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Saturday, 30 October 1999

Programme of meetings

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| 9 a.m. | BUR | General Committee | X |
| 10 a.m. | PLEN | PLENARY MEETING | I |
| | COM I | Commission I | XII |
| | LEG | Legal Committee | VI |



France is going over to Winter Time during the night of Saturday, 30 October to Sunday, 31 October. Do not forget to set your watches back by one hour.

Thirtieth session / Paris

General Conference

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Agenda of Meetings

Saturday, 30 October

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Agenda item</i> | <i>Documents</i> | <i>Room</i> |
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| <u>General Committee</u> | | | |
| 9 a.m. | 3rd meeting | | X |
| <u>Plenary meeting</u> | | | |
| 10 a.m. | 9th meeting | | I |
| | 13.4 Request for admission of The Cayman Islands as Associate member of the Organization (Communication from the United Kingdom) General policy debate | 30 C/33 | |
| <u>Commission I</u> | | | |
| 10 a.m. | 7th meeting | | XII |
| | Debate 3 | | |
| | 4.9 Proposals by Member States for the celebration of anniversaries in 2000-2001 | 30 C/18 | |
| | 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 Reply by the representative of the Director-General to debate 3 Recommendations concerning the items relating to debate 3 | 30 C/32 and Add. | |
| <u>Administrative Commission</u> | | | |
| 10 a.m. | 7th meeting | | XI |
| | 3.2 Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling for 2000-2001 | 30 C/5 and Corr. | |
| | 9.8 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules | 30 C/41 | |
| | 9.9 Staff salaries, allowances and benefits | 30 C/42 | |
| | 9.10 Implementation of personnel policy and geographical distribution | 30 C/43 and Add. | |

Legal Committee

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| 10 a.m. | 8th meeting | | VI |
| 6.6 | Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions for UNESCO | 30 C/57 | |
| 6.7 | Revised Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission | 30 C/58 | |

List of speakers: Plenary meeting

The following speakers are scheduled to take part in general policy debate in the morning of Saturday 30 October, and in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 2 November, subject to approval by the General Committee at its third meeting at 9 a.m. on 30 October 1999.

List of speakers for Saturday, 30 October

Morning

Czech Republic
Sudan
Romania
Papua New Guinea
Holy See
Mongolia
Croatia
Fiji
Mexico
Armenia
Brazil
Guinea-Bissau
Togo
Belgium
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Organization of African Unity (OAU)

List of speakers for Tuesday, 2 November

Morning

Myanmar
Samoa
Lao People's Democratic
Republic
Portugal
Hungary
Eritrea
Liberia
United Republic of
Tanzania
Madagascar
Republic of Moldova
Aruba
Senegal
UNESCO/NGO Liaison
Committee

Afternoon

Guyana
Netherlands
Algeria
Burundi
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Djibouti
Federated States of Micronesia
Chad
United Nations Development Programme
(UNDP)
Mauritania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Solomon Islands
Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf
States (ABEGS)
Kyrgyzstan

Visit of the Vice-President of the Republic
of Gabon (time to be confirmed)

Statements are limited to 8 minutes for delegations of Member States and to 4 minutes for observers. Please provide at least six advance copies of statements to the list of Speakers Office (S.383, ① 82133).

Visit of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
Mr Mohammad Khatami, 29 October

The President of the General Conference, Ms J. Moserová and the Director-General, Mr Federico Mayor, each welcomed in turn H.E. Mr Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The President then delivered his speech.

Summaries of meetings Friday, 29 October

The summaries of the previous day's meetings **are not official records** of the proceedings of the General Conference.

Verbatim records are drawn up of all Plenary meetings of the General Conference. Sound recordings are made of meetings of the Commissions and Committees, unless otherwise decided by the General Conference.

General Committee / Friday, 29 October

Second meeting " 10 a.m.

Chairperson: Ms. J. Moserová (Czech Republic)

Item 1 Adoption of the provisional agenda

The General Committee adopted the agenda of its second meeting (30 C/BUR/6).

