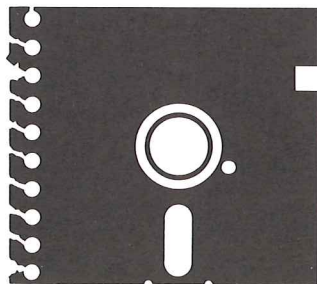


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2) A preparatory questionnaire was sent to Member States in an attempt to take stock of the situation as regards the introduction of informatics in education and training. This questionnaire will also be used in gradually setting up a computerized data bank on the subject at national and international levels.

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1. Present Situation and Objectives
2. Strategies
3. Cooperation with Industry
4. Applications
5. Prospects.

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Under Major Theme 3 "Cooperation with Industry", scheduled for 17 April 1989, the Congress will visit the SICOB - International Exhibition of Computers and Automated Office Equipment - which will take place at the "Parc des Expositions" at Villepinte, near Paris from 17 to 22 April 1989, to give participants an opportunity to take part in an exchange of ideas and information with educators, industrialists and publishers. A debate has been organized to this end. Participants will also be able to view equipment and computer applications exhibited by industry and publishers, as well as attend demonstrations organized specially for them.

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Based on the above-mentioned documents and contributions made during plenary sessions and within the framework of the three commissions, it is anticipated that the Congress will adopt a general declaration, or manifesto, draw up recommendations to the Director General of Unesco, and make proposals for regional and international cooperation in fields linked to education and informatics.

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