

Final provisions

Article 26 – Interrelation and complementarity of the principles

This Declaration is to be understood as a whole and the principles are to be understood as complementary and interrelated. Each principle is to be considered in the context of the other principles, as appropriate and relevant in the circumstances.

Article 27 – Limitations on the application of the principles

If the application of the principles of this Declaration is to be limited, it should be by law, including laws in the interests of public safety, for the investigation, detection and prosecution of criminal offences, for the protection of public health or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others. Any such law needs to be consistent with international human rights law.

Article 28 – Denial of acts contrary to human rights, fundamental freedoms and human dignity

Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any claim to engage in any activity or to perform any act contrary to human rights, fundamental freedoms and human dignity.

37 Proclamation of World Philosophy Day¹

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.

38 Promotion of dialogue among peoples (follow-up to 32 C/Resolution 30)¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 32 C/Resolution 30,

Further recalling 31 C/Resolution 39 and 32 C/Resolution 47,

Having examined document 33 C/15,

1. *Invites* the Director-General to further the objectives expressed by the General Conference in 32 C/Resolution 30 by pursuing his efforts aimed at the promotion of dialogue among peoples;
2. *Also invites* the Director-General to attach particular importance to improving the system of humanitarian, including philosophical, education, enabling the development of universal global consciousness, free from racial, ethnic and social prejudices, as fostering such knowledge should become one of the priority tasks of UNESCO.

1. Resolution adopted on the report of Commission III at the 18th plenary meeting, on 19 October 2005.