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L. V. SAPTHARISHI
Director General, NIFT and
Chief Executive Officer, IFFTI

Dear Sir,

In terms of Article X of the Agreement on IFFTI,

“The Executive Committee Meetings could be held as many times as may be required, at the venues mutually convenient to the Hosting Member Institutions”.

Accordingly, after consulting Chairman of the Board of Directors of IFFTI and the hosting Institution, namely, Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris, the first meeting of the Executive Committee of IFFTI will be held at 9:30 AM on 3rd June, 1999 in the premises of 33, Rue Jean Goujon 75008, Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris and the meeting will continue on 4th June, 1999 as well.

In consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of IFFTI, the Agenda items for the meeting have been prepared and are listed, followed by notes on every one of these items.

It is requested that you may kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting as per the schedule.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

L. V. SAPTHARISHI

- 1) Mr. Shyamal Ghosh, Chairman, IFFTI, India
- 2) Mr. Edward Newton, HKPU, Hong Kong, China
- 3) Mr. David Elson, NTU, UK
- 4) Mr. Michael Renzuli, FIT, New York
- 5) Mr. Amnon Armoni, IFM, Paris
- 6) Mr. Airton F. Embacher, UAM, Brazil

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN – IFFTI

Mr. Shyamal Ghosh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Chairman – NIFT and Chairman of the Board of Directors of IFFTI will make his initial remarks before commencement of the proceedings of the first meeting of the Executive Committee of IFFTI.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

To recapitulate the provision IX of the Agreement,

“The Executive Committee of the Board shall consist of the Chairman of the Board, four Vice Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) heading the Secretariat of the Headquarters of IFFTI.”

“The Head of the Member-Institution hosting the next Annual Conference shall be co-opted as an additional Vice Chairman on ex-officio basis if that Institution is not already represented in the Executive Committee.”

In the light of the above provisions and in line with the decisions taken in the first IFFTI Conference held at New Delhi held on 9-11 November 1999 at New Delhi, India, the composition of the Executive Committee is as follows:

1. Mr. Shyamal Ghosh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Chairman – NIFT and Chairman of the Board of Directors of IFFTI.
2. Mr. Edward Newton, Chair of Fashion Marketing & Merchandising, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
3. Mr. David Elson, Acting Head, Department of Fashion & Textiles, NTU, UK
4. Mr. Michael Renzuli, Acting Asst. to the VP of Academic Affairs for International Programs, FIT, New York.
5. Mr. Amnon Armoni, Director, IFM, Paris
6. Mr. L. V. Saptharishi, Director General, NIFT and Chief Executive Officer, IFFTI.

In addition to the above, Mr. Airton F. Embacher, Coordenador do Curso Superior de Negocios da Moda, Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Sao Paulo, Brazil is also a Member of the Executive Committee during 1999 since his Institution is hosting the Annual Conference of IFFTI at Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The Secretariat has received information that Mr. Edward Newton would not be in a position to attend the Executive Committee Meeting on account of unavoidable prior commitments and he has therefore requested CEO and Mr. David Elson to convey his full support to all the important items listed in the Agenda.

In the case of Mr. Airton F. Embacher, the Secretariat has received information that he has authorized Mr. Amnon Armoni, Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris to represent his Institution and handle all the agenda items pertaining to the Brazil Conference.

Accordingly, leave of Absence of the above two Members may be granted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

REPORT OF THE CEO, IFFTI, TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS AND INITIATIVES SINCE NOVEMBER 1998

- The first Conference on IFFTI was concluded on 11th November 1998. Before the delegations departed the Secretariat arranged to hand over to them the following documents.
 - 1) Revised MOU – IFFTI
 - 2) Text of proceedings of the Conference
 - 3) Credentials Committee Report
 - 4) Report of Working Group on Mission Statement and ObjectivesCopies are annexed.
- Fax/email correspondences were entered into with the Member Institutions to secure their consent and signature for the MOU and the Agreement on IFFTI. Through such efforts out of 22 Institutions 19 have signed the MOU and 18 have signed the Agreement.
- Foreign Exchange Bank Account for maintaining IFFTI Account No. 41629 has been opened at the Canara Bank, Green Park, New Delhi, India. Initial contribution to this account from the respective Member-Institutions is being obtained by email/fax correspondences.
- Documents were prepared by the IFFTI Secretariat to assist the Ministry of Textiles for obtaining the approval of the highest authorities of the Government of India.
- Drafting of the MOA and Rules & Regulations of IFFTI with the assistance of a Professional Consultant and arrangement for circulation of the same after obtaining the approval of Chairman of the Board of Directors of IFFTI.
 - ✓ For the establishment of IFFTI headquarters at New Delhi.
 - ✓ Providing Secretariat assistance to IFFTI by NIFT in the initial years and
 - ✓ Clearance for registration of IFFTI as a Society as already decided by the Founding Members of IFFTI.
- Entertaining formal and informal enquiries from various Institutions/Individuals from within the country and abroad regarding the establishment of IFFTI and its goals and objectives.
- Brainstorming Session held with the Faculty of NIFT regarding the formation of three Working Groups representing all IFFTI Members for concretizing Plan of Action for 1999-2000.
- Preparation of the video film on IFFTI Conference – 1998, for circulation amongst the Members of IFFTI.

- Initiating steps for the Second Annual Conference of IFFTI at Sao Paulo, Brazil in collaboration with the host Institution, Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Chairman, IFFTI was kind enough to look into these initial arrangements during his official visit to Sao Paulo in February, 1999.
- In consultation with the Chairman and other Members of the Executive Committee, meeting dates at Paris in the premises of the host Institution, Institut Francais de la Mode, were fixed.
- The agenda items for the meeting of the Executive Committee as well as the agenda items for the Second Annual Conference at Brazil and the agenda items for the Meeting of the Board of Directors of IFFTI during this Conference have all been finalized and submitted to the Executive Committee.
- Steps have been initiated for the setting up of an Internet Site on IFFTI.
- Contacts and correspondence with the international organizations for alternative sources of funding for IFFTI have not yet been established, pending authorization from Executive Committee.

Text of the proceedings of the Conference on the formation of International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes (IFFTI) held on 10 - 11 November, 1998 at NIFT Campus, New Delhi, India.

The proceedings of the Conference commenced after a warm welcome to all the delegates by Executive Director, NIFT and Chief Co-ordinator of the Conference.

