Resolution 906 (1988)[1]

UNESCO

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having noted the report of its Committee on Culture and Education (Doc. 5935) ;

2. Welcoming the process of consultation, concentration and concertation that the Director General of Unesco has initiated in the reformulation of Unesco's activities and the drafting of the third medium-term plan for 1990-95 ;

3. Recalling the Council of Europe's European Public Campaign on North-South Interdependence and Solidarity, and emphasising the importance of the world forum represented by Unesco in which matters of educational, scientific and cultural concern can be discussed on an equal level between all nations ;

4. Welcoming Unesco's programme for the United Nations World Decade for Cultural Development, with which the Council of Europe should be closely associated ;

5. Believing that amongst priority issues at present calling for worldwide co-operation can be singled out communication (mass media and illiteracy) and world environmental co-operation ;

6. Aware that the Council of Europe shares with Unesco a common interest in the furtherance of multilateral cultural co-operation and looking forward to the possibility of closely co-ordinating the Council of Europe's activities in this field with those of the European Region in Unesco ;

7. Recalling the Constitution of Unesco and notably ‘‘that the wide diffusion of culture, and the education of humanity for justice and liberty and peace are indispensable to the dignity of man and constitute a sacred duty which all the nations must fulfil in a spirit of mutual assistance and concern",

8. Calls on the Government of the United Kingdom, and on the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America to give urgent consideration to rejoining Unesco at the earliest possible moment, respectively in a spirit of European solidarity and of universality, and in the light of the extent to which the Executive Board of Unesco is able to meet the proposals for reform presented by the Director General.

1. Assembly debate on 4 October 1988 (11th Sitting) (see Doc. 5935, report of the Committee on Culture and Education, Rapporteur : Mrs Pack). Text adopted by the Assembly on 4 October 1988 (11th Sitting).