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56 Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week

The General Conference,

Recalling 205 EX/Decision 34,

Recognizing the importance of the Grünwald Declaration on Media Education (1982), Prague Declaration “Towards an Information Literate Society” (2003), Alexandria Proclamation on Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning – Beacons of the Information Society (2005), Paris Agenda or 12 recommendations for media education (2007), Fez Declaration on Media and Information Literacy (2011), Moscow Declaration on Media and Information Literacy (2012), Framework and Plan of Action for the Global Alliance for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy (GAPMIL) (2013), Paris Declaration on Media and Information Literacy in the Digital Era (2014), Riga Recommendations on Media and Information Literacy in a Shifting Media and Information Landscape (2016), Youth Declaration on Media and Information Literacy (2016), Khanty-Mansiysk Declaration “Media and Information Literacy for Building a Culture of Open Government” (2016), and Global Framework for Media and Information Literacy Cities (MIL Cities) (2018),

Also recognizing that media and information literacy can help to advance various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as SDGs 11, 16 and 17, and targets 4.7, 4.c and 5.b, by raising citizens’ critical awareness of information shared and received, how they communicate, and their fundamental freedoms and by fostering critical thinking that makes societies democratic, peaceful, inclusive, socially cohesive, just, safe and resilient,

Noting the recent global rise in disinformation, misinformation, hate speech and online harassment, which threatens the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, democracy and peace, and *further recognizing* that it is necessary to build on existing efforts to enhance people’s media and information literacy globally,

Also noting that UNESCO is the lead international organization globally promoting media and information literacy,

1. *Welcomes* the recommendation of the Executive Board for the proclamation of a global media and information literacy (MIL) week;

2. *Decides* to proclaim Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week to be observed from 24 to 31 October each year;

3. *Requests* the Director-General to:

(a) continue promoting the celebration of Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week;

(b) encourage Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and its constituencies, as well as other national, regional and international organizations, foundations and intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations and individuals to duly celebrate Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week in the way that each considers most appropriate, including through educational and public awareness activities;

(c) bring this resolution to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations so that Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week may also be endorsed by the General Assembly at its 75th session (September 2020).

Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 25 November 2019.