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1 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU** (167 EX/1, 167 EX/INF.1 Rev., 167 EX/2 Rev.)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 167 EX/1 and 167 EX/INF.1 Rev.

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

1. **Programme and External Relations Commission (PX):** items 3.2, 3.3.1, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.7.1, 4.4, 4.5, 5.3, 5.6, 5.7, 8.1, 8.3, 9.1 and 9.3; and for programme-related aspects, items 3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 4.3 and 9.2.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11 and 7.12; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 4.3 and 9.2.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 167 EX/2 Rev. concerning the following agenda item:

5.4 Draft amendments to the Statutes of the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture

(167 EX/SR.1 and 2)

2 **APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 166th SESSION** (166 EX/SR.1-11)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 166th session.

(167 EX/SR.1)

3 **EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 **Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference** (167 EX/4 Part I, Part II (and Corr. in English and French only) and Add., 167 EX/INF.4 (and Corr. in French only), 167 EX/INF.6, 167 EX/INF.7, 167 EX/INF.8, 167 EX/INF.9 (Rev. in French only), 167 EX/INF.10, 167 EX/56 Part II and 167 EX/57 Part I)

I Management Chart

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 167 EX/4 Part II and Corr. and Add., 167 EX/INF.6, 167 EX/INF.7, 167 EX/INF.9 and 167 EX/INF.10,
2. Notes a significant improvement in the overall execution rate of the Programme and Budget;
3. Also notes an imbalance in the rate of expenditure for the projects related to the cross-cutting themes;

4. Expresses its concern at the considerable gap registered between the allocations by object of expenditure in document 31 C/5 Approved and work plan allocations, such as those for participants' travel and staff travel;
5. Invites the Director-General to remedy the imbalances in relation to both cross-cutting themes and to the costs and allocations for participants and staff travel.

(167 EX/SR.7)

II

Strengthening of the Executive Board's capacities to carry out its responsibility for the execution of the programme approved by the General Conference

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/4 Part I,
2. Taking note of the Director-General's opening address at its 167th session on items 3.1 and 3.2 of the agenda (167 EX/INF.7),
3. Decides to introduce at its 169th session a separate item: "strengthening of the capacities of the Executive Board to carry out its responsibility for the execution of the programme approved by the General Conference";
4. Invites the Director-General to present a document to it at its 169th session giving the opinions expressed by the Member States in the plenary and the Programme and External Relations Commission of the 167th session as well as his own views on the issue.

(167 EX/SR.7)

III

Action pertaining to the dialogue among civilizations and cultures

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 39 on the "Call for international cooperation to prevent and eradicate acts of terrorism", the United Nations Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 56/6 of 9 November 2001, and the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, adopted by the General Conference in 31 C/Resolution 25,
2. Further recalling the lead role played by UNESCO in the observance of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations 2001, during which a series of important international and national events were organized by UNESCO and several Member States,
3. Also recalling 164 EX/Decision 6.2 by which the Board approved the use of the unspent balance of funds carried over from 2000-2001 to the 2002-2003 biennium, *inter alia* for the purpose of intensifying the dialogue among civilizations and cultures and identifying new perspectives and approaches relating thereto,

4. Expressing its appreciation to the Director-General for his introductory statement to the general debate of the 167th session and, in particular, his reference to the future orientation of the activities of the Organization with respect to dialogue among civilizations and cultures,
5. Welcoming UNESCO's action with respect to dialogue as reported in paragraphs 405 and 406 of document 167 EX/4 Part I, and in document 167 EX/INF.8,
6. Convinced that, in the age of globalization, one of UNESCO's central tasks will be to build new bridges between civilizations and cultures,
7. Expresses its satisfaction with the broad range of activities undertaken, including the pursuit of new perspectives and innovative modalities as well as with the emphasis placed on follow-up and implementation of concrete activities in all of UNESCO's domains;
8. Welcomes and endorses the New Delhi Declaration on "Dialogue among Civilizations – Quest for new perspectives", adopted by the International Ministerial Conference held in New Delhi, India, on 9 and 10 July 2003;
9. Also welcomes and endorses the "Message from Ohrid" adopted by the Regional Forum on the Dialogue among Civilizations, held in Ohrid, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on 29 and 30 August 2003;
10. Welcomes all initiatives and actions undertaken by governments, National Commissions for UNESCO, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, the academic community, the private sector, religious and spiritual leaders and communities and various actors of civil society in the pursuit of the dialogue among civilizations and cultures;
11. Invites the Director-General to review continuously all programmes and work plans with a view to integrating approaches and recommendations adopted by the New Delhi and Ohrid meetings and to shape future approaches by UNESCO, which should focus on concrete activities and modalities;
12. Requests the Director-General to bring to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly the New Delhi Declaration and the Message from Ohrid;
13. Recommends to the General Conference that it include an item in its agenda for the 32nd session entitled "New perspectives in UNESCO's activities pertaining to the dialogue among civilizations and cultures".

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.2 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its previous sessions (167 EX/5, 167 EX/INF.6, 167 EX/INF.7, 167 EX/INF.10 and 167 EX/56 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 167 EX/5, 167 EX/INF.6, 167 EX/INF.7 and 167 EX/INF.10,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.3 Education

3.3.1 Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa on the Institute's activities in 2002-2003 (167 EX/6 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/6,
2. Takes note of its contents and the ensuing discussion;
3. Encourages the Director-General to continue his efforts to increase the human, financial and material resources of the Institute;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it thereon at its 170th session.

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.3.2 South-South solidarity in the field of education (167 EX/50, 167 EX/INF.5 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 167 EX/50 and 167 EX/INF.5,
2. Convinced of the need to promote South-South cooperation in the area of education to achieve the goals of Education for All (EFA),
3. Requests the Director-General:
 - (a) to carry out a study of the modalities of implementing South-South cooperation and solidarity in the field of education;
 - (b) to conduct a feasibility study on the creation of a fund for a programme of South-South solidarity in education;

4. Invites the Director-General to submit both studies to the Executive Board at its 170th session with a view to the launching of pilot projects on South-South solidarity in six developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.3.3 Proposal for the establishment of a regional educational planning centre in the United Arab Emirates under the auspices of UNESCO (167 EX/52 (and Corr. in English and French only) and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling document 164 EX/6 and Corr. and 164 EX/Decision 3.2.1,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/52 and Corr. containing a final report by the Director-General on the proposed establishment of the Regional Educational Planning Centre in the United Arab Emirates under the auspices of UNESCO,
3. Notes with satisfaction the successful conclusion of discussions between the Director-General and the authorities of the United Arab Emirates, allowing completion of all the steps required before approval of the proposal by the governing bodies;
4. Endorses the proposal, which now fully satisfies the established criteria and procedures and is in line with the overall strategy for category 2 institutes and centres as presented in documents 165 EX/20 and 167 EX/16;
5. Recommends to the General Conference that it approve, at its 32nd session, the establishment of the said Centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2);
6. Invites the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the United Arab Emirates annexed to this decision.

ANNEX

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL PLANNING CENTRE IN THE UAE

Whereas the General Conference, at its 32nd session, decided that the Regional Educational Planning Centre would be established in the United Arab Emirates as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2),

Whereas the Government of the United Arab Emirates has contributed and stands ready to contribute further to the establishment and to ensure the operation of the Centre in its territory,

Bearing in mind that the Government of the United Arab Emirates has already taken a number of effective measures and steps to ensure the necessary infrastructure and facilities for the Centre, by constructing and equipping the necessary premises,

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

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter called “the Organization”, and the Government of the United Arab Emirates, hereinafter called “the Government”,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article I
Establishment**

The Government agrees to take any measures that may be required for the setting up and the operation of the Regional Educational Planning Centre in the UAE, hereinafter called “the Centre”, as provided for under this Agreement.

**Article II
Legal Status**

The Centre shall be an autonomous institution with the legal status of a non-profit educational institution within the legal context of the host country, the UAE. In order to reflect its formal association with the Organization, the name of the Centre shall be “Regional Educational Planning Centre under the Auspices of UNESCO (REPC)”.

**Article III
Participation**

1. The Centre shall be at the service of the States members of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) and possibly other States that, by their geographical proximity to the Centre and/or the nature of their educational development and planning needs, desire to cooperate with the Centre.
2. The Centre would welcome cooperation with relevant intergovernmental regional organizations, such as the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS).

**Article IV
Objectives**

1. The objectives of the Centre shall be:
 - (a) to build national and regional capacity for modern educational planning, by targeting senior officials and technical staff of ministries of education, local level (province, district) education offices, and other ministries directly related to the education sector, such as finance ministries, through:
 - (i) training in all aspects of education planning;
 - (ii) training in applied education research, by undertaking fact-finding and analysis work focused on specific needs of the countries of the GCC region; and
 - (iii) awareness-raising with regard to specific sector development issues which are of priority for the countries in the region;
 - (b) to facilitate access to information on educational planning and management of other countries and relevant information published by international organizations and institutions, in particular the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning, by making relevant material available to the trainees of the Centre in English and Arabic, including translating selected material into Arabic, and by disseminating material on educational planning and management to education authorities in the region.

**Article V
Organization**

1. The structure of the Centre as well as the number and qualification of its professional and support staff shall be determined by the Centre’s objectives set forth in Article IV above. Thus, the Centre will have three programme sections and one support section:
 - (a) Section 1: Educational Planning Training Section;
 - (b) Section 2: Educational Research Training Section;
 - (c) Section 3: Educational Planning and Management Information Section;

- (d) Section 4: Administrative Support Section (including a translation/interpretation unit and a printing and publications unit).
2. The activities of the Centre will be conducted in Arabic and, whenever appropriate, in English.
 3. The Organization will authorize the Centre to issue certificates in UNESCO's name, with the certificate form and content to be mutually agreed, once the quality of the courses delivered by the Centre has been duly assessed and approved by UNESCO. The quality assessment will cover the course content, the profiles of the trainers, the methods of organizing courses and the teaching materials and will be carried out by a UNESCO team and an external evaluator.

Article VI Governing Board

1. The Centre shall be guided and supervised by a Governing Board renewed every four years and composed of:
 - (a) the Minister of Education of the United Arab Emirates or his/her appointed representative;
 - (b) three Ministers of Education from participating GCC countries or their appointed representatives, at the invitation of the Minister of Education of the host country;
 - (c) a representative of the Director-General of the Organization;
 - (d) the Director of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) or his/her representative;
 - (e) the Director of the Centre (who shall have no voting rights).
2. The Minister of Education of the United Arab Emirates or the person designated by the Minister shall be the Chairperson of the Governing Board.
3. The Governing Board shall:
 - (a) approve the long-term and medium-term programmes of the Centre;
 - (b) approve the annual work plan and budget of the Centre, including the staffing table;
 - (c) examine the annual reports submitted by the Director of the Centre;
 - (d) issue the rules and regulations and determine the procedures for the financial, administrative and personnel management of the Centre;
 - (e) decide on the participation of regional intergovernmental organizations and international institutes in the work of the Centre.
4. The Governing Board shall meet in ordinary session at regular intervals, at least once every calendar year; it shall meet in extraordinary session if summoned by the Chairperson, either on his/her own initiative or at the request of the Director-General of the Organization or of four of its members.
5. The Governing Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure. For its first meeting the procedure shall be established by the Government and the Organization.

Article VII Personnel

1. The personnel of the Centre shall comprise on a regular basis: professional staff, administrative staff and other support staff.
2. The Centre shall have a core group of professional staff, including the Director, that shall exercise collective leadership in substantive matters, monitoring and guiding the training, research and information dissemination activities of the Centre, in order to ensure consensus on major programme and programme management matters. The core professional staff shall be engaged for periods of at least three years, and preferably five years or more, in order to ensure the building of solid professional quality and experience and ensure its sustainability.

3. The personnel of the Centre shall comprise on an ad hoc basis visiting lecturers and visiting research fellows, for limited periods of time and for specific tasks.

4. All personnel that have signed a contract with the Centre shall be under the authority of the Director of the Centre and shall report to him/her.

Article VIII

Director

1. The Director of the Centre shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Governing Board after consultation with each member of the Board. The Director shall discharge the following duties:

- (a) direct the work of the Centre in conformity with the directives and programmes established by the Governing Board;
- (b) propose the work plan, budget and staffing table to the Governing Board;
- (c) appoint the staff of the Centre in agreement with the Minister of Education and, in the case of senior staff, after consultations with the Board;
- (d) organize at regular intervals (at least once every calendar month) and chair meetings of the core group of professional staff in order to ensure consensus on major programme and programme management matters;
- (e) prepare and submit reports on the activities of the Centre to the Governing Board;
- (f) prepare the provisional agenda for the sessions of the Governing Board and submit to the Board proposals that he/she deems necessary for the administration of the Centre;
- (g) maintain relations with institutes, centres and national and international organizations directly relevant to the work of the Centre;
- (h) submit proposals to the Governing Board that the Director deems necessary for the efficient management of the Centre and which require Board consultation or approval;
- (i) represent the Centre in law and in all civil acts.