2. The need for having a Chairman of the Conference was deliberated by all the delegates present and it was recognised that it would be appropriate to have the Chairperson of the host Institute to be the Chairman of the Conference. The name of Mr. Shyamal Ghosh, Secretary (Textiles) and Chairman, NIFT was proposed by Mr. Edward Newton and seconded by Mr. Amnon Armoni, Mr Shyamal Ghosh was elected as Chairman of the Conference unanimously.

3. After taking over the Chair, Mr Shyamal Ghosh thanked the delegates for having reposed the confidence in him and expected to have a fruitful deliberation on the various issues.

4. The Chairman of the Conference suggested that there should be two or three Vice Chairmen to assist him in conducting the proceedings. Having regard to the role played by the Institutions and the personalities associated with these Institutions, in the preliminary talks held at New York in May, 1998 regarding the proposal on IFFTI, the delegates decided unanimously to elect the following as Vice Chairmen of this Conference:-

1. Prof. M. Renzulli - Fashion Institute of Technology, USA.
2. Mr. Amnon Armoni - Institut Francais, de la Mode, France
3. Prof. Edward Newton - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
4. Prof. David Elson - The Nottingham Trent University, U.K.

Having regard to the fact that the formalities for the establishment of IFFTI will take some time more, it was decided that the persons elected in this Conference as Chairman and Vice Chairmen will continue to hold their offices till the next Annual Conference in 1999. The meeting also decided to co-opt the distinguished Representative of the Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil as Vice Chairmen till the Annual Conference considering that this Institution will be hosting the Conference in Brazil.

5. At the request of the Chairman, Ms. Anita Sahni, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee on the Delegates / Observers to the Conference, presented the report of the Committee. (copy enclosed at Annexure-1). The Delegates endorsed the report, after clarification by the delegate from NIFT that the persons included as Delegates or Observers to the Conference were based

on the communication received from the respective Member Institutions participating in the Conference. It was also clarified that in the event any issue was to be decided on the basis of voting, each participating institution would have only one vote.

6. The Chairman suggested that the Conference should consider the Conference Papers circulated by the Secretariat of the Conference, including the draft Action Plan for 1999 placed on the table at the time of the Meeting.

6.1 Background note on IFFTI - (FFTI/CONF/1/98)

The Delegate from NIFT made a presentation of the document explaining the stages that were involved prior to the commencement of this Conference and the features of the Draft Agreement already made available to the delegates for consideration.

The Chairman requested the delegates to consider *ad seriatim* the issues listed in the Background note.

1. Need for Establishment of IFFTI :

- Based on the proceedings of the Plenary session held on 9th November, 1998 and the various informal sessions held with the delegates, the Chairman noted that there is unanimity on the establishment of IFFTI and accordingly the delegates unanimously decided to take steps to form IFFTI.

2. Should there be a formal Agreement amongst the Member-Institutes interested / intending to set up the Foundation ?

- After discussion on the subject, the delegates agreed that there should be a Formal Agreement amongst the participating institutions on the establishment of IFFTI. It was, however, noted that the Institutions could enter into such a Formal Agreement only after they secure the necessary approval / mandate from their appropriate authorities.
- The Delegate from NIFT informed the delegates in this context that the Draft Agreement which had already been circulated would be suitably modified incorporating the suggestions / decisions arrived in this Conference for final decision by the appropriate authorities of the respective Institutions

3. What is the legal framework of this Foundation and should it be on the model of any of the UN specialised bodies like FAO, UNIDO, WHO or International Commodity Organisations like IJO, INRO, ICO, etc.?

The Delegate from NIFT explained the features and status of some of the International Bodies / Organisations like ITMF (International Textile Machinery

Manufacturers Federation), ISA (International Silk Association), ITAF (International Textile and Apparel Federation) and stated that from the experience of functioning of these bodies there does not exist any particular legal complication for a body like IFFTI to be established. However, the organisation should function within the broad framework of the laws and regulations of the country where the Headquarters of the Organisation is proposed to be established. However, if any of the provisions of the proposed Agreement run counter to any of the laws and regulations of any of the member-participating Institutions, these should be deleted and a harmonious document adopted for operation.

On this basis, the delegates endorsed the proposal to have a suitable legal framework for the functioning of IFFTI.

4. What is the Membership of the Foundation and which is the Supervising Body for conducting the affairs of this Foundation?

After a detailed discussion on this subject, which gave opportunity for different view points to be put forward by the delegates, it was decided that the new Members with voting rights to IFFTI should be admitted based on the following criteria:

- The Institution invited to participate or seeking Membership should have a proven track record of providing excellent educational and related facilities for the student community in the areas of design, technology and business for the fashion related industry.
- The applications for new membership in the initial years of the foundation would have to be suitably recommended by an existing Member and will be thereafter considered by the Executive Committee and placed before the Board for final decision.
- The decisions of the Board on all issues including that of new Membership, will be by consensus, failing which by the procedure of simple majority on the basis of voting by ballot of the members present and voting.
- The subject of enrolment of Associate Members would be considered at the next Meeting of the Board.

5. What should be the structure of the Foundation?

In the light of the explanation given in the background note and after examining the provisions contained in the Draft Agreement the delegates decided that:

- There would be a two-tiered structure : The apex body would be the Board of Directors which will include the founder members. There would also be an Executive Committee elected by the Board.
- All the Member-Institutions admitted to the Foundation will be represented on the Board of Directors of IFFTI and will enjoy voting rights as available to the initial Members of the IFFTI.
- Every Member-Institutions deputing a person to participate in any Meeting of the Board or its Committees or other events should specifically depute the person by giving him necessary mandate to attend the meetings and also make commitments on behalf of the Institution.
- Instead of two Vice Chairmen proposed in the Draft Agreement, the delegates decided to have four Vice Chairmen giving equitable geographical representation as far as feasible.
- The delegates also decided to co-opt the Head of the Hosting Institution for the Annual Conference as an additional Vice Chairman on ex-officio basis if that person is not already in the Executive Committee.
- The delegates also agreed to the suggestion to provide for a two-year term for the elected Chairman and the four Vice Chairmen.
- The delegates decided that the elected members will represent their institutions on the Board as well the Executive Committee. The Chairman / Vice Chairmen and members of the Executive Committee will cease to hold such post in case the persons concerned demit their office for one reason or other. As far as filling up of the resultant vacancies is concerned, it would be on the principle of fresh election and not on automatic nomination of the successor representative of the Institution.
- It was left to the Chairman of the Board / Executive Committee to consider co-opting the services of the outgoing Chairman of the Board on the Executive Committee so long as such an arrangement does not entail any financial implication for the IFFTI.
- It was decided that Executive Committee will consist of the Chairman of the Board, four Vice Chairmen and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) heading the Secretariat of the Headquarters of the Organisation.
- The CEO 's appointment and his functions and powers will be decided by the Board. In this context, it was decided that the CEO will function under the supervision of the Chairman / Executive Committee on all matters including appointment of his supporting staff required to run the Secretariat.

