QUESTION OF: ENSURING THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT OF BENEFITS OF CULTURAL FREEDOM AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guaranteeing cultural rights, including the right of all to participate freely in cultural life, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits, education is a prerequisite for enjoying these rights,

Bearing in mind that the lack of resources such as qualified educators and little infrastructural development of educational institutions leads to poor quality of education,

Conscious that, due to people living in remote areas, gender inequality and poverty, not all people have access to education,

Fully aware that religious minority and vulnerable groups are marginalized communities,

Concerned that a major portion of the national budget of Member States is allocated to military forces instead of the educational sector,

1. Calls for the implementation of new laws and reinforcement of existing policies and regulations to promote certain religious minority and marginalized groups;

2. Demands that infrastructural adjustments to accommodate students with special needs are implemented and that appropriate equipment and training is provided to educators;

3. Expresses its hope that governments and civil society groups form alliances to:

   (a) encourage funding for scientific research and innovation;
   (b) facilitate the transfer of technology and build the capacity of regional organizations in important fields like healthcare, agriculture and environmental conservation;
4. **Stresses** the need to redefine the aims of education to address the evolving world and emphasize a technological approach to prepare learners for challenges of the 21st century and beyond;

5. **Solemnly affirms** the importance of incorporating cultural education programs to promote awareness and appreciation of cultural heritage including its languages, traditions and arts;

6. **Urges** Member States to form partnerships and coalitions with the aim of fostering technological development;

7. **Urges** the setting up of educational institutions in poor and rural areas;

8. **Requests** the United Nations to allocate funds and resources towards educational advancement and scientific development.