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## REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Ecuador: draft resolutionWorld Decade for Cultural DevelopmentThe General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 10 December 1986 in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/107 of 27 July 1989,

Recognizing the importance of cultural development based on the affirmation and enrichment of the cultural identities of all countries and its close relationship to overall development,

Welcoming the progress made by Member States and by non-governmental organizations to develop activities within the framework of the Decade,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1988-1989; 1/

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1/ A/44/284-E/1989/109.

2. Invites Member States that have not yet done so to establish national committees for the Decade and otherwise to strengthen their efforts to implement the Plan of Action for the Decade;

3. Expresses appreciation to those countries that have provided voluntary contributions in the form of consultant services to the Decade secretariat and encourages other countries, international organizations and other organizations to make voluntary contributions to support the implementation of the Decade;

4. Invites the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue their efforts to develop activities within the framework of the Decade, in accordance with directives of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to strengthen co-ordination of the activities undertaken by the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in support of the Decade;

6. Emphasizes the importance of taking the cultural dimension of development into account in the elaboration of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade and in the working documents for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation;

7. Endorses the recommendations of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, which aim at promoting women's participation in the Plan of Action for the Decade, in particular those relating to a better integration and promotion of women in the objectives of the Decade;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to obtain the views of Governments, appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the objectives and scope of the global review proposed in paragraph 92 of the relevant report on the Decade, 1/ and to submit those views, with a statement of the financial implications, to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

9. Expresses support for the recommendation in paragraph 92 of the relevant report 1/ to convene a mid-Decade conference in 1993, under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in order to evaluate the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade;

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2/ See ACC/1988/2/Add.3.

10. Requests the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit a report on the progress of the Decade for the period 1990-1991 to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

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