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KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

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A. TITEL

*Briefwisseling tussen de Regering van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden
en de Organisatie der Verenigde Naties voor Onderwijs,
Wetenschap en Cultuur houdende een overeenkomst betref-
fende de van 14 tot 17 maart 1978 in Noordwijkerhout
te houden bijeenkomst van deskundigen over
genetica en ethische waarden;
Parijs, 17 januari/3 februari 1978*

B. TEKST

Nr. I

Paris, 17th January 1978.

No. 740

Subject: Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation concerning a meeting of experts on "Genetics and ethical values", to be held in Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands, from 14-17 March 1978

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 25 January 1977, ref. SS/PH/77/5, stating the arrangements proposed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the meeting of experts on "Genetics and ethical values", to be held in Noordwijkerhout from 14-17 March 1978.

I have submitted the following arrangements to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

A. Nature and scope of the meeting

This meeting is convened pursuant to Resolution 3178 adopted by the General Conference at its 19th session. A committee of experts will examine the relations between genetics and ethical values. It will concern itself more especially with the problems confronting scientific research as a result of interference with the genetic code and at the level of procreation. It will also consider the limitations which such interference may impose on the freedom of research, and the signification which should be attributed to these new powers of intervention in defining "human nature" and determining the margin of irreducibility, autonomy and freedom inherent therein.

Under the provisions of the "Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings, convened by Unesco", adopted by the General Conference at its 14th session (14C Resolution 23), this meeting is considered as falling within Category VI.

B. Participants

The participants will be some ten philosophers and scientists.

C. Place and Date of the meeting

The meeting will be held in Noordwijkerhout from 14–17 March, 1978.

D. Organization of the meeting

The responsibility for the material organization of the meeting shall be shared between the Netherlands National Commission for Unesco and the Secretariat of Unesco on the following basis:

the Netherlands National Commission will provide participants' board and lodgings during the four days' meeting.

Unesco will recruit and pay the interpreters and will also take care of the simultaneous interpretation equipment, which will either be hired on the spot or be brought from Paris.

Unesco will furthermore cover the participants' travel expenses.

E. Privileges and immunities

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will apply the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies and Annex IV thereto, relating to Unesco, to which it has been a party since 2 July 1949, in respect of this meeting. It shall facilitate the entry into and sojourn in, as well as departure from the territory of the Netherlands of any person entitled to attend this meeting in an official capacity without distinction of nationality.

F. Damages and accidents

As long as the premises reserved for the meeting are at the disposal

of Unesco, the authorities of the Netherlands shall bear the risk of damage to the premises, facilities and furniture and shall be responsible for accidents that may occur to persons present therein. However, the said authorities shall be entitled to adopt whatever measures they deem fit to ensure the protection, particularly against fire and other risks, of the above-mentioned premises, facilities, furniture and persons. The Government of the host country may also claim from Unesco reimbursement of all damage to persons and property which are attributable to the fault of staff members or agents of the Organization.

I am authorized by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to state that it agrees to the foregoing provisions and to the suggestion that your letter and my reply shall be deemed to constitute an agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Unesco in respect of this meeting, which shall enter into force on the date of this letter and which shall remain in force for the duration of the meeting and for such additional period as is necessary for its preparation and winding up, such period not to exceed one year.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(sd.) M. MOURIK

M. Mourik,
Ambassador

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Nr. II

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES POUR
L'ÉDUCATION, LA SCIENCE ET LA CULTURE

The Director-General
référence: DG/5.5/SS.610

3 February 1978

Subject: Meeting of Experts on Genetics and Ethical Values (Noord-
wijkerhout, 14-17 March 1978)

Sir,

In response to your letter no 740 of 17 January 1978, by which you kindly conveyed the proposals of your Government regarding the arrangements for the holding of the above-mentioned meeting, I have the honour to inform you that the proposals and dates put forward therein are acceptable.

With reference to paragraph E of your letter, it is understood that should any person entitled to attend the meeting under Unesco's regulations and rules, or by a decision of the appropriate authorities of Unesco, be prevented from attending the meeting by reason of the refusal or inability of the Government of the Netherlands to issue any visa applied for within a reasonable period of time before the meeting, the Director-General reserves the right to cancel, adjourn or interrupt the holding of the meeting in the Netherlands and to hold it elsewhere.

Unless you have any objection, your letter of 17 January 1978, together with this reply, will constitute the agreement between your Government and Unesco in respect of this meeting.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Director-General

(sd.) D. NAJMAN

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D. PARLEMENT

De in de brieven vervatte overeenkomst behoefde ingevolge artikel 62, eerste lid, letter c, van de Grondwet niet de goedkeuring der Staten-Generaal alvorens in werking te treden.

G. INWERKINGTREDING

De bepalingen van de in de brieven vervatte overeenkomst zijn op 3 februari 1978 in werking getreden.

Wat het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden betreft, geldt de overeenkomst alleen voor Nederland.

J. GEGEVENS

Van het op 16 november 1945 te Londen totstandgekomen Statuut van de Organisatie der Verenigde Naties voor Onderwijs, Wetenschap en Cultuur zijn tekst en vertaling geplaatst in *Stb.* H 62; zie ook, laatstelijk, *Trb.* 1977, 176.

Van het op 21 november 1947 te New York totstandgekomen Verdrag nopens de voorrechten en immuniteiten van de gespecialiseerde organisaties, naar welk Verdrag in paragraaf E van brief I wordt verwezen, zijn tekst en vertaling geplaatst in *Stb.* J 67; zie ook, laatstelijk, *Trb.* 1978, 24.

Ten vervolge van de Nederlandse brief d.d. 17 januari 1978 heeft de Nederlandse Permanent Vertegenwoordiger bij de UNESCO het volgende ter kennis van de Directeur-Generaal van de UNESCO gebracht:

„I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands expresses its hope that in the case of a motor traffic accident involving one of the participants of the meeting mentioned above, UNESCO will do its best, as far as possible and within the limits of its competence, to facilitate a solution that will permit the indemnisation of the loss and damage caused as a result of such an accident.”.

Uitgegeven de derde april 1978.

De Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken,
C. A. VAN DER KLAUW.