- The Board of Directors at the end of each Meeting will decide upon the agenda item for the next Conference. The CEO, will in consultation with the Chairman / Executive Committee, submit draft Agenda for the next Conference. He could, however, change or include any agenda item for the Conference in the light of subsequent suggestions received from the Member-Institutions.

6. Where will be the Headquarters of the Foundation located?

The delegates unanimously decided that the Headquarters of IFFTI shall be located in New Delhi, India. It was further decided that the Secretariat support for the initial period of three years will be provided by NIFT, New Delhi.

7. What is the Provision relating to periodicity of the Meetings of the Board of Directors?

It was decided by the delegates that the Board of Directors will meet annually to synchronise with the Annual Conference to be hosted by a Member-Institution. The Executive Committee Meetings could be held as many times as may be required, at the venues mutually convenient to the Hosting Member Institutions.

8. Objectives of IFFTI :

The objectives to be pursued by IFFTI on establishment was discussed at length. A Working Group was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. David Elson along with the following members to draft a Mission Statement :--

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| 1. Prof. Amnon Armoni, Institut Francais de la Mode, France | -- | Member |
| 2. Prof. Edward Newton, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong | -- | Member |
| 3. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, London College of Fashion, UK | -- | Member |
| 4. Dr. M. Govind Raj, Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, USA | -- | Member |
| 5. Ms. Marie Jose Grotenhuis, Hogeschool Van Amsterdam | -- | Member |

The Mission Statement prepared by the sub-group was discussed and was adopted. (copy enclosed at Annexure-2) To examine the provisions of the Article - IV of the Agreement a working group consisting of the following was constituted unanimously.

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| 1. Ms. Marie Jose Grotenhuis, Hogeschool Van Amsterdam | -- | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. David Elson, The Nottingham & Trent University, UK | -- | Member |
| 3. Prof. Edward Newton, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong | -- | Member |
| 4. Mr. Amnon Armoni, Institut Francais de la Mode, France | -- | Member |
| 5. Mr. Mark Madden, Melbourne Institute of Textiles, Australia | -- | Member |
| 6. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, London College of Fashion, UK | -- | Member |

7. Mr. L.V. Saptharishi, NIFT, India
team to assist the Working Group.

-- Member and the

The Report of the Working Group was considered by the delegates and duly adopted. Copy of the Report is at **Annexure - II**.

9. Schedule of Annual Conferences :

The schedule of Annual Conferences for the next three years was discussed and some Members volunteered to host the forthcoming Annual Conferences in their countries. The delegates unanimously decided to host the Annual Conferences for the ensuing three years in the following order : --

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| 1. Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil | -- | 17-19, November 1999 |
| 2. London College of Fashion, UK | -- | 2000 |
| 3. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China | -- | 2001 |

For the year 2002, the Melbourne Institute of Textiles, Australia and the Hogeschool Van Amsterdam, The Netherlands offered to host the Conference. A final decision on this will be taken at the next Conference in 1999.

All the Annual Conferences will have a theme and will be supported by the Secretariat and Local Programme Committee.

10. Duration of the Agreement :

As the mission statement of IFFTI envisages HRD through global networking, it was felt that to achieve quantifiable results a longer duration of agreement, to provide continuity in the activities is desired. The consensus that emerged was to have an initial agreement for five years which will be renewable for further periods subject to the modification, suggested and adopted by the Board of Directors.

11. Emblem and Seal of IFFTI :

To depict the International character of the IFFTI, and to have an acceptable logo / emblem which should be attractive and convey the objectives of the IFFTI, it was decided by the delegates to keep this issue open and receive suggestions and samples from the participating institutions for consideration.

12. Financial Implications

The Delegate from NIFT explained the probable income / expenditure projections as suggested in the Paper No.5 circulated amongst the delegates. The expenditure part of the Secretariat was also discussed at length, keeping in view the Headquarters of the Secretariat being Delhi.

The consensus emerged that the initial expenditure to run the Secretariat should be kept at the minimum level. In order to meet this end, it was decided unanimously that the Annual Fee will be US \$ 2,000 per Member-Institution.

13. Framing of Bye-laws

The delegates unanimously endorsed the suggestion made by the Chairman for entrusting the preparation of bye-laws to the Secretariat under the guidance and supervision of the CEO to be adopted by the Board of Directors.

6.2 Conference Document II - Draft Agreement

The Draft Agreement was discussed. It was decided that the Member-Institutes will examine this Draft Agreement in the light of the deliberations of the Conference and will send in their comments to the Secretariat and the document revised based on the comments / suggestions and then circulated to all the Members. The consensus will be placed before the Board of Directors for approval.

6.3 Appointment of CEO

Mr Amnon Armoni, Institut Francais de la Mode, France proposed the name of Mr L V Saptharishi, Executive Director, NIFT to be the CEO of IFFTI for a minimum period of one year. The proposal was welcomed by all the delegates and approved.

6.4 Conclusion

The Conference concluded after approving of the MOU to be signed by all the Delegates on the establishment of International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes.

The Chairman thanked all the Delegates and Observers for their presence and co-operation in the successful conduct of the Conference. He also thanked ED, faculty, administration and student community of NIFT for their sincere efforts and assistance in organising the Conference.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE
INTERNATIONAL FASHION TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTES

- I. THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE DELEGATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FORMATION OF INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS IFFTI) HELD AT NEW DELHI ON 9-11, NOVEMBER, 1998(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS NEW DELHI CONFERENCE).

- II. The names of the Delegates / Observers who participated at the New Delhi Conference and the Institutes they represented, are indicated in Annexure.-1 to this MOU.

