (Follow-up to the World Conference on Science: policy-making and science education), also referring to the need in that regard for a joint follow-up to the World Conference on Science and the World Conference on Higher Education;*
37. *To make in paragraph 02110 explicit reference to activities pertaining to the ethical aspects of science and technology, in cooperation with Major Programme III;*
38. *To amend the draft resolution contained in paragraph 02120 by:*
 - (a) *adding in paragraph (a)(iii) the words “including the culture of maintenance” after “developmental issues”;*
 - (b) *adding in paragraph (a)(vi) the words “especially in Africa” after “wider use of solar energy”;*
39. *To amend in paragraph 02123:*
 - (a) *the next to last expected result in the box on the World Solar Programme by inserting the words “especially in Africa” after “pilot projects conducted”;*
 - (b) *by adding the words “from developing countries” to the second expected result, after the words “specialists and managers”;*
40. *To highlight in the strategy of Subprogramme II.1.2 the role of all regional science offices of UNESCO;*
41. *To make reference in paragraph 02202 relating to Programme II.2 (Sciences, environment and sustainable development) to the need to encourage collaboration and synergies among UNESCO’s five intergovernmental and international scientific programmes and those of ICSU with a view to enhancing their contribution to sustainable development;*
42. *To amend paragraph (a)(iii) of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 02210 to read: “develop an enhanced understanding of vulnerabilities and causes of water conflicts and to develop cooperative approaches and tools to assist in preventing or reducing them through successful water resource management.”;*
43. *To make explicit reference in paragraph 02211 relating to Subprogramme II.2.1 (Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges) to the international development goals and to the need for the forthcoming World Water Report to pay particular attention to sustainable development issues;*
44. *To add at the end of paragraph (a)(ii) of the draft resolution in paragraph 02220 the words “in particular through environmental education in cooperation with Major Programme I” and to make more explicit reference to*

environmental education in paragraph 02221 relating to the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme;

45. *To make reference to the Caribbean in the second expected result in paragraph 02232;*
46. *To make reference to technological and other man-made disasters in paragraph 02232;*
47. *To amend the draft resolution contained in paragraph 02250 by adding*
 - (a) *in paragraph (a)(i) the words “and the regional conventions” after “the Global Conventions of Climate Change and Biodiversity” and the words “particularly by targeting sub-Saharan Africa in the framework of the African Process and Programmes” after “reinforcing the capacity of developing countries”;*
 - (b) *in paragraph (a)(ii) the words “and regional components” after “Global Ocean Observing System and its related pilot projects” and the words “and full involvement” after “increasing the capacities and participation”;*
 - (c) *at the end of paragraph (a)(iii) the words “in accordance with the existing United Nations Conventions and UNESCO’s approach on data and information”;*
 - (d) *a new paragraph (a)(iv) “to intensify the follow-up to the Pan African Conference on Sustainable Integrated Coastal Management (PACSICOM)”;*
48. *To insert a reference in paragraph 02251 to the effect that IOC will intensify the follow-up to PACSICOM by participating in the Preparatory Committee for the Donors Conference agreed by African States from which a portfolio of projects from African Member States is expected to be submitted to the Donors Conference in 2002;*
49. *To make further reference in paragraph 02251, concerning marine data and information management, to the fact that extrabudgetary funding has been secured for the ODIN Africa II programme for a total amount of US \$2.5 million enabling data management to be strengthened in the continent and helping to repatriate relevant environmental data from the northern archives;*
50. *To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 02250 so as to reflect the substance of paragraphs 47 and 48 above;*

Major Programme III – Social and human sciences

51. *To formulate paragraph 03101 relating to Programme III.1 (Ethics of science and technology), main line of action 1 (Ethics of science and technology and bioethics) in such a manner that the activities of the International Bioethics Committee concerning the life sciences and COMEST’s activities relating to the ethics of science and technology are explicitly linked and to define the results of bioethics activities more clearly;*

52. *To amend in paragraph 03101, strategy point 3, Educational action and awareness-raising, the first half sentence to read: “UNESCO will undertake action on a major scale to promote education and training in all aspects of the ethics of science and technology, including bioethics ...”;*
53. *To add in paragraph 03300 to paragraph (a)(i) in the draft resolution relating to Programme III.3 following the words “support interdisciplinary research” the words “information dissemination and public dialogue on” and to add a new paragraph (a)(iv) “foster cooperation and synergies with competent international NGOs, in particular the International Social Science Council (ISSC)”;*
54. *To reformulate paragraph 03301 relating to Programme III.3 (Improvement of policies relating to social transformations and promotion of anticipation and prospective studies), main line of action 1 (Social transformations and development) by stating explicitly that, while the future of the MOST Programme should be guided by the results of the external evaluation, its focus should be more explicitly oriented to linking science policy formulation and research applications, and MOST should intensify its outreach and information efforts; and by making mention of additional partners;*

Major Programme IV – Culture

55. *To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 04110, the narrative and the expected results to include the need to make efforts aimed at achieving a more balanced and equitable World Heritage List and to reflect better regional efforts in support of world heritage;*
56. *To insert in the draft resolution contained in paragraph 04110 the following words in paragraph (a) after the word “conservation”: “in particular the project World Heritage in Young Hands to be implemented in cooperation with the Education Sector”;*
57. *To expand accordingly the narrative in paragraph 04110 relating to Subprogramme IV.1.1 (Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage) and to make reference to the elaboration, promotion and support of further initiatives to ensure effective legal protection, international cooperation and public awareness in support of on-site conservation and management of world heritage cultural and natural sites;*
58. *To include reference to Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Arab States in the fifth result envisaged for paragraph 04121 pertaining to underwater cultural heritage and the need to organize subregional meetings;*
59. *To reflect more explicitly in paragraph 04220 relating to Subprogramme IV.2.2 (Promotion of cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue) the outcomes of the round tables of culture ministers pertaining to cultural goods and services as well as copyright, the anticipated declaration on cultural diversity and the plan of action;*
60. *To insert in paragraph 04220 relating to the draft resolution, paragraph (a)(ii), after the words “textbooks in this area” the words “in cooperation with the Education Sector”;*

61. *To add in paragraph 04220 at the end of paragraph (a)(iii) of the draft resolution the following words: “contributing to the implementation of the relevant strategies outlined in document 31 C/4 Approved and in full concert with other competent organizations of the United Nations system such as the World Intellectual Property Organization and with the World Trade Organization”;*
62. *To align the description of the objectives and activities envisaged for the Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity with the relevant decisions concerning document 31 C/4;*
63. *To make explicit reference in paragraph 04222 relating to Subprogramme IV.2.2 (Promotion of cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue), main line of action 2 (Encouraging intercultural dialogue for the promotion of universal values) to the need for follow-up to the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations (2001), in particular the promotion of common values and multilingualism, to expand accordingly the expected results, and to cross-reference to paragraphs 10003 and 10004 concerning the Organization’s overall follow-up to the United Nations Year;*
64. *To add in the draft resolution contained in paragraph 04300 relating to Programme IV.3 (Strengthening links between culture and development) the words “building upon the recommendations of the Stockholm Conference” to paragraph (a) following “plan of action”;*

