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Amendment to the Draft Programme and Budget for 2000-2001 (30 C/5)

submitted by BANGLADESH

Part II.A - Major Programmes, Transdisciplinary Project and Transverse Activities

Major Programme	I	- Education for all throughout life
Transdisciplinary project		- Towards a culture of peace
Unit	2	- Education for a culture of peace
Main line of action	4	- 30 C/5, paragraph 05204
Estimated budgetary increase		-
Proposed source of financing		-

Proposed modification

An International Mother Language Day will be proclaimed with a view to pursuing the Organization's work in favour of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism in all fields of competence and that the proposed International Mother Language Day be observed on 21 February every year in the Member States and at UNESCO Headquarters.

Explanatory note

Considering that languages are at the very heart of UNESCO's objectives and that they are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage,

* The Director-General's observations on this draft resolution, which was received by the Secretariat on 9 September 1999, will be published in document 30 C/8, COM.II.

Bearing in mind also that all moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to development fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue,

Considering consequently that one of the most effective ways to promote and develop mother tongues is the establishment of an “International Mother Language Day” with a view to organizing various activities in the Member States and an exhibition at UNESCO Headquarters on that same day,

Recognizing the unprecedented sacrifice made by Bangladesh for the cause of mother language on 21 February 1952,

Noting that this idea has not yet been adopted at the international level,

Proposes that 21 February be proclaimed “International Mother Language Day” throughout the world to commemorate the martyrs who sacrificed their lives on this very date in 1952.