38 Proclamation of International Arts Education Week

The General Conference,
Recalling 35 C/Resolution 40 on the promotion of arts education,
Taking into consideration 185 EX/Decision 44,
Having examined document 36 C/55,
1. Welcomes the positive results of the First and Second World Conferences on Arts Education (held in March 2006 and May 2010), which highlighted the importance of high-quality arts education for all and of strengthening cooperation among various stakeholders (national authorities, local governments, teachers, artists, researchers, associations and NGOs), including through the network of UNESCO Arts Education Observatories and Chairs, for the development of best practices and the strengthening of the position of arts education in schools and in societies;
2. Invites Member States to ensure the follow-up to the Second World Conference on Arts Education by employing the strategies proposed in the Seoul Agenda and by implementing in a concerted manner the action items set out therein for the renewal of education systems;
3. Requests the Director-General to provide support for the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources for the holding of the Third World Conference on Arts Education and to ensure appropriate intersectoral cooperation between the Culture and Education Sectors of UNESCO in promoting and integrating arts education, in particular in the context of the education for all (EFA) and education for sustainable development (ESD) plans;
4. Decides to proclaim the fourth week of May as the International Arts Education Week and to encourage all Member States, civil society, professional organizations and communities to organize relevant activities on that occasion at the national, regional and international levels.

*Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2011.*