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I. Reports of the Programme Commissions

NOTE

The reports of the five programme commissions were submitted to the General Conference, in plenary meeting, in the following documents: 30 C/61, 62, 63, 64, 65 and Add. and Corr.

The final text of the resolutions adopted by the General Conference on the recommendations of the five commissions has been omitted from these reports, being reproduced in Volume 1, Resolutions.

The numbers finally given to the resolutions in Volume 1 are shown in parentheses.

The budgetary figures contained in these reports and in that of the Administrative Commission (in Section II below) have been adjusted in the light of the Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001, adopted by the General Conference at its 27th plenary meeting, on 17 November 1999 (30 C/88).

A. Report of Commission I¹

Introduction

DEBATE 1

Item 3.3 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001
Part II.A - Transverse activities: UNESCO Institute for Statistics
Anticipation and future-oriented studies; Fellowships and Procurement Services and
Related Programme Support
Coordination of activities in favour of priority groups

Item 4.12 Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Causes of Conflict and the
Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa

Item 6.1 Adoption of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics

Item 13.2 Reinforcement of cooperation with Haiti

Item 13.3 Reinforcement of cooperation between UNESCO and the Federal Republic of Nigeria

DEBATE 2

Item 3.3 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001
Part II.B - Information and Dissemination Services: Clearing House;
UNESCO Publishing Office; Office of Monthly Periodicals; Office of Public Information

Item 5.4 Visibility of UNESCO in the Member States

DEBATE 3

Item 4.9 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2000-2001

Item 8.1 Report by the Director-General on the changes in the classification of
non-governmental organizations admitted to the various types of relations with UNESCO

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein.

DEBATE 4

Item 3.3 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001
Part III - Support for Programme Execution: Bureau for External Relations
Bureau for Relations with Extrabudgetary Funding Sources
Bureau of Conferences, Languages and Documents

Item 5.5 Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities

Item 6.6 Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO

DEBATE 5

Item 4.1 UNESCO in the twenty-first century

INTRODUCTION

(1) Pursuant to 29 C/Resolution 87, 1.21 and 1.22, the Executive Board, at its 156th session, recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Ms J. Silvera Nuñez (Cuba) for the office of Chairperson of Commission I. At the second plenary meeting, on 26 October 1999, Ms J. Silvera Nuñez was elected Chairperson of Commission I.

(2) At its first meeting, on 27 October 1999, the Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur. The following were elected by acclamation: *Vice-Chairpersons*: Mr Marshall Conley (Canada), Mr Mihály Rózsa (Hungary), H.E. Mr Indra Badur Singh (Nepal), Mr Silas Lwakabamba (Rwanda); *Rapporteur*: Mr Khalid Mohamed Al-Hinai (Oman).

(3) The Commission then adopted the timetable of work submitted in document 30 C/COM.I/1 (prov.), reversing the order of the third and fourth debates. The

General Conference decided that item 5.2 "Draft guidelines for the rational implementation of decentralization" would be examined by the Administrative Commission rather than by Commission I. Several delegates expressed their dissatisfaction with that decision.

(4) The Commission devoted 13 meetings, between Wednesday, 27 October and Thursday, 4 November 1999, to the examination of the items on its agenda.

(5) The Commission adopted its report at its fourteenth meeting, on 13 November 1999, subject to examination of the budgetary implications at the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions, particularly concerning the draft resolutions recommended to the General Conference for approval. The Commission invited its Chairperson to speak in support of the decisions taken by Commission I at the above-mentioned joint meeting.

DEBATE 1

**ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE
DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001
PART II.A - TRANSVERSE ACTIVITIES: UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS;
ANTICIPATION AND FUTURE-ORIENTED STUDIES; FELLOWSHIPS
AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES AND RELATED PROGRAMME SUPPORT;
COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES IN FAVOUR OF PRIORITY GROUPS
ITEM 4.12 - REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL
ON THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT AND THE PROMOTION OF DURABLE PEACE
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
ITEM 6.1 - ADOPTION OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS
ITEM 13.2 - REINFORCEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH HAITI
ITEM 13.3 - REINFORCEMENT OF THE COOPERATION BETWEEN UNESCO
AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

(6) From the first to the third meeting, at the seventh meeting and for part of the eighth meeting, the Commission examined item 3.3 - Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001: Part II.A - Transverse activities: UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Anticipation and future-oriented studies; Fellowships and Procurement Services and Related Programme Support; Coordination of activities in favour of priority groups; and items 4.12, 6.1, 13.2 and 13.3 and the relevant documents.

(7) The representatives of 73 Member States and one observer of an international non-governmental organization took the floor.

**ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION
OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET
FOR 2000-2001: PART II.A - TRANSVERSE
ACTIVITIES**

**Proposed resolutions contained in
document 30 C/5**

(8) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 06006,

scenario A) on Part II.A - Transverse activities: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (30 C/Resolution 43).

(9) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 07003, scenario A) on Part II.A - Transverse activities: Anticipation and future-oriented studies (30 C/Resolution 45).

(10) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 08002, scenario A) on Part II.A - Transverse activities: Fellowships and Procurement Services and Related Programme Support (30 C/Resolution 46).

(11) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 09100) on Part II.A - Transverse activities: Coordination of activities concerning women (30 C/Resolution 47).

(12) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 09200) on Part II.A - Transverse activities: Coordination of activities concerning youth (30 C/Resolution 48).

(13) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 09300)

on Part II.A - Transverse activities: Coordination of activities concerning Africa (30 C/Resolution 49).

Draft resolutions proposing a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

A. Draft resolutions having budgetary implications

(14) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.14 (submitted by Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Jamaica, Venezuela, Philippines, South Africa, El Salvador, Costa Rica; supported by Benin, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Dominican Republic, Peru, Viet Nam, Czech Republic, France, Ukraine, Côte d'Ivoire, Grenada, China, Saint Lucia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Bhutan, Spain, Rwanda, Uzbekistan, Hungary, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Haiti, Mali, Morocco, Lithuania, Uganda, Niger, Kenya, Lebanon, Nigeria, Swaziland, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Central African Republic) relating to paragraph 08003, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve it unanimously, as amended orally by Colombia. This draft resolution, as amended, invites the Director-General, taking into account the transverse nature of the fellowships programme, to identify in the major programmes additional resources for fellowships in order to permit the Organization to respond more favourably to the numerous requests that are submitted to it by Member States.

B. Draft resolutions with no budgetary implications

(15) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.1 (submitted by United Republic of Tanzania; supported by Rwanda) relating to paragraph 08004, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve it, as amended by the Bureau of the Commission. This draft resolution, as amended, invites the Director-General, on the one hand, to raise extrabudgetary funds to complement the funds allocated under the regular budget for activities relating to maintenance and to the activities of the Centre for Culture of Maintenance in Dar es Salaam and, on the other, to establish an intersectoral committee to give a new impetus to activities relating to the culture of maintenance.

(16) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.7 Rev. (submitted by Netherlands, Egypt, South Africa, Finland; supported by France, Germany, Pakistan, Ukraine) relating to paragraph 00402, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve it as amended orally by the Netherlands. This draft resolution, as amended, calls for an internal evaluation of UNESCO's policy regarding world reports. This evaluation will be reviewed by a small group of experts from Member States (no more than five or six persons). The cost of this external review will be covered by contributions from the Member States concerned. The

evaluation report must be submitted to the Executive Board at its 160th session.

(17) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.39 (submitted by Hungary; supported by Netherlands, Jordan, Uganda, Egypt, Costa Rica, France, Lithuania) relating to paragraph 09202, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve it as amended orally by France and Hungary. The draft resolution thus amended requests that the following text be added at the end of paragraph 09202: "The Youth Coordination Unit will continue the inventory of all of UNESCO's activities relating to youth volunteer programmes with a view to their strengthening, taking into account other programmes existing in the context of the United Nations, other international organizations and NGOs". This draft resolution also requests that the Youth Coordination Unit submit this inventory to the Executive Board at its 160th session.

(18) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.54 (submitted by Togo; supported by Gabon, Nigeria, Uganda) relating to paragraphs 09301 to 09305, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve it, as amended orally by Togo, Gambia and the Chairperson of the Commission. This draft resolution, as amended, invites the Director-General to do his utmost to strengthen the activities coordinated by the Priority Africa Department and the resources placed at its disposal to enable it to accomplish its tasks more effectively. It also invites the Director-General to make the priority given to Africa in the Organization's programmes clearer and more operational by taking its linguistic diversity and gender considerations into account.

(19) These decisions will be implemented in the framework of the budgetary resources provided for in document 30 C/5.

(20) The Commission informed the General Conference that draft resolution 30 C/DR.67 and Corr. (submitted by Kenya) had been withdrawn by its author.

Amendments proposed by the Executive Board involving a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5, and contained in document 30 C/6

(21) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the following amendments to document 30 C/5: Amendment contained in paragraph 33 of document 30 C/6, concerning paragraph 09305 of document 30 C/5 and consisting in reformulating the latter part of the fourth expected result as follows: "Establishment of a 'Priority Africa Special Account' for the funding and execution of *five* pilot projects in the following fields: *culture of maintenance; the OAU Decade for African Education; the strengthening of the role of science and technology in African development; informatics education for youth and women; skills and vocational training for youth. These projects should be implemented by the competent programme sectors in collaboration with the Priority Africa Department.*"

Budget

(22) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US \$6,820,000 (para. 06001, scenario A) for the “UNESCO Institute for Statistics”; US \$1,595,100 (para. 07001, scenario A) for “Anticipation and future-oriented studies”; US \$4,099,800 (para. 08001, scenario A) for “Fellowships and Procurement Services and Related Programme Support”; and US \$6,131,400 (para. 09001) for “Coordination of activities in favour of priority groups”, section 1 in document 30 C/5, it being understood that these amounts are subject to adjustments in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

Programme

(23) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve paragraphs 06002 to 06016 (scenario A), 07002 to 07006 (scenario A), 08003 to 08005 (scenario A) and 09002 to 09401 of the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5, section 1), as amended by:

- (a) draft resolutions approved by the Commission (cf. paras. 14-18 above);
 - (b) amendments proposed by the Executive Board and approved by the Commission (cf. para. 21 above);
- and in the light of the Commission’s debates as reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission.

ITEM 4.12 - REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT AND THE PROMOTION OF DURABLE PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

(24) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/53 entitled “Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa”.

(25) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed in document 30 C/53 Add. (30 C/Resolution 57).

ITEM 6.1 - ADOPTION OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS

(26) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of documents 30 C/22 and 30 C/22 Add. and Corr. entitled “Adoption of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics”.

(27) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed on the first page of document 30 C/22 Add. and Corr. (30 C/Resolution 44).

ITEM 13.2 - REINFORCEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH HAITI

(28) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 30 C/COM.I/DR.1 (submitted by Haiti; supported by Argentina, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Gabon, Honduras, Hungary, Lebanon, Lithuania, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Dominican Republic, Thailand, France, Spain, Germany, Austria), as orally amended by Haiti and Austria (30 C/Resolution 55).

ITEM 13.3 - REINFORCEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN UNESCO AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

(29) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 30 C/COM.I/DR.3 (submitted by Togo; supported by Comoros, Côte d’Ivoire, Gabon, Nigeria, Honduras, Spain, Barbados, Benin), as amended orally by Togo (30 C/Resolution 56).

DEBATE 2

ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001 PART II.B - INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION SERVICES: CLEARING HOUSE; UNESCO PUBLISHING OFFICE; OFFICE OF MONTHLY PERIODICALS; OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ITEM 5.4 - VISIBILITY OF UNESCO IN THE MEMBER STATES

ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001 PART II.B - INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION SERVICES

(30) For part of the fifth meeting and during the sixth meeting, Commission I considered item 3.3 - Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001: Part II.B - Information and Dissemination Services: Clearing House; UNESCO Publishing Office; Office of Monthly Periodicals; Office of Public Information, and item 5.4 - Visibility of UNESCO in the Member States, and the relevant documents.

(31) The representatives of 36 Member States took the floor.

Amendments in document 30 C/6 to the proposed resolutions in document 30 C/5

(32) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 12002, scenario A) on Part II.B - Information and Dissemination Services, as amended by paragraph 34 of document 30 C/6 (30 C/Resolution 51).

Budget

(33) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the allocations totalling US \$22,015,700 (para. 12001, scenario A) for Part II.B - Information and Dissemination Services - of section 1 of document 30 C/5, it being understood that this amount could be adjusted in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference concerning the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the Programme Commissions.

Programme

(34) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve paragraphs 12003 to 12404 in the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5, section 1), in the light of the Commission's debates reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission.

ITEM 5.4 - VISIBILITY OF UNESCO IN THE MEMBER STATES

(35) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/INF.9 entitled "Visibility of UNESCO in the Member States".

DEBATE 3

ITEM 4.9 - PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2000-2001 ITEM 8.1 - REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE CHANGES IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ADMITTED TO THE VARIOUS TYPES OF RELATIONS WITH UNESCO

(36) At its seventh meeting, the Commission examined item 4.9 - Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2000-2001, and item 8.1 - Report by the Director-General on the changes in the classification of non-governmental organizations admitted to the various types of relations with UNESCO.

(37) The representatives of 16 Member States and the representative of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee took the floor.

ITEM 4.9 - PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2000-2001

(38) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/18 entitled

"Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2000-2001".

(39) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 2 of document 30 C/18, as amended orally by Austria, Mali, South Africa and Uzbekistan (30 C/Resolution 58).

ITEM 8.1 - REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR- GENERAL ON THE CHANGES IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ADMMITTED TO THE VARIOUS TYPES OF RELATIONS WITH UNESCO

(40) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of documents 30 C/32 and 30 C/32

Add. entitled "Report by the Director-General on the changes in the classification of non-governmental organizations admitted to the various types of relations with UNESCO".

(41) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed in paragraph 9 of document 30 C/32 Add. (30 C/Resolution 61).

DEBATE 4

**ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE
DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001
PART III - SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION
BUREAU FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS; BUREAU FOR RELATIONS
WITH EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDING SOURCES;
BUREAU OF CONFERENCES, LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTS
ITEM 5.5 - DEFINITION OF THE REGIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES OF A REGIONAL CHARACTER
ITEM 6.6 - DRAFT STATUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO**

(42) From its ninth to eleventh meetings and during the first part of its twelfth meeting, the Commission examined item 3.3 - Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001: Part III - Support for Programme Execution: Bureau for External Relations; Bureau for Relations with Extrabudgetary Funding Sources; Bureau of Conferences, Languages and Documents; item 5.5 - Definition of the regions with a view to the implementation of activities of a regional character; and item 6.6 - Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO.

(43) The representatives of 39 Member States and an observer from one international non-governmental organization took the floor.

Draft resolutions for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference

(44) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt, with a view to its inclusion in the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions), draft resolution 30 C/DR.27 Rev. (submitted by Russian Federation, Lithuania, Poland, Cyprus, Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica, Romania, Cameroon, Gabon, Ghana, Honduras, Ukraine, Mali, Italy, Belarus, Niger, Bolivia, Panama; supported by Georgia, China, Haiti, Burundi, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago, Bulgaria, Mozambique, Republic of Korea, France, Spain, Mongolia, Senegal, Bahamas, Viet Nam, Latvia, Gambia, Togo, Guatemala; Uganda), concerning the UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, as amended by the Drafting Group and, in the course of the debates, by Gambia (30 C/Resolution 60).

Draft resolutions, and amendments contained in document 30 C/6, aimed at modifying the "proposed resolutions" contained in document 30 C/5

(45) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 13002,

scenario A) concerning Part III - Support for Programme Execution, as amended (i) by draft resolution 30 C/DR.89 (submitted by Finland, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Saint Lucia), as amended orally by Finland; and (ii) by paragraphs 35 and 36 of document 30 C/6 (30 C/Resolution 59).

Budget

(46) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US \$56,760,500 (para. 13001, scenario A) for Part III - Support for Programme Execution, section 1 of document 30 C/5, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

Programme

(47) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve paragraphs 13101 to 13303 (scenario A) of the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5, section 1), in the light of the debates as reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission.

ITEM 5.5 - DEFINITION OF THE REGIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES OF A REGIONAL CHARACTER

(48) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/80 entitled "Definition of the regions with a view to the implementation of activities of a regional character".

(49) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution in paragraph 2 of document 30 C/8 (30 C/Resolution 85).

ITEM 6.6 - DRAFT STATUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO

(50) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of documents 30 C/57, 30 C/76 and 30 C/76 Add. and Corr. entitled "Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO".

(51) Without prejudice to the contents of the Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO contained in

document 30 C/57, the Commission recommends that, on the basis of a proposal prepared by the Secretariat following, *inter alia*, a consultation with members of the Legal Committee of the 30th session of the General Conference, the Standing Committee review its Draft Statutes.¹

1. When the report of the Commission was considered at the 24th plenary meeting on 16 November 1999, the General Conference adopted a resolution proposed orally by the Secretary of the General Conference and amended by Angola and the Central African Republic (30 C/Resolution 62).

DEBATE 5

ITEM 4.1 - UNESCO IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

(52) During part of the twelfth meeting and in the course of the thirteenth meeting, the Commission considered item 4.1 - UNESCO in the twenty-first century.

(53) The representatives of 27 Member States took the floor.

(54) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/49, entitled "UNESCO in the twenty-first century".

(55) The Commission recommended that the General

Conference invite the Director-General to undertake the process of preparing documents 31 C/4 and 31 C/5 on the basis of the recommendations and lines of emphasis contained in the annex hereto.

(56) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 30 C/COM.I/DR.4 (submitted by Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden) as amended orally by the Chairperson of the Commission (30 C/Resolution 86).

ANNEX

1. A total of 27 speakers took part in the debate on "UNESCO in the twenty-first century", after a brief introduction by the representative of the Director-General and a report by the Chairperson of the Commission on the progress of the work of the "Task Force" set up by the Executive Board with a view to proposing a strategic vision for UNESCO in the twenty-first century. On the basis of the lines for reflection proposed in document 30 C/49, entitled "UNESCO in the twenty-first century", drawn up by the Secretariat to serve as a discussion guide, the following suggestions and recommendations were made, to be taken into account in the consultation on the next Medium-Term Strategy and the next biennial programmes.

2. Delegates were unanimous in *reaffirming the contemporary relevance of UNESCO's mandate*, many speakers stressing the importance of the Organization's ethical role and function as an intellectual forum, as an integral part of its major programmes. For many of them, the requirement was to update, not the objectives of the Organization, but the means of their implementation. In that respect, several speakers took the view that the two priority objectives of the present Medium-Term Strategy, "development and peace" - and in particular the promotion of a dialogue for peace in a multicultural world - should continue to be treated as priorities, even though, in the opinion of some delegates, the Organization's part in the promotion of sustainable development had to be confined to an upstream role, since UNESCO was not a project-funding agency.

3. To face up to the new challenges of the twenty-first century, UNESCO is duty-bound to strengthen and affirm its anticipation and futures research capacity. This should result in a heightened quest for innovation, in a closer link between anticipation and programming, and, with regard to anticipation and futures research activities at UNESCO, in a fuller assumption of responsibility for those aspects by the programme sectors, in order to identify the salient trends taking shape in its various fields of competence: it is on the basis of such emergent or confirmed trends, which UNESCO's reports should help to clarify, that it would be appropriate to delimit the themes and the main lines of emphasis around which the priorities, strategies, programmes and activities should be structured. Those challenges include: the growing disparities linked to the economic and financial globalization process; efforts to eradicate poverty; the information and communication revolution; environmental problems and the prevention of natural disasters; preservation of the heritage; and the maintenance of diversity.

