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Item 11 Proposed terms of reference of the Special Committee (18 members)²

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling its previous decisions concerning the terms of reference of the Special Committee,
2. Decides that:
 - (a) the Special Committee shall comprise 18 members, that is to say three for each electoral group;
 - (b) in the light of recommendation R.19(i) of 33 C/Resolution 92 concerning the report by the ad hoc working group on relations between the three organs of UNESCO, approved by the General Conference at its 33rd session, the Special Committee (SP) should meet only as needed and for the time necessary to fulfil the duties required of it by the Executive Board;
 - (c) in the light of 174 EX/Decision 20, the Chairperson of the Executive Board is authorized, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Special Committee, to identify future items that fall within the Special Committee's terms of reference, for examination at future sessions;
3. Also decides to refer to the Special Committee for consideration and the preparation of a report thereon:
 - (a) the structure and form of the Director-General's report on the activities of the Organization, prepared in accordance with Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution;
 - (b) questions pertaining to the functioning of the Secretariat, in particular, those pertaining to evaluation, internal control, oversight and accountability systems and mechanisms;
 - (c) relations with the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit, and reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit that are not referred to the commissions of the Executive Board;
 - (d) methods of work of the General Conference and the Executive Board, including those of their commissions and committees;
 - (e) any other question that the Executive Board may refer to it.

¹ The background of this Committee is attached to this draft resolution for the information of Board Members.
² For the period 2005-2007 the Committee had 18 members.

B.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

I. BACKGROUND

1. Several times in the past, particularly from 1956 onwards, the Executive Board on its own initiative or at the request of the General Conference turned its attention to the questions of its responsibilities and its methods of work or those of the two other organs of UNESCO, the General Conference and the Secretariat. On those occasions the Board considered it desirable to instruct a subsidiary body to carry out an initial study on these questions and to draft reports that would provide it with a basis for discussion.
2. The *Ad Hoc Committee* was first set up in 1956 and completed its work the following year, at the time of the 48th session of the Executive Board.
3. At the time of the 57th session, following the meeting of the Bureau on 19 and 20 September 1960, the Chairman of the Executive Board sent a letter to members on 27 September 1960 suggesting that the Board make a general study of the relations between the main organs of UNESCO: the General Conference, the Executive Board and the Secretariat.
4. The Board, having examined that letter (57 EX/23) and a draft resolution submitted by the Chairman, adopted 57 EX/Decision 12.2 for transmission to the 58th session relating to the '*Examination by the Executive Board of the constitutional responsibilities of the Organization and the relationships of the General Conference, the Executive Board and the Secretariat (57 EX/23)*' and decided to establish a working party to consider this question and other related matters taking such practical measures as may be necessary so as to enable the Executive Board to submit definite recommendations for the approval of the General Conference at its 12th session' (57 EX/SR.13, 18).
5. At its 58th session (December 1960) the Executive Board, on the basis of the above-mentioned decision, decided to set up an *Ad Hoc Working Party* to examine the constitutional responsibilities of the Organization and the relations between the General Conference, the Executive Board and the Secretariat (58 EX/Decision 5).
6. A committee established by the Board in 1960 has been in continuous existence ever since, although under various names (*Ad Hoc Working Party*, *Special Committee on the Methods of Work of the Organization*, *Special Committee*, etc.).

7. Until 1966 this Committee was responsible mainly for reviewing the operation and methods of work of the organs of UNESCO and proposing improvements that would enable them to perform their tasks and fulfil their responsibilities more effectively. It also carried out preliminary studies to enable the Board to submit recommendations to the General Conference on related subjects, such as elections to the Executive Board.
8. However it was in 1967 that the *Ad Hoc* Committee, in view of the increasingly heavy and complex work-load of the Board – a work-load that, clearly, was bound to increase in the future – reached the conclusion that it was becoming indispensable for the Board to contemplate certain changes in its methods of work, and that these changes of method should include measures to delegate certain preparatory tasks, though not responsibilities (77 EX/*Ad Hoc* 17 and 77 EX/2, Annex I, paragraphs 68 to 70).
9. The general view of the Committee members was that in order to lighten the work-load of the Board it was not enough to delegate tasks to the permanent commissions, and the main idea to emerge was that, on an experimental basis, a relatively small subsidiary body should be set up, comprising between 12 and 15 members (77 EX/2, paragraphs 44 to 54).
10. On the basis of the Committee's report (77 EX/2) the Board decided at its 77th session (October-November 1967) to form, on an experimental basis, a Special Committee, with the following terms of reference (77 EX/Decision 3.1, III, 6(b), 7 and 8):
 - '6 (b)...
 - (i) to study, in depth, the important matters regarding the execution of the programme arising out of the Director-General's periodical reports and other similar relevant reports relating to past activities, in particular, inspection reports emanating from UNESCO or from the United Nations to the extent that they affect UNESCO, evaluation reports, final reports on UNDP projects carried out by UNESCO, reports on decisions taken within the United Nations system affecting the execution of UNESCO's programme but which do not call for early action by the Board, it being understood that the results of the Board's intensified examination of the execution of the programme made possible by this preparatory study should be conveyed to the General Conference within the framework of the Board's comments on the Director-General's reports, which the Chairman of the Executive Board presents to the General Conference;
 - (ii) to carry out such studies regarding the methods of work of the Organization as have hitherto been carried out by the Special Committee (*Ad Hoc* Committee) and that may arise in the future;
 - (iii) to undertake preparatory work on the arrangements for sessions of the General Conference; and
 - (iv) to report to the Executive Board on its work as set forth above;
 7. *Decides* that the new Special Committee thus established will have the same membership as the Special Committee to study the Methods of Work of the Organization (*Ad Hoc* Committee)¹ set up at its 75th session;
 8. *Decides* further to assign to the Committee, for 1968, the terms of reference defined in paragraph 6(b)(ii) and (iii) of this resolution, on the understanding that the Committee as constituted by the Board in 1969-1970 would, as from 1969, assume all the functions mentioned in paragraph 6 (b)'.

¹ 13 members.

11. As will be seen these terms of reference included various major innovations in the methods of work of the Board, among them the in-depth study of the Director-General's annual report on the activities of the Organization and the examination of inspection reports emanating from UNESCO or from the United Nations.
12. The various studies undertaken by the earlier committees certainly produced results, and the action taken or recommended in consequence by the Board has demonstrated the usefulness of their work.
13. However, it may be considered that the establishment of the Special Committee, an organ for deliberation and study, as it exists today, dates from the 77th session (October-November 1967).
14. The General Conference, at its 15th session, accepted the proposals put forward by the *Ad Hoc* Committee and approved by the Board at its 77th session (15 C/Resolution 33.3), and the Executive Board, at its 81st session, also taking account of 77 EX/Decision 3.1 III, set up a Special Committee of 16 members (81 EX/Decision 6.1). At its 82nd session (82 EX/Decision 3.1) it approved the terms of reference of that Committee.
15. Since then, the Special Committee has been constituted, at the same time as the other subsidiary organs of the Board, at the 1st session of the Board held after the close of the General Conference. Finally, at the 96th session of the Board (November 1974) the Special Committee became a permanent committee of the Board, and its Chairman became a member of the Bureau of the Board (96 EX/Decision 4 – Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Board).
16. At its 123rd session (November 1985), the Executive Board decided that the Special Committee shall be composed of 18 members, three from each electoral group and shall continue to meet immediately before each regular session of the Executive Board (123 EX/Decision 7.1).
17. The Board, at its 173rd session (October 2005), having established its Special Committee decided that the committee should meet only as needed and for the time necessary to fulfil the duties required of it by the Executive Board, and gave it the following terms of reference (173 EX/Decision 1.1):

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- (c) relations with the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit, and reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit that are not referred to the commissions of the Executive Board;
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- (e) any other question that the Executive Board may refer to it.'

18. The following is a list of the committees (special or *ad hoc*) established since 1957 and the studies which they have undertaken.

