

42 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the conservation of historic urban landscapes¹

The General Conference,

Taking note of the preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the conservation of historic urban landscapes,

Recognizing the importance of the inclusive concept of the historic urban landscape that helps to sustain the heritage values of historic cities,

1. *Reiterates* its conviction that UNESCO should play a leading international role in establishing principles and guidelines for the conservation of historic urban landscapes which may support Member States and local communities in conserving their historic urban landscapes;
2. *Decides* that existing UNESCO standard-setting instruments relating to the conservation of historic urban landscapes should be supplemented through a new recommendation on this matter;
3. *Invites* the Director-General to prepare a preliminary report setting forth the position with regard to the conservation of historic urban landscapes, to convene a meeting of experts (category VI) to compile a first draft of the proposed recommendation to be sent to Member States for comments, to further convene an intergovernmental meeting of experts (category II) to reconsider the draft in the light of the comments received, and to submit a final report and, if appropriate, a revised draft to the General Conference at its 36th session (2011).

43 Preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue¹

The General Conference,

Having examined the preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes of the programmes implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue (35 C/14),

1. *Invites* the Director-General, for the purposes of finalizing this study, to convene a meeting of experts from different regions, including representatives of indigenous peoples, as soon as the necessary extrabudgetary funds have been raised, in consultation with Member States, as requested in 179 EX/Decision 10;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to set up a focal point with responsibility for following up and coordinating UNESCO's actions in favour of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages;
3. *Invites* the Director-General to continue to monitor: (i) the impact of existing standard-setting instruments on the protection of languages; (ii) national and regional policies on language protection and language planning; and (iii) the international cooperation programmes in this field, together with the provision of funds from donors for that purpose;
4. *Requests* the Director-General to continue UNESCO's work on, and to update, the Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger;
5. *Decides* to inscribe an item on the agenda of its 36th session on this matter, entitled: "Preliminary study of the technical and legal aspects of a possible international standard-setting instrument for the protection of indigenous and endangered languages, including a study of the outcomes of the programme implemented by UNESCO relating to this issue."

44 Proclamation of the Day of the Galleon (8 October) and commemoration of the galleon trade between the Philippines¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 34 C/Resolution 46,

Having examined document 35 C/COM CLT/DR.1 relating to the proclamation of a day of the galleon,

Noting that for 250 years (1565-1815), the galleons plying between Manila and Acapulco linked Asia with America, Europe and even Africa, and served not only as carriers of trade, but also as transmitters of cultures,

Convinced that it is fitting to commemorate the beginnings of world trade and cross-cultural contacts, especially in the light of the proclamation of 2010 as International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures in United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/90, which highlights the links among and *diversity* of cultures,

Also noting that the proclamation of a day of the galleon will not have any additional financial implications for the regular budget of UNESCO for 2010-2011,

1. *Proclaims* 8 October every year as the Day of the Galleon;
2. *Invites* the Director-General to encourage and support all initiatives which may be taken in this regard at the national, regional and international levels.

¹ Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 23 October 2009.