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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: cultural development

Report of the Second Committee*

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Addendum

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 93 (see A/53/608, para. 2). Action on sub-item (g) was taken at the 38th and 40th meetings, on 12 and 24 November 1998. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.38 and 40).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35

2. At the 38th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of *Uruguay*, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Cultural development" (A/C.2/53/L.35).

3. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), informed the Committee of the outcome of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and drew its attention to the following revisions agreed upon as a result of those consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, the words "Member States" were replaced by the word "States";

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(b) In operative paragraph 4, the words “in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization” were inserted after the words “the Secretary-General”.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35, as orally revised (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Cultural development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/87 of 8 December 1986, 46/158 of 19 December 1991, 51/79 of 16 December 1996 and 52/197 of 18 December 1997 on cultural development,

Taking note of the fact that public opinion throughout the world as well as Governments and non-governmental organizations have become much more sensitive to the need for better integration of the cultural dimension into the entire development process, as a result of the World Decade for Cultural Development¹ and the work of the World Commission on Culture and Development,

Acknowledging with satisfaction the active participation of Member States, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals in the implementation of projects of national, regional and interregional scope aiming at the promotion of the objectives of the Decade and its follow-up, and in the work of the World Commission,

Taking note of the convening of the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development, held at Stockholm from 30 March to 2 April 1998,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;²

2. *Invites* all States, intergovernmental bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations:

(a) To implement the recommendations of the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development adopted by the Stockholm Conference;

(b) To cooperate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the purpose of ensuring effective follow-up to the Action Plan;

(c) To intensify their efforts to integrate cultural factors into their development programmes and projects so as to ensure sustainable development that fully respects cultural diversity, taking into account their cultural values and identity;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to pursue its ongoing task of promoting throughout the United Nations system a greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development, taking into account the diversity of cultures and the need to apply the recommendations of the Stockholm Conference;

¹ See resolution 41/187.

² A/53/321.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.
