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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE OF WORK AND REPORT OF THE BUREAU (170 EX/1 (Prov.) Rev.; 170 EX/INF.1 Rev.; 170 EX/INF.7; 170 EX/2)

The Executive Board adopted the agenda and timetable of work as set out in documents 170 EX/1 (Prov.) Rev. and 170 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 3.4.2, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 3.6.4, 5.2, 8.1, 8.4, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4; and for programme-related aspects, items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 4.1, 7.9 and 9.5.
2. **Finance and Administrative Commission (FA):** items 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7 and 7.8; and for administrative and financial aspects, items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 4.1, 7.9 and 9.5.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Bureau contained in document 170 EX/2 concerning the following agenda item:

- 8.3 Relations with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) and draft cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that regional parliamentary organization (170 EX/30 and Corrigenda).

(170 EX/SR.1)

1.1 Election of the Chairman of the Special Committee

In accordance with Rule 16, paragraph 3, of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board elected Ms Kapila Vatsyayan (India) Chairman of the Special Committee to replace Mr L.M. Singhvi for the remainder of his term of office.

(170 EX/SR.1)

2. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 169th SESSION (169 EX/SR.1-9)

The Executive Board approved the summary records of its 169th session.

(170 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 (170 EX/4 Parts I and Add. and II; 170 EX/INF.3; 170 EX/INF.4; 170 EX/INF.8; 170 EX/41 Part I; 170 EX/42 Parts I and II)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 170 EX/4 Part I and Add., 170 EX/INF.3, 170 EX/INF.4 and 170 EX/INF.8,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(170 EX/SR.9)

II

Management Chart and Appropriation Resolution

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, as well as the transfers between appropriation lines proposed within the budget appropriation, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Resolution approved by the General Conference at its 32nd session (32 C/Resolution 85, paragraph A(b) and (e)), document 170 EX/4 Part II and the recommendations of its Finance and Administrative Commission thereon (170 EX/42 Parts I and II),
2. Takes note that the Director-General has, as a consequence of these donations and special contributions, increased the appropriations to the regular budget by a total amount of \$1,926,282 as follows:

	\$
Part II.A – Major Programme I	322,842
Part II.A – Major Programme II	1,034,774
Part II.A – Major Programme III	9,070
Part II.A – Major Programme IV	160,985
Part II.A – Major Programme V	102,212
Part II.C – Programme Related Services	155,677
Part III – Support for Programme Execution and Administration (indirect costs for field offices)	140,722
Total	1,926,282

3. Expresses its appreciation to the donors listed in paragraph 6 of document 170 EX/4 Part II.A;
4. Approves the transfers between appropriation lines of **\$723,800** within the budget appropriation;
5. Takes note of the revised Appropriation Table in the Annex;
6. Requests the Director-General to continue to ensure that extrabudgetary contributions are approved for aims consistent with the programme priorities and strategic goals of UNESCO outlined by the General Conference.

Revised Appropriation Table for 2004-2005

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted (169 EX/Dec.6.3)	Proposed appropriations and transfers		32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
			(i) Donations received	(ii) Transfers between appropriation lines	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART I GENERAL POLICY AND DIRECTION					
A. Governing bodies					
1. General Conference	6 135 300	6 401 300			6 401 300
2. Executive Board	7 958 700	8 010 400			8 010 400
Total, Part I.A	14 094 000	14 411 700	0	0	14 411 700
B. Direction <i>(Including: Directorate; Office of the Director-General; Internal Oversight Service; Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs)</i>	18 378 700	18 469 800		(130 600)	18 339 200
C. Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System	3 579 500	3 579 500			3 579 500
TOTAL, PART I	36 052 200	36 461 000	0	(130 600)	36 330 400
PART II PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME RELATED SERVICES					
A. Programmes					
Major Programme I - Education					
I. Personnel	48 215 600	48 479 000			48 479 000
II. Activities					
I.1 Basic education for all					
I.1.1 Basic education for all: targeting key goals	21 692 200	21 915 400	178 007		22 093 407
I.1.2 Supporting EFA strategies	14 133 100	14 232 200	41 563		14 273 763
I.2 Building learning societies					
I.2.1 Beyond universal primary education	4 826 200	4 828 500	44 998		4 873 498
I.2.2 Education and globalization	2 150 900	2 200 800	53 154		2 253 954
UNESCO education institutes					
UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	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
UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)	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
UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)	2 000 000	2 000 000			2 000 000
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)	2 200 000	2 200 000			2 200 000
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 960 000	1 960 000	5 120		1 965 120
Total, Major Programme I	109 869 000	110 506 900	322 842	0	110 829 742
Major Programme II - Natural sciences					
I. Personnel	30 594 300	30 778 600			30 778 600
II. Activities					
II.1 Science, environment and sustainable development					
II.1.1 Water interactions: systems at risk and social challenges	8 992 500	9 010 300	341 205		9 351 505
II.1.2 Ecological sciences: developing stewardship by people for nature	3 013 200	3 022 100	108 189		3 130 289
II.1.3 Earth sciences: improving the understanding of the solid Earth and enhancing disaster prevention	1 374 300	1 374 300	31 600		1 405 900
II.1.4 Towards sustainable living in small islands and in coastal regions	811 100	811 100	53 780		864 880
II.1.5 UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)	4 795 800	4 795 800			4 795 800
II.2 Capacity-building in science and technology for development					
II.2.1 Capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences	5 835 100	5 918 100	500 000		6 418 100
II.2.2 Science and technology policies for sustainable development	1 105 400	1 105 400			1 105 400
Projects relating to cross-cutting themes*	1 710 000	1 774 700			1 774 700
Total, Major Programme II	58 231 700	58 590 400	1 034 774	0	59 625 174

Appropriation line	32 C/5 Approved	32 C/5 Approved as adjusted (169 EX/Dec.6.3)	Proposed appropriations and transfers		32 C/5 Approved as adjusted
			(i) Donations received	(ii) Transfers between appropriation lines	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
B. Participation Programme	23 000 000	23 000 000			23 000 000
C. Programme related services					
1. Coordination of action to benefit Africa	3 164 000	3 178 500			3 178 500
2. Fellowships Programme	2 522 600	2 537 100			2 537 100
3. Public information	14 516 100	14 604 900		593 200	15 198 100
4. Strategic planning and programming monitoring	7 068 400	7 112 900	155 677		7 268 577
5. Budget preparation and monitoring	4 154 200	4 176 300			4 176 300
Total, Part IIC	31 425 300	31 609 700	155 677	593 200	32 358 577
TOTAL PART II	386 020 400	387 875 100	1 785 560	593 200	390 253 860
PART III SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION AND ADMINISTRATION					
A. Field management and coordination	18 511 000	18 547 300	140 722		18 688 022
B. External relations and cooperation	23 194 000	23 342 700			23 342 700
C. Human resources management	30 800 300	30 979 200			30 979 200
D. Administration, maintenance and renovation of Headquarters premises	100 164 800	101 987 326		(462 600)	101 524 726
TOTAL, PART III	172 670 100	174 856 526	140 722	(462 600)	174 534 648
TOTAL, PARTS I - III	594 742 700	599 192 626	1 926 282	0	601 118 908
Reserve for reclassifications	1 500 000	1 500 000			1 500 000
PART IV ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES	13 757 300	11 417 300			11 417 300
TOTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED AS ADJUSTED	610 000 000	612 109 926	1 926 282	0	614 036 208

* 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

3.2 Report by the Director-General on the follow-up of decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions (170 EX/5 Parts I and II; 170 EX/INF.3; 170 EX/INF.4; 170 EX/INF.8; 170 EX/41 Part I; 170 EX/42 Part I)

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The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 170 EX/5 Part I, 170 EX/INF.3, 170 EX/INF.4 and 170 EX/INF.8,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(170 EX/SR.9)

II

Staff policy

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 162 EX/Decision 3.1.2, 169 EX/Decision 3.3(I) and 32 C/Resolution 61(I),
2. Having examined document 170 EX/5 Part II,
3. Takes note of the progress report on the implementation on an experimental basis of a new type of contract for the recruitment of experts for activities of limited duration;
4. Invites the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the appointments of limited duration (ALD) scheme, by continuing to keep in mind relevant recruitment principles, including equitable geographical distribution and gender balance;
5. Notes the proposal of the Director-General to use ALDs to hire professional staff at the local level;
6. Further notes the work accomplished to date in preparation of the medium- and long-term staffing strategy, and invites the Director-General to pursue this work with a view to submitting the medium- and long-term staffing strategy to it at its 171st session.

(170 EX/SR.8)

3.3 Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme and budget during the previous biennium (2002-2003 – 33 C/3) (170 EX/6; 170 EX/41 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution and 162 EX/Decision 3.1.3,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/6 (draft document 33 C/3),

3. Recognizing that document 170 EX/6 is an essential part of the ongoing strengthening of the report of the Director-General on the performance of the programme in previous biennia,
4. Notes that document 170 EX/6 makes good progress in assessing the programme performance of the Organization;
5. Further notes that the process adopted highlighted possibilities for further improvements to the C/3 document as a management and governance tool, shifting the focus to a more results-based form of reporting;
6. Invites the Director-General to build on the approach taken in preparing this document to strengthen UNESCO's reporting of its performance against its principal objectives, as well as its wider impact;
7. Further invites the Director-General to use document 33 C/3 in decision-making regarding the future activities of the Organization, specifically the next Programme and Budget (33 C/5).

