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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Yugoslavia : \* draft resolution

Proclamation of the World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Assembly,

Considering recommendation No.27 1/ adopted by the World Conference on Cultural Policies organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at **Mexico** City in 1982, in which it recommended that the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation propose to the General Assembly of the United Nations the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development,

Considering also resolution 11.20 adopted by the General Conference at **its** twenty-second session, 2/ in which it approved, by consensus, the principle of such a decade, which would **be** observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural **Organization**, resolution 11.10 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-third session, 3/ and the **main** points and major proposals set forth **1.** the draft Plan of Action for the Decade submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural **Organization**, 4/

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ E/1994/53, p. 14.

2/ Ibid., annex I.

3/ E/1996/116, annex.

4/ E/1986/L.30, annex.

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/69 of 23 July 1986, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-first session on the question of the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development,

Taking also into account the strong interest that the international community has shown in the proposed decade and, in particular, the contribution that the organizations of the United Nations system have offered to make to the implementation of the plan of action for the decade,

1. Proclaims the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, which shall be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

2. Takes note of the draft Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development, 4/ which was drawn up by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization after wide-ranging consultations with member States, other organizations of the United Nations system and international governmental and non-governmental organizations and the four main objectives of the Decade approved by the General Conference: acknowledging the cultural dimension of development, affirming and enriching cultural identities; broadening participation in culture; and promoting international cultural co-operation;

3. Invites Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and international governmental and non-governmental organizations to take an active part in the fulfilment of the objectives of the Decade and, for that purpose, to make available, on a voluntary basis, taking into consideration their particular situation, priorities and means, the necessary intellectual, human and financial resources;

4. Notes the intention of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to ensure the co-ordination of initiatives and actions to be taken by the parties concerned and, to that end, to consider setting up an intergovernmental committee and a permanent secretariat for the Decade,

5. Requests the Secretary-General, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to ensure that the activities undertaken by the United Nations system in support of the Decade are co-ordinated and that objectives for a fourth United Nations development decade are harmonized with those of the World Decade for Cultural Development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to report periodically to the General Assembly on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development.

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