19 International Day against Violence and Bullying at School, including Cyberbullying

The General Conference,
Having examined document 40 C/78,
Also recalling UNESCO conventions and recommendations in the field of education, namely the Convention against Discrimination in Education (1960) and the Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1974),
Further recalling 196 EX/Decision 30, 201 EX/Decision 35 and 207 EX/Decision 52,
Taking note of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by which Member States established the goal of ensuring the right to education of all children and young people in safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments (Sustainable Development Goal target 4.a),
Emphasizing the importance of safe, respectful and inclusive school environments, and stressing that violence and bullying at school, including cyberbullying, must be prevented and combated by all means, including the global mobilization of all stakeholders,
1. Proclaims the first Thursday of November of every year International Day against Violence and Bullying at School, including Cyberbullying, to take place for the first time in 2020;
2. Encourages national authorities to call attention to the importance of combating bullying and violence in school;
3. Encourages the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources in support of UNESCO’s programmes aiming to contribute to combating violence and bullying at school, including cyberbullying;
4. Requests the Director-General to inform Member States at its 41st session of the efforts made by UNESCO to celebrate International Day against Violence and Bullying at School, including Cyberbullying.

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