INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE PRESERVATION AND THE RESTORATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
First Session
Rome, 14th, 15th and 16th December 1960

NOTES ON THE AGENDA

1. The provisional Agenda

In issuing invitations to member states and to UNESCO to attend the first session of the General Assembly, the President of the Provisional Council has the honour, in conformity with Art. 5 of the Rules of the General Assembly (hereinafter called the Rules) to submit a Provisional Agenda for this meeting drawn up by the Council at its Vth Session.

2. Delegates

In accordance with Art. 5 of the Statutes of the Centre (hereinafter called the Statutes), "The General Assembly shall consist of the delegates of the States belonging to the Centre, each of which shall be represented by one delegate.

These delegates should be selected from amongst the best qualified technical experts concerned with the preservation of cultural property and should, preferably, be senior members of the Government departments responsible for the protection of cultural property in the Member State concerned."

According to Art. 15. 4 of the Rules each representative may be accompanied by an assistant and as many councillors and experts as he may judge necessary.

3. Supplementary questions and the revised Agenda

In accordance with Art. 7 of the Rules, member States, UNESCO, the Provisional Council and the Director of the Centre all have power add supplementary questions to the Provisional Agenda done 30 days at least before the opening of the session of the Assembly General. After this period new questions cannot be written in to the Agenda other than by following the procedure of Art. 10 of the Rules as indicated in par. 4 below.

If there should be a recommendation to write supplementary questions into the Provisional Agenda this will be communicated to member states 15 days before the session opens.

4. Amendment by General Assembly

Conforming with Art. 10 of the Rules, the General Assembly can amend or suppress any questions appearing on its Agenda.
Article 10.2 of the Rules states that important new items of an urgent nature may be incorporated in the Agenda if desired by the Assembly General.

5. Members subscriptions

The President of the Provisional Council believes that it would be useful to draw the attention of Members States to Art. 6.f of the Statutes which confers on the General Assembly the power to "fix the contribution of members, on the basis of the scale of contributions for the Member States of UNESCO."

It will be recalled that by Art. 12 of the Statutes the annual contributions was fixed for the first two years at 1% of the contribution to UNESCO for the year 1957.

6. Election of members of the Council

Conforming with Art. 6 of the Statutes, the Council shall consist of nine members, of which 5 shall be elected by General Assembly, according to the procedure mentioned at Art. 63 of the draft of Rules of the General Assembly.

Art. 7 of the Statutes states that the Members elected by the General Assembly shall be chosen from amongst the best qualified experts concerned with the preservation of cultural property and kindred scientific subjects.

The members elected by the General Assembly must be of different nationalities. They shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall be immediately eligible for re-election.

In accordance with Art. 62.2 of Rules of Procedure "Member States shall acquaint the Director of the Centre, at least 20 days before the opening of the meeting, with the names of their candidates with a short notice concerning their scientific and administrative activities."