(170 EX/SR.9)

3.4 Education

3.4.1 Report by the Director-General on the modalities of implementing South-South cooperation and solidarity in the field of education and on the feasibility study for the creation of a fund thereon (170 EX/7 Rev.; 170 EX/41 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 3.3.2,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/7 Rev.,
3. Takes note of UNESCO's ongoing and past activities in the field of education contributing to South-South cooperation;
4. Encourages Member States to explore possibilities for bilateral South-South cooperation initiatives;
5. Requests the Director-General, within the context of UNESCO's principal priorities and particularly those of the Education Sector, to:
 - (a) strengthen and widen UNESCO's existing modalities for South-South initiatives;
 - (b) develop triangular cooperation as a variant for the processes of South-South cooperation, building on existing initiatives;
 - (c) continue to perform the role of facilitator, innovator and catalyst for South-South cooperation, including through further pilot projects;
 - (d) pursue his efforts to increase the use of consultants from the South in the activities of the Organization;

- (e) promote, facilitate, advocate and strengthen Member States' own efforts in the context of South-South cooperation in education;
- (f) emphasize South-South cooperation in education taking into account an intersectoral approach when preparing and implementing document 33 C/5;
- (g) broaden and strengthen the cooperation with NGOs and civil society in order to take South-South cooperation beyond the traditional government-to-government alliances.

(170 EX/SR.9)

3.4.2 Report by the Director-General on the strategic review of UNESCO's post-Dakar role in education for all (EFA) (170 EX/8; 170 EX/41 Part I)

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The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 3.4.4,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/8,
3. Taking note of the outcomes of the strategic review of UNESCO's post-Dakar follow-up role in education for all (EFA) and the specific actions already taken or planned by the Director-General,
4. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts made to undertake the strategic review and to prepare this document in a very short space of time;
5. Welcomes the main findings, conclusions and prospective actions outlined in the document;
6. Urges the Director-General to lead efforts to translate the review's conclusions into specific actions to clarify UNESCO's lead coordinating role in the Dakar follow-up process and to develop a more strategic vision of UNESCO's own activities at the global, regional and country levels;
7. Also urges the Director-General to develop a leading advocacy role for UNESCO where the Organization acts as global champion for education efforts worldwide, raising the international profile of education challenges and galvanizing international efforts;
8. Recognizing that EFA is a collective enterprise, further urges the Director-General to initiate consultations with all key stakeholders to achieve a greater degree of clarity, cohesion and mutual recognition regarding their respective roles and responsibilities as defined in the Dakar Framework for Action, in reaching the EFA goals and education-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to facilitate the preparation of a comprehensive mapping and implementation plan of the current and future contributions of each partner towards reaching these goals, to be placed before the Executive Board at its 171st session;
9. Acknowledges that the Director-General will develop, on the basis of the global exercise, a strategy for the 2005-2015 period and corresponding results-based yearly

implementation plans of EFA tasks, including all regional initiatives, in close association with the elaboration of the implementation plans of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), and that information regarding this strategy and implementation plans will be placed before the Executive Board at its 171st session;

10. Requests the Director-General to initiate measures to strengthen the capacity of UNESCO staff at all levels to coordinate EFA tasks and to align the preparation of draft document 33 C/5 with this strategy, including scenarios for different resources and staffing levels;
11. Calls upon the international community (developing and developed countries, bilateral and multilateral donors, international organizations and civil society) to implement its commitment in Dakar to ensure that no country seriously committed to education for all should be hindered by lack of financing, and to ensure cooperation with UNESCO in its efforts to implement an agreed strategy and implementation plan so that the EFA goals may be reached;
12. Invites the Director-General to report regularly to the Executive Board on the implementation of the measures to reinforce the capacities of the Organization and improve its performance of its post-Dakar role in EFA.

II

First World Congress on Literacy

The Executive Board,

1. Aware that education is one of the fundamental rights of the individual and that it plays a leading role in the economic, political, social and cultural development of countries,
2. Recalling that today approximately 550 million women and 300 million men are illiterate,
3. Considering that illiteracy is one of the principal obstacles to the economic and social progress of the developing countries,
4. Considering also that its eradication is an objective which is in harmony with the full enjoyment of human rights, the Medium-Term Strategy of UNESCO, the Dakar Framework for Action, and the UNESCO Programme and Budget for 2004-2005,
5. Bearing in mind the United Nations Literacy Decade, now in progress, which was proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 2001 for the years 2003-2012,
6. Endorses the convening of the first World Congress on Literacy, which, under the auspices of UNESCO, will be held in Havana, Cuba, from 31 January to 4 February 2005;
7. Invites the education authorities of the Member States of UNESCO to participate actively in the work of the Congress.

3.5 Social and human sciences

3.5.1 Report by the Director-General on the drawing up of a declaration on universal norms on bioethics (170 EX/9 and Add.; 170 EX/41 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the timetable for drawing up the declaration on universal norms in bioethics which it approved at its 169th session (169 EX/Decision 3.6.2),
2. Having considered documents 170 EX/9 and Add.,
3. Congratulates the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and particularly its Drafting Group for the quality of the work carried out;
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the open and transparent process of preparation of the future declaration, and welcomes the efforts made to involve United Nations organizations, including OHCHR, FAO, WHO, WIPO and UNEP, and WTO and other intergovernmental organizations concerned with bioethics in the preparatory process;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue preparatory work on a declaration on universal norms in bioethics and to report to it at its 171st session;
6. Further invites the Director-General to convene in 2005 intergovernmental meetings of experts (category II) aimed at finalizing a draft of the declaration;
7. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate, with the right to vote, in the intergovernmental meetings of experts (category II) held to finalize a draft declaration on universal norms in bioethics will be extended to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the meetings, as defined above, will be extended to the States mentioned in paragraph 14 of document 170 EX/9 Add.;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the meetings, as defined above, will be sent to Palestine, as stated in paragraph 15 of document 170 EX/9 Add.;
 - (d) that invitations to send observers to the meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system which are listed in paragraph 16 of document 170 EX/9 Add.;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations which are listed in paragraph 17 of document 170 EX/9 Add.;
 - (f) that the Director-General is authorized to issue any additional invitation that he may deem conducive to the work of the intergovernmental meetings of experts, informing the Executive Board thereof.

(170 EX/SR.9)

3.6 Culture

3.6.1 Jerusalem and the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 39 and 169 EX/Decision 3.7.1 (170 EX/10 Rev.; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 39 and 169 EX/Decision 3.7.1, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), 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, and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of the cultural heritage,
2. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
3. Taking note of document 170 EX/10 Rev. concerning Jerusalem,
4. Expressing its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained and praiseworthy efforts to implement 32 C/Resolution 39 of the General Conference as well as 169 EX/Decision 3.7.1 of the Executive Board concerning the safeguarding of the Old City of Jerusalem, and inviting him to pursue his efforts to obtain their implementation,
5. Expresses its deep concern at the obstacles and actions which seriously undermine the protection of the cultural and natural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, and calls for the full observance of the provisions of 32 C/Resolution 39 and of 169 EX/Decision 3.7.1 aimed at the safeguarding of this heritage;
6. Requests the Director-General to continue his efforts towards the establishment of a centre for the conservation of Islamic manuscripts in al-Ashrafiya Madrasa within the Esplanade of the Mosques (al-Haram ash-Sharif);
7. Encourages the Director-General to continue his efforts for the establishment as soon as possible of the international committee of independent experts, highly qualified technically and professionally, entrusted with proposing the guidelines of the programmed plan of action and proposals for its implementation, and to do so in consultation with the parties concerned;
8. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 171st session.

(170 EX/SR.9)

3.6.2 *Kitâb fi Jarîda* under the umbrella of the Arabia Plan (170 EX/11 Rev.; 170 EX/41 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 170 EX/11 Rev.,
2. Considering that the Arabia Plan and the *Kitâb fi Jarîda* project already constitute complementary actions contributing to improved dissemination of Arab knowledge and culture,
3. Considering that the operations of the *Kitâb fi Jarîda* project do not give rise to any financial costs or administrative or legal commitments on the part of UNESCO,
4. Recommending that, in its new form, the *Kitâb fi Jarîda* project publish a handbook for the general public to make its objectives better known,
5. Takes note of the continuous operations of *Kitâb fi Jarîda* as an autonomous entity, which would consolidate and contribute to the realization of the objectives of the Arabia Plan not only in the Arab region, but also beyond.

(170 EX/SR.9)

3.6.3 Networks of Creative Cities within the Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity (170 EX/18; 170 EX/41 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the importance for UNESCO of strengthening partnerships with cities and local governments,
2. Recognizing that the Creative Cities initiative would be consistent with the objectives and modalities of UNESCO's Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity,
3. Having examined document 170 EX/18,
4. Notes the increasingly evolving role of cities in the promotion of cultural diversity;
5. Thanks the city of Edinburgh for this valuable initiative;
6. Acknowledges the potential for a world network of Creative Cities to strengthen the development of local cultural industries, to promote active cooperation among cities and local governments, and to contribute to UNESCO's visibility in Member States;
7. Invites the Director-General to authorize the launch of the Creative Cities networking initiative within the framework of the Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity, on the understanding that there will be no financial, administrative or legal implications for the regular budget of UNESCO.

(170 EX/SR.9)

3.6.4 The misuse of religious symbols and expressions (170 EX/36 and Add.; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling UNESCO's mandate as set out in the Constitution,
2. Having examined documents 170 EX/36 and Add.,
3. Reaffirms its commitment to fostering an environment for a true dialogue among peoples through mutual respect for all cultures, civilizations and religions;
4. Invites the Director-General to take the necessary measures through UNESCO's existing programmes and activities to foster the dialogue among civilizations so as to create more awareness among peoples and the authorities concerned of the sensitivities of all communities and the need to respect the diversity of cultures, in particular with regard to the use of religious symbols, images and expressions, especially for commercial purposes;
5. Recommends that the General Conference at its 33rd session adopt a resolution on this subject.

