APPENDIX I

OBJECTIVES OF TEACHING SCIENCE AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL

The general objectives of teaching science at the secondary level are:

- 1. To acquire understanding of scientific concepts, principles and laws.
- 2. Develop instrumental, communicational and problem-solving skills.
- 3. Develop scientific temper, attitudes and values such as open-mindedness, intellectual honesty, and courage to question and respect for human dignity.
- 4. Cultivate social, moral, ethical and aesthetic values, which exalt the society and refine the life of the individual.
- 5. Appreciate the contribution of the scientists and develop sensitivity to possible uses and misuses of science.
- 6. Develop concern for a clean environment and preservation of ecosystem.
- 7. Help undertake higher studies in science, vocation and profession.

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