

REPORTS BY MEMBER STATES

Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO provides that each member State shall report on its laws, regulations, and statistics relating to educational, scientific, and cultural life. It is now resolved—

(i) That the yearly reports that member States have to submit to the General Conference should include—

(a) Information on those laws and regulations which concern UNESCO, promulgated during the year in the territory of the member State ;

(b) A statement on the measures taken by the member State in pursuance of the recommendations and international conventions adopted by the General Conference :

(c) A statement on the measures taken by the member States to create, promote, or assist a National Commission or co-operating bodies :

(d) Action taken by the member State, its National Commission, or its co-operating bodies in the carrying-out of the programme adopted by the General Conference, and a report on the activities of these bodies where they exist.

(ii) In preparing annual reports, member States should take into account, and comply with as far as possible, suggestions relating to form and content made to them by the Director-General.

NATIONAL COMMISSIONS

Great importance is attached by the General Conference to the role of the National Commissions and co-operating bodies. It is clearly desirable, for the full development of co-operation between the Secretariat and the national organizations, that there should be interchange of personnel. This is now provided for. The National Commissions are asked to give special attention to enlisting the support of young people for the programme of UNESCO. Details of the report from the National Commissions meeting to the External Relations Commission are given in a separate section of this report (see page 24).

RELATION WITH GERMANY AND JAPAN

This is now a much less controversial matter than it was at the second session of the General Conference. Plans for 1949 include the distribution of UNESCO publications to interested groups in Germany and Japan ; the study and definition, from UNESCO's point of view, of the criteria for the preparation and publication