- III. The delegates deliberated on the various aspects concerning the proposal for the setting up of an International Platform for the benefit of Fashion Institutes all over the world, based on the Conference Background Document No.IFFTI/CONF/1/98, and unanimously agreed to the establishment of IFFTI. A copy of the Proceedings of the Main Session of the New Delhi Conference held on 10-11, November 1998 is attached at Annexure.-II to this MOU.

- IV. The delegates noted that the Institutes participating in the Conference will have to seek and obtain approval of their appropriate authorities for the proposed Agreement for formalising the establishment of IFFTI. Accordingly, the Draft Agreement (Conference Document No.IFFTI/CONF/2/98) will be modified by the Secretariat of

the proposed Foundation incorporating the suggestions / amendments arising out of the deliberations at the New Delhi Conference.

V. The Secretariat will circulate the modified Draft Agreement to all the Institutions for their consideration and formal concurrence.

VI. The Delegates agreed to sign this MOU on Wednesday, the 11th day of November, 1998 in the NIFT campus, New Delhi, India, for facilitating action as mentioned in Section IV-V above and accordingly append their signatures hereunder:

<u>NAME OF THE INSTITUTE</u>	<u>NAME OF THE SIGNATORY</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
1. Bunka Women's University, Japan	Prof. Machiko Miyoshi	
2. China Textile University, China	Mr. Hu Xuechao	
3. De Montfort University, United Kingdom	Ms. Janice Mee	
4. Domus Academy, Italy	Ms. Natasha Celati	
5. Fashion Institute of Technology, United States of America	Prof. Michael Renzulli	
6. Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Netherlands	Ms. Marie Jose Grotenhuis	
7. Institut Francais de la Mode, France,	Mr. Amnon Armoni	
8. London College of Fashion, United Kingdom	Ms. Elizabeth Rouse	
9. Melbourne Institute of Textiles, Australia	Mr. Mark Madden	

10. National Institute of Design, India.	Mr. Vikas Satwalekar	
11. National Institute of Fashion Technology, India.	Mr. L.V. Saptharishi	
12. The Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom	Mr. David Elson	
13. Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, United States of America	Dr. M. Govind Raj	
14. Sydney Institute of Technology, Australia.	Mr. Nicholas Huxley	
15. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China.	Prof. Edward Newton	
16. University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.	Ms. Julia Raath	
17. Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil.	Mr. Airton Embacher.	

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**A CONFERENCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTES NEW DELHI 9-11
NOVEMBER 1998**

A report by Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee comprised of

1. Mr. Airton Embacher, Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil
2. Prof. Hu Xuechao, China Textile University, China
3. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, London College of Fashion, UK
4. Ms. Anita Sahni, National Institute of Technology, India
5. Mr. R. K Ranade, National Institute of Technology, India
6. Mr. Rajesh Bheda, National Institute of Technology, India
7. Mrs. Sonia Choudhary, National Institute of Technology, India

The Committee looked into the credentials of the representatives of the institutes and accredited the following delegates / observers.

Delegates:

- i. Mr. Mark Madden, Melbourne Institute of Textiles, Australia
- ii. Mr. Nicholas Huxley, Sydney Institute of Technology, Australia
- iii. Ms. Anne Normoyle, Sydney Institute of Technology, Australia
- iv. Mr. Airton Embacher, Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil
- v. Mr. Hu Xuechao, China Textiles University, China
- vi. Prof. Zhang Weiyuan, China Textiles University, China
- vii. Prof. Huang Yuanqing, China Textiles University, China
- viii. Ms. Wu Meifan, China Textile University, China
- ix. Prof. Edward Newton, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China
- x. Mr. Amnon Armoni, Institut Francais de la Mode, France
- xi. Ms. Veronique Delignette-Schilling, Institut Francais de la Mode, France
- xii. Mr. Vika Satwalekar, National Institute of Design, India
- xiii. Mr. S. Sethuraman, National Institute of Design, India
- xiv. Mr. Himadri Ghosh, National Institute of Design, India
- xv. Mr. Shyamal Ghosh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles & Chairman – NIFT, India
- xvi. Mr. L. V. Saptharishi, Executive Director, NIFT, India
- xvii. Ms. Natasha Celati, Domus Academy, Italy
- xviii. Prof. Machiko Miyoshi, Bunka Women's University, Japan
- xix. Mr. Ben Aartsen, Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Netherlands
- xx. Ms. Marie Jose Grotenhuis, Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Netherlands

- xxi. Mr. Willem Schouten, Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Netherlands,
- xxii. Ms. Janice Mee, De Montfort University, UK
- xxiii. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, London College of Fashion, UK
- xxiv. Mr. David Elson, Nottingham Trent University, UK
- xxv. Ms. Brenda Sparkes, The Nottingham Trent University, UK
- xxvi. Prof. M. Renzulli, Fashion Institute of Technology, USA
- xxvii. Dr. M. Govindraj, Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, USA
- xxviii. Ms. Julia Raath, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia

Observers:

- i. Mr. Raymond Au, The Hong Kong University, China
- ii. Mr. Kim Liew, The Hong Kong University, China
- iii. Ms. Gail Taylor, The Hong Kong University, China
- iv. Ms. Shimul Mehta Vyas, National Institute of Design, India
- v. Ms. Anita Sahni, NIFT, India
- vi. Mr. S. Krishnamoorthy, NIFT, India
- vii. Ms. Savita Sharma, NIFT, India
- viii. Dr. Darlie O. Koshy, NIFT, India
- ix. Prof. Asha Baxi, NIFT, India
- x. Mr. Rajesh Bheda, NIFT, India
- xi. Mr. Jatin Bhatt, NIFT, India
- xii. Dr. Sanjay Gupta, NIFT, India
- xiii. Mr. Bala Siddhartha, NIFT, India
- xiv. Ms. Shalini Sud, NIFT, India
- xv. Ms. Harmeet Bajaj, NIFT, India
- xvi. Ms. Monika Gupta, NIFT, India
- xvii. Mr. R. K. Ranade, NIFT, India
- xviii. Ms. Kalpana Swamy, NIFT, India
- xix. Ms. Vandana Narang, Convenor of the Organising Committee
- xx. Ms. Bhavana Kapoor, NIFT, India
- xxi. Ms. Yoshida Kayo, Bunka Women's University, Japan
- xxii. Ms. Julie Pinches, Nottingham Trent University, UK

Airton Embacher
Co-ordinator of fashion course
UAM, Brazil

Hue Xuechao
Vice President, CTU, China

Elizabeth Rouse
Dean of quality Assurance, LCF, UK

Anita Sahni
Director (A&A), NIFT, India

R. K. Ranade
Director Comp. NIFT, India

Rajesh Bheda
Chairperson, GMT, NIFT, India

Sonia Choudhary
Asst. Prof. AMM, NIFT, India

The following persons attended the main Conference as Observers after the Preliminary discussion on the foundation proposals were over.