2. The Director shall work closely with the core group of professional staff (as defined in Article VII, para. 2).

Article IX

Financial arrangements

1. The Centre's financial resources shall derive from sums allotted by the Government, from tuition fees and from such contributions as it may receive from other participating countries.

2. The Centre may, with approval of the Governing Board, receive gifts and legacies.

Article X

Contribution of the Government

1. The Government shall cover the operating costs of the Centre, including the salaries and compensations of the personnel of the Centre (as defined in Article VII, paras. 1 and 3), maintenance and repair, and all goods and services required on a recurrent basis for the proper functioning of the Centre (such as communication, utilities, transport and stationery) in its three programme areas of training in educational planning, access to educational planning and management information, and training in educational research.

2. The Government shall provide the Centre with appropriate space, furniture and equipment.

3. The Government shall cover the expenses of holding the sessions of the Governing Board.

Article XI

Contribution of the Organization

1. The Organization shall lend mutually agreed support to the establishment and the operation of the Centre as described in paragraph 2 below.

2. The Organization shall provide technical assistance for the establishment and operation of the Centre, including the preparatory phase, the launching phase and the phase of normal operation.

- (a) During the preparatory phase, the Organization shall provide support to the Centre for the identification of suitable professional staff, the preparation and testing of course materials, the training of core professional staff, and the selection of material to be translated into Arabic for purposes of dissemination of educational planning information in the region.
- (b) During the launching phase, the Organization shall provide technical assistance for the running-in of the training courses; and expertise to assess the quality and relevance of the training activities of the Centre and to advise on suitable ways to strengthen its performance.
- (c) During the phase of normal operations of the Centre (i.e. once the launching phase is completed), the Organization shall:
 - (i) provide the Centre with relevant materials published by it;
 - (ii) provide or assist in obtaining technical assistance, for the development of training materials and for participation of resource persons or guest lecturers in training activities;
 - (iii) provide advice on research and training activities of the Centre at the request of its Director;
 - (iv) associate staff of the Centre with relevant UNESCO activities in the region and elsewhere; and
 - (v) provide evaluative advice on the performance of the Centre with a view to assisting it in reaching and/or maintaining high levels of professional performance.
- (d) The Organization shall facilitate access of the Centre to the relevant know-how and the services of its own institutes and Regional Offices, in particular the know-how and the services of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning, the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education, the UNESCO Institute for Education, the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States Region (Beirut), and the UNESCO Office in Doha.

Article XII
Final clauses

1. The present Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the two parties. It shall remain in force until the end of the year 2007 and may be renewed for similar successive periods as agreed upon between the Government and the Organization.
2. The present Agreement may be revised by consent between the Government and the Organization.
3. Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving six months' prior written notice to the other party. Such termination shall mean that the Centre shall cease to be officially associated with the Organization as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO.

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

For the Government of the
United Arab Emirates:

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization:

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(representative of the Government)

(representative of the Organization)

3.4 Natural sciences

3.4.1 Report by the Director-General on a study on the establishment and administration of a solidarity fund for safe water for all (167 EX/7 and 167 EX/57 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 3.6.2,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/7,
3. Approves the statutes of the “Solidarity Fund for Safe Water for All” as set out in Annex I attached hereto;
4. Notes the financial regulations set out in Annex II attached hereto.

ANNEX I

STATUTES OF THE SOLIDARITY FUND FOR SAFE WATER FOR ALL

I. Name and nature of the Fund

As provided in Article X of the Statutes of the International Hydrological Programme, the Fund shall consist of voluntary contributions from States, Foundations, international agencies and organizations, as well as other donors. The Fund shall be called the “Solidarity Fund for Safe Water for All”, hereafter referred to as the “Fund”.

II. Establishment and duration of the Fund

The Fund shall be formally established once a commitment of resources has been communicated to the Director-General. If funding becomes available, the first phase of operation of the Fund will have a duration of four years: 2004-2007. At that time a review will be undertaken and the results reported to the Executive Board, with a view to a second phase.

III. Eligibility

- (a) The Fund shall be used to support activities concerning water resources development, in order to provide better access to good-quality water for those living in extreme poverty. Water resources development will be based on a thorough and reliable assessment of water availability and vulnerability of natural systems. The activities will be undertaken within the framework of the International Hydrological Programme, and will contribute to the implementation of priorities and targets fixed by the Millennium Development Goals, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) and the African Ministerial Conference on Water (AMCOW).
- (b) The resources of the Fund shall be allocated irrespective of any consideration of the nationality, race, sex, language, profession, ideology or religion of the beneficiary or beneficiaries concerned.
- (c) The activities supported by the Fund shall be undertaken by national, regional and international institutions as well as by NGOs and internationally recognized experts.

IV. Nomination and selection of the activities to be supported by the Fund

The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme, hereafter called “the Council”, (or its Bureau, upon delegation by the Council) shall be responsible for the selection of activities for support by the Fund. Activities may be proposed by Member States, IHP National Committees, NGOs, national, regional and international institutions, as well as research laboratories and individuals. Proposed activities shall be put forward to the UNESCO-IHP Secretariat according to a procedure, standard format and criteria to be established by the Council (or Bureau) in due course, in

consultation with the UNESCO-IHP Secretariat. If the Council has delegated authority to the Bureau, the Bureau will report to the Council on the activities supported by the Fund.

V. Coordination with ongoing programmes

The Fund activities shall be implemented within the framework of the International Hydrological Programme, and in close cooperation with the United Nations World Water Assessment Programme. Fund activities will complement other water initiatives such as programmes of the Global Environment Facility, the European Initiative for Africa and the G8 “Action Plan for Water”.

ANNEX II

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SOLIDARITY FUND FOR SAFE WATER FOR ALL

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO and Article X of the IHP Statutes, there is hereby created a Special Account to be known as the “Special Account of the Solidarity Fund for Safe Water for All”, hereafter referred to as the “Special Account”.

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

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

The purpose of the Special Account is to mobilize funds to finance the Solidarity Fund for Safe Water for All.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, foundations, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities, after approval by the UNESCO-IHP Secretariat.
- (b) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

UNESCO shall establish for this Special Account a dedicated budget code, or series of related budget codes, for each activity, and record therein all income referred to in Article 7 as well as all expenditure incurred for direct implementation of activities. The Bureau of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme may elect to transfer 10% of income at the end of each biennium, if without prejudice to planned implementation, to a capital fund in order to constitute reserves that would generate greater interest income over the life of the Special Account.

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.

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, this Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.4.2 Report by the Director-General on the recommendations of the Ad hoc Committee of Experts on an international basic sciences programme (167 EX/8 and 167 EX/57 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 3.3.1,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/8,
3. Recognizing that today more than ever, there is a pressing need for determined action to enable basic science to enhance and exercise its creative power in response to the needs of all societies,
4. Stressing that the goals of an international basic sciences programme (IBSP) and the worldwide effort it would entail are consonant with the strategic objectives in science, as set out in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007, and with the Organization's unique mandate for the basic sciences within the United Nations system,
5. Highlighting the opportunities that an IBSP may offer for strengthening national capacities in science, sharing scientific knowledge, promoting science education and reducing the divide in the basic sciences,
6. Taking into consideration the favourable attitude of the principal partner organizations of UNESCO in the basic sciences towards participation in an IBSP,
7. Seeking to introduce a significant initiative in order to set up a new international platform in the basic sciences for implementation of the follow-up to the World Conference on Science through a concerted goal-oriented partnership between governmental institutions and international scientific organizations,
8. Endorses the proposal on the establishment of an IBSP within existing budgetary provisions;
9. Recommends to the General Conference that it approve, at its 32nd session, the proposal by the Director-General to establish an IBSP and that it also invite Member States to inform the Director-General of relevant national and regional institutions that

could be associated with such a programme and of projects in the basic sciences and science education that they would suggest for implementation in that framework;

10. Also recommends that the General Conference invite the Director-General to take the necessary measures for implementation of the General Conference resolutions and the Executive Board decisions concerning an IBSP, and to submit to the Executive Board at its 169th session a progress report on such a programme and how it relates to present programmes in the basic sciences, accompanied by draft statutes for a Scientific Board (category V of the applicable Regulations for meetings).

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.4.3 Proposal for the establishment of a regional centre for biotechnology training and education in India, under the auspices of UNESCO (167 EX/48 and 167 EX/57 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 3.3.1,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/48,
3. Requests the Director-General to undertake a feasibility study on this proposal and examine, *inter alia*, the possibility of including the proposed Regional Centre as a Regional Centre of Excellence in an international basic sciences programme and to report to it at its 169th session.

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.4.4 Proposal for the establishment of an international centre on qanats and historic hydraulic structures in Yazd, Islamic Republic of Iran, under the auspices of UNESCO (167 EX/49 (and Corr. in French only), and 167 EX/57 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 21 C/Resolution 40.1 and 165 EX/Decision 5.4,
2. Further recalling paragraphs 29 and 33 of the *Science Agenda – Framework for Action*, adopted by the World Conference on Science (Budapest, June 1999), as well as the favourable opinion expressed in paragraph 91 of the Final Report of the 15th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) published in June 2002 and endorsed by the IHP Bureau in June 2003,
3. Having examined document 167 EX/49 and its annex,
4. Welcomes the proposal of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish an International Centre on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures under the auspices of UNESCO, which is in line with the existing principles and guidelines (21 C/36) and the proposed strategy for this category of institutes and centres (165 EX/20 and 167 EX/16);
5. Recommends to the General Conference that it approve, at its 32nd session, the establishment of the International Centre on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures in Yazd, Islamic Republic of Iran, under the auspices of UNESCO, and authorize the

Director-General to negotiate and sign an appropriate agreement, it being understood that the obligations of UNESCO shall not be other than those indicated in the annex attached hereto.

ANNEX

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE ON QANATS AND HISTORIC HYDRAULIC STRUCTURES (ICQHS-YAZD)

Whereas the General Conference, at its 32nd session, decided that the International Centre on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHS-Yazd) would be established in the Islamic Republic of Iran under the auspices of UNESCO,

Whereas the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has contributed and stands ready to contribute further to the establishment and operation of the International Centre in its territory,

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

Desirous of concluding an agreement with a view to ensuring the establishment and operation of the said Centre and to defining the terms and conditions governing the support that it shall be granted, under the guidelines laid down by the General Conference (21 C/Resolution 40) for regional centres set up by a State with UNESCO's participation and receiving assistance from it (21 C/36, paragraph B(ii)),

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter called "the Organization", and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, hereinafter called "the Government",

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article I Establishment

The Government agrees to take any measures that may be required for the setting up of the International Centre on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHS-Yazd), hereinafter called "the International Centre", in Yazd as provided for under this Agreement.

Article II Participation

1. The International Centre shall be an autonomous institution at the service of Member States of the Organization that, by their common interest in the objectives of the International Centre and the nature of their water problems, desire to cooperate with the International Centre.

2. Member States of the Organization wishing to participate in the International Centre's activities, as provided for under this Agreement, shall send the Director-General of the Organization notification to this effect, signed by an official having the authority to sign international treaties, as well as the designation of the national water-related body which shall be competent to represent the Member State. The Director-General shall inform the International Centre and the Member States mentioned in Article II, paragraph 1, above, of the receipt of such notifications.

Article III Objectives and functions

1. The objectives of the International Centre shall be:
 - (a) promotion of capacity-building, research, and development in relation to qanats and other traditional historic hydraulic structures for the purpose of achieving sustainable development objectives through international cooperation;

- (b) global transfer of knowledge and technology on qanats and historic hydraulic structures;
 - (c) preservation of the cultural heritage that qanats represent.
2. The functions of the International Centre shall be:
- (a) executing educational and training activities to transfer qanat and historic hydraulic structures technology worldwide;
 - (b) undertaking research, development and scientific investigation in collaboration with relevant research centres all over the world;
 - (c) holding scientific symposiums and conferences (regional and international);
 - (d) collecting information available worldwide and setting up a data bank;
 - (e) collecting and disseminating relevant local knowledge;
 - (f) publishing and disseminating the outcomes of research activities in different countries through books, articles, etc;
 - (g) compiling a comprehensive history on qanats and historic hydraulic structures.
3. The International Centre shall pursue the above objectives and functions in close coordination with the International Hydrological Programme of the Organization.
4. The International Centre shall carry out the above functions to the extent to which resources and international support can be mobilized.

