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ACTION TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE

- (A) Agreement to Facilitate the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural Character: Canadian instruments of acceptance have been deposited. Regulations and instructions which give effect to the Agreement are in force.
- (B) Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials - The Canadian Government and interested organizations in Canada sympathize with the purpose of this agreement but cannot agree with the particular proposals embodied in it. The Agreement does not bind signatories to remove protective restrictions of their copyright laws or quantitative import controls. It leaves these real obstacles untouched while binding countries to abolish their tariffs, which in most cases are not the real impediments to the free movement of the materials concerned.
- (C) The Universal Copyright Convention - During the years under review Canada was represented on the Permanent Committee of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Berne Union) and took steps to implement the resolutions of the Union. The relative merits of the Universal Copyright Convention and the International Copyright Convention are being carefully reviewed.
- (D) Proposed International Instrument with a View to Eliminating Obstacles to the Free Movement of Persons Travelling for Educational, Scientific and Cultural Purposes - Existing Canadian legislation extends practically all of the facilities covered by the draft instrument. Several of the operative parts of the proposal are outside the authority of the Government of Canada either because they come within the competence of the provinces of Canada or within the sphere of action of private organizations which might hesitate to grant as a right privileges which they already extend at their discretion. It was suggested that UNESCO's efforts should be closely co-ordinated with those of the International Monetary Fund, the International Labour Organization and other agencies.