II. LIST OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THEM SINCE 1957¹

	Reports	Decisions
1957: AD HOC COMMITTEE (10 members; Chairman: Mr Akira Matsui (Japan))		46 EX/Dec. 2
I. Revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Board	47 EX/2 and Add.	47 EX/Dec. 4.1
II. Organization and methods of the Board's work 47 EX/Dec. 4.1	47 EX/2 48 EX/30	47 EX/Dec. 4.1 48 EX/Dec. 5.2
– Commissions and subsidiary bodies		
– Vice-Chairman and Bureau		
– Deputies and advisers		
– Precedence		
– Missions and representation of the Board by the Chairman and by other members of the Board		
– Procedure for private meetings		
– Intervals between sessions		
– Documentation:		
– communication to the Board of the Secretariat's work plans		
– periodicity of the Director-General's reports		
– presentation of the Secretariat's documents		
– Conduct of debates (examination of the Draft Programme and Budget)		
– Delegation of the Board's powers to smaller bodies		
III. Advisory functions of the Board on appointment to senior posts in the Secretariat and Procedure to be followed by the Board in accomplishing those functions	47 EX/2 48 EX/30	47 EX/Dec. 4.1 48 EX/Dec. 5.2
1961-1962: AD HOC WORKING PARTY (to examine constitutional responsibilities of the Organization and the relationships of the General Conference, the Executive Board and the Secretariat) (12 members; Chairman: Sir Ben Bowen Thomas (United Kingdom))		57 EX/Dec. 12.2 58 EX/Dec. 5
I. General Conference	61 EX/2 (final report)	61 EX/Dec. 5.1
– Frequency of sessions		
– Two-year timetable (preparation and examination of the programme and budget)		

¹ For a list of in-depth studies undertaken by the Committee since 1969 see: 124 EX/SP/INF.1 and 129 EX/SP/INF.1.

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List of special committees and studies undertaken by them since 1957

	<u>Reports</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Suggestions for future programmes – Form and content of the Draft Programme and Budget: work plans – Methods of associating the best professional advice with the preparation and discussion of programmes – Travel expenses of delegates – Time-limit on speeches – Organ to deal with draft resolutions – Documents – Other measures to lighten the work of the General Conference 		
<p>II. Executive Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Size of the Executive Board – Composition – Frequency of sessions – Subsidiary organs (commissions) – Reports by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization – Financial questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - transfer of funds - progress reports on the trends of expenditure - non-governmental organizations: use of subventions – Amendments to Rules of Procedure – Regulation of speeches – Observations and recommendations on the proposed programme and budget – Form and content of the Board's working documents – Association of non-members with the work of the Executive Board – Procedure for consultations regarding appointments to posts in the Secretariat 	61 EX/2	61 EX/Dec. 5.2
<p>1963-1964: SPECIAL COMMITTEE <i>(to examine the functions and responsibilities of the organs of UNESCO – Ad Hoc Committee)</i> <i>(10 members; Chairman: Mr Rodolfo Barón Castro (El Salvador))</i></p>		65 EX/Dec. 5.1
<p>I. General Conference 67 EX/9 (final report) 67 EX/Dec. 3.6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sovereignty of the General Conference – Rights of delegations – Frequency of General Conference sessions – Method of handling draft resolutions – Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure 		

	Reports	Decisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Method of handling administrative matters – Travel expenses of delegates – Time-limit on speeches 		
II. Executive Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Membership – Reports by the Director-General – Consultation regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - appointments to Secretariat - structure of the Secretariat – Functions relating to the proposed programme and budget 	67 EX/9	67 EX/Dec. 3.6
III. Proposed programme and budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation of the proposed programme and budget (distinction between ‘continuing activities’ and ‘new activities’) – Consideration – Statutory definition of UNESCO’s continuing programmes – Modification of the order of priority of discussion – Standards and timetable for the preparation of the programme and budget – Timetable for the preparation of the programme and budget during the 1965-1966 biennium 	67 EX/9	67 EX/Dec. 3.6
IV. Overloading of the administrative machinery (of the three organs of UNESCO)	67 EX/9	67 EX/Dec. 3.6
1965-1966: SPECIAL COMMITTEE <i>(on the methods of work of the Organization – Ad Hoc Committee)</i> <i>(13 members; Chairman: Mr Hilding Eek (Sweden))</i>		70 EX/Dec. 6
I. General Conference	71 EX/12 72 EX/10	71 EX/Dec. 5.1 72 EX/Dec. 6.1
General items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – General debate – Programme Commission (subcommissions) – Methods of dealing with draft resolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in the General Conference - in the Programme Commission – Long-term planning – Proposals concerning future programmes – Travel expenses of delegates 		

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List of special committees and studies undertaken by them since 1957

