Summary of Current UIA Activities

**Saur contracts:** new 3-year contracts now signed by Saur, with some financial improvements for UIA, notably with respect to the payment schedule.

**Transnational Associations:** 2 thematic issues in preparation under the new quarterly format.

**Yearbook (hardcopy):** Volume 1 editing virtually completed; production of Vol 1, 2, 3 and 4 proceeding normally (but see note below on personnel). A new proofing procedure has been developed.

**Statistics (and Vol 5 of Yearbook):** This work (undertaken by Nadia McLaren) is now spread over other activities:
- contract with LSE (as last year) for their Civil Society Yearbook (completion in March)
- preparation of membership statistics for Associate Members (in June)
- Vol 5 proper (in September-October)

**Yearbook CD:** Agreement with Saur to switch to a new software platform for this year. This will be prepared by Christian Sylvestre (external UIA consultant) paid by Saur

**Yearbook Online:** Progress continues (by Tomas Fulopp) on improving the interface in the light of feedback from clients (UN-system and others) and from Saur.

**Who’s Who in International Organizations:** New edition scheduled for completion (by Nancy Carfrae) in September-October

**Historical publications:** This project of scanning the earliest UIA major publications, especially the Annuaire de la Vie Internationale, for publication on CD or online, was considered by SAUR in 2000. A new method has been discovered that radically modifies the economics of the project and scanning is now underway with a view to publication of CD or online versions for sale later in 2002. It can be extended to include 50 years of backcopies of Transnational Associations

**Marketing:** George McNamara hired (from 15 January) part-time on trial for this purpose. Work transformed into a consultancy terminating 19 March. The possibility of advertising revenue online is now being actively investigated by Tomas Fulopp, notably in association with his work on improvement of the website design. Other aspects of marketing are being considered by Allan Howard.
**Computer system:** Various steps to update the UIA in-house network (now over 5-years out of date for maintenance purposes) are being actively explored (by Joel Fischer), notably to enable external editing (by telework). These include:

- basic server/software upgrade
- partial shift to use of Linux and away from Windows
- increased use of web interfaces
- “repatriation” of UIA website from its ISP

**NGO-Security and Related:** Although the Council did not allocate any specific budget to the continuation of this work, Allan Howard (who is otherwise engaged in occasional research work for the Yearbook) has had a series of successes in speaking engagements (London, Glasgow, Helsinki, London) on the security of international meetings and the consequences for the meeting industry of 11th September

**Associate Members:** An outline program for the October event has been elaborated. Additional speakers are being sought.

**Survey of international association meetings:** A new survey, using the web, is being prepared for comparison with those of 1985 and 1993 – notably for presentation at the Associate Members meeting.

**Personnel problems:** Beyond the issues relating to salaries, serious personnel problems are being considered in several areas:

- **Yearbook:** The Yearbook is currently functioning with 1.5 persons less than 2 years ago and is faced with the further departure of the chief editor at the end of this year – all at a time when the amount of information continues to increase. It is expected that an editorial assistant will be hired in April-May.
- **Calendar:** Problems of overload and drop in quality, that have been accumulating over several years, have now reached crisis proportions in relation to capacity to produce a quality product. Various strategies for dealing with this are under consideration.