

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the Advisory Committee in early 1981, to provide it with all necessary assistance and to submit its first report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

7. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to pay particular attention to regional and international meetings dealing with youth or related to youth questions and requests the Secretary-General to provide every means to assist it in this regard;

8. *Calls upon* the Advisory Committee, when applying paragraph 7 above, to seek information about the activities of regional and international meetings dealing with youth or related to youth questions;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide a list of relevant meetings for the first session of the Advisory Committee and invites the Committee to consider the question of being represented at such meetings in consultation with the bodies concerned;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures, through all the communications media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;

11. *Appeals* to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and to the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the United Nations regular budget for the costs of the programme of the International Youth Year and requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures for obtaining such voluntary contributions;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

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**35/127. Preservation and further development of cultural values, including the protection, restitution and return of cultural and artistic property**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 31/39 of 30 November 1976 and 33/49 of 14 December 1978,

*Profoundly convinced* of the continuing need to develop and strengthen international cultural relations, based on mutual respect for cultural integrity and on the principles of equality and sovereignty of States,

*Recognizing* that the future of international cultural relations is closely interrelated with the preservation, development and promotion of cultural values as important factors of the identity and diversity of all nations,

*Considering* that the preservation and development of cultural values, which form part of mankind's cultural heritage, have a great role to play in the process of preparation of societies for life in peace and in the furtherance of the ideals of peace, humanism and freedom,

*Aware* of the importance of cultural values as a catalyst of world progress and national development, particularly in the social and economic fields,

*Conscious* of the role of the cultural dimension in plans and actions aiming at the establishment of the new international economic order,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization<sup>50</sup> on the preservation and further development of cultural values, including the protection, restitution and return of cultural and artistic property;

2. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for including on a continuing basis the problem of the preservation and further development of cultural values in its medium-term and long-term plans and for the significant results already accomplished in that field;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue pursuing active efforts with a view to promoting the preservation and further development of cultural values, including the inscription of the subject on the agenda of the World Conference on Cultural Policies, to be held in 1982.

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**35/128. Return or restitution of cultural and artistic property to its countries of origin**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3187 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3391 (XXX) of 19 November 1975, 31/40 of 30 November 1976, 32/18 of 11 November 1977, 33/50 of 14 December 1978 and 34/64 of 29 November 1979,

*Recalling also* the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,<sup>51</sup> adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 November 1970,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,<sup>50</sup>

*Aware* of the importance attached by the countries of origin to the return of cultural property which is of fundamental spiritual and cultural value to them, so that they may constitute comprehensive or single collections representative of their cultural heritage,

*Reaffirming* that the return or restitution to a country of its *objets d'art*, monuments, museum pieces, manuscripts, documents and any other cultural or artistic treasures constitutes a step forward in the strengthening of international co-operation and the preservation and further development of cultural values,

*Deeply concerned* at the persistence of the illicit traffic in cultural property, which continues to impoverish the cultural heritage of all peoples,

*Supporting* the solemn appeal launched on 7 June 1978 by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the return to those who created it of an irreplaceable cultural heritage,

<sup>50</sup> A/35/349, annex.

<sup>51</sup> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Sixteenth Session*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, pp. 135-141.