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1. OPENING

1 The Chairman called the Council to order at 09:45 on 16 March 1987. He reminded the Council that, at this Session, it was acting as the Steering Committee for the Fourteenth Session of the Assembly, in accordance with Rule of Procedure No. 12(2).

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

2 The Delegate of Argentina proposed Mr. Bruno Carnez (France), and the Delegate of Germany, Federal Republic of, seconded this proposal.

3 The Executive Council accepted this proposal and so designated Mr. Carnez.

2.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4 The Executive Council adopted the Provisional Agenda as is; the Agenda is attached as Annex I hereto.

2.3 CONDUCT OF THE SESSION

5 The Executive Council agreed to complete consideration of its Agenda by the end of the morning session and to adopt the Draft Summary Report at the end of the afternoon. A List of Participants is attached as Annex II hereto.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

6 The Secretary outlined the arrangements for the Opening of the Assembly and the Bruun Memorial Lectures. He informed the Council that the Director-General of Unesco would be present at the Opening.

3.1 APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

7 The Chairman reminded the Council that, under Rule of Procedure No. 12 (2), it was required to appoint the Members of the Nominations Committee for the Assembly.

8 The Executive Council decided the following composition of the Nominations Committee for the Fourteenth Session of the Assembly: Poland (Chairman), Angola, Argentina, Denmark, Germany, Federal Republic of, Thailand, USSR and USA.

### 3.2 FORMATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

- 9       The Secretary indicated that, although the Executive Council has no statutory duty to appoint a Resolutions Committee for the Assembly, it might wish to recommend the membership thereof, in its capacity as Steering Committee for the Assembly; he recalled that experience at previous sessions of the Assembly and the Executive Council had shown that this Committee could be a useful means of facilitating the sessional work. He drew the attention of the Executive Council to Document IOC/EC-XX/6 (The Role of a Resolutions Committee at Sessions of IOC Governing Bodies), pointing out the practical alternative arrangements for handling Draft Resolutions during the Assembly.
- 10      The Guidelines for the Resolutions Committee (Doc. IOC/EC-XIV/3, Annex V) make it clear that if the Resolutions Committee considers it necessary to propose changes in a Draft Resolution, it should ensure that the substance of the original draft is maintained. Experience has shown that the application of the Guidelines is uneven. The Unesco rule is that a revised Draft Resolution can only be passed to COL/T for re-translation after the Draft Resolution has been discussed in Plenary, after which it can be distributed in its final form, with official translations, as a DR revised.
- 11      Owing to the short time available for processing the DRs and revisions thereof, two feasible approaches were suggested with a view to facilitating procedures and speeding up the preparation of official translations:
- (i)     The Resolutions Committee checks the Draft Resolutions already translated by the Unesco translation service (COL/T), but, if it makes changes, these changes will have to be considered by the Plenary in the English version only, at this stage; most of the participants object to this procedure.
  - (ii)    The Committee checks a Draft Resolution either in its original language or, if not practical, as an official translation into English, and it is ONLY after this that they are passed to the Unesco translation service (COL/T) for translation into the other working languages, with the proposed amendments of the Resolutions Committee, and then distributed to participants, for consultations in Plenary, in the four language versions.
- 12      The Secretary explained that, from the viewpoint of the Secretariat, in terms of workload and efficiency, procedure (ii) is preferable. He reminded the Council that, because of the shortage of time, it is only feasible to provide a complete set of adopted Resolutions to participants, before their departure at the end of the Assembly, in the English language version.
- 13 .     The Executive Council agreed to follow the second procedure (ii), stressing the importance of having all Draft Resolutions and their revisions available to the Plenary in all working languages (E,F,R,S) of the Commission.

14      The Executive Council approved the revised Guidelines given in Document IOC/EC-XX/6.

15      The Executive Council recommended to the Assembly the following composition of the Resolutions Committee: Costa Rica (Chairman), Algeria, Brazil, China, France, India, Japan, Nigeria, Sweden, USSR, UK and USA.

### 3.3 TIMETABLE

16      Before considering the Timetable for the Assembly, the Secretary submitted a proposal for some small changes in the Agenda: (i) Since the Chairman of the IOC Consultative Group on Ocean Mapping will introduce all of Agenda Item 5.3 (Ocean Mapping), the sub-items 5.3.1 (General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans) and 5.3.2 (Regional Bathymetric Chart Projects) could be absorbed into 5.3; (ii) In view of the discussions at the Sixth Session of the Scientific Committee for GIPME on the interest of promoting a study of ocean fluxes and on a recent expert consultation organized by SCOR on this project, which will have important implications for the Commission, a new Agenda Item, 5.5.4 (Global Ocean Flux Study), may be added; (iii) The Director of the UNEP Oceans and Coastal Areas Programme Activity Centre requested a new sub-item 8.3 (Co-operation with the UN Environment Programme).

17      The Delegate of Japan pointed out that the work of the Joint CCOP-IOC Working Group on Post-IDOE Studies of East Asian Tectonics and Resources (SEATAR) and the Joint CCOP (SOPAC)-IOC Working Group on South Pacific Tectonics and Resources (STAR) appear under Agenda Item 7.2 (Programme Group for the Western Pacific) but are in fact independent of it, even if relevant to WESTPAC; he proposed they be considered under a separate new Agenda Item, 7.5 (STAR and SEATAR).

18      The Executive Council recommended the proposed Agenda changes to the Assembly.

19      The Delegate of Kenya requested the insertion of a new Agenda Item on IOCINCWIO.

20      The Executive Council considered that, since there was no policy decision required of the Assembly on this subject, nor indeed for any other IOC regional subsidiary bodies not already assigned specific Agenda Items, the work of IOCINCWIO and other regional subsidiary bodies should be considered as purely information items and treated under Agenda Item 3 (Report on Activities of the Commission).

21      In anticipation of approval of these proposals by the Assembly, the Secretary indicated the implications for the Assembly Timetable. He proposed minor adjustments to the provisional Timetable for the Assembly (Document IOC-XIV/1 prov. Add.).

22      The Executive Council agreed with these changes, and the Timetable as revised is given in Document IOC-XIV/1 prov. Add. rev.

4. DATE AND PLACE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

23 The Secretary proposed mid-March 1988, but advised the Council that a number of factors (public holidays in France, and major Unesco meetings, inter alia) will have to be taken into account in deciding precise dates; the Council session would, in any case, be encompassed within one week. In view of the present situation, and for reasons of economy, the Secretary proposed Paris as the venue.

24 The Executive Council agreed to hold its Twenty-first Session in Paris, on dates in mid-March 1988 to be determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.

5. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

25 On a motion of the Delegate of Costa Rica, seconded by the Delegate of Greece, the Executive Council adopted the Summary Report of its Twentieth Session.

26 The Executive Council thanked the Rapporteur for his work in the preparation of the Draft Summary Report.

6. CLOSURE

27 The Chairman closed the Session at 17:45 on 16 March 1987.

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