(170 EX/SR.9)

4 DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2006-2007 (33 C/5)

4.1 Preliminary proposals by the Director-General for the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) (170 EX/12 Parts I (A) and Addenda and Corr., I (B), I (C), II and III; 170 EX/INF.3; 170 EX/INF.4; 170 EX/INF.8; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.; 170 EX/42 Part II)

I

Preliminary proposals concerning document 33 C/5

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the Director-General's preliminary proposals concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2006-2007 (33 C/5) (170 EX/12 Parts II and III), the reports on the regional consultations on the subject (170 EX/12 Part I (A) and Addenda and Corr.) and the summary of written views and comments by governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations (170 EX/12 Parts I (B) and (C));
2. Taking into account the debates that were held at its present session, in particular the observations and the suggestions made in plenary by the Members of the Executive Board on agenda item 4.1, the Director-General's introduction and his reply to these debates and the deliberations thereon by the Programme and External Relations Commission and the Finance and Administrative Commission;
3. Reaffirming the provisions of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved), and underlining that document 33 C/5 as the last biennial budget during this period represents the last opportunity to ensure as full an implementation of the strategic objectives of document 31 C/4 as possible;

4. Takes note with satisfaction of the broad-based and participatory consultation process undertaken by the Director-General with Member States, National Commissions, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations and the results thereof, and welcomes in particular the strengthening of the participatory approach through cluster consultations;
5. Commends the Director-General for preparing a concise, yet comprehensive and well-structured document (170 EX/12 Parts II and III) which provided a sound basis for deliberations and decision-making concerning the preparations for document 33 C/5;
6. Requests the Director-General to prepare document 33 C/5 on the basis of the proposals contained in documents 170 EX/12 Parts I, II and III, taking into account the following observations and recommendations:

A. UNESCO's reform process

7. Expresses its desire to see the reform process, including decentralization, efficiently and effectively completed as a matter of priority within the available budget;
8. Underlines that the pursuit of education for all (EFA), as well as sustaining and completing UNESCO's reform process, in particular the introduction of a results-based programming, management, reporting and evaluation (RBM) system, and decentralization constitute overarching priorities for UNESCO's activities until 2007 – coinciding with the end of the present Medium-Term Strategy period –, and recommends that any budgetary reinforcement of activities within the budget ceiling be accorded to these priorities;

B. Programming principles and framework

9. Invites the Director-General to ensure that document 33 C/5 corresponds fully to the Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4 Approved), paying particular attention to those strategic objectives that have not yet been fully attained during the medium-term period, and that it clearly specifies for each major programme the linkages of programme activities to the strategic objectives and cross-cutting themes of document 31 C/4 Approved;
10. Urges the Director-General to act on the results and recommendations of relevant evaluations in that regard as well as on the action taken by the Executive Board at its present session on the strategic review of UNESCO's education for all (EFA) activities;
11. Emphasizes the need to cast UNESCO's programmes clearly in the framework of the Millennium Declaration, the internationally agreed development goals contained therein and other internationally agreed targets in UNESCO's domains, and to integrate specific dimensions and action into document 33 C/5 which may arise in the context of the preparations for the review of the Millennium Declaration by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2005;
12. Welcomes the Director-General's statement that UNESCO is fully involved in inter-agency activities, especially through the Chief Executives Board (CEB) and the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and their respective subsidiary machineries, with a special focus on follow-up to and implementation of the Millennium Declaration and the internationally agreed development goals contained therein;

13. Invites the Director-General to examine adjustments that might be introduced along the lines of the revised model C/5 document suggested by Sweden, as contained in document 170 EX/12 Part I (A) Add. 2;
14. Emphasizes the importance for UNESCO, in its areas of competence, to work closely with, and assist, Member States in the formulation and implementation of their national and sectoral development plans, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) national reports;
15. Underlines the need for UNESCO to bring to bear its unique competencies as a specialized agency of the United Nations system and to contribute to an effective and comprehensive system-wide response through inter-agency collaboration, especially at the country level, including through modalities such as Common Country Assessments (CCAs) and United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAF);

UNESCO's functions

16. Confirms the abiding validity of the five functions of UNESCO set out in document 31 C/4, namely a laboratory of ideas, standard-setter, clearing-house, capacity-builder in Member States and catalyst for international cooperation;
17. Recognizes in particular the efforts made in recent years in developing standard-setting instruments, and recommends that in document 33 C/5 emphasis be put on monitoring, implementation, promotion and advocacy of existing instruments as well as on achieving better synergy between such instruments and new standard-setting activities;

Concentration and prioritization of the programme

18. Fully endorses the Director-General's intention to proceed with further concentration and prioritization of UNESCO's programmes with a view to enhancing the impact of UNESCO's action at all levels;
19. Concurs with the Director-General's proposal to maintain for document 33 C/5 the structure of document 32 C/5 Approved, providing for each of the five major programmes the designation of one principal priority and a limited number of other priorities;
20. Agrees with the adoption of a targeted "focus within the focus" approach, whereby, if possible, only very specific and well defined areas within each principal priority will be strengthened in terms of resources, preferably limited to those areas where UNESCO exercises a lead or coordinating role in the United Nations system;
21. Agrees that for future C/5 documents during the next Medium-Term Strategy (34 C/4), another structure may be considered, which, among other things, may provide for a clearer ranking among the various priorities;

Mainstreaming

22. Requests the Director-General to make a more systematic and targeted effort, in line with the provisions of document 31 C/4, to mainstream the needs of Africa, the least developed countries (LDCs), women and youth throughout UNESCO's major programmes, at all stages of the programming cycle from design, planning, implementation, monitoring to evaluation;

23. Further requests the Director-General to include in document 33 C/5 a matrix providing a succinct overview of the programme areas where mainstreaming of these groups is being envisaged;
24. Urges the Director-General to strengthen further the Organization's action concerning Africa and closely align it with the priorities and programmes of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) of the African Union, drawing on input by all the Organization's programme sectors and intersectoral action, especially at the country level through the UNESCO field office network;
25. Agrees that, with respect to least developed countries, the Organization shall be guided by the priorities set out in the Brussels Plan of Action, adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UNLDC III) held in 2001 in Brussels, according to which the focus for UNESCO shall be on EFA, including science and technology education, technical and vocational education, as well as on the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs);
26. Emphasizes the imperative need to promote and integrate gender equality perspectives throughout all programmes, and to reinforce skills and competencies of staff in gender mainstreaming through dedicated training both at Headquarters and in the field;
27. Supports the Director-General's proposal to continue to ensure that the needs, concerns and requirements of youth are mainstreamed throughout all the Organization's programmes, focusing in particular on the participation of youth and the integration of their views in UNESCO's activities, including through the organization of the Youth Forum during the General Conference, and assisting Member States in mainstreaming youth concerns and issues into their policies;
28. Requests the Director-General in that connection to consider the inclusion in document 33 C/5 of initiatives aimed at combating violence among youth, including through community-based programmes;
29. Invites the Director-General, taking into account the cross-cutting theme "Eradication of poverty, especially extreme poverty" of document 31 C/4, to integrate visibly throughout document 33 C/5 UNESCO's responses to the needs of the poorest, most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups;
30. Requests the Director-General to take all necessary steps to reflect better the needs of indigenous cultures and peoples with a view to strengthening citizen participation and democracy, mutual respect among cultures and civilizations and, ultimately, the creation of a more harmonious world which is respectful of the earth and its precious resources;
31. Calls on the Director-General to reinforce practical and effective action by UNESCO to advance the dialogue among cultures and civilizations, through all its major programmes, in pursuit of 32 C/Resolution 47 of the General Conference and in the light of the thematic debate of the Executive Board on "new approaches and concrete actions in the dialogue among civilizations" at the present session, and requests the Director-General to identify clearly such action in document 33 C/5;
32. Reiterates its full support for a continued and sustained effort by UNESCO to promote a culture of peace, considering the role assigned to UNESCO as lead agency for the

International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010) and its Programme of Action;

33. Invites the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 171st session a report on its existing work in the area of the promotion of the dialogue among peoples and a range of specific and results-oriented proposals, for consideration by the Board for integration into the priorities of the Organization in the draft version of document 33 C/5.

Assistance to countries in post-conflict and post-disaster situations

34. Requests the Director-General to identify in document 33 C/5 potential resources that could be drawn on to ensure UNESCO's strategic and operational presence at the appropriate stage in the joint response by the United Nations system, especially at the country level, for reconstruction efforts in post-conflict and post-disaster situations;

Results-based programming, management, reporting and evaluation

35. Commends the Director-General on the progress made in introducing a results-based programming, management, reporting and evaluation (RBM) system as an important part of the reforms undertaken by the Organization, and expresses its hope that it will be possible to consolidate the introduction of the RBM system by the end of 2007, coinciding with the completion of the period covered by the present Medium-Term Strategy;
36. Acknowledges the valuable role also played by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) in the reform process, ranging from internal audit services and interfaces with the external auditors to evaluations and programme assessments, including a strengthening of RBM practices, and encourages the Director-General to ensure that IOS functions in that regard will be extended to the regional and cluster levels, building on the overall RBM framework developed for document 33 C/5;
37. Calls on the Director-General to refine further and broaden the application of the present RBM approach in document 33 C/5, in particular by presenting clear and, to the extent possible, measurable results, performance indicators and benchmark indicators, representing qualitative and quantitative targets, which shall also serve as a basis for future results-based reporting in the C/3 and EX/4 documents;
38. Reiterates that all Secretariat units – at Headquarters and in field offices alike – must undertake to formulate in all programming documents, including SISTER, realistic, clear and operationally meaningful expected results, illustrated wherever possible by quantifiable, qualitative, impact-related performance indicators, with the progressive introduction of benchmark indicators for UNESCO's activities;
39. Underlines further the need to strive as soon as possible for a better coherence and linkage between the expected outcomes in C/4 documents and the expected results in C/5 documents;
40. Invites the Director-General to allocate further funds from corporate training resources for an intensification of RBM, results-formulation and self-evaluation training which shall receive a high priority in order to improve further the quality of UNESCO's programme and budget documents as well as statutory and other reports;

