

Resolution 518 (1972)¹

Reply to the Memorandum 1971 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having taken note of UNESCO Memorandum 1971 ([Doc. 3016](#)), as well as of the reply to that document prepared by its Committee on Culture and Education ([Doc. 3102](#)) ;
2. Thanking UNESCO for having communicated that Memorandum and especially for the improved presentation of that document, which contains a general summary of UNESCO's main activities while laying emphasis on the guiding principles of the policy followed by UNESCO in drawing up its programme ;
3. Considering the important role played by UNESCO within the framework of the Second Development Decade, and recalling in that connection the proposals which it put forward in its report on "Education and development" ([Doc. 2912](#)) ;
4. Noting the important services that the funds-in-trust can render by combining, with beneficial results for developing countries, the advantages of bilateral and multilateral co-operation, and wishing to support UNESCO's efforts to promote this ingenious form of co-operation ;
5. Being grateful to UNESCO for its contribution to the international diffusion of culture, and welcoming the co-operation that has been instituted between UNESCO and the Council of Europe for the preparation of the Helsinki Conference to be attended in June 1972 by the government officials in charge of the cultural policy of the member States ;
6. Reiterating its determination to cooperate closely with UNESCO in the conservation and revival of Venice, and paying tribute to UNESCO's untiring and worldwide efforts to ensure that the irreplaceable treasures of mankind's cultural heritage shall be preserved ;
7. Congratulating UNESCO on the proclamation of an International Book Year, and stressing in that connection that it views with deep concern a development tending to subject literary output to primarily economic and commercial tests,
8. Invites its members to support both with their respective governments and in their parliaments the appeal launched by the Director General of UNESCO for an expansion of funds-in-trust allotted for the financing of specific programmes for developing countries ;
9. Decides to contribute to UNESCO International Book Year by action in favour of writers and publishers in Europe, by transmitting to this end a recommendation to the governments of member States, in the light of an inventory of the steps already taken in the field concerned.

1. See [Doc. 3102](#), report of the Committee on Culture and Education. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 21 March 1972.