	Reports	Decisions
14th session	71 EX/12 72 EX/10	71 EX/Dec. 5.1 72 EX/Dec. 6.1
– Organization of work:		
– Programme Commission: methods of work		
– preparation of the agenda		
– budget ceiling		
– timetable of meetings		
– Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure		
– role of the Reports Committee		
II. Draft Programme and Budget	71 EX/12 72 EX/10	71 EX/Dec. 5.1 72 EX/Dec. 6.1
– Presentation of document 14 C/5		
– Timetable for the preparation of document 15 C/5		
III. Executive Board	72 EX/10	72 EX/Dec. 6.1
– Membership		
– Sessions		
IV. Other business	72 EX/10	
– National Commissions		
– Permanent delegations		
1967-1968: SPECIAL COMMITTEE		75 EX/Dec. 6.1
<i>(on the methods of work of the Organization – Ad Hoc Committee)</i>		
<i>(13 members; Chairman: Dame Mary Guilan Smieton)</i>		
<i>(United Kingdom)</i>		
I. General Conference	76 EX/2 77 EX/2 77 EX/Ad Hoc/10 78 EX/2	76 EX/Dec. 3.1 77 EX/Dec. 3.1 78 EX/Dec. 3.1, 6.2
General items		
– Duration, periodicity and time of future sessions		
– Methods of work of the Administrative Commission		
– Records of commissions and committees		
– Reports Committee		
– Presentation and consideration of the C/5 document		

	Reports	Decisions
15th session	76 EX/2 and Add. 78 EX/2	76 EX/Dec. 3.1 76 EX/Dec. 6.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Questionnaires to Member States – General debate – Programme Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - methods of work - examination of the C/5 document - discussion of the future programme 		
II. Executive Board	77 EX/2 78 EX/2 and Add.	77 EX/Dec. 3.1 78 EX/Dec. 3.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Functions and responsibilities of the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - delegation of certain tasks - subsidiary organs - functioning of the commissions – Composition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of members - length of term of office of members - electoral groups - draft amendments (Constitution, Rules of Procedure, Rules for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot) - methods of voting at the General Conference for elections to the Executive Board 		
III. Long-term planning of the activities of the Organization	78 EX/2	78 EX/Dec. 3.1-III
IV. Proposal concerning the establishment of an Advisory Council	77 EX/2	78 EX/Dec. 3.2
V. Reports by the Director-General	77 EX/2	77 EX/Dec. 3.1-II, and III-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Periodicity – Structure and content – Method of discussion by the Board – Comments by the Board to the General Conference – Study in depth 		
1969-1970: SPECIAL COMMITTEE		81 EX/Dec. 6
<i>(16 members; Chairman: Mr Fûad Sarrûf (Lebanon))</i>		82 EX/Dec. 3.1
I. General Conference	84 EX/2	84 EX/Dec. 3.1 84 EX/Dec. 6.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Organization of the work of the 16th session – Procedure for examination of the long-term outline plan 		

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	Reports	Decisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Programme Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - procedure for examination of the Draft Programme and Budget and future programme - recommendations of the Executive Board on the C/5 document - procedure for dealing with draft resolutions - Resolutions Committee - examination of sexennial review of activities of NGOs - number of subcommissions - evaluation of the Commission's activities – Administrative Commission – General policy debate – Comments by the Executive Board on the Director-General's reports – Documentation – Procedural and organizational questions – Duration of the session; draft timetable of work – Timetable for the preparation of document 17 C/5 		
II. Executive Board	83 EX/2	83 EX/Dec. 3.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Method of election and duration of term of office of members of the Executive Board – Methods of work of the Finance and Administrative Commission 		
III. Reports by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization	82 EX/3 84 EX/2 84 EX/4	82 EX/Dec. 4.1.1, 4.1.2 84 EX/Dec. 3.1 and 4.1.1, 4.1.2
Printed reports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Printed report for 1968: study in depth of major issues – Printed report for 1969: idem – Study of the advisability of maintaining the current practice concerning the preparation of the interim report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization during the first six months of the second year of the biennium 		
1971-1972: SPECIAL COMMITTEE		86 EX/Dec. 5
<i>(16 members; Chairman: Mr Alberto Wagner de Reyna (Peru))</i>		87 EX/Dec. 3.2
I. Functions, responsibilities and methods of work of the organs of UNESCO	88 EX/2 89 EX/2	88 EX/Dec. 3.1-III 89 EX/Dec. 3.1-III

