Notes on the Agenda

1. The Provisional Agenda

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

On this Provisional Agenda, reference texts are given referring to the Statutes, the Rules, the Project of Amendments of the Rules and to the official documents arranged for the General Assembly.

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 Council and the Director of the Centre all have power to add supplementary questions to the Provisional Agenda 30 days at least before the opening of the session of the General Assembly. After this period new questions cannot be written into 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 General Assembly.

5. Project for amendment of the Statutes

The project for amendment of the Statutes was sent in good time to all Member States, in conformity with art. 13 of the Statutes now in force, to enable governments to submit the final propositions of amendment at least three months before the session of the General Assembly, that is before 23 January 1963 as the Statutes stipulate. By this date the following countries had replied favorably: The Netherlands, Belgium, Ceylon, Morocco and Switzerland; the Government of Austria raised an objection regarding the modification of art. 13 and 14 of the Statutes, and the Government of India, requested the representation of the International Council of Archives on the Council of the Centre as a special member as forsee in art. 7 - line c., of the project of Amendment, or alternatively that it should be enabled to become an associate member on the terms of art. 3 of the Statutes.
6. **Members subscriptions**

It seems that it would be useful to draw the attention of Member States to art. 6 of the Statutes which confers on the General Assembly the power to "fix the contributions of members, on the basis of the scale of contributions for the Member States of UNESCO."

7. **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. 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 as stated in art. 7 of the Statutes.

In accordance with art. 62.2 of the Rules "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".

In the case of approbation of the project of Amendment of the Statutes, "The number of members elected by the Assembly shall not be less that six nor more than twelve".