4. It was emphasized that, if UNESCO was to focus on its four major fields of competence (education, science, culture and communication), it was essential that the Organization seek, at the same time, to decide on the *priority fields of action* on which it should concentrate within that overall framework. A stocktaking of the experience of the Organization, highlighting its successes and failures and involving an evaluation, both internal and external, of its action could, in the opinion of several delegates, help to identify the areas of strategic

intervention where UNESCO enjoyed a “real comparative advantage” and where it was best able to respond effectively to the expectations of its Member States. In that respect, special emphasis was laid on the need to build up UNESCO’s lead role in such areas as education, in which a growing number of partners - or even “competitors” - were involved.

5. As an organization for *intellectual cooperation with an ethical purpose*, UNESCO needs to continue to fulfil its role as a laboratory of ideas, as an ethical reference worldwide, and with regard to the collection and transfer of information and knowledge and to promotional work and support. Special emphasis was placed on the need for the Organization to modulate and weight its action in the light of the features specific to each region or group of countries. As several speakers observed, it was important that, while giving attention to the definition of priorities at global level, UNESCO should be able, when executing its programmes and activities, to make greater allowance for the differences in levels of economic, cultural and social development and the cultural and linguistic diversities that characterize its Member States. It is further essential that, in connection with the Organization’s role as an ethical reference, reflected at the international level in the framing of principles, recommendations and declarations in particular, the action of UNESCO should also have an outcome and practical applications in its Member States, in particular through the enactment of legislation by parliaments.

6. The effectiveness of UNESCO’s action depends to a great extent on its ability to *mobilize partnerships* within the Member States - governments, NGOs and civil society. In that respect, the National Commissions, constituting as they do both “reservoirs of expertise” and “intermediaries” for UNESCO’s action, should in the view of many delegates play a key role. Some speakers further considered that it would be advisable, in that connection, to re-examine the policy of *decentralization*, with a view to better coordination of the structures of the Secretariat, at and away from Headquarters, and of the National Commissions, and greater allowance for the concerns and expectations of Member States. The effectiveness of UNESCO’s action also depends on its *greater visibility* in Member States; hence the need to develop and implement

a global information strategy based upon more extensive and systematic use of the new information and communication technologies.

7. At a time when *interdisciplinarity* is recognized as a fundamental requirement for addressing the complexity of the modern world, UNESCO is duty-bound to look for ways of decompartmentalizing its activities and better reflecting, both in the design of its strategies and in the structure of its programmes, the concept of interdisciplinarity. As several speakers emphasized, that was an area in which efforts would have to be pursued. New arrangements, based on a project approach, interdisciplinary and subject to a sunset rule, could be tried regarding programming and planning. Greater coordination with the other institutions of the United Nations system is also required for the sake of complementarity and the rational use of resources. Such coordination should be set up both at inter-institutional level and in Member States.

8. The *updating of the methods* of action of the Organization and of its *organizational structure* presupposes greater recourse through the National Commissions to the expertise, skills and know-how available in Member States. High priority should go to training, in particular through the establishment of a more ambitious fellowship programme. UNESCO should furthermore seek new ways of managing and organizing its structures, with a view to optimizing the use of human and financial resources. This reform of the Organization’s working methods should be based on the three fundamental principles of flexibility, complementarity and transparency, and fit into the wider context of ongoing reform of the United Nations.

9. With regard to the consultation on the preparation of the Medium-Term Strategy, the idea of a prior consultation, including use of the Internet, on the form and content of the questionnaire to be drawn up for the purpose was put forward. Finally, on the subject of the nature and scope of the next Medium-Term Strategy, the delegates speaking on the matter confirmed the utility of such a document, while on the other hand stating that it should confine itself to determining the main lines and principal thrusts of action.

B. Report of Commission II¹

Introduction

Part I General debate

Part II Recommendations of the Commission

- Recommendations relating to the eight specific items on the Commission's agenda

Item 4.2 Implementation of 29 C/Resolution 55 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories: Report by the Director-General

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Item 7.2 Initial special reports by Member States on the implementation of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel

Item 7.3 Third consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Revised Recommendations concerning Technical and Vocational Education

Item 7.4 Sixth consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education

- Recommendations on the Programme and Budget (item 3.3 - Major Programme I) and those elements of the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace" to be implemented by the Education Sector

Draft resolutions for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference

Proposed resolutions contained in document 30 C/5

Draft resolutions proposing a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

Amendments proposed by the Executive Board involving a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5, and contained in document 30 C/6

Budget

Programme

Part III UNESCO in the twenty-first century

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 26th plenary meeting, on 17 November 1999, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein, with the exception of the text of the two resolutions in paragraphs 15100 and 05300 of document 30 C/5 which had been approved at its 25th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.

INTRODUCTION

(1) The first meeting, held on Tuesday, 9 November 1999, was opened by the Chairperson of Commission II, Mr Ludovit S. Molnar (Slovakia). At the beginning of the meeting, the Commission approved the proposals of the Nominations Committee for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and that of Rapporteur, who were elected by acclamation as follows: *Vice-Chairpersons*: Mr Juan

Eduardo Garcia-Huidobro (Chile), Mr Ahmad Hussein (Malaysia), Ms Birgitta Naess (Norway) and Ms Nabila Chaalan (Syrian Arab Republic); *Rapporteur*: Mr Ousmane Blondin Diop.

(2) The Chairperson then submitted for approval the draft timetable of work of the Commission which was approved unanimously.

PART I - GENERAL DEBATE

(3) The Chair proposed to divide the Commission's work into three parts: (i) general debate on Major Programme I of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, on those elements of the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace" that are the concern of the Education Sector and on particular items; (ii) consideration of proposed resolutions in document 30 C/5, draft resolutions in certain documents concerning particular items and draft resolutions submitted by Member States concerning document 30 C/5 and items; (iii) debate on item 4.1 "UNESCO in the twenty-first century".

(4) The Deputy Director-General for Education, Mr Colin N. Power, representative of the Director-General, introduced the general debate and highlighted briefly the priorities of Major Programme I of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, Unit 2 of the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace" and particular items assigned to Commission II.

(5) During the first and second meetings of the debate (Discussion unit 1), Tuesday afternoon, 9 November, and Wednesday morning, 10 November, the Commission discussed Programmes I.1 and I.2; the intersectoral projects: The status of teachers and teacher education in the information society and Educating for a sustainable future; Regional and subregional strategies as well as items 4.2, 4.7, 4.8, 7.2 and 7.3. Fifty-four Member States and 18 international non-governmental/intergovernmental organizations took the floor in the first discussion unit.

(6) The third meeting of the general debate, Wednesday afternoon, 10 November (extended in the evening from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Discussion unit 2) dealt with the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE); UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP); UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE); UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE); UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC); and the UNESCO Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA). Item 6.2 - Establishment of

the International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa was also discussed. The debate on Discussion unit 2 was introduced by the presentations of reports by Ms Martine Brunschwig Graf, Chairperson a.i. of the Administrative Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (30 C/REP.1); Mr Lennart Wohlgemuth, Chairperson of the Governing Board of the International Institute for Educational Planning (30 C/REP.2), Ms Kasama Varavarn, Chairperson of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Education (30 C/REP.3) and Mr Peter Canisius, Chairperson of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (30 C/REP.6). In the debate that followed, 29 Member States and three international non-governmental/intergovernmental organizations participated. At the end of the debate, the Deputy Director-General for Education and the ADG/Director IIEP and Director a.i. of IBE replied to questions raised during the debate.

(7) On Thursday, 11 November, the Commission's fourth meeting was devoted to Discussion unit 3: transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace" and items 4.4 and 7.4. During the debate, which was introduced by the Deputy Director-General for Education, Mr Colin N. Power, 44 Member States, one non-Member State and five international non-governmental/intergovernmental organizations took the floor. The oral report thereon was presented in the Commission by the Rapporteur on Friday afternoon, 12 November, and by its Chairperson in the plenary on Saturday morning, 13 November. Both organs approved this report unanimously.

(8) The Commission adopted its report at the ninth meeting unanimously, subject to examination of the budgetary implications at the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions, particularly concerning the draft resolutions recommended to the General Conference for approval. The Commission invited its Chairperson to speak in support of the decisions taken by Commission II at the above-mentioned joint meeting.

PART II - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

(9) Following the Steering Committee's decision, the Commission treated particular items, documents and draft resolutions, in the following order - fifth and sixth meetings, Thursday afternoon, 11 November, and Friday morning, 12 November.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE EIGHT SPECIFIC ITEMS ON THE COMMISSION'S AGENDA

Item 4.2 - Implementation of 29 C/Resolution 5.5 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the Occupied Arab Territories: Report by the Director-General (30 C/Resolution 11 Rev.)

(10) After a statement by the Syrian Arab Republic and comments by Israel, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 30 C/COM.II/DR.4 submitted by the Arab Group and supported by Senegal (30 C/Resolution 54).

(11) The Commission also recommended that the General Conference adopt the draft resolutions listed below, contained in documents on:

Item 4.4 - Proposal by the Executive Board for an overall strategy for human rights education (30 C/13) (30 C/Resolution 16)

Item 4.7 - World Conference on Higher Education for the Twenty-first Century: Vision and action (30 C/16) (30 C/Resolution 10)

Item 4.8 - Establishment of an international long-term programme for the development of technical and vocational education following the second International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education (Seoul, Republic of Korea, April 1999) (30 C/17)

Draft resolutions 30 C/COM.II/DR.3, submitted by France, Denmark, Senegal, Haiti and Lithuania and supported by Greece and 30 C/COM.II/DR.5 submitted by Republic of Korea, China, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu (30 C/Resolution 9)

Item 6.2 - Establishment of the International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) (30 C/23 and 30 C/75) (30 C/Resolution 8)

New Zealand abstained from supporting the establishment of this Institute.

Item 7.2 - Initial special reports by Member States on the implementation of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel (30 C/27) (30 C/Resolution 13)

Item 7.3 - Third consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education (1974) (30 C/Resolution 14)

Item 7.4 - Sixth consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (30 C/Resolution 15)

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET (ITEM 3.3 - MAJOR PROGRAMME I) AND THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROJECT "TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE" TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Draft resolutions for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference

(12) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the draft resolutions listed below for the Records of the General Conference, Volume I (Resolutions):

- 30 C/DR.51 (International Adult Learners' Week), submitted by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland supported by Slovenia, Canada, South Africa and Namibia (30 C/Resolution 11);
- 30 C/DR.86 (Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding), submitted by Republic of Korea and Malaysia, as amended by the Director-General in paragraph 22 of 30 C/8 COM.II, on the understanding that the resolution has no financial implications (30 C/Resolution 17);
- 30 C/DR.53 (Education and Sport for a Culture of Peace), submitted by Islamic Republic of Iran, as amended by the Director-General in paragraph 23 of document 30 C/8 COM.II (30 C/Resolution 18);
- 30 C/DR.95 (Implementation of a language policy for the world based on multilingualism), submitted by Guatemala and Ecuador and supported by Panama, Democratic Republic of the Congo, San Marino, Rwanda, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Thailand, Dominican Republic, Kazakhstan, Benin, Lithuania, Cuba, Chile, Slovakia, Seychelles, Belize, Belgium, Peru, Viet Nam, Luxembourg, Mexico, France, Spain and Côte d'Ivoire, as amended during the debate by Canada, United Kingdom of Great Britain and

Northern Ireland, Lao People's Democratic Republic (30 C/Resolution 12).

Proposed resolutions contained in document 30 C/5

(13) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed by the Executive Board in paragraph 7 of document 30 C/6 for insertion into document 30 C/5 after paragraph 01007 and that it also adopt the following proposed resolutions contained in document 30 C/5 (30 C/Resolution 2):

- (a) the proposed resolution (para. 01110, scenario A) concerning Subprogramme I.1.1, Providing basic education for all children;
- (b) the proposed resolution (para. 01120, scenario A) concerning Subprogramme I.1.2, Fostering literacy and non-formal education among youth and adults;
- (c) the proposed resolution (para. 01130, scenario A) concerning Subprogramme I.1.3, Mobilizing commitments and partnerships for education for all, as amended by paragraph 9 of document 30 C/6;
- (d) the proposed resolution (para. 01210, scenario A) concerning Subprogramme I.2.1, Renewal of education systems for the information age;
- (e) the proposed resolution (para. 01220, scenario A) concerning Subprogramme I.2.2, Renovation of general secondary and vocational education, as amended by (i) draft resolution 30 C/COM.II/DR.3 (France) and (ii) paragraphs 11 and 12 of document 30 C/6;
- (f) the proposed resolution (para. 01230, scenario A) concerning Subprogramme I.2.3, Higher education and development, as amended by (i) draft resolution 30 C/DR.43 (France, Denmark, Finland, Senegal, Spain and Greece) and (ii) paragraph 13 of document 30 C/6;
- (g) the proposed resolution (para. 01240, scenario A) concerning The status of teachers and teacher education in the information society;
- (h) the proposed resolution (para. 01300, scenario A) concerning Educating for a sustainable future (Environment, population and development).

(14) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 01410, scenario A) concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (30 C/Resolution 3).

(15) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 01420, scenario A) concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (30 C/Resolution 4).

(16) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 01430, scenario A) concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for the UNESCO Institute for Education (30 C/Resolution 5).

(17) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 01440, scenario A) concerning the Draft Programme and Budget

for 2000-2001 for the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (30 C/Resolution 6).

(18) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 01450, scenario A) concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (30 C/Resolution 7).

(19) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 01460, scenario A) concerning the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (30 C/Resolution 8).

(20) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed by the Executive Board in paragraph 27 of document 30 C/6 for insertion into document 30 C/5 at the beginning of paragraph 05100 (30 C/Resolution 42).

(21) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution (para. 05100, scenario A) concerning the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace", Unit 1, Culture of Peace: raising awareness and building partnerships insofar as it regards activities to be implemented by the Education Sector (30 C/Resolution 42).

(22) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution (para. 05200, scenario A) concerning Unit 2 of the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace" - Education for a culture of peace, insofar as it regards activities to be implemented by the Education Sector, as amended by paragraphs 29 and 30 of document 30 C/6 (30 C/Resolution 42).

(23) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution proposed (para. 05300, scenario A) concerning Unit 3, From interculturality to cultural pluralism, insofar as it regards activities to be implemented by the Education Sector (30 C/Resolution 42).

Draft resolutions proposing a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

(24) Having examined the draft resolutions listed below, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide:

- concerning 30 C/DR.46 (submitted by Russian Federation) relating to paragraph 01112, that the concerns expressed in the draft resolution, namely to *assist teachers in the countries in transition to devise and implement national systems of socio-educational support and rehabilitation for children and youth*, be reflected in the final drafting of paragraph 01112 and that funds be sought for that purpose from extrabudgetary sources;
- concerning 30 C/DR.77 (submitted by Saudi Arabia) relating to paragraph 01122, that the educational needs of orphans and children's homes be mentioned in paragraph 01122, provided that activities for this group be funded from extrabudgetary sources;

- concerning 30 C/DR.93 (submitted by Saudi Arabia) relating to paragraph 01110, that the concerns expressed in the proposals relating to *skills-based education* be reflected in the Strategy envisaged under paragraph 01110;
- concerning 30 C/DR.2 (submitted by Cuba; supported by Italy) relating to paragraph 01111, that the Congress “Pedagogia 2001” be mentioned in the final version of document 30 C/5 and that technical and modest financial assistance be provided through the International Bureau for Education and the field offices in Latin America and the Caribbean region;
- concerning 30 C/DR.33 (submitted by Saudi Arabia) relating to paragraph 01005, that technical support be provided for the organization of a conference on the development of Braille symbols in Arabic *to meet the needs of modern science and mathematics and computer applications*;
- concerning 30 C/DR.9 (submitted by Saudi Arabia) relating to paragraph 01122, that the possibility of extending the project to countries with high illiteracy rates in light of the results of the evaluation of the Special Project on education for girls and women in Africa be examined;
- concerning 30 C/DR.70 (submitted by Australia, Republic of Korea; supported by Latvia) relating to paragraph 01122, that paragraph 01122 be amended by adding the words “including indigenous youth” at the end of the first sentence in the Strategy, so that it reads as follows: “(i) street and working children, school and drop-outs and marginalized youth, including indigenous youth”;
- concerning 30 C/DR.73 (submitted by Islamic Republic of Iran) relating to paragraph 01122, that the end of the text for the Strategy in paragraph 01122 be amended by inserting the phrase “and neighbouring countries of Afghanistan that have received refugees”, after Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guatemala and Iraq;
- concerning 30 C/DR.74 (submitted by Guinea) relating to paragraph 01122, to invite the Director-General to provide emergency technical assistance for the education of refugees, host populations and displaced persons and to add Guinea to the list of countries mentioned in paragraph 01122;
- concerning 30 C/DR.55 (submitted by France, Denmark, Senegal, Spain, Lithuania; supported by Greece, Georgia, Madagascar, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mauritius, Malaysia, Viet Nam, Tunisia, Honduras, Gabon), relating to paragraph 01131, that the concerns expressed in the draft resolution, namely to link the plan of action to the results of the World Forum that will be organized in April 2000 in Dakar by all the major Jomtien partners, with a view to contributing effectively to restarting and developing education for all, be integrated in the proposed Strategy in paragraph 01131;
- concerning 30 C/DR.19 (submitted by Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; supported by Italy) relating to paragraph 01130, to ensure that the concerns expressed in the draft resolution are fully reflected in the final version of document 30 C/5, including in the regional strategies for the Pacific presented in paragraphs 01707-01709;
- concerning 30 C/DR.76 (submitted by Slovakia; supported by Czech Republic, Poland, Greece, Italy, Latvia) relating to paragraph 01212, to invite the Director-General to pursue the consultation process with the authors concerning the possible establishment of a UNESCO Institute of Quality Education for Central and Eastern Europe in Bratislava, Slovakia;
- concerning 30 C/DR.3 (submitted by Niger; supported by Italy, Lebanon, Egypt) and 30 C/DR.10 (submitted by Ukraine; supported by Russian Federation, Kazakhstan) which were identical and related to paragraph 01221 and paragraph 01300, that the concerns expressed in the draft resolution be reflected in the final version of document 30 C/5, in particular by adding a reference to the problems of freshwater in the Strategy contained in paragraph 01221 as well as in paragraph 01300 under the transdisciplinary project “Educating for a sustainable future”;
- concerning 30 C/DR.1 (submitted by United Republic of Tanzania) relating to paragraphs 01222 and 01300-01301, that activities related to the culture of maintenance be included in the final draft of document 30 C/5;¹
- concerning 30 C/DR.90 (submitted by Qatar; supported by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates) relating to paragraph 01240, under Strategy, and paragraph 01241, that technical support be provided to the development of the Arab Centre for the Training of Trainers in the Gulf States, in Qatar, on the understanding that additional financial assistance may be requested under the Participation Programme;
- concerning 30 C/DR.43 (submitted by France, Denmark, Finland, Haiti, Senegal, Spain, Lithuania; supported by Greece, Czech Republic, Georgia, Madagascar, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mauritius, Malaysia, Viet Nam, Tunisia, Honduras, Gabon, Latvia) relating to paragraph 01232, that paragraph 01232 be amended by adding to the end of the first result in “Results expected” the following: “requisite attention being drawn to the need to review and clearly define the criteria for allocating UNESCO Chairs, taking into account their sustainability”;

1. When the report of the Commission was considered at the 26th plenary meeting, on 17 November 1999, the General Conference adopted an amendment proposed by the United Republic of Tanzania, consisting in adding the following text at the end of this paragraph: “it being understood that seed money will be identified within the regular budget during the preparation of the work plans, and that additional funding will have to be found from other sources such as extrabudgetary, including funding from Member States or the Participation Programme.

