

and communication technologies and education, hydrogeology, and human rights.

## **II. Natural Sciences**

1. Given that the role of science in the safeguard of peace is recognized, as is UNESCO's exceptional role in this regard, the Organization has been a major partner of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences since its inception, especially with regard to the organization of the World Science Forum series. UNESCO stands ready and committed to continuing to contribute its vision and expertise to this event.
2. The World Science Forum, organized and financed by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Government of the Republic of Hungary, has become a leading event of global science policy today, examining the roles and responsibilities of scientists and science journalists for the betterment of future generations. In order to make the World Science Forum, a true actor in today's global scientific world, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, with the consent of the co-organizers, has agreed to change its format so that it is organised on every second occasion in a partner country. To this end, the 2013 World Science Forum will be organized in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, upon the generous invitation of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences.
3. With a view to strengthening national capacities in university-level teaching and research in the basic science and engineering disciplines, UNESCO, in cooperation with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and with Hungarian universities, will reinforce regional cooperation in this regard and foster environment-friendly technologies, including the use of renewable sources of energy.
4. Hungary will continue to contribute actively to the work of the intergovernmental scientific programmes through its participation in the governing bodies and the activities of the national committees;
5. Hungary will pursue international and regional cooperation in interdisciplinary ecological research through national and regional Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme activities and implement the Seville Strategy, the Statutory Framework of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves and the Madrid Action Plan. UNESCO will provide technical assistance to Hungary and Croatia in their efforts to establish the Trans-Boundary Biosphere Reserve along the Mura, Drava and Danube Rivers, which would be Europe's largest natural reserve.

## **III. Social Sciences**

1. UNESCO will provide intellectual assistance for priority social science research issues, notably in the fields of socio-economic and political change, social