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TRANSFER TO UNESCO OF THE FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION AND UTILIZATION BY UNESCO OF THE ASSETS OF THE INSTITUTE TRANSFERRED TO THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Report and draft Resolution submitted by the Secretary-General.

I. INTRODUCTION

In its resolution of 12 February 1946 the General Assembly of the United Nations requested the Economic and Social Council "to survey the functions and activities of a non-political character which have hitherto been performed by the League of Nations, in order to determine which of them should, with such modifications as are desirable, be assumed by organs of the United Nations or be entrusted to specialized agencies which have been brought into relationship with the United Nations."

On 17 April 1946 the twenty-first and last Assembly of the League of Nations adopted the following draft resolutions:

1. "The ASSEMBLY thanks the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation (Paris) for the valuable collaboration which, since 1925, it has given to the League of Nations as the organ for the execution of the decisions and recommendations of the International Committee on International Co-operation.

2. "The ASSEMBLY,

"Being desirous of facilitating by all the means in its power the continuity of the work of intellectual co-operation;

"Considering that paragraph 7 of the letter of 8 December 1924, from the French Government to the President of the Council of the League of Nations provides that, in the event of the abolition of the Institute, any articles and, in particular, the archives and collections of documents deposited in the premises by the Governing Body, as well as any property which has been acquired by the Institute during its period of operation, shall remain the property of the League of Nations:

"Resolves to transfer the right of property mentioned above to the United Nations;

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"Instructs the Secretary-General of the League of Nations to take in due time, in conjunction with the Directorate of the Institute, the necessary measures for the execution of the present resolutions."

The Constitution of UNESCO (Article XI, Par. 2) provides that:

"Whenever the General Conference of this Organization and the competent authorities of any other specialized inter-governmental organizations or agencies whose purposes and functions lie within the competence of this Organization, deem it desirable to effect a transfer of their resources and activities to this Organization, the Director-General, subject to the approval of the Conference, may enter into mutually acceptable arrangements for this purpose."

Negotiations having begun with a view to an agreement between the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission of UNESCO and the Acting Director of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, the question was brought before the Economic and Social Council, at its meeting on 3 October 1946, voted the following resolution, for submission to the General Assembly of the United Nations:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, in view of the future transfer to UNESCO of the functions and activities of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation,

RECOMMENDS that

"1. The Preparatory Commission of UNESCO and the Institute be requested to undertake negotiations for this purpose forthwith

"2. The Secretary-General be authorized to study and to report the next meeting of the General Assembly concerning the conditions under which it will be appropriate to utilize the assets of the League of Nations in the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, bearing in mind the respective requirements of the United Nations and of UNESCO."

In accordance with the above recommendation, the Secretary-General has made a study of the assets of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation as drawn up in the attached annex, and has the honour to submit the following draft resolution to the Assembly:

II. DRAFT RESOLUTION

At its third session, the Economic and Social Council, in view of the future transfer to UNESCO of the functions and activities of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, recommends that:

"The Preparatory Commission of UNESCO and the Institute be requested to undertake negotiations for this purpose forthwith.

"The Secretary-General be authorized to study and report to the next meeting of the General Assembly concerning the conditions under which it will be appropriate to utilize the assets of the League of Nations in the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, bearing in mind the respective requirements of the United Nations and UNESCO."

The General Assembly has examined the report presented to it by the Secretary-General in accordance with the resolution of the Economic and Social Council and recognize that it is desirable to transfer to UNESCO the functions and activities of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation.

THEREFORE

1. The General Assembly recommends that as soon as possible after UNESCO has been definitely established, it shall take over, in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 2, of its Charter, such of the functions and activities of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation as may be performed within the scope of the programme adopted at the UNESCO General Conference, as set forth in the draft agreement between the United Nations and UNESCO, under the terms of Article 63 of the United Nations Charter.
2. The General Assembly further recommends that an agreement be concluded between UNESCO and the Institute before 31 December 1946, in order to facilitate the assumption by UNESCO of the functions and activities referred to in paragraph 1 of the present Resolution.

3. The General Assembly, in order to ensure, under the auspices of UNESCO, the continuity of the work performed by the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, invites the Secretary-General to authorize UNESCO to utilize the assets of the Institute transferred by the League of Nations to the United Nations.

ANNEX

ASSETS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION

It should be remembered that the building placed at the Institute's disposal by the French Government at No. 2, rue Montpensier, Paris, has always remained the property of the French Government into whose possession it will return on 31 December 1946, the date on which the Institute will close down.

Hence the Institute's assets only consist of movable objects which may be divided into the following categories:

(a) Office furniture and equipment. The cost value of office furniture and equipment amounts to 463,180 francs, which should be multiplied by the coefficient five in view of the general rise in prices since 1939. To the sum thus obtained should be added 763,000 francs for recent acquisitions. This gives a grand total of 3,079,500 francs.

(b) Archives and Distribution Service. The Archives of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation were created in 1928. They represent a considerable volume of documents, and contain the complete correspondence of the Institute since that date as well as a few files made up at earlier dates. The files are divided into groups, each group containing the correspondence dealing with a particular question.

The Distribution Service comprizes the documents concerning the work of the Intellectual Co-operation Organization.

(c) Library. The Institute's library mainly consists of volumes offered as gifts or in exchange for the Institute's own publications. It has therefore not been built up very systematically, and it has never been possible to remedy this owing to the very exiguous funds at the Institute's disposal.

(d) Publications of the Institute. Some of these publications, which cover the whole of the Institute's field of activity, are out of print; some are still available at the Institute in larger or smaller quantities.

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It should be noted ad memoriam that as at 31 December 1946 the Institute will have no funds in hand, since it has never been possible to apply properly the International Act of 1938 on Intellectual Co-operation.