- concerning 30 C/DR.94 (submitted by Russian Federation, Argentina, Azerbaijan, India; supported by Italy, Georgia, Thailand, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, China, Israel, Romania, Hungary, Indonesia, Belgium, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Bulgaria, Australia, Canada, Senegal, Cameroon), relating to paragraph 01232, that paragraph 01232 be amended by adding a reference to the World Technological University;
- concerning 30 C/DR.61 (submitted by Gabon; supported by Rwanda, Cameroon, Angola, Madagascar, Mali, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Togo, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire) relating to paragraph 01422, that the concerns expressed in this draft resolution be examined by the Governing Board of IIEP in order to explore the feasibility of opening an antenna of IIEP in Libreville;
- concerning 30 C/DR.22 (submitted by Saint Kitts and Nevis; supported by Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy) relating to paragraphs 01454 and 01704, that the concerns expressed in this draft resolution be examined by the Governing Board of IESALC and be reflected in the final version of document 30 C/5 so as to strengthen and highlight the activities proposed as follow-up to the Focus on the Caribbean initiative;
- concerning 30 C/DR.66 (submitted by Kenya) relating to paragraph 05102, that the concerns expressed in this draft resolution as regards the need for activities geared to conflict management and resolution in curbing domestic violence in Eastern, Southern and Central Africa, in particular through education and women's empowerment, be reflected in paragraph 01122 (Special project "Promoting girls' and women's education in Africa");
- concerning 30 C/DR.23 (submitted by Colombia; supported by Italy) relating to paragraphs 05200-05204, to invite the Director-General to undertake a feasibility study for the establishment of an International Fund for Education for Peace and to submit it to the Executive Board;
- concerning 30 C/DR.34 (submitted by Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan; supported by Belarus, France, Russian Federation) relating to paragraphs 01902, 05003, 05100 and 0530, that intellectual and technical support be provided to develop the intersectoral subregional project "Caucasus" aimed at promoting peace and stability in the subregion;
- concerning 30 C/DR.35 (submitted by Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia; supported by Oman, Benin, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Russian Federation, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Belarus, Philippines, Côte d'Ivoire, India, Honduras, Gambia, Federated States of Micronesia, Vanuatu, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Comoros, Islamic Republic of Iran, Lithuania, Italy, Syrian

Arab Republic, Malaysia, Paraguay, Chile, Slovakia)¹ relating to paragraph 05204, to proclaim an "International Mother Language Day" to be observed on 21 February.

(25) All the above decisions will be implemented in the framework of the budgetary resources provided for in document 30 C/5 and do not constitute a major shift of emphasis.

(26) The Commission informed the General Conference that the following draft resolutions had not been retained for approval: 30 C/DR.18 (submitted by Ukraine); 30 C/DR.47 (submitted by Islamic Republic of Iran); 30 C/DR.92 (submitted by Saudi Arabia).

Amendments proposed by the Executive Board involving a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5, and contained in document 30 C/6

(27) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the amendments to document 30 C/5 contained in the following paragraphs of document 30 C/6:

Paragraph 8: In document 30 C/5 Approved, the strategies and results expected from the UNESCO education institutes should also be presented under the relevant sections of Major Programme I, as well as a full list of other institutes associated with UNESCO's education programme.

Paragraph 9: The fifth expected result, under paragraph 01132, should be reformulated to read as follows:

"Collaboration and joint activities between the E-9 countries consolidated, particularly in the areas of teacher education, youth education, *women's education* and distance education; *assistance provided to the E-9 countries in the formulation of appropriate education policies to follow up the results of EFA Assessment 2000;*".

Paragraph 10: The development of attitudes and the acquisition of skills fostering respect for objects and property are objectives which should be promoted at all levels and in all forms of education. Therefore strategies aimed at promoting a culture of maintenance and their expected results should be included in relevant parts of Major Programme I in document 30 C/5 Approved.

Paragraph 11: Activities in the area of media education should be included under Major Programme I and implemented in close coordination with the activities in this area already envisaged under Major Programme IV (para. 04121).

Paragraph 14: A medium-term strategy should be drawn up so as to outline the major directions, phases and requirements for the development of the newly

1. Pakistan, which initially associated itself with this draft resolution, subsequently withdrew its support.

established International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa in Addis Ababa. This concern should be reflected in paragraph 01463 by adding, at the end of the first expected result, the following: “A negotiated and agreed programme of work --- drawn up, *as well as a medium-term strategy on the further development of the Institute, including adequate funding and staffing requirements*”.

Paragraph 32: Sections at the end of each major programme dealing with “Regional and subregional strategies” should include specific references to action envisaged in the Pacific, in the Caribbean and in the Indian Ocean as well as in the countries of the Baltic and the countries in transition. Information should also be provided, in document 30 C/5 Approved, on budget allocations for that purpose. References to inter-agency collaboration should be included in these sections as necessary.

Budget

(28) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of \$109,217,900 (para. 01001), scenario A, for Major Programme I, Section 1, in document 30 C/5, it being understood that this amount was subject to adjustments in the light of the decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

(29) Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for “Culture of peace: raising awareness and building partnerships”, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 05100, which foresees a budget provision of \$4,462,100 under scenario A in document 30 C/5, of which \$127,500 concerns the Education Sector, it being understood that this amount was subject to adjustment in the light of the decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

(30) Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for

2000-2001 for “Educating for a culture of peace”, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 05200, which foresees a budget provision of \$10,522,900 under scenario A in document 30 C/5, of which \$7,649,300 concerns the Education Sector, it being understood that this amount was subject to adjustment in the light of the decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

(31) Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for “From interculturality to cultural pluralism”, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 05300, which foresees a budget provision of \$5,495,900 under scenario A in document 30 C/5, of which \$382,500 concerns the Education Sector, it being understood that this amount was subject to adjustment in the light of the decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

Programme

(32) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve:

paragraphs 01001 to 01807, scenario A, of the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5), Section 1, as amended by: (a) draft resolutions approved by the Commission; (b) amendments proposed by the Executive Board and approved by the Commission; and in the light of the debates as reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission;

paragraphs 05001 to 05302, scenario A, insofar as they relate to activities implemented by the Education Sector, of the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5), Section 1, as amended by: (a) draft resolutions approved by the Commission; (b) amendments proposed by the Executive Board and approved by the Commission; and in the light of the debates as reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission.

PART III - UNESCO IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

(33) The report on the Commission’s debate on UNESCO in the twenty-first century is annexed to the Commission’s report and the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of this annex.

(34) At the end of the debate, the Commission

examined draft resolution 30 C/COM.II-III-IV-V/DR.2 (submitted by Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany), and recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution (30 C/Resolution 53).

ANNEX

UNESCO in the twenty-first century

1. The seventh and eighth meetings of the Commission, Friday afternoon, 12 November, and Saturday morning, 13 November, were devoted to debating item 4.1 “UNESCO in the twenty-first century”. Twenty-three Member States took part in the debate.

New challenges of the twenty-first century with major implications for UNESCO mentioned by the speakers, and upon which there appeared to be a general consensus, were the following:

- bringing about a culture of peace, security, democracy and justice;
- tolerance and respect for human rights (“living together in a multicultural world”, Delors report); and establishing “humane” societies devoted to promoting human welfare and well-being, and responding to the sociocultural needs and aspirations of their citizens;
- empowering individuals and societies to adapt to and seize the opportunities arising from rapidly changing realities, and particularly from the sociocultural demands and consequences of cultural, economic and financial globalization;
- overcoming social inequalities and discrimination preventing access for all to education at all levels, and to new information, communication and learning technologies.

2. It was emphasized that it is the ethical mission of UNESCO to address these challenges, and that education and human resources development are an essential - even central - means for doing so and for promoting sustainable development. Poverty/hunger alleviation was noted to be a major cross-cutting objective of UNESCO’s response to the challenges. (However, some speakers noted a disparity between the scale of the challenges to be addressed and the resources available to the Organization.)

3. Speakers identified two major *opportunities for strategic action*:

- (a) UNESCO as “an organization for intellectual cooperation with an ethical vocation” (a forward-looking, knowledge-based organization), with the principal functions being:
- to act as a global forum/laboratory for intercultural, trans/interdisciplinary ideas and strategic dialogue, and for innovative research to generate knowledge and learning;
 - to collect, analyse, exchange and disseminate pertinent, useful and inspirational data and information, experiences and good/best practices as regards, in particular, the use of new technologies in education, and ensuring the quality of educational methodologies and materials and of national educational development projects and programmes. In this regard, speakers emphasized the pressing need to establish educational databases, with access

points available everywhere and to all; and - based on the knowledge acquired - to stimulate or promote credible concrete initiatives, and mobilize support and resources, energies and talents, for their undertaking.

- (b) UNESCO as an intergovernmental organization which increasingly is called upon to stimulate the creation of global partnerships, alliances and networks for achieving global educational development objectives.

4. Speakers noted that the achievement of major global educational development objectives (education for all, Jomtien; adult education, Hamburg; technical and vocational education, Seoul; higher education, Paris, etc.), as well as success in addressing challenges raised notably by the Delors and Pérez de Cuéllar reports, require joint and/or coordinated and complementary responses by the United Nations system; world and regional banks, including IMF; regional intergovernmental organizations such as the OECD, Council of Europe, and OAS; National Commissions; NGOs; and - very notably - openings to civil society, the private sector, and the expertise of centres of excellence. The Education Sector institutes could play a significant role in coordinating responses - and their quality - in their fields of specialization.

5. It was agreed also that normative and standard-setting should continue to be a major strategic endeavour of the Organization, but require the commitment of Member States to have successful outcomes; and the following cross-cutting issues and concerns were recommended by various speakers for infusion throughout UNESCO’s strategic programme: cultural diversity; decentralization; education throughout life; environment; health, including HIV/AIDS; human rights; “learning to live together”; peace; population; and sustainable development.

6. Speakers identified the following *priority beneficiaries and fields of action* for the future:

- teachers (through interaction with society at large, enhance their status, knowledge, and civic and ethical leadership roles; set [voluntary] standards for their recruitment and professional development; develop teaching methodologies and resource materials; and, in a learning society, perhaps review traditional concepts of student/teacher relationships);
- youth, with an emphasis on culture of peace education, and using and applying their capacities in addressing UNESCO’s challenges;
- the education of girls and women;
- the integration, through education of minority and indigenous populations;
- girls, women and marginalized populations, as a general rule.

7. Particular mention was made of the continued need for the Education Sector to provide general policy

advice and technical assistance to ministries of education; and of the need for support to technical, vocational and scientific education, particularly in collaboration with the employment sector and labour market; and - to a lesser extent - to action in favour of capacity-building, rural education, lifelong learning (both for occupational and personal well-being), human rights, literacy, educational management, linguistics, and the development of global indicators for monitoring and comparing changes and progress in global endeavours.

8. Finally, a major concern of many speakers was that action be in conformity with the conclusions of major UNESCO and United Nations international conferences, thus working to ensure an efficient and effective follow-up and implementation of their education-based recommendations.

9. With regard to *updating the operating methods and organizational structure* of UNESCO, speakers made the following comments and suggestions.

10. UNESCO must do more for less, by focusing and concentrating its resources on priority fields of action (however, some speakers called for more resources - even an increased share of the overall UNESCO budget - to be devoted to Major Programme I, particularly for the purpose of reaching the unreached).

11. Comprehensive and transparent strategic

planning and target-setting at all levels (establishing synergy between the Organization as a whole, its sectors, field offices and institutes, and National Commissions and associated NGOs, both singly and together) should facilitate the tasks of identifying priorities (areas where UNESCO has a comparative advantage, can make visible, value-adding contributions), and of allocating resources cost-effectively and efficiently - particularly within the context of decentralization - perhaps bringing about a more favourable balance between direct and indirect programme costs, and the application of more competencies to the development of national and regional capacities. Programmes should be elaborated through in-depth dialogue with Member States, and equitably and objectively address the needs of all Member States and regions. Different planning documents (such as the C/4 and C/5) should have a common structure for purposes of comparison.

12. Many speakers emphasized the need to strengthen and expand programme auditing and evaluation mechanisms and exercises - and their follow-up - as a major tool for learning lessons (including those from failures) for improving the quality of UNESCO's performance.

13. Finally, it was noted that further efforts had to be made to modernize and/or simplify UNESCO's management and administration culture.

C. Report of Commission III¹

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Annex Joint statement of the Chairpersons of the five scientific programmes

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 25th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein.

INTRODUCTION

(1) At its first meeting, on Monday, 8 November 1999, held under the chairmanship of Dr Eriabu Lugujjo (Uganda), Commission III approved the Nominations Committee's recommendations for the offices of Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur, as follows: *Vice-Chairpersons*: Mr Ardjoeno Brodjonegoro (Indonesia), Mr Georges Tohmé (Lebanon), Mr Alfredo Picasso de Oyagüe (Peru), Mr Marek Ziolkowski (Poland); *Rapporteur*: Mr Giantommaso Scaracia Mugnozza (Italy).

(2) The Commission then adopted the timetable set out in document 30 C/COM.III/1.

(3) The Commission considered the items on its agenda in the course of 10 meetings, held from Monday, 8 November to Friday evening, 12 November 1999, and adopted its report at its eleventh meeting on Monday afternoon, 15 November 1999, subject to examination of the budgetary implications at the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions, particularly concerning the draft resolutions recommended to the General Conference for approval. The Commission invited its Chairperson to speak in support of these draft resolutions at the above meeting.

(4) At its tenth meeting, the Commission made its recommendations on the draft resolutions (DRs) submitted to it by the General Conference. In making its recommendations, the Commission was guided by its Bureau which had consulted the authors and sponsors of almost all the DRs and members of the Secretariat in order to reach an agreement on the recommendations on a case-by-case basis. For the DRs with budgetary implications, the Bureau followed the guidelines set out in 30 C/INF.29. In making its recommendations on these DRs, the Commission accepted the Bureau's proposals to:

- refrain from cutting the financial resources of any activity in document 30 C/5 in order to fund another:

in other words, to keep within the budget proposed for each subprogramme and main line of action as proposed in document 30 C/5;

- accommodate DRs by providing seed money under the corresponding part of document 30 C/5 so as to prepare the ground for an activity to be phased into document 31 C/5;
- mobilize extrabudgetary funding for the many good proposals in the DRs that could not be covered by the provisions of the regular budget in document 30 C/5;
- provide in-kind assistance and expertise by the Secretariat and by interested Member States, especially for the preparation of project proposals for extrabudgetary support.

(5) The Commission further indicated that it should recommend for approval only DRs for which the activities would serve to attain the expected results of document 30 C/5 and not add on to them and thereby drain funds from other activities.

(6) A number of delegates felt strongly that there should have been a clear apportionment of funds to each DR under consideration. However, the majority of delegates agreed that the Commission should maintain a certain flexibility in its recommendations on the budgetary implications with the understanding that the amounts for "seed money" would correspond to a relatively small fraction of the budget allocation in document 30 C/5 within the main lines of action concerned. The Commission entrusted the Secretariat with the task to ensure that the activities foreseen in the DRs approved by the Commission would be taken into account in the preparation of the detailed work plans for the respective subprogrammes and main lines of action of document 30 C/5 Approved. Finally, delegates asked that it be put on record that, given time constraints in Commission III, there was insufficient time allocated to the debate on UNESCO in the twenty-first century.

**ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE
DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001
PART II.A - MAJOR PROGRAMME II - THE SCIENCES
IN THE SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME II.1 - ADVANCEMENT, TRANSFER AND SHARING
OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE; SUBPROGRAMMES II.1.1, II.1.2
AND**

**ITEM 4.6 - DECLARATION ON SCIENCE AND THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC
KNOWLEDGE AND THE SCIENCE AGENDA - FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION**

(7) In its first debate, the Commission considered the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, Part II.A, Major Programme II - The sciences in the service of development; Programme II.1 - Advancement, transfer and sharing of scientific knowledge; Subprogrammes II.1.1, II.1.2; and item 4.6 - Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge and the Science Agenda - Framework for Action.

(8) The Commission noted that the following eight draft resolutions were also being examined by other Commissions: 30 C/DR.1 (United Republic of Tanzania) by Commissions I, II, IV and V; 30 C/DR.19 (New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; supported by Italy) by Commissions I, II and IV; 30 C/DR.22 (Saint

Kitts and Nevis; supported by Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy) by Commissions I, II, IV and V; 30 C/DR.34 (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan; supported by Belarus, France, Russian Federation, Ukraine) by Commissions II, IV and V; 30 C/DR.44 (France; supported by Haiti, Lithuania, Monaco) by Commission V; 30 C/DR.52 (Dominican Republic; supported by Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Russian Federation, Honduras) by Commission II; 30 C/DR.72 (New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; supported by Italy) by Commission IV; 30 C/DR.94 Rev. (Russian Federation) by Commission II.

ITEM 4.6 - DECLARATION ON SCIENCE AND THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND THE SCIENCE AGENDA - FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

Draft resolutions for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference

(9) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions), the draft resolution contained in paragraph 27 of document 30 C/15 concerning the adoption of the Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge and the Science Agenda - Framework for Action, as amended during the debate by Germany, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Netherlands) (30 C/Resolution 20).

(10) The Commission also recommended that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 28 of document 30 C/5 concerning Conference follow-up and implementation of the two documents (30 C/Resolution 21).

ITEM 3.3 - MAJOR PROGRAMME II - PROGRAMME II.1: ADVANCEMENT, TRANSFER AND SHARING OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

Proposed resolutions contained in document 30 C/5 concerning Programme II.1

(11) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the following proposed resolutions concerning Programme II.1 (30 C/Resolution 19):

- proposed resolution 02102 concerning follow-up to the World Conference on Science;
- proposed resolution 02110 concerning Subprogramme II.1.1: Advancement, transfer and sharing of knowledge in the basic and engineering sciences, as amended by 30 C/DR.94 Rev. (submitted by Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, India; supported by Italy, Georgia, Thailand, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, China, Israel,

Romania, Hungary, Indonesia, Belgium, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Bulgaria, Australia);

- proposed resolution 02118 concerning the World Solar Programme, as amended by 30 C/DR.20 (submitted by Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Costa Rica, Mexico; supported by Greece, Ukraine, Brazil) and paragraph 17 of document 30 C/6;
- proposed resolution 02120 concerning Advancement, transfer and sharing of knowledge in the social and human sciences.

Draft resolutions proposing a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

A. Draft resolutions having budgetary implications

(12) No draft resolutions with budgetary implications were retained as such. The Commission endeavoured to accommodate some of the content of these draft resolutions within the resources foreseen in document 30 C/5.