Intersectorality and interdisciplinarity

41. Concurs with the Director-General that an increasing level and scope of intersectorality and interdisciplinarity is needed in the design and implementation of UNESCO's programmes, making full use of multidisciplinary, which represents one of the Organization's major comparative advantages;
42. Endorses the proposal by the Director-General to pursue in document 33 C/5 a two-pronged approach consisting of (a) the continued earmarking of regular programme resources for select projects relating to the two cross-cutting themes (CCT) approved in document 31 C/4, and of (b) the introduction of a number of specific intersectoral and cross-cutting activities and/or joint main lines of action, while also drawing on the contribution of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) with its unique cross-cutting mandate;
43. Supports the Director-General's intention that – pending a full evaluation of the experience gained with CCT projects during the 31 C/5 and 32 C/5 biennia –, only a limited number of ongoing CCT projects should continue to be funded in document 33 C/5, namely those which have demonstrably shown effectiveness and results;
44. Invites the Director-General (a) to reinforce in document 33 C/5 intersectoral cooperation on overarching themes and issues such as ethics, sustainable development and a culture of peace, and (b) to make proposals in document 33 C/5 for specific intersectoral action through the formulation of joint main lines of action in areas where UNESCO performs or has been assigned an international lead role, such as, but not exclusively, the following themes:
 - (i) literacy;
 - (ii) distance education, e-learning and ICT applications in education;
 - (iii) education for rural populations;
 - (iv) science and technology education;
 - (v) HIV/AIDS prevention education;
 - (vi) education for sustainable development;
 - (vii) support to small island developing States and coastal regions, sustaining their diversity and addressing their vulnerability to natural disasters, including follow-up to the outcomes of the international meeting to be held in Mauritius in January 2005 in line with 32 C/Resolution 48 of the General Conference;
 - (viii) a culture of maintenance;
 - (ix) the promotion of evidence-based policy-making through the collection, interpretation and use of quality data;
45. Recognizes the importance of the role UNESCO is called upon to play as United Nations lead agency for the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), and requests the Director-General to propose in document 33 C/5 appropriate action by each and every Sector of UNESCO, including joint intersectoral initiatives;

46. Applauds the introduction of the concept of knowledge societies into the final documents of the World Summit on the Information Society, as advocated by UNESCO, and requests the Director-General to pursue the implementation of the four relevant UNESCO principles through further concrete intersectoral action in document 33 C/5;

Flagship programmes and projects

47. Welcomes the Director-General's intention to identify in document 33 C/5 a limited number of flagship programmes and projects for the various major programmes, to which the Organization has allocated resources, and which have yielded positive results, shown excellence and innovation, and enhanced the visibility of the Organization over a sustained period of time, or which address a particularly high-profile or high-priority policy area and subject;
48. Recognizes that the designation of flagship programmes and projects can help disseminate best practices, and encourages the Director-General to publish widely information on flagship programmes and projects with a view to having them adopted and adapted by other regions and countries;
49. Urges the Director-General to seize the potential of flagship activities for focused media and advocacy efforts, promoting and building awareness of the Organization's decisive contribution through those activities as part of an overall strategy for public information which effectively communicates and projects UNESCO success stories and achievements;

Decentralization

50. Welcomes the measures taken by the Director-General to move the decentralization process forward while preserving the effectiveness of UNESCO's unique role at the global level;
51. Notes that the Director-General will submit to the Executive Board at its 171st session a comprehensive review of the decentralization process thus far, and requests him, in preparing document 33 C/5, to continue to make every effort to narrow the remaining disquieting gaps in the field network staff establishment, to assign staff with requisite seniority, competencies and expertise to field offices, to find innovative modalities that might allow field offices to mobilize specific regional- and local-level expertise for the delivery of key services and functions in a speedy manner, and to draw more on the support of the National Commissions and engage them in the process of decentralization;
52. Invites the Director-General to ensure that the decentralization of resources by each major programme in document 33 C/5 is based on a clear sectoral strategic framework – providing for a reflection of the needs of all regions and an effective integration of the respective roles of Headquarters and field units – and is in line with the principle of subsidiarity, while also taking into account the staff strength of each field unit, the programmatic priorities defined by each cluster of countries, and the overall need to secure, in addition to a global perspective, a balanced mix of regional, subregional and national actions by the Organization;

53. Requests the Director-General to work in that regard towards an updating of cooperation agreements with regional and subregional organizations in the various cluster regions, with a view to securing synergies and preventing unnecessary duplication;
54. Requests the Director-General to continue to ensure that UNESCO's field office network contributes to United Nations country team efforts to assist Member States, particularly in those areas within UNESCO's mandate, and in United Nations system-led exercises, such as the Common Country Assessments (CCAs), the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and reports on the implementation of the Millennium Declaration;
55. Encourages the Director-General to intensify the building of the capacities and expertise of UNESCO staff through a continuous programme of training, aimed at equipping UNESCO staff to assist countries better, including through the building and upgrading of requisite capacities and substantive expertise, familiarity with and application of good governance instruments and modalities, such as RBM, and further calls on the Director-General to deploy staff in a manner that will enable them to assist and make the most effective contribution to Member States;

Revision of the programme management cycle

56. Welcomes the Director-General's adjustments in the programme management cycle, which seek to introduce a more strategic and policy-focused approach at all levels, including the formulation of a cluster strategic plan with intersectoral components, and to attach emphasis to inputs from stakeholders at the country and cluster levels, including through regional consultations with National Commissions and through cluster consultations;
57. Requests that these consultations be funded from resources, excluding the Participation Programme, and that all efforts should be made to organize such consultations in the most cost-effective manner;

National Commissions

58. Welcomes the measures already taken by the Director-General – jointly with the governments concerned – to reinforce the role and status of National Commissions, their capacities, tools and equipment – including the preparation of a Practical Guide for National Commissions –, and to provide assistance with respect to communication, outreach and the mobilization of new partners, including innovative approaches enabling the National Commissions to discharge their responsibilities and to play an effective role in the decentralization process;
59. Requests the Director-General to make appropriate provisions in document 33 C/5 for a continuation of the measures and activities elaborated in the preceding paragraph, which are all aimed at strengthening the roles and capacities of National Commissions;
60. Encourages broader mutual assistance among National Commissions from various regions for the purpose of knowledge-sharing, hands-on training and capacity-building;

Partnerships and modalities of programme implementation

61. Underlines the importance for UNESCO to continue engaging effectively, and across a range of activities and tasks, with partners from civil society, parliamentary groups and associations, non-governmental organizations, city and local authorities, foundations and the private sector, and to form public-private partnerships as appropriate;
62. Expresses its satisfaction with the context map provided by the Director-General in document 32 C/5, and invites him to explore the possibility of providing online overview information of the contributions made by other multi- or bilateral actors in the various programme areas in relation to UNESCO's role and contribution;
63. Requests the Director-General to continue making appropriate provisions for the effective and well-targeted Fellowships Programme, which is a particularly useful feature of UNESCO's capacity-building efforts;
64. Highlights the need to complement North-South cooperation with reinforced South-South cooperation modalities in the process of programme implementation during the 33 C/5 period;

Participation Programme

65. Invites the Director-General to propose a funding level for the Participation Programme corresponding to the budget ceiling recommended by the Executive Board, and to adapt the present Participation Programme regulations with a view to introducing specific procedural arrangements for the selection of regional requests to be considered for funding under the Participation Programme;

Extrabudgetary resources

66. Recognizes the importance of extrabudgetary resources for the programme activities of the Organization, and invites the Director-General to explore further possibilities for such resources not only from governmental sources, but also from the private sector and foundations;
67. Reiterates the need to ensure a full alignment of all activities funded from extrabudgetary resources with the priorities of the regular programme and the strategic objectives of document 31 C/4 Approved;
68. Invites the Director-General to continue to indicate, for information purposes, in document 33 C/5 – as was done in document 32 C/5 –, for all programmes, subprogrammes and main lines of action, the amounts of extrabudgetary resources already received or firmly pledged in signed donor agreements, and requests the Director-General to continue to report regularly to the Executive Board on allocations of extrabudgetary resources and related expenditures;

Programme and budget presentation

69. Welcomes the Director-General's proposals to enhance the user-friendliness of document 33 C/5, to reduce the volume of the printed document by limiting its narrative content to core strategic information, results and budgetary/financial content, and to provide CD-ROM and on-line versions, including for background material and technical annexes;

C. Priority fields of action

70. Agrees with the principal and other priorities proposed by the Director-General for the major programmes in document 170 EX/12 Part II, paragraph 7, subject to the following adjustments:

Major Programme I – Education

71. Requests the Director-General to take fully into account the debates on EFA during the present session of the Executive Board and the terms of 170 EX/Decision 3.4.2 on the strategic review of UNESCO's post-Dakar role in education for all (EFA) when drawing up his proposals for Major Programme I;
72. Stresses that in keeping with the role of “global champion of EFA” articulated in the EFA strategic review, UNESCO's action in international coordination, mobilization, policy dialogue, advocacy and communication relating to EFA must be strengthened and further developed;
73. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: basic education for all, with special emphasis being given to literacy, HIV/AIDS prevention education and teacher training in sub-Saharan Africa;
74. Emphasizes that quality education – both in terms of the results of the educational process and of educational content and methods – is of key importance for the entire education programme;
75. Underlines that teacher training on a continuous and lifelong basis in all developing countries is a critical part of a comprehensive approach to quality education;
76. Considers that in order to attain the EFA goals, special attention must also be given to the overall educational needs of Africa and of the E-9 countries;
77. Invites the Director-General to attach the highest importance – in the context of Major Programme I and through intersectoral efforts as outlined above in paragraphs 41-46 above – to fulfilling the UNESCO lead roles for the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and for the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), both of which are also essential components of education for all (EFA);
78. Recommends that the “other priorities” shall be:
- (a) secondary education, including technical and vocational education and training as well as science and technology education;
 - (b) promoting quality education, with special reference to values education and teacher training;
 - (c) higher education;
79. Invites the Director-General also to propose measures to combat exclusion in education;
80. Further invites the Director-General, subject to the budget ceiling, to consider strengthening the following areas pertaining to EFA: (a) the UNESCO Institute for Statistics with respect to EFA monitoring in general, in particular the preparation of the

