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**Celebration of the bicentenary of the independence  
processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean**

The General Conference,

*Recalling* 182 EX/Decision 59,

*Recognizing* that the celebration of the bicentenary of the independence processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean is of historical, social and cultural importance and of transcendent significance to Latin American and Caribbean peoples, processes carried out by the noble liberators of this continent, whose thought drew inspiration from the ideas of the philosophers of the Enlightenment and the leaders of other emancipating movements,

*Considering* that UNESCO is the ethical and moral forum par excellence of the United Nations system, through its promotion of social justice, the culture of peace and solidarity among peoples,

*Welcomes* the activities taking place at the national level to celebrate this bicentenary, owing to the historical significance of the establishment of new republics, the abolition of slavery throughout the continent and the inclusion of black communities and indigenous peoples in the emerging societies;

*Invites* the Director-General to consult the Member States of Latin America and the Caribbean with a view to celebrating, in 2010, within UNESCO, the bicentenary of the independence processes of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

1. Latin America and the Caribbean are preparing to celebrate the bicentenary of the processes that led to their independence, represented by the establishment of new republics that are now Member States of the Organization.
2. This celebration marks a milestone in the history of our peoples constructed on the basis of the democratic ideals and values of peace, justice, equality and solidarity, and rooted in respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law, reaffirming the principle of sovereignty and non-interference, acknowledging all peoples' sacred desire for the right to live in peace and stability with their own political and institutional systems, consolidating their own values and showing respect for cultural diversity, dialogue among civilizations and multilingualism as the essential foundations for achieving the culture of peace, solidarity and understanding among nations.
3. The countries of Latin America and the Caribbean therefore invite UNESCO to join in this highly important event that encourages us to reflect and to reaffirm our commitment as sovereign States to the promotion of dialogue, peace and cultural diversity, the safeguarding of our tangible and intangible cultural heritage and indigenous languages, the preservation of the environment, sustainable development, participative democracy and respect for human rights.