Article IV Governing Board

1. The International Centre shall be administered by a Governing Board composed of:
- (a) a representative of the Government;
 - (b) a representative of each of the other Member States that: (1) have sent the Director-General of the Organization notification, as provided for under Article II, paragraph 2, above; and that (2) make a substantial contribution to the operating budget or running of the International Centre, and are thus accorded a seat by a decision of the Governing Board;
 - (c) a representative of the Director-General of the Organization;
 - (d) the Director of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management (RCUWM), Tehran;
 - (e) a representative of any other intergovernmental organization or international non-governmental organization making a substantial contribution to the operating budget or running of the International Centre and accorded a seat by a decision of the Governing Board.
2. The Minister of Energy of the Islamic Republic of Iran or the person he/she designates shall be the representative of the Government, and shall also be the Chairperson of the Governing Board.
3. The Governing Board shall have all the powers required for the running and administration of the International Centre. It shall:
- (a) approve the annual plan and budget of the International Centre;
 - (b) examine the annual reports submitted by the Director of the International Centre as provided under Article VI below;
 - (c) study and approve the International Centre's internal procedures, including financial regulations and staff rules;
 - (d) approve the International Centre's organizational chart and number of staff;

- (e) convene special consultative sessions to which it shall invite, in addition to its own members, the Director of the International Centre and representatives of other interested countries and international organizations in order to obtain proposals for strengthening the scope of services of the International Centre and for carrying out projects and activities relevant to the International Centre, and to expand the Centre's fund-raising strategy and capabilities.
4. The Governing Board shall meet in ordinary session once a year; it shall meet in an extraordinary session if summoned by the Chairperson, either on his/her own initiative or on that of the Director-General of the Organization, or at the request of at least half of its members.
5. The Governing Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure. For the first meeting the procedures shall be established by the representatives of the Government and the Organization.

Article V Secretariat

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

Article VI Duties of the Director

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

Article VII Financial arrangements

1. The International Centre's resources shall derive from sums allotted by the Organization, subject to the decisions of the General Conference, and by the Government, from such contributions as it may receive from other Member States of the Organization, from the intergovernmental organizations or international non-governmental organizations mentioned in Article IV, paragraph 1(e) of this Agreement, and from payments for services rendered.
2. The International Centre may, with the approval of the Governing Board, receive gifts and legacies.

Article VIII
Legal status, privileges and immunities

1. The International Centre shall enjoy in the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran the personality and legal capacity necessary for the exercise of its functions.
2. The Government shall apply to the Organization and its officials and experts, including those who are made available to the International Centre, and to the representatives of Member States and Associate Members attending the sessions of the Governing Board, the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.
3. The members of the International Centre's Governing Board and its Director shall enjoy, during their stay in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and while exercising their duties, the privileges, facilities and immunities accorded to members of foreign diplomatic missions accredited to the Government.
4. The agents made available to the International Centre under the UNESCOPAS programme or any other equivalent programme shall enjoy the status, privileges, facilities and immunities set out in the agreement concluded to this effect.
5. The Government shall authorize the entry, free of visa charges, the sojourn in its territory and the exit of any person invited to attend the sessions of the Governing Board or proceeding to the International Centre on official business.
6. The goods, assets and income of the International Centre shall be exempt from all direct taxes. Further, the International Centre shall be exempt from the payment of any fees or taxes with respect to equipment, supplies and material imported or exported for its official use.
7. The International Centre may have accounts in any currency, hold funds and foreign exchange of any kind and transfer them freely.
8. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any claims which may be brought by third persons against the Organization, against members of its staff or against other persons employed by the International Centre and shall hold the Organization and the above-mentioned persons harmless from any claims or liabilities resulting from operations of the International Centre under this Agreement, except where it is agreed by the Organization and the Government that such claims or liabilities arise from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such persons.

Article IX
Contribution of the Government

1. The Government shall cover the salaries and compensations of the Secretariat staff including the Director, and make available to the International Centre the necessary staff.
2. The Government shall provide the International Centre with appropriate office space, equipment and facilities.
3. The Government shall cover the communication, utilities and maintenance costs of the International Centre, plus the expenses of holding the sessions of the Governing Board and the special consultative sessions.
4. The Government shall contribute funds towards the implementation of studies, training, and publication activities, complementing the contributions from other sources.

Article X
Contribution of the Organization

1. The Organization will provide technical and administrative assistance for the establishment and operation of the International Centre, including assistance in the formulation of the short-, medium- and long-term programmes of the Centre.
2. The Organization, in particular through the Intergovernmental Council of the IHP, may associate the International Centre with the execution of relevant drylands activities and, in this case, will provide support within the framework of the biennial Programme and Budget (C/5 document), it being understood that the Organization may only contribute financially to concrete activities/projects of the Centre if those are deemed to be in line with UNESCO's programme priorities. The Organization will not, however, provide financial support for administrative or institutional purposes.

3. The Organization will encourage the international governmental and non-governmental financial entities, as well as its Member States to provide financial and technical assistance and to propose applicable projects to the International Centre and will facilitate contacts with other international organizations relevant to the functions of the Centre.
4. The Organization will provide the International Centre with IHP publications and other pertinent material and will disseminate information on the activities of the Centre via the IHP website and other mechanisms at its disposal.
5. The Organization will participate, when appropriate, in the scientific, technical and training meetings held by the International Centre.

Article XI
Final clauses

1. The present Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the two parties. It shall remain in force until the end of 2007 and may be renewed for a similar period as agreed upon between the Government and the Organization.
2. The present Agreement may be revised by consent between the Government and the Organization.
3. Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving six months prior written notice to the other party.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement in two original copies, one in the authentic English version and one in Farsi.

For the Government of the
Islamic Republic of Iran:

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization:

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(representative of the Government)

(representative of the Organization)

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.5 Social and human sciences

3.5.1 Report by the Director-General on an integrated strategy for an international programme on democracy within the framework of the International Centre for Human Sciences (ICHS), Byblos (167 EX/9 and 167 EX/56 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/9,
2. Emphasizing the importance of the International Centre for Human Sciences, set up at Byblos, Lebanon,
3. Bearing in mind the recommendations by the International Panel on Democracy and Development chaired by Mr Boutros Boutros-Ghali,
4. Taking note of the efforts made by UNESCO in its activities on the promotion of democracy,

5. Requests the Director-General to develop an international programme on democracy, based on the orientations of the integrated strategy proposed in the above-mentioned document and invites him to report to it at its 170th session.

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.6 Culture

3.6.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 166 EX/Decision 3.4.1 (167 EX/10 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 31 and 166 EX/Decision 3.4.1, as well as the provisions of the fourth Geneva Convention (1949) and its additional Protocols, of The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocol and of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage, and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council on the status of Jerusalem,
2. Taking note of document 167 EX/10 concerning Jerusalem and drawing attention to the obstacles to the implementation of 166 EX/Decision 3.4.1,
3. Noting that:
 - (a) despite the sustained and praiseworthy efforts of the Director-General to implement the numerous resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board on the safeguarding of Jerusalem, no progress has been observed concerning respect, by the occupying power, of all the relevant resolutions and decisions relating to Jerusalem in all matters pertaining to its cultural, architectural, historical and demographic components as well as to restoration work,
 - (b) major infrastructural works are continuing and in some cases being speeded up, causing damage to monuments and the violation of historic sites, in a spiritual, cultural and demographic context that, because of both its diversity and its harmonious complementarity, constitutes the unique character of Jerusalem as a symbol of the heritage of humanity as a whole,
 - (c) serious dangers constantly imperil the cultural property of the Old City of Jerusalem (al-Quds),
 - (d) the mission entrusted to Professor Oleg Grabar to draw up a report on the present situation is still refused by Israel,
4. Reaffirming all its previous decisions on the subject and inviting the Director-General to pursue his efforts to obtain their implementation,
5. Reiterates its support for the initiative taken by the Director-General to prepare a comprehensive plan of action to safeguard the Old City of Jerusalem and, in that

connection, decides to establish, as soon as possible, a committee of experts to be entrusted with proposing, on a scientific and technical basis the guidelines for this plan of action and the modalities for its implementation;

6. Reiterates its appeal to States, organizations, institutions, legal entities and private individuals to contribute financially to the Special Account for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Holy City, while at the same time thanking Italy for its contribution;
7. Requests the beginning of work to consolidate, restore and rehabilitate the interior of the al-Haram ash-Sharîf (Esplanade of the Mosques), in particular the Ashrafiyya Madrasa and the centre for the conservation of historic manuscripts, projects for which the final plans are ready and funding available thanks to a generous contribution by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
8. Once again invites the Director-General to continue his steps to ensure the implementation of the decision relating to the mission to Jerusalem of Professor Oleg Grabar;
9. Urges that the Israeli authorities take all requisite measures to enable this mission to proceed smoothly;
10. Calls upon governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions to authorize no measure or activity that contravenes the resolutions of the General Conference and the decisions of the Executive Board relating to Jerusalem and to do nothing incompatible with the status of Jerusalem;
11. Decides to include this item on the agenda of its 169th session.

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.6.2 Feasibility study on the request by the International Institute for Opera and Poetry (IIOP), Verona, Italy, to be recognized as an institute under the auspices of UNESCO (167 EX/11 and 167 EX/56 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/11,
2. Thanks the Director-General for the additional information regarding the nature of cooperation between UNESCO and the International Institute for Opera and Poetry (IIOP), Verona, Italy;
3. Takes note of the intention of the Director-General to establish cooperation between UNESCO and IIOP under the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions;
4. Considers that there are therefore no grounds for maintaining item 5.13 on the provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference.

(167 EX/SR.7)

3.7 Communication and information

3.7.1 Reports on the implementation of the Information for All Programme (167 EX/12 and 167 EX/56 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/12,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(167 EX/SR.7)

4 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

4.1 Report by the working group of the Executive Board on proposals for improving the functioning of the three organs of UNESCO (167 EX/13)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 70, 165 EX/Decision 5.1 and 166 EX/Decision 5.1,
2. Having examined the report of the working group contained in document 167 EX/13,
3. Decides to continue examination of this matter at its 169th session;
4. Transmits to the General Conference documents 165 EX/17 and Addenda, 165 EX/SP/2, 166 EX/20 and 167 EX/13.

(167 EX/SR.5)

4.2 The number of items on the Executive Board's agenda and the role of its subsidiary bodies (167 EX/47 (and Corr. in French only) and 167 EX/53 (Rev. in French only))

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 5.2 and the functions assigned to it in Article V of UNESCO's Constitution,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/47,
3. Decides to adopt the following measures to reduce the number of items on its agenda:
 - (a) ensure as far as possible that agenda items correspond to the structure of the approved programme and budget (C/5);
 - (b) prioritize the inclusion of items in the agenda on the basis of their relevance to the execution of the programme and budget adopted by the General Conference (C/5);
 - (c) remove from the agenda the item relating to "Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO" and include the relevant information on the subject in the report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme and budget (C/5);

4. Invites its Chairperson, assisted by the Bureau in consultation with the Director-General, to submit to it at its 169th session further proposals concerning criteria for establishing the agenda of the Executive Board, taking into account the oral report of the Chairperson of the Special Committee and allowing sufficient time for consideration of the most important substantive matters.

(167 EX/SR.6)

4.3 Biennial evaluation report on the activities and results of all UNESCO decentralized bodies (167 EX/14 and 167 EX/56 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 83 (Parts I and II) “Draft guidelines for the rational implementation of decentralization”,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/14,
3. Notes with appreciation the exhaustive and transparent nature of the report presented therein by the Director-General;
4. Expresses its concern at the confusion existing in the field with regard to the roles and responsibilities of each decentralized body and the persistent lack of financial and human resources of the cluster offices considered as the delivery platform for all programming and implementation relations at country level in close cooperation with the National Commissions;
5. Takes note of the efforts already made by the Director-General to address emerging issues related to decentralization and the functioning of the field offices;
6. Urges the Director-General to continue to make every possible effort to solve this situation in the 2004-2005 biennium;
7. Invites the Director-General to strengthen the process of consultations with Member States and their National Commissions so as to develop a common vision of the decentralization process with a view to attaining a better balance of programme activities between the field and Headquarters in order to meet the objectives of UNESCO;
8. Also invites the Director-General to report on the progress made in addressing the issues raised in the above-mentioned document and to submit a comprehensive plan of action and corresponding timetable to it at its 169th session.

(167 EX/SR.6)

4.4 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2002-2003 biennium (167 EX/15 and 167 EX/56 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/15 and taking into consideration the evaluation reports that have been presented,

2. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as the report of the Director-General on the implementation of these recommendations,
3. Invites the Director-General to implement those recommendations in the appropriate manner so as to improve the programmes to which they relate and to continue to improve the quality of evaluations by implementing the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;
4. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to the Executive Board on evaluations that are carried out on the Organization's programme activities and on the progress made in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations and in strengthening the quality of the evaluations undertaken.