Item 2 Progress of work of commissions and committees

The General Committee took note of the progress of the work of Commission I, the Administrative Commission, the Nominations Committee and the Legal Committee.

On the suggestion of the Administrative Commission, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it extend the deadline for Member States to address to the Director-General their communications concerning the provisions on article IV C para. 8(c) of the Constitution to Tuesday, 2 November at 1 p.m.

Item 3 ***Request for the addition of a new item entitled Plan Arabia to the agenda of the General Conference***
(30 C/BUR/4.)

The General Committee unanimously decided to recommend to the General Conference that the item be added to the agenda, as proposed in document 30 C/BUR/4.

Item 4 ***Decisions concerning DRs having budgetary implications***
(30 C/BUR/7)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it approve the procedures proposed in document 30 C/BUR/7 for examining draft resolutions having budgetary implications.

Item 5 ***List of speakers***
(30 C/BUR/8)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it approve the list of speakers appearing in document 30 C/BUR/8.

Item 6 ***Tribute to the Director-General***
(30 C/BUR/9)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it approve the scenario proposed by the Chairperson and appearing in document 30 C/BUR/9, as well as the draft resolution appended to this document.

Item 7 ***Request by the UNESCO Staff Association that it be allowed to take the floor during the debate on points 6.3, 9.9 and 9.10 of the agenda of the General Conference***

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it accede to the request of the UNESCO Staff Association.

Item 8 ***Request by the International Staff Association of UNESCO that it be allowed to take the floor during the debate on points 9.1, 9.9 and 9.10 of the agenda of the General Conference***

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it accede to the request of the International Staff Association UNESCO.

Plenary Meeting / Friday, 29 October

Seventh meeting " 10.45 a.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Ms L. Faxas (Dominican Republic) |
| <i>Followed by:</i> | Ms J. Moserová (Czech Republic) |
| <i>Followed by:</i> | Mr G. Gilavogui (Guinea) |

Report of the second meeting of the General Committee

The Chairperson reported on the work of the General Committee.

The General Conference approved all the recommendations of the General Committee.

General policy debate

The President of the General Conference gave the floor to the following speakers:

Mr Louis Galea, Minister of Education and Culture (Malta), Mr Izzat Jaradat, Minister of Education (Jordan), Mr Luis Ignacio Gómez Gutierrez, Minister of Education (Cuba), Mr Rimantas Slizys, Deputy Minister of Education and Science (Lithuania), Mr Mostafa Moin, Minister of Culture and Higher Education (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. Edward Khiddu Makubuya, Minister of Education and Sports (Uganda), Mr Mohamed Ahmed Alaswad, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), Mr Mohammed Abdul Rahim Kafoud, Minister of Education and Higher Education (Qatar), Mr Burchell Whiteman, Minister of Education and Culture (Jamaica), Mr Pierre Nzila, Minister of Primary, Secondary and Higher Education (Congo), Mr Jerzy Kloczowski, President of the National Commission to UNESCO (Poland), Mr Abderrahim Zouari, Minister of Education (Tunisia), Mr Ali Abdul Aziz Al Sharhan, Minister of Education and Youth (United Arab Emirates), Mr Irakli Menagarishvili, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Georgia), Mr Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, Minister for Education (Kenya), Mr Guillermo Vargas Salazar, Minister of Education (Costa Rica), Mr Ken Lipenga, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture (Malawi), Ms Edith Tamagnini, Ambassador, Permanent delegate to UNESCO (San Marino).

