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**Taking account** of the fact that it was decided to ensure the full use of Arabic for the General Conference, beginning with the eighteenth session, and that the Executive Board decided at its 94th session that Arabic would be used in Board meetings,

1. **Decides** to consider Arabic as a working language at international and intergovernmental meetings convened by Unesco in which Arab States participate; and that Arabic will have the same status as the other working languages of such meetings;
2. **Invites** the Director-General to submit to the General Conference at its nineteenth session a scheme to provide, at such meetings, simultaneous interpretation and translation of documents into Arabic as from 1 January 1977.

44 Application to Unesco of the recommendations of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to examine the finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies

44.1 **The General Conference,**  
**Having examined** documents 18C/40 and 18C/41,  
**Takes note** of their contents.

45 Measures to make the execution of Unesco's programme more effective

45.1 **The General Conference,**  
**Having examined** document 18C/42,  
**Bearing in mind** resolutions 38.1 and 38.2 which it adopted at its seventeenth session,  
**Noting** the action taken by the Director-General in implementation of these resolutions, and in particular the establishment of a Management Division,  
**Recalling** the effort made to channel human and financial resources into Part II, Programme Operations and Services, with a view to the achievement of the objectives and ideals of Unesco,  
**Considering** that administrative expenses still represent too large a proportion of the total appropriation,  
1. **Invites** the Director-General, in consultation with the Executive Board:  
(a) to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Secretariat, in particular through the streamlining of its structure and methods of work;  
(b) to continue efforts towards achieving economies in administrative expenses;  
2. **Further invites** the Director-General to report to the General Conference at its nineteenth session on the specific action taken in execution of this resolution.

46 Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities

46.1 **The General Conference,<sup>1</sup>**  
**Recalling** resolution 5.91 adopted at its thirteenth session concerning the definition of regions with a view to the execution of regional activities in which the representative character of States is an important factor,  
**Conscious** of the fact that the groups listed in that resolution do not include all the Member States of Unesco,  
**Recognizing** the fundamental principle whereby every Member State has the right and duty to participate fully and regularly in the Organization's regional and international activities,  
**Desirous** of helping to ensure that every Member State may exercise this right and perform this duty,

1. Resolution adopted on the report of the Commission for General Programme Matters at the forty-second plenary meeting on 21 November 1974.

*Methods of work of the Organization*

**Having examined** document 18C/43 concerning the 'definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities',

**I. Decides** to supplement as follows the list, drawn up at its thirteenth session, of Member States empowered to participate in regional activities in which the representative character of States is an important factor:

**Member States**

Australia  
Bangladesh  
Barbados  
Canada  
German Democratic Republic  
Guinea-Bissau  
Guyana  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
Malta  
New Zealand  
Oman  
Portugal  
Singapore  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
United Arab Emirates  
United States of America

**Region**

Asia and Oceania  
Asia and Oceania  
Latin America and the Caribbean  
Europe  
Europe  
Africa  
Latin America and the Caribbean  
Asia and Oceania  
Europe  
Asia and Oceania  
Arab States  
Europe  
Asia and Oceania  
Europe and Asia and Oceania  
Arab States  
Europe

**Associate Members**

Namibia  
Papua New Guinea

**Region**

Africa  
Asia and Oceania

**2. Decides** to examine at its nineteenth session any outstanding questions, together with the cases of States which may become Members of the Organization after the adoption of this resolution.

47 Periodicity of the report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization

47.1 **The General Conference,**

**Having considered** the report submitted by the Executive Board on the periodicity of the Director-General's report on the activities of the Organization (doC. 18C/44),

**Bearing in mind** Articles V.B.9 and VI.3(b) of the Constitution,

**Decides** that the Director-General shall prepare and communicate to Member States and to the Executive Board a report on the activities of the Organization every two years, the period covered being 1 January of the first year of the biennium of the programme and budget to 31 December of the second year of the biennium.

48 Designation of International Years

48.1 **The General Conference,**

**Having considered** document 18C/107,

**Recognizing** the value of International Years for the celebration of especially important occasions, **Recognizing** also that the proliferation of such Years, without appropriate careful selection of the subjects for those Years, can be detrimental to their success and impact on world public opinion,

**1. Endorses** the proposals contained in paragraphs 3 to 8 of resolution 1800 (LV) adopted by the Economic and Social Council;