EFA Global Monitoring Report, (b) activities pertaining to the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012); (c) quality education;

Major Programme II – Natural sciences

81. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: water and associated eco-systems;
82. Recommends that the “other priorities” shall be:
 - (a) oceans;
 - (b) capacity-building in the basic and engineering sciences, the formulation of science policies, and the promotion of a culture of maintenance;
 - (c) promoting the application of science, engineering and appropriate technologies for sustainable development, natural resource use and management, disaster preparedness and alleviation and renewable sources of energy;
83. Invites the Director-General to address the needs of the small island developing States and coastal regions throughout Major Programme II and through intersectoral efforts as outlined in paragraphs 41-46 above;

Major Programme III – Social and human sciences

84. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: ethics of science and technology, with emphasis on bioethics;
85. Recommends that the “other priorities” shall be as follows:
 - (a) promotion of human rights and the fight against all forms of discrimination, racism, xenophobia and related intolerance through activities in UNESCO’s field of competence;
 - (b) foresight, philosophy, human sciences, democracy and the enhancement of human security;
 - (c) management of social transformations;

Major Programme IV – Culture

86. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: promoting cultural diversity, with special emphasis on the tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
87. Recommends that the “other priorities” shall be:
 - (a) cultural policies as well as intercultural and interfaith dialogue and understanding;
 - (b) cultural industries and artistic expressions;
88. Stresses the need to address the relationship between culture and sustainable development in all activities carried out under Major Programme IV;

89. Requests the Director-General to integrate into document 33 C/5 proposals concerning an intersectoral programme for languages corresponding to the proposals he will be submitting to the Executive Board at its 171st session pursuant to 170 EX/Decision 9.5.;
90. Invites the Director-General to respond in his proposals for Major Programme IV to paragraph 6 of 169 EX/Decision 3.7.3 concerning the World Heritage Centre, and further invites the Director-General, during the 33 C/5 biennium, to mobilize extrabudgetary resources and partnerships more vigorously, to increase technical assistance and capacity-building, and to work for a better geographical distribution among World Heritage sites, and a better balance between cultural and natural heritage sites;

Major Programme V – Communication and information

91. Recommends that the principal priority shall be: empowering people through access to information and knowledge, with special emphasis on freedom of expression;
92. Recommends that the main thrusts of action under this principal priority shall be: promoting freedom of expression, creating an enabling environment which is conducive to facilitating universal access to information and knowledge, developing effective infostructures, and stimulating the development of, and access to, diverse contents;
93. Recommends that the “other priorities” shall be:
 - (a) promoting communication development, with special regard to independent and pluralistic media;
 - (b) advancing the use of ICTs for education, science and culture, and promoting broad-based access to ICTs;
94. Requests the Director-General to implement the relevant aspects of the outcomes obtained at both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) through appropriate and effective action under Major Programme V, and on an intersectoral basis as mentioned in paragraphs 41-46 above;
95. Requests the Director-General, in drawing up his proposals for Major Programme V, also to reflect issues of ethics, as in paragraphs 52 and 55 of the Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society in December 2003 in Geneva;

UNESCO Institute for Statistics

96. Recognizes the key role played by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) with respect to the collection of data and information for all major programmes, including the *EFA Global Monitoring Report*, evidence-based policy-making and formulation of strategies in general, as well as capacity-building in developing countries in the domains of UNESCO;

D. Budget issues

97. Noting that the Director-General has presented four options for consideration concerning the budget ceiling,

98. Takes note that preliminary estimates for the Draft Programme and Budget (33 C/5) include provisions for inflation/statutory increases, for the Belmont Plan loan repayment, and for security measures;
99. Invites the Director-General, when preparing the budget, to:
- (a) take into account the discussions held during its 170th session;
 - (b) strengthen the delivery of principal priorities, while considering reorienting or discontinuing activities which do not have a measurable impact in achieving UNESCO's principal priorities, and ensure that any new activity is subject to a sunset clause, wherever possible;
 - (c) employ, where appropriate, in order to reform and optimize the budget process, new methodological approaches, such as the results-based budgeting approach, which may enable priority activities to achieve the same results at a lower cost, and may also allow budget savings in programme support and administration;
 - (d) ensure that all costs associated with programme delivery (such as new integrated management systems, results-based management, Headquarters renovation and maintenance, security, staff and field offices) are accommodated within the regular budget in order to ensure efficient delivery of the programme and the achievement of UNESCO's objectives;
 - (e) consider the possibility of using extrabudgetary funds already received or guaranteed to support programme delivery, provided that this is in accordance with all relevant regulations of UNESCO and of the governments concerned;
100. Further invites the Director-General, in his presentation of the budget for draft document 33 C/5 at the 171st session of the Executive Board, to:
- (a) make clear links between the allocation of resources and UNESCO's principal priorities as well as expected outcomes, showing ways in which restructuring of financial allocations within sectors, and corresponding reassignment of staff resources, may lead to stronger performance in meeting targets (results-based budgeting);
 - (b) make reference to the way in which the budget increase agreed for the current biennium is being used, showing, in particular, ways in which it is strengthening UNESCO's capacity to deliver results against principal priorities;
 - (c) find ways to improve the presentation of draft document 33 C/5 by making it more concise and moving parts thereof to separate annexes;
101. Requests the Director-General to present to the Executive Board at its 171st session a single budget proposal for its consideration, based on the factors cited above, showing how funds additional to the present baseline of \$610 million would be used to strengthen the delivery of UNESCO's principal priorities;
102. Further requests the Director-General to explore and identify new and creative methods for the Organization to generate income from external sources, including the general public.

II

The promotion of dialogue among peoples

The Executive Board,

1. Referring to 31 C/Resolution 39 and 32 C/Resolution 47,
2. Noting the increasing alarm worldwide due to continuing acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, which threaten peace, jeopardize human life and human rights, and destabilize States and entire regions of the world in constant disregard of the principles and values of the Charter of the United Nations, the Constitution of UNESCO and the UNESCO Declaration of Principles on Tolerance,
3. Deeply concerned by the acts of terrorism committed in all parts of the world, which have resulted in many innocent victims, including thousands of children,
4. Expressing profound dismay at the frequent attacks by extremists on the world's cultural, historical and religious heritage,
5. Affirms that acts of terrorism can never be justified whatever the motives, and also notes that one of the causes of any form of extremism lies in the lack of knowledge of the Other and intolerance towards the rich diversity of the world's cultures,
6. Reaffirming the need for international cooperation in this regard, and being convinced that UNESCO can, in accordance with its mandate, and within its areas of competence, take concrete measures to seek to address this challenge,
7. Stresses the importance of taking stock of existing mechanisms within UNESCO and of identifying potential mechanisms for the promotion of dialogue among peoples through a better reciprocal knowledge of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity, in order to address one of the causes of extremism;
8. Invites the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board at its 171st session a report on UNESCO's existing work in this area, and a range of specific and results-oriented proposals, for consideration by the Board for integration into the priorities of the Organization in draft document 33 C/5.

(170 EX/SR.9)

5 METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

5.1 Proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (170 EX/13; 170 EX/38)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 4.3,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/13,
3. Decides to adopt a new rule ... in its Rules of Procedure as follows:

Decisions involving expenditure

The Executive Board shall not take a decision involving expenditure unless it has before it a report from the Director-General on the administrative and financial implications of the proposal.

4. Also decides to renumber the subsequent Rules of the Rules of Procedure accordingly.

(170 EX/SR.8)

5.2 Comments by the Director-General on the external evaluation reports submitted in the 2002-2003 biennium (170 EX/14; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 3.1.4 and 169 EX/Decision 4.4,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/14, and taking into consideration the evaluation reports that have been presented,
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by the evaluators as well as the report of the Director-General on the implementation of these recommendations,
4. Invites the Director-General to implement in appropriate manner recommendations which improve the programmes to which they relate, and to continue to improve the quality of evaluations by implementing the UNESCO Evaluation Strategy;
5. Requests the Director-General to continue to report to it on evaluations that are carried out on the Organization's programme activities, on the progress made in the follow-up to evaluation recommendations, and in strengthening the quality of the evaluations undertaken.

(170 EX/SR.9)

6 MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

6.1 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 (170 EX/CR/HR and Addenda; 170 EX/3 PRIV. and Add. and Corr.)

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

(170 EX/SR.9)

6.2 Examination of the methods of work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and report of the Committee thereon (170 EX/15; 170 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 15 C/Resolution 12.2, 23 C/Resolution 29.1, 32 C/Resolution 77 and 165 EX/Decision 6.2 on the first aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on

- Conventions and Recommendations, namely the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments,
2. Recalling 19 C/Resolution 6.113, 19 C/Resolution 12.1 and 104 EX/Decision 3.3, as well as the report of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations contained in document 166 EX/45 Rev. on the second aspect of the terms of reference of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, namely the examination of communications relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence,
 3. Having examined document 170 EX/15,
 4. Notes with appreciation the work undertaken by the Committee to examine its methods of work and the progress realized so far;
 5. Calls upon the Committee to continue the examination of its methods of work with particular emphasis on the following questions:
 - (a) Concerning the first aspect of its terms of reference:
 - (i) strengthening of the first mandate of the Committee relating to the implementation of UNESCO's standard-setting instruments;
 - (ii) establishment of specific procedures for reports by Member States on conventions and recommendations;
 - (iii) organization of work;
 - (iv) statistics;
 - (b) Concerning the second aspect of its terms of reference:
 - (i) selection of communications;
 - (ii) application of criteria for admissibility;
 - (iii) cooperation between the Committee and the other United Nations human rights bodies;
 - (iv) statistics on the procedure;
 - (v) role of the Director-General and the Chairman of the Committee within the context of the 104 EX/Decision 3.3 procedure;
 6. Invites the Committee to report to it at its 171st session on the outcome of its deliberations on these questions, taking account of the debate by the Committee at its 166th and 170th sessions;
 7. Decides to grant the Committee one additional working day for that purpose.

