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### Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage

#### Egypt: draft resolution

#### United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the international conventions dealing with the protection of cultural and natural heritage, including the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict adopted at The Hague in 1954<sup>1</sup> and the two Protocols thereto, the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,<sup>2</sup> and the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage,<sup>3</sup> as well as the 1989 Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore<sup>4</sup> and the 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,<sup>5</sup>

*Welcoming* the ratification of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage by one hundred and seventy-five States parties, and noting the inscription of more than seven hundred and thirty sites on the World Heritage List,

*Mindful* of the importance of protecting the world cultural tangible and intangible heritage as a common ground for the promotion of mutual understanding and enrichment among cultures and civilizations,

*Noting* the work already undertaken to protect the world cultural and natural heritage by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, including international campaigns,

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 249, No. 3511.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 823, No. 11806.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1037, No. 15511.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-fifth Session, Paris, 17 October-16 November 1989*, vol. 1: *Resolutions*, annex I.B.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Paris, 15 October-3 November 2001*, vol. 1 and corrigendum: *Resolutions*, resolution 25, annex I.

*Recalling* its resolutions 56/8 of 21 November 2001, in which it proclaimed 2002 as the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, and 57/158 of 16 December 2002, in which it declared the Year concluded,

1. *Notes* the activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization undertaken during the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in collaboration with States, observers, relevant United Nations bodies, within their respective mandates, other international organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, to continue to intensify the implementation of programmes, activities and projects aimed at the promotion and protection of the world cultural heritage;

3. *Invites* Member States and observers to continue to promote education and raise public awareness so as to foster respect for national and world cultural heritage.

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