

tomorrow were to be peopled by desperate souls, it would be doomed to the most atrocious of wars.

Unesco therefore appeals to its Member States, the National Commissions and international organizations to co-operate in a charitable work which is justified by the most natural of human sentiments as well as by the duty of constructing more stable defences of peace in the minds of men.

9.4 Aid To Victims of the Earthquake in Ecuador

The General Conference,

Taking cognizance of the statements made by delegates of Member States concerning the situation in Ecuador resulting from the recent earthquake, and considering the resolution of the Economic and Social Council of 13 August 1949 concerning this matter,

Instructs the Director-General:

(a) To co-operate actively with the United Nations and other Specialized Agencies concerned with the victims of the recent earthquake in Ecuador;

(b) To address an appeal to donor organizations to contribute towards meeting these needs, and for this purpose to provide information and to take such other action as is necessary in connexion with the appeal.

9.5 Publications

The General Conference,

Considering that in order to widen the sale and distribution of Unesco publications the Organization has established sales agreements with book-sellers in a number of Member States,

Considering that Member States have accepted the obligation to promote the free flow of ideas by word and image,

Considering that the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies, which has become applicable to Unesco, provides for or authorizes the unrestricted import, free of customs duty, of the official publications of the Specialized Agencies, and the right of Specialized Agencies to transfer their funds freely,

Considering that nevertheless certain Member States have established quotas, tariff barriers and other regulations limiting or subjecting to customs duties consignments of Unesco publications,

Considering that certain Member States have established regulations concerning the convertibility of currency which effectively retard or prohibit the transmission to Paris of proceeds from sales of Unesco literature,

Requests Member States to take immediately all the necessary steps with a view to enabling Unesco:

(a) to import its official publications freely and without customs duties, and to sell them within their territory;

(b) to transfer freely to Paris the revenue derived from the sale of such publications.