- 1. Mr. A. K. G. Nair, Director, Pearl Academy, New Delhi, India*
- 2. Ms. Heena Gorcia, Hon'y Secretary, The Bhawanipur Gujarati Educ. Society, Calcutta, India*

Report of the Working Group set up by the Conference to draft the Mission Statement, Objectives and Priorities for 1999.

International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes

Mission

A global network of institutions dedicated to the advancement of education in design, technology and business for the fashion and related industries through international collaboration.

Vision

- Provide wider opportunities for educators, researchers, students and graduates to study and work anywhere in the world, and to strengthen and foster relations with the global fashion and related industry.
- Develop a greater understanding of the role and responsibility of the fashion and related industries in the global economy and international community.

Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Ethical Practices
- Recognise value of intellectual property.
- International perspective
- Cultural diversity

Objective 1

Establish the Foundation

- Finalise draft agreement
- Secure Membership
- Funding
- Finalise the emblem and seal of the foundation

Objective 2

Advance education in design, technology and business for the fashion and related industries

- Develop an international network both real and virtual to support the activities of the Foundation
- Promote debate and interaction through an Annual International Conference
- Develop an international framework for the recognition of credit transfer between academic programs of member institutions.
- Assist professional development of educators and researchers through international programs. Seminars and workshops
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- Establish strong financial reporting systems and budget processes
- Develop financial plan
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- Support and monitor International internships/placements.
- Assist students in selecting suitable International programs, studies and projects.

Objective 6

To foster the development of fashion and related industries internationally

- Contribute to the development of the global fashion and related industries
- Develop a network of international competencies.
- Encourage international Consultancy.
- Expand HRD programs for the comprehensive development of the industry.

Priorities for 1999

- Establish the Foundation
- Explore alternative sources of funding
- Hold annual International Conference
- Establish a working group on credit transfer
- Create an internet-site
- Suggested main themes for future Conferences and working groups
 - Internships
 - Ethical Practices
 - Research equivalents

Action plans and accountability to be developed by the CEO and the Executive Committee.

Review of the Strategic Directions to be presented to the AGM of Board of Directors.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

A REPORT ON THE SIGNATURE TO THE MOU's / AGREEMENT ON IFFTI/ PAYMENT OF INITIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE IFFTI ACCOUNT

A statement showing the number of Member-Institutions who have signed the MOU/ Signed the Agreement/paid the initial subscription amount as well as those who have not acted so far under one or more of these categories is enclosed.

It would be seen that out of 22 Institutions, originally approved as the Founding Members of IFFTI, the following 3 Institutions have not so far either signed the MOU or signed the Agreement or paid the fees:

1. Shenkar College, Tel Aviv, Israel
2. Esmod International, Paris, France
3. College LaSalle, Montreal, Canada

The 3 above Institutions have neither been responding to our email/fax correspondences or contacts through Indian Embassies. The reasons for their silence are not clear and it is therefore suggested that in the interest of proper geographical representation as well as from the standpoint of membership of outstanding Fashion Schools in the IFFTI, some more diplomatic and professional efforts are to be initiated to make them member of IFFTI.

In the case of Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, they have responded to the Agreement stating that under Article XII (Indemnification of Directors and Officers), their attorneys feel that in the best interest of their Institution members of the organization (IFFTI) should also be included in the list of indemnification.

The Philadelphia College have, therefore, suggested that the Executive Committee should consider this issue at its meeting in Paris in June 1999. Further, they would be in Paris from 1-8 June, 1999 for the ITMA Show and would like to attend the Executive Committee to explain the position.

The Secretariat discussed this matter with the Consultant who is helping it in drafting the MOA and Rules & Regulations of the IFFTI Society and he has reiterated that,

“the indemnity is aimed at the Members of the Governing Council/Board of Directors for their respective acts of omission and commission. Since the Foundation shall be a distinct legal entity, the question of Members being liable for the acts of the Foundation and providing them immunity does not arise.”

At the same time, he has stated that, if the USA Institution is of the view that the members of the organization should also be included in the list of indemnification, this could be done without much of a problem.

This matter could be discussed by the Executive Committee and decision arrived at.

As far as payment of fees is concerned, out of 22 Institutions, the following 7 Institutions have not yet remitted the amount:

1. De Montfort University, Leicester, UK
2. China Textile University, Shanghai, China
3. Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Sao Paulo, Brazil
4. Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, Pennsylvania, USA
5. Esmod International, Paris, France
6. Shenkar College, Tel Aviv, Israel
7. College LaSalle, Montreal, Canada

With regard to Institutions 1,2 and 3, correspondence is going on for expediting payment and it is expected to be sorted out very shortly.

In regard to Institutions 4-7, their payment is linked to their signing the Agreement and once that is sorted out, payment could be expected.

S. No.	Name of the Institute	MOU Received Yes/No	Agreement Received Yes/No	Fees Paid/ Not Paid
1	Fashion Institute of Technology, New York	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Royal Melbourne Institute of Textiles, Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Domus Academy, Milano, Italy	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	University of Technology, Sydney, Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	The Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi, India	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Bunka Women's University, Tokyo, Japan	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris, France	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	Sydney Institute of Technology, Sydney, Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes
13	Polimoda, Firenze, Italy	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	Temasek Design School, Singapore	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	London College of Fashion, London, UK	Yes	Yes	Yes
16	Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Yes	Yes	No
17	China Textile University, Shanghai, China	Yes	Yes	No
18	De Montfort University, Leicester, UK	Yes	Yes	No
19	Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, Pennsylvania, USA	Yes	No	No
20	Esmod International, Paris, France	No	No	No
21	Shenkar College, Tel Aviv, Israel	No	No	No
22	College LaSalle, Montreal, Canada	No	No	No

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUESTS RECEIVED BY THE IFFTI SECRETARIAT FOR MEMBERSHIP OF IFFTI.