B. Draft resolutions having no budgetary implications

(13) Having examined 30 C/DR.1 (submitted by United Republic of Tanzania), concerning paragraph 02111 (also examined in Commissions II, IV and V), the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that seed money be made available within the budgetary ceiling of document 30 C/5 to spur initial activities and to help attract extrabudgetary funding.

(14) Having examined 30 C/DR.15, 30 C/DR.58, 30 C/DR.59 (submitted by India), concerning paragraphs 02110 to 02114, the Commission recommended that the General Conference allocate seed money from the corresponding main lines of action in the proposed budget and work plans of document 30 C/5, to allow the undertaking of preparatory work (e.g. pilot projects, feasibility studies). In this manner, proposals contained in the draft resolution could be considered, along with others, for phasing into the next Medium-Term Strategy with the objective of developing a long-term project on science education.

(15) Having examined 30 C/DR.16 (submitted by India), concerning paragraphs 02110 to 02114, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that seed money from the corresponding main lines of action in the proposed budget and work plans of document 30 C/5 be allocated towards a feasibility study. In the light of the forthcoming evaluation of UNESCO World Reports (DR.7 Rev., approved in Commission I), this feasibility study could guide the decision as to whether to launch a World Technology Report, an activity that could eventually be considered for document 31 C/5.

(16) Having examined 30 C/DR.17 Rev. (submitted by Italy, Burkina Faso, Canada, Slovenia; supported by

Dominican Republic, Mali, Senegal, Angola, Côte d'Ivoire), concerning paragraphs 02102 to 02114, the Commission recommended that the General Conference allocate seed money from the corresponding main lines of action in the proposed budget and work plans of document 30 C/5, and that efforts be made to complement this amount through support from Member States.

(17) Having examined 30 C/DR.20 (submitted by Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Zimbabwe; supported by Greece, Ukraine, Brazil), concerning paragraphs 02118 to 02119, the Commission recommended to the General Conference to add the following new sentences to the Strategy in paragraph 02118: *Reinforced consultations with relevant and competent United Nations agencies and programmes will be carried out within the context of the efforts to mobilize the whole United Nations system in favour of this programme. The programme will be included in the evaluation plan 2000-2001 (Appendix IX).* Furthermore, funds for the evaluation could be sought through financial or in-kind support from Member States.

(18) Having examined 30 C/DR.21 (submitted by Zimbabwe, Niger, Algeria, China, Benin, Gabon, Jamaica, Indonesia, Belarus; supported by Zambia, Kenya, Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, Malawi, Nigeria, Burundi, Chad, Swaziland, Mali, Belize, United Republic of Tanzania, Namibia, South Africa, Equatorial Guinea, Congo, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Mozambique, Côte d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Rwanda, Oman, Mauritania, Egypt, Kuwait, Tunisia, Ethiopia, Uganda, Bahamas, Syrian Arab Republic, Haiti, Burkina Faso, Peru, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Georgia, France, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Italy, Dominica, Sudan, Botswana, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Ecuador, Slovakia, Lebanon, Morocco, Thailand, Costa Rica, Philippines, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Venezuela), concerning paragraphs 02117 to 02119B, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that supplementary funding, must be gained from efforts to raise extrabudgetary funding, with the understanding that within the regular programme funds are already allocated to this activity in the budget and work plans of document 30 C/5.

(19) Having examined 30 C/DR.22 (submitted by Saint Kitts and Nevis; supported by Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy), concerning paragraphs 02005 and 02702, also examined in Commissions I, II, IV and V, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that with respect to item (g), activities in the fields of science and technology in the subregion and amounting to the sum specified will be clearly identified in document 30 C/5. Concerning item (k), the Commission agreed with the note of the Director-General contained in document 30 C/8 COM.III, which specifies that the text changes proposed are not appropriate for this particular paragraph.

(20) Having examined 30 C/DR.44 (submitted by France; supported by Haiti, Lithuania, Monaco), concerning paragraph 02113 (also examined in Commission V), the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the creation of links with other programmes, namely those aiming at public access to information (paragraph 04122 of document 30 C/5); it emphasized that the World Health Organization must provide the leadership role in this proposed activity. UNESCO should cooperate by offering mainly technical and intellectual assistance.

(21) Having examined 30 C/DR.45 (France; supported by Haiti, Bolivia, Lithuania, Ecuador) (para. 02120), the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that the proposed amendment to the resolution in paragraph 02120 was not required, and seed funding could be considered within the current programme and budget (para. 02122) in document 30 C/5 for developing a project that could be considered for phasing into document 31 C/5.

(22) Having examined 30 C/DR.60 (submitted by Burkina Faso; supported by Mali, Togo, Senegal), concerning paragraph 02112, on a project to support training and research in mathematics proposed by the Réseau Africain de Mathématiques Appliquées pour le Développement (RAMAD) (African Network for Applied Mathematics), the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that seed money be provided under the current budgetary provisions in document 30 C/5, with a view to seeking extrabudgetary support and considering the development of a larger project for document 31 C/5.

(23) Having examined 30 C/DR.72 (submitted by New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; supported by Italy), concerning paragraphs 02100 to 02103, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide the following: (i) that with respect to the dissemination of information on the World Conference on Science and the initiation of science education activities, seed funding could be provided under the current budgetary provisions in document 30 C/5, along with intellectual and technical support; (ii) that the request for budgetary support for a regional workshop on traditional knowledge could be met through the Participation Programme or other sources; and (iii) with respect to a Pacific Science Network, further consultations could be undertaken so as to prepare this, along with other activities for consideration for document 31 C/5. Both the science education and the traditional knowledge proposals contained in this draft resolution will be taken into consideration when developing long-term projects in these domains for the next Medium-Term Strategy.

(24) Having examined 30 C/DR.79 (submitted by India), concerning paragraphs 02100 to 02103 and 02220; and 30 C/DR.83 (submitted by Kenya), concerning paragraphs 02100 to 02103 and 02733, the Commission recommended that the General Conference

decide to allocate seed money from the corresponding main lines of action in the proposed budget and work plans of document 30 C/5, to allow preparatory work on this issue. These proposals could then be considered, amongst others, for phasing into document 31 C/5 and the Medium-Term Strategy with the objective of developing an intersectoral project on indigenous and local knowledge involving MAB, MOST, CSI and other relevant programmes and sectors.

(25) Having examined 30 C/DR.94 Rev. (submitted by Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, India; supported by Italy, Georgia, Thailand, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, China, Israel, Romania, Hungary, Indonesia, Belgium, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Bulgaria, Australia), concerning paragraph 02111, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that the proposed modifications of the texts concerning the "Background", "Strategy" and "Results" (para. 02111) would be taken into consideration when finalizing document 30 C/5, but the proposed modification of paragraph T02111 in the Technical Annex would not be made.

(26) The Commission informed the General Conference that the following draft resolutions had been withdrawn by their authors during the debate or not retained for approval: 30 C/DR.57 (India); 30 C/DR.62 (Gabon, France).

Amendments proposed by the Executive Board involving a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5 and contained in document 30 C/6

(27) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the following amendments to document 30 C/5:

- Amendment in document 30 C/6, paragraph 15, amending the fifth expected result indicated in paragraph 02103 of document 30 C/5 as follows: University-industry cooperation promoted through workshops and the dissemination of information and learning materials in innovation and the commercialization of R&D, in the framework of the UNISPAR (University-Industry-Science Partnership) programme developed in cooperation with UNIDO;
- Amendment in document 30 C/6, paragraph 16, adding the following sentence at the end of the strategy in paragraph 02111 of document 30 C/5: Special attention will be given to the introduction of training courses in the use and maintenance of scientific equipment, especially in technical institutions in Africa. Support will be given to the maintenance centre to be established within the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology.

ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001

**PART II.A - MAJOR PROGRAMME II - THE SCIENCES IN THE SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT;
PROGRAMME II.2 - SCIENCES, ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;**

SUBPROGRAMMES II.2.1, II.2.2, II.2.3, II.2.4, II.2.5;

AND

ITEM 6.7 - REVISED STATUTES OF IOC

ITEM 3.3 - MAJOR PROGRAMME II - PROGRAMME II.2; SUBPROGRAMMES II.2.1, II.2.2, II.2.3, II.2.4, II.2.5

Draft resolutions for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference

(28) There were no draft resolutions in this category for Subprogrammes II.2.1, II.2.2, II.2.3, II.2.4 and II.2.5.

Proposed resolutions contained in document 30 C/5

(29) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the following proposed resolutions concerning Programme II.2 (30 C/Resolution 19):

- proposed resolution 02202 concerning Programme II.2 - Promoting integrated approaches to environment and development;
- proposed resolution 02210 concerning Subprogramme II.2.1 - Earth sciences, earth system

management and natural disaster reduction, as amended by paragraph 18 of document 30 C/6;

- proposed resolution 02220 concerning Subprogramme II.2.2 - Ecological sciences and Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme;
- proposed resolution 02230 concerning Subprogramme II.2.3 - Hydrology and water resources development in a vulnerable environment;
- proposed resolution 02235 concerning the Special project: Environment and development in coastal regions and in small islands;
- proposed resolution 02238 concerning the Special project: Human development for sustainable living conditions in the Pacific;
- proposed resolution 02240 concerning Subprogramme II.2.4 - UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, as amended by paragraph 19 of document 30 C/6;
- proposed resolution 02250 concerning Subprogramme II.2.5 - Social transformation and development, as amended by paragraph 21 of document 30 C/6;

- proposed resolution 02256 concerning the Special project “Cities: Management of social transformations and the environment”.

Draft resolutions proposing a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

A. Draft resolutions having budgetary implications

(30) No draft resolutions with budgetary implications were retained as such. The Commission endeavoured to accommodate part of the content of these draft resolutions within the resources foreseen in document 30 C/5.

B. Draft resolutions having no budgetary implications

(31) Having examined 30 C/DR.19 (New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; supported by Italy) (para. 02150), the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that the regional strategies in document 30 C/5, paragraphs 02703, 02708, 02716, 02721, 02726, 02731 and 02733, be redrafted so as to enhance the priority given to Focus on the Pacific. Further, seed money will be foreseen under the current budget in draft document 30 C/5 for paragraph 02251, to support the project on the Pacific network of social scientists and for paragraphs 02237 to 02239, to support activities relating to a special study of paid employment in the Pacific. Consultations will be pursued with Pacific Member States so as to prepare follow-up to Focus on the Pacific for the Medium-Term Strategy.

(32) Having examined 30 C/DR.68 (Kenya) (para. 02250), the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that seed money be provided for a joint education and social science (MOST) project addressing the needs of HIV orphans and street children to be phased into document 31 C/5.

(33) The Commission informed the General Conference that the following draft resolutions had been

withdrawn by their authors during the debate or not retained for approval: 30 C/DR.63 (Sudan); paragraph 2 of document 30 C/77; 30 C/DR.81 (Sudan); 30 C/DR.91 (Costa Rica).

Amendments proposed by the Executive Board involving a shift of emphasis in the main line of action envisaged in document 30 C/5 and contained in document 30 C/6

(34) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the amendment in document 30 C/6, paragraph 20, amending the fourth expected result indicated in paragraph 02241 of document 30 C/5 as follows: The early warning systems for tsunamis, storm surges and El Niño events and impacts made more effective through integrated interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies, in concert with other early warning systems overseen by UNESCO; Member States, including landlocked countries, assisted in developing early warning and forecasting systems on El Niño and storm surges.

ITEM 6.7 - REVISION OF THE IOC STATUTES

(35) The Commission examined document 30 C/77 on the revision of the Statutes for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC). It recommended that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution appearing in paragraph 2 of document 30 C/77 as modified by retaining the text of the Statutes as proposed by the IOC Assembly at its twentieth session in resolution XX-1, and this without prejudice to the recommendations of the Legal Committee which naturally did not consider the technical issues arising from the Statutes (30 C/Resolution 22).

(36) Turkey's acceptance of the new Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission which makes a reference in Article 3-1(c) to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) should not be interpreted as a change in Turkey's position regarding this Convention to which Turkey is not a party. Furthermore, reference to the UNCLOS in this text would not create any right or obligation on the part of Turkey.

**ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE
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PART II.A - MAJOR PROGRAMME II - THE SCIENCES IN THE SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT
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AND**

**ITEM 7.1 - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON THE HUMAN GENOME
AND HUMAN RIGHTS: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL (30 C/26 and Add.)**

**ITEM 7.1 - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON THE HUMAN
GENOME AND HUMAN RIGHTS: REPORT BY
THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(30 C/26 and Add.)**

**Draft resolutions for adoption *in extenso*
by the General Conference**

(37) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions), the draft resolution contained in document 30 C/26 Add., concerning the "Draft Guidelines for the Implementation of the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights" (30 C/Resolution 23).

(38) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions), draft resolution 30 C/COM.III/DR.1 (Monaco, France, Mozambique, Tunisia, Morocco, Ecuador, Mexico, Burundi) on bioethics and the rights of the child (30 C/Resolution 24).

**ITEM 3.3 - MAJOR PROGRAMME II -
PROGRAMME II.3**

**Proposed resolutions contained in
document 30 C/5**

(39) The Commission recommended that the General

Conference adopt proposed resolution 02300 concerning Programme II.3 - Philosophy, ethics and human sciences (30 C/Resolution 19).

**Draft resolutions proposing a shift of
emphasis in the main lines of action
envisaged in document 30 C/5**

**A. Draft resolutions having budgetary
implications**

(40) No draft resolutions with budgetary implications were retained as such. The Commission endeavoured to accommodate part of the content of these draft resolutions within the resources foreseen in document 30 C/5.

**B. Draft resolutions having no budgetary
implications**

(41) Having examined 30 C/DR.96 (Uruguay) (para. 02300), the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that seed money be provided under scenario A, document 30 C/5, paragraph 02301.

(42) The Commission informed the General Conference that draft resolution 30 C/DR.26 (France, Greece) had been withdrawn by its authors during the debate or not retained for approval.

**ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE
DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001
TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROJECT: TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE**

**Draft resolutions for adoption *in extenso*
by the General Conference**

(43) There was no draft resolution in this category for this transdisciplinary project.

**Proposed amendments contained in
document 30 C/6 aimed at modifying
proposed resolutions in document 30 C/5**

(44) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the new resolution proposed in document 30 C/6, paragraph 27, for insertion at the beginning of paragraph 05100 of document 30 C/5 (30 C/Resolution 42).

(45) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution concerning the transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace - Unit 1: Raising awareness and building partnerships, contained in paragraph 05100, as amended by 30 C/DR.49 (Islamic Republic of Iran) and paragraph 28 of document 30 C/6, on the understanding that subparagraph (a)(i) of this proposed resolution had already been adopted by the General Conference at its 21st plenary meeting on 13 November (30 C/Resolution 42).

(46) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution concerning the transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace: Educating for a culture of peace, Unit 2, para. 05200, as

amended by paragraphs 29 and 30 of document 30 C/6 (30 C/Resolution 42).

(47) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution concerning the transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace, Unit 3: From interculturality to cultural pluralism, in paragraph 05300, as amended by paragraph 31 of document 30 C/6 (30 C/Resolution 42).

Draft resolutions proposing a shift of emphasis in the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

A. Draft resolutions having budgetary implications

(48) No draft resolutions with budgetary implications were retained as such. The Commission endeavoured to accommodate part of the content of these draft resolutions within the resources foreseen in document 30 C/5.

B. Draft resolutions having no budgetary implications

(49) Having examined 30 C/DR.34 (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan; supported by Belarus, France, Russian Federation) (paras. 01902, 02902, 03902, 05003, 05100, 0530), the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide that an intersectoral meeting be organized during preparation of the work plan with Member States concerned, so as to determine the preparatory activities and their budgetary needs in terms of seed money (as foreseen under scenario A, 30 C/5, para. 05102), and to phase an integrated subregional project for the Caucasus into document 31 C/5.

(50) Having examined 30 C/DR.48 (Islamic Republic of Iran) (para. 05102), the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the following amendment to paragraph 05102. Lines 6 and 7 would accordingly read: "... for personal security and for the sustainable management of cities". Further, consideration will be given to the provision of some seed money under paragraph 05102, to assist the Member States in preparing a background document for raising extrabudgetary funds for the proposed regional training workshop on urban management for local government officials.

(51) Having examined 30 C/DR.52 (Dominican Republic; supported by Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Russian Federation, Honduras) (para. 05102), the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide to provide seed money (under para. 05201 of draft document 30 C/5, scenario A) for two purposes: to strengthen and expand regional and subregional networks on tolerance; and contribute to the second Conference for the Latin America and Caribbean Region on Tolerance.

(52) Having examined 30 C/DR.87 (United Republic of Tanzania; supported by Malawi, Senegal, Nigeria,

Mozambique, South Africa, Botswana, Rwanda) (paras. 05101-05102, 05200-05202), the Commission gave full support to the Zanzibar Declaration: *Women of Africa for a Culture of Peace and the Women's Agenda for a Culture of Peace in Africa*, and recommended that the General Conference decide to introduce a reference into the section "Background", of paragraph 05102, by adding, at the end of that section (line 16, after "... at the national and local levels"), the following: "the Zanzibar Declaration: Women of Africa for a Culture of Peace and the Women's Agenda for a Culture of Peace in Africa" and not to amend the resolution in paragraph 05100. Furthermore, consideration could be given to the provision of seed money under paragraph 05102 of scenario A, document 30 C/5, for implementation of some of the activities envisaged in this draft resolution, as well as assistance in finding extrabudgetary funds for the remaining activities.

(53) The Commission informed the General Conference that draft resolution 30 C/78 (Rwanda) (paras. 05100-05102) had been withdrawn by its author during the debate or not retained for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR MAJOR PROGRAMME II AND FOR THE TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROJECT: TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE

Budget

(54) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US \$85,924,700, paragraph 02001, for Major Programme II - Sciences in the service of development, section 1 in document 30 C/5, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustments in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

(55) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of US \$20,480,900, paragraph 05001, concerning the transdisciplinary project: "Towards a culture of peace" of which \$5,986,700 are earmarked for the Social and Human Sciences Sector, it being understood that this amount was subject to adjustments in the light of the decision taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

Programme

(56) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve paragraphs 02101 to 02103, 02111 to 02114 (noting the amendment proposed orally by Hungary to paragraph 02103 that requested that the following clause be added at the end of said paragraph as follows: *Every encouragement will be given to the*

involvement of young scientists in the follow-up to the World Conference on Science, including support to the International Forum of Young Scientists.), 02117-02119, 0212-02122, 0221-02212, 0222-02222, 0223-02232, 02234-02238, 0224-02242, 0225-02252, 02255-02257, 0230-02302, 02701-02733, 02801-02807, 02901-02902, 0503-0509, 0501-05102, 05201-05204, 05301-05302 of the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5), section 1, scenario A, as amended by:

- draft resolutions approved by the Commissions;
- amendments proposed by the Executive Board and approved by the Commission;

- and in the light of the debates as reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission.

(57) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of documents 30 C/REP.8, 9, 10, 12 and 17.

(58) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/REP.11 and Corr. in the light of the proposed budget allocation under scenario A of draft document 30 C/5.

(59) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the joint statement of the Chairpersons of the five scientific programmes (see Annex).

