

for the removal of obstacles to the free flow of information; (b) providing press, radio and films with a work of reference, which will also be of value to certain sociological studies.

6.22 Removal of Obstacles to the Free Flow of Information. UNESCO will continue and intensify its efforts to remove existing obstacles to the free flow of ideas by word and image.

6.221 To that end, the Director-General is instructed:

6.2211 To collect and analyse on a continuing basis objective information on obstacles to the free flow of information, and to publish or arrange for the publication of special studies on the problems of newsprint and low-priced radio receiving sets.

6.2212 To offer the services of UNESCO to the United Nations in matters concerning freedom of information, and particularly in the publication of reports and the conduct of studies which will assist the work of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information; and, in consultation with the United Nations, to prepare for submission to the General Conference a report and recommendations on a plan of work for meeting in full UNESCO's obligation to promote the freedom of information.

6.222 The General Conference recommends to Member States:

6.2221 That they recognize the right of citizens to listen freely to broadcasts from other countries;

6.2222 That where currency exchange control is in force, they should maintain at present levels, and if possible increase, the amount of foreign exchange allocated to the purchase from abroad of educational, scientific, and cultural books and periodicals;

6.2223 That war-devastated and other countries which lack sufficient hard currency, should take all possible steps to meet their needs for educational, scientific and cultural materials by the exchange of goods between themselves and other soft-currency countries in that region of the world;

6.2224 That they take all necessary steps to ensure that goods and services essential for the development of education, science and culture be included in trade agreements with other soft-currency countries in that region of the world.

6.223 The Director-General is instructed; to analyse such obstacles to the free movement between nations of persons and of educational, scientific and cultural materials as derive from currency and customs regulations, transport costs and lack of transport facilities and other laws and regulations; to submit proposals to the General Conference for recommendations to Member States of measures to reduce these obstacles; and to use the facilities of UNESCO to initiate and organize schemes to minimize these obstacles.

To this end, he shall:

6.2231 Complete the study and discussions with governments and appropriate organizations in selected soft-currency and hard-currency countries, develop a plan of action for a compensation scheme, based upon special facilities for