Before the Committee could take up for consideration the requests received by the Secretariat for Membership of IFFTI, the provision on Membership of IFFTI as provided under Article VII of the Agreement is brought to the notice of the Committee:

“ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

The IFFTI Membership will only be by invitation to Fashion Education Institutions, extended by the Board comprising the Founding Members to the Agreement whose list is at Annexure 1. Once admitted the Institution will be part of the Board.

- The Institution invited to participate or seeking Membership should have a proven track record of providing excellent education and related facilities for the student community in the areas of design, technology and business for the fashion related industry.
- The applicants for new Membership in the initial years of the Foundation would have to be suitably recommended by an existing Member and will be thereafter considered by the Executive Committee and placed before the Board for final decision.
- The decisions of the Board on all issues including that of new Membership, will be by consensus, failing which by the procedure of simple majority on the basis of voting by ballot of the Members present and voting.
- The subject of enrolment of Associate Members / individual members would be decided in due course.
- Requests for Membership have been received from the following Institutions.

1. Ms. Mary McCrae Director,
Ryerson School of Fashion,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada } Reference Prof. Michael Renzulli, FIT, New York
} Copies of the Correspondence are Annexed.

2. Sister Maryta
Head of College of Human
Ecology of Fue Jen,
University, Taiwan } Reference Prof. Edward Newton, The Hong Kong
Polytechnic, Hong Kong, China
} Copies of the Correspondence are Annexed.

To facilitate consideration of the requests of the above two Institutions, the Secretariat has asked for more details about the programmes and activities of these two Institutions. No reply has been received from the Institution at Serial No. 1, while in the case of the Institution at Serial No. 2, they have asked IFFTI to provide more information about themselves. This has been done.

In the light of the above, the Committee can take a view of these two requests and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors for final decision at the November 1999 Conference.

In the meanwhile, the Secretariat will collect more detailed information about these two Institutions and place them before the Board.

Consideration of the requests as Associate Members/Individual Members of IFFTI:

Requests have been received by the Secretariat from the following Institutions for Associate Membership:

1. Egyptian, Knitting and Readymade Company, Cairo, Egypt
2. Valentino Institute of Arts, Fashion & Interiors, Thane, Mumbai, India
3. The Bhawanipur Gujarati Education Society, Calcutta, India
4. Premlila Vithaldas Polytechnic, Mumbai, India
5. CEPZ Institute of Fashion Technology, Mumbai, India
6. G. D. Somani Marg, Mumbai, India
7. Maharashi Karve Shree Shikshan Samstha's, Pune, India
8. Hyderabad Institute of Fashion Technology, Hyderabad, India
9. Pearl Academy of Fashion, New Delhi, India
10. Wigan & Leigh College, New Delhi, Inaid
11. Srishti School of Art, Design & Technology, Bangalore, India
12. Lexicon School of Fashion, Chennai, India
13. PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore, India
14. Sophia Shree Basant Kumar Somani Memorial Polytechnic, Mumbai, India

Copies of their requests are enclosed.

So far no criteria have been spelt out or laid down for enrollment of Associate Members/ Individual Members of IFFTI. The Article VII (Membership), quoted above, envisages that the subject of enrolment of Associate Members/ Individual Members would be decided in due course.

The Founding Members of IFFTI are broadly of the view that the Institutions invited to become Members of IFFTI should have a proven track record of providing excellent educational and related facilities for the student community in the areas of design, technology, and business for the fashion related industry.

The Secretariat is of the view that, while the question of full Membership of IFFTI could be based on the strict criteria spelt out as above, a more liberal and flexible view could be taken regarding admission of a large number of Institutions/ Individuals whose requests are being received by the Secretariat as Associate Members/ Individual Members of IFFTI. This will help in spreading the message of IFFTI on wider lines and the Foundation will really assume the international and the global character which it should have.

Furthermore, from the financial point of view also a wider base with larger contribution will help IFFTI make a good impact on the Faculty and student community of the Fashion Institutions across the globe.

Keeping the above factors in view, the Secretariat recommends that the criteria for Associate Membership or Individual Membership of IFFTI could be as follows:

- The Institution should be engaged in one or more Fashion related HRD activities at least for a minimum period of 5 years prior to the establishment of IFFTI. There should be some certificate or document which should clearly bring out the bonafides of this Institution.
- The Institution should also be willing to accept the Observer status in the formal meetings of IFFTI and would not enjoy any voting rights.
- The Institution should be willing to pay US \$ 500 per annum for being an Associate Member of IFFTI.
- In the case of an individual, (such as designers, fashion communicators, fashion journalists, choreographers, event managers, industry professionals, etc.) an annual fee of US \$ 200 could be charged to give him/her an Individual Membership status.

The Committee can finalise its views on these three issues and make recommendations for adoption by the Board of Directors.

FOUNDING MEMBERS OF IFFTI

S. No.	Name of the Institutes
1	Fashion Institute of Technology, New York
2	Royal Melbourne Institute of Textiles, Australia
3	Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
4.	Domus Academy, Milano, Italy
5	University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
6.	The Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK
7.	National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi, India
8.	National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India
9.	Bunka Women's University, Tokyo, Japan
10.	Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris, France
11.	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China
12.	Sydney Institute of Technology, Sydney, Australia
13.	De Montfort University, Leicester, UK
14.	Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Sao Paulo, Brazil
15.	China Textile University, Shanghai, China
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Institutions at Serial No. 1-17 attended the first IFFTI Conference at New Delhi on 9-11 November, 1998.

Institutions at Serial No. 18 and 19 did not attend the Conference even though they had originally expressed their willingness to attend the meeting.

Serial No. 19 could not attend the meeting at the last minute due to some change in Management, etc., in their Institution. However, they expressed their full support to IFFTI and desired to join IFFTI. Later on, they have not responded to our communications for signing the MOU or entering the Agreement.

Serial No. 20 did not respond to our invitation earlier, but subsequently entered the Agreement and also paid the fee.

In the case of Serial No. 21, the Shenkar's College, Tel Aviv had stated that due to pre-fixed engagements, they could not attend the IFFTI Conference.

In the case of Serial No. 22, the College LaSalle, Montreal, Canada there was no response whatsoever to attend IFFTI Meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

**CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF IFFTI AND ITS RULES & REGULATIONS**

It may be recalled that during the deliberations of the preparatory Conference on IFFTI held at Delhi in November, 1998, the view that emerged was that for proper functioning of IFFTI, there should be a legal framework to operate and this should be in terms of the Laws and Regulations of the Country wherein IFFTI will be headquartered.