ITEM 4.1 - UNESCO IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Draft resolution for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference

(60) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 30 C/COM.II-III-IV-

V/DR.2 (Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany), for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 53).

ANNEX

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE FIVE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES

International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP)
 International Hydrological Programme (IHP)
 Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
 Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme
 Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme

Fourth Biennial Meeting
 (Paris, 4-5 November 1999)

We are now at a new threshold of opportunity, fuelled by a consensus among the five programmes that we share a unity of purpose and that we can be considerably more effective by combining efforts and reinforcing synergies. This favourable climate coincides with a moment of change within UNESCO and the beginning of the new strategic planning process. Inspiration for our discussions was drawn from the new contract between science and society called for by the World Conference on Science, to which all of our programmes are committed. We also bore in mind that this General Conference is discussing the role of UNESCO in the twenty-first century. Preparing for the 10-year international review of UNCED (Rio + 10) was yet another factor. With all these perspectives in mind, we reaffirm our will to act in a constructive and complementary way by taking joint actions among our programmes whenever possible.

A. Conclusions

Our discussions led us to the following conclusions:

1. Addressing the challenge of sustainable development is perhaps the most daunting task of the twenty-first century, and one that will require deep-seated changes in our ways of thinking and acting. For science this shift has profound implications, ranging from coping with increasing complexity, breaking down traditional disciplinary barriers, designing research to be relevant for policy-making, rethinking education at all levels, and communicating scientific information to non-technical user groups. Most importantly, there needs to be a greater input of science into the policy-making process, in both qualitative and quantitative terms. In this respect, one of the most pressing needs is to integrate and diffuse knowledge so that it can be applied to the solution of "real world" problems.

2. Success in achieving sustainable development will depend above all on political will to take the decisions necessary to support such changes. Such political will has thus far been lacking. Of particular concern is the failure to provide adequate levels of support for the sciences and for education, despite their having been recognized as key instruments for achieving a sustainable future.

3. Action towards sustainable development needs to be taken primarily at national level. UNESCO should respond to governments' expressed requirement that

science provide integrated input into policy-making so as to transcend sectoral boundaries.

4. There are four overriding outcomes which each of the five programmes, separately and collectively, seeks to attain. These are: relevance to solving concrete problems, injection of research outputs into policy-making at the national and global levels, empowerment of people and communities, and education and public understanding.

5. To enhance their effectiveness, the five programmes will work to reinforce partnerships and networking at all levels, particularly with the International Council of Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC), as well as with United Nations system partners.

6. UNESCO, like other institutions, is operating in an increasingly competitive environment in which resources are scarce. More than ever, there is need to adapt, reform, and deliver results. The Organization must therefore capitalize to greater effect upon its comparative advantages with respect to science in support of environment and sustainable development. These comparative advantages include:

- Leadership role within the United Nations system in both science and education for sustainable development, as inter-agency task manager for Chapters 35 and 36 of Agenda 21, and active involvement in the work of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development.
- Practical potential to effect linkages between science and policy-making.
- Unique positioning to support the action plans of the major United Nations conferences and post-Rio conventions with regard to science and education.
- Having a broad range of science programmes which develop together an integrated approach.
- Having both natural and social sciences in the same institution.
- Having the sciences in the same institution as education, culture and communication, all of which are essential components in the quest for sustainable development.

7. Cooperation among the five programmes has advanced significantly in the past biennium through a number of cooperative activities.

8. However, several areas of real concern remain relating to:

- inadequate recognition and visibility of the five programmes within the international community;
- lack of sufficient resources - both financial and human - to develop the programmes to their full potential.

B. Decisions

We have therefore decided to:

1. Form a "Steering Group of the Five Chairpersons" to strengthen further the links between the five programmes. This group will operate in a results-driven, flexible and cost-effective manner. It requires the secretaries of the programmes to facilitate jointly the working of the group. In the next two years, it will focus on:

- the strategic directions which should be reflected in the next Medium-Term Strategy of UNESCO;
- the role of the programmes, their impact and visibility, coordination and cooperation, and organizational matters related to programme delivery;
- integration of programme actions and the adaptation of structures to support such integration;
- the preparation of the Rio + 10 review in 2002.

2. Experiment with ways of integrating the work of the five programmes at national level, with the goal of providing substantive input into the efforts of countries to address environment and sustainable development problems. This will be tested in a few countries on a trial basis in 2000-2001, building on the experience of the alliance of national committees in the Nordic-Baltic region to develop an integrated coastal zone strategy.

3. Develop joint demonstration projects in specific locations which lend themselves to an integrated approach from research and training to policy implementation. Possible locations include, *inter alia*, large river basins and extensive wetlands, biosphere reserves, world heritage sites and coastal megacities.

4. Devote increased attention to education and public understanding, as the essential underpinning for sustainable development. Educational curricula at all levels need to be scientifically sound, to train people to deal with complexity, and to address the interfaces between disciplines and realms of knowledge that lie at the heart of sustainability. In addition, greater efforts will be made to ensure that the scientific outputs of the five programmes are communicated effectively to decision-makers, educators and other non-specialists. The five programmes need to cooperate increasingly with UNESCO's education programmes and in particular the transdisciplinary EPD project. Interdisciplinary UNESCO Chairs in the area of environment and sustainable development and the work of young scientists should be encouraged.

5. Within UNESCO the five programmes recognize that they will work increasingly with:

- the transdisciplinary project: Educating for a sustainable future, for issues concerning education and public awareness;

- the coastal regions and small islands (CSI) platform, where appropriate, to advance actions in the coastal zone;
- the World Heritage Centre, to ensure better science advice and support for the management of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.

6. Develop joint activities in the following new thematic areas:

- ethics, as highlighted by the World Conference on Science, in collaboration with the World Commission on the Ethics of Science and Technology;
- traditional and indigenous knowledge systems, involving local communities, natural and social scientists, and specialists in culture;
- developing scientific tools for conflict resolution management;
- improved governance for sustainable development;
- input into the International Year of Mountains in 2002;
- participating in the development of the Hydrology for Environment, Life and Policy (HELP) initiative;
- science education.

7. Increase joint activities in relation to the three Rio conventions (biodiversity, climate change and desertification) and other related multilateral agreements, integrated coastal area management and small islands, natural disaster reduction, freshwater, social transformations and sustainability, urbanization and city governance.

C. Recommendations

We recommend that:

1. The five scientific programmes be given the highest priority in the next Medium-Term Strategy.

2. Innovative management policies and incentives be implemented to enhance the financing capacity of the five programmes. While welcoming the decision to allocate fixed budget provisions to the programmes, we recommend that UNESCO's governing bodies should also address the need to increase substantially the financial and staffing resources allocated to the five programmes.

3. Donor countries, and the donor community in general, increase extrabudgetary support for UNESCO's action in environment and sustainable development.

4. The five secretariats develop jointly a strategy for increasing extrabudgetary support.

5. The Director-General examine ways to foster integrated approaches and collective visibility for the five science programmes through the Bureau for the Coordination of Environmental Programmes, while recognizing the current effective and efficient coordination of environmental programmes.

6. All efforts be made to facilitate collaboration as regards environment and sustainable development among the Natural Sciences, Social and Human Sciences, Education, Culture and Communication Sectors within UNESCO, and to overcome structural barriers that impede such collaboration. The whole of UNESCO's expertise and action needs to be tapped and integrated in

order to take best advantage of its unique institutional identity.

7. The Director-General ensure that the secretariats of the respective programmes as well as the Bureau for the Coordination of Environmental Programmes actively follow up this joint statement and that the secretariats meet regularly for this purpose. The secretaries are charged with the duty of ensuring that all essential information be circulated amongst the five programmes in a regular, timely fashion.

8. The new Director-General reinforce UNESCO's overall effort in environment and sustainable development, and in particular the five programmes, as well as education for sustainability, in line with the new

directions, requirements and opportunities emerging within the international community.

Chairpersons:

Javier Castroviejo, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme

Edward Derbyshire, International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP)

Su Jilan, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

Kunyoshi Takeuchi, International Hydrological Programme (IHP)

Kenneth Wiltshire, Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme

D. Report of Commission IV¹

Introduction

DEBATE 1

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Item 4.3 Jerusalem and the implementation of 29 C/Resolution 22

DEBATE 3

Item 4.1 UNESCO in the twenty-first century

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 25th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein.

INTRODUCTION

(1) At its second plenary meeting, on 26 October 1999, the General Conference elected Mr Vassilis Vassilikos (Greece) as Chairperson of Commission IV, on the proposal of the Nominations Committee.

(2) At its first meeting, on 8 November 1999, the Commission approved the proposals of the Nominations Committee for the offices of the Vice-Chairpersons and that of Rapporteur, as follows: *Vice-Chairpersons*: Mr Iyad Aflak (Iraq), Dr Halina Niec (Poland), Ms Jeanette Miller (Dominican Republic),

replaced by Mr Carlos Santos (Dominican Republic) and Mr Cosme Adébayo d'Almeida (Togo); *Rapporteur*: Mr A. Ranaweera (Sri Lanka).

(3) The Commission then adopted the timetable set out in document 30 C/COM.IV/1.

(4) The Commission considered the items on its agenda in the course of seven meetings, held from Monday, 8 November to Thursday morning, 11 November 1999.

(5) The Commission adopted its report at its eighth meeting, on Saturday morning, 13 November 1999.

DEBATE 1

**ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE
DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001,
PART II.A, MAJOR PROGRAMME III - CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: THE HERITAGE AND
CREATIVITY; TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROJECT: TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE,
UNIT 3 - FROM INTERCULTURALITY TO CULTURAL PLURALISM
ITEM 4.10 - PREPARATION BY UNESCO FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
YEAR OF DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS
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OF THE COMMON HERITAGE OF HUMANITY
ITEM 4.14 - PROCLAMATION OF 21 MARCH AS WORLD POETRY DAY
ITEM 4.15 - ARABIA PLAN
ITEM 7.5 - DRAFT CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION
OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE**

(6) During its first, second, third and fourth meetings, Commission IV examined item 3.3 - Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, Part II.A, Major Programme III - Cultural development: the heritage and creativity; Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace, Unit 3 - From interculturality to cultural pluralism, item 4.10 - Preparation by UNESCO of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, item 4.11 - The transatlantic slave trade and slavery: a crime against humanity, item 4.13 - Intellectual works of universal value that have fallen into the public domain and are regarded as forming part of the common heritage of humanity, item 4.14 - Proclamation of 21 March as World Poetry Day, item 4.15 - Arabia Plan and item 7.5 - Draft convention concerning the protection of the underwater cultural heritage, and related documents thereon.

(7) Delegates of 93 Member States took the floor, as did the representatives of three non-governmental organizations and one intergovernmental organization.

**ITEM 3.3 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION
OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET
FOR 2000-2001, PART II.A, MAJOR
PROGRAMME III - CULTURAL**

**DEVELOPMENT: THE HERITAGE AND
CREATIVITY; TRANSDISCIPLINARY
PROJECT: TOWARDS A CULTURE
OF PEACE, UNIT 3 - FROM
INTERCULTURALITY TO
CULTURAL PLURALISM**

(8) The Chairperson informed the Commission that 26 draft resolutions considered acceptable with regard to Major Programme III - Cultural development: the heritage and creativity, will be considered by Commission IV, of which nine concern the transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace, Unit 3 - From interculturality to cultural pluralism. He also informed the Commission that the following seven draft resolutions were being examined by other commissions: 30 C/DR.1 (United Republic of Tanzania), 30 C/DR.22 (Saint Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago) and 30 C/DR.34 (Georgia, Armenia) by Commissions II, III and V; 30 C/DR.7 (Netherlands), initially to be considered by Commissions II, III, IV and V, and to be examined in its revised version 30 C/DR.7 Rev. by Commission I only; 30 C/DR.19 (Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu) also by Commissions II and III; 30 C/DR.66

(Kenya) and 30 C/DR.72 (New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; supported by Italy) by Commissions II and III respectively.

3.3(a) Major Programme III - Cultural development: the heritage and creativity

Draft resolutions for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference

(9) The Chairperson informed the Commission that, according to document 30 C/8 COM.IV, no draft resolutions had been recommended for adoption by the General Conference *in extenso*.

Draft resolutions and proposed amendments contained in document 30 C/6 aimed at modifying the “proposed resolutions” contained in document 30 C/5

(10) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt amendments to proposed resolutions concerning Major Programme III - Culture and development: the heritage and creativity, contained in:

- 30 C/DR.84 (Czech Republic, Lithuania, Bolivia; supported by Bulgaria, Côte d’Ivoire, Slovakia, Uzbekistan, Slovenia), amended by the Director-General’s note in document 30 C/8 COM.IV concerning the proposed resolution in paragraph 03110;
- paragraphs 22 and 23 of document 30 C/6, Recommendations by the Executive Board on the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 concerning the proposed resolution in paragraph 03011, so that subparagraph (a) reads as follows: “to implement the following plan of action in order to promote public policies that recognize the central role of culture in development, **including the creation of income-generating activities**, by mobilizing and sharing information and new knowledge in this domain, in **particular concerning the trade in cultural goods**, facilitating the elaboration of innovative policy framework and strengthening national and local capacities in the management/administration of cultural institutions **and to develop further inter-agency cooperation with a view to establishing close links between cultural and educational, social, health and development policies;**”.

(11) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolutions proposed in document 30 C/5 concerning:

- (a) “Culture and development” in Major Programme III, paragraph 03011, as amended, in accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Board, as reflected in paragraph 10 above (30 C/Resolution 25).
- (b) Subprogramme III.1.1, “Safeguard and revitalization of the tangible and intangible

heritage”, paragraph 03110, as amended by draft resolution 30 C/DR.84, as reflected in paragraph 10 above (30 C/Resolution 25).

- (c) Subprogramme III.1.2, “Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage”, paragraph 03120, without amendment (30 C/Resolution 25).
- (d) Programme III.2, “Promotion of living cultures”, paragraph 03200, without amendment (30 C/Resolution 25).
- (e) The intersectoral project “Reading for All”, in Major Programme III, paragraph 03300, without amendment (30 C/Resolution 25).
- (f) The intersectoral project “Caribbean People: Tapestry of the Past - Fabric for the Future”, in Major Programme III, paragraph 03400, without amendment (30 C/Resolution 25).

Draft resolutions proposing a shift of emphasis of the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

A. Draft resolutions having budgetary implications

(12) Having examined draft resolution:

- 30 C/DR.12 (Islamic Republic of Iran) amending paragraph 03113, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution, to be financed in the amount of \$50,000 within the existing budgetary provisions foreseen in paragraph 03113. This amount will be devoted to carrying out a feasibility study in five different continents of the project “Women, intangible cultural heritage and development”.
- 30 C/DR.19 (Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; supported by Italy), relating to paragraphs 03111 and 03112, also being examined by Commissions II and III, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution as regards Major Programme III, as amended orally by the authors, to be financed through mobilizing extrabudgetary funds as regards paragraph 03120 to raise awareness of the benefits of the World Heritage Convention in the Pacific, and through a contribution of US \$15,000 from the existing budgetary provisions as regards paragraph 03011 to convene a consultation of cultural leaders and to develop cultural information networks in the Pacific region;
- 30 C/DR.36 (Sri Lanka) and 30 C/DR.37 (Sri Lanka; supported by Lithuania) relating to paragraph 03112, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve these draft resolutions in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, proposing a feasibility study, to be financed in the amount of \$5,000 within the budgetary provisions foreseen in paragraph 03112;

this amount will be devoted to carrying out a study on the feasibility of the project “The selection of the millennium and the establishment of an international and regional monuments fund”.

- 30 C/DR.80 (Italy) amending paragraph 03114, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution as amended orally by the authors with regard to paragraph 03114 in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, to be financed in the amount of \$30,000 within the budgetary provisions foreseen in paragraph 03114; this amount will be devoted to the preventive conservation of selected monuments in Afghanistan.

B. Draft resolutions with no budgetary implications

(13) Having examined draft resolution:

- 30 C/DR.1 (United Republic of Tanzania) relating to paragraph 03112 and being examined also by Commissions I, II, III and V, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the draft resolution without budgetary implications for Major Programme III in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, it being understood that the Culture Sector will make an intellectual contribution to the “Culture of maintenance” project.
- 30 C/DR.8 Rev. (Togo; supported by Burkina Faso, Benin, Sudan, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Mali, Central African Republic, Seychelles, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritania, Gabon, Rwanda, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Algeria, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Niger, Democratic Republic of the Congo) relating to paragraphs 03011 and 03012, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the draft resolution in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV and as amended by the authors, to be implemented with a sufficient and appropriate financial contribution, secured from the existing budgetary provisions in paragraph 03011; this contribution will be devoted to the intellectual preparation of the expert meeting convened with a view to preparing the Pan-African Conference on Culture and Development.
- 30 C/DR.13 Rev. (Canada, France, Lithuania, Haiti, Austria, Mongolia, Comoros, Thailand, Viet Nam, Monaco, Honduras, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Belgium; supported by Indonesia, Bahamas, Burundi, Gabon, Russian Federation, Algeria, Slovakia, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, Australia, Pakistan, Tonga, Fiji, Palau, Tuvalu, Philippines, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay, Panama, Chile, Peru, Guatemala, Saudi Arabia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Poland, Croatia, Cambodia, Latvia, Togo, Czech Republic) amending paragraphs 03010-03012, 03201 and 03203, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, and as amended orally by the authors; the activities to be undertaken in pursuance of this draft resolution will aim to strengthen UNESCO’s leading role in the affirmation and promotion of cultural diversity in a world in transition.
- 30 C/DR.22 and Corr. (Saint Kitts and Nevis; supported by Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy) amending paragraph 03400, also examined by Commissions II, III and V, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV; in pursuance of this recommendation efforts will be undertaken to mobilize extrabudgetary resources with a view to promoting cultural dialogue in the Caribbean.
- 30 C/DR.29 (Armenia; supported by Italy, Russian Federation) relating to paragraphs 03005, 03111, 03120, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution, to be financed from extrabudgetary funds in the amount of \$30,000 offered by Greece. This amount will be devoted to organizing a conference on the implementation of UNESCO conventions and other international instruments on the protection of cultural heritage.
- 30 C/DR.40 (Hungary) relating to paragraphs 03120 and 08003, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution amended by its authors in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV. In pursuance of this proposal the statutory organs of the World Heritage Convention will assess the fellowship scheme of the World Heritage Fund and explore ways and means for the possible establishment of a World Heritage Fund Fellowship Programme. The result of this assessment will be presented to the Executive Board at its 160th session.
- 30 C/DR.65 (Kenya) relating to paragraphs 03011 and 03112, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV. In pursuance of this proposal particular attention will be devoted to addressing issues on traditional practices through capacity-building and to management of cultural institutions and affairs in Africa.
- 30 C/DR.72 (New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; supported by Italy) relating to paragraphs 02100-02103, also examined by Commission III, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General’s comment in document

30 C/8 COM.IV. In pursuance of this proposal, the Culture Sector will contribute to the better integration of traditional knowledge and approaches to scientific understanding in the Pacific.

