Recommendation

The third intergovernmental meeting of experts on the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions, convened in Paris from 25 May to 4 June 2005;

Taking note of Resolution 32 C/34 and Executive Council Decision 169 EX/3.7.2;

Emphasizing that this preliminary draft convention fills a void in international legislation regarding the protection and promotion of cultural diversity;

Recalling the three Category VI meetings of independent experts (between December 2003 and May 2004) and the first two sessions of the Category II intergovernmental meeting of experts (September 2004, January-February 2005) the fruitful results of which led to further progress in the drafting of the text of the preliminary draft convention;

Expressing its satisfaction at the results obtained thanks to the richness of the debates and to the will of the Member States to reinforce their international solidarity and their commitment in favour of the diversity of cultural expressions;

Thanking the Chairperson, Professor Kader Asmal, for his contribution towards the elaboration of the text with a view to reconciling the various viewpoints and for conducting the work in an open and constructive manner;

Thanking the donors for their important financial support towards the organization of the meetings of independent and intergovernmental experts;

Thanking the Secretariat for its efforts;

1. Informs the Director-General that the intergovernmental meeting has fulfilled the mandate entrusted to it, namely, “to take forward the preparation of a preliminary draft convention in order to report to the General Conference at its 33rd session”, (Decision 169 EX/3.7.2);

2. Transmits to the Director-General the text of the preliminary draft adopted by the present session of the intergovernmental meeting;

3. Recommends to the Director-General that he take all necessary measures to ensure the conformity between the six linguistic versions of the preliminary draft convention before its submission to the General Conference at its 33rd session;

4. Recommends to the General Conference at its 33rd session in October 2005 to take into consideration the following title for the Convention: “Preliminary Draft Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions”.

5. Further recommends to the General Conference to adopt the preliminary draft convention at its 33rd session.