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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Yugoslavia ; * revised draft resolutionProclamation of the World Decade for Cultural DevelopmentThe General Assembly,

Considering recommendation No. **27 1/** adopted by the World Conference on Cultural **policies** convened **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** Organization **propose to** the General Assembly of the United Nations the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development,

Considering also resolution 11.20 **2/** and 11.10 **3/** adopted **by** the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions, respectively,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution **1986/69** of 23 July **1986**, in which the Council recommended that the General Asserby **take a** decision at **its**

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

1/ E/1984/53, p. 14.

2/ Ibid. , annex I.

3/ E/1986/116, annex.

forty-first session on the question of the proclamation of a world **decade** for cultural development,

Taking into account the interest that the international community, including the **organizations** of the United Nations **system**, have shown in the proposed **decade**,

Recognizing that voluntary **efforts** at the national level by interested individuals and non-governmental and **governmental** organizations are a principal means of advancing the objectives of the decade,

Taking note of the draft plan of action for the world decade **for cultural development**, submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural **Organization, 4/**

1. Proclaims 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;**

2. Approves the four main objectives of the **Decade: acknowledging** the cultural dimension of **development; affirming** and enriching cultural **identities; broadening** participation in cultures and promoting international **cultural co-operation;**

3. Invites all States, **intergovernmental** and **international** non-governmental organizations, and interested individuals 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 and taking into consideration their particular **situation, priorities** and means, the necessary intellectual, human and financial **resources;**

4. Encourages the organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system participating in the fulfilment of the objectives of **the Decade** to do **so** in a **manner** which is in accordance with established programme **priorities and** which does not entail additional financial implications for non-voluntarily funded programmes;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, that **activities** undertaken by the United Nations **system** in support of the Decade are co-ordinated in such a manner **as** to avoid duplication and **overlap;**

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the **Director-General** of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to report biennially to the General **Assembly**, through the Economic and Social Council at its **second regular** session, on the progress of the World Decade for **Cultural Development.**