GENERAL ASSEMBLY
4th Session
Rome, April 11 - 15, 1967

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

1) - Election of the President and 3 Vice-Presidents

As proposed by the Council, the Assembly elected Mr. F. Gysin (Switzerland) as President and Messrs. M. Del Castillo Negrete (Mexico), M. Chehab (Lebanon) and M. Vunjak (Yugoslavia) as Vice-Presidents.

2) - Appointment of the Committees

As proposed by the Council, the Assembly formed the following Committees:

- Credentials Committee
  Mr. G. Bazin (France)
  Mr. M. Chehab (Lebanon)
  Mr. A. Diaz-Martos (Spain)
  Mr. E. Motta (Brazil)
  Mr. S. M. H. Rizvi (Pakistan)

- Candidatures Committee
  Mr. P. Gazzola (Italy)
  Mr. A. Sadawya (Libya)
  Mr. R. Sneyers (Belgium)

- Programme Committee
  Mr. W. Bornheim (Fed. Rep. of Germany)
  Mr. P. Rotondi (Istituto Centrale del Restauro)
  Mr. R. Snoyers (Belgium - Institut Royal du Patrimoine Artistique)

3) - Report of the Council

4) - Financial Report


5) - Interpretation of article 6.f of the Statutes:

The Assembly approves the following resolution put forward in document AG4/4 Annex 1 which contains a proposal for interpreting article 6.f of the Statutes.

Considering that in accordance with the terms of art. 6.f of the Statutes, the contributions of member states of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and the Restoration of Cultural Property are based upon contributions made by member states to UNESCO;

Noting that Resolution 27.12 adopted in 1966 by the General Conference of UNESCO concerning the scale of contributions of its members, provides as is the case for the United Nations, that, in principle, the maximum contribution for any one member state shall not exceed 30% of the total;

Noting moreover, that paragraph 4 of the said resolution 27.12 provides that :-

- the contributions of a new member shall be further adjusted as necessary to take into account the date upon which it becomes a member, in accordance with the following formula :-

  - 100% of the annual sum due if it becomes a member prior to the close of the first quarter of the year;
  - 80% of the annual sum due if it becomes a member during the second quarter of a year;
  - 60% of the annual sum due if it becomes a member during the third quarter of a year;
  - 40% of the annual sum due if it becomes a member during the fourth quarter of a year.

Resolves that, inasmuch as art. 6.f of the Statutes requires financial contributions to be based on those of UNESCO, the above financial dispositions of UNESCO must be considered to be equally applicable to the Rome Centre.

6) - Programme of activities and budget for 1967 and 68

The programme of activities and the budget for the financial period 1967-68 are approved in the form of document AG4/4, as amended in the Programme Committee's report (doc. AG4/4 Annex 2).
7) - Organisation of first aid missions

The Assembly adopts the following resolution regarding first aid missions to be organised by the Centre:

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Being aware of the conditions in which in November 1966 the art cities of Florence and Venice have become victims of a catastrophe of exceptional violence menacing the destruction or serious alteration of much cultural property of very great importance,

Having been informed of the measures for salvage taken by the responsible national authorities supported by international help coordinated by UNESCO and the Rome Centre,

Congratulates the Centre on the action it has already taken and continues to take and also upon the results obtained,

Considering that such catastrophies may in future affect in other countries groups of cultural material of importance as exceptional as that of Florence and Venice and that it would then be desirable to undertake the organisation of an immediate salvage and first aid operation,

Considering, moreover, that in these circumstances, the action taken in the days immediately succeeding the emergency are often the key to success and of greater significance than actions taken later provided that they are carried out under the direction of qualified experts,

Authorises the Director of the Centre with the previous agreement of the country concerned, to act on his own initiative in deciding to select and send to the site an expert, or experts, to cooperate with the national authorities in operations of salvage and safeguard, and also in first aid measures of conservation,

Decides that to this end a sum of $4,000 should be set apart,

Recommends that the Council of the Centre prior to its next meeting should study all practical measures of giving substance to this Resolution and should give it the widest publicity and diffusion in all countries whether members of the Centre or otherwise.

8) - Long term development of activities

The Assembly approves the principles regarding the long term development of the Centre's activities as contained in document AG4/5.
9) - Election of the Council

The Assembly elected for the period 1967-68 the following members of Council:

- Mrs. G. Tripp (Austria)
- Messrs. G. Bazin (France)
  M. Chehab (Lebanon)
  T. Gairola (India)
  S. Lorentz (Poland)
  R. Soeiro (Brazil)
  J. Taubert (Fed. Rep. of Germany)
  A. Van Schendel (Netherlands)

10) - Representation of ICOMOS on the Council

The Assembly takes note of the request from ICOMOS to be represented on the Council of the Centre with the same status as ICOM and instructs the Council to prepare a draft amendment of article 7 of the Statutes to this effect, which will be brought before the Assembly for approval at its next meeting.

11) - Request from Pakistan regarding assistance for the conservation of the site of Mohenjo Daro

The Assembly takes note of Pakistan's request for assistance regarding the conservation of the archaeological site of Mohenjo Daro and instructs the Council to examine this request together with UNESCO.