

## RELATIONS WITH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

This was a matter mainly of taking note of already existing flexible relations with certain organizations doing work of some interest to UNESCO, such as the International Hydrographic Bureau and the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. No controversy or new policy is involved, though the United States urged caution in making further agreements.

### PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNESCO AND INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION

The extension of this agreement for another twelve months was unanimously agreed to without discussion.

### RELATIONS WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

This was another matter that caused little discussion. The Organization of American States is a regional organization with objects couched in large general terms, going far beyond the educational, scientific, and cultural; but there are certain bodies such as the Inter-American Cultural Council, the Cultural Action Committee, and the Department of Cultural Affairs of the Pan-American Union with which UNESCO, under its Constitution (Article XI, para. 1), might quite well co-operate. The Director-General had already been in negotiation over co-operation with such specialized organs, and was now directed to continue this work so far as it would help the programme of UNESCO, and to report back to the General Conference.

### NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS IN 1949

This was one of the questions which the Commission argued about very fully, with the United States delegate taking the lead. Some alarm was expressed about the list of such organizations becoming unconscionably long, and it was urged that relations with them should be periodically scrutinized. The United States delegate proposed a resolution to this effect, which was referred to a Drafting Committee of the United States, Belgium, and the Rapporteur; and the long resolution which resulted was adopted unanimously. Its effect was to instruct the Director-General to re-examine the existing procedure, in the light of the Commission's discussion, and to report on his results to the next session of the General Conference; and to request the Executive Board to include on the agenda of this Conference a general review of the existing list. Probably the sooner such a review takes place the better.