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submitted by CROATIA

Proposal for a resolution for the General Conference of UNESCO

Culture of Dialogue between Civilizations

The General Conference,

Considering that in its session of 1954, held in Montevideo, it noted in resolution IV.1.4.422-4224 the results which had been accomplished through the international language Esperanto in the field of international intellectual exchanges and mutual understanding between the world's peoples, and that it recognized that they conform to the objectives and ideals of UNESCO,

Considering that in its session of 1985, held in Sofia, it recognized in resolution XI.4.4.218 the outstanding possibilities offered by Esperanto for international understanding between peoples and cultures of different countries, and that it invited the Member States to introduce a study programme about the international language problem and about Esperanto in its schools and institutes of higher education,

Recalling that for over a hundred years, the movement for the international language Esperanto has persistently struggled for peace and human dignity, which has caused it to suffer persecution in several countries and at various times,

Recalling that Esperanto has made an important contribution to mutual understanding between peoples in all parts of the world and that it is already used at a practical level in most regions of the world and for most human activities,

Noting that Esperanto allows individuals and peoples to understand each other better without language hegemony, and that in this way it makes an important contribution to the conservation and propagation of minority and indigenous cultures and languages,

* This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 11 October 2001.

Noting the Esperanto movement's important contribution towards publicizing the activities of UNESCO and the United Nations, and its active participation in projects for the International Year of Dialogue among Civilizations and the International Decade for Promoting a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Benefit of the World's Children (2001-2010),

Recognizing that the culture of the Esperanto-speaking people is part of the common heritage of humanity,

The General Conference

Reasserts its support for the Esperanto movement's activities insofar as they are directed towards a dialogue between civilizations on a basis of equality, cultural and linguistic diversity in the world, and protection of threatened cultures and languages;

Requests the Director-General to follow with attention the development of Esperanto as a means of improving the dialogue between different nations and cultures in cooperation with the National Commissions of UNESCO, and in addition requests him to examine practical possibilities of cooperating on communal projects with the World Esperanto Association as the representative of the Esperanto movement;

Invites the Member States to add Esperanto to the syllabus in its schools and institutes of higher education;

Expresses its support for two projects organized by the Esperanto movement: intercultural and indigenous dialogues, and requests the Director-General of UNESCO to examine the possibility of integrating those projects into similar programmes organized by UNESCO and requests the Member States to support those projects at a national level;

Recommends that international non-governmental organizations examine the possibility of using Esperanto as a means for overcoming the present unjust language practices and for promoting non-discriminatory multicultural relationships between their members.