Eighth meeting 3 p.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Ms J. Moserová (Czech Republic) |
| <i>Followed by:</i> | Mr G. Vargas Salazar (Costa Rica) |
| <i>Followed by:</i> | Ms J. Moserová (Czech Republic) |

General policy debate

The President of the General Conference gave the floor to the following speakers:

Ms Anna-Maria Totomanova, Deputy Minister of Education and Sciences (Bulgaria), Mr Philippe Sawadogo, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (Burkina Faso), Mr Polad Bülbüloğlu, Minister of Culture (Azerbaijan), Mr Gerassimos Arsenis, Minister of Education (Greece), Mr Nguyen Dy Nien, President of National Commission for UNESCO (Viet Nam), Mr Yog Prasad Upadhyay, Minister of Education (Nepal), Mr Olexander Maidannyk, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ukraine), Mr Ouranios Ioannides, Minister of Education and Culture (Cyprus), Mr Reverend Abednego Ntshangase, Minister of Education (Swaziland), Mr Abdul Aziz Al-Fadhel, Minister of Education (Bahrain), Mr Younouss Hameye Dicko, Minister of Secondary, Higher Education and Scientific Research (Mali), Mr Muhammad Ghassam Al-Halabi, Minister of Education (Syrian Arab Republic), Mr John Mutorwa, Minister of Basic Education and Culture (Namibia), Mr Jorge Rebelo Chicoty, Deputy Minister for External Relations (Angola), Mr Evelyn Jacir de Lovo, Minister of Education (El Salvador), Mr Ponatshego Kedikilwe, Minister of Education (Botswana), Mr Bärufuss, Ambassador (Switzerland), Mr Emmanuel Mudidi, Minister of Education (Rwanda), Ms Ann Therese N'Dong-Jatta, Secretary of State for Education (Gambia), Mr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director-General (Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization).

Commission I / Friday, 29 October

Fifth meeting - 10 a.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Ms Juana Silvera Nuñez (Cuba) |
| <i>Items considered:</i> | 6.1, 3.3 Examination 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, 5.4 |
| <i>Documents examined:</i> | 30 C/22, Add. and Corr., 30 C/5 (Section 1: paras 12001-12404B), 30 C/6 (para. 34), 30 C/INF.9 |

Item 6.1 Adoption of the Statutes of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (30 C/22, Add. and Corr.)

The Chairperson invited the director for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics to present the item.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation): *Germany, Hungary, France, Gambia, Japan, Argentina, Zimbabwe, China, Malaysia, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, Finland, Equatorial Guinea, Cuba, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Sri Lanka, Botswana, South Africa.*

The Commission reached a decision on its recommendation concerning this agenda item, which will be included in its report.

Debate 2 was introduced by the President.

Item 3.3 Examination 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 (30 C/5 (Section 1: paras 12001-12404B), 30 C/6 (para. 34))

Item 5.4 Visibility of UNESCO in the Member States (30 C/INF.9)

On behalf of the Director-General the directors of the UNESCO Publishing Office, the Office of Monthly Periodicals, the Office of Public Information, and the Chief of the Information and Library Division then introduced their programmes.

Sixth meeting " 3 p.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Ms Juana Silvera Nuñez (Cuba) |
| <i>Items considered:</i> | 3.3 Examination 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, 5.4 |
| <i>Documents examined:</i> | 30 C/5 (Section 1: paras 12001-12404B), 30 C/6 (para. 34), 30 C/INF.9 |

Debate 2 (cont'd)

Item 3.3 Examination 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

(30 C/5 (Section 1: paras 12001-12404B), 30 C/6 (para. 34))

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation): *Sweden, Hungary, Ukraine, Gambia, Japan, China, Canada, Malaysia, Egypt, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Spain, Finland, France, Monaco, Italy, New Zealand, Germany, Côte d'Ivoire, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Australia, Bhutan, Brazil, Norway, Yemen, South Africa, Lebanon, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Morocco, Benin, Lithuania, Algeria, Uganda.*

On behalf of the Director-General the Chief of the Information and Library Division and the directors of the UNESCO Publishing Office, the Office of Monthly Periodicals, the Office of Public Information replied to questions raised during debate 2.

The Commission reached a decision on its recommendation concerning this item, which will be included in its report.