(167 EX/SR.7)

4.5 Report by the Director-General on a comprehensive strategy for relations with institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO and those loosely associated with UNESCO (167 EX/16 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 21 C/Resolution 40.1, 30 C/Resolution 2 and 30 C/Resolution 83; and 161 EX/Decision 3.2.4, 161 EX/Decisions 4.1 and 4.2, 162 EX/Decision 4.2 and 165 EX/Decision 5.4,
2. Further recalling the recommendations of the Legal Committee of the General Conference following the adoption of 165 EX/Decision 5.4 (LEG/2002/REP, para. 11),
3. Having examined document 167 EX/16 and its annexes,
4. Takes note of the progress made so far in the implementation on an experimental basis of the criteria for UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1);
5. Endorses the criteria proposed by the Director-General in paragraphs 11 and 12 of document 167 EX/16 to serve as a permanent framework for designating and engaging with institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), within the overall strategy for institutes and centres to be approved by the General Conference;
6. Takes note of the updated list of institutes and centres belonging to category 2 (167 EX/16, Annex I);
7. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 171st session the revised and completed principles and guidelines regarding the establishment and operation of UNESCO institutes and centres (category 1) and institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), taking into account the experience gained in the implementation on an experimental basis of the strategy for category 1 institutes/centres, for consideration and onward transmission to the General Conference at its 33rd session;

8. Further invites the Director-General to conduct, in consultation with Member States, a survey to ascertain the identity of entities using UNESCO's name and/or logo, and to obtain all necessary information concerning their origin, mandate, legal status, standing with regard to UNESCO, relation to the National Commission for UNESCO, and activities, and to report on this matter to the Executive Board at its 171st session.

(167 EX/SR.7)

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 (167 EX/CR/HR and Addenda and 167 EX/3 PRIV.)

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

(167 EX/SR.6)

5.2 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education: Nominations and report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations thereon (167 EX/17 and Add. (Add. Rev. in English only) and 167 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Having taken note of the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the Protocol for the purpose of the election of ten members of the Commission communicated to it by the Director-General pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of the said Protocol (167 EX/17 and Add. Rev.),
3. Transmits this list to the General Conference at its 32nd session;
4. Requests the Director-General to add to this list any other candidatures which he may receive before the opening of the 32nd session of the General Conference.

(167 EX/SR.6)

5.3 Report by the Director-General on the finalization of the draft international declaration on human genetic data (167 EX/18 (and Corr. in Spanish only), and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 165 EX/Decision 3.4.2 and 166 EX/Decision 6.2,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/18 and its annex,

3. Invites the Director-General to inform the General Conference at its 32nd session of the observations made at its 167th session concerning the draft international declaration on human genetic data;
4. Recommends to the General Conference that it establish a working group of Commission III to prepare the relevant deliberations with a view to facilitating the adoption of the draft international declaration on human genetic data contained in document 32 C/29, at its 32nd session, taking into account the proposals and observations made by Member States;
5. Further recommends to the General Conference that, at its 32nd session, it adopt the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Considering the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data adopted on ... October 2003,

1. *Calls upon* Member States:

- (a) to make every effort to adopt measures, whether of a legislative, administrative or other character, to give effect to the principles set out in the Declaration, in accordance with the international law of human rights, such measures to be supported by action in the sphere of education, training and public information;
- (b) to notify the Director-General regularly of any pertinent information on steps taken by them to implement the principles set forth in the Declaration, pursuant to Article 25 thereof;
- (c) to promote ethics education and training at appropriate levels, and to encourage programmes for the provision of information and the circulation of knowledge concerning human genetic data;

2. *Invites* the Director-General:

- (a) to take appropriate steps to ensure the follow-up to the Declaration, including its dissemination and translation into a large number of languages;
- (b) to take the necessary steps to enable the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC) and the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) to contribute appropriately to the implementation of the Declaration and dissemination of the principles set forth therein;
- (c) to report to the General Conference at its 33rd session on the implementation of this resolution.

(167 EX/SR.7)

5.4 Draft amendments to the Statutes of the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture (167 EX/19 (and Corr. in French only) and 167 EX/2 Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 155 EX/Decision 3.5.6 by which it approved the Statutes of the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture and took note of its Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/19,
3. Approves the amendments proposed in Articles 2.1, 2.2, 5.3 and 7 of the Statutes of the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture as underlined in Annex I to this decision;
4. Takes note of the amendment proposed in Article 2 of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture as underlined in Annex II to this decision.

ANNEX I

**AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF
THE SHARJAH PRIZE FOR ARAB CULTURE**

Original Text

**Proposed text
(The proposed amendments are underlined)**

1. Purpose

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The purpose of the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture is to reward the efforts of a national of an Arab country and a national of any other country who have contributed, through their artistic, intellectual or promotional work, to the development and diffusion of Arab culture in the world. The objective of this Prize is in conformity with the second and sixth preambular paragraphs and with Article I, paragraph 2 (c), of the Constitution of UNESCO, according to which the Organization is assigned the task of promoting the mutual understanding of peoples through activities that encourage greater knowledge of the cultures of different peoples and international exchange between the different cultures.

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“2.1. The value of the Prize shall consist of a sum of US \$50,000 offered annually by the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates). The costs of administration of the Prize shall be covered by interests on the investment by the Secretariat in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO of the sum of US \$250,000 donated by the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) for this purpose.”

2.2 The Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture shall be awarded once every two years and shall be shared, in equal parts, between one prizewinner from an Arab country and one prizewinner from another country.

3. Qualifications of candidates

Candidates shall be eminent persons, groups or institutions that have made a significant contribution to the development, the diffusion and the promotion of Arab culture throughout the world, and to the safeguarding and revitalization of the Arab intangible cultural heritage.

4. Selection of prizewinners

The prizewinners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the proposals made to him/her by a jury.

5. Jury

5.1 The Jury shall consist of a minimum of five members, of different nationalities, appointed by the Director-General for a period of four years.

5.2 The Jury shall adopt its own working procedures and shall be assisted in the performance of its task by a member of the UNESCO Secretariat designated by the Director-General.

5.3 The Jury shall meet every two years.

6. Submission of nominations

6.1 Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General by the governments of Member States in consultation with their National Commissions and by non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO.

6.2 Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, *inter alia*:

- a description of the candidate's work;
- a summary of the results of his or her work;
- a definition of the candidate's contribution to promoting Arab culture or improving its diffusion.

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The names of the prizewinners shall be announced every two years, on a date fixed by the Director-General of UNESCO. The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General or his/her representative at an official ceremony held for that purpose.

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ANNEX II

AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE SHARJAH PRIZE FOR ARAB CULTURE

Original Text

1. Establishment of the Special Account

In accordance with Regulations 6.6 and 6.7 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby established an account which shall be known as the 'Special Account for the Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture', hereinafter called 'the Special Account'.

2. Purpose of the Special Account

The Special Account shall be credited with funds for investment, the interest on which shall be used to finance a Prize which shall be awarded for the promotion of Arab culture. The Prize shall be awarded every two years as from 1999, on a date fixed by the Director-General .

3. Income

Donations made by the authorities of the United Arab Emirates (the Government of Sharjah) and other donors – with the prior agreement of the United Arab Emirates (the Government of Sharjah) – and interest accruing on the investment of those donations shall be credited to the Special Account.

4. Expenditure

The Special Account shall be debited with the amount (or amounts) awarded to the prizewinner (or prizewinners) and the administrative expenses, including those incurred for the holding of meetings of the Jury entrusted with the selection of the prizewinners. Expenditure may not exceed the amount of interest accrued.

5. Financial statements and accounts

5.1. The financial period shall be the same as that of UNESCO's regular programme.

5.2 The financial statements of the Special Account shall be presented in dollars of the United States of America. Subsidiary accounts may, if necessary, be kept in other currencies.

Proposed text

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The Special Account shall be credited with an annual amount of US \$50,000 to be divided equally between the two laureates, in addition to the existing funds for investment, the interest on which shall be used to finance the expenses related to the Prize which shall be awarded for the promotion of Arab culture. The Prize shall be awarded every year as from 2003, on a date fixed by the Director-General .

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

5.5 The financial accounts shall be submitted for verification to the External Auditor of UNESCO.

6. Investments

In accordance with Regulations 9.1 and 9.2 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, the Director-General is authorized to invest the funds credited to the Special Account. Interest accruing from these investments shall be credited to the said account.

7. General provision

Unless otherwise provided in the present financial regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with UNESCO's Financial Regulations.

8. Termination of the Prize

UNESCO or the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) may terminate the Prize. Any unspent balance upon termination of the Prize shall be transferred to the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) after the deduction of expenses not yet recorded in the accounts.

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(167 EX/SR.1 and 2)

5.5 Reports of Member States on measures they have adopted to implement the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970) (167 EX/20 and Addenda and 167 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 167 EX/20 and addenda, which contain a summary of the reports of States on the action taken by them to implement the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (hereafter "the 1970 Convention"),
2. Noting that of the 100 States Parties to the 1970 Convention only 24 have submitted reports on the action they have taken to implement the Convention in response to 28 C/Resolution 3.11,
3. Further noting that seven Member States not yet Parties to the 1970 Convention have provided information regarding their intention to ratify the Convention,

4. Noting also that the number of reports by States Parties to the 1970 Convention is inadequate in view of the obligation of each State Party to report under Article 16 of the Convention,
5. Considering that the reports submitted generally reflect serious implementation of the terms of the 1970 Convention but demonstrate areas where improvement is needed,
6. Considering also that action against illicit traffic in cultural property urgently needs to be strengthened at the national as well as the international level,
7. Hereby decides to recommend to the General Conference, at its 32nd session, that it:
 - (a) Invite the States which are not yet Parties to the 1970 Convention as well as to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention, which complements it, to accede to them;
 - (b) Remind States Parties of their obligations under the 1970 Convention in respect of effective implementation, and in particular their obligation to report under its Article 16;
 - (c) Set the periodicity for reporting at six-year intervals with reference to Article 16 of the 1970 Convention under which the General Conference determines the dates of reporting;
 - (d) Request the Secretariat to facilitate the work of States Parties in preparing their reports by providing them with a questionnaire and appropriate categories of information and measures to be included in their reports having regard to Article 16 of the 1970 Convention under which the General Conference determines the manner of reporting;
 - (e) Emphasize that the content of such reports be as detailed as possible to enable an accurate understanding and evaluation of the implementation of the 1970 Convention;
 - (f) Encourage States Parties to the 1970 Convention to assess the adequacy and effectiveness of national measures undertaken to implement the Convention so that areas of weakness may be identified and appropriate adjustments or improvements made;
 - (g) Invite Member States and the Director-General to pursue activities aimed at strengthening regional and worldwide cooperation, particularly by concluding agreements and encouraging an international system to facilitate the restitution of stolen or illicitly exported cultural property.

(167 EX/SR.6)

5.6 Report by the Director-General on the draft UNESCO declaration concerning the intentional destruction of cultural heritage (167 EX/21 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 31 C/Resolution 26 which, among other things, invited the Director-General to formulate, for the 32nd session of the General Conference, a draft declaration concerning the intentional destruction of cultural heritage,

2. Having examined document 167 EX/21,
3. Recommends that the General Conference adopt, at its 32nd session, the draft UNESCO declaration concerning the intentional destruction of cultural heritage contained in document 32 C/25, taking into account the comments and suggestions presented during the 167th session of the Executive Board and the results of the meeting to be convened by the Secretariat before the General Conference with a view to submitting to the Conference a revised version of document 32 C/25.

(167 EX/SR.7)

5.7 Report by the Director-General on the preliminary draft of an international convention for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage (167 EX/22 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind 31 C/Resolution 30,
2. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 3.5.2,
3. Having examined document 167 EX/22,
4. Stressing that the governmental experts have fulfilled their mandate, namely “to define the scope and to take forward the work on the preliminary draft of an international convention”, pursuant to 164 EX/Decision 3.5.2,
5. Takes note with satisfaction of the text of the preliminary draft adopted by consensus at the third session of the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts held at Headquarters from 2 to 14 June 2003;
6. Recommends that the General Conference at its 32nd session consider the said preliminary draft as a draft convention and adopt it as a UNESCO convention.

(167 EX/SR.7)

5.8 Report by the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the monitoring of the right to education (167 EX/CR.2 and 167 EX/54)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 162 EX/Decision 5.4 relating to the creation of the Joint Expert Group UNESCO (CR)/ECOSOC (CESCR) on the monitoring of the right to education,
2. Also recalling 165 EX/Decision 6.2,
3. Having examined document 167 EX/CR.2,
4. Compliments the Joint Expert Group on the excellent quality of the work done at its first meeting;
5. Expresses its appreciation of the results of this meeting and requests the Joint Expert Group to continue its work;
6. Requests the Joint Expert Group to give priority to the following issues:

- (a) strengthening of the foundations of the right to education in national legal systems on the basis of international legal obligations;
- (b) suggestions and possible options for integrating the reporting obligations of the States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education and those of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in accordance with Articles 13 and 14 of the Covenant;
- (c) definition of a set of indicators for the monitoring of the right to education.

