The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 32 C/Resolution 34,

2. Having taken note of document 169 EX/11,

3. Having examined document 169 EX/40,

4. Having been informed of the results of the first two category VI meetings of experts concerning the preliminary draft convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions, held in Paris from 17 to 20 December 2003 and from 30 March to 3 April 2004,

5. Takes note of the timetable proposed by the Director-General and requests him to continue his efforts to ensure the preparation, in accordance with Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions, of a preliminary report together with a preliminary draft international convention;

6. Invites the Director-General to convene meetings of government experts (category II) aimed at taking forward the preparation of the preliminary draft convention in order to report to the General Conference at its 33rd session;

7. Decides:

   (a) that invitations to participate with the right to vote in one or more intergovernmental meetings (category II) to draw up an international convention on the protection of the
diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;

(b) that invitations to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the States mentioned in the Annex to document 169 EX/40;

(c) that an invitation to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in section (c) of the Annex to document 169 EX/40;

(d) that invitations to send representatives to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in section (d) of the Annex to document 169 EX/40;

(e) that invitations to send observers to one or more meetings, as defined above, will be sent to the organizations, foundations and institutions listed in sections (e)(i), (ii), (iii), (f) and (g) of the Annex to document 169 EX/40;

(f) that the Director-General is authorized to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for the work of the above-mentioned intergovernmental meeting or meetings (category II), notifying the Executive Board thereof.