

- 7.223 To submit proposals to the General Conference for the recommendation to Member States of measures to eliminate these obstacles;
- 7.224 To initiate and organize schemes for reducing and eliminating these obstacles and to collaborate to this end with the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies;
- 7.225 To offer the services of UNESCO to the United Nations in matters concerning freedom of information, and particularly by the publication of reports and the conduct of studies which will assist the work of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information;
- 7.226 To forward to Member States and to States Members of the United Nations not being Members of UNESCO, the completed text of the Draft Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials recommended to UNESCO by the Third Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, inviting their comments;
- 7.2261 To convene a meeting to which interested governments would be invited to send, at their own expense, experts or representatives who would consider the Draft Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, together with the Draft Agreement to Facilitate the International Circulation of Publications, and prepare a single revised text;
- 7.2262 To submit to the Fifth Session of the General Conference a report and, if possible, a text for adoption by the Conference;
- 7.227 To study, in co-operation with the Universal Postal Union, a scheme for the issue of UNESCO postage stamps in order to lower and unify postal charges for correspondence between teachers and pupils of the schools of different countries.
- 7.228 Recommendations to Member States.
It is recommended to Member States:
- 7.2281 That they recognize the right of citizens to listen freely to broadcasts from other countries;
- 7.2282 That, where currency exchange control is in force, they 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;
- 7.2283 That war-devastated countries, and other countries which lack sufficient hard currency, take all possible steps to meet their needs for educational, scientific and cultural material by the exchange of goods between themselves and other soft-currency countries in the same region of the world;
- 7.2284 That soft-currency countries 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;
- 7.2285 That they examine existing national regulations and practices governing the importation and purchase of education, scientific and cultural material, with a view to introducing or extending especially favourable treatment for such material;
- 7.2286 That they reduce and, if possible, abolish customs duties on original works of creative art;
- 7.2287 That they allow accredited museums to import material required by them free of duty;
- 7.2288 That they report to the General Conference on the action taken under the preceding three clauses;