(167 EX/SR.6)

6 GENERAL CONFERENCE

6.1 Revised provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the General Conference (167 EX/24)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/24,
2. Having regard to Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
3. Noting that 11 proposals for supplementary items were submitted within the time limit set by Rule 12,
4. Noting also that these items are included in the supplementary list circulated to the Member States and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (circular letter of 8 September 2003),
5. Establishes the revised provisional agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (32 C/1 (prov.)), including the amendments set out in paragraph 5 of document 167 EX/24 and with the addition of the following items:

Item	Title	Reference
GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS		
5.14	Report by the Director-General regarding the possibility of elaborating universal norms on bioethics	31 C/Res.22
5.15	UNESCO strategy on human rights	Item proposed by the Director-General
5.16	Proclamation of an international year of global consciousness and the ethics of dialogue among peoples	Item proposed by the Republic of Kazakhstan
5.17	Higher education and globalization: Promoting quality and access to the knowledge society as a means for sustainable development	Item proposed by Norway

Item	Title	Reference
5.18	Follow-up to the New Delhi Ministerial Conference on Dialogue Among Civilizations – Quest for New Perspectives	Item proposed by India
CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS		
7.5	Amendment to the Statutes of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa	Item proposed by the Director-General
7.6	Amendment to the Statutes of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)	Item proposed by Denmark
7.7	Draft Statutes of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee for the Regional Education Project in Latin America and the Caribbean	Item proposed by the Director-General
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS		
11.16	Proposals by the Director-General concerning the use of the contribution of the United States of America for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2003	Item proposed by the Director-General
OTHER BUSINESS		
14.1	Strengthening of cooperation with the Republic of Angola	Item proposed by Angola
14.2	Strengthening of cooperation with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire	Item proposed by Côte d'Ivoire.

(167 EX/SR.6)

6.2 Addendum to the draft plan for the organization of the work of the 32nd session of the General Conference (167 EX/25)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/25,
2. Approves the proposals contained in paragraph 2 of that document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that the items listed below be examined by the following organs:

Plenary

- 11.16 Proposals by the Director-General concerning the use of the contribution of the United States of America for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2003

Commission I

- 14.1 Strengthening of cooperation with the Republic of Angola

14.2 Strengthening of cooperation with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Commission II

- 5.17 Higher education and globalization: Promoting quality and access to the knowledge society as a means for sustainable development
- 7.5 Amendment to the Statutes of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa
- 7.7 Draft Statutes of the Intergovernmental Regional Committee for the Regional Education Project in Latin America and the Caribbean

Commission III

- 5.14 Report by the Director-General regarding the possibility of elaborating universal norms on bioethics
- 5.15 UNESCO strategy on human rights
- 5.16 Proclamation of an international year of global consciousness and the ethics of dialogue among peoples
- 5.18 Follow-up to the New Delhi Ministerial Conference on Dialogue Among Civilizations – Quest for New Perspectives

Commission V

- 7.6 Amendment to the Statutes of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)

Administrative Commission

- 11.16 Proposals by the Director-General concerning the use of the contribution of the United States of America for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2003

(167 EX/SR.6)

6.3 Venue of the 33rd session of the General Conference (167 EX/26)

The Executive Board,

1. Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
2. Considering that, on the date fixed by Rule 3, no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its 33rd session in its territory,
3. Recommends that the General Conference hold its 33rd session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

(167 EX/SR.6)

6.4 **Submission of nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 32nd session of the General Conference (167 EX/INF.3)**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, recommends the following nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the 32nd session of the General Conference:

President of the General Conference: Mr Michael Abiola Omolewa (Nigeria)

Vice-Presidents (35): The heads of delegation of the following Member States:

Afghanistan	Gambia	Netherlands
Argentina	Guinea-Bissau	Oman
Australia	India	Poland
Azerbaijan	Italy	Qatar
Barbados	Jamaica	Rwanda
Brazil	Japan	Serbia and Montenegro
Canada	Lao People's Democratic	Sudan
China	Republic	Swaziland
Congo	Lithuania	Tunisia
Croatia	Luxembourg	Ukraine
Egypt	Mauritius	Uruguay
France	Nicaragua	Yemen

Electoral Group I will propose the name of the 36th Member State to the Nominations Committee at the 32nd session of the General Conference.

(167 EX/SR.6)

6.5 **Admission to the 32nd session of the General Conference of observers from non-governmental organizations (other than those maintaining formal relations), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations, and other international organizations (167 EX/27 and Add.)**

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the requests from non-governmental organizations other than those maintaining formal relations, foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO, and other international organizations wishing to be represented by observers at the 32nd session of the General Conference (167 EX/27),
2. Referring to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, and to the procedure that it adopted at its 125th session, and modified at its 161st session, for the examination of such requests,
3. Decides to admit, as observers at the 32nd session of the General Conference, the international non-governmental organizations maintaining operational relations, as listed in Annex I to document 167 EX/27;

4. Recommends to the General Conference that it admit, as observers at its 32nd session, as they have requested, the foundations and similar institutions and other international organizations listed in Annex II to document 167 EX/27.

(167 EX/SR.6)

6.6 Report by the Executive Board on its own activities in 2002-2003, including its methods of work (167 EX/28 and 167 EX/53 (Rev. in French only))

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 7.5,
2. Having examined the report contained in document 167 EX/28,
3. Thanks its Chairperson for that excellent document;
4. Requests its Chairperson to present this report on its behalf to the General Conference at its 32nd session, taking into account the discussions thereon at the 167th session.

(167 EX/SR.6)

7 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

7.1 Report by the Director-General on budget adjustments authorized within the Appropriation Resolution for 2002-2003 (167 EX/29 and 167 EX/57 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's report on donations and special contributions received since the beginning of the biennium and appropriated to the regular budget and the transfers proposed by him within the 2002-2003 budget in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 31st session (31 C/Resolution 73, para. A(b), (d) and (e)), document 167 EX/29, and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (167 EX/57),

I

2. Takes note of the fact 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 **\$961,673** as follows:

	\$
Part II.A – Major Programme I	500,382
Part II.A – Major Programme II	72,321
Part II.A – Major Programme III	65,869
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	100,790
Part II.A – Major Programme V	91,955
Part III – Support for Programme Execution and Administration	130,356
Total	961,673

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 1 of document 167 EX/29;

II

4. Approves the transfer of **\$3,108,900** from Part IV to Parts I-III of the budget to cover increases in staff costs and in goods and services on account of statutory and other factors;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to utilize the balance of **\$622,250** under Part IV of the budget as a contribution to the required absorption of \$11,034,300;
6. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table annexed to this decision.

ANNEX

Revised Appropriation Table for 2002-2003

Appropriation line	31 C/5 Approved	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted (165 EX/Dec.6.1)	31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted (166 EX/Dec.8.1)	Proposed transfers			31 C/5 Approved as Adjusted
				I Donations received	II Transfer from Part IV		
					Staff costs	Other costs	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION							
A. Governing bodies							
1. General Conference	6 292 400	6 294 400	6 309 000			103 500	6 412 500
2. Executive Board	7 839 400	7 858 800	7 897 200		5 900		7 903 100
Total, Part I.A	14 131 800	14 153 200	14 206 200		5 900	103 500	14 315 600
B. Direction	16 186 400	16 306 400	16 653 300		30 600		16 683 900
<i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight; International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>							
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	2 153 000	2 153 000	2 383 500			96 600	2 480 100
TOTAL, PART I	32 471 200	32 612 600	33 243 000		36 500	200 100	33 479 600
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES							
A. Programmes							
Major Programme I - Education							
I.1 Basic education for all: meeting the commitments of the Dakar World Education Forum							
I.1.1 Coordinating the follow-up of the Dakar Framework for Action	21 644 400	21 748 535	22 114 405	134 009	21 600		22 270 014
I.1.2 Strengthening inclusive approaches to education and diversifying delivery systems	24 168 300	25 089 601	25 471 390	111 659	24 800		25 607 849
I.2 Building knowledge societies through quality education and a renewal of education systems							
I.2.1 Towards a new approach to quality education	15 833 500	16 237 480	16 520 273	195 647	16 100		16 732 020
I.2.2 Renewal of education systems	14 489 500	15 661 506	16 008 178	59 067	15 600		16 082 845
UNESCO education institutes							
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	4 591 000	4 591 000	4 591 000				4 591 000
UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)	5 100 000	5 100 000	5 100 000				5 100 000
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	1 900 000	1 900 000	1 900 000				1 900 000
UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000				1 100 000
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 200 000	2 200 000	2 200 000				2 200 000
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	1 200 000	1 500 000	1 500 000				1 500 000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 865 000	1 865 000	1 876 776				1 876 776
Total, Major Programme I	94 091 700	96 993 122	98 382 022	500 382	78 100	0	98 960 504
Major Programme II - Natural sciences							
II.1 Science and technology: capacity-building and management							
II.1.1 Follow-up to the World Conference on Science: policy-making and science education	5 763 700	5 845 450	5 931 250	4 095	7 500		5 942 845
II.1.2 Science and technology capacity-building	15 043 000	15 218 300	15 468 838	8 704	19 500		15 497 042
II.2 Sciences, environment and sustainable development							
II.2.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8 691 200	8 927 400	9 196 624	12 750	11 600		9 220 974
II.2.2 Ecological sciences	5 036 000	5 055 500	5 222 010	44 333	6 600		5 272 943
II.2.3 Cooperation in earth sciences and natural hazards reduction	5 665 800	5 722 167	5 840 886		7 400		5 848 286
II.2.4 Towards sustainable living in coastal regions and on small islands	2 328 900	2 339 500	2 394 590		3 000		2 397 590
II.2.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission	7 004 000	7 035 100	7 120 900		9 000		7 129 900
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 335 000	2 349 750	2 349 750	2 439			2 352 189
Total, Major Programme II	51 867 600	52 493 167	53 524 848	72 321	64 600	0	53 661 769
Major Programme III - Social and human sciences							
III.1 Ethics of science and technology	3 563 800	3 573 200	3 606 300	50 000	4 200		3 660 500
III.2 Promotion of human rights, peace and democratic principles	12 216 000	12 822 700	13 035 100	15 869	15 300		13 066 269
III.3 Improvement of policies relating to social transformations and promotion of anticipation and prospective studies	10 222 400	10 291 300	10 428 500		12 300		10 440 800
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	2 580 000	2 580 000	2 580 000				2 580 000
Total, Major Programme III	28 582 200	29 267 200	29 649 900	65 869	31 800	0	29 747 569

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				I Donations received	II Transfer from Part IV		
					Staff costs	Other costs	
Major Programme IV - Culture							
IV.1 Reinforcing normative action in the field of culture							
IV.1.1 Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	5 894 000	5 928 600	6 044 100		7 700		6 051 800
IV.1.2 Meeting new demands in the area of standard-setting	2 626 300	2 638 842	2 672 442	6 969	3 400		2 682 811
IV.2 Protecting cultural diversity and promoting cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue							
IV.2.1 Safeguarding and revitalization of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage	21 164 900	21 919 561	22 396 737	28 418	28 600		22 453 755
IV.2.2 Promotion of cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue	6 595 800	7 222 100	7 320 600	3 000	9 300		7 332 900
IV.3 Strengthening links between culture and development							
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 430 000	1 430 000	1 430 000	42 393			1 472 393
Total, Major Programme IV	43 849 900	45 304 503	46 211 332	100 790	57 100	0	46 369 222
Major Programme V - Communication and information							
V.1 Promoting equitable access to information and knowledge, especially in the public domain							
V.1.1 Formulating principles, policies and strategies to widen access to information and knowledge	5 810 300	5 836 000	5 920 500	2 191	6 000		5 928 691
V.1.2 Development of infrastructure and building capabilities for increased participation in the knowledge society	6 997 000	7 053 801	7 137 210	19 715	7 200		7 164 125
V.2 Promoting freedom of expression and strengthening communication capacities							
V.2.1 Freedom of expression, democracy and peace	7 343 200	7 674 400	7 810 726	46 563	7 900		7 865 189
V.2.2 Strengthening communication capacities	9 624 100	10 082 800	10 225 900		10 300		10 236 200
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	3 290 000	3 290 000	3 290 000	23 486			3 313 486
Total, Major Programme V	33 064 600	33 937 001	34 384 336	91 955	31 400	0	34 507 691
UNESCO Institute for Statistics	6 820 000	6 820 000	6 820 000				6 820 000
Project relating to cross-cutting theme*	500 000	500 000	500 000				500 000
Total, UNESCO Institute for Statistics	7 320 000	7 320 000	7 320 000				7 320 000
Total, Part IIA	258 776 000	265 314 993	269 472 438	831 317	263 000	0	270 566 755
B. Participation Programme	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000				22 000 000
C. Programme Related Services							
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	2 647 700	2 669 100	2 749 600		5 800		2 755 400
2. Fellowships Programme	1 962 400	1 979 900	1 997 100		5 600		2 002 700
3. Public information	20 354 400	20 690 200	20 987 200		58 200		21 045 400
Total, Part IIC	24 964 500	25 339 200	25 733 900		69 600		25 803 500
TOTAL, PART II	305 740 500	312 654 193	317 206 338	831 317	332 600	0	318 370 255
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION							
A. Strategic planning and programme monitoring	6 128 000	6 564 100	6 698 600	6 458	9 200		6 714 258
B. Budget preparation and monitoring	4 244 900	4 277 100	4 353 200		7 500		4 360 700
C. Field management and coordination	48 954 500	50 401 363	51 692 227	123 898	7 300	237 100	52 060 525
D. External relations and cooperation	22 008 800	22 158 900	22 586 400		39 700		22 626 100
E. Human resources management	25 684 800	25 931 500	26 270 700		73 800	16 500	26 361 000
F. Administration	88 685 500	91 201 900	92 758 300		323 400	313 200	93 394 900
G. Renovation of Headquarters Premises	6 292 500	6 292 500	6 670 500			1 512 000	8 182 500
TOTAL, PART III	201 999 000	206 827 363	211 029 927	130 356	460 900	2 078 800	213 699 983
TOTAL, PARTS I-III	540 210 700	552 094 156	561 479 265	961 673	830 000	2 278 900	565 549 838
Reserve for reclassifications	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 300				1 300
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13 690 850	10 320 850	3 731 150		(1 452 250)	(2 278 900)	0
TOTAL, PARTS I-IV	555 401 550	563 915 006	565 211 715	961 673	(622 250)	0	565 551 138
Less: Amount to be absorbed during the execution of the programme and budget within the limits of the approved total budget	(11 034 300)	(11 034 300)	(11 034 300)		622 250		(10 412 050)
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	544 367 250	552 880 706	554 177 415	961 673	0	0	555 139 088

* Cross cutting themes:

1. Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty.
2. The contribution of information and communication technologies to the development of education, science and culture and the construction of a knowledge society.