	Reports	Decisions
II. General Conference		
– Procedure concerning the invitation of international non-governmental organizations in category 'C' to the sessions of the General Conference	88 EX/2	88 EX/Dec. 3.1-V
– Organization of the work of the 17th session: - recommendations of the Executive Board on the Six-Year Medium-Term Plan (17 C/4) and on the Draft Programme and Budget for 1973-1974 (17 C/5) - general policy debate - vote on the budget ceiling - consideration of the programme by commissions (establishment of five Programme Commissions)	89 EX/2	89 EX/Dec. 3.1 89 EX/Dec. 6.2
III. Executive Board		
– Method of election and duration of term of office of members of the Executive Board	88 EX/2	88 EX/Dec. 3.1-II
IV. Submission of reports by Member States and method of their examination by the Organization	88 EX/2	88 EX/Dec. 3.1-IV
V. Drawing up of guidelines concerning the form and content of document C/4 and its relation with document C/5	88 EX/2	88 EX/Dec. 3.1-VII
VI. Reports by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization		
– Guidelines (nature of the reports and method of their examination by the Board)	88 EX/2	88 EX/Dec. 3.1-VI
– Printed report for 1970: study in depth	87 EX/6	87 EX/Dec. 4.1.1, 4.1.2
– Printed report for 1971: - choice of topics for study in depth - study in depth	88 EX/2 89 EX/9	88 EX/Dec. 3.1.1 89 EX/Dec. 4.1.1, 4.1.2
– Topics to be studied in depth in the printed report for 1972	90 EX/2	90 EX/Dec. 3.1
VII. United Nations Joint Inspection Unit	87 EX/3	87 EX/Dec. 3.2.1
– Reports by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit	88 EX/34 89 EX/4 90 EX/3	88 EX/Dec. 3.2.1 89 EX/Dec. 3.2.1 90 EX/Dec. 3.2.1
– Submission by the Director-General of an annual report on follow-up action on the major recommendations of the inspectors accepted by the Director-General and the Executive Board	88 EX/34	88 EX/Dec. 3.2.1-II

Special Committee

List of special committees and studies undertaken by them since 1957

	Reports	Decisions
1973-1974: SPECIAL COMMITTEE		91 EX/Dec. 7.1
<i>(20 members; plus ex-officio members:</i>		91 EX/Dec. 8
<i>Chairmen of the two Commissions;</i>		92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1
<i>Chairman: Mr Napoléon Leblanc (Canada))</i>		
I. Functions, terms of reference and methods of work of the organs of UNESCO		
(i) <i>General Conference</i>		
– Organization of the work of the 18th session:	94 EX/3	94 EX/Dec. 3.2
- general policy debate		94 EX/Dec. 6.2
- Programme Commissions (five)		
- terms of reference of Commission V		
- timetable of commissions		
- Resolutions Committee		
- procedure for the election of members of international councils sponsored by UNESCO		
– Future sessions:	94 EX/3	94 EX/Dec. 3.2
- methods of work:		
in-depth study to be continued		
- use of the services of international councils sponsored by UNESCO in the preparation of programmes		
(ii) <i>Executive Board</i>		
– Status of members of the Board	92 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– Preliminary consideration of the draft amendments to the Constitution and to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference in pursuance of 17 C/Resolution 13.4 (Proposal by Sweden)	94 EX/4	94 EX/Dec. 3.3
		95 EX/Dec. 3.8
– Structure of the Board	92 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-III
	95 EX/3 Add.	95 EX/Dec. 3.5
– Functions and responsibilities of the Board	92 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II and III
	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-I
– Role in evaluation	92 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-III
– Bureau of the Board	92 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-III
– Special Committee	92 EX/2	
– Study of the contributions that could be requested from permanent delegates	92 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.2
	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.2
		95 EX/Dec. 3.7
– Study of the problems of establishing the Board's calendar for each biennium in its interrelationship with the timetable of the Secretariat and of the General Conference (in accordance with the relationships between C/4 and C/5)	92 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-III
	94 EX/2	
	95 EX/3	95 EX/Dec. 3.4
– Setting up of a working group to continue the systematic and critical analysis of the functions of the Board	92 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-III
	93 EX/2	93 EX/Dec. 3.1

