



**Declaration of the Group of 77 and China
On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of its
Foundation
UNESCO - Paris Chapter**

We, the Permanent Delegations of the G-77 and China accredited to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), meeting in Paris, at the plenary session of June 27, 2014, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the Group, wish to recall our commitment to the construction of a more just and equitable new international order for sustainable development, the culture of peace and international cooperation.

Inspired by the principles supported by the great leaders of the global South in the creation of our group in the context of the First Meeting of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva on 15 June 1964,

Considering that the G-77 and China is an ideal forum for building a new collective vision of developing countries in the framework of the United Nations System,

Stressing the importance of multilateralism and the promotion of South-South cooperation, cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and solidarity as fundamental principles to achieve international peace and justice,

Underlining the progress made over five decades of struggle for independence, sovereignty, self-determination of peoples and the promotion of human rights and against colonialism, poverty, illiteracy, hunger, discrimination, intolerance, racism, looting of natural resources and illicit trafficking in cultural property,

Reiterating that the right to inclusive education, the right to an adequate standard of living, including adequate food, clothing and housing, the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, the right to development, and the right to have clean water are fundamental and inalienable human rights, necessary for the attainment of peace and social justice,

Reaffirming the right of everyone to take part in cultural life and to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications,

Reaffirming also the commitment to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination,

Recognizing that the effects of the international economic and financial crisis have increased inequalities worldwide and threaten the gains of developing countries in terms of social inclusion, affecting the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the objectives of the Education for All Program (EFA),

Affirming the continuing importance of international cooperation and the role of culture in the promotion of inclusive sustainable development,

Renewing our support and commitment to the mandate of UNESCO, in its various areas of expertise,

Rejecting the use of information and communications technologies in violation of international law, including the right to privacy, in order to avoid actions of spying in our countries and harming relations between nations,

Considering the primary role of ethical principles and values related to cyberspace registered within UNESCO's mandate,

Defending the validity and importance of the programs and activities of UNESCO within the Post-2015 Development Agenda, especially for the peoples of the South:

We strongly condemn the use of force, terrorism, violence and all kinds of interference and intervention that undermine the peace and stability of our people, and call for the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with the recognized universal principles of international law.

We express our determination to continue promoting and encouraging the Culture of Peace in full respect for the rules and principles of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO.

We reaffirm our commitment and great willingness to promote from UNESCO a new governance oriented towards establishing a democratic international system based on the primacy of international law, the defense of self-determination of peoples, and the respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and equality of States.

We reiterate the necessity of UNESCO preparing for the evaluation of the 38th General Conference a set of guidelines in the form of a multilateral normative instrument in order to be equipped with a tool to respond to the difficulties linked with the protection and promotion of universal access to information and knowledge; to freedom of expression; to private life; and to ethics in cyberspace.

We reaffirm the commitment to continue working to strengthen the governing bodies and subsidiary organs of UNESCO, to contribute to the revitalization of multilateralism and the intergovernmental character of this Organization. We are moreover committed to promoting respect of diversity and multilingualism, favoring conditions to achieve peace, justice and global development.

We urge the international community to mobilize human and financial resources for the programs and activities of UNESCO in accordance with the priorities and strategic guidelines established by its Member States and to support the efforts of the Director-General to strengthen the leadership of the Organization.

We invite UNESCO to continue to strengthen cooperation with the G-77 and China in the areas of Education, Social and Human Sciences, Natural Sciences, Culture, Communication and Information, in order to contribute to the changes requested by the peoples of the South.

We reaffirm that “Africa and Gender Equality” are global priorities of UNESCO and assume a shared responsibility to promote the attainment of its objectives through South-South cooperation.

We welcome as a good practice of cooperation and South-South integration the inscription of the multinational cultural site of Qhapac Ñan, Andean Road System on the World Heritage List of UNESCO, as it involves the recovery of ancestral integration processes and cooperation based on the shared knowledge, the cultural diversity and the identity of the indigenous peoples of the South.

We, having taken note of the Declaration adopted during the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), in Algiers-Algeria, on 29 May 2014, stand by the content of this declaration and support with satisfaction the political dialogue for peace promoted by the government of Venezuela with all sectors of civil society in order to find solutions to the challenges facing the country.

We, the Group of 77 and China Paris UNESCO Chapter, express our satisfaction with the results achieved in the Extraordinary Summit in Santa Cruz de la Sierra on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Group of 77 and China and fully support its Declaration adopted on the 15th June 2014.

We congratulate His Excellency Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, for the efforts made to organize the important Extraordinary Summit in Santa Cruz de la Sierra on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of our Group, and for his leadership in promoting the Culture of Peace, Good Living and the Rights of Mother Earth as inputs of the original peoples of the South, in the recognition of new rights such as the Human Right to Water and Sanitation.