7.2 Report by the Director-General on the status of contributions of Member States and of payment plans (167 EX/30 and Add., 167 EX/57 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 167 EX/30 and Add.,
2. Notes a relative improvement in the timely payment of contributions;
3. Strongly supports the approaches the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;
4. Recalls again that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
5. Appeals to those Member States which are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay and, where appropriate, to respect their payment plans;
6. Noting in particular the failure of 21 Member States to pay on time the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in annual instalments,
7. Appeals to those Member States to settle their outstanding annual instalments at the earliest possible time as well as their regular assessed contributions, bearing in mind the risk of loss of voting rights that might otherwise ensue at the 32nd session of the General Conference.

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.3 Report by the Director-General on the scale of assessments of Member States for each of the years 2004-2005 (167 EX/31 and Add., 167 EX/INF.11 and 167 EX/57 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 167 EX/31 and Add. and 167 EX/INF.11,
2. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt, at its 32nd session, the following draft resolution:

I – SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS

The General Conference,

Recalling Article IX of the Constitution, which stipulates in paragraph 2 that the General Conference shall approve and give final effect to the budget and to the apportionment of financial responsibility among the States Members of the Organization,

Considering that the scale of assessments for Member States of UNESCO has always been based on that of the United Nations, subject to the adjustments necessitated by the difference in membership between the two organizations,

Resolves that:

- (a) the scale of assessments of Member States of UNESCO for each of the years 2004 and 2005 shall be calculated on the basis of the scale or scales of assessment adopted/to be adopted by the United Nations General Assembly for the same years; the UNESCO scale or scales shall be established with the same minimum rate and the same maximum rate, all the other rates being adjusted to take into account the difference in membership between the two organizations in order to derive a UNESCO scale of 100%;
- (b) if the United Nations General Assembly approves a scale for 2005 which is different from that for 2004 the relevant provisions of Articles 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Regulations shall not be applied;
- (c) if the United Nations General Assembly revises the scale for 2005 at a later session, the revised scale will be adopted by UNESCO;
- (d) new Members depositing their instruments of ratification after [*date to be determined at the General Conference*]¹ and Associate Members shall be assessed in accordance with the formulae set forth in 26 C/Resolution 23.1;
- (e) rates of assessment for Member States shall be rounded off to the same number of decimal places as in the United Nations scale or scales; rates of assessment for Associate Members shall be rounded off to one additional decimal place, as necessary, in order to allow the effective reduction to 60% of the minimum rate of assessment for Member States stipulated in 26 C/Resolution 23.1.

II – CURRENCY OF ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Conference,

Having examined the report of the Director-General on the currency of contributions of Member States (32 C/36),

Recalling Article 5.6 of the Financial Regulations which stipulates that “Contributions to the budget shall be assessed partly in United States dollars and partly in euros in a proportion to be determined by the General Conference and shall be paid in these or other currencies as decided by the General Conference ...”,

Conscious of the need to reduce the exposure of the Organization to adverse currency fluctuation during 2004-2005,

1. *Resolves*, in respect of contributions for the years 2004 and 2005, that:
 - (a) contributions to the budget shall be assessed on the basis of the approved scale of assessments as follows:

¹ The Director-General suggests the day before this is discussed by the Administrative Commission.

- (i) in euros [*to be determined at the General Conference*] percentage of the budget calculated at the rate of US \$1 equal to € 0.869 [*or other such rate as may be determined by the General Conference*];
 - (ii) in United States dollars – the remainder of the amount of contributions to be paid by Member States;
- (b) contributions shall be paid in the two currencies in which they are assessed; nevertheless payment of the amount assessed in one currency may be made, at the choice of the Member State, in the other currency of assessment; unless the amounts assessed are received simultaneously and in full in the currencies in which they are assessed, credit shall be given against contributions due in proportion to the amounts assessed in both currencies, by the application of the United Nations operational rate of exchange between the United States dollar and the euro on the date on which the contribution is credited to a bank account of the Organization;
- (c) contributions to be assessed in euros for the financial period that remain unpaid at the time of assessment of contributions for the subsequent financial period shall be considered as due and payable in United States dollars thereafter and for this purpose shall be converted into United States dollars using the euro rate of exchange that is most beneficial to the Organization, by reference to the following three options:
 - (i) the constant rate of exchange of € 0.869 to the dollar used to calculate the euro portion of assessed contributions for the biennium;
 - (ii) the average rate of exchange of the euro to the dollar during the biennium;
 - (iii) the euro rate of exchange to the dollar for December of the second year of the biennium;
- (d) arrears of contributions from previous financial periods and arrears converted into annual instalments considered as due and payable in United States dollars, but received in a currency other than the United States dollar, shall be converted into United States dollars at either the most favourable rate which UNESCO can obtain for conversion of the currency in question into United States dollars on the market on the date on which the amount is credited to a bank account of the Organization or at the United Nations operational rate of exchange on the same date, whichever is more beneficial to the Organization;
- (e) when contributions are received in advance in euros for subsequent financial periods, such advance contributions shall be converted into United States dollars at the operational rate of exchange ruling on the date when payment is credited to a bank account of the Organization; all contributions received in advance shall be held in the name of the contributor in United States dollars, and credit shall be given against contributions due for the subsequent financial period in dollars and euros, in the proportion determined by the General Conference, using the operational rate of

exchange prevailing on the date of dispatch of letters of assessment for the first year of the following financial period;

Considering nevertheless that Member States may find it desirable to discharge part of their contributions in the currency of their choice,

2. *Resolves* that:

- (a) the Director-General is authorized, upon request from a Member State, to accept payment in the national currency of the Member State if he considers that there is a foreseeable need for that currency in the remaining months of the calendar year;
- (b) when accepting national currencies the Director-General, in consultation with the Member State concerned, shall determine that part of the contribution which can be accepted in the national currency, taking into account any amounts requested for payment of UNESCO Coupons; the Member State concerned must make a global proposal in that case;
- (c) in order to ensure that contributions paid in national currencies will be usable by the Organization, the Director-General is authorized to fix a time limit for payment, in consultation with the Member State concerned, after which contributions would become payable in the currencies mentioned in paragraph 1 above;
- (d) acceptance of currencies other than the United States dollar or the euro is subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) currencies so accepted must be usable, without further negotiation, within the exchange regulations of the country concerned, for meeting all expenditure incurred by UNESCO within that country;
 - (ii) the rate of exchange to be applied shall be the most favourable rate which UNESCO can obtain for the conversion of the currency in question into United States dollars at the date at which the contribution is credited to a bank account of the Organization; after translation into United States dollars, credit shall be given against contributions for 2004-2005 where appropriate in proportion to the amounts assessed in United States dollars and euros, in the manner specified in paragraph 1 above;
 - (iii) if, at any time within the 12 months following the payment of a contribution in a currency other than the United States dollar or the euro, there should occur a reduction in the exchange value or a devaluation of such currency in terms of United States dollars, the Member State concerned may be required, upon notification, to make an adjustment payment to cover the exchange loss pertaining to the unspent balance of the contribution; to the extent that the Director-General considers that there is a foreseeable need for that currency in the remaining months of the calendar year, he is authorized to accept the adjustment payment in the national currency of the Member State;

- (iv) if, at any time within the 12 months following the payment of a contribution in a currency other than the United States dollar or the euro, there should occur an increase in the exchange value or a revaluation of such currency in terms of United States dollars, the Member State concerned may require the Director-General, upon notification, to make an adjustment payment to cover the exchange gain pertaining to the unspent balance of the contribution; such adjustment payments will be made in the national currency of the Member State;
3. *Resolves further* that any differences due to variations in the rates of exchange not exceeding \$100 relating to the last payment against contributions due for the biennium in question, shall be posted to exchange profit and loss account.

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.4 Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 2002 for the financial period ending 31 December 2003 (167 EX/32 and 167 EX/57 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/32,
2. Notes that the clarity of the presentation of the accounts has improved and that the format of the financial statements for the current biennium is still being finalized;
3. Also notes the Director-General's decision on the use of the unspent balance of unliquidated obligations to liquidate other outstanding legal obligations of the Organization as explained in Note 14 to the financial statements and recommends that the General Conference approve that decision at its 32nd session;
4. Further notes that the Director-General has decided to offset the shortfall of extrabudgetary funds amounting to \$523,000 in 2002 against extrabudgetary support costs and that Note 14 to the interim financial statement will be amended to reflect this;
5. Decides to transmit the financial report of the Director-General together with the interim financial statements of UNESCO as at 31 December 2002 for the financial period ending 31 December 2003 to the General Conference;
6. Considering that links exist between financial and cash management issues such as payment of contributions, unspent budget balances, working capital fund, unliquidated obligations, miscellaneous income and others and that the United Nations has recently revised its Financial Regulations and Rules,
7. Requests the Director-General to undertake a study on all such issues, in the light of accounting standards, and to report thereon to it at its 170th session.

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.5 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor for the period ended 31 December 2001 (167 EX/33 and 167 EX/57 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/33,
2. Notes that the Director-General is implementing all of the recommendations made by the External Auditor for the period ended 31 December 2001;
3. Further notes that the early implementation of the recommendations relating to the balance of unredeemed UNESCO Coupons and the unliquidated obligations is necessary for the timely and proper closing of the accounts for the current biennium;
4. Encourages the Director-General to continue the implementation of all of the recommendations of the External Auditor;
5. Urges the Director-General to implement on a priority basis those recommendations that will have a direct impact on the closing of UNESCO's accounts as of 31 December 2003.

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.6 Report by the Director-General on the process of modernizing methods for recording expenditures (167 EX/34 and 167 EX/57 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/34,
2. Takes note of the Director-General's report on the use of the carry-over mechanism during the course of the present biennium;
3. Considers that sound management should in principle preclude end-of-period surpluses;
4. Decides to transmit this document to the General Conference at its 32nd session.

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.7 Report by the working group of the Executive Board on concrete proposals concerning the criteria to improve the geographical distribution of staff (167 EX/35)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 166 EX/Decision 8.4,
2. Also recalling that the criterion of competence should remain the prime criterion for the recruitment of staff,
3. Having reviewed the options for modification of the methodology for the calculation of the geographical quotas, proposed by the Secretariat in document 166 EX/32,
4. Having examined document 167 EX/35,

5. Endorses the proposals from the working group and recommends that the General Conference at its 32nd session:
- (a) Decide that “language” posts under the regular budget be henceforth considered as geographical posts;
 - (b) Approve the increase of the base figure from 850 to 890 posts to take account of the language posts;
 - (c) Adopt the following formula for the calculation of the geographical quotas:
 - (i) a membership factor of 60%, a contribution factor of 35% and a population factor of 5%, with an upper and lower range of 25%;
 - (ii) a minimum of one post for low-population Member States of less than 500,000 inhabitants;
 - (d) Invite the Director-General to take into account, in the recruitment procedure, the post-weighting relative to the grade and functions of posts already filled or to be filled;
 - (e) Request the Director-General to report to the Executive Board, at each of its autumn sessions, on:
 - (i) the geographical distribution of the staff in the Secretariat, according to the formula specified in paragraph 5(c) and (d) above;
 - (ii) the geographical distribution of the staff in the Secretariat, by grade, for each Member State, using the post-weighting system, as indicated in document 167 EX/35;
 - (iii) the geographical distribution, by region, in the Director category and above;
 - (f) Recalling 30 C/Resolution 72 and 31 C/Resolution 58, in particular its request for measures to improve significantly the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat, request the Director-General to pursue the implementation of such measures;
 - (g) In this respect, invite the Director-General to set as a target, for the 2004-2005 biennium, that a minimum of 50% of the posts open for external recruitment be filled by candidates from non- or under-represented Member States, in conformity with paragraph 4 of Article VI of the Constitution of UNESCO;
 - (h) Further invite the Director-General to work as a matter of priority with Member States to increase the number of qualified candidates from non- and under-represented Member States for posts in the Secretariat and to work with the Secretariat to implement the proactive measures as proposed in document 166 EX/32;
 - (i) Also invite the Director-General, to the extent possible, to work towards an equitable geographical balance in sectors/bureaux and field offices.