(170 EX/SR.8)

6.3 Organization of the seventh consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (1960)
(170 EX/16; 170 EX/39)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 15 and 165 EX/Decision 6.2,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/16,
3. Notes with appreciation the Guidelines prepared for the seventh consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and the Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (1960) as contained in Annex I of document 170 EX/16;
4. Requests that the Guidelines be further developed in the light of the debate by the Committee at its 170th session for presentation to the Executive Board at its 171st session;
5. Reminds Member States of the obligation “to make the text of any convention or recommendation known to the bodies, target groups and other entities interested in matters dealt with therein” in accordance with Article 16(2) of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions, as amended by the General Conference in October 2003;
6. Bearing in mind Member States’ obligations under Article VIII of UNESCO’s Constitution, and recognizing the Convention against Discrimination in Education as a key pillar in the education for all (EFA) process,
7. Invites the Director-General to encourage Member States to adhere to the Convention;
8. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its autumn session in 2006 on the results of the seventh consultation in the form of an analytical report, along with a report on the actions foreseen regarding the organization on the sidelines of the 34th session of the General Conference of a meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education, as stipulated in 165 EX/Decision 6.2.
9. Recommends that for technical as well as substantive reasons, the seventh consultation be organized in such a way that the analytical report can be presented to the General Conference at its 34th session in 2007;

(170 EX/SR.8)

7 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

7.1 Report by the Director-General on a study on financial and cash management relating to payment of contributions, unspent budget balances, carry-forward mechanism, working capital fund, unliquidated obligations, miscellaneous income and others
(170 EX/19; 170 EX/42 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 167 EX/Decision 7.4 and 32 C/Resolution 64,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/19,

3. Noting the work in progress within the United Nations system on a new set of common accounting standards,
4. Recognizes that the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules of UNESCO should be kept under review to ensure that they correspond to changing needs and circumstances;
5. Invites the Director-General to prepare a detailed document addressing the issues raised in document 170 EX/19 and propose appropriate amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules for consideration by the Executive Board at its 171st session;
6. Takes note of the significant unrecorded and unfunded liability relating to benefits of UNESCO employees, and the study being undertaken by the United Nations on the subject, and invites the Director-General to report to it thereon after the study is completed.

(170 EX/SR.8)

7.2 Report by the Director-General on the status of contributions of Member States and of payment plans (170 EX/20 and Add. and Corr.; 170 EX/42 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 02,
2. Having examined the report by the Director-General on the collection of contributions of Member States (170 EX/20 and Add. and Corr.), and having taken note of the up-to-date information provided during the debate of the Finance and Administrative Commission,
3. Expresses its gratitude to Member States that have paid their contributions for the year 2004 and to those who have made efforts to reduce their arrears of contributions in response to appeals;
4. Strongly supports the approaches the Director-General is continuing to make to Member States with a view to obtaining timely payment of contributions;
5. Recalls that the prompt payment of contributions is an obligation incumbent on Member States under the Constitution and the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
6. Urgently appeals to those Member States that are behind with the payment of their contributions to pay their arrears without delay;
7. Urges Member States, on receipt of the Director-General's request for payment of assessed contributions, to inform him, as promptly as possible of the probable date, amount and method of payment of the forthcoming contribution in order to facilitate his management of the Organization's treasury function;
8. Noting, in particular, the failure of 24 Member States to pay up to the end of September 2004 the amounts due by them against payment plans approved by the General Conference for settlement of their accumulated arrears in instalments, in addition to current year contributions, as well as the request of the General Conference to the Director-General to report thereon to the General Conference at its 33rd session;

9. Appeals to those Member States in arrears on payment plans to settle their outstanding instalments at the earliest possible time as well as their regular assessed contributions, bearing in mind the risk of loss of voting rights that may otherwise ensue at the 33rd session of the General Conference.

(170 EX/SR.8)

7.3 Special financial regulations submitted in accordance with Article 6.7 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations (170 EX/21 and Corr.; 170 EX/42 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 6.7 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations and 161 EX/Decision 7.10,
2. Having considered document 170 EX/21 and Corr.,
3. Takes note of the Financial Regulations of the following Special Accounts:
 - (a) The UNESCO Children's Club and Day Nursery, annexed hereto as Annex I;
 - (b) The UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize, annexed hereto as Annex II.

ANNEX I

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE UNESCO CHILDREN'S CLUB AND DAY NURSERY

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO Children's Club and Day Nursery, hereafter referred to as the Special Account.
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to the school year of the host country (1 September to 31 August).

Article 3 – Purpose

The purpose of the Special Account is to account for the operations of the UNESCO Children's Club and Day Nursery, a structure put in place by UNESCO for the benefit of staff members and other authorized persons. UNESCO is responsible for the management of the structure and the recruitment of its personnel.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) fees from parents whose children are registered at the UNESCO Children's Club and Day Nursery;
- (b) such amounts provided from the regular budget of the Organization as might be determined by the General Conference;

- (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the object of the Special Account;
- (d) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

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

Article 6 – Accounts

- 6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.
- 6.2 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
- 6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.
- 6.4 Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

Article 7 – Investments

- 7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.
- 7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

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

Article 9 – General provision

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

ANNEX II

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE UNESCO/JIKJI MEMORY OF THE WORLD PRIZE

Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize, hereafter referred to as the Special Account.
- 1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

Article 2 – Financial period

The financial period shall correspond to that of UNESCO.

Article 3 – Purpose

In accordance with its Statutes, the Prize shall be awarded each UNESCO biennium to persons who have made a significant contribution to the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage.

Article 4 – Income

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) contributions from the Republic of Korea;
- (b) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 7 below.

Article 5 – Expenditure

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

Article 6 – Accounts

- 6.1 The UNESCO Comptroller shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.
- 6.2 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.
- 6.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO, together with the other accounts of the Organization.
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- 7.1 The Director-General may make short-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.
- 7.2 Interest earned on these investments shall be credited to the Special Account.

Article 8 – Closure of the Special Account

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

Article 9 – General provision

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

(170 EX/SR.8)

7.4 Financial report and audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 2003 and report by the External Auditor (170 EX/22 and Add. and Corr.; 170 EX/42 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling Article 12.10 of the Financial Regulations,
2. Having examined documents 170 EX/22 and Add. and Corr.,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the External Auditor for the high standard of her work;

4. Notes the opinion of the External Auditor that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of UNESCO as at 31 December 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the two-year financial period then ended; that they were prepared in accordance with the stated accounting policies, which were applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding financial period;
5. Takes note of the unobligated balances in Statement IV by appropriation line, and approves the expenditure as reported;
6. Invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor to the General Conference at its 33rd session, and to submit this report to the Executive Board at its 172nd session for prior review;
7. Decides to transmit to the General Conference the report of the External Auditor and the audited financial statements of UNESCO for the period ended 31 December 2003.

(170 EX/SR.8)

7.5 Report by the Director-General on the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat (170 EX/23; 170 EX/42 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 71 and 167 EX/Decision 7.7,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/23,
3. Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General regarding the situation of the geographical distribution of the staff as of 1 June 2004;
4. Also takes note of the progress concerning the implementation of the specific measures aimed at improving the geographical distribution, in particular towards the non- and under-represented Member States;
5. Invites the Director-General to submit to it at its 172nd session a report on the situation of the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat, and thereafter to submit a full report to it biennially at its session immediately preceding the General Conference, and to provide an information note to it in alternate years.

(170 EX/SR.8)

7.6 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance (170 EX/24 and Add.; 170 EX/42 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined documents 170 EX/24 and Add.,
2. Takes note of their contents.

(170 EX/SR.8)

7.7 Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex (170 EX/25; 170 EX/42 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 74,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/25,
3. Takes note with satisfaction of the successful termination of Phase 1 of the Belmont Plan and of the progress achieved in the implementation of Phase 2;
4. Invites the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, to keep it informed on the progress of the renovation work at Headquarters;
5. Requests the Director-General to present to it annually at its spring session a programme of expenditure and a summary of the budget monitoring in relation to the renovation plan, including relevant statistical information on the tender process and award of contracts;
6. Also requests the Director-General to put forward at its 172nd session preliminary proposals for the medium- and long-term use of the Headquarters buildings, in the light of the development of a staffing strategy and the decentralization process;
7. Further requests the Director-General to put forward at the same session preliminary proposals for possible further commercial use of these buildings;
8. Reiterates the invitation to Member States to make voluntary contributions for the restoration and improvement of Headquarters.

(170 EX/SR.8)

7.8 Report by the Director-General on strengthening the security of UNESCO premises worldwide (170 EX/26; 170 EX/42 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 6.5,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/26,
3. Takes note of the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to identifying adequate sources of funding for the required security and safety measures;
4. Notes that an amount of \$934,726 has been allocated from funds carried forward from the 2002-2003 biennium for reinforcement of security measures at Headquarters and in the field;
5. Further notes that \$900,000 from the Headquarters Utilization Fund will be used for security measures at Headquarters, and that income to the Fund will be augmented by increasing the revenue from rental charges to outside users for conference/meeting facilities and exhibition space at Headquarters;

6. Authorizes the Director-General, as an exceptional measure, to transfer from Part IV of the budget up to an amount of \$3,000,000 to meet the urgent security needs of the Organization's network of field offices;
7. Also authorizes the Director-General to identify alternative funding sources within the framework of document 32 C/5 to meet the most urgent security measures at Headquarters, up to an amount of \$2,000,000, and to report to it thereon at its 171st session;
8. Urges Member States, once again, as did the General Conference at its 32nd session and the Executive Board at its 169th session, to make voluntary contributions for reinforcing the security and safety of UNESCO premises and staff in order to cover any remaining shortfall as soon as possible, and to enable UNESCO to respond to unforeseen security challenges;
9. Further authorizes the Director-General to carry out work on security measures within the financial limits described in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this decision;
10. Requests the Director-General to report back on developments at its 171st session, including relevant United Nations decisions and an update on financial requirements for the current biennium.