Major Programme V – Communication and information

65. *To explicitly outline in the introduction to Major Programme V the respective roles and mandates of the Information for All (IFA) Programme and the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) with a view to avoiding duplication and overlap;*
66. *To add in paragraph 05210 relating to Subprogramme V.2.1 (Freedom of expression, democracy and peace) a new subparagraph (iii) to the draft resolution: “enhance the visibility of the Organization’s activities in promoting freedom of expression, inter alia, by providing for joint action in relevant agreements with international NGOs on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day”;*
67. *To highlight under Programme V.1 (Promoting equitable access to information and knowledge, especially in the public domain) emphasis on the “public domain” as a key to providing broader access to information, educational activities and capacity-building;*
68. *To make reference in paragraph 05113 relating to Subprogramme V.1.1 (Formulating principles, policies and strategies to widen access to information and knowledge), main line of action 3 (Global portals and tools) to the potential of open-source software for scientific and educational purposes;*
69. *To amend the draft resolution contained in paragraph 05400 by inserting the words “the alleviation of poverty by” at the beginning of paragraph (a)(i); and in the draft resolution in paragraph 05110 to add a new paragraph (a)(iv)*

“prepare a significant contribution of UNESCO to the World Summit on the Information Society and also to seek extrabudgetary support to this end”;

UNESCO Institute for Statistics

70. *To make explicit reference in paragraphs 06003 and 06004 to the need for capacity-building activities in developing countries in line with paragraph 6 of 159 EX/Decision 8.2;*

Projects related to the cross-cutting themes

71. *To include in the presentation of all projects related to cross-cutting themes reference to extrabudgetary resources;*

Participation Programme

72. *To amend the draft resolution in paragraph 08007 by adding a new paragraph 2(e) to section II “to give priority to requests from developing countries and countries in transition” and further to reflect this in the narrative contained in paragraph 08004;*

Programme Related Services

73. *To add in paragraph 09002 at the end of paragraph (a)(vi) the words “bearing in mind the crucial role of field offices, National Commissions and UNESCO institutes and centres in enhancing UNESCO’s visibility”.*

IV

The Executive Board,

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1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5) prepared by the Director-General and submitted to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VI.3(a) of the Constitution,
2. Takes note with appreciation of the fact that the budgeting techniques applied in the preparation of document 31 C/5 are in accordance with 30 C/Resolution 80;
3. Also takes note of the level of the budget ceiling in document 31 C/5 (US \$544,367,250 at an exchange rate of 5.70 French francs or 0.869 euro for one United States dollar) which represents zero nominal growth compared with document 30 C/5;
4. Proposes to the General Conference a level of the budget ceiling of US \$544,367,250 at an exchange rate of 5.70 French francs or 0.869 euro for one United States dollar which represents zero nominal growth compared with document 30 C/5;
5. Recommends that the General Conference consider the possibility of reducing its running costs and those of the Executive Board;

6. Given the considerable importance of the projects favoured by the Participation Programme, notably within the framework of the Organization's priorities,
7. Requests the Director-General to consider the possibility of mobilizing extrabudgetary funds for the Participation Programme;
8. Further recommends that the General Conference amend paragraph (j) of Part A of the Draft Appropriation Resolution for 2002-2003 (31 C/5) by replacing in the third line the word "Director" by "P-5";

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9. Welcomes the efforts of the Director-General to identify savings;
10. Invites the Director-General to move Chapters 1, 2 and 3 from Part II.C to Part III.A, B and C of document 31 C/5;
11. Requests the Director-General to present to it at its 162nd session information on the operating costs of the governing bodies of UNESCO by updating document 145 EX/42, including comparative information on the status of members of the governing bodies in the United Nations system;
12. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 162nd session on the rules governing payment of travel and other costs to delegates, experts and other participants to meetings organized by UNESCO;
13. Further invites the Director-General to review whether it is possible to make the UNESCO *Courier* more viable and cost-effective within the proposed budget and to continue his efforts to identify potential sources of sponsorship for the *Courier*, and ways to widen its readership especially among youth in different languages, taking into account the views expressed during the debates of its 161st session and to report thereon at its 162nd session;

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14. Invites the Director-General to take into account, in preparing document 32 C/5, the impact of budgetary programming on categories of expenditure and modalities of execution, and to improve the budget planning process so as to ensure its consistency with the programme planning process.

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 (31 C/5),

2. Requests the Director-General to prepare information on standard procedures to be followed for the approval of this Draft Programme and Budget by the General Conference together with the recommendations of the Executive Board.

(161 EX/SR.13, 14, 15 and 16)

4.3 Relations between the three organs of UNESCO: role of the General Conference with respect to the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Programme and Budget (C/5) (161 EX/2 and 161 EX/INF.5)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 161 EX/2 and 161 EX/INF.5,
2. Requests the Special Committee to study further Recommendation 1 as well as its implications and to report thereon to it at its 162nd session, with a view to presenting that recommendation to the General Conference at its 31st session.

(161 EX/SR.9 and 10)

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 (161 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 161 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

5.2 Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO (161 EX/22, 161 EX/INF.6 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 62 and 30 C/Resolution 62,
2. Having examined documents 161 EX/22 and 161 EX/INF.6,
3. Recalling that the General Conference lent its support to the idea of the creation of a Standing Committee of National Commissions,
4. Considering that this is the first opportunity for the Executive Board to examine the question of the creation of such a committee,
5. Notes with concern that the Standing Committee has met twice to discuss its Statutes and further notes that these meetings were financed by UNESCO's regular budget for an amount of \$80,000 each;
6. Considers that the function of a Standing Committee not only remains fundamentally unclear, but appears to be duplicating the existing machinery;
7. Further considers that within the renewed policy on decentralization there appears to be no proper role for a Standing Committee of National Commissions;

8. Within the context of the Charter of National Commissions, underlines the usefulness of the meetings of the National Commissions that take place during General Conference sessions and expresses the hope that full use will be made of the existing mechanisms and that existing networks will be strengthened;
9. Recommends that the General Conference reconsider at its 31st session the creation of the proposed Standing Committee.

(161 EX/SR.12)

6 GENERAL CONFERENCE

6.1 Preparation of the provisional agenda of the 31st session of the General Conference (161 EX/25 and Add.)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to Rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Having examined documents 161 EX/25 and Add.,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that the title of item 3.1 of the provisional agenda of the 31st session of the General Conference should read as follows:
 - 3.1 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 and preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005;
 - (b) that the title of item 8.6 of the provisional agenda of the 31st session of the General Conference should read as follows:
 - 8.6 Preparation of a new international standard-setting instrument for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage
 - (c) that the provisional agenda of the 31st session of the General Conference shall comprise the items proposed in documents 161 EX/25 and Add., with the following additions:
 - 5.5 Acts constituting a crime against the common heritage of humanity
 - 5.6 Proposed establishment of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education
 - 5.7 Proposed establishment of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management in Teheran, under the auspices of UNESCO
 - 6.4 Relations between the three organs of UNESCO: role of the General Conference with respect to the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Programme and Budget (C/5)
 - 8.7 Draft UNESCO declaration on cultural diversity

- (d) that any other items submitted by Member States or Associate Members or by the United Nations in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, not later than 100 days before the opening of the session (i.e. by 8 July 2001), shall be included in the provisional agenda, which shall be communicated to Member States and Associate Members not later than 90 days before the opening of the session (i.e. by 18 July 2001).

