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#### **Amendment to the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2002-2007 (31 C/4)**

submitted by JORDAN

#### **Sciences**

The General Conference,

#### Taking into consideration that:

- In the preparation for the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002 the international community has called for a global vision for building a more equitable, sustainable and peaceful global society. A goal shared by UNESCO,
- There has been a worldwide, multicultural, multi-sectoral consultation process for the creation of an instrument that contains the shared values, principles and ethics that can guide our efforts towards a sustainable future,
- Today, the international community has the Earth Charter as the instrument which contains the fundamental principles for a sustainable future to build a global partnership for sustainable development, and
- The Earth Charter sets forth an integrated approach to addressing our interrelated problems through education, training and public awareness, which deals with respect and responsibility for the community of life, ecological integrity, social and economic justice and equity, democracy, alleviation of poverty, non-violence and peace,
- The Earth Charter is part of a continuing process generated by the United Nations Brundtland Commission's (1987) call for a new code of ethics for sustainable development, and the unfinished issue of the Rio Earth Summit, which attempted adoption of an ethical framework for sustainability, and

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\* This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 29 August 2001.

- UNESCO is a Task Manager in the United Nations system of Chapters 15 (Science) and 36 (Education) of Agenda 21,

Resolves to:

1. Endorse the actual content of the Earth Charter, which final version was approved at UNESCO, Paris Headquarters, as an expression that coincides with the vision that UNESCO has with regards to their new Medium-Term Strategy 2002-2007;
2. Invite State governments to endorse the Earth Charter and to promote it, at a national and regional level, as a sound ethical foundation for the emerging global society and new lifestyles;
3. Invite all the actors such as civil society, private sector, business, media, all learning institutions, teachers, politicians, world and local leaders, spiritual communities and others, to make reflections upon the Charter, to use and implement it through education, preparation of modules and concrete innovative projects;
4. Request the UNESCO Director-General to inform United Nations authorities about this resolution and UNESCO's support to have the Earth Charter as an outcome of the Johannesburg Summit to be held in 2002;
5. Invite the UNESCO Executive Board to analyse with the UNESCO Director-General how to reinforce, in a practical way, the vision and principles of the Earth Charter in the UNESCO programme and activities between 2002 and 2007.