(170 EX/SR.8)

7.9 Statutes of the Advisory Committee on Works of Art (ACWA) (170 EX/27 and Corr.; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 160 EX/Decision 7.9 and 161 EX/Decision 7.9,
2. Having examined documents 170 EX/27 and Corr.,
3. Approves the Statutes of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art annexed to this decision;
4. Invites the Director-General to report to it on the activities of the Advisory Committee for Works of Art in respect of the results of its work and its recommendations.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR WORKS OF ART

Article 1

An Advisory Committee for Works of Art owned by UNESCO, hereafter referred to as "the Committee", is hereby established.

Article 2 – Functions

The Committee shall:

advise the Organization on the development and implementation of the procedure applicable to acceptance, inventories, present location, and maintenance of donations, bequests, gifts of works of art, antiquities and artefacts offered to UNESCO;

advise the Director-General on the artistic value and the possible technical implications for the Organization of donations, the artistic and financial consequences of accepting donations, management, security problems related to donations and all other matters related thereto;

assist the Organization in defining the needs relating to the upkeep of works of art and the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources therefor.

Article 3 – Membership and term of office

- 3.1 The Committee shall be composed of six high-level experts in the various disciplines and specializations relating to the cultural and artistic pluralism of the various geographical regions.
- 3.2 The members shall be appointed by the Director-General, taking into consideration equitable geographical distribution. The members shall be independent and shall sit in a personal capacity. The members shall serve on a voluntary basis.
- 3.3 The term of office of Committee members shall be four years.
- 3.4 In the event of resignation, incapacity, death or any other circumstance in which the term of office of a Committee member is cut short, the Director-General shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of his or her term of office.

Article 4 – Observers

The Committee may invite observers to its sessions.

Article 5 – Sessions and agenda

- 5.1 The Director-General shall convene an ordinary session of the Committee in principle once a year. He or she may convene extraordinary sessions.
- 5.2 The Director-General shall establish the agenda for the sessions of the Committee after consultation with the Committee's Chairperson.

Article 6 – Recommendations

- 6.1 After each session, the Committee shall submit to the Director-General a report on its work and recommendations. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board in due course once a year of the results of the work of the Committee.
- 6.2 The Committee's recommendations shall be adopted by consensus. Any member of the Committee shall have the right to record a dissenting opinion.

Article 7 – Bureau

- 7.1 The Committee shall elect its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur, who together shall constitute its Bureau.
- 7.2 The members elected to the Bureau shall exercise their functions until the second session following their election.
- 7.3 Outgoing members of the Bureau shall be eligible for re-election.

7.4 The Director-General shall convene the meetings of the Bureau.

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

Article 8 – Secretariat

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

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

Article 9 – Rules of Procedure

The Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure at its first session. They shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.

Article 10 – Amendments

The Statutes of the Committee may be modified by the Executive Board on its own initiative or in response to a proposal by the Director-General.

Article 11 – End of the term of office

The Committee shall cease to function after an initial four-year term and may be reinstated only with the approval of the Executive Board, following the Director-General's report on the Committee's activities.

(170 EX/SR.9)

7.10 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (170 EX/PRIV.1)

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

(170 EX/SR.9)

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

8.1 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of 32 C/Resolutions 50, 51 and 52 concerning strengthening cooperation with the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (170 EX/28 Parts I, II and III; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.)

I – REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 50 on strengthening cooperation with Angola,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/28 Part I,

3. Stressing the need to continue to support the peace-building efforts of the Angolan Government, in particular in the fields of education, culture, science and communication,
4. Appreciates the contribution that UNESCO, in close liaison with the agencies of the United Nations system and multilateral and bilateral partners, is making to reconstruction and national reconciliation in Angola;
5. Thanks the Director-General for the efforts that he has made to carry out cooperation activities in the Organization's fields of competence, and invites him to further strengthen the mobilization of partners and extrabudgetary resources in aid of the country;
6. Also invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 33rd session a full report on all the activities carried out during the 2004-2005 biennium to strengthen cooperation with Angola.

II – REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 51 on strengthening cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/28 Part II,
3. Stressing the need to continue to monitor very closely the post-conflict situation in Côte d'Ivoire, in particular in the fields of education, culture, science and communication,
4. Expresses its appreciation for the contribution that is being made by UNESCO, in close liaison with the agencies of the United Nations system and bilateral partners, to assist in the reconstruction efforts in Côte d'Ivoire;
5. Takes note of the preliminary report by the Director-General, and invites him to strengthen further the mobilization of partners and extrabudgetary resources for Côte d'Ivoire;
6. Further invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its 33rd session a full report on all the activities carried out during the 2004-2005 biennium to strengthen cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire.

III – DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 52 on strengthening cooperation with the Democratic Republic of the Congo,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/28 Part III,
3. Taking note of the preliminary report by the Director-General, and appreciating UNESCO's efforts with a view to reconstruction and reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

4. Extends its thanks to the Member States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations that are contributing to the implementation of the strategy for cooperation between UNESCO and the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
5. Encourages the Director-General to continue the action that he has taken to mobilize the entire international community and various bilateral and multilateral partners in support of reconstruction in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
6. Invites the Director-General to submit to the General Conference, at its 33rd session, a full report on activities carried out in the 2004-2005 biennium with a view to the reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(170 EX/SR.9)

8.2 Relations with international non-governmental organizations, foundations and similar institutions (170 EX/29 and Add. and Add. Corr.; 170 EX/40)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 60 and 169 EX/Decision 7.1,
2. Having examined documents 170 EX/29 and Add. and Add. Corr.,
3. Takes note of the information contained in paragraphs 2 to 14 of document 170 EX/29, as well as paragraphs 1 to 5 of the Addendum;
4. Takes note of the Director-General's decision to renew official relations for a further period of six years with the following foundations and similar institutions:

UNESCO-Basque Country Centre
World Association of Children's Friends
Léopold Sédar Senghor Foundation
Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights
Fondation pour l'Enfance
Bariloche Foundation
Green Cross International
South-North Solidarity and Culture;

5. Takes note of the Director-General's recommendation concerning the reclassification to formal consultative relations of the Arab Institute for Human Rights (AIHR), and decides to continue its examination of that recommendation at its next session;
6. Takes note of the Director-General's decision concerning the admission to operational relations of the following two non-governmental organizations:

International Academy of Ceramics
International Network for Cultural Diversity.

(170 EX/SR.8)

8.3 Relations with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) and cooperation agreement between UNESCO and that regional parliamentary organization (170 EX/30 and Corr. and Corr.2; 170 EX/2)

The Executive Board,

1. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, of the UNESCO Constitution and in conformity with 151 EX/Decision 9.4,
2. Considering the desirability of establishing a framework for cooperation between UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) in areas of mutual interest, and in the context of a reinforcement of the Organization's new partnership with the parliamentary world,
3. Having examined documents 170 EX/30 and Corrigenda,
4. Approves the cooperation agreement contained in the annex to this decision;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to establish official relations with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) and to sign that cooperation agreement on behalf of UNESCO.

ANNEX

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

**THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

and

THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE FRANCOPHONIE

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as "UNESCO"), represented by its Director-General, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura,

and

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie, represented by its President, Mr Mahamane Ousmane,

Considering that UNESCO was established to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie works to promote peace, cooperation and the strengthening of solidarity among peoples and contributes to development and to the mutual knowledge of the cultures and civilizations of the peoples that it represents,

Bearing in mind the cooperation agreement concluded on 27 December 2000 between UNESCO and the International Organization of the Francophonie,

Referring to the Declaration adopted in Ottawa on 14 June 2003 by the participants in the Conference for the Promotion of Relations between UNESCO and Parliamentarians and to the resolution calling

for greater cooperation between UNESCO and parliamentary associations adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie at Niamey on 9 July 2003,

Desiring to cooperate with a view to the achievement of their common aims, in particular with regard to the promotion of democracy and human rights, respect for cultural and linguistic diversity, education and training, culture and communication, and the advancement of women in society,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article I Cooperation

1. UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie agree to cooperate through their competent bodies.
2. Such cooperation will concern matters relating to:
 - democracy and respect for the rule of law;
 - human rights and public freedoms;
 - cultural and linguistic diversity;
 - education and training;
 - culture, communication and information technologies;
 - women's rights;
 - science and technology;
 - environmental protection.

Article II Consultations

The competent bodies of UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie will hold regular mutual consultations on matters of common interest to the two organizations. When circumstances so require, the two organizations will hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities under this Agreement.

Article III Reciprocal representation

1. UNESCO will invite the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie, in accordance with the applicable procedures, to send observers to sessions of the General Conference and to other meetings that it may convene, when matters of mutual interest are under consideration.
2. For its part, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie will invite UNESCO, in accordance with the applicable procedures, to send observers to its session and to other meetings that it may convene, when matters of mutual interest are under consideration.

Article IV Exchange of information and documents

Subject to provisions that may be necessary to preserve the confidential nature of particular documents, UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie will continuously exchange information and documents on matters of mutual interest.

Article V
Joint activities and technical cooperation

1. UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie may engage in joint cooperation in the form of technical meetings, public seminars, training courses, activities specifically for youth and women, thematic projects and support measures for particular regions or countries.
2. Technical and financial arrangements for the design and implementation of such projects will be determined by the relevant bodies of UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie.

Article VI
Execution of the Agreement

1. UNESCO and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie will hold regular consultations on the conduct of activities relating to the execution of this Agreement.
2. The Director-General of UNESCO and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie may make additional administrative arrangements as may be necessary to execute this Agreement.

