

The head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) said today the agency will temporarily halt some activities owing to the \$65 million budget shortfall resulting from the United States' decision to withhold its dues, and launched a new online tool to enable donors to help offset the loss. The new fund is one of several measures announced by Director-General Irina Bokova in an address to the 36th session of UNESCO's General Conference that ended today in Paris. "UNESCO is facing a difficult situation," she told the agency's highest ruling body. "It's a test for our organization."

Washington – which contributes 22 per cent of UNESCO's budget – suspended its dues after the agency admitted Palestine as a full member on 31 October. Ms. Bokova had warned that reduced funding will affect the agency's ability to carry out crucial programmes in education, support for emerging democracies and the fight against religious extremism. (...)

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UNESCO sets up fund to cover budget shortfall

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