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**37 Proclamation of World Philosophy Day<sup>1</sup>**

*The General Conference,*

*Recalling 171 EX/Decision 15,*

*Having examined* document 33 C/45 relating to the proclamation of a world philosophy day,

*Endorsing* the results of the feasibility study presented by the Director-General on the celebration of a world philosophy day (171 EX/INF.12),

*Recalling* that philosophy is a discipline that encourages critical and independent thought and is capable of working towards a better understanding of the world and promoting tolerance and peace,

*Noting* that the proclamation of a world philosophy day will not have any additional financial implications for the regular budget of UNESCO for 2006-2007,

*Convinced* that the institutionalization of Philosophy Day at UNESCO as world philosophy day would win recognition for and give strong impetus to philosophy and, in particular, to the teaching of philosophy in the world,

1. *Proclaims* the third Thursday of November every year "World Philosophy Day";
2. *Invites* the Member States of UNESCO to participate actively in the celebration of this Day and in the determination of the theme, at the local, national and regional levels, with the active participation of National Commissions for UNESCO, non-governmental organizations and the public and private institutions concerned (schools, universities, institutes, municipalities, cities, communities, philosophical associations, cultural associations and so on);
3. *Invites* the Director-General to encourage and support all initiatives which will be taken in this regard at the national, regional and international levels;
4. *Requests* the General Assembly of the United Nations to associate itself with this celebration and encourage the Member States of the United Nations to do likewise.