(161 EX/SR.10)

6.2 Draft plan for the organization of the work of the 31st session of the General Conference (161 EX/26 and Add. and Corr.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 29 C/Resolution 87, whereby the General Conference decided to make a number of changes to its functioning, several of which took effect during the 29th session, and 160 EX/Decision 6.1.1/6.1.2,
2. Having considered documents 161 EX/26 and Add. and Corr.,
3. Approves the suggestions contained in those documents, subject to the following comments and amendments:
 - (a) the 31st session of the General Conference will commence on Monday, 15 October and will end its work on Saturday, 3 November;
 - (b) Part II.B (Participation Programme) and Chapter 2 (Budget preparation and monitoring) and Chapter 3 (Field management and coordination) of Part II.C (Programme Related Services) of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003 will be examined by the Administrative Commission;
 - (c) each of the programme commissions will examine the part relating to its terms of reference of the cross-cutting themes “Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty” and “The contribution of information and communication technologies to the development of education, science and culture and the construction of a knowledge society” contained in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2002-2003;
 - (d) the Youth Forum will last three days (12-14 October 2001), and the Director-General is invited to redouble his efforts to secure extrabudgetary resources or sponsorship in order to enable young people from all Member States to take part in it;
4. Invites the Director-General to draw up on this basis document 31 C/2 on the organization of the work of the General Conference.

(161 EX/SR.10)

6.3 Invitations to the 31st session of the General Conference (161 EX/27)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/27,

2. Takes cognizance of the notification to be sent by the Director-General to Member States and Associate Members in accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
3. Takes note of the invitations to be sent by the Director-General to intergovernmental organizations in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of that rule;
4. Decides, in accordance with paragraph 4 of that rule, that the following States shall be invited to send observers to the 31st session of the General Conference:

Brunei Darussalam	Singapore
Holy See	United States of America
Liechtenstein	
5. Includes Palestine in the list provided for in paragraph 6 of that rule and notes that the Director-General intends to send it an invitation in accordance with that paragraph;
6. Also notes that the Director-General intends to send invitations to international non-governmental organizations maintaining formal (consultative or associate) relations with UNESCO.

(161 EX/SR.10)

6.4 Form of the Executive Board's report on its activities in 2000-2001 to be submitted to the General Conference at its 31st session

The Executive Board decided that the report on its activities in 2000-2001 would be submitted in writing by its Chairperson to the General Conference.

(161 EX/SR.10)

6.5 Submission of nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions and committees of the 31st session of the General Conference (161 EX/INF.7)

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

Commission I	Ms A. CUMMINS (Barbados)
Commission II	Mr M.A. OMOLEWA (Nigeria)
Commission III	Mr W. ZAGORSKI-OSTOJA (Poland)
Commission IV	Ms R. MANALO (Philippines)
Commission V	Mr A. AL-MASHAT (Iraq)
Administrative Commission	Mr D. STANTON (United Kingdom)
Credentials Committee	Mr T. MAMAJONOV (Uzbekistan)
Nominations Committee	Mr A. GALAN SARMIENTO (Colombia)
Legal Committee	Mr S. FERNANDEZ ILLANES (Chile)

(161 EX/SR.10)

7 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

7.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001 (161 EX/28 and Add. and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General’s report on donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium and appropriated to the regular budget and the transfers proposed by him within the 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, paragraph A(d), (f) and (g)), documents 161 EX/28 and 161 EX/28 Add., and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (161 EX/48),
2. Recalling the provision of the Appropriation Resolution by virtue of which transfers between appropriation lines may be made by the Director-General with the prior approval of the Executive Board,
3. Takes note that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$1,496,879 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A - Major Programme I	693,511
Part II.A - Major Programme II	420,154
Part II.A - Major Programme III	284,939
Part II.A - Major Programme IV	25,256
Transverse activities	7,324
Part IV - Management and Administrative Services	61,866
Part VI – Renovation of Headquarters Premises	3,829
Total	1,496,879

4. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 1 of documents 161 EX/28 and 161 EX/28 Add.;
5. Approves the transfer of **\$4,786,000** from Part VII to Parts I to VI of the budget to cover increases in staff costs and in goods and services on account of statutory and other factors;
6. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table.

Revised Appropriation Table for 2000-2001

Appropriation line	30 C/5 Approved	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted <small>(159 EX/Dec 6.1 and 160 EX/Dec 7.1)</small>	Donations	Transfer from Part VII	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Part I General Policy and Direction					
A. Governing Bodies:					
1. General Conference	6 153 700	6 205 300	-	4 100	6 209 400
2. Executive Board	7 614 900	7 629 400	-	6 800	7 636 200
Total Part I.A	13 768 600	13 834 700	-	10 900	13 845 600
B. Direction:					
3. Directorate	1 731 100	1 807 500	-	7 900	1 815 400
4. Services of the Directorate (including: 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)	20 501 300	18 406 100	-	121 800	18 527 900
Total Part I.B	22 232 400	20 213 600	-	129 700	20 343 300
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	1 122 900	1 122 900	-	828 800	1 951 700
Total, Part I	37 123 900	35 171 200	-	969 400	36 140 600
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	16 639 400	16 652 895	28 514	100 200	16 781 609
I.1.2 Fostering literacy and non-formal education among youth and adults	15 231 100	15 272 774	27 139	77 100	15 377 013
I.1.3 Mobilizing commitments and partnerships for education for all	12 423 900	12 413 892	52 794	39 000	12 505 686
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	16 403 800	16 426 731	147 744	98 300	16 672 775
I.2.2 Renovation of general secondary and vocational education	14 657 100	14 843 284	230 623	84 300	15 158 207
I.2.3 Higher education and development	5 778 500	5 965 744	45 524	21 100	6 032 368
> The status of teachers and teacher education in the information society	3 076 400	3 074 002	23 714	9 900	3 107 616
> Educating for a sustainable future (Environment, population and development)	8 159 000	8 191 259	12 561	48 200	8 252 020
Transdisciplinary project : Towards a culture of peace	7 931 000	8 033 203	124 898	41 100	8 199 201

Appropriation line	30 C/5 Approved	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted (159 EX/Dec 6.1 and 160 EX/Dec 7.1)	Donations	Transfer from Part VII	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
UNESCO education institutes					
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	4 876 000	4 876 000	-	-	4 876 000
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5 406 000	5 406 000	-	-	5 406 000
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	2 090 000	2 090 000	-	-	2 090 000
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1 200 000	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	-	-	2 375 300
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-building in Africa (IICBA)	1 300 000	1 300 000	-	-	1 300 000
Total, Major Programme I	117 547 500	118 121 084	693 511	519 200	119 333 795
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	1 484 300	1 692 254	-	2 900	1 695 154
II.1.1 Advancement, transfer and sharing of knowledge in the basic and engineering sciences	22 697 200	22 852 828	94 085	91 600	23 038 513
> The World Solar Programme, 1996-2005	1 867 300	1 877 300	-	3 700	1 881 000
II.1.2 Advancement, transfer and sharing of knowledge in the social and human sciences	6 254 700	6 384 100	80 000	30 700	6 494 800
II.2 Sciences, environment and socio-economic development					
> Promoting integrated approaches to environment and development	408 100	410 300	-	800	411 100
II.2.1 Earth sciences, earth system management and natural disaster reduction	7 099 400	7 223 325	36 982	36 400	7 296 707
II.2.2 Ecological sciences and the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme	9 972 900	10 047 703	45 000	51 100	10 143 803
II.2.3 Hydrology and water resources development in a vulnerable environment	6 418 400	6 496 303	102 500	22 500	6 621 303
> Environment and development in coastal regions and in small islands	3 428 200	3 472 173	54 830	11 600	3 538 603
> Human development for sustainable living conditions in the Pacific	451 600	454 000	-	900	454 900
II.2.4 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	6 244 200	6 286 800	-	22 800	6 309 600
II.2.5 Social transformations and development	11 158 000	11 418 700	6 757	68 600	11 494 057
> Cities: Management of social transformations and the environment	661 800	675 300	-	2 000	677 300
II.3 Philosophy, ethics and human sciences	4 338 100	4 426 800	-	13 100	4 439 900
(including Anticipation and future-oriented studies)	-	1 529 600	-	2 900	1 532 500
Transdisciplinary project : Towards a culture of peace	5 838 000	5 968 250	-	26 800	5 995 050
Total, Major Programme II	88 322 200	91 215 736	420 154	388 400	92 024 290
III Cultural development: the heritage and creativity					
Culture and development	2 144 500	2 303 076	4 087	4 700	2 311 863
III.1 Preservation and enhancement of the cultural and natural heritage					
III.1.1 Safeguard and revitalization of the tangible and intangible heritage	24 574 800	26 449 481	136 392	197 900	26 783 773
III.1.2 Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	5 197 000	5 612 719	9 960	33 100	5 655 779