Item 5.4 Visibility of UNESCO

(30 C/INF.9)

The Commission recommends to the General Conference to take note of document 30 C/INF.9.

Administrative Commission / Friday, 29 October

Fifth meeting -- 10.50 a.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Mr. Russell Marshall (New Zealand) |
| <i>Items considered:</i> | 9.5, 9.6, 9.11 |
| <i>Documents examined:</i> | 30 C/38, 30 C/39 and Corr., 30 C/44 |

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

The item was introduced by the Chairperson and the representative of the Director-General.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation):
Austria, Canada.

The Commission reached a decision on its recommendation concerning this agenda item, which will be included in its report.

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.)

The item was introduced by the Chairperson and the Representative of the Director-General.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation):
Canada, Zambia.

The Commission reached a decision on its recommendation concerning this item, which will be included in its report.

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

The item was introduced by the representative of the Director-General.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation):
India, Barbados, Austria, Belarus, Norway, Lebanon, Ghana, Spain, Germany, Austria, Finland.

The Commission reached a decision on its recommendation concerning this item, which will be included in its report.

Sixth meeting 3.25 p.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Mr Russell Marshall (New Zealand) |
| <i>Items considered:</i> | 9.8, 9.12, 9.13, 9.14 |
| <i>Documents examined:</i> | 30 C/41, 30 C/45 and Add, 30 C/55, 30 C/ INF.14 and Add., 30 C/60 and Add. and Add. 2 |

Item 9.8 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

(30 C/41)

The item was introduced by the Chairperson.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation):
Saint Lucia, South Africa, Angola, Uganda, Finland.

The Commission decided to continue its discussion of this item on Tuesday, 2 November.

Item 9.12 Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund and appointment of Member State's representatives to the Board of Management for 2000-2001

(30 C/45 and Add)

The item was introduced by the Representative of the Director-General.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation):
Angola, Germany, People's Republic of Laos, Austria, South Africa, Australia, Norway, India, Uganda, Cameroon.

The Commission reached a decision on its recommendation concerning this item, which will be included in its report.

Item 9.13 Consequences of the switch to the euro

(30 C/55, 30 C/ INF.14 and Add)

The item was introduced by the Delegate of Finland on behalf of the European Union.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation):
Canada, Colombia, Angola, Austria, France, Japan, Côte d'Ivoire, Norway, Uganda, Germany, Finland.

The Commission reached a decision on its recommendation concerning this item, which will be included in its report.

Item 9.14 New management and monitoring instruments

(30 C/60 and Add and Add 2)

The item was introduced by the Chairperson and the Representative of the Director-General.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation): *India, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Uganda, Nigeria.*

The Commission reached a decision on its recommendation concerning this item, which will be included in its report.

Nominations Committee / Friday, 29 October

Third meeting -- 11 a.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Mr Eugène Philippe Djenno-Okoumba (Gabon) |
| <i>Items considered:</i> | 11.1 |
| <i>Documents examined:</i> | 30 C/NOM/2 and 30 C/NOM/INF.1 |

Item 11.1 Election of Members of the Executive Board

(30C/NOM/2 and 30C/NOM/INF.1)

The Committee considered item 11.1 of the agenda: Election of Members of the Executive Board.

The Chairperson specified that the practical arrangements of the election would be examined at the meeting on Friday, 5 November.

He recalled that any new candidacies or withdrawals should be confirmed in writing and that the list of candidates to the Executive Board would be definitely closed 48 hours before the voting, i.e. on Sunday, 7 November 1999 at 9.a.m.

The Committee took note of document 30 C/NOM/INF.1 without change.

The Chairperson informed the delegates that the election of Members of the Executive Board would be held on Tuesday, 9 November, the election of the External Auditor would be held on Wednesday, 10 November, and the election to subsidiary organs on Thursday, 11 November.

The next meeting of the Nominations Committee will be held on Wednesday, 3 November at 10 a.m. in Room IV to consider items 11.1: Election of Members of the Executive Board and 11.2 - 11.17 related to elections to committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs of the Conference, as well as the election of the External Auditor.