	Reports	Decisions
– Methods of work:		
– review by the Executive Board of its methods of work with regard to the detailed examination of the Draft Programme and Budget and to the execution of the programme	92 EX/2 93 EX/2 94 EX/7	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.2 93 EX/Dec. 3.2 94 EX/Dec. 3.4
– subsidiary committees and working groups	92 EX/2 94 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II 94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-I
– possible establishment of a third commission	94 EX/2 95 EX/3 Add.	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-III 95 EX/Dec. 3.6
– special rapporteurs	92 EX/2 94 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II 94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– information-gathering missions (by one or more members of the Board) to facilitate appraisal	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– procedure for the consideration of important and complex questions	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– documentation (reduction of volume and improvement of presentation)	92 EX/2 94 EX/2	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-III 94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– delegation of powers to the Chairman of the Board	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– briefing prior to business	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– introduction of items in the commissions	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– representation of the Director-General	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
– timetable of the meetings	94 EX/2	94 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-II
II. Medium-term outline plan and Draft Programme and Budget		
– Guidelines concerning the form and character of the medium-term outline plan (C/4) and study of the relationship between this document and the Draft Programme and Budget (C/5)	92 EX/2 95 EX/3	92 EX/Dec. 3.1.3 95 EX/Dec. 3.3 and 3.4
III. Reports by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization		
– Printed report for 1972: study in depth	92 EX/11	92 EX/Dec. 4.1.1, 4.1.2
– Designation of rapporteurs for each of the activities selected for study in depth in future reports	92 EX/11	92 EX/Dec. 4.1.2
– Printed report for 1973:		
– choice of topics for study in depth and designation of rapporteurs	93 EX/7	93 EX/Dec. 4.1.1
– study in depth	94 EX/5 Add.	94 EX/Dec. 4.1.2
– Printed report for 1974:		
– choice of topics for study in depth	95 EX/2	95 EX/Dec. 3.1
– Form and periodicity of the report by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization (recommendation to the General Conference: <i>biennial</i> report)	92 EX/11 93 EX/7 94 EX/5	92 EX/Dec. 4.1.2 93 EX/Dec. 4.1.2 94 EX/Dec. 4.1.3

Special Committee

List of special committees and studies undertaken by them since 1957

	Reports	Decisions
IV. United Nations Joint Inspection Unit		
– Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit	92 EX/3 94 EX/9 95 EX/5	92 EX/Dec. 3.2 94 EX/Dec. 3.5.1 95 EX/Dec. 3.9.1
1975-1976: SPECIAL COMMITTEE		96 EX/Dec. 6
<i>(22 members; plus ex-officio members; Chairmen of the two Commissions; Chairman: Mr Léon Boissier-Palun (Benin))</i>		
<i>N.B. The Special Committee becomes a permanent committee of the Board and its Chairman a member of the Bureau</i>		
I. Methods of work		
<i>General Conference</i>		
– In-depth study of methods of work: - periodicity and duration of sessions - draft resolutions and amendments - advisory committee/board on major world problems - expanded role of the Executive Board during the General Conference	97 EX/4	97 EX/Dec. 3.2.1
<i>Executive Board</i>		
– Study of the contributions which could be requested from permanent delegates	97 EX/6	97 EX/Dec. 3.4.1
<i>Programme</i>		
– Greater use of the services of international councils sponsored by UNESCO in the work of preparing the Organization's programme	97 EX/5 Add.	97 EX/Dec. 3.3.1
– Legal and practical implications of a possible change in the budget cycle	100 EX/4	97 EX/Dec. 3.5.1-5 99 EX/Dec. 3.1 100 EX/Dec. 3.1
II. Reports by the Director-General on the activities of the Organization		
– Printed report for 1974: - designation of rapporteurs - study in depth	96 EX/SP/RAP/1 97 EX/2 Add.	95 EX/Dec. 3.1-II 97 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-A
– Activities of the Organization in 1975: - choice of topics and designation of rapporteurs - study in depth	98 EX/3 99 EX/7	97 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-D 98 EX/Dec. 5.1.1 99 EX/Dec. 5.1.1
– Printed report for 1975-1976: - choice of topics - form and content of the report	100 EX/2 97 EX/2 99 EX/7 100 EX/2	100 EX/Dec. 5.1.1-III 97 EX/Dec. 3.1.1-E 99 EX/Dec. 5.1.1-7 100 EX/Dec. 5.1.1-I

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(18 members; Chairperson: Mr Carlos Tunnermann Bernheim (Nicaragua))

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<i>(18 members; Chairperson: Mr Abul Ahsan (Bangladesh))</i>		
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