- 30 C/DR.82 (Sudan) relating to paragraph 03011, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV. In pursuance of this proposal efforts will be undertaken with a view to strengthening the role of culture in the effective implementation of development plans.
- 30 C/DR.84 (Czech Republic, Lithuania, Bolivia; supported by Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Slovakia, Ukraine) amending paragraph 03110, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution as amended in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV. In pursuance of this proposal a preliminary study will be carried out on the advisability of regulating internationally, through a new standard-setting instrument, the protection of traditional culture and folklore.
- 30 C/DR.85 (Cuba; supported by Lithuania) amending paragraph 03011, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution as amended by the authors. In pursuance of this proposal, UNESCO will offer its cooperation for the organization of the second Interregional Congress on Culture and Development.

(14) These decisions will be implemented in the framework of the budgetary resources provided for in document 30 C/5.

3.3(b) Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace, Unit 3 - From interculturality to cultural pluralism (pertaining to culture)

Draft resolutions and proposed amendments contained in document 30 C/6 aimed at modifying "proposed resolutions" in document 30 C/5

(15) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the amendments to the proposed resolution concerning the transdisciplinary project, "Towards a culture of peace", Unit 3 - From interculturality to cultural pluralism, paragraph 05300, contained in:

- 30 C/COM.IV/DR.2 (Islamic Republic of Iran) (examined under item 4.10), in respect of a new subparagraph (a)(iv) and
- 30 C/COM.IV/DR.3 (Lithuania, Poland, Honduras, Paraguay, Russian Federation, Sweden; supported by Italy, Greece, Bolivia) (examined under item 4.10), in respect of subparagraph (a)(i),

and as amended in paragraph 31 of document 30 C/6, Recommendations by the Executive Board on the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, by adding, at the end of subparagraph (a)(i), the following text: **"design a comprehensive strategy, and make a cost estimate of its implementation to promote dissemination and follow-up activities of the General History of Africa, to ensure the completion of the other history projects (the History of Humanity; the History of Civilizations of Central Asia; the General History of the Caribbean; the History of Latin America; The Different Aspects of Islamic Culture) and to secure the extrabudgetary funds required for that purpose"**.

(16) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution concerning the transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace, Unit 3 - From interculturality to cultural pluralism (pertaining to culture), paragraph 05300, as amended (30 C/Resolution 42).

Draft resolutions proposing a shift of emphasis of the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

A. Draft resolutions having budgetary implications

(17) Having examined draft resolution:

- 30 C/DR.34 (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan; supported by Belarus, Ukraine, Russian Federation) relating to paragraphs 03902, 05003, 05100 and 05302, also examined by Commissions II, III and V, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution with regard to Unit 3 of the transdisciplinary project, to be financed in the amount of \$10,000 within the budgetary provisions foreseen in paragraph 05302 for a subregional preparatory meeting on the cultural components of a regional cooperation programme for the Caucasus, and to seek extrabudgetary funds.
- 30 C/COM.IV/DR.2 (Islamic Republic of Iran) relating to paragraph 05300, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution with regard to Unit 3 of the transdisciplinary project, to be financed in the amount of \$20,000 within the budgetary provision foreseen in paragraph 05301. In pursuance of this decision approved under item 4.10 of the agenda, reflected in paragraph 21 of this report, a strategy will be developed with a view to promoting partnerships and mustering extrabudgetary funds for the support of the celebration of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

B. Draft resolutions with no budgetary implications

(18) Having examined draft resolution:

- 30 C/DR.24 Rev. (Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras,

- Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Cuba; supported by Dominican Republic, Italy) amending paragraph 05301, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution as amended orally by the authors provided that the strategy regarding the completion and follow-up of regional history projects be examined at the 159th session of the Executive Board.
- 30 C/DR.38 (Jamaica, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Uruguay, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Saint Lucia, Barbados, Venezuela, Dominica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Guyana; supported by Dominican Republic, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Italy) amending paragraph 05301, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution as amended by the authors, provided the strategy regarding the completion and follow-up of regional history projects be examined at the 159th session of the Executive Board.
 - 30 C/DR.41 (Russian Federation, Azerbaijan; supported by Belarus, Italy) relating to paragraph 05101, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this resolution as amended orally by the authors. In pursuance of this proposal UNESCO will give its patronage to the production of a series of films about the major events of the twentieth century that might help the principle of the culture of peace.
 - 30 C/DR.50 (Russian Federation, Australia; supported by Greece) relating to paragraph 05301, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, and as amended during the debate. In pursuance of this proposal UNESCO will give its patronage to the organization of two international forums organized in the Russian Federation for promoting the intercultural dialogue in the perspective of the third millennium. One of them will be devoted to the theme "Christianity in the framework of intercultural dialogue - towards a culture of peace".
 - 30 C/DR.66 (Kenya) relating to paragraph 05102, also examined by Commission II, the Commission recommended that the General Conference accept the comment in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, on the understanding that there are no budgetary implications for Unit 3 of the transdisciplinary project. In pursuance of this proposal, the Culture Sector will give an intellectual contribution to efforts aimed at combating domestic violence through education in Africa.
 - 30 C/DR.69 (Mali; supported by Poland) relating to paragraph 05301, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the draft resolution in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, and as amended by the authors. In pursuance of this proposal, support may be given, if requested according to the regulation of the Participation Programme, to the Pan-African congress of historians foreseen in Bamako (Mali) in the year 2000.
 - 30 C/DR.71 (Tunisia; supported by Spain, Canada, Chile, Lebanon, Togo, Turkey) relating to paragraphs 05301 and 05302, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV. In pursuance of this proposal and in the light of the previous feasibility study, the Director-General will study the possibility of including the "Road to Carthage" project in the programme of activities for the celebration of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.
 - 30 C/DR.75 (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela; supported by Italy) relating to paragraph 05301, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution as amended in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV. In pursuance of this proposal support may be given, if requested, according to the regulations of the Participation Programme, to the extension of the regional project "Ruta del Arte", in particular with regard to the potentialities of cultural tourism.

ITEM 4.10 - PREPARATION BY UNESCO OF THE UNITED NATIONS YEAR OF DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

(19) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/INF.8 entitled "Contribution of UNESCO to the Secretary-General's Preliminary Report on Dialogue among Civilizations".

(20) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.1 (Egypt, Greece, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Lithuania, Sweden; supported by France), the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution, without amendment, *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions), on the understanding that there are no budgetary implications (30 C/Resolution 31).

(21) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.2 (Islamic Republic of Iran), relating to paragraph 05300, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution, with a budgetary allocation of \$20,000 to be financed within the existing budgetary provisions foreseen in paragraph 05301 as reflected in paragraph 17 above.

(22) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.3 (Lithuania, Poland, Honduras, Paraguay, Russian Federation, Sweden; supported by Italy, Greece, Bolivia), relating to paragraph 05300, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, and as

amended by the authors. In pursuance of this decision, UNESCO will give its patronage to the international conference on the theme of dialogue among civilizations, to take place in Vilnius (Lithuania), in 2001.

(23) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.10 (Belarus) the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt this draft resolution in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 33).

ITEM 4.11 - THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND SLAVERY: A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

(24) Having examined document 30 C/52 the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of this document.

(25) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.9 (Gabon), the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt this draft resolution *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 34).

ITEM 4.13 - INTELLECTUAL WORKS OF UNIVERSAL VALUE THAT HAVE FALLEN INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND ARE REGARDED AS FORMING PART OF THE COMMON HERITAGE OF HUMANITY

(26) The Commission examined document 30 C/56 and draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.5 (Malta; supported by Italy) and Add. The delegate of Finland, representing the Presidency of the European Union, reported that a Working Group of its Member States had called unanimously for the withdrawal of this draft resolution as the proposal appeared to be legally unworkable and bureaucratically impractical. In a show of hands called by the Chairperson a substantial number of delegations favoured the withdrawal of the draft resolution and only one delegation favoured its retention. The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/56 and not retain for approval draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.5.

ITEM 4.14 - PROCLAMATION OF 21 MARCH AS WORLD POETRY DAY

(27) Having examined document 30 C/83 and the draft resolution contained in paragraph 12, the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of this document and adopt the proposed draft resolution *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 29).

ITEM 4.15 - ARABIA PLAN

(28) Having examined document 30 C/83 and draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.7 and Add. (Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen), the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of this document and adopt this draft resolution, in the light of the Director-General's comment in document 30 C/8 COM.IV, *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 30).

(29) Following this decision, the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic, on behalf of the Arab States Group, requested to reflect in the report the following statement: "The Arab States Group insists that there be a contribution from the regular programme, during the biennium 2000-2001, towards the implementation of the Arabia Plan in close consultation with the Secretariat and this Group".

ITEM 7.5 - DRAFT CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

(30) Having examined document 30 C/30 and the draft decision contained in paragraph 9 as well as draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.4 and Add. (United Kingdom, Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Norway) and 30 C/COM.IV/DR.4 Rev. submitted by the working group, the Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/30 and adopt draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.4 Rev. *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 26).

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(31) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the following three reports and two information documents:

Report by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage on its activities (1998-1999) (30 C/REP.13);

Report by the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation on its activities (1998-1999) (30 C/REP.14), as amended;

Report by the Director-General on the activities of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (30 C/INF.3);

Information document on the databases concerning the illicit traffic in stolen cultural property (30 C/INF.5);

Follow-up to the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development (Stockholm) (30 C/INF.7).

(32) The Commission further recommended that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution contained in Annex II of the Report by the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation on its activities (1998-1999), 30 C/REP.14, *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 27).

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR MAJOR PROGRAMME III AND FOR THE TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROJECT: TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE, UNIT 3 - FROM INTERCULTURALITY TO CULTURAL PLURALISM (PERTAINING TO CULTURE)

Programme

Major Programme III

(33) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve paragraphs 03003 to 03803 of the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5), section 1, as amended by:

- (a) draft resolutions recommended by the Commission for approval (cf. paras. 12 and 13 above);
- (b) amendments proposed by the Executive Board and recommended by the Commission for approval (cf. para. 10 above);

and in the light of the debates as reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission.

Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace, Unit 3 - From interculturality to cultural pluralism (pertaining to culture)

(34) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve paragraphs 0530, 05301 and 05302 of the Draft Programme and Budget (30 C/5), section 1, as amended by:

- (a) draft resolutions recommended by the Commission for approval (cf. paras. 17 and 18 above);
- (b) amendments proposed by the Executive Board and recommended by the Commission for approval (cf. para. 15 above);

and in the light of the debates as reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission.

Budget

Major Programme III

(35) Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for Major Programme III, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 03001 which foresees a budget provision of US \$42,824,000 under scenario A in document 30 C/5, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

(36) Before the approval of the programme, Germany, supported by Denmark, France, Czech Republic, Switzerland and the United Kingdom expressed strong reservations with regard to the juxtaposition of the concepts of "intercultural dialogue" with "inter-religious dialogue", emphasizing that the latter does not fall within UNESCO's mandate. He proposed that paragraph 05301 of the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace" be amended to take into account the Executive Board's decision in this regard at its 155th session. This proposal was put to the vote and was not retained by the Commission (20 in favour, 22 against and 16 abstentions).

Transdisciplinary project: Towards a culture of peace, Unit 3 - From interculturality to cultural pluralism (pertaining to culture)

(37) Regarding the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 for Unit 3, From interculturality to cultural pluralism, the Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the resolution contained in paragraph 05300 which foresees a budget provision of US \$5,495,900 under scenario A in document 30 C/5, of which \$4,873,900 concerns the Culture Sector, it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustment in the light of the decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

DEBATE 2

ITEM 4.3 - JERUSALEM AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 29 C/RESOLUTION 22

(38) During its seventh meeting, Commission IV examined item 4.3 - Jerusalem and the implementation of 29 C/Resolution 22, and the related document thereon.

(39) Having examined document 30 C/12 and draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.8 (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia) and Rev., the

Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt *in extenso* draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.8 Rev. presented by the Chairperson of Commission IV and reached by consensus, for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 28).

DEBATE 3

ITEM 4.1 - UNESCO IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

(40) During its fifth and sixth meetings the Commission examined item 4.1 - UNESCO in the twenty-first century, and related documents thereon.

(41) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of document 30 C/INF.12.

(42) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.6 (Sweden; supported by Denmark, Lithuania) (which replaced 30 C/COM.I-II-III-IV-V/DR.1) the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt draft resolution 30 C/COM.IV/DR.6,

in extenso, in the light of the Note by the Director-General, for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 32).

(43) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/COM.II-III-IV-V/DR.2 (Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany) the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt this draft resolution *in extenso* for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions) (30 C/Resolution 53).

E. Report of Commission V¹

Introduction

DEBATE 1

- Item 3.3** Examination and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001
Part II.A - Major Programme IV - Towards a communication and information society for all
- Item 4.5** Proposals for a new programme merging the General Information Programme (PGI) and the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP)
- Item 7.6** Draft recommendation on the promotion of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace

DEBATE 2

- Item 3.3** Examination and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001
Major Programme IV - Towards a communication and information society for all
Subprogramme IV.1.1 - Freedom of expression, democracy and peace, in connection with the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace"

DEBATE 3

- Item 4.1** UNESCO in the twenty-first century

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 26th plenary meeting, on 17 November 1999, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein.

INTRODUCTION

(1) At the 2nd plenary meeting of the General Conference, held on 26 October 1999, H.E. Mr Ali Al-Mashat (Iraq) was elected Chairperson of Commission V on the proposal of the Nominations Committee.

(2) At its first meeting on 10 November 1999, Commission V approved unanimously the proposals of the Nominations Committee concerning the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur, as follows: *Vice-chairpersons*: Mr Gareth Grainger (Australia), Ms Sandra Phillips (Barbados), Mr David Masek (Czech Republic), Mr Adolphus Arthur (Ghana); *Rapporteur*: Ms Corinne Matras (France).

(3) The Commission adopted the provisional timetable set out in document 30 C/COM.V/1 (prov.).

(4) The Commission considered the items on the

agenda during six meetings held from Wednesday afternoon, 10 November 1999 to Saturday morning, 13 November 1999.

(5) The Commission adopted its report at its seventh meeting on Tuesday morning, 16 November 1999. The report contains draft recommendations submitted by Commission V to the General Conference on each item of its agenda, subject to examination of the budgetary implications at the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions, particularly concerning the draft resolutions recommended to the General Conference for approval. The Commission invited its Chairperson to speak in support of the decisions taken by Commission V at the above-mentioned joint meeting.

DEBATE 1

**ITEM 3.3 - EXAMINATION AND ADOPTION OF THE
DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001
PART II.A - MAJOR PROGRAMME IV - TOWARDS
A COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY FOR ALL
ITEM 4.5 - PROPOSALS FOR A NEW PROGRAMME MERGING
THE GENERAL INFORMATION PROGRAMME (PGI) AND THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INFORMATICS PROGRAMME (IIP)
ITEM 7.6 - DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROMOTION OF
MULTILINGUALISM AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO CYBERSPACE**

(6) At its first, second and third meetings the Commission examined items 3.3 - Major Programme IV - Towards a communication and information society for all, item 4.5 - Proposals for a new programme merging the General Information Programme (PGI) and the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP) (30 C/14 and Add.); and item 7.6 - Draft recommendations on the promotion of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace (30 C/31).

(7) The representatives of 71 Member States and six non-governmental organizations took the floor.

Draft resolution for adoption *in extenso* by the General Conference

(8) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the draft resolutions listed below for the Records of the General Conference, Volume 1 (Resolutions):

- (a) 30 C/DR.5 (submitted by Latvia, Sweden, Croatia; supported by Italy, Bulgaria, France, Poland, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Belarus, Estonia, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Mexico, Islamic Republic of Iran) without amendment (30 C/Resolution 38).
- (b) 30 C/DR.6 Rev. (submitted by Canada; supported by Belarus, Senegal, Norway) without amendment (30 C/Resolution 39).
- (c) 30 C/DR.25 (submitted by Italy and supported by Peru, Spain, Tunisia, Mali, Lithuania, Latvia, Jordan) without amendment (30 C/Resolution 40).

(d) 30 C/DR.28 (submitted by Chile, Hungary, Republic of Korea, Poland, China, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Czech Republic; supported by Latvia) with amendments by France and Germany (30 C/Resolution 41).

Proposed resolutions in document 30 C/5

(9) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution concerning Freedom of expression, democracy and peace (Subprogramme IV.1.1), contained in paragraph 04110, as amended by paragraph 24 of document 30 C/6 (30 C/Resolution 35).

(10) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution concerning Media, information and society (Subprogramme IV.1.2), contained in paragraph 04120, as amended by paragraph 25 of document 30 C/6 (30 C/Resolution 35).

(11) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution on the intersectoral project "Ethical, legal and sociocultural challenges of the information society" contained in paragraph 04126 (30 C/Resolution 35).

(12) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution concerning Development of communication (Subprogramme IV.2.1) contained in paragraph 04210 (30 C/Resolution 35).

(13) The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the proposed resolution concerning

Development of “infostructure” (Subprogramme IV.2.2) contained in paragraph 04220, as amended by paragraph 26 of document 30 C/6 (30 C/Resolution 35).

(14) The Commission also recommended that the General Conference approve paragraph 32 of document 30 C/6 dealing with regional and subregional strategies.

Draft resolutions proposing a shift in emphasis of the main lines of action envisaged in document 30 C/5

A. Draft resolutions having budgetary implications

(15) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.1 (submitted by United Republic of Tanzania) relating to paragraph 04211, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide to promote maintenance-related activities, it being understood that seed money will be identified within the regular budget during the preparation of the work plans, and that additional funding will have to be found from other sources, whether extrabudgetary including funding from Member States, or Participation Programme.

(16) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.4 (submitted by Madagascar) relating to paragraph 04221, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide to give support for popularizing new information and communication technologies at the community level, it being understood that seed money will be identified within the regular budget during the preparation of the work plans, and that additional funding will have to be found from other sources, whether extrabudgetary including funding from Member States, or Participation Programme.

(17) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.32 (submitted by Islamic Republic of Iran) relating to paragraph 04121, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide to add a specific reference to interregional and international training workshops on production of television programmes for children, it being understood that seed money will be identified within the regular budget during the preparation of the work plans, and that additional funding will have to be found from other sources, whether extrabudgetary including funding from Member States, or Participation Programme.

(18) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.34 (submitted by Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan; supported by Ukraine, Belarus, France and Russian Federation) relating to paragraph 04004, the Commission recommended that the General Conference decide to launch a major subregional project “Caucasus” within the framework of the project “Towards a culture of peace”, it being understood that seed money will be identified within the regular budget during the preparation of the work plans, and that additional funding will have to be found from other sources, whether other sectors or

extrabudgetary including funding from Member States, or Participation Programme.

(19) The Commission informed the General Conference that the following draft resolutions had been withdrawn by their sponsors during the debate.

- 30 C/DR.30 (submitted by Uzbekistan; supported by Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Malaysia, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation) relating to paragraph 04127B and proposing to organize a subregional consultation. The sponsors withdrew this draft resolution on the understanding that, since the activities proposed therein are consistent with paragraphs relating to regional consultations, they will be considered during the preparation of the work plans.
- 30 C/DR.31 (submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran) relating to paragraph 04127B and proposing to organize an Asian-European Inter-News Conference in Teheran. The sponsors withdrew this draft resolution on the understanding that no decision has yet been taken on the proposed World Conference on Communication and Information. Nevertheless, since the activities proposed therein are consistent with paragraphs relating to regional consultations, they will be considered during the preparation of the work plans.