Appropriation line	30 C/5 Approved	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted (159 EX/Dec 6.1 and 160 EX/Dec 7.1)	Donations	Transfer from Part VII	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
III.2 Promotion of living cultures	8 116 900	8 724 189	28 670	34 700	8 787 559
> Reading for All	1 046 200	1 125 902	51 978	7 200	1 185 080
> Caribbean people: Tapestry of the past - Fabric for the future	540 600	580 595	1 030	1 100	582 725
Transdisciplinary project : Towards a culture of peace	4 715 800	5 050 200	52 822	24 200	5 127 222
Total, Major Programme III	46 335 800	49 846 162	284 939	302 900	50 434 001
IV Towards a communication and information society for all					
IV.1 Free flow of ideas					
IV.1.1 Freedom of expression, democracy and peace	3 799 200	3 886 700	2 302	26 500	3 915 502
IV.1.2 Media, information and society	7 629 200	7 811 200	20 139	49 900	7 881 239
> Ethical, legal and socio-cultural challenges of the information society	2 403 400	2 460 000	-	11 500	2 471 500
IV.2 Bridging the communication and information gap					
IV.2.1 Development of communication	11 854 100	12 143 136	2 815	79 000	12 224 951
IV.2.2 Development of "infostructure"	5 688 700	5 827 100	-	22 000	5 849 100
Total, Major Programme IV	31 374 600	32 128 136	25 256	188 900	32 342 292
Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace *	-	-	-	-	-
Transverse activities:					
UNESCO Institute for Statistics	6 820 000	6 820 000	-	-	6 820 000
Anticipation and future-oriented studies	1 517 400	-	-	-	-
Fellowships and Procurement Services and Related Programme Support	4 090 400	4 127 000	-	18 600	4 145 600
Coordination of activities in favour of priority groups:					
Coordination of activities concerning Women	1 153 600	1 169 000	2 324	4 800	1 176 124
Coordination of activities concerning Youth	1 428 100	1 261 600	-	6 500	1 268 100
Coordination of activities concerning Africa	3 420 500	1 480 500	-	6 500	1 487 000
Coordination of activities concerning Towards a culture of peace	1 408 100	1 699 400	5 000	4 500	1 708 900
Total, Transverse Activities	19 838 100	16 557 500	7 324	40 900	16 605 724
Participation Programme	24 830 000	24 830 000	-	-	24 830 000
Total, Part IIA	328 248 200	332 698 618	1 431 184	1 440 300	335 570 102

* The approved budget provisions have been included under Major Programmes I (ED), II (SHS) and III (CLT) and Transverse activities (Coordination of activities concerning Towards a culture of peace) (ref. 159 EX/Decision 3.1.3)

Appropriation line	30 C/5 Approved	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted*	Donations	Transfer from Part VII	30 C/5 Approved as adjusted
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
B. Information and Dissemination Services					
1. Clearing House	4 565 700	4 461 700	-	23 400	4 485 100
2. UNESCO Publishing Office	7 257 100	7 650 200	-	36 500	7 686 700
3. Office of Monthly Periodicals	4 879 700	4 921 400	-	15 900	4 937 300
4. Office of Public Information	5 179 600	5 493 000	-	21 000	5 514 000
Total, Part II.B	21 882 100	22 526 300	-	96 800	22 623 100
Total, Part II	350 130 300	355 224 918	1 431 184	1 537 100	358 193 202
Part III Support for Programme Execution	55 832 500	57 749 600	-	296 000	58 045 600
Part IV Management and Administrative Services	52 341 900	52 800 400	61 866	222 500	53 084 766
Part V Common services; Maintenance and Security	28 748 300	28 670 400	-	737 000	29 407 400
Part VI Renovation of Headquarters Premises	6 499 500	6 499 500	3 829	1 024 000	7 527 329
Total, Parts I-VI	530 676 400	536 116 018	1 496 879	4 786 000	542 398 897
Part VII Anticipated Cost Increases	13 690 850	9 544 050	-	(4 786 000)	4 758 050
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	544 367 250	545 660 068	1 496 879	-	547 156 947

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

7.2 Updated report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of the External Auditor's original recommendations in regard to the 1994-1995 and 1996-1997 biennia and the External Auditor's Strategic Plan for 2000-2005 (161 EX/29 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/29,
2. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General in response to the observations made by the External Auditor;
3. Considering the importance of receiving timely information from the External Auditor, invites the Director-General to propose at its 162nd session amendments to the Additional Terms of Reference Governing the Audit to allow the External Auditor to present reports in addition to regular reports, if in the latter's opinion there are significant, urgent or pressing matters that need to be brought to its attention;
4. Requests the Director-General to report on the situation of the Brasilia Office and on the new information technology (IT) management tools at each session starting at its 162nd session and to continue to do so as long as the Executive Board deems it necessary;
5. Expresses its satisfaction with the strategic plan of the External Auditor for the period 2000-2005.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

7.3 Report by the Director-General on the functioning and implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (161 EX/30 and Add. and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/30 and Add.,
2. Takes note of its content.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

7.4 Detailed information on the volume, source and allocation of extrabudgetary resources and on the administrative arrangements relating thereto (161 EX/31, 161 EX/INF.11 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 161 EX/31 and 161 EX/INF.11,
2. Recognizing the significant role of extrabudgetary contributions in achieving UNESCO's objectives and implementing its programme,

3. Emphasizing the need to combine regular and extrabudgetary funds in an effort to realize comprehensive planning and budgeting for the Organization's programme activities,
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Member States and intergovernmental organizations, and also other sources, that are providing extrabudgetary contributions to UNESCO;
5. Considers that the governing bodies should exercise oversight in respect of all available resources and expenditure of UNESCO;
6. Recalling that all proprietary and fiduciary extrabudgetary resources should be employed in meeting UNESCO's strategic objectives,
7. Requests the Director-General to reinforce his efforts to create and implement more effective mechanisms within UNESCO for the planning and allocation of all types of extrabudgetary contributions, respecting and reinforcing the priorities established in the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) to achieve the objectives in the biennial Programme and Budgets (C/5);
8. Expresses the wish that the volume of self-benefiting funds should be consistent with the management capacity of UNESCO and that full recovery be ensured for the costs of UNESCO's support under self-benefiting arrangements;
9. Requests the Director-General to review the policy framework currently in place with respect to UNESCO's cooperative arrangements to administer funds and implement programmes financed through self-benefiting funds;
10. Further requests that the Director-General make recommendations to it at its 164th session on policy changes that would enhance UNESCO's capacity to manage self-benefiting extrabudgetary funds in order to ensure the added value that Member States expect from the management by UNESCO of these funds;
11. Takes note of the intention of the Director-General to seek closer cooperation with the private sector, employing, *inter alia*, modalities whereby the private sector provides resources;
12. Welcomes the Director-General's efforts to develop a closer working relationship with the multilateral development institutions, notably the United Nations funds and programmes and the multilateral development banks, both as funding sources and as partners in advocacy and programme implementation;
13. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to submit to it at its 162nd session financial regulations for a special account for programme support costs;
 - (b) to report to it at its 164th session on the actual overhead costs incurred by the Organization for the implementation of activities financed by extrabudgetary resources;
 - (c) to prepare a longer-term funding strategy for extrabudgetary contributions and to explore, with UNESCO's major funding partners, the feasibility of multi-year pledges for UNESCO's major programme activities,

and

- (d) to propose guidelines on the use of extrabudgetary resources and submit them at its 164th session;
- 14. Further invites the Director-General to propose a budget presentation for document 32 C/5 to ensure that the budget shows the total indicative resources and total proposed expenditure of UNESCO, for consideration at its 162nd session;
- 15. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 164th session on progress under the present decision.

