

## **Resolution 20 adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 31st session**

### **20. Proclamation of World Science Day for Peace and Development<sup>1</sup>**

*The General Conference,*

*Having examined* document 31 C/56,

*Considering* that science affects peace and development, and must be used for peaceful and sustainable societies,

*Recalling* UNESCO's ethical mission to achieve harmonious and peaceful development,

*Recognizing* that the need for a new commitment between science and society has been established in the Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge, and in the Science Agenda – Framework for Action of the World Conference on Science (Budapest, 1999),

*Recalling* 162 EX/Decision 3.3.3 concerning the feasibility of celebrating a world science day for peace and development,

1. *Endorses* the view that such a celebration would be an asset for the Organization's image and visibility, particularly in the context of the follow-up to the World Conference on Science;
2. *Shares* the conclusions of the study that the celebration of a world science day for peace and development is both feasible and highly desirable;
3. *Decides* to proclaim 10 November each year as World Science Day for Peace and Development;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to:
  - (i) develop the second option examined in the feasibility study;
  - (ii) contribute to the establishment and implementation of the World Science Day for Peace and Development;
  - (iii) support recognized national, regional and international activities undertaken as part of this annual celebration;
  - (iv) encourage Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, universities, research institutions, learned societies, professional associations and schools to take an active part in the event.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution adopted on the report of Commission III at the 19th plenary meeting, on 2 November 2001.