

- (e) implementing action-oriented programmes, with a view to development and in favour of the developing countries in particular".

With regard to the problems of priority areas which you have identified in replying to the previous questions, do you have any suggestions to make concerning the forms which Unesco's action should take during the eighties?

Background:

It should be fairly clear that these three questions are essentially the same. Question 3 deals with only part of question 10 (10(b) a) and b)). Question 4 does not specifically refer to Unesco and it is not clear what is meant by "lines of emphasis." To the extent that it refers to actions Unesco can take, it will adequately be covered by a response to Question 10.

The forms of actions suggested by the General Conference in paragraph 2 of 21C/Resolution 100 have been reiterated before and represent some international consensus on what Unesco should be doing.

Considerations:

It is suggested that the responses to these questions be made with reference to the role of Unesco, that is, that responses to questions 3 and 4 be referred to question 10. But it is suggested that the response be given immediately following the questions on world problems, since it is logically the next step to consider what Unesco could do in relation to these problems. The responses to these questions provide an opportunity to say something about the objectives that the Organization should set for itself in the second Medium-Term Plan. The language used in defining the forms of action (in Question 10) is reminiscent of the way in which objectives were formulated in the first Medium-Term Plan.

Since one of the concerns about the first Medium-Term Plan was that there were too many objectives, it would be useful to think of ways in which the number of objectives could be reduced. A reduction in the number of world problems addressed has already been suggested. Another suggestion might be to select a limited number of objectives with respect to each world problem that would indicate what the Organization plans to do in relation to that problem. If the assumption is made, as it is in paragraph 2 of 21C/Resolution 100, that the same forms of action would be pursued in relation to each of the global problems, it would be useful to suggest that the forms of action indeed be considered the objectives of the Organization. The logical structure of the plan and programme of Unesco could then be fairly simple and could be represented by a matrix of the world problems and the objectives with respect to them: