

1998/37. International Year for the Culture of Peace, 2000

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 52/15 of 20 November 1997, by which the Assembly proclaimed the year 2000 as the International Year for the Culture of Peace,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 52/13 of 20 November 1997, requested the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit a consolidated report containing a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace to the Assembly at its fifty-third session,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the state of preparations for the International Year for the Culture of Peace, 2000,¹²⁵ for which the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has been designated the focal point;

2. *Requests* the General Assembly to adopt a programme of action for the year 2000;

3. *Stresses* that an international year for the culture of peace at the turn of the millennium would provide the opportunity to boost the efforts of the international community to establish and promote an everlasting culture of peace;

4. *Recognizes*, therefore, that the promotion of a culture of peace should be a high-profile theme in the mobilizing events and evaluations being planned through the year 2000, at the national, regional and international levels:

(a) The Year affords the opportunity to make national actions broad-based, providing a special opportunity to promote peace, non-violence, reconciliation and national unity and to prevent violent conflicts;

(b) At the regional and international levels, the Year will underline the priorities of peace, all human rights development and democracy and the central role that concerted action by different entities of the United Nations system can play in promoting a culture of peace;

(c) The programme of activities for the Year should take into account, as appropriate, the proposed Millennium Assembly during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly in the year 2000;

(d) The programme of action for the promotion of the Year should take into account the agreements adopted at recent major global conferences and summits.¹²⁶

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30 July 1998*

¹²⁵ E/1998/52, annex.