

Memorandum to Cabinet by the Hon. Minister
of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs and the
Hon. Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism

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At the eighth session of the General Conference of Unesco a resolution was adopted recognising that it was desirable to approve a distinctive emblem of Unesco and to authorise its use as the official seal of the Organisation. The Unesco emblem was thus adopted and, considering that it was necessary to protect the name of the Organisation and its distinctive emblem and official seal, the General Conference invited Member States to take such legislative or other appropriate measures as are necessary to prevent the use, without authorisation by the Director-General, and in particular for commercial purposes by means of trademarks or commercial labels, of the emblem, the official seal and the name of the Organisation, and of abbreviations of that name through the use of its official letters in Latin or other characters.

However, an exception has been made in respect of National Commissions of Member States. Such Commissions are authorized under certain specific conditions (as set out in an annex to this Memorandum) to use the Unesco emblem. This exception has been made in view of the fact that National Commission publications play a particularly important role in providing information about Unesco programmes, which can be very usefully associated in the minds of their readers with the programme and name of the Organisation.

Hon. Ministers are therefore invited to agree to the implementation of this resolution and to the enactment of the necessary legislation prohibiting, without prior authorisation of Unesco's Director-General, the use of the seal and emblem of Unesco or of its name, except in the case of the Malta National Commission (which has already been set up) in accordance with the conditions set down by Unesco.

Should Government decide as a matter of policy that such a law should be enacted, the Crown Advocate General would draft the necessary bill.

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ANNEXCONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE UNESCO
EMBLEM BY NATIONAL COMMISSIONS

The use of the Unesco emblem by National Commissions without any addition or alteration other than those indicated hereafter is authorized in circumstances where it associates the Organization's international action with national action along the same lines and co-ordinated with the execution of programmes approved by the Organization, namely:

(a) in Unesco periodicals translated by one or more of the National Commissions under the terms of a contract between the National Commission or any other national body it may select and the Director-General (examples: "The Unesco Courier", German, Arabic, Italian, Japanese and Russian editions; the "Unesco Bulletin for Libraries", Russian edition; etc.);

(b) on the cover or title page of non-periodical Unesco publications translated under the terms of a contract with the National Commission and published by that Commission subject to the express understanding that the emblem is used in close association with the name of the National Commission, given in the language of publication; the typographical layout should then be based on one of the models shown below;

(c) on the cover or title page of the periodical information bulletin published by each National Commission subject to the condition stated in paragraph (b) above;

(d) on posters or pamphlets announcing events organised by the National Commissions in direct relation with the Unesco programme, subject to the condition stated in paragraph (b) above.

Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to enact a law governing and controlling hotels and catering establishments. It provides particularly for the issuing of licences to act as a hotel-manager or as a catering establishment keeper and for the classification of hotels and catering establishments under different categories. A Board is set up to issue the said licences and to classify in conformity with regulations made by the Minister responsible for tourism, hotels and catering establishments. The Board is also particularly to ensure that hotels and catering establishments are kept up to the proper standard required by the category in which they are classified. Provision is made to enable the Minister or the Board, if it is so empowered by him, to fix minimum and maximum rates which may be charged in hotels and catering establishments having regard to their respective classification. Penalties are imposed on persons contravening the provisions of the law, including persons who keep or manage a hotel without being in possession of the necessary licence and persons who advertise or otherwise represent a hotel or catering establishment as belonging to a higher category than that in which they are actually classified.

The Bill, which contains also some consequential amendments to the Code of Police Laws, has been rendered necessary, in the interest of the tourist industry, by the development of tourism in these Islands and by its further expansion which is expected to take place in the near future.