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**UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
and
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION**

**Agreement on the transfer of the assets and functions of the
International Bureau of Education to the United Nations
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
Signed at Paris on 25 and 29 November 1968**

Authentic texts: English and French.

*Filed and recorded at the request of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization on 28 January 1969.*

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR L'ÉDUCATION, LA SCIENCE ET LA CULTURE
et
BUREAU INTERNATIONAL D'ÉDUCATION**

**Accord portant transfert à l'Organisation des Nations Unies
pour l'éducation, la science et la culture des ressources
et des activités du Bureau international d'éducation.
Signé à Paris les 25 et 29 novembre 1968**

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l'éducation, la science et la culture le 28 janvier 1969.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter called "Unesco", and the International Bureau of Education, hereinafter called "IBE",

Whereas, the IBE has been created at Geneva in 1925 and was endowed as an intergovernmental organization with a legal status on 29 July 1929 for the purpose of serving as an information and study centre for all matters relating to education,

Whereas, the purpose comes within those which have been conferred by its Constitution upon Unesco,

Recognizing the value and necessity of collaboration among all States for the development of public education and for the progress of the science of education as well as the need for making known its most recent achievements,

Considering that, for more than forty years, the IBE has performed a noteworthy task of unquestioned value and usefulness, especially in the field of comparative education, and that this great tradition should be maintained,

Whereas, the IBE, which has been recognized as an institution of general and public interest, desires that the task it has accomplished since 1929 be pursued by Unesco under conditions which permit the retention of the present name and headquarters of the IBE and the assurance of its work of educational research and of documentation with the greatest intellectual and functional autonomy possible,

Considering that by these means a greater number of States will be associated with the activities which have hitherto been those of the IBE, and that this will result in strengthening co-operation among nations and encouraging the development of education, aims which are common to both organizations,

Whereas, Article XI, paragraph 2 of the Unesco Constitution² provides that :

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1969, the date of the entry into force of the statutes referred to in article 4, after having received the approval of the General Conference of UNESCO (on 16 November 1968, by resolution 14.1) and the Council of the IBE (on 12 July 1968), in accordance with article 11.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 4, p. 275.

Whenever the General Conference of this Organization and the competent authorities of any other specialized intergovernmental organizations or agencies whose purpose and functions lie within the competence of this Organization, deem it desirable to effect a transfer of their resources and activities to this Organization, the Director-General, subject to the approval of the Conference, may enter into mutually acceptable arrangements for this purpose.

Being respectively represented by the Director-General of Unesco, hereinafter referred to as "the Director-General", and by the Acting Director of the IBE, hereinafter referred to as "the Acting Director",

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The purpose of this Agreement is to assure, under the responsibility of Unesco, and by appropriate measures, the continuity of the work pursued since 1929 by the IBE.

Article 2

The IBE transfers to Unesco the functions which have been conferred upon it under its Statutes.

Article 3

There shall be established at Geneva, within the framework of Unesco, of which it shall be an integral part, an international centre of comparative education, hereinafter referred to as "the centre" which will bear the name "International Bureau of Education" and which will enjoy a large intellectual and functional autonomy.

The centre shall have as its purpose to pursue and develop educational research and particularly the work on matters of comparative education of the IBE as well as its activities in the field of documentation and information. It shall also be responsible for maintaining the International Educational Library as well as the Permanent International Exhibition of Public Education.

Article 4

The General Conference of Unesco shall adopt Statutes defining in a detailed manner the functions of the centre and the terms of its operation.

These Statutes will provide, in particular, that:

1. the centre shall have a council composed of Member States designated by and whose number shall be fixed by the General Conference;

2. the council shall establish the draft general programme and budget of the centre, which shall be submitted to the General Conference together with the observations of the Director-General and the Executive Board of Unesco;
3. within the framework of the programme and budget adopted by the General Conference, the council shall define in a detailed manner the activities to be undertaken by the centre, be responsible for their execution, and report thereon to the General Conference at each of its ordinary sessions;
4. the centre shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Director-General and chosen by him from a list of nominees established by the council;
5. in the course of the normal execution of the programme approved by the General Conference, the centre may maintain direct relations with the competent authorities of Member States of Unesco.

Article 5

Unesco shall make all necessary arrangements to ensure the convening and the conduct of the sessions of the International Conference on Public Education, the purpose of which is, in particular, to adopt recommendations to States on matters of public education and to provide the possibility for an exchange of experiences and of theoretical ideas contributing to the development of education throughout the world. As a general rule, the International Conference on Public Education will meet in Geneva.

Article 6

Notwithstanding the stipulations of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 4 of this Agreement, the centre's Programme and Budget for 1969-1970 shall be established by the General Conference on the proposal of the Director-General.

The centre's programmes and budgets for subsequent periods, which will be established in conformity with Article 4 of this Agreement, shall include provisions to enable the centre's activities to be continued at a level at least equal to that attained by the activities of the IBE during the period 1967-1968.

Article 7

The staff members of the IBE as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall from that date be subject to the authority of the Director-General, but they shall continue for a period of two years (termed the "initial period") to be subject to the regulations and contractual provisions which presently govern them.

At the end of this initial period, it will be for the Director-General to determine the final status of such staff members and the terms and conditions of their employment. The rights acquired as of 31 December 1968 by the staff members of IBE shall be safeguarded.

Article 8

The IBE grants and transfers to Unesco, which accepts, the whole of its assets remaining after liquidation and settlement of its liabilities. A description of the property constituting the assets granted will be the subject of an inventory drawn up separately.

Article 9

The IBE shall take the necessary measures to proceed to its dissolution in accordance with its Statutes.

Article 10

The Director-General and the Acting Director shall take all necessary measures for the execution of this Agreement.

Article 11

The present Agreement shall take effect from the date of the entry into force of the Statutes specified in Article 4. It must beforehand have received the approval of the General Conference of Unesco and the Council of the IBE.

DONE at Paris, in two copies, in English and French, both texts being equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, being duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement.

For the International Bureau
of Education:

Laurent PAULI
25 November 1968

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural
Organization:

René MAHEU
29 November 1968
