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### 3 Programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States (SIDS): further implementation<sup>1</sup>

*The General Conference,*

*Recalling* the adoption at its 32nd session of 32 C/Resolution 48 specifically addressed to the “Sustainable development of small island developing States: further implementation and review of the Barbados Programme of Action (Barbados+10)”, with its operative paragraphs addressed to Member States and Associate Members, non-governmental organizations in official relations with UNESCO, and the Director-General,

*Welcoming* the subsequent decision by the Director-General to formalize the coordination of UNESCO inputs to the Barbados+10 process through the creation in February 2004 of a high-level intersectoral and interregional working group to promote and coordinate UNESCO-wide contributions to the Barbados+10 review and forward-planning process,

*Taking note* of the convening by the United Nations of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which was held in Port Louis, Mauritius, from 10 to 14 January 2005,

*Taking note also* of the distinctive contribution made by UNESCO to the review and forward-planning process and to events connected with the International Meeting in Mauritius, in such fields as the role of culture in the sustainable development of small island developing States, youth visioning for island living, communities in action, ocean and coastal management, and the civil society forum,

*Welcoming* the adoption by the International Meeting of the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (“Mauritius Strategy for Implementation”),

*Noting* that the principal negotiated outputs of the Mauritius International Meeting – the political declaration and the strategy document – call for action in many fields relating to UNESCO’s concerns, programmes and priorities,

*Acknowledging* the convening in March 2005 at UNESCO Headquarters of an Intersectoral Information Meeting for Permanent Delegates and Observers, which provided an opportunity for a preliminary presentation and exchange of views on the possible contribution of the Organization to the Mauritius Strategy,

*Noting* the endorsement in July 2005 of the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy by the United Nations General Assembly,<sup>2</sup>

*Further noting* the invitation by the General Assembly to all relevant international and regional organizations, United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional economic commissions, among others, to take timely action to ensure the effective implementation of and follow-up to the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation,

1. *Urges* Member States and Associate Members to:

- (a) participate actively in the implementation of and the follow-up to the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy;
- (b) mobilize UNESCO’s programmes and networks in their respective countries and regions to promote further the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States by taking advantage of synergies of action across the Organization’s programmes and programme sectors and the opportunities afforded by the Participation Programme and other sources of support;

1. Resolution adopted on the reports of Commissions I to V, on 19 and 20 October 2005.

2. Draft resolution A/59/L.63 submitted by Jamaica, adopted by the General Assembly on 14 July 2005.

2. *Urges* non-governmental organizations in official relations with UNESCO to:
  - (a) work in close partnership with governments and other stakeholders in the follow-up to the Mauritius International Meeting;
  - (b) strengthen cooperation with civil society in small island developing States in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;
3. *Invites* the Director-General to:
  - (a) continue to mainstream the Mauritius Strategy in the Organization's activities and work programmes;
  - (b) continue, at the same time, to promote a holistic integrated approach to sustainable living and development in small island developing States and to nurture intersectoral cooperation with an intergenerational dimension, at the interregional level, by means of the proven platform approach;
  - (c) collaborate fully with the United Nations family of institutions and other international and regional organizations in contributing to the timely follow-up to and effective implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;
  - (d) include appropriate proposals for UNESCO's further contribution to the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy in the preparation of the Organization's Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4).