(161 EX/SR.14 and 15)

7.5 Annual report (2000) by the International Civil Service Commission: Report by the Director-General (161 EX/32 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

- 1. Having examined document 161 EX/32,
- 2. Takes note of:
 - (a) the contents of that document,and
 - (b) resolution 55/223 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.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

7.6 Annual report by the Director-General on the use of consultants by the Secretariat (161 EX/33 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

- 1. Having examined document 161 EX/33,
- 2. Takes note of the information contained therein;
- 3. Appreciates the steps taken by the Director-General to improve the situation with regard to the use of consultants compared with the previous biennia and encourages him to continue to do so;
- 4. 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 and fee contracts;
- 5. Recalls that recourse to consultants must be strictly confined to temporary needs for specialist skills that the permanent staff cannot supply;

6. Expresses concern over the imbalance in the geographical distribution of consultant contracts and consequently encourages non- and under-represented Member States to put forward qualified specialists in UNESCO's various fields of competence who might suitably be employed as consultants;
7. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to establish a system permitting better monitoring and management of the various types of contracts;
8. Further invites the Director-General to inform it of the basic conditions in regard to the use of consultants for consideration at its 164th session.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

7.7 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on the progress of work under the plan for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters buildings (161 EX/34 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/34,
2. Takes note of the progress of studies and work under the Belmont Plan for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters buildings, and of the renovation of the Conference Hall;
3. Expresses its thanks to the Governments of France, Japan, Kuwait, Oman, the Republic of Korea and Spain for their financial contribution to restoration and improvement of Headquarters buildings;
4. Invites the Director-General to continue his efforts to obtain the necessary financing for the next phases of the Belmont Plan, in accordance with 30 C/Resolution 76, and in particular to present to it at its 162nd session proposals for financing the second phase of the work;
5. Recalls that part of the programmed renovation work results from insufficient maintenance of the buildings, and further invites the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to submit to it at its 162nd session a report on the maintenance of the Headquarters premises.

(161 EX/SR.15)

7.8 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, concerning proposals on a transparent system of accounting and reporting in respect of the income from facilities let to NGOs (161 EX/35 and Corr. and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 7.6, 156 EX/Decision 8.6, 157 EX/Decision 8.9, 158 EX/Decision 6.3, 159 EX/Decision 7.2 and 160 EX/Decision 7.8,
2. Having examined document 161 EX/35 and Corr.,

3. Bearing in mind the importance of the Organization's partnership with NGOs in its fields of competence,
4. Expressing its heartfelt gratitude to NGOs for the quality of the work they are undertaking,
5. Considers that the allotment of offices to NGOs maintaining formal associate relations with UNESCO should be continued in the context of the proposed accommodation plan;
6. Requests the Director-General, first, to ensure execution by the end of this year of the proposed plan and, secondly, to provide for the establishment of office space to be shared by NGOs that do not maintain formal associate relations with UNESCO, in consultation with the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee;
7. Invites the Director-General to group together NGOs entitled to office accommodation to enable them to make the best possible use of the space, shared facilities and equipment at their disposal, in conjunction with the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee;
8. Considers that the allotment of offices free of charge to NGOs maintaining formal associate relations with UNESCO should be regarded as assistance in kind;
9. Requests that forgone revenue from premises occupied by NGOs entitled to them be included in the financial statement of the Headquarters Utilization Fund;
10. Also invites the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to report to it at its 164th session on premises occupied by NGOs.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

7.9 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, concerning proposals on reinforcing the procedure applicable to acceptance, inventories, present location, and maintenance of donations, bequests, gifts of works of art, antiquities and artefacts offered to UNESCO (161 EX/36 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/36,
2. Thanks the Headquarters Committee and the Director-General for their review of the current situation and proposals concerning the UNESCO collection of donations, bequests, gifts of works of art, antiquities and artefacts;
3. Invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of proposals contained therein, including measures to ensure an appropriate survey of the conservation status of the collection and to develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness and response plan;

4. Further invites the Director-General to call upon the Member States of the Organization and relevant institutions and organizations to contribute to the maintenance and conservation of the works of art in the care of UNESCO.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

7.10 Proposal of a standard model text for financial regulations of special accounts
(161 EX/50 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/50,
2. Considers that the “purposes” specified in such Financial Regulations should relate to objectives defined in the Programme and Budget;
3. Approves the standard model text for the Financial Regulations of Special Accounts as annexed to the present decision;
4. Requests the Director-General to apply the standard model text to the Financial Regulations of all Special Accounts that are not related to institutes or similar bodies;
5. Invites the Director-General to report to it for its consideration and recommendation on any deviation from the standard model text when reporting such Financial Regulations;
6. Further invites the Director-General to provide to it a list of closed special accounts to be included in his financial report which accompanies the audited financial statements.

Annex

**Financial regulations of Special Accounts
that are not related to institutes or similar bodies**

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

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

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

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

[description of purpose]

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

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

Article 5 – Expenditure

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

Article 6 – Accounts

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

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

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

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

Article 7 – Investments

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

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

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

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

Article 9 – General provision

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

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

7.11 Information for Members of the Executive Board regarding the appointment and extension of appointment of staff members at grade D-1 and above (161 EX/PRIV.1)

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

8 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

8.1 Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (161 EX/37, 161 EX/INF.9 and 161 EX/54)

8.1.1 The United Nations Millennium Declaration: Outcome and follow-up

The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the report of the Director-General on the United Nations Millennium Declaration: Outcome and follow-up (161 EX/37),
2. Recognizing the high significance of the Declaration adopted by the United Nations Millennium Summit (New York, 6-8 September 2000), which clearly identifies the major global priorities and which offers the United Nations system a framework for common action to address these priorities,
3. Convinced that UNESCO has an active role to play and an important contribution to make in implementing paragraphs of the Declaration, particularly in priority areas within its fields of competence,
4. Resolved to ensure that UNESCO's future Medium-Term Strategies and Programme and Budgets contribute to the United Nations system-wide coordinated efforts to implement the Declaration,
5. Welcomes the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted by the historic Millennium Summit of the United Nations;
6. Requests the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO plays, within the Administrative Committee on Coordination and other inter-agency arrangements, an active and central role in implementing the Declaration, in the framework of priorities and targets within its mandate;
7. Invites the Director-General to step up his approaches to funding organizations of the United Nations system and other funding organizations with a view to obtaining financial resources for activities by UNESCO geared to the implementation of the Millennium Declaration;
8. Further invites the Director-General to keep it regularly informed on all his approaches and action for the implementation of the Declaration and, in particular, on the Secretary-General's "road map" of implementation and follow-up.

