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INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

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1. Further to the information submitted on 1 March 1973 (A/9051/Add.1), herewith is a copy of the decision adopted by the Executive Board at its ninety-second session (25 April-12 May 1973) on item 5.5 of its agenda (see enclosure 1), in connexion with which the Board had before it document 92 EX/26 (see enclosure 2).
2. You will note that this decision of the Executive Board was taken in pursuance of resolution 10.1 of the General Conference at its seventeenth session, and taking into account resolutions 2795 (XXVI) of 10 December 1971, 2878 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and 2918 (XXVII) of 14 November 1972 of the United Nations General Assembly.
3. In addition, you will wish to be aware of the Executive Board's decision 5.1 in connexion with "Recent decisions of the organizations of the United Nations system of interest to UNESCO" in which the Board, in paragraph 5, having considered, inter alia, resolution 2980 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 of the United Nations General Assembly, "requests the Director-General to make every effort to expand UNESCO's assistance, particularly in the fields of education and culture, to the liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in the struggle against colonialism".

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Enclosure 1

5.5 Means of associating with the activities of Unesco, including those of the General Conference, the representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (92 EX/26)

The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 92 EX/26 entitled "Means of associating with the activities of Unesco, including those of the General Conference, the representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity",
2. Recalling resolution 10.1 adopted by the General Conference at its seventeenth session, by which the Conference decides, in particular, to associate with the Organization's activities, including those of the General Conference, the representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and requests the Executive Board to decide on the means necessary to this end, taking into account resolutions 2795 (XXVI), 2878 (XXVI) and 2918 (XXVII) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 and 20 December 1971 and 14 November 1972 respectively,
3. Decides to invite, in consultation with OAU, the representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate as observers in such deliberations of the Executive Board as may be of concern to them;
4. Invites the Director-General to associate these liberation movements, in consultation with the OAU, with those activities of the Organization regarding which he is empowered to do so, in particular:
  - (a) by holding consultations with them on the preparation of the programme to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racialism in all its forms;
  - (b) by seeking their co-operation in establishing the programme provided for by the General Conference at its seventeenth session for the observance of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;
  - (c) by seeking their assistance, whenever necessary, in any study or publication concerning the state of education, science, and culture in their respective territories, and when it is of direct concern to them;
  - (d) by inviting persons belonging to these movements to participate in meetings, symposia and seminars;
5. Requests the Director-General to report to it at its 94th session on the implementation of the measures provided for in paragraph 4 above;
6. Requests the Director-General, in order to enable the Executive Board to take decisions or to make recommendations to the General Conference concerning the implementation of resolution 10.1, to submit to it at its 93rd session:

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- (a) a list of the categories of the Organization's activities which would call for decisions by the Executive Board, in order for the liberation movements to be associated with them, as well as a statement on the nature of these decisions;
- (b) a list of the categories of activities which would call for decisions by the General Conference in order for these movements to be associated with them, as well as a statement on the nature of these decisions.

(92 EX/SR.12, 13)

Enclosure 2

Ninety-second Session

92 EX/26  
PARIS, 16 April 1973

Item 5.5 of the Provisional Agenda

MEANS OF ASSOCIATING WITH UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFRICAN LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

SUMMARY

In pursuance of paragraphs 5 and 6 of Resolution 10.1 adopted by the General Conference at its seventeenth session, the Director-General consults the Executive Board on the means of associating with Unesco's activities, including those of the General Conference, the representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity.

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Under Resolution 10.1, adopted at its seventeenth session, the General Conference, among other provisions:

"5. Decides to associate with the Organization's activities, including those of the General Conference, the representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity;

6. Requests the Executive Board to decide on the means necessary to this end, taking into account General Assembly resolutions 2795 (XXVI) and 2878 (XXVI) of 10 and 20 December 1971 and 2918 (XXVII) of 14 November 1972;"

2. It should be recalled that the Executive Board, at its 87th session (87 EX/Decision 5.1, paragraph 9), had invited the Director-General:

"to examine in consultation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) the possibility of providing for participation in conferences, seminars and other regional meetings convened by Unesco of representatives of the liberation movements in the colonial territories of Africa, in an appropriate capacity".

