

5.52212 To promote the organization, maintenance and development of national book exchange and distribution centres, and to provide liaison between them.

5.5222 The General Conference recommends to Member States:

5.52221 That they set up national book centres as parts of an international system for the exchange and distribution of publications.

5.52222 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.

5.6 Publications

5.61 Reproduction of Periodicals. To promote the reproduction by microfilm, photo-lithography or by other suitable methods of out-of-print periodicals in selected fields of education, science and culture so as to supply the needs of libraries in Member States particularly in war-devastated areas.

To that end he is requested to ascertain needs, establish priorities and develop a scheme for reproduction and distribution.

5.62 Agreements for Publication Exchanges. The Director-General is instructed to promote, through inter-governmental agreements, agreements between national exchange centres and otherwise, the increase and improvement of exchange of publications, both official and other, between governments, non-governmental institutions and research libraries.

5.63 Publications Subsidy Fund. The Director-General is instructed to consider the possibility of the establishment of a special fund to assist the publication of works of importance in the field of science and learning, designed for a limited audience, and to report thereon to the General Conference.

5.7 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.

5.71 The Director-General is instructed:

5.711 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 the essential freedoms.

He should throughout co-operate closely with the United Nations and endeavour to keep in touch with the current activities and accomplishments of the non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations dealing with copyright. In these activities he should avoid entering into any commitments.

5.712 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 or experts.

5.713 To circulate among Member States for comment the results of the comparative study mentioned above (5.811.) and the replies to the questionnaire already circulated, in preparation for a meeting of experts to consider these