7.8 Proposals for adapting the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO to the needs of the Organization (167 EX/36 and 167 EX/57 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/36,
2. Recommends that the General Conference adopt, at its 32nd session, the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Having examined document 32 C/19,

1. *Notes* the opinion of the Director-General that the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO continue to meet the needs of the Organization;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to continue to apply these Regulations to the meetings convened by UNESCO;
3. *Also invites* the Director-General to pursue his efforts with a view to making more efficient use of modern communication technologies for enhancing the dialogue between UNESCO and its partners.

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.9 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (167 EX/37 and 167 EX/57 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/37,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.10 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (167 EX/38 Part I and Part II and Add., and 167 EX/57 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 167 EX/38 Part I and Part II and Add.,
2. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt, at its 32nd session, the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Having examined documents 32 C/40, Parts I and II, and 32 C/INF.8,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Headquarters Committee and to its Chairperson, H.E. Mr Musa Bin Jaafar Bin Hassan, for the action taken and the results achieved between the 31st and the 32nd sessions of the General Conference;
2. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress of work under Phase 1 of the Belmont Plan;
3. *Also notes* the design brief establishing an order of priority for the work scheduled under Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan (Fontenoy site);
4. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the French Government for its offer to provide guarantees in respect of a loan of €79,874,979 to be contracted by UNESCO for Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan and to defray the interest on such a loan;
5. *Authorizes* the Director-General to contract an interest-free loan of €79,874,979 with a lender chosen by him in cooperation with the Government of France and to take into account the necessity of making provision in future budgets for the funds required for reimbursement of the sums borrowed;
6. *Also authorizes* the Director-General to order the start of the work scheduled under Phase 2 of the Belmont Plan (Fontenoy site);
7. *Takes account* of the report by Mr Belmont on the buildings of the Miollis/Bonvin site, together with the proposed measures and solutions, and their estimated costs, necessary for the restoration and improvement of those buildings and *thanks* the French Government for extending Mr Belmont's mission to enable him to assess the state of all UNESCO Headquarters buildings;
8. *Invites* the Director-General to explore all appropriate ways and means for financing priority work in connection with the renovation of the Miollis/Bonvin site and to submit corresponding proposals to the Executive Board at its 170th session;
9. *Reiterates* its invitation to the Director-General to increase the budget earmarked for the upkeep and maintenance of Headquarters;
10. *Thanks* the Russian Federation, the State of Kuwait, the Principality of Monaco, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Sultanate of Oman for their voluntary contributions to the renovation and refurbishment of UNESCO's Headquarters premises;
11. *Reiterates its invitation* to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters and *authorizes* the Director-General to accept or reject such offers in accordance with established criteria;
12. *Requests* the Director-General to report to the Executive Board before the 33rd session of the General Conference, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on the progress of the work of restoration and improvement of Headquarters buildings.

7.11 Report by the Director-General on the Working Capital Fund: Level and administration (167 EX/23 and 167 EX/57 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/23,
2. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt, at its 32nd session, the following draft resolution:

I

The General Conference

Resolves:

- (a) that the authorized level of the Working Capital Fund for 2004-2005 shall be fixed at US \$28 million and that the amounts to be advanced by Member States shall be calculated according to the rates assigned to them under the scale of assessments approved by the General Conference for 2004-2005;
- (b) that a new Member State shall be required to make an advance to the Working Capital Fund, calculated as a percentage of the authorized level of the Fund, in accordance with the percentage assigned to it under the scale of assessments applicable at the time it becomes a Member;
- (c) that the resources of the Fund shall be assessed and paid in United States dollars; these resources shall normally be held in United States dollars, but the Director-General shall have the right, with the agreement of the Executive Board, to alter the currency or currencies in which the Fund is held in such a manner as he deems necessary to ensure the stability of the Fund and the smooth functioning of the split-level assessment system; if such an alteration should be agreed, an appropriate exchange equalization account should be established within the Fund to record translation gains and losses on exchange;
- (d) that the Director-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with Article 5.1 of the Financial Regulations, such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;
- (e) that the Director-General is authorized to advance during 2004-2005 sums not exceeding in total \$500,000 at any one time, to finance self-liquidating expenditures, including those arising in connection with Trust Funds and Special Accounts; such sums are advanced pending availability of sufficient receipts from Trust Funds and Special Accounts, international bodies and other extrabudgetary sources; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as rapidly as possible;

II

Recalling the provisions made in pursuance of 31 C/Resolution 55,

1. *Authorizes* further allocations in 2004-2005 of UNESCO Coupons payable in local currencies, up to a maximum of \$2 million, on condition that the accumulated totals in such currencies shall not exceed their projected utilization over the following 12-month period and bearing in mind that Member States should propose settlement in national currencies of arrears of assessed contributions for previous years before or at the same time as applying for allocations of UNESCO Coupons under this facility;
2. *Resolves* that any losses on exchange arising from the acceptance of national currencies for purchases of UNESCO Coupons under this facility shall be borne by the purchasing Member State.

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.12 Draft financial regulations of the special account for the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE) (167 EX/51 and 167 EX/57 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 156 EX/Decision 8.5 and 166 EX/Decision 6.3,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/51,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE) annexed to this decision.

ANNEX

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION (UIE)

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account of UNESCO

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE), hereafter referred to as “the Institute”.

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

Article 2 – Financial period

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

Article 3 – Income

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

- (a) such financial allocations as might be determined by the General Conference;
- (b) contributions from the Federal Republic of Germany;
- (c) voluntary contributions from other Member States of UNESCO, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities, allocated to it for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;

- (d) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it by other public or private organizations, associations or individuals for purposes consistent with the policies, programmes and activities of UNESCO and the Institute;
- (e) fees collected in respect of the execution of projects entrusted to the Institute, from the sale of publications, or from other particular activities; and
- (f) miscellaneous income.

3.2 The Director may accept income as set forth in Article 3.1 on behalf of the Institute, provided that, in any case which would involve the Institute in an additional financial liability, the Director shall obtain the prior approval of the Institute's Governing Board (hereafter referred to as "the Board") and the consent of the Executive Board of UNESCO.

3.3 The Director shall report to the Board on any subventions, contributions, grants, gifts or bequests accepted.

Article 4 – Budget

4.1 The Director shall prepare, in a form to be determined by the Board, an annual programme and budget, and shall submit it to the Board for approval.

4.2 The appropriations voted in the budget shall constitute an authorization to the Director to incur obligations and to make expenditures for the purposes for which the appropriations are voted and up to the amounts so voted.

4.3 The Director is authorized to transfer funds between activities under the same appropriation line. The Director may be authorized by the Board to transfer funds, when necessary, between appropriation lines within the limits established by the Appropriation Resolution voted by the Board and shall report to the Board on all such transfers.

4.4 The Director is required to maintain obligations and expenditures within the level of the actual resources that become available to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.

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

4.6 The Director shall make allotments and any modifications thereon, within the limits of the Appropriation Resolution, which shall be communicated, in writing, to the officials authorized to incur obligations and make payments.

4.7 Appropriations shall remain available for 12 months following the end of the financial period to which they relate to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations for goods supplied and services rendered in the financial period and to liquidate any other outstanding legal obligations of the financial period.

4.8 At the end of the 12-month period provided for in Article 4.7 above, the then remaining unspent balance of obligations retained shall revert to the General Account mentioned in Article 5.1 below.

Article 5 – The General Account

5.1 There shall be established a General Account, to which shall be credited the income of the Institute as described in Article 3 above and which will be used to finance the approved budget of the Institute.

5.2 The balance remaining in this General Account shall be carried forward from one financial period to the next.

5.3 The uses to which this balance may be put shall be determined by the Board.

Article 6 – Trust Funds, Reserve and Subsidiary Special Accounts

6.1 In addition to a Working Capital Fund, the Director shall establish a Reserve Fund to cover end-of-service indemnities and other related liabilities; the Fund shall be reported annually to the Board at the time of the yearly budget approval.

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

6.3 The Director may, when necessary, in connection with the purpose of a Trust Fund, Reserve or Subsidiary Special Account, prepare special financial regulations to govern the operations of these funds or accounts and shall report thereon to the Board. Unless otherwise provided these funds and accounts shall be administered in accordance with these Financial Regulations.

Article 7 – Accounts

7.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary and shall prepare, for submission to the Board, annual accounts showing, for the financial period to which they relate:

- (a) the income and expenditure of all funds;
- (b) the budgetary situation including:
 - (i) original appropriations;
 - (ii) the appropriations as modified by any transfers;
 - (iii) the amounts charged against these appropriations;
- (c) the assets and liabilities of the Institute.

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

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

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

Article 8 – External audit

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

Article 9 – General provision

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

(167 EX/SR.7)

7.13 Housing arrangements for the Director-General (167 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(167 EX/SR.2)

7.14 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (167 EX/PRIV.2)

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

(167 EX/SR.2)

7.15 Appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (167 EX/PRIV.3)

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

(167 EX/SR.2)

8 RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

8.1 UNESCO's contribution to operational policies and activities for development cooperation within the United Nations system (167 EX/39 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/39 relating to the Director-General's annual report on UNESCO's contribution to operational policies and activities for development cooperation within the United Nations system, takes note with interest of the information contained therein;
2. Also takes note of the commitments made and the priorities established, at the various development conferences, by both beneficiary and donor countries in order to achieve the goals set specifically in the framework of the Millennium Summit;
3. Continues to support participation by UNESCO in the activities undertaken by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and expresses its satisfaction at the contributions made by UNESCO, especially those relating to the system's programming frameworks, namely the Common Country Assessment (CCA) and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF);
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue the reforms under way within the United Nations system regarding operational activities for development cooperation so that the implications for the Organization can be forecast and its mandate and its specificities can be preserved;
5. Also invites the Director-General to continue strengthening partnerships with United Nations funds and programmes, by seeking complementarities and synergies in shared activities and to submit to it, in future, his statutory reports on UNESCO's contribution to the United Nations system as part of his statutory report on programme execution.

(167 EX/SR.7)

8.2 Relations with non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions: updated NGO cooperation strategies from all programme sectors (167 EX/40 and 167 EX/55)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/40, which sets out the Organization's strategies for cooperation with NGOs as updated by all the programme sectors,
2. Takes note of the information contained in paragraphs 9 to 84 of that document;
3. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt, at its 32nd session, the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

Having examined documents 32 C/31 and Add. on the sectoral and intersectoral strategies for the Organization's cooperation with non-governmental organizations, and their updating by all the programme sectors and other services concerned, which were submitted to it by the Executive Board, in accordance with 164 EX/Decision 7.3, 165 EX/Decision 9.5 and 166 EX/Decision 9.2,

1. *Notes* that these strategies are in conformity with the objectives of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved) and those of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5);
2. *Invites* the Director-General, on the one hand, taking into account the relevant debates of the five Programme Commissions at its 32nd session, to ensure that the strategies are put into practice in the execution of the Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) and, on the other, to draw up a global strategy emphasizing intersectoral cooperation with NGOs;
3. *Also invites* the Director-General to ensure that the selection of newly admitted NGOs takes the strategies into consideration, as far as possible, in line with the objectives of the Medium-Term Strategy.

