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### Globalization and interdependence: culture and sustainable development

#### Report of the Second Committee\*

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## I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 21 (see [A/69/470](#), para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 30th, 31st, 34th and 37th meetings, on 5, 13 and 25 November and 5 December 2014. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/69/SR.30](#), 31, 34 and 37).

## II. Consideration of proposals

### A. Draft resolutions [A/C.2/69/L.27](#) and [A/C.2/69/L.47](#)

2. At the 30th meeting, on 5 November, the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Culture and sustainable development" ([A/C.2/69/L.27](#)), which read:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,*

*"Recalling its resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 46/158 of 19 December 1991, 51/179 of 16 December 1996, 52/197 of 18 December 1997, 53/184 of 15 December 1998, 55/192 of 20 December 2000, 57/249 of 20 December 2002, 65/166 of 20 December 2010 and 66/208 of 22 December*

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2011, concerning culture and development, 66/288 of 27 July 2012, entitled 'The future we want', and 68/223 of 20 December 2013, concerning culture and sustainable development,

*"Recalling also its resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals, and decided that the proposal contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda,*

*"Recalling further the outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals convened by the President of the General Assembly on 25 September 2013 and the decision contained therein to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations at the beginning of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, which will lead to the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda,*

*"1. Takes note with appreciation of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and in this regard acknowledges the progress made in the implementation of its resolution 68/223, including options for a United Nations consolidated approach on culture and sustainable development;*

*"2. Also takes note with appreciation of the discussions in and the Chair's summary of the General Assembly special thematic debate on the role of culture and sustainable development in the post-2015 development agenda, held at United Nations Headquarters on 5 May 2014, at which high-level participants highlighted the paramount importance of integrating culture in the post-2015 development agenda and made recommendations aimed at informing the process of its elaboration;*

*"3. Acknowledges that the report of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals reflects the important contribution of culture to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, the role of culture as an enabler of sustainable development and its potential as a driver of sustainable development, and in this regard looks forward to fully integrating culture in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda;*

*"4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session, under the item entitled 'Globalization and interdependence', a sub-item entitled 'Culture and sustainable development', and to maintain the biennial nature of this sub-item."*

3. At its 34th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Culture and sustainable development" (A/C.2/69/L.47), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Aleksandra Stepowska (Poland), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.27.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.47 had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, following a statement by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Tarik Iziraren (Morocco), in his capacity as facilitator of the draft resolution, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.47](#) (see para. 9).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.47](#), draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.27](#) was withdrawn by its sponsors.

## **B. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.41**

7. At the 31st meeting, on 13 November, the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia introduced a draft resolution entitled “International Year of Camelids, 2016” ([A/C.2/69/L.41](#)), which read:

*“The General Assembly,*

*“Noting* that camelids are strictly herbivorous, even-toed ungulate mammals that first appeared in America 45 million years ago,

*“Noting also* that there are six living species of camelids, namely, dromedary camels, bactrian camels, llamas, alpacas, vicuñas and guanacos, in North Africa, South-West and Central Asia and South America,

*“Recognizing* the economic and cultural importance of camelids in the lives of the people living in the areas where they are domesticated and used as a source of food and wool and as pack animals,

*“Convinced* of the need to raise awareness at all levels to promote the protection of camelids and the consumption of the goods produced from these mammals in a sustainable manner,

*“Reaffirming* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries and General Assembly resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

*“1. Decides* to declare 2016 the International Year of Camelids;

*“2. Encourages* all Member States, the United Nations system and all other actors to take advantage of the International Year to promote awareness among the public of the economic and cultural importance of camelids and to foster the consumption of the goods produced from these mammals, including edible goods, in order to contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition;

*“3. Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, mindful of provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67, to facilitate the implementation of the International Year in collaboration with Governments, relevant organizations and non-governmental organizations and all other relevant stakeholders; and also invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to keep the General Assembly informed of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

*“4. Stresses* that the costs of all the activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution above and beyond those currently

within the mandate of the lead agency should be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

“5. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders to make voluntary contributions and to provide other forms of support to the International Year.”

8. At the 37th meeting, on 5 December, following a statement by the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Committee decided to take no action on draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.41](#).

### III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### **Culture and sustainable development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Guided* by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* its resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 46/158 of 19 December 1991, 51/179 of 16 December 1996, 52/197 of 18 December 1997, 53/184 of 15 December 1998, 55/192 of 20 December 2000, 57/249 of 20 December 2002, 65/166 of 20 December 2010 and 66/208 of 22 December 2011, concerning culture and development, 66/288 of 27 July 2012, entitled “The future we want”, and 68/223 of 20 December 2013 concerning culture and sustainable development,

*Recalling also* its resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals<sup>1</sup> and decided that the proposal of the Open Working Group contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly,

*Recalling further* the declaration adopted in Florence, Italy, on 4 October 2014 at the third United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries,

1. *Takes note* of the report on culture and sustainable development prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as transmitted by the Secretary-General,<sup>2</sup> which identifies options for a consolidated United Nations approach on culture and sustainable development;

2. *Recalls* the discussions in and takes note of the Chair’s summary of the special thematic debate of the General Assembly on the role of culture and sustainable development in the post-2015 development agenda, held at United Nations Headquarters on 5 May 2014, as mandated by its resolution 68/223, at which high-level participants highlighted the importance of integrating culture in the post-2015 development agenda;

3. *Notes* the contribution of culture to sustainable development as contained in the proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals;<sup>1</sup>

4. *Encourages* all Member States, intergovernmental bodies, organizations of the United Nations system, relevant non-governmental organizations and all other relevant stakeholders to continue to give due consideration to culture and sustainable development in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda;

<sup>1</sup> A/68/970 and Corr.1.

<sup>2</sup> A/69/216.

5. *Recalls* the decision, in its resolution 68/223, to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session, under the item entitled “Globalization and interdependence”, a sub-item entitled “Culture and sustainable development” and to maintain the biennial nature of the sub-item.

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