Legal Committee / Friday, 29 October

Sixth meeting " 10 a.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Mr Samuel Fernandez (Chile) |
| <i>Items considered:</i> | 6.2 |
| <i>Documents examined:</i> | 30 C/23 |

At the beginning of the session, the Chairperson proposed a change in the order of the items to be discussed. It was decided to take up item 6.2, discussion of DRs considered *prima facie* inadmissible by the Director-General, being taken up after examination of all other items on the Committee's agenda.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation): *Guatemala, Germany, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Kenya.*

Item 6.2 Establishment of the International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa

(30 C/23)

The item was introduced by the representative of the Director-General, the Director of the Institute. Members of the Committee then began examination of the Draft Statutes presented in Annex to document 30 C/23.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation): *Argentina, Kenya, Algeria, Lebanon, United Kingdom, Guatemala, Ghana, France, Cuba, Czech Republic, Germany, Turkey, Venezuela, Switzerland.*

Seventh meeting 3 p.m.

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Mr Samuel Fernandez (Chile) |
| <i>Items considered:</i> | 6.2, 6.6 |
| <i>Documents examined:</i> | (30 C/23; 30 C/57) |

***Item 6.2 Establishment of the International Institute for Capacity-Building
in Africa
Major Programme I
(30 C/23)***

The Committee continued its discussion of the draft statutes contained in the Annex to document 30 C/23, adopted the statutes as amended, and reached a decision concerning its recommendation to the General Conference on the resolution contained in paragraph 12 of document 30 C/23, as amended. This will be included in the Report of the Commission.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation): *Germany, Switzerland, Venezuela, Kenya, Islamic Republic of Iran, United Kingdom, Guatemala, France, Algeria, Lebanon, Argentina, Czech Republic, Iraq.*

***Item 6.6 Draft Statutes of the Standing Committee of National Commissions
for UNESCO
Part III: Support for Programme Execution
(30 C/57)***

The item was introduced by the representative of the Director-General, and the Director of the Division for Relations with National Commissions.

The Committee discussed legal and procedural questions concerning the draft Statutes. Discussion will continue at the eighth meeting.

The Delegations of the following countries took part in the discussion (in order of participation): *Argentina, Russian Federation, Germany, France, Turkey, United Kingdom, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Benin.*

Announcements

Official visit

His Excellency Mr Dijob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice President of the Republic of Gabon, will pay an official visit to the 30th session of the General Conference on Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

Draft resolutions

The names of countries which are **new co-originaors** or which are **adding their support** to that already expressed, are underlined in the following list:

- 30 C/DR.5 Submitted by: Latvia, Sweden
Supported by: Italy, Bulgaria, France, Poland, Czech Republic, Lithuania,
Belarus, Estonia, Russian Federation
- 30 C/DR.7Rev Submitted by: Netherlands, Egypt, South Africa, Finland
Supported by: Pakistan, France, Germany
(France and Germany are not co-authors of this draft resolution, as
previously indicated, but do support it.)
- 30 C/DR.21 Submitted by: Zimbabwe, Niger, Algeria, China, Benin, Gabon, Jamaica,
Indonesia
Supported by: Zambia, Kenya, Switzerland, Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea,
Malawi, Nigeria, Burundi, Chad
- 30 C/DR.27 Submitted by: Russian Federation, Gabon, Ghana, Honduras, Lithuania,
Poland, Cyprus, Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica, Georgia, Ukraine, Mali, Italy,
Cameroon, Belarus, Niger
Supported by: China, Haiti, Burundi, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago,
Mongolia, Senegal, Mozambique, Bahamas, Viet Nam, Bolivia
- 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
- 30 C/DR.38 Submitted by: Jamaica, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Uruguay,
Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Saint Lucia,
Barbados, Venezuela, Dominica, Saint Kitts and Nevis
Supported by: Dominican Republic, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

30 C/DR.39 Submitted by: Hungary
 Supported by: Netherlands

30 C/DR.69 Submitted by: Mali
 Supported by: Poland

30 C/DR.76 Submitted by: Slovakia
 Supported by: Czech Republic, Poland

30 C/COM.III/DR.1 Submitted by: Monaco
 Supported by: France

Changes in delegations

Bolivia: In the absence of H. E. Mr. Tito Hoz de Vila, the delegation is headed by H. E. Mr Gonzalo Campero Paz, as from 29 October.