Draft resolutions with no budgetary implications

(20) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.11 (submitted by Russian Federation; supported by Chile, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine), the Commission recommended that the General Conference add to paragraph 04121 a project dealing with the use of information and communication technologies for social rehabilitation in correctional institutions.

(21) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.22 (submitted by Saint Kitts and Nevis; supported by Chile, Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy), the Commission recommended that the General Conference add to paragraph 04705 a reference to the use of information and communication technologies for increasing the participation of marginalized groups.

(22) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.44 (submitted by France, Haiti, Lithuania, Monaco; supported by Chile), dealing with the application of information and communication technologies in the field of health and medicine, the Commission recommended that the General Conference take into consideration this draft resolution to the extent that its objectives fall in line with those of UNESCO’s priorities concerning the promotion of access to information in the public domain (para. 04122).

(23) Having examined draft resolution 30 C/DR.64 (submitted by Italy; supported by Canada and amended by Denmark and Italy), relating to paragraph 04112, and calling for the implementation of all existing rules concerning the protection of journalists and other media personnel in conflict zones, the Commission recommended that the General Conference invite the

Director-General to ask for the implementation of all the international rules concerning the safe exercise of journalism and all persons collaborating technically with them in the field of information in areas of conflict with the aim of safeguarding their lives and ensuring information free from all coercive interference.

Budget

(24) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve the budget provision of \$32,437,900 (paras. 04001 and 04002 for Major Programme IV, section 1, in document 30 C/5), it being understood that this amount is subject to adjustments in the light of the decisions taken by the General Conference on the provisional budget ceiling and by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and of the five programme commissions.

Programme

(25) The Commission recommended that the General Conference approve paragraphs 04001 to 04805 of the Draft Programme and Budget, scenario A, and all the relevant proposed resolutions in document 30 C/5 (paras. 04110, 04120, 04126, 04210, 04220) as amended by:

- (a) draft resolutions approved by the Commissions;
- (b) the recommendation proposed by the Executive Board and approved by the Commission;

- (c) and in the light of the debates as reflected in the oral report of the Chairperson of the Commission to the plenary.

Reports submitted to the General Conference and examination of items 4.5 and 7.6

(26) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the report of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) on its activities (1998-1999) (30 C/REP.15), the report by the Intergovernmental Council for the General Informatics Programme (PGI) and the report by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP) on their respective activities (30 C/REP.16).

(27) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the proposals for a new programme merging the General Information Programme (PGI) and the Intergovernmental Informatics Programme (IIP) and adopt the resolution contained in paragraph 18 of document 30 C/14, as amended by the Executive Board in paragraphs 15 and 17 of document 30 C/14 Add. (30 C/Resolution 36).

(28) The Commission recommended that the General Conference take note of the draft recommendation on the promotion and use of multilingualism and universal access to cyberspace and endorse the resolution in paragraph 40 of document 30 C/31 as amended by France and Germany (30 C/Resolution 37).

DEBATE 2

ITEM 3.3 - SUBPROGRAMME IV.1.1: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, DEMOCRACY AND PEACE

(29) At its third and fourth meetings the Commission examined item 3.3: Subprogramme IV.1.1: Freedom of expression, democracy and peace related to the transdisciplinary project "Towards a culture of peace".

(30) The representatives of 11 Member States and four non-governmental organizations took the floor.¹

(31) An oral report was delivered by the Chairperson of the Commission during the debate on this project to

the plenary in its 21st plenary meeting on Saturday morning, 13 November 1999.

1. When the report of the Commission was examined at the 26th plenary meeting, on 17 November 1999, the General Conference approved an amendment proposed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, adding the following text at the end of this paragraph: "Some of them, whose countries are experiencing conflict situations, appealed to UNESCO for support".

DEBATE 3

ITEM 4.1 - UNESCO IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

(32) At its fifth and sixth meetings the Commission examined item 4.1: UNESCO in the twenty-first century (30 C/49).

(33) The representatives of 24 Member States took the floor.

(34) At its fifth and sixth meetings the Commission discussed what the main lines of emphasis and priorities should be for UNESCO on the threshold of the third

millennium. Twenty-four speakers in all took the floor, following the presentation by the representative of the Director-General of document 30 C/49 entitled "UNESCO in the twenty-first century", which was drawn up by the Secretariat to serve as a guide for discussion, and his introductory remarks on the work of the "Task Force" set up by the Executive Board, in order to "propose a strategic vision for UNESCO in the twenty-

first century". The following suggestions and recommendations were made, and were to be taken into account during the process of consultation on the next Medium-Term Strategy and the subsequent biennial programmes.

(35) In the face of the challenges of globalization and the implications of the information society, there was a broad consensus concerning the importance of UNESCO's **intellectual and ethical mission**. In this connection, many speakers stressed the key role the Organization should play in helping to reduce the disparities between regions and within countries in the area of information and communication, by ensuring that the possibilities afforded by the new technologies for sharing knowledge and promoting creativity were made available to as many people as possible. The highlights ranged from the need to place emphasis on a vision of the information society based on human rights and respect for people's private lives to the very notion of the information society which needed to be brought up to date, replacing it with the notion of the "knowledge society".

(36) Promoting **access to information** constituted, for most of the delegates, one of the **priority fields of action** for the coming years. In this regard, emphasis was placed on the need to increase access to the Internet, which could also be a way of consolidating freedom of expression; and the need to facilitate access to content of major interest, by promoting the development and networking of **information in the public domain**. Several delegates thought that UNESCO was particularly well placed to act as a "worldwide portal" to "public domain" information in the Organization's spheres of competence. The preservation of information - whether in digital or document form: library collections, audiovisual archives, etc. - also needed to be given priority status. The importance of the "**Memory of the World**" programme was particularly stressed in this connection.

(37) As several delegates stressed, the arrival of the new media, which went beyond national borders, meant that the promotion of **freedom of expression and freedom of the press**, and the **pluralism and independence of the media** had fundamental implications. One delegate proposed that UNESCO, while giving thought to these matters, should consider drawing up a draft recommendation on the freedom of expression in the information society. The principle of **cultural diversity** - diversity of content; linguistic diversity in information technology - and **multilingualism** - were also priorities.¹

(38) Many delegates stressed that priority needed to be given to the **development of infostructure** in the areas of communication, information and information technology, particularly in developing countries; and to training. In this regard, particular attention needed to be given to initiatives which aimed to promote the appropriation and use of the new technologies for both North/South and South/South exchange and cooperation. In doing this, care should be taken to ensure that support continued to be given to **traditional media** and to the

development of **public and school libraries** as means of access to information and knowledge. Some delegates highlighted the role which could be played by **community media** in the implementation of programmes to alleviate poverty; the strengthening of democratic processes; and the empowerment and participation of citizens in the decision-making process. Other delegates thought priority should be given to **media education**, particularly for young people.

(39) For several speakers UNESCO - as an organization for **intellectual cooperation with an ethical vocation** - should affirm its role as a forum for debate on the ethical and sociocultural challenges of the information society. Some delegates stressed the need to seek a better balance between debate and action; others emphasized the importance of the Organization as a centre for gathering, transferring and disseminating information, or again, as a reference centre responsible for disseminating information about "best practices".

(40) Several speakers reaffirmed the need to develop **multilateral cooperation and inter-agency cooperation**, particularly through intergovernmental programmes - the profile of which should be strengthened. National Commissions should also be closely associated with the implementation of the programme, particularly with respect to national activities, closer relations should be forged with non-governmental organizations and new partnerships should be mobilized, both public and private.

(41) **Interdisciplinarity** and **intersectoral cooperation** are fundamental requirements in a sector of activity which, by its very nature, covers all the fields of competence of the Organization. While several delegates recalled, in this respect, the need for strengthened intersectoral cooperation, some of them wanted the links between some programmes and main lines of action to be reviewed, and suggested, for example: merging the cultural and communication programmes; grouping together activities relating to the "Memory of the World" programme and the heritage; bringing together work concerning libraries and that concerning books, reading and copyright, etc. Others also wanted the recommendations of the Stockholm Conference on Cultural Policies for Development and the Budapest World Conference on Science to be more effectively taken into account - especially with respect to scientific exchanges - in the programmes concerning the information society.

(42) With respect to **working methods**, in addition to the necessary **concentration** of the programme on priority areas, in the implementation of the programme special importance should be given to young people, women and the least privileged groups. The Organization should also give prominence to and strengthen **regional**

1. When the report of the Commission was examined at the 26th plenary meeting, on 17 November 1999, the General Conference approved an amendment, proposed by Senegal, to include a reference to the need for dialogue, linked to pluralism and cultural diversity.

activities, calling on the expertise available in the regions to do this.

(43) Lastly, at a more general level, the delegates considered that the reform of the Organization's working methods should be based on: the definition of strategies and expected results in the next C/5 documents; implementation of the new results-based programming system (SISTER); developing, during the programming stage, indicators to measure the impact of activities; and

systematic **evaluation**, both internal and external, of the work of the Organization.

(44) Draft resolution 30 C/COM.I-II-III-IV-V/DR.1 was withdrawn by its sponsors from discussion in Commission V.

(45) Draft resolution 30 C/COM.II-III-IV-V/DR.2 was withdrawn, after debate, by its sponsors from discussion in Commission V.

II. Report of the Administrative Commission¹

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1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 15th (item 1.3), 13th (item 3.2), 19th (item 9.9) and 23rd (all the other items) plenary meetings, on 3, 5, 11 and 15 November 1999 respectively, and approved the decisions recommended by the Commission therein.

- Item 9.8** Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
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INTRODUCTION

(1) At its second plenary meeting, on 26 October 1999, the General Conference unanimously elected Mr Russell Marshall (New Zealand) Chairperson of the Administrative Commission. At its first meeting, on 27 October 1999, the Commission elected, also unanimously, its four Vice-Chairpersons and its Rapporteur, as follows: *Vice-Chairpersons*: Mr L. Koch (Germany), Mr M. Shirinski (Russian Federation), Ms V. Lacoeuilhe (Saint Lucia), Mr A. Zaid (Yemen); *Rapporteur*: Mr M. Mambo (Zimbabwe).

(2) The Commission adopted its timetable of work and list of reference documents as set out in documents 30 C/1 Rev. and 30 C/ADM/1 Rev. In accordance with the decision of the General Conference, the present report includes only the recommendations of the Commission which were presented orally by the Chairperson of the Commission to the plenary for adoption.

ITEM 1 - ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

Item 1.3 - Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution (30 C/25 and Add., Add.2, Add. 3 and Add.4)

(3) The Administrative Commission examined item 1.3 at its first and twelfth meetings. Following the

debate during which 13 delegates took the floor, the Administrative Commission submitted to the General Conference a draft resolution, which was adopted at its 15th plenary meeting (30 C/Resolution 02).

ITEM 3 - DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001

Item 3.1 - Methods of preparing the budget and budget estimates for 2000-2001 and budgeting techniques (30 C/5 and Corr.; 30 C/6, 30 C/6 Part II)

(4) The Administrative Commission examined item 3.1 at its second meeting. Following the debate during which three delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt a resolution on this question (30 C/Resolution 80).

Item 3.2 - Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling for 2000-2001 (30 C/81)

(5) The Administrative Commission examined item 3.2 at its third and seventh meetings. Following the debate during which nine delegates took the floor, the Administrative Commission submitted to the General Conference the draft resolution proposed in document 30 C/81, which was adopted at the 13th plenary meeting.

Item 3.3 - Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5 and Corr.; 30 C/6, 30 C/6 Part II, 30 C/8 and Corr.; 30 C/8 COM.ADM, 30 C/54 and Add., 30 C/DR.42 and Corr., 30 C/DR.38 and 30 C/DR.69)

(6) At its second and third meetings, the Administrative Commission examined Part I and Parts IV to VII of the budget. In all, five delegates took the floor.

Part I - General Policy and Direction

(7) With regard to Chapter 1 - General Conference - of Part I.A - Governing Bodies, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the allocation of US \$6,153,700 provided for this chapter, it being understood that this amount might be adjusted in the light of the decisions that would be taken by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

(8) With regard to Chapter 2 - Executive Board - of Part I.A, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budgetary allocation of US \$7,614,900 provided for this chapter, it being understood that this amount might be adjusted in the light of the decisions that would be taken by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

(9) In the case of Chapter 3 - Directorate - of Part I.B, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budgetary allocation of US \$1,742,000 provided for this chapter, it being understood that this amount might be adjusted in the light of the decisions that would be taken by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

(10) With regard to Chapter 4 - Services of the Directorate - of Part I.B, the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budgetary allocation of US \$20,517,800 provided for this chapter, it being understood that this amount might be adjusted in the light of the decisions that would be taken by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

(11) In the case of Part I.C - Participation in the Joint Machinery of the United Nations System - the Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve the budgetary allocation of US \$1,122,900 provided for this chapter, it being understood that this amount might be adjusted in the light of the decisions that would be taken by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

Part IV - Management and Administrative Services

(12) The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve a budgetary allocation of US \$47,718,800, it being understood that this amount might be adjusted in the light of the decisions that would be taken by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

Part V - Common Services; Maintenance and Security

(13) The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve a budgetary allocation of US \$28,998,900, it being understood that this amount might be adjusted in the light of the decisions that would be taken by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

Part VI - Renovation of the Headquarters premises

(14) The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve a budgetary allocation of US \$6,499,500, it being understood that this amount might be adjusted in the light of the decisions which would be taken by the joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the programme commissions.

Part VII - Anticipated cost increases

(15) The Commission recommended to the General Conference that it approve for Part VII - Anticipated Cost Increases - an allocation of US \$13,690,850.

(16) At its second, third, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth meetings, the Administrative Commission examined Part II.A - Participation Programme - of the budget wherein 48 delegates took the floor. After having amended paragraph 5 of document 30 C/DR.38 and paragraph 2 of document 30 C/DR.69, the Administrative Commission decided to transmit these two documents to Commission IV for consideration and recommend that the General Conference adopt a resolution on this question (30 C/Resolution 50).

ITEM 5 - METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

Item 5.1 - Conditions under which the right to vote may be granted on an exceptional basis to the Member States referred to in Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution (30 C/19)

(17) The Administrative Commission examined item 5.1 at its first and second meetings. Following the debate during which 23 delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/19 as amended (30 C/Resolution 82).

Item 5.2 - Draft guidelines for the rational implementation of decentralization (30 C/20 and Add., 30 C/INF.30, 30 C/COM.ADM/DR.1 and 30 C/COM.I/DR.2)

(18) The Administrative Commission examined item 5.2 at its fifteenth meeting. Following the debate during which 27 delegates took the floor, the Commission examined documents 30 C/COM.ADM/DR.1 and 30 C/COM.I/DR.2 and decided not to recommend the draft resolution contained in document 30 C/COM.I/DR.2 as it contradicted the resolution recommended to the General Conference for adoption (30 C/Resolution 83).

ITEM 9 - ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

Item 9.1 - Financial report and audited financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 1997, and report by the External Auditor (30 C/34 and Add. and Add.2)

(19) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.1 at its third and fourth meetings. Following the debate during which 15 delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/34 and Add. and Add. 2 as amended (30 C/Resolution 63).

Item 9.2 - Financial report and interim financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO as at 31 December 1998 for the financial period ending 31 December 1999 (30 C/35 and Add.)

(20) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.2 at its fourth meeting. The Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/35 (30 C/Resolution 64).

Item 9.3 - Scale of assessments and currency of Member States' contributions (30 C/36 and Add.)

(21) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.3 at its fourth meeting. Following the debate during which one delegate took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/36 (30 C/Resolution 65).

Item 9.4 - Collection of Member States' contributions (30 C/37 and Add. and Add. Corr., Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4)

(22) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.4 at its fourth and fourteenth meetings. Following the debate during which 17 delegates took the floor, the Administrative Commission recommended to the General Conference the adoption of the resolutions proposed in documents 30 C/37, 30 C/37 Add., 30 C/37 Add.2, 30 C/37 Add.3 and 30 C/37 Add.4, which were amended on the basis of the discussions concerning item 1.3 - Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution (30 C/Resolution 66).

Item 9.5 - Working Capital Fund: level and administration (30 C/38)

(23) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.5 at its fifth meeting. Following the debate during which two delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/38 (30 C/Resolution 67).

Item 9.6 - UNESCO Coupons Programme (Facility to assist Member States in acquiring the educational and scientific material necessary for technological development) (30 C/39 and Corr.)

(24) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.6 at its fifth meeting. Following the debate during which two delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/39 (30 C/Resolution 68).

Item 9.7 - Managing the UNESCO complex: Report by the Director-General and report of the Headquarters Committee (30 C/40 Part I, 30 C/40 Part II and Add., 30 C/INF.10)

(25) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.7 at its eighth, ninth and tenth meetings. Following the debate during which 28 delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/40 as amended (30 C/Resolution 76).

Item 9.8 - Staff Regulations and Staff Rules (30 C/41)

(26) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.8 at its sixth, eleventh and fourteenth meetings. Following the debate during which 25 delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/41 as amended (30 C/Resolution 70).

Item 9.9 - Staff salaries, allowances and benefits (30 C/42 and Corr.)

(27) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.9 at its seventh, tenth and eleventh meetings. Following the debate during which 13 delegates took the floor, the Administrative Commission submitted to the General Conference a draft resolution which was amended by the delegate of New Zealand and was adopted at the 19th plenary meeting (30 C/Resolution 71).

Item 9.10 - Implementation of personnel policy and geographical distribution (30 C/43 and Add. and Add.2)

(28) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.10 at its seventh and tenth meetings. Following the debate during which 14 delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/43 Add. as amended (30 C/Resolution 72).

Item 9.11 - United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and UNESCO Staff Pension Committee (30 C/44)

(29) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.11 at its fifth meeting. Following the debate during which 11 delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/44 as amended (30 C/Resolution 73).

Item 9.12 - Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the Board of Management for 2000-2001 (30 C/45 and Add.)

(30) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.12 at its sixth meeting. Following the debate during which 10 delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/45 Add. as amended (30 C/Resolution 74).

Item 9.13 - Consequences of the switch to the euro (30 C/55, 30 C/INF.14 and Add.)

(31) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.13 at its sixth meeting. Following the debate during which 11 delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/INF.14 Add. as amended (30 C/Resolution 69).

Item 9.14 - New management and monitoring instruments (30 C/60 and Add. and Add. 2)

(32) The Administrative Commission examined item 9.14 at its sixth meeting. Following the debate during which five delegates took the floor, the Commission recommended that the General Conference adopt the resolution contained in document 30 C/60 Add.2 as amended (30 C/Resolution 84).

III. Report of the joint meeting of the Programme and Administrative Commissions¹

ITEM 3.4 - ADOPTION OF THE APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR 2000-2001

(1) The joint meeting of the five programme commissions and the Administrative Commission took place at 3 p.m. on 16 November 1999 and was chaired by Ms V. Lacoeuilhe (Saint Lucia), Chairperson of the Administrative Commission, on behalf of the Chairpersons of the five programme commissions and the Administrative Commission.

(2) The Chairperson opened the meeting and introduced item 3.4 - Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2000-2001.

Recommendation

(3) The joint meeting took note of documents 30 C/PRG/ADM.1 and Corr., and recommended to the General Conference that it adopt the draft Appropriation Resolution contained in the Annex (30 C/Resolution 1).