(161 EX/SR.12)

8.1.2 International Year of Freshwater

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 55/196 proclaiming the year 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater,
2. Fully aware of the critical importance of the water resources problem and the need for an international campaign to raise awareness leading to concerted action at all levels,
3. Noting with satisfaction that water resources and ecosystems are a principal priority in document 31 C/4 (Draft),
4. Welcomes and supports the General Assembly initiative to proclaim the year 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater;
5. Calls upon Member States, NGOs, and civil society organizations and the private sector to provide voluntary resources for the activities of the Year at local, national and regional levels and to enable UNESCO to play its role actively in the preparation and celebration of the Year;
6. Requests the Director-General to ensure that UNESCO plays a pivotal role, and actively contributes to the joint United Nations system efforts within the Subcommittee on Water Resources of the Administrative Committee on Coordination with regard to the preparations for the Year;
7. Acknowledges the Director-General's preliminary proposals concerning UNESCO's programme of activities for the Year and requests him to finalize the programme and to report to the Board at its 164th session in 2002 on the preparations for the Year.

(161 EX/SR.12)

8.2 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (161 EX/38 and 161 EX/46)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/38,
2. Takes note of the information contained in paragraphs 2 to 17 of that document;
3. Takes note of the analytical reports submitted by the non-governmental organizations concerned on the implementation of framework agreements concluded for the period of the Medium-Term Strategy for 1996-2001 (28 C/4 Approved) and the recommendations on the renewal of those framework agreements for the period 2002-2007, as indicated in paragraphs 3 and 4 of document 161 EX/38;
4. Decides, on the basis of the information contained in the aforementioned document, to initiate the procedure for the renewal of statutory relations with these organizations and to continue examination thereof at its next session, on

the basis of additional information concerning the contribution of these NGOs to documents 31 C/4 and 31 C/5;

5. Approves the draft cooperation agreements with the International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC) and the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) contained in Annex III to document 161 EX/38 and invites the Director-General to sign them;
6. Takes note of the Director-General's recommendation concerning the reclassification in formal consultative relations of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), and decides to continue the examination of this recommendation at its next session;
7. Takes note of the Director-General's decisions concerning the admission to operational relations of the Forum of European Students (AEGEE), the Association Archives de la littérature latino-américaine, des Caraïbes et africaine du XXe siècle (ALLCA) and the Mediterranean Women's Forum (MWF);
8. Takes note of the Director-General's decision concerning the admission as a foundation of the organization "Friends of Waldorf Education – Rudolf Steiner Schools";
9. Decides to suspend official relations with the World Association of the Major Metropolises (METROPOLIS), the Union of Luso-Afri-America-Asiatic Capital Cities (UCCLA) and the International Institute for Human Rights Studies (IIHRS).

(161 EX/SR.11 and 12)

8.3 Sexennial Report of the Executive Board to the General Conference on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by non-governmental organizations (1995-2000) (161 EX/39, 161 EX/INF.8 and 161 EX/46)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/39,
2. Recommends that the General Conference adopt the following resolution:

The General Conference,

Having examined the sexennial report submitted to it by the Executive Board on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by non-governmental organizations from 1995 to 2000, in pursuance of Section V.3 of the *Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations* adopted at its 28th session (28 C/Resolution 13.42, 1995),

Reaffirming that the participation of non-governmental organizations in UNESCO's task is an ideal means for the Organization of associating civil society with its mission and its actions,

1. *Considers* that such cooperation, based on Article XI of the Constitution of the Organization and governed by the aforementioned Directives, has been reflected in a wide-ranging consultation of the National Commissions and

the NGO community worldwide, of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, and of all Secretariat services at and away from Headquarters, which have contributed extensively to this evaluation and reflection exercise through a constructive dialogue;

2. *Stresses* the importance of strengthening cooperation and developing partnership with the different sectors of civil society in the implementation of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 and in the pursuit of the reform process undertaken by the Organization;
3. *Reaffirms* the fundamental objectives of the Directives, in particular the revitalization and diversification of partnerships and the strengthening of operational cooperation for the benefit of the developing countries and countries in transition;
4. *Recommends* to the Executive Board that it:
 - (a) ensure that the implementation of the Directives continues to proceed in a spirit of openness towards civil society, especially in parts of the world where it is still isolated or weak;
 - (b) endeavour to clarify certain outstanding questions relating in particular to the financial and material arrangements for cooperation with the NGOs;
 - (c) invite its Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations to develop its intellectual reflection, to pursue the dialogue with the NGOs as a whole and the Secretariat, and for that purpose to continue to improve its working methods;
 - (d) to request the aforesaid Committee to continue its work with the aim of operationalizing the recommendations of the General Conference in this regard;
5. *Recommends* to the Director-General, with respect to programme preparation, that he:
 - (a) encourage the active participation of all NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO in sessions of the General Conference and in conferences on specialized subjects;
 - (b) continue to encourage the participation of the NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO in major UNESCO and United Nations conferences and their follow-up, side by side with other stakeholders, and the collective expression of the views of NGOs at international conferences organized under the auspices of the Organization;
 - (c) develop bilateral consultations, formal and informal, between the Secretariat and the NGOs, both at and away from Headquarters, particularly concerning the preparation of the Organization's biennial draft programme and budget, and make sure that their contributions are actually taken into account;

6. *Recommends* to the Director-General, with respect to programme execution, that he:
 - (a) strengthen cooperation with the NGOs and the coordination and follow-up role of the Secretariat by appointing, in each programme sector and preferably within the Executive Office of the Assistant Director-General, a focal point for coordination with the NGOs in the fields of activity of the sector concerned that does not entail additional financial resources;
 - (b) ensure, in connection with the new information and management systems for the programme and budget, the introduction of rational and uniform procedures, familiar to all users, which will enable a rigorous and transparent evaluation to be carried out of financial exchanges with the NGOs;
 - (c) develop communication activities (guide, database, Internet site);
7. *Terminates* the Special NGO Support Programme, established by 27 C/Resolution 13.141 as a specific form of financial cooperation with NGOs;
8. *Recommends*, with respect to geographical extension and openness to regional and national NGOs:
 - (a) To Member States and their National Commissions, that they:
 - (i) strengthen their cooperation with the national branches of NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO and consider the possibility of involving them more systematically in the work of National Commissions and their programme committees;
 - (ii) inventory organizations or national coalitions which are representative and active in the Organization's fields of competence;
 - (iii) associate national NGOs in the consultations which they carry out for the preparation of their contributions to the draft programmes of the Organization and ensure that they include in their priority requests to the Participation Programme projects emanating from NGOs or NGO coalitions which are active and representative in the Organization's fields of competence;
 - (iv) raise the quality of their contributions in the Organization's fields of competence by considering the inclusion of experts proposed by the NGOs in their delegations to specialized meetings;
 - (b) To the Director-General, that he:

strengthen the field units' role of promotion, stimulation and coordination in the development of cooperation at the regional and

national levels, and appoint, in each regional office and if possible in each cluster office, a focal point for coordination with the NGOs;

- (c) To NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO, that they:
- (i) tirelessly pursue their efforts to extend their geographical range and ensure a better geographical balance among the members of their governing bodies;
 - (ii) align their activities as far as possible on the priority thrusts of UNESCO's programme;
 - (iii) continue their efforts to make their national and local branches known to the National Commissions and keep the latter as well-informed as possible about their activities;

9. *Decides* to amend Section II, paragraph 4.1(b) (advantages enjoyed by organizations maintaining operational relations with UNESCO) and Section III (Collective consultations), paragraphs 1.1 (International conference) and 1.3.1 (Standing Committee) of the *Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations* as follows:

