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Foreword

This publication contains the future priorities adopted by the 24th FIET World Congress, which took place in Sydney, Australia, from 14 to 18 March 1999.

The report is divided into four sections:

- Part 1: People First in the Global Economy
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A new approach was adopted to motions at the 24th FIET World Congress. Because the number of motions presented by affiliates had continued to increase substantially at each Congress, following a period of reflection after the 23rd World Congress, the World Executive Committee agreed to change the system.

Four key areas for discussion were identified. The World Executive Committee gave consideration to the four background papers and future priorities at its meeting in Cardiff in March 1998, and the reports and future priorities were circulated to affiliates for comments.

Reports were received from the World Executive Committee and the Regional Executive Committees that affiliates had welcomed the change of approach, which was not only more orderly, efficient and focused but had also enabled affiliates to participate fully in the process of determining priorities.

The four sets of future priorities were given the status of motions. At the end of the presentation of the relevant item of the agenda, they were debated and submitted for adoption, accompanied by a recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

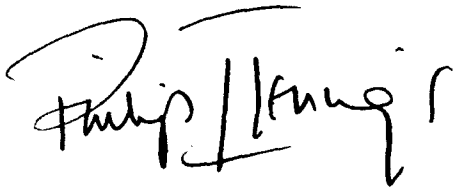
The eighteen member Congress Resolutions Committee, which was chaired by Raffaele Vanni of UILTuCS, Italy, was composed as follows:

Area I	Ken Perry (NUIW, United Kingdom)
Area II	Jens Pors (HK, Denmark)
	Maria Schönefeld (HANDELS, Sweden)
Area III	Ulf Imiela (DGB, F.R. Germany)
	Christoph Sykora (GPA, Austria)
Area IV	Hanka Heumakers (FNV Bondgenoten, Netherlands)
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Area V	Raffaele Vanni (UILTuCS, Italy)
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President:	Raffaele Vanni (UILTuCS, Italy)
Observer:	Ove Höilund Mortensen (FSU, Denmark)
Secretary:	Nick Beck (FIET Secretariat)

It will now be for all parts of the organisation to implement these priorities in practice.

As we move towards the creation of UNI, these priorities will become an important part of the action plan of the new International.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip J. Jennings". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'P' and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

Philip J. Jennings
FIET General Secretary