Article VII
Entry into force, amendment and duration of the Agreement

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Director-General of UNESCO and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie.
2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent. Amendments to the Agreement shall enter into force one month after notification of such consent.
3. This Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period; it may be denounced by UNESCO or by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie, subject to six months' written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives have signed four copies of this Agreement, two in French and two in English, both texts being equally authentic.

For United Nations Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization

For the Parliamentary Assembly of the
Francophonie

Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General

Mahamane Ousmane
President

Date: _____

Date: _____

8.4 Report by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) on achieving the universal primary education goal of the Millennium Declaration (170 EX/35; 170 EX/41 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 129 EX/Decision 3.3.1,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/35, and taking into consideration the JIU report (JIU/REP/2003/5),
3. Taking note of the recommendations made by JIU, as well as the comments by the Director-General thereon,
4. Invites the Director-General to refine his response to the report in the light of the continuing work on the strategic review of UNESCO's contribution to EFA activities, and to incorporate his revised response into the presentation to the Executive Board at its 171st session of the follow-up to the EFA strategic review.

(170 EX/SR.9)

8.5 Participation of the European Commission in the intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) on the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions (170 EX/37)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 170 EX/37,
2. Takes note of its contents.

(170 EX/SR.10)

9 GENERAL MATTERS

9.1 Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (170 EX/31 and Corr.; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 30 C/Resolution 44, and Article IV.1(e) of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS),
2. Having examined the report by the Governing Board of UIS on the activities of the Institute since June 2003 (170 EX/31 and Corr.),
3. Welcomes the achievements of the Institute in the last year;
4. Acknowledges the improvement in the range of data collected on the authority of the UIS Governing Board to help the Institute to enlarge its scope by including more qualitative indicators;
5. Invites the Director-General to continue to be guided by the recommendations made by the Governing Board of UIS;

6. Further invites the UIS Governing Board to report to it at its 172nd session, including on financial and human resources.

(170 EX/SR.9)

9.2 Joint United Nations programme of assistance to Afghanistan (170 EX/32; 170 EX/41 Part I)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 164 EX/Decision 7.1.7,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/32,
3. Appreciates the efforts made by the Organization to respond, in its fields of competence, to Afghanistan's reconstruction and rehabilitation needs;
4. Invites the Director-General to integrate Afghanistan fully into the priorities of UNESCO and further strengthen assistance, particularly by building capacities in all parts of the country, and inform the Executive Board by providing to it a comprehensive report thereon;
5. Requests the Director-General to seek technical and financial assistance from NGOs and the private sector for the purpose of helping Afghanistan in UNESCO's fields of competence;
6. Calls upon Member States to provide increased extrabudgetary resources to enable the Organization to intensify its assistance to Afghanistan.

(170 EX/SR.9)

9.3 Implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and of 169 EX/Decision 8.1 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (170 EX/33 Rev.; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 54 and 169 EX/Decision 8.1,
2. Having examined the report of the Director-General (170 EX/33 Rev.),
3. 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 (1949) with regard to the denial of the right of children to education,
4. Also recalling the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols,
5. Further 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 cultural, historical and natural heritage,
6. Considering the need for safe access of Palestinians to the educational system, and recalling the consequences of the "recent measures" which affect the fulfilment of this need,

7. Deeply concerned about the safeguarding of monuments, works of art, manuscripts, books and other cultural properties to be protected in the event of conflicts,
8. Recalling 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,
9. Supports the efforts made by the Director-General with a view to the implementation of 32 C/Resolution 54 and Decision 169 EX/8.1;
10. Regrets the delays as regards the implementation of some parts of certain resolutions and decisions of UNESCO, and requests the Director-General to do everything possible to ensure that they are fully implemented;
11. Requests that the necessary measures be taken so as to eliminate obstacles that hinder the functioning of certain Palestinian educational establishments;
12. Expresses its deep concern at the obstacles and actions which seriously undermine the cultural and natural heritage, cultural and educational institutions, and the Palestinians’ right to education, and calls for the full observance of the provisions of 32 C/Resolution 54 and of 169 EX/Decision 8.1;
13. Expresses its satisfaction with the reactivation, since the last session of the Board, of the UNESCO Programme for Palestine (UPP), which had long been suspended;
14. Requests the Director-General to continue to reinforce his action in favour of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of the Palestinian cultural heritage and archaeological sites;
15. Urges the Director-General to strengthen, through the intersectoral coordination team, the plan of action aimed at implementing the UNESCO Programme for Palestine, which is included as a priority in the Programme and Budget for 2004-2005 (32 C/5 Approved);
16. Thanks the Director-General for having established the Task Force on Reconstruction and Reconciliation in the Middle East in UNESCO’s fields of competence and for having reactivated the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee;
17. Invites the Director-General to address the needs for capacity-building in all UNESCO’s fields of competence by expanding the financial assistance programme for Palestinian students from both regular budget and extrabudgetary resources;
18. Calls on the Joint UNESCO-Palestinian Authority Committee to continue its efforts for convening a donor meeting in order to have additional capacities to achieve the objectives set out in this decision;
19. Expresses the hope that the Israeli-Palestinian and Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will be resumed, and that a just and comprehensive peace will speedily be brought about in accordance with UNESCO’s Constitution and the United Nations resolutions, particularly the relevant Security Council resolutions, on this matter;

20. Also invites the Director-General:
- (a) to continue the efforts he is making with a view to preserving the human, social and cultural fabric of the occupied Syrian Golan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this decision;
 - (b) to undertake efforts with a view to offering appropriate curricula, and to provide more grants and special assistance to the educational institutions of the occupied Syrian Golan;
21. Decides to include this item in the agenda of its 171st session.

(170 EX/SR.9)

9.4 Report by the Director-General on the cultural and educational institutions in Iraq (170 EX/34; 170 EX/41 Part II Rev.)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 169 EX/Decision 8.2,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/34,
3. Emphasizing the need to reinforce UNESCO's activities in favour of the Iraqi people in the new context created by the establishment of a sovereign and independent Interim Government,
4. Recalling the major responsibility entrusted to UNESCO in the fields of education, culture and other activities within the United Nations response for the reconstruction of Iraq,
5. Thanks the Director-General for the results achieved, in particular in the implementation of ongoing educational, cultural and other activities and the mobilization of substantial extrabudgetary contributions, and requests the Director-General to implement forthwith all UNESCO projects approved and funded by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) Trust Fund;
6. Appreciates the Secretariat's role in organizing the first meeting of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq (ICC) on 24 and 25 May 2004 in Paris and the First Cultural Forum for Iraq on 26 and 27 May 2004, and requests the Director-General to monitor the implementation of the ICC recommendations closely, and to assist the Iraqi authorities in organizing the Second Cultural Forum for Iraq in Baghdad;
7. Also requests the Director-General to give full support to the Interim Government of Iraq in its implementation of educational, cultural and other reforms and reconstruction actions, to continue to support capacity-building to enable Iraq to play an active role as a Member of UNESCO, including through its National Commission, and to ensure that UNESCO becomes fully present in Iraq as soon as the security situation permits.
8. Thanks all Member States, NGOs, IGOs and foundations concerned for their substantial contributions to UNESCO's action in favour of the Iraqi people, and appeals to them to continue to assist UNESCO in its efforts to foster reconstruction processes in Iraq;
9. Invites the Director-General to present a progress report to it thereon at its 171st session.

(170 EX/SR.9)

9.5 A programme for languages at UNESCO (170 EX/17; 170 EX/42 Part II)

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the importance of languages in the work of UNESCO,
2. Having examined document 170 EX/17,
3. Considering the possible scope of activities mentioned in this document,
4. Requests the Director-General to prepare for the Executive Board at its 171st session an intersectoral review of activities already carried out by UNESCO relating to the safeguarding and promotion of languages;
5. Further requests the Director-General to propose to it at its 171st session an overall strategy for an intersectoral programme for languages at UNESCO, together with an implementation plan that specifies the results to be achieved and an estimated budget;
6. Invites the Director-General to take account of the needs relating to this programme in the forthcoming Programme and Budget (33 C/5).

(170 EX/SR.8)

9.6 New approaches and concrete actions in the dialogue among civilizations (170 EX/INF. 5)

See document 170 EX/INF.5, which served as a background document for the thematic debate held on the morning of Wednesday 13 October 2004.

(170 EX/SR.7)

9.7 Provisional list of the matters to be considered by the Board at its 171st session and dates of the 172nd session of the Executive Board (including the meetings of its subsidiary bodies) (170 EX/INF.6; 170 EX/INF.9 Rev.)

172nd session

(13 working days / 17 calendar days)

Bureau	13 and 16 September 2005
Special Committee	14-15 September 2005
Committee on Conventions and Recommendations	14-16 September 2005
Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters	14-16 September 2005
Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations	16 September 2005
Plenary meetings (19-21 and 27-29 September) and Commissions (22-25 September)	19-29 September 2005

N.B.: The 33rd session of the General Conference could be held from Monday 3 to Friday 21 October 2005.

The 173rd session of the Executive Board could start on Monday 24 October 2005.

(170 EX/SR.9)

**ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE MEETINGS
HELD ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER AND WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2004**

At the private meetings held on Monday 4 October and Wednesday 13 October 2004, the Executive Board considered respectively items 7.10 and 6.1 of its agenda.

7.10 Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (170 EX/PRIV.1)

1. In accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General *informed* the Board of the decisions taken since the 169th session regarding the appointments and extensions of contracts of staff members at grade D-1 and above whose posts come under the regular programme of the Organization; he also *evoked* the question of the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat.

2. In conformity with Rule 4.5.3 of the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules approved by the General Conference at its 31st session (31 C/Resolution 56), the Director-General *consulted* the Executive Board regarding the extension of the tenure of the Legal Adviser of the Organization.

6.1 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.

(170 EX/SR.9)