Section II

4.1(b):

“in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 14, of the Constitution, the Executive Board may invite them to be represented as observers at specified plenary meetings of the Conference and meetings of its commissions”. [*Remainder of text unchanged*]

Section III

1.1 International conference

“International non-governmental organizations maintaining *official* relations (formal or operational relations) with UNESCO may, with the approval of the Director-General” [*Remainder of text unchanged*]

1.3.1 NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee

[*Replace Standing Committee by NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee throughout the paragraph*]

(161 EX/SR.11 and 12)

8.4 Proposals by the Director-General on the establishment of a “special procedure” to increase the participation of National Commissions in the execution of UNESCO’s programme and to strengthen the accountability arrangements for programme activities carried out by National Commissions (161 EX/40 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/40 and the proposals contained therein,
2. Invites the Director-General to take practical measures adapted to each case, in cooperation with the Member States concerned, to enhance the status and operational capacities of their National Commissions, so that they are enabled to effectively respond to increased responsibilities in regard to programme execution, and to report to it at its 164th session on the measures adopted and the results achieved;
3. Further invites the Director-General to submit to it, for consideration at its 165th session, specific mechanisms through which interested National Commissions can effectively participate in programme execution at the level of UNESCO field offices. Such mechanisms shall:
 - (a) be consistent with Article VII of the Constitution of the Organization and the Charter of National Commissions for UNESCO;
 - (b) ensure cost-effectiveness;
 - (c) ensure full accountability in respect of any funds released to National Commissions;and
 - (d) be subject to evaluation and periodic review by the Director-General and the External Auditor of UNESCO;
4. Recognizes that provisions for ensuring cost-effectiveness, full accountability for funds released and for subjecting activities to evaluation and periodic review referred to above should be implemented immediately so that they apply to the current arrangement.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

8.5 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2002-2003 with which UNESCO could be associated (161 EX/47 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/47,
2. Noting that the proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General comply with the criteria approved by 159 EX/Decision 7.5,
3. Recommends to the General Conference:

- (a) that UNESCO be associated with the following celebrations in 2002-2003:
- (i) 1000th anniversary of the creation of Grigor Narekatsi's "Book of Lamentations"
 - (ii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Aram Khachaturyan
 - (iii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir Karl Popper
 - (iv) 200th anniversary of the birth of Mirza Kazem-Bey
 - (v) 200th anniversary of the birth of Ignacio Domeyko
 - (vi) 1000th anniversary of the creation of the epic "King Gesar"
 - (vii) 150th anniversary of the birth of José Martí
 - (viii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Wilfredo Lam
 - (ix) 100th anniversary of the birth of Nicolás Guillén
 - (x) 100th anniversary of the birth of Jan Calábek
 - (xi) 150th anniversary of the birth of Otakar Ševčík
 - (xii) 250th anniversary of the birth of Josef Dobrovský
 - (xiii) 100th anniversary of the founding of the Kisantu Botanic Garden
 - (xiv) 200th anniversary of the birth of Hector Berlioz
 - (xv) 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexandre Dumas (père)
 - (xvi) 200th anniversary of the birth of Victor Hugo
 - (xvii) 100th anniversary of the death of Theodor Mommsen
 - (xviii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodor W. Adorno
 - (xix) 100th anniversary of the birth of Max Ophüls
 - (xx) 100th anniversary of the birth of Halldór Laxness
 - (xxi) 1000th anniversary of the birth of Abu Moein Hakim Nasser Khosrow Qubadiyani
 - (xxii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Abol-hassan Saba
 - (xxiii) 550th anniversary of the birth of Leonardo da Vinci
 - (xxiv) 50th anniversary of the death of Maria Montessori
 - (xxv) 400th anniversary of the founding of the Accademia dei Lincei
 - (xxvi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Gabit Musrepop
 - (xxvii) 200th anniversary of the birth of Makhambet Utemissov
 - (xxviii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Semion Chuikov
 - (xxix) 500th anniversary of the establishment of Benin Court Art
 - (xxx) 200th anniversary of the birth of Niels Henrik Abel
 - (xxxi) 300th anniversary of the foundation of Wroclaw University
 - (xxxii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Dumitru Staniloae
 - (xxxiii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Alexandre Ciucurencu
 - (xxxiv) 150th anniversary of the birth of Ion Luca Caragiale
 - (xxxv) 300th anniversary of the foundation of the City of Saint Petersburg
 - (xxxvi) 200th anniversary of the birth of Fyodor Ivanovich Tyutchev
 - (xxxvii) 500th anniversary of the completion by Dionisy the Wise of his last monumental work-frescoes in the Nativity of the Virgin Cathedral of the Ferapontov Monastery
 - (xxxviii) 100th anniversary of the death of Abdurahman Ibn Ahmad Kawakibi
 - (xxxix) 3000th anniversary of Zoroastrianism
 - (xl) 2500th anniversary of the foundation of Ura-Tube city
 - (xli) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mom Luang Pin Malakul
 - (xlii) 150th anniversary of the birth of King Chulalongkorn, Rama V
 - (xliii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Nazim Hikmet

- (xliv) 100th anniversary of the birth of David Ferdman
- (xlv) 2700th anniversary of the foundation of Shakhriyabz city
- (xlvi) 900th anniversary of the birth of Khodja Abdulkholiq Al-Gijduvoni;

- (b) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme;
- (c) that the list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 2002-2003 be hereby closed.

(161 EX/SR.12)

8.6 Report by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of interest to UNESCO

8.6.1 The use of consultants in the United Nations (JIU/REP/2000/2) (161 EX/51 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/51,
2. Thanks the Joint Inspection Unit for its report entitled “The use of consultants in the United Nations” (JIU/REP/2000/2);
3. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report and of the Director-General’s comments thereon;
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue his efforts to rationalize the practice of the use of consultants in UNESCO, taking into account, as appropriate, the relevant recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit and considering best practices in the United Nations system.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

9 GENERAL MATTERS

9.1 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports concerning the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC); the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP); the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme; the Framework Agreement between UNESCO and the International Council for Science (ICSU); the Linguapax Project – promoting linguistic diversity; crafts promotion; and the International Literacy Institute (161 EX/42 and 161 EX/6)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/42 and the Director-General’s comments and observations thereon,
2. Appreciative of the high professional standing of the external evaluators,

3. Noting that, in the vast majority of cases, the evaluators were chosen from among those proposed or approved by National Commissions for UNESCO, as well as from NGOs with official status with UNESCO,
4. Expressing its general appreciation of the evaluation work carried out, especially with regard to the pertinence of the findings and recommendations based essentially on the expertise of the external evaluators in their respective fields of specialization and their international experience,
5. Regretting, that largely due to lack of time and resources, the evaluators were not able to include more detailed analysis of the effectiveness and substantive impact of the activities reviewed,
6. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as of the observations of the Director-General thereon,
7. Requests the Director-General to:
 - (a) pursue the work on the introduction of results-based programme management tools and processes that would facilitate future programme evaluations;
 - (b) ensure a more geographic and gender-balanced composition of external evaluation teams;
 - (c) as appropriate, complement external evaluations by audits, including risk management reviews;
 - (d) ensure that resources provided for individual evaluations are adequate for their completion;
 - (e) publish the terms of reference of evaluations on the UNESCO website;
 - (f) make available to it the reports of evaluations when they are completed;
 - (g) examine the general lessons for UNESCO as a whole to be learned from individual evaluations or groups of evaluations;
 - (h) encourage the undertaking of evaluations related to systems of operations as well as programmes;
 - (i) ensure that data collection systems are adequate for cost-effectiveness analysis;
 - (j) include assessment of inputs in all future evaluations and undertake follow-up impact studies for recent evaluations in which impact has not been covered;
8. Invites the Director-General to implement measures envisaged by him as a follow-up to the recommendations made by the evaluators;