As almost all the Founding Members of IFFTI have signed the MOU and also the Agreement governing the operations of IFFTI, an exercise has been undertaken by the Secretariat for registering IFFTI as a Society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860.

The draft MOA and Rules & Regulations of IFFTI which will now be registered as a Society have been circulated to all the Founding Members for their comments. RMIT (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology), Sydney have intimated that they have no problem with the MOA and Rules & Regulations of IFFTI as a Society.

It is now proposed that the Board may authorise the CEO, IFFTI, to take steps to register IFFTI as a Society having regard to the fact that every Article as contained in the Agreement has been duly incorporated in the MOA and the Rules & Regulations are also in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement as well as the MOA.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

FINALISATION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IFFTI AND THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF IFFTI SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 17 – 19 NOVEMBER, 1999 AT HOTEL HILTON, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL AS PER THE INVITATION OF UNIVERSIDADE ANHEMBI MORUMBI.

Under Article IX of the Agreement, the CEO, will, in consultation, with the Chairman/ Executive Committee, submit draft Agenda for the next Conference. He could, however, change or include any Agenda item of the Conference in the light of the subsequent suggestions received from the Member-Institutions.

“The Agenda for the Board meeting will be drawn and circulated by the CEO, three months prior to the Annual Conference. The Agenda for the Annual Conference as distinct from the Agenda of the Board Meeting will be finalized by the CEO in consultation with the Member Institution hosting the Conference of the IFFTI in his country”.

In the light of the above provisions, the Agenda items for the IFFTI Annual Conference at Brazil in November, 1999 and the Agenda for the Second Meeting of the Board of Directors of IFFTI during this period are proposed as follows:

Agenda for the Conference at Sao Paulo, Brazil on 17-19 November, 1999

<p><u>16 November 1999</u> Tuesday</p>	<p>Arrival of the delegations from different Member- Institutions and invited observers/designers/industry representatives and other dignitaries for the Conference.</p>
<p><u>17 November 1999</u> Wednesday 9:30 AM – 11:00 PM</p>	<p>Inauguration of the Conference. At the venue of the Conference IFFTI Members would put up a display of their Design Collections and other activities relating to their Institutions.</p>
<p>11:00 AM – 1:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Conference Theme</u> Role of International Fashion Institutions in bringing about changes in industry attitudes and vice-versa.</p>
<p>1:00 – 2:30 PM</p>	<p align="center">Lunch</p>
<p>2:30 – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Parallel meetings of the three groups set up by the Executive Committee to suggest plan of action for 1999-2000.</p>
<p>4:00 – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Summing up of the Proceedings of the Conference.</p>
<p>6:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception for the IFFTI delegations and observers and other dignitaries Hosted by Universidade Anhembi Morumbi. • A cultural programme could be organized by the host Institution as per their convenience, to give an opportunity to the delegations, to understand and enjoy the beauty and traditions of the Brazilian culture and its contribution to civilization.

<u>18 November 1999</u> Thursday 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Meeting of the Board of Directors of IFFTI
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p>
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Meeting of the Board of Directors continued.
6:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Design Collections of all the participating Institutions of IFFTI. • Dinner to be hosted by _____.
<u>19 November 1999</u> Friday Forenoon	Informal meetings of the delegates and local visits. Preparation of Reports etc.,
3:00 PM	Plenary Session at which IFFTI members/Observers/invited dignitaries will be present and the Secretariat will apprise them of the outcome of the Conference, Plan of action and direction for the future.
6:30 PM	The NIFT – AEPC in collaboration with FDCI (India) will present their Fashion Design Collections.
<u>20 November 1999</u> Saturday	Delegations can leave for Rio-de-Janeiro on a visit or can leave for their respective homes.

Agenda for the 2nd Meeting of the Board of Directors of IFFTI at Sao Paulo, Brazil at
9:30 AM on 18th November, 1999.

1. Welcome remarks by Chairman, IFFTI
2. Leave of Absence
3. Adoption of the minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Directors of IFFTI held at New Delhi in November, 1998.
4. A report on the activities of IFFTI during 1998 – 99 to be presented by the CEO, including adoption of the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board held at Paris on 3 – 4 June, 1999.
5. Brief presentation by each of the Members of IFFTI on the various happenings in their Institutions. The papers to be received in advance from them will be enclosed to this agenda item.

Lunch

6. Adoption of the work plan of IFFTI for 1999 – 2000 in terms of recommendations received from the three groups whose deliberations would have taken place on 17th November 1999.
7. Consideration and adoption of the MOA and Rules & Regulations of IFFTI as a registered Society with Headquarters at New Delhi.
8. Adoption of the budget of IFFTI for 1999 – 2000/
9. Consideration of the requests received from various Institutions across the globe for Membership of IFFTI and the views/recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Board.
10. Any other item to be taken up with the permission of the Chair.
11. Dates and venue of the next Conference of IFFTI and the theme of the Conference.

Invitation for the Conference at Sao Paulo will be sent to Observers who attend the New Delhi Conference and also various industry Representatives/Associations as per the list to be sent to IFFTI Secretariat by the Member – Institutions. Invitation will also be sent to Multilateral Institutions like World Bank, UNDP, IMF, UNIDO, WTO, ITC, UNTAD to come as Observers.

It is also proposed to charge US \$ 200 per Observer / Industry Associations/ Individual willing to attend the Conference. The amount so collected will be credited to IFFTI Account to build up the Corpus fund.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

ACTION PLAN FOR 1999 – 2000

Priorities for 1999 and steps taken/initiated by the Secretariat.

- **Establish the Foundation**

The Foundation has been established since 19 out of 22 Founding Members have signed the MOU and subsequently 18 out of 22 Founding Members have signed the Agreement.

- **Explore alternative sources of funding**

It is proposed to contact World Bank, IFC, UNDP, UNIDO and other bilateral and multilateral bodies for financial support after getting authorization from the Executive Committee at its first meeting at Paris.

- **Hold annual International Conference**

The Second Annual Conference of IFFTI is going to be held at Sao Paulo, Brazil on 17-19 November, 1999 at the invitation of the Universidade Anhembi Morumbi. Preparatory steps are underway.