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 27th plenary meeting, on 17 November 1999.

IV. Reports of the Legal Committee

The Legal Committee elected by acclamation: Mr Samuel Fernández (Chile) as Chairperson, Ms Estelle

Appiah (Ghana) as Vice-Chairperson and Mr Pierre-Michel Eisemann (France) as Rapporteur.

FIRST REPORT¹

ADOPTION OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS

Item 6.1 of the agenda

(30 C/22 and 30 C/22 Add. and Corr.)

(1) The Legal Committee examined document 30 C/22 under item 6.1 of the agenda, concerning the adoption of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

(2) The representative of the Director-General, the Director of the new Institute, introduced the item explaining the background and purpose of this proposal. She also provided further explanations in response to questions asked during the discussions.

(3) Many members of the Committee suggested amendments to parts of the Draft Statutes. The discussion was wide-ranging but there was a particular focus on the kind of autonomy to be enjoyed by the Institute. In particular the meaning of the terms “intellectual, administrative and functional autonomy” which were included in the Draft Statutes were debated. In the end the term “functional autonomy” was retained but it was judged that this incorporated administrative autonomy and an alternative form of words was found to encapsulate the concept of maintaining high professional standards. Amendment to the following articles of the original text of the Draft Statutes given in document 30 C/22 were proposed: Articles I, III, V.1(a) and 1(e), VI (Title), VI.8, VII.3 (new), IX.3, X (new).

(4) Following a lengthy and rich debate the Committee approved the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics with the amendments to the articles specified above. Following the model for the basic texts, the authority which approved the Statutes will be shown below the title of the Statutes instead of including this reference in the text as in the draft.

(5) The Committee decided to record two concerns raised by some members:

- (i) Given that the detailed procedures, for example on voting, for the Governing Board are not spelt out in the Statutes, the Legal Committee members stressed that it would be important that the Governing Board clarify this in its Rules and Procedures as soon as possible. In particular the Committee members wished to alert the Governing Board to the potential difficulties caused by having an even number of members on the Board. There had been discussion about whether to alter the number of Governing Board members but the balanced across elected and appointed members was considered to be important and problems of split vote could still occur in the case of committees with odd numbers of members. The view was expressed that the Governing Board should try to reach decisions by consensus rather than by votes.
- (ii) Some members of the Legal Committee expressed some concerns about the fact that the members of the Governing Board were not subject to a fixed geographical distribution. It was accepted that these people were to be selected on the basis of a wide range of criteria, including the need to have some key partner agencies represented, and that this prevented a fixed geographical distribution. However the Director-General was urged to be sensitive to the need to represent different parts of the world in his appointments to this Committee.

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.

(6) After examining the proposed resolution given in paragraph 6 of document 30 C/22 together with the amendment proposed by the delegate of Kenya, and seconded by the delegate of the United Kingdom, the

Committee decided to recommend that the General Conference adopt a draft resolution on this item.¹

1. A resolution was adopted by the General Conference at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999 (30 C/Resolution 44).

SECOND REPORT¹

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE RIGHT TO VOTE MAY BE GRANTED ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS TO MEMBER STATES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE IV.C, PARAGRAPH 8(c), OF THE CONSTITUTION

Item 5.1 of the agenda

(30 C/19)

(1) At its 29th session, in 29 C/Resolution 92 adopted on 11 November 1997, the General Conference expressed its concerns with regard to the difficulties it had encountered in implementing the new Rule 79 (which has now become Rule 86) of its Rules of Procedure relating to the right of vote of Member States for which the total amount of contributions due respectively from them exceeds the total amount of the contributions payable by them for the current year and the immediately preceding calendar year. The General Conference accordingly invited its President to submit to it, at its 30th session, proposals responding to these concerns and invited him to seek the advice of a small group of six members of recognized competence to be designated in a personal capacity.

(2) The group of experts made 12 recommendations which are contained in appendix 1 of document 30 C/19. The President of the 29th session of the General Conference endorsed these recommendations and the Executive Board took note of them in 156 EX/Decision 5.3.

(3) The Legal Committee was provided with some clarifications by Mr Baba Haïdara, the coordinator of the work of the group of experts. Only the first three recommendations fall specifically within the competence of the Committee. They are intended to clarify the provisions of Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. They suggest that the understanding and implementation of those provisions would be facilitated by the preparation of an explanatory note to be sent to the Member States concerned.

(4) In that connection, according to one view, there could be no question of modifying Rule 86 without going through the appropriate amendment procedure, since that would not be acceptable.

(5) According to another view, the group of experts had already studied all aspects of the problems encountered. In view of the sensitivity, complexity and difficulty of the question, the outcome of the group's work deserved praise and its recommendations should be endorsed.

(6) One member of the Committee proposed that consideration be given to the case of Member States unable to honour their obligations in respect of arrears of payment plans because of a continuing situation of *force majeure*. This member took the view that granting the right to vote on an exceptional basis to such States should be approved by the General Conference by a simple majority rather than by a two-thirds majority.

(7) One member of the Committee made a passionate appeal in favour of approving the recommendations of the group of experts in view of the obligation of solidarity, the principle of non-exclusion, the commitment of the Member States to UNESCO's goals and their desire to participate in the activities of the Organization.

(8) At the end of the debate, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt a draft resolution on this item.²

1 The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.

2. A resolution was adopted by the General Conference at its 23rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1999 (30 C/Resolution 82).

THIRD REPORT¹

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING IN AFRICA

Item 6.2 of the agenda (30 C/23)

(1) The Legal Committee examined document 30 C/23 relating to item 6.2 of the agenda and concerning the establishment of an International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA).

(2) Examining the draft statutes article by article, in the light of the clarifications provided by the representative of the Director-General, the Committee made various modifications to the text. It was of the opinion that the Secretariat should henceforth ensure that there is greater consistency in the drafting of the statutes of UNESCO institutes, in order to harmonize the process

of their establishment and also to avoid any duplication of effort when they are examined by the decision-making bodies of the Organization.

(3) The Legal Committee finally decided to recommend that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution on this item.²

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1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.
 2. A resolution was adopted by the General Conference at its 26th plenary meeting, on 17 November 1999 (30 C/Resolution 8).

FOURTH REPORT¹

DRAFT AMENDMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO

Item 6.6 of the agenda (30 C/57)

(1) The Legal Committee examined document 30 C/57 relating to item 6.6 of the agenda concerning the Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO.

(2) It was noted that the General Conference, at its 29th session, had approved the principle of the creation of this Committee (29 C/Resolution 62). The Legal Committee nevertheless discussed at length the legal basis of such a committee.

(3) Several speakers were of the opinion that the Draft Statutes should have been previously submitted for consideration to the Executive Board.

(4) Some speakers also expressed their regret at the omissions and technical inadequacy of the text

presented, which made the discussion within the Committee very difficult.

(5) In view of these points, after a long debate followed by a vote, the Legal Committee decided to postpone consideration of the Draft Statutes and recommended to the General Conference not to proceed with the adoption of the Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO at the present session.²

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1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.
 2. The General Conference adopted a resolution on this subject at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.

FIFTH REPORT¹

REVISED STATUTES OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC)

Item 6.7 of the agenda (30 C/58)

(1) The Legal Committee examined document 30 C/58 concerning the revised Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

(2) The Committee recommended that the General Conference adopt a draft resolution on this item.²

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.
2. A resolution was adopted by the General Conference at its 25th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999 (30 C/Resolution 22).

SIXTH REPORT¹

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE CONSTITUTION

Item 6.4 of the agenda (30 C/50 and Add.)

(1) The Legal Committee examined documents 30 C/50 and Add. concerning a draft amendment to Article VI, paragraph 2, of the Constitution.

(2) This draft submitted by New Zealand was aimed at imposing an eight-year term limit on the office of the Director-General. According to the existing legal provisions, the current six-year term can be renewed once for the same period, making a total of 12 years. In the opinion of the sponsor of this draft resolution, this is too long a period for a major organization like UNESCO. It was accordingly proposed that the duration of the second term be reduced to two years.

(3) Canada had submitted a proposed change to the above-mentioned draft amendment with a view to limiting each term of office to a period of four years.

(4) The Legal Committee confined itself to examining the legal and procedural aspects of the two proposed amendments, having regard to the fact that the choice of the length of the Director-General's term was a question policy.

(5) The Committee noted that these proposed amendments had been communicated to the Member States within the prescribed time limits, pursuant to Rule 113 *et seq* of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, and that their adoption by the General Conference would not involve any fundamental alteration in the aims of the Organization and any new obligation for the Member States (Article XIII.1 of the Constitution). In the view of the Legal Committee both suggested amendments were legally receivable, the proposal by New Zealand to amend the Constitution (30 C/50) according to Rule 113, and the proposed change to this amendment, submitted by Canada

(30 C/50 Add.) according to Rule 114. If adopted the amendment would take effect immediately.

(6) An amendment to the Constitution requires a two-thirds majority of Member States present and voting (Rule 88.1(e); Article XIII.1). The procedure recommended for the examination of the proposed amendments by the General Conference is as follows:

- First, the Canadian amendment should be put. In order to amend the New Zealand amendment a simple majority of those present and voting (Rule 87) was required.
- Second, the New Zealand amendment, whether in its original form or as amended by the Canadian amendment, should be put. In order to be adopted, this amendment required a two-thirds majority of those present and voting (Rule 88.1(e)).

(7) In view of this last-mentioned aspect of the procedure, the Legal Committee recommended to the General Conference that it debate the proposed amendments prior to the appointment of the next Director-General.

(8) The Legal Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it follow the procedure described above when it came to examine the draft amendment to Article VI.2 of the Constitution.²

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 18th plenary meeting, on 10 November 1999.
2. The General Conference decided to refer consideration of this draft amendment back to the Executive Board, for resubmission to the General Conference at its 31st session (30 C/Resolution 77).

SEVENTH REPORT¹

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Item 6.5 of the agenda (30 C/51)

(1) The Legal Committee examined document 30 C/51 relating to a draft amendment to Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

(2) The purpose of this draft text, submitted by Chile, was to allow the Legal Committee to meet between two sessions of the General Conference, like the Headquarters Committee. In fact, UNESCO has no body or committee within the General Conference or the Executive Board, made up of Member States, that can be consulted on legal matters during that period.

(3) The Legal Committee noted that this draft amendment was formulated in conformity with Rule 117 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and that its adoption by the Conference would not contravene any relevant text of the Organization.

(4) Inquiries were made regarding the estimated costs of holding meetings as envisaged and regarding the possibility for some Member States of the Committee to receive financial assistance from the Organization so as to cover the expenses arising from the participation of their representatives in such meetings.

(5) In this connection, in response to the concerns expressed by some members, it was recognized that resources should be set aside so as to ensure the participation of States in the meetings of the Committee and that it would be for the deliberative bodies of the Organization to assess the budgetary implications of that situation.

(6) It was pointed out that the membership of the Legal Committee as presently constituted was established by the General Conference at its 29th session (1997) for the present session (1999). In the event of the draft amendment being adopted, it would be with that membership that the Legal Committee would meet until the opening of the 31st session of the Conference.

(7) After a thorough debate and in the light of the points mentioned in paragraph 6 above, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Conference adopt a draft resolution on this item.²

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.

2. This draft resolution was adopted by the General Conference (30 C/Resolution 78).

EIGHTH REPORT¹

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL EXTENSION OF ITS PERIOD OF JURISDICTION

Item 6.3 of the agenda (30 C/24 and Add.)

(1) The Staff Regulations and Staff Rules make provision for appeals that may be lodged by staff members against disciplinary action or an administrative decision which, in their opinion, is contrary to any relevant regulation or rule or to their terms of appointment and which they consider prejudicial to them. After all internal remedies have been exhausted, those staff members may submit their case to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization (ILOAT), whose functional competence has been recognized by the General Conference since 1953.

(2) In 29 C/Resolution 79, the General Conference called upon the International Labour Conference to explore, in consultation with the organizations which have also recognized the jurisdiction of ILOAT, the measures to be taken in order to improve the functioning

of that tribunal. As at its 28th session, the General Conference at its 29th session, on the recommendation of the Director-General, decided to renew recognition of this jurisdiction for a period of two years only, namely, from 1 January 1998 to 31 December 1999, instead of the customary six years.

(3) The Legal Committee heard the representative of the Director-General and Legal Adviser and the representative of the UNESCO Staff Union (STU).

(4) Following a comprehensive exchange of views, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Conference adopt a draft resolution on this item.²

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.

2. This draft resolution was adopted by the General Conference (30 C/Resolution 75).

NINTH REPORT¹

EXAMINATION OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001

Item 3.3 of the agenda (30 C/8/LEG/Parts I, II and III)

(1) Since its 29th session the General Conference has adopted a new procedure for processing draft resolutions proposing amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget. This procedure derives from an amendment introduced into its Rules of Procedure (see Rules 83 and 84).

(2) The procedure established gives the sponsors of draft resolutions which at first sight appear to be inadmissible in the opinion of the Director-General the possibility to appeal to the General Conference to rule on their admissibility in the last resort. It is for the Legal Committee to examine such draft resolutions.

(3) It was recalled that, in accordance with the rule established by the Committee at the 29th session of the General Conference, the Member States directly concerned or with an interest in any of these draft resolutions should not take part in the debates or discussions of the Committee when the given draft resolution was being examined.

(4) For each draft resolution considered to be inadmissible at first sight, the Legal Committee requested the Secretariat to state the criteria which it had applied in reaching a decision of inadmissibility.

(5) The Legal Committee based its decisions on Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and also on document 30 C/2 on the "Organization of the work of the session" (paras. 34 and 35), it being understood that Rule 83 prevailed in the event of any divergence between these two texts.

(6) Taking into consideration the methods of work decided upon at the 29th session of the General Conference (see Records of the General Conference, Volume 2, Second report of the Legal Committee), the Committee adopted its method for examining the draft resolutions by a vote.

(7) The Committee recommended:

- (i) that the following draft resolutions should be declared admissible: MS/DR.83, MS/DR.88, MS/DR.89, MS/DR.164, MS/DR.280, MS/DR.116 and MS/DR.140;
- (ii) that draft resolution MS/DR.2 should be declared partly admissible, i.e. solely with regard to its first paragraph ("Invites the Director-General to provide ... support for the Centre");
- (iii) that the following draft resolutions should be declared inadmissible: MS/DR.81, MS/DR.86, MS/DR.105, MS/DR.192, MS/DR.191, MS/DR.114, MS/DR.117, MS/DR.193, MS/DR.194, MS/DR.199, MS/DR.155, MS/DR.162 and MS/DR.173.

(8) The Committee noted the withdrawal of draft resolutions MS/DR.121 and MS/DR.122 by the Member State concerned.

1. The General Conference took note of this report and approved the recommendations contained in paragraphs 7 and 8 at its 18th plenary meeting, on 10 November 1999.

ADDENDUM TO THE NINTH REPORT¹

EXAMINATION OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001

Item 3.3 of the agenda

Taking account of the great difficulties encountered by the Legal Committee in determining and implementing the precise criteria applicable to the examination of the admissibility of draft resolutions submitted to it in pursuance of Rule 84 of the rules of Procedure, the Legal Committee recommended that the General Conference adopt a draft resolution on this item, in order to enable it

to better fulfil its functions as concerns the question of admissibility.²

1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 18th plenary meeting, on 10 November 1999.
2. This draft resolution was adopted by the General Conference (30 C/Resolution 87).

TENTH REPORT¹

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Item 5.3 of the agenda (30 C/21)

(1) Following major amendments to its Rules of Procedure adopted at its last session, the General Conference invited the Director-General in 29 C/Resolution 87, paragraph 4, to prepare the final version of this text. It also requested him to propose such additional modifications as he might deem appropriate.

(2) In order to give effect to that resolution, the Director-General set up a working group composed of individuals qualified in the six working languages of the General Conference. This working group was assisted by Secretariat language experts.

(3) The proposed amendments and their consequences for the different language versions of the Rules of Procedure were discussed exhaustively by the members of the working group. Linguistic improvements

affect some versions only. The different language versions of the texts reproduced in the annex to document 30 C/21 are therefore not identical.

(4) In order to facilitate examination of that document, a table was drawn up by the Secretariat showing the amendments and improvements made in each language, rule by rule.

(5) Following an exchange of views, the Legal Committee recommended that the General Conference adopt a draft resolution on this item.²

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1. The General Conference took note of this report at its 24th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1999.
 2. This draft resolution was adopted by the General Conference (30 C/Resolution 79).

ELEVENTH REPORT¹

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001, PART III: SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMME EXECUTION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY COMMISSION I FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE LEGAL VALIDITY OF AN AGREEMENT

Item 3.3 of the agenda

(1) In a letter of 4 November 1999 the Chairperson of Commission I submitted a request from the Commission that the Legal Committee consider the legal validity of an agreement signed by the representative of the Director-General of UNESCO, on 3 November 1999, and by the representatives of Walt Disney Attractions Inc. and McDonald's Corporation, on 22 October 1999. This request was made in the framework of item 3.3 "Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001, Part III - Support for Programme Execution".

(2) The Legal Committee regretted that it had not been given sufficient information. Not only had it not been given a complete file enabling the text of the agreement to be seen in its context, but the text had been submitted in English only, which prevented some members from assessing its content and its precise terms.

Furthermore, no information had been brought to the attention of the Committee regarding the reasons which might have led Commission I to believe that the legal validity of the agreement was questionable.

(3) Following a statement by the Legal Adviser, the Committee considered that if it was to respond to the request from Commission I, that is, to give its opinion on the legal validity of the agreement, it could not be prevented from addressing any aspect of the matter that it considered relevant during its debate.

(4) Thus, the Legal Committee noted with satisfaction the considerably improved nature of the most recent version of the agreement, signed on 3 November 1999, as regards the protection of the use of the name of UNESCO and its emblem, as compared with the first

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1. This report was transmitted to Commission I together with a note by the Chairperson of the Legal Committee, on 8 November 1999.

version signed on 1 October 1999, which has now been invalidated.

(5) In the course of a far-reaching debate, various arguments were exchanged on matters including:

- the applicability and observance of the Guidelines for mobilizing private funds and criteria for selecting potential partners of UNESCO (156 EX/Decision 9.4 of the Executive Board);
- the applicability and observance of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions (section K of the Manual of the General Conference, Article VI);
- the capacity of the person signing the agreement on behalf of UNESCO to legally commit the Organization, and the consequences to be drawn from this.

(6) Various statements were made concerning the appropriateness of such an agreement, having regard to the purpose and functions of UNESCO and to the advantages the Organization stood to gain therefrom.

Some members stressed the distinction which needed to be drawn between, on the one hand, the appropriateness of concluding the agreement and the substantive nature of its clauses, and, on the other, its legality. Several delegates deplored the fact that the Member States had not been sufficiently informed or consulted before such an important agreement was concluded.

(7) The Legal Committee was in the end obliged to observe that no relevant, clear legal text incontestably applicable to the situation under consideration existed. While deploring that fact, the Committee drew therefrom the conclusion that it was not in a position to give a final legal reply, in conditions of urgency, to the question which had been put to it by Commission I. Although doubts had been raised as to whether the agreement had been concluded with Walt Disney Attractions Inc. and McDonald's Corporation under the requisite conditions, those doubts had not led the Legal Committee to go as far as to declare the agreement invalid.