9. Also invites the Director-General to report to it on progress made in the follow-up to the evaluations.

(161 EX/SR.11)

9.2 Comprehensive strategy devised to raise the visibility of UNESCO's action through strengthening the coordination of information and dissemination activities within the Secretariat (161 EX/43 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Mindful of the importance of enhancing UNESCO's visibility and image as an international organization devoted to advancing, through educational, scientific and cultural relations among the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and of the common welfare of humanity,
2. Referring to 30 C/Resolution 51, paragraph 1, adopted by the General Conference at its 30th session, by which it invited the Director-General "to formulate a comprehensive strategy, and make a cost estimate of its implementation, devised to raise the visibility of UNESCO's action, to strengthen the coordination of information and dissemination activities within the Secretariat, to develop cooperation with partners and to improve the quality of UNESCO's productions, both written and audiovisual, and to submit proposals to that end to the Executive Board at its 161st session",
3. Recalling, moreover, the decision that it took, at its 157th session, following the discussions held on the visibility of UNESCO, inviting the Director-General to "establish a group of experts with the task of looking into the functioning of the public information of UNESCO" (157 EX/Decision 10.4),
4. Having examined the communication and information strategy as proposed by the Director-General in document 161 EX/43,
5. Thanks the Group of Experts for its contribution and for the recommendations that it addressed to the Director-General, which are annexed to document 161 EX/43;
6. Welcomes the decisions taken by the Director-General, in the months after he took office, in order to give effect to the above-mentioned recommendations, which led to the establishment of a Bureau of Public Information (BPI) and to the formulation of a communication strategy project;
7. Notes with satisfaction that communication is recognized as an important tool for the implementation of the Organization's objectives and programmes;
8. Emphasizes the crucial role of the field offices in enhancing UNESCO's visibility and the need to create adequate capacity in these offices for this purpose;
9. Stresses the need to increase the visibility of UNESCO both in public opinion and vis-à-vis its existing and potential partners and urges Member States of the Organization and their National Commissions to cooperate closely with the Secretariat in this respect;

10. Approves the main lines of the communication and information strategy as proposed by the Director-General in document 161 EX/43;
11. Invites the Director-General to present to the Executive Board, at its 164th session, a comprehensive and detailed proposal for the implementation of a communication and public information strategy, as contained in document 161 EX/43, for possible approval;
12. Further invites the Director-General to review whether it is possible to make the UNESCO *Courier* more viable and cost-effective within the proposed budget and to continue his efforts to identify potential sources of sponsorship for the *Courier*, and ways to widen its readership especially among youth in different languages, taking into account the views expressed during the debates of its 161st session and to report thereon at its 162nd session.

(161 EX/SR.12)

9.3 Application of 160 EX/Decision 9.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (161 EX/44 and Add., 161 EX/INF.16 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report (161 EX/44 and Add.),
2. Having noted the Director-General's statement in document 161 EX/INF.16 with respect to "the very serious disruption affecting Palestinian educational institutions", and endorsing it,
3. Greatly concerned at the critical situation facing the Palestinian Territories, which gravely prejudices Palestinian children's right to education because of the sealing off of these territories which hampers the Palestinian education system,
4. Highly appreciative of the efforts of the international community to halt the violence and safeguard the peace process, which is seriously threatened by these tragic events,
5. Urgently appeals to the Israeli authorities to facilitate safe access of Palestinian children to their schools and to allow the functioning of educational establishments;
6. Expresses the urgent need for the Palestino-Israeli peace negotiations to be resumed so that a just and comprehensive peace is speedily brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions, to which UNESCO adheres, particularly Security Council resolutions 242, 338 and 1322, based on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of land for peace;
7. Expresses its profound regret that the third phase of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP) has been delayed because of the present situation;
8. Expresses its gratitude to the States, organizations, foundations and representatives of the private sector that have contributed to the implementation of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP);

9. Appeals to sponsors to contribute generously to financing the reconstruction of the Palestinian education system;
10. Warmly thanks the Director-General for his efforts to ensure the implementation of 30 C/Resolution 54 and 160 EX/Decision 9.1;
11. Expresses its support for the Director-General's initiative concerning the revision of Israeli and Palestinian textbooks, and invites him to contact the parties concerned and submit his proposals in this respect to it at its 164th session;
12. 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 and 338, based on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the principle of land for peace;
13. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to carry out, in cooperation with international organizations, an overall evaluation of the new needs of the Palestinian educational institutions and to submit the findings of that evaluation to it at its 162nd session;
 - (b) to continue financial assistance for Palestinian students to pursue their studies;
14. Invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities with a view to preserving the human and social fabric and safeguarding the Arab cultural identity of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in this regard;
 - (b) to continue his efforts vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities so that they cease imposing Israeli curricula on the students of the occupied Syrian Golan, to offer more grants to those students and to provide special assistance to the educational institutions of the Golan;
15. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;
16. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 162nd session.

(161 EX/SR.12)

9.4 Report on UNESCO's policy regarding world reports (161 EX/45 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/45,
2. Takes note of its content.

(161 EX/SR.12)

9.5 The new information and communication technologies for the development of education, science and culture (31 C/4 Draft, paras. 197-215, 31 C/5 Draft, 161 EX/INF.12)

(See decision 4.1, paras. 10, 70 and 74 and decision 4.2, paras. 9, 67, 68 and 69)

(161 EX/SR.16)

9.6 Progress report by the Director-General on the negotiations to reach an agreement with Canada concerning the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (161 EX/52 and 161 EX/48)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 159 EX/Decision 8.2 and 160 EX/Decision 9.2,
2. Having examined document 161 EX/52,
3. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it at its 165th session on the establishment and first year of operation of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics in Canada.

(161 EX/SR.13 and 15)

9.7 The post-conflict situation in the Balkans: Rebuilding cooperation in South-East Europe in the fields of science and research (161 EX/53 and 161 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 161 EX/53,
2. Takes note of its content.

(161 EX/SR.12)

9.8 DATES OF THE 162nd SESSION (including the meetings of the subsidiary bodies)

Bureau	26 September 2001
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	26 September-1 October 2001
Special Committee	27, 28 September 2001
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	27, 28 September and 1 October 2001
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	1 October 2001
Plenary meetings	2, 3 and 10-12 October 2001
PX and FA Commissions	4-9 October 2001

(161 EX/SR.16)

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD ON FRIDAY, 1 JUNE AND MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2001

At the private meetings held on Friday, 1 June, and Monday, 11 June 2001, the Executive Board considered items 5.1 and 7.11 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 decided, by a vote, to examine in a public meeting the communication concerning the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

7.11 Information for Members of the Executive Board regarding the appointment and extension of appointment of staff members at grade D-1 and above (161 EX/PRIV.1)

1. 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 come under the regular programme of the Organization. The Director-General also *informed* the Board of the appointment of the Director of the Bureau of Public Information and of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and of a spokesperson.
2. The Director-General also *informed* the Board of progress made in the contacts between the Organization and France relating to the taxation applicable in the host country to retired UNESCO staff members.

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Decisión 3.2.4, paragraph 4(c):

Replace “162nd session” by “161st session”.

Decisión 8.3, paragraph 4(d):

Replace “to request” by “request”.