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**Securing Intangible Cultural Heritage
Assisting in Mitigation of and Adaptation to Climate Change**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization General Conference,

Deeply concerned about the endangered Intangible Cultural Heritage in climate change-displaced communities due to the lack of resources and loss of livelihood,

Noting that there is no protection for international refugees that respond to issues associated with the rights of climate change refugees,

Emphasizing the lack of financial support for the restoration of the after-effects of the climate change making people who practice those Intangible Cultural Heritage being shut down,

Deeply concerned about the “traditional cuisine, an intangible cultural heritage” that is made from various grains and vegetables has been damaged due to serious water shortages,

Recalling the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that were established by Member States of the United Nations (UN) is important to humanity and to maintain a clean environment for people,

Considering water shortage negatively affects the economy, the economy of Member State is damaged, and could not solve the situation to maintain Intangible Cultural Heritage,

Being concerned about Intangible Cultural Heritage being threatened by climate change and the difficulty for some people who inherit Intangible Cultural Heritage to catch enough information about climate change,

Reaffirms that relying on imports from a few Member State for crops that cannot be grown in their own Member States due to differences in precipitation does not guarantee stable imports, but leads to higher crop prices, which puts pressure on the economy and threatens the disappearance of traditional cuisine, an Intangible Cultural Heritage, made from imported crops:

1. *Recommends* all Member States to create policies to help increase social networking promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage to new generations;
2. *Encourages* all Member States to launch a project to further discuss the protection of traditional culture including:
 - a. Creating annual events such as annual tournaments for the practices of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;
 - b. Making competitions with profits that are to be given towards the restoration of the after-effects of climate change;
 - c. Learning from environmental issues that are happening in the region where Intangible Cultural Heritage is being practiced knowledge gained from this practice will be applied in future environmental solutions;
 - d. Referring to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 13.3 which improves education and awareness-raising on climate change adaptation and early warning by the year 2030;
3. *Calls for* the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) to provide financial assistance to communities having difficulties such as:
 - a. People in climate change-displaced communities;
 - b. Effects from climate change disasters;
4. *Calls upon* Member States to educate climate change refugees on the possession of rights in relation to cultural expressions through:
 - a. Creation of a protection guide covering climate change refugees;
 - b. Educating climate change refugees on assistance to maintain their own Intangible Cultural Heritage;
5. *Encourages* Member States to create a system to deepen understanding of the connection between climate change and Intangible Cultural Heritage including:
 - a. Providing education to children in communities by indigenous people at school;
 - b. Providing financial assistance to support education on climate change for communities with Intangible Cultural Heritage;
 - c. Sharing knowledge and information concerning climate change between indigenous people and experts for climate change;
 - d. Making a platform where Member States share information about the effects of climate change on Intangible Cultural Heritage;
6. *Encourages* all Member States to use media in order to let people know about the connection between climate change and Intangible Cultural Heritage such as:
 - a. Working with relevant non-state actors to use social networking services and videos to raise awareness to the impact of climate change to Intangible Cultural Heritage;

- b. Making documents to inform people in developing Member States about the impact of climate change on Intangible Cultural Heritage;
7. *Shares the concern* of enhancing the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) which is the system of helping developing nations, to solve the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage from climate change through:
 - a. Holding forums or events about the organization in Member States of the Southern nations to promote the institute's activities;
 - b. Utilizing social networking to spread the work of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) to the public;
8. *Recommends* all Member States assess traditional irrigation systems which have been used in each region in order to promote stability of human life who are suffering from droughts caused by climate change while taking priority to irrigation systems which are already registered as Intangible Cultural Heritage;
9. *Recommends* all Member States to develop climate-neutral artificial crop cultivation technologies through a trade agreement to ensure stable crop imports;
10. *Recommends* sustainable production in local traditional diet and suggests governments to teach “what action is needed for solving water shortage problem” with the help of specialists .