(167 EX/SR.6)

8.3 Appeals by Member States concerning their proposals for the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2004-2005 (167 EX/41 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/41,
2. Noting that the revised proposals sent by Member States to the Director-General now comply with the criteria approved by 159 EX/Decision 7.5,
3. Recommends to the General Conference:
 - (a) that UNESCO be also associated with the following celebrations in 2004-2005:
 - (i) 100th anniversary of the birth of Abylkhan Kasteev (Kazakhstan)
 - (ii) 500th anniversary of the death of Stefan cel Mare (Stephen the Great) (Romania and Republic of Moldova)
 - (iii) 150th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Horbachevsky (Ukraine)

- (iv) 50th anniversary of the death of Enrico Fermi (Italy);
- (b) that the hereby completed list of anniversaries with whose celebration UNESCO will be associated in 2004-2005, which is set out below, be definitively closed, according to the procedure adopted by the Executive Board by 159 EX/Decision 7.5:
- (i) 1,600th anniversary of the creation of the Armenian alphabet (Armenia)
 - (ii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Yusif Mammedliyev (Azerbaijan)
 - (iii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Lyubomir Pipkov (Bulgaria)
 - (iv) 100th anniversary of the birth of Atanas Dalchev (Bulgaria)
 - (v) 100th anniversary of the birth of Pablo Neruda (Chile)
 - (vi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Alejo Carpentier Valmont (Cuba)
 - (vii) 150th anniversary of the birth of Leoš Janáček and the 100th anniversary of the first performance of the opera *Jenůfa* (Czech Republic)
 - (viii) 100th anniversary of the death of Antonín Dvořák (Czech Republic)
 - (ix) 200th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen (Denmark)
 - (x) 100th anniversary of the death of Mahmud Sami Al Barudi (Egypt)
 - (xi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Yahya Haqqi (Egypt)
 - (xii) 200th anniversary of the birth of George Sand (France)
 - (xiii) 200th anniversary of the birth of Victor Schoelcher (France)
 - (xiv) 100th anniversary of the death of Jules Verne (France)
 - (xv) 300th anniversary of the translation of the *Thousand and One Nights* by Antoine Galland (France and Germany)
 - (xvi) 200th anniversary of the death of Immanuel Kant (Germany)
 - (xvii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Attila Jozsef (Hungary)
 - (xviii) 700th anniversary of the birth of Francesco Petrarca (Petrarch) (Italy)
 - (xix) 600th anniversary of the birth of Leon Battista Alberti (Italy)
 - (xx) 50th anniversary of the death of Enrico Fermi (Italy)
 - (xxi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Alkei Khakan Margulan (Kazakhstan)
 - (xxii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Abylkhan Kasteev (Kazakhstan)
 - (xxiii) 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Crafts and Arts Islamic School in Tripoli (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
 - (xxiv) 100th anniversary of the restoration of the Latin alphabet in Lithuanian publications (Lithuania)
 - (xxv) 700th anniversary of the birth of Ibn Battuta (Morocco)
 - (xxvi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Witold Gombrowicz (Poland)
 - (xxvii) 50th anniversary of the death of George Enescu (Romania)
 - (xxviii) 500th anniversary of the death of Stefan cel Mare (Stephen the Great) (Romania and Republic of Moldova)
 - (xxix) 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the city of Kazan and 200th anniversary of the Kazan State University (Russian Federation)
 - (xxx) 250th anniversary of the Moscow Lomonosov State University (Russian Federation)
 - (xxxi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail A. Sholokhov (Russian Federation)
 - (xxxii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Ladislav Novomeský (Slovakia)
 - (xxxiii) 250th anniversary of the birth of Jurij Vega (Slovenia)
 - (xxxiv) 2,700th anniversary of Kulob-city (Tajikistan)
 - (xxxv) 200th anniversary of the birth of King Mongkut, Rama IV (Thailand)
 - (xxxvi) 100th anniversary of the birth of Kulap Saipradit (Thailand)
 - (xxxvii) 100th anniversary of the birth of Sergiy Vsekhsviatky (Ukraine)

- (xxxviii) 150th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Horbachevsky (Ukraine)
- (xxxix) 100th anniversary of the birth of Serge Lifar (Ukraine)
- (xl) 100th anniversary of the establishment of St Mary's Rubya Seminary (United Republic of Tanzania)
- (xli) 1,100th anniversary of the creation of Enlightenment Centre of Qaffol ash-Shoshiy in Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
- (xlii) 2,700th anniversary of the city of Qarshi (Uzbekistan)
- (xliii) 1,000th anniversary of the Academy of Ma'mun in Khorezm (Uzbekistan);

- (c) that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations will be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that programme.

(167 EX/SR.7)

8.5 Request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO (167 EX/43)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 162 EX/Decision 8.3,
2. Having examined document 167 EX/43,
3. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 172nd session;
4. Recommends to the General Conference that it adopt, at its 32nd session, the following draft resolution:

The General Conference,

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

Recalling also its previous resolutions and the decisions of the Executive Board regarding the request for the admission of Palestine to UNESCO,

Having examined document 32 C/30,

1. *Expresses the hope* that it will be able to consider this item favourably at its next session;
2. *Decides* to include this item in the agenda of its 33rd session.

(167 EX/SR.6)

9 GENERAL MATTERS

9.1 Application of 166 EX/Decision 10.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (167 EX/44 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the report of the Director-General (167 EX/44),

2. Recalling Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to education and Articles 4 and 94 of the fourth Geneva Convention with regard to the denial of the right of children to education,
3. Also recalling the role that UNESCO is called upon to play in the exercise of the right to education for all and in the protection of the cultural, historic and natural heritage of humanity,
4. Considering that the critical situation facing the Palestinian territories gravely prejudices the right to education in Palestine, because of the continued sealing off of these territories and the continuing curfews,
5. Deeply concerned by the destruction of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other cultural property to be protected in the event of armed conflict, in accordance with the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and The Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols,
6. Deeply concerned, likewise, by the disastrous consequences of the “Separation Wall” that Israel is building, which affects the functioning of the Palestinian educational institutions;
7. Highly appreciative of the efforts of the international community to halt the violence and safeguard the peace process, which is seriously threatened by tragic events,
8. Affirms the urgent need for the Israel-Palestinian peace negotiations to be resumed and for a just and comprehensive peace to be speedily brought about, in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council;
9. Recalls paragraph 32 of the Medium-Term Strategy (31 C/4 Approved), defining a “road map for a revitalized UNESCO: principles of action and programming”, and paragraph 12 of 31 C/Resolution 43;
10. Supports the efforts of the Director-General to secure implementation of 166 EX/Decision 10.1;
11. Deplores the fact that obstacles and delays persist as regards the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of UNESCO, and requests the Director-General to take all necessary steps to ensure that the said decisions and resolutions are fully implemented;
12. Urgently appeals to the Israeli authorities to facilitate safe access of Palestinian children to their schools and to allow the functioning of educational establishments;
13. Expresses its profound regret that the implementation of the third phase of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP) has been effectively suspended because of the present situation;
14. Urges the Director-General to ensure the application of the aforesaid resolutions by incorporating it, as a priority, in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5) and to strengthen the plan of action of the intersectoral coordination team with a view to implementing the UNESCO Programme for Palestine;
15. Invites the Director-General to continue the financial assistance for Palestinian students so that they can pursue their studies;

16. Renews its appeal to donor agencies to make generous contributions to fund the reconstruction of Palestinian educational and cultural institutions;
17. Expresses the hope that the Arabo-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with the United Nations resolutions, to which UNESCO adheres by 166 EX/Decision 10.1, particularly Security Council resolutions 242 and 338;
18. Also invites the Director-General:
 - (a) to continue the efforts he is making vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities with a view to preserving the human and social fabric and safeguarding the Arab cultural identity of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted in this regard;
 - (b) to continue his efforts vis-à-vis the Israeli authorities so that they cease imposing Israeli curricula on the students of the occupied Syrian Golan, to offer more grants to those students and to provide special assistance to the educational institutions of the Golan;
19. Reiterates all its previous decisions relating to the occupied Syrian Golan;
20. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the 169th session of the Executive Board.

(167 EX/SR.7)

9.2 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq
(167 EX/45 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 167 EX/45,
2. Recognizing the importance of Iraqi cultural heritage and the need to assist the Iraqi people to recover their national identity through the re-appropriation of the legacy of shared history and values,
3. Stressing UNESCO's role in restoring education facilities and opportunities,
4. Thanks the Director-General for the prompt action undertaken by UNESCO for the improvement of educational and cultural institutions in Iraq;
5. Bearing in mind the major responsibility entrusted to UNESCO by United Nations Security Council resolution 1483, paragraph 7, for the overall coordination of efforts aimed at the safeguarding of Iraqi cultural heritage,
6. Noting the outcomes of the third UNESCO Experts' Meeting on the Safeguarding of Iraqi Cultural Heritage jointly organized by UNESCO and the Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan (BUNKACHO) in Tokyo from 31 July to 2 August 2003,
7. Approves the proposal submitted by the Director-General for the establishment of an International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Iraqi Cultural Heritage and its Statutes (as amended), annexed to this decision;

8. Invites the Director-General to take into account the discussion of the Executive Board at its 167th session concerning the number and the selection of the experts of the International Coordination Committee;
9. Authorizes the Director-General, in conformity with 30 C/Resolution 83, to open a UNESCO Office in Baghdad as soon as possible;
10. Appeals to Member States, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental agencies and foundations to continue to assist UNESCO in its efforts to contribute to processes of reconstruction and capacity-building in its fields of competence for the benefit of Iraq and its people;
11. Invites the Director-General to provide a progress report to it thereon at its 169th session.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF IRAQI CULTURAL HERITAGE

Article 1

An International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Iraqi Cultural Heritage is hereby established (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”).

Article 2

The Committee shall advise the Director-General of UNESCO – who will inform the Iraqi authorities, Member States and other partners – on measures to improve and reinforce international cooperation for the safeguarding of Iraqi cultural heritage, and more precisely on:

- (a) a policy framework for immediate and long-term heritage protection and the definition of priorities and practical standards according to the funds and technical assistance available or forthcoming in the near future;
- (b) concrete programmes and international assistance of the highest international standards;
- (c) the progress of the various activities in support of the safeguarding of Iraqi cultural heritage in order to avoid duplication or conflicts of any kind;
- (d) the exchange of knowledge on cultural sites, museums and cultural traditions throughout the country;
- (e) identification of the funds available from the donor countries and other partners in order to ensure their proper coordination, as well as identification of possible supplementary funding and technical assistance for the safeguarding of Iraqi cultural heritage;
- (f) assistance to the Iraqi authorities in implementing or elaborating the necessary legislative action to protect their cultural heritage and in preparing nominations of potential world heritage properties for inscription on the World Heritage List.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall be composed of experts who shall be appointed in their personal capacities by the Director-General from a list of experts proposed by Member States, foundations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and by those contributing to the activities for the safeguarding of Iraqi cultural heritage. At least three members of the Committee shall be from Iraq.

2. The normal term of office of members of the Committee shall be four years. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of the resignation, incapacity or death of a member of the Committee, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of his or her term.

3. In addition to the members of the Committee, and the observers mentioned in Article 8, the Director-General may invite to sessions of the Committee, as non-voting participants, the following:

- (a) persons who by reason of their special knowledge and experience can assist the Committee in its work;
- (b) representatives of funding/aid agencies which are active in Iraq in the relevant areas of cultural heritage and which, in the judgement of the Director-General, have experience that can contribute to the work of the Committee;
- (c) representatives of international and regional non-governmental organizations which may be involved in the activities implemented in Iraq in the relevant areas of cultural heritage, in accordance with the directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations.

Article 4

1. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the Director-General for a period of four (4) years. The Committee shall elect its Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur for the same term.

2. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur will form the Bureau of the Committee. They shall be eligible for further terms, and in any event shall remain in office until the election/appointment of the new members of the Bureau.

3. The Director-General shall convene the Bureau and shall be represented at its meetings.

4. In the interval between sessions, the Bureau shall ensure the execution of tasks entrusted to it by the Committee.

Article 5

1. The Director-General shall designate members of the UNESCO Secretariat to represent him or her on the Committee and the Bureau without the right to vote.

2. The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the UNESCO Secretariat.

Article 6

The Director-General shall convene sessions of the Committee, Bureau meetings or small working meetings on certain aspects of the activities of the Committee as and when he or she deems it necessary.

Article 7

The travel and subsistence expenses of Committee members and of persons referred to in Article 3, subparagraph 3(a), may be borne by UNESCO in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the Organization.

Article 8

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to sessions of the Committee.

2. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may send representatives to sessions of the Committee.

3. The Director-General may extend invitations to send observers to sessions of the Committee, to:

- (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements;
- (b) intergovernmental or international non-governmental organizations.

Article 9

1. At its first session, the Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.

2. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote.
3. The agenda of the sessions of the Committee shall be drawn up by the Director-General.
4. After each session and at least once a year, the Committee shall present a report on its work and recommendations to the Director-General. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board of the results of the work of the Committee.

Article 10

These Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board, on its own initiative or following proposals of the Director-General.

Article 11

The Committee's mandate shall expire upon the decision of the Director-General after consultation with the Executive Board.

(167 EX/SR.8)

9.3 Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (167 EX/46 and 167 EX/56 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Welcoming the report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics on the activities of the Institute since October 2002, submitted in accordance with Article V.1(e) of the Statutes of the Institute,
2. Takes note of the achievements of the Institute in the past year;
3. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, taking into account the deliberations of the Executive Board at its 167th session.

(167 EX/SR.7)

**ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS
HELD ON MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, AND TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2003**

At the private meetings held on Monday, 15 September, and Tuesday, 23 September 2003, the Executive Board considered items 7.13, 7.14, 7.15 and 5.1 of its agenda.

7.13 Housing arrangements for the Director-General (167 EX/PRIV.1)

The Executive Board *took* measures in respect of housing arrangements for the Director-General.

7.14 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (167 EX/PRIV.2)

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General *informed* the Board of developments since the 166th session concerning decisions he had taken regarding appointments 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 *consulted* the Executive Board regarding the appointment to the post of Secretary of the Executive Board.

7.15 Appointment by the Executive Board of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board (167 EX/PRIV.3)

The Board *appointed* a Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson of the UNESCO Appeals Board for a term of six years, starting from 1 January 2004. It *decided* that from 2010, the duration of the term of office of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Board would be four years, renewable only once.

(167 EX/SR.2)

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* to examine in a public meeting the communications concerning Myanmar and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

(167 EX/SR.6)