

With respect to UNESCO's relations with the United Nations and with other specialized agencies, the General Conference agreed to accept the general convention on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies as modified by special clauses relating to UNESCO. Member States were requested to accede to this convention and to undertake to apply its provisions to UNESCO. A resolution was adopted providing for an amendment to the agreement between the United Nations and UNESCO in order to allow the use of the United Nations laissez-passer by officials of UNESCO. Other resolutions were adopted calling for co-ordination of policies and activities and budgetary practices of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

The relations of UNESCO with various international inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations were reviewed by the Official and External Relations Commissions. Approval was given to resolutions concerning agreements with the International Bureau of Education, the International Council of Museums, the International Council of Scientific Unions, International Studies Confer-

ence, and with the World Federation of United Nations Associations. Consultative arrangements made by the Executive Board with approximately seventy organizations were also approved. A detailed directive on UNESCO's relations with and payments to international non-governmental and semi-governmental organizations was adopted.

The Official and External Relations Committee also considered various resolutions presented by Member States. The Austrian delegation proposed that the Director-General should study the possibility of creating an International Union of organizations working for peace or promoting international understanding. The General Conference instructed the Director-General to report on this project at the Fourth Session. The Indian delegation proposed the establishment of an Institute of Cultural Co-operation for South and East Asia, and the Secretariat was directed to study this suggestion in 1949. A United States recommendation that a section on labour relations be established in the Secretariat was similarly referred to the Director-General.