and have the flexibility to begin to implement, the decisions of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) even though this Summit will occur after the 32nd General Conference. If this flexibility is not included in the 32 C/5 Approved, UNESCO will not be able to participate in follow-up activities until two years after WSIS, by which time it will be too late to have any real influence.

Finally, in terms of capacity building for sustainable development, Canada supports the encouragement of international co-operation projects designed to provide access to traditional sources of information, including libraries, archives and community multi-media centres, through new information technologies. The 32 C/5 should therefore include a strong focus on ways to assist countries to build capacity and to develop access policies in the areas of information and communication technologies as a means to achieve a knowledge society.

Other Priorities: In response to the question about the designation of other priorities, the question of ethics is so pervasive and so central to UNESCO's mandate that a concerted effort should be made to ensure that an "ethics component" is integrated into all existing and future Programme activities and priorities.

Paragraph 9 – Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Action

Question 10

> Are the strategies for the two cross-cutting themes sufficiently well reflected in the action envisaged in document 31 C/5 Approved? What other measures should be adopted, in your opinion, to ensure the effective integration of these themes/strategies into the Organization's programmes?

Question 11

> Did document 31 C/5 Approved reflect sufficiently other intersectoral activities and efforts?

Question 12

> Do you support maintaining the inclusion in document 32 C/5 of projects pertaining to the two cross-cutting themes? Do you favour the renewed allocation of a specified amount for projects related to the two cross-cutting themes of document 31 C/4?