

6.6 Recommendations to Member States

It is recommended to Member States:

- 6.61 That they take steps to ensure the supply of books and related material to public libraries and the libraries of learned institutions and societies at lowest possible cost; and in particular that efforts be made to ensure their supply to these libraries by publishers on the same terms as those available to booksellers and other dealers;
- 6.62 That they promote the compilation and publication of select national bibliographies of current "best books" relevant to Unesco's aims; the lists to include brief descriptions of each work, to be translated, if possible, into the more important languages;
- 6.63 That they draw up, in consultation with their National Commissions, lists of the ten or more representative literary works best suited to provide understanding of their respective countries and cultures; and to ensure that these lists are printed and circulated;
- 6.64 That they set up national book centres as parts of an international system for the exchange and distribution of publications;
- 6.65 That they reduce or eliminate import duties upon books destined for their national book exchange and distribution centres and, so far as possible, reduce transport costs thereon.

6.7 Copyright

Unesco shall consider, as a matter of urgency, and with due regard to existing agreements, the problem of improving Copyright on a world-wide basis.

To this end the Director-General is instructed:

- 6.71 To arrange for a comparative and critical study of Copyright problems and of the ways in which they are solved in various countries and between countries, bearing in mind the purpose of furthering universal respect for justice and extending the rule of law and of the essential freedoms;
- 6.72 To ensure that, in these studies, the rights and needs of authors, publishers, workers and the public are carefully considered, and that Unesco invites representatives of these groups to take part in all committees, commissions, or meetings of experts;
- 6.73 To give due regard to the recommendations of the Committee of Experts which met in 1949, and after consultation with the United Nations, to assemble any documentation and all useful information with a view to the drafting and adoption of a universal Convention on Copyright.

To this end:

- 6.731 He shall invite all States, members of Unesco or not, to make known their point of view on the timeliness of convening an inter-governmental conference charged with the preparation of such a Convention, and on the essential provisions which it should contain;
- 6.732 On the basis of replies received and intervening consultations, and after having been advised by a Committee of Experts, he shall prepare and submit to the General Conference a summary report containing, if then applicable, detailed proposals on the procedure to adopt for the convocation of an inter-governmental conference entrusted with the preparation of a universal Convention on Copyright.