- **Establish a working group on credit transfer**

This work has been entrusted to one of the three working groups proposed below and its recommendations will be acted upon.

- **Create an internet-site**

This work is underway by the Department of IT of NIFT.

- **Suggested main themes for future Conference and working groups.**

- Internships
- Ethical Practices
- Research Equivalents

The working groups proposed below will address this issue.

Action plans and accountability to be developed by the CEO and the Executive Committee

Review of the Strategic Directions to be presented to the AGM of Board of Directors.

This will be finalized during the Executive Committee meeting.

Constitution of three Committees comprising IFFTI members to work on a Plan of Action for 1999-2000.

The Mission objectives of IFFTI are:

Objective 1

Establish the Foundation

- Finalise draft agreement
- Secure membership
- Funding
- Finalise the emblem and seal of the Foundation.

Objective 2

Advance education in design, technology and business for the fashion and related industries.

- Develop an international network both real and virtual to support the activities of the Foundation;
- Promote debate and interaction through an Annual International Conference.
- Develop an international framework for the recognition of credit transfer between academic programs of member institutions.
- Assist professional development of educators and researchers through international programs, seminars and workshops.
- Provide support and assistance to publicise member institutions' academic programs and activities.

Promote/support international cultural understanding

Objective 3

Develop a sound financial base

- Establish strong financial reporting systems and budget processes
- Develop financial plan
- Secure new sources of funding and sponsorship

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- Develop professional and intellectual development programs, seminars, workshops and symposia
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- Establish multinational projects, scholarships and student exchange programs, fellowships, prizes and awards for recognizing and rewarding talent, creativity and excellence.
- Establish and “International Student Award” as part of the International Conference.
- Support and monitor International internships/placements.
- Assist students in selecting suitable International programs, studies and projects.

Objective 6

To foster the development of fashion and related industries internationally.

- Contribute to the development of the global fashion and related industries.
- Develop a network of international competencies.
- Encourage International Consultancy.
- Expand HRD programs for comprehensive development of the industry.

In consonance with the above Mission Objectives of IFFTI, the Secretariat proposes setting up of three working groups comprising different Member-Institutions to draw up a Plan of Action which could be considered and adopted by the Board of IFFTI during the Conference in November, 1999.

The three working groups suggested:-

I. Promote student involvement in IFFTI

- Hogescholl Van Amsterdam, The Netherlands -- Convenor
- NIFT, India
- China Textiles University, China
- Melbourne Institute of Textiles, Australia (RMIT)
- Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil
- Esmod International, Paris
- Temasek Design School, Singapore
- Sydney Institute of Technology, Sydney

II. Promote an international forum for the exchange of ideas and collaborative research and development

- Fashion Institute of Technology, New York -- Convenor
- Hong Kong Polytechnic, Hong Kong
- The Nottingham Trent University, UK
- Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris
- Bunka Women's University, Japan
- Polimoda, Italy
- College LaSalle, Canada

III. To foster the development of fashion and related industries internationally

- London College of Fashion, London -- Convenor
- Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, USA
- De Montfort University, UK
- University of Technology, Sydney
- Domus Academy, Italy
- National Institute of Design, India
- Shenkar College, Israel

The compensation of the working groups is suggested on informal lines and it is left to every Member Institution of the IFFTI to associate itself with one or more of these three groups, contribute their ideas and inputs and help in the finalisation of the Plan of Action for consideration by the Board of Directors.

It is further proposed that after the Paris meeting, the Secretariat would inform the respective members of the working groups to meet at a venue convenient for every one concerned and finalise their action plan by 31st July, 1999 and forward the same to the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

**AUTHORITY TO BE GIVEN TO CEO – IFFTI, TO OPERATE THE BANK
ACCOUNT OF IFFTI BEING CURRENTLY MAINTAINED IN NIFT
HEADQUARTERS, NEW DELHI**

The Executive Committee is requested to authorise the CEO, IFFTI to operate the Bank account. In addition to the CEO, one other signatory for signing the cheques for drawal of funds from the account of IFFTI would be the Chief Accounts Officer of NIFT.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET OF IFFTI FOR 1999 AND PROPOSALS FOR 2000.

As on date under the IFFTI account No. 41629 maintained by NIFT at the Canara Bank, Green Park, New Delhi, there is an amount of US \$ 30,000 representing Membership Fee contributions received from 15 members. The contribution from the other Members has not yet been received and correspondence is going on.

At this juncture, it is not proposed to suggest any outgo from this fund till the corpus is built to a respectable level, including contributions from the other categories of Members who have not yet been admitted to IFFTI.

It should be placed on record that NIFT is incurring expenditure out of its own resources on matters connected with IFFTI – by way of email/fax/postal/telephone/stationery/photocopying/Secretarial assistance etc.

Between November 1998 – May 1999, the approximate expenditure incurred by NIFT under different items are as follows:

Stationery Materials	--	Rs. 35,000/- (@ Rs. 5,000 x 7 months)
Photocopying	--	Rs. 7,000/- (@ Rs. 1,000 x 7 months)
Fax charges	--	Rs. 70,000/- (@ Rs. 10,000 x 7 months)
Postal charges	--	Rs. 10,000/- (for the entire period)
Telephone charges	--	Rs. 1,05,000/- (@ Rs. 15,000 x 7 months)
Computer Peripherals	--	Rs. 17,500/- (@ Rs. 2,500 x 7 months)
Secretarial Peripherals	--	Rs. 70,000/- (@ Rs. 10,000 x 7 months)
Total	--	Rs. 3,14,500/- (1 USD = 42 INR)

or US \$ 7,488

The above figures do not include rent free accommodation, electricity charges and other infrastructural facilities provided by NIFT to IFFTI at present.

On an yearly basis NIFT would have to incur an expenditure of the order of Rs. 5,00,000/- or US \$ 11,900.

The Executive Committee can take a view as to how much should be spent by IFFTI Secretariat out of its funds in support of the expenditure of the order currently being incurred by NIFT.

Based on its decision, the Secretariat will place before the Board of Directors the budget for 1999-2000.

As far as Award for students, scholarship amount, cost on research projects, etc. are concerned, this will depend upon funding to be received by IFFTI from other sources or from the earnings of the corpus after it is built up to a reasonably high level.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

**ANY OTHER ITEM WITH TO BE TAKEN UP WITH THE PERMISSION OF
THE CHAIRMAN**