## PRESENT SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION

3. In the course of preliminary talks, the Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity indicated that it wished the representatives of all the liberation movements recognized by the Organization to participate in regional meetings convened by Unesco in Africa.

4. The Director-General informed the members of the Board of this desire of OAU (document 89 EX/29, paragraph 6), while drawing their attention to the fact that the Regulations for the general classification of meetings convened by Unesco certainly afforded to persons belonging to liberation movements the possibility of participating in a private capacity in certain categories of meetings, but that they did not, as they stood, contain any provisions making it possible to invite liberation movements to send representatives to meetings convened by Unesco. It was also made clear on this occasion that, if the Executive Board thought it necessary for representatives of national liberation movements in African colonial territories thus to participate in conferences, seminars and other regional meetings convened by Unesco, the General Conference would have to amend the above-mentioned Regulations. The Executive Board has taken no decision on this subject.

5. For its part, the General Assembly of the United Nations, in its Resolutions 2795, paragraph 12 (XXVI) and 2878, paragraph 14 (XXVI), "approves the arrangements relating to the representation of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau) as associate members of the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the list of the representatives of those Territories proposed by the Organization of African Unity" and "endorses the proposal of the Special Committee to take steps, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to enable representatives of national liberation movements in the colonial Territories in southern Africa to participate, whenever necessary and in an appropriate capacity, in its deliberations relating to those Territories".

6. Moreover, at its 27th session, the General Assembly adopted Resolution 2918 (XXVII) in which it affirms (paragraph 2) "that the National liberation movements of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique are the authentic representatives of the true aspirations of the peoples of those Territories and recommends that, pending the accession of those Territories to independence, all governments, the Specialized Agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and the United Nations bodies concerned should, when dealing with matters pertaining to the Territories, ensure the representation of those Territories by the liberation movements concerned in an appropriate capacity and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity".
7. Paragraph 5 of Resolution 17 C/10.1 quoted above expressly provides that the representatives of the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity shall be associated with the Organization's activities, including those of the General Conference. According to paragraph 6 of this resolution, it is for the Executive Board to decide on the measures to be taken to this end.

#### REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

8. It should be pointed out at this stage that the Organization's activities are governed by a number of texts of a constitutional, statutory, regulative or other character, but that none of these texts currently in force (apart, of course, from Resolution 10.1 itself) provides or arranges for the participation of liberation movements in the Organization's activities. To give effect to Resolution 10.1, these texts will therefore have to be supplemented, either by means of amendments whereby express provisions are inserted concerning liberation movements, or in some other appropriate way.
9. Some of these texts emanated from the Director-General, others were adopted by the Executive Board itself, and others again, including most of the regulations, were adopted by the General Conference and can only be amended or supplemented by the latter.
10. Although there is no doubt that the Executive Board can, in the first two cases, either give the Director-General the necessary instructions and authorizations or itself take the appropriate decisions, it would seem that in the third case the Board, while deciding on the means to be employed, should nevertheless ask the General Conference to take in this regard the decisions which come within its competence.
11. Consequently the Executive Board might, if it agreed with this view, proceed as follows:
- (a) adopt at its present session a resolution indicating those of the Organization's activities referred to in Resolution 10.1 with which the liberation movements will be associated and defining the arrangements for that association to be carried into effect by the Director-General or by the Executive Board as the case may be;
  - (b) prepare for the General Conference a draft resolution concerning those of the aforesaid activities which require a special decision by the General Conference.

12. On this second point, after determining the kinds of activity and the proposed arrangements for association, the Board might ask the Director-General to prepare a draft resolution for the General Conference which the Board would consider at one of its later sessions with a view to submitting it to the General Conference at the latter's eighteenth session.

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