Malaysia: In the absence of H. E. Mr Dato' Sri Mohamed Najib, the delegation is headed by Mr Ahmad Hussein, as from 28 October.

Uganda: In the absence of H. E. Mr Edward Khiddu Makubuya, the delegation is headed by Mr Nathan Ndoboli, as from 29 October.

Round Tables

Round Table of Ministers of Culture:
Culture and creativity in a Globalized World
2 November - Room X or II
Contact: Mr Y. Isar (☎ 84408)

Youth Forum
3 to 5 November
Contact: Youth Coordination Unit (☎ 81653/81654)

Following the decision adopted by the Executive Board at its 156th session, a Youth Forum will take place with a participation of 120 youth delegates representing 100 Members States. The Forum will comprise five sessions and, as the Executive Board stipulated, "will discuss all the Organization's future aims and activities". The sessions will include a briefing on the new "Strategy for UNESCO's Action with and for Youth and the Programme and Budget 2000-2001 (30 C/5)". It will establish a partnership between the UNESCO Secretariat and youth in the Member States, and provide a space for youth delegates to make their views heard in order to better reflect young people's needs.

Meetings and events

Promotion of the Status of Women

2 November - Hall IX - 9.30 a.m.

An introduction to *Women Creators of the Two Seas: the Mediterranean and the Black Sea*, to be presented in September 2000 at the 2nd Festival of Thessaloniki. Present at the stand will be UNESCO's Director-General Federico Mayor, Ms Ketyy Tzitsikosta, President of Thessaloniki's UNESCO Centre, and Ms Wassyla Tamzali, Director of the Programme for the Promotion of the Status of Women in the Mediterranean Region.

Natural Sciences Sector

29 and 30 October - Hall Ségur

The stand is open every day from 26 October to 17 November. It offers information about the different activities of the sector as well as the World Conference on Science.

The following themes will be highlighted:

30 October: General Committee for Coordination of Environmental Programmes

2 to 3 November: Water Sciences and the International Hydrological Programme

4 to 5 November: Oceanography and the International Oceanographic Commission

Visitors to the stand are invited to surf on the Science Sector web, and to view videos as well as a Powerpoint presentation of the sector's activities. Documentation will be available.

Education Sector

On Saturday morning, 30 October, the Education Sector's Exhibition Stand in Fontenoy will be devoted to UNESCO activities undertaken in the field of the reconstruction, reform and development of the education systems in Member States.

The programme specialists in charge of these activities will be there to answer any questions related to their activities.

You can also consult the new web site on educational reconstruction and development at:

<http://www.unesco.org/education/educprog/erd/index.html>.

Culture Sector

Throughout the Conference, from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., the Culture Sector invites visitors to view its Internet site, CD-ROMs and videos at its stand in Hall Ségur.

Special themes of note:

2 November: Protection of the heritage: international standards

3 November: Intangible heritage and the collection of traditional music

Communications, Information and Informatics Sector

2 November - Hall Ségur – 2.30 p.m.

UNESCO Network of Associated Libraries (UNAL), presentation by Joie Springer, Information and Informatics Division

3 November - Hall Ségur - 2.30 p.m.

Central Asia and Arab States: Building communication capacities, presentation by Martin Hadlow of UNESCO's Amman Office.

