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Major Programme: IV CULTURE

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Biennial sectoral priority: 2 Promoting social cohesion, by fostering pluralism, dialogue of cultures and the establishment of a culture of peace

Paragraph: (v)

Budgetary implications
indicated by the sponsor: None

Source of financing
proposed by the sponsor: –

Proposed modification:

- (v) developing conceptual and operational frameworks fostering intercultural dialogue in all its dimensions, including interfaith dimensions, using an interdisciplinary and intersectoral approach, taking into account in particular the recommendations (lessons) of the World Report on Cultural Diversity (2008) and the report of the Alliance of Civilizations (2006), together with the positive results of the International Congresses for Culture and Development (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007); developing the means and skills needed to strengthen social cohesion while respecting cultural pluralism and to establish a culture of peace, drawing on cooperation agreements with governmental and non-governmental organizations and on the networks of UNESCO Chairs and other partners;

* This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 31 August 2007.

Explanatory note:

As cultural wealth and the diversity of humanity take many particular and specific forms which may be transformed into just as many divergences, and given the real possibility of putting them to use in the service of understanding and dialogue among cultures by means of mutual knowledge and respect, the Cuban Government, represented by its Ministry of Culture and the system of cultural institutions, decided many years ago, in the wake of the UNESCO report *Our Creative Diversity*, to establish and hold every two years an **international congress for culture and development**, the fifth such congress being held in 2007. Previous sessions had a mainly Ibero-American flavour. Thanks to these initiatives, which are part of Cuba's cultural policy, the reflection and debates at these international congresses have enabled exchange and dialogue among artists, creators, promoters of cultural activities, government officials and institutions, non-governmental organizations, international governmental and non-governmental bodies and civil society as a whole, in order to seek realistic solutions and common positions in the face of the cultural homogenization the world is undergoing at present, and to give culture, in the full sense of the term, its due place, including its creative and influential aspect.

UNESCO has provided intellectual assistance and sponsored the organization of these biennial events since the period when they were essentially Ibero-American; it has approved and endorsed the themes debated at each of these congresses, and Cuba and the participating countries have contributed to the Organization's objectives concerning the promotion of cultural diversity, the importance of intercultural dialogue for social cohesion and the culture of peace, and a greater recognition of the essential nature of the relationship between culture and development. For all these reasons, we consider that the regular holding of these events, marked by far-reaching debates and with an increasing number and diversity of participants, has made it, as the representative of UNESCO said at the opening of the fifth Congress (June 2007), "[...] an incontestable point of reference".