In its customary half yearly review of Task Groups and Working Commission in Sao Paulo, the Programme Committee decided to terminate Task Groups TG17, TG20 will be continued as Working Commission W106, TG22 as Working Commission W105. Task Groups TG32 and TG35 will be terminated after their final report and conference later in the year 2001. The mandates of TG23, TG31, and TG37 have been extended.

Task Group Terminations
The Programme Committee agreed to terminate:

TG17 - Protection Against Electromagnetic Radiation
The work of this Task Group will be continued in the activities of Working Commission W106 - Geographical Information Systems, with Prof. Svein E. Haagenrud, Norwegian Institute for Building Research and Dr. Bengt Eriksson, University of Gävle, Sweden as Joint Coordinators.

TG22 - Environmental Design Methods in Materials and Structural Engineering
The activities of this Task Group will be continued in the work of Working Commission W105 - Life Time Engineering in Construction with Prof. A. Sarja, VTT, Finland as Coordinator.

TG32 - Public Perception of Safety and Risk in Civil Engineering
It was agreed to terminate TG32 after the production of its final report in 2001.

TG35 - Innovative Systems
TG35 will be terminated after its International Conference in June 2001.

NOTE: More information on the new Working Commissions W105 and W106 can be found below in the Around the Task Groups and Working Commissions section of this Information Bulletin.

Extension of Mandates
The Programme Committee agreed to extend the mandate of:

TG23 - Culture in Construction (to the end of 2001)
TG31 - Macro-Economic Data for the Construction Industry (to the end of 2003)
TG37 - Performance Based Building Regulatory Systems
Period to be discussed with Coordinator by the Secretary General and PC Liaison