

UNESCO" to co-ordinate their work. Co-operating Bodies have also been set up in Australia. In New Zealand the Government has adopted the recommendations of the UNESCO Interim Committee for the establishment of a permanent National Commission of UNESCO. The final section of this report describes the activities of the Acting National Commission, and the Constitution of the permanent Commission is printed as an Appendix.

The delegates at the Mexico City Conference nearly all, at one time or another, stressed the importance of National Commissions. "UNESCO without National Commissions," said the Polish delegate, "is like grass without roots." "UNESCO in action," said another delegate, "should increasingly come to mean member States in action." Speaker after speaker pointed out that, to be effective, UNESCO requires not only the support of member Governments, but also the full and active co-operation in its programme of the representatives of education, science, and culture in each country. More than that, it needs the understanding of the man in the street, and he can be reached only through the National Commissions or other co-operating bodies. Apart from their functions as advisers to their Governments and to national delegations to Conferences, their most important task is to win public support for the programme of UNESCO, and to enlist the aid of individuals and organizations in carrying out those parts of the programme that can be effective only at the national level.

A Working Party on National Commissions brought down a series of resolutions for the consideration of the Administrative and External Relations Commission. These resolutions were designed to promote the establishment of National Commissions in countries where they do not yet exist, to strengthen existing national organizations, and to improve their relationship with UNESCO and with one another. The following resolutions were adopted by the General Conference:—

"The General Conference—

"1. Requests member States which have not yet established National Commissions or Co-operating Bodies to take action at the earliest possible date in implementing Article VII of the Constitution.

"2. Instructs the Director-General to grant member States all assistance, other than financial assistance, which they may require in order to establish National Commissions or Co-operating Bodies.

"3. Instructs the Director-General to arrange for a meeting of representatives of National Commissions and Co-operating Bodies during or at the close of future General Conferences.

"4. Instructs the Director-General to present to National Co-operative Organizations precise suggestions on the help which they might give to implement the programme adopted by the General Conference.