

Theme I. - SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

**Theme Ib : The effects of dams on habitat and landscape
(vegetation, local climate, etc.) with special attention to
semi-arid regions.**

The Assembly,

- whereas a rapid economic development throughout the world is bringing about vast industrial and agricultural changes, and,
- whereas many historical sites, monuments and vestiges of earlier civilizations may be destroyed in this process for lack of careful planning ;

Invites the Executive Board to examine the possibility of collaborating with Unesco's International Committee on Monuments, Artistic and Historical Sites and Archaeological Excavations in respect of all sites where there is a common interest between the two organizations.

The Assembly,

- noting that conditions at present are particularly favourable for developing closer contacts between, on the one hand, the Union and specialists concerned with conservation problems, and on the other, governments, national commissions, administrations, engineers and bodies responsible for promoting the construction of large-scale works ;

fully endorses the Resolution of the Caracas General Assembly, and, noting with pleasure that these resolutions have already been implemented in a number of cases expresses the wish that they be forthwith put into effect in every other country.

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The Assembly,

particularly draws the attention of the Board to the effects of dams in semi arid areas and to the desirability of placing scientific studies and a full documentations concerning the biological aspects of such problems at the disposal of the governments , national commissions and all those responsible for the development of important sources of energy.