World Heritage

12th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

The 12th session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention ended on 29 October with the election of seven new members of the World Heritage Committee. The following States Parties were elected for a six-year mandate: Belgium, China, Colombia, Egypt, Italy, Portugal and South Africa.

The General Assembly also adopted a draft resolution on the importance of an equitable representation within the World Heritage Committee and the mechanisms to augment its membership.

Fourth Extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee

30 October - Room II - 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Contact: V. Vujicic-Lugassy, WHC (☎ 81889)

This session will be held to elect the members of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee, consisting of the Chairperson of the Committee, the Rapporteur and five Vice-Chairpersons.

Religious announcement

Mass for Conference Participants

The Permanent Observer of the Holy See to UNESCO announced that a mass will be celebrated for participants of the 30th session of the General Conference on Saturday, 30 October, at 6.30 p.m. Participants of all faiths are invited to come together to share their prayers for the success of the Conference.

Miscellaneous

- “ A new **Provisional List of Participants**, document LD Prov. Add and Corr. (30 C) will be issued shortly.

- “ **The Conference Journal is now on-line.** To locate the Journal site on the Internet:
 - Type in <http://www.unesco.org>
 - Click on **General Conference**
 - Then click on **Journal** in lower right-hand corner

- “ **Meeting room reservations** (correction to page 37 of the General Conference guide). The Secretariat will make every effort to accommodate requests from Delegations wishing to hold unofficial meetings, depending on the availability of space and personnel. Delegations should direct their requests to the Meeting room reservation service (Ms M. S. Garrido, office S.385, ☎ 85025).

- ◆ For any information about General Conference programmes or procedures, do not hesitate to contact the **Delegates' Information Office** located in the Salle des Actes next to the Delegates' reception desk (☎ 81536, 85188).

- ◆ A **work and meeting space** is available to representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The **NGO Room** is located on the lower level (-1) of the main building, in S.007 (☎ 85129).

- ◆ A **Press Room** is available to journalists in Hall Miró (main building, office MR 19, Ms E. Salas C. Rossenbach, ☎ 81743).

- “ **Incoming telegrammes, telexes or faxes** to delegates should be addressed as follows:
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- ◆ In the **tent**, located in the Takis space between the main building and building III, a set-price **luncheon buffet** will be offered daily. The restaurant will be open from Wednesday, 27 October until Wednesday 17 November.

- ◆ To avoid disrupting the sessions, please ensure that all **portable telephones are switched off** during meetings.

Image Wall

Every day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the General Conference, the Image Wall in Hall Ségur will present news about the work of the Conference, along with interviews with delegates and documentary films on the activities of UNESCO, Members States and associated NGOs. A television news programme will be broadcast three times a day in English, French or Spanish.

Please note that Image Wall programming may be subject to change.

Suggestions for interviews should be addressed to the Image Wall office located behind the screen: Olga Poivre d'Arvor, Project Head, Peter Schneider or Bachir Cheik, Assistants (☎ 85005, Fax 85154).

Saturday, 30 October

9.30 am Info-flash: Euronews (in French)

**10 am-
1 p.m.** Documentary films: Sur la piste des caravanes (UNESCO); Parole de Tanit (Tunisia)

Provisional schedule of meetings

Tuesday, 2 November

| <i>Time</i> | | <i>Organ</i> | <i>Agenda item</i> | <i>Room</i> |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|---|-------------|
| 10 a.m. | PLEN | PLENARY MEETING | General policy debate | I |
| | COM I | Commission I | Debate 4 3.3, Part III 6.6 | XII |
| | ADM | Administrative Commission | 3.2, 9.8, 9.9, 9;10 | XI |
| | LEG | Legal Committee | 6.4, 5.3 | VI |
| 3 p.m. | PLEN | PLENARY MEETING | General policy debate | I |
| | COM I | Commission I | continuation of debate 4 3.3, Part III 6.6 | XII |
| | ADM | Administrative Commission | 9.10 cont'd 9.7 | XI |
| | LEG | Legal Committee | 5.3 | VI |