

RESOLUTION ON THE HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY
UNESCO PEACE PRIZE

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-eight Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal from 29 June to 1 July 1992:

Considering the role of UNESCO plays in the promotion of education, culture, science and communication in Africa,

Considering the priority which the 25th UNESCO General Conference (October – November 1989) accorded the implementation of programmes in favour of the African Continent,

Considering the decision of the 25th Session of the UNESCO General Conference establishing in accordance with the UNESCO Constitution, the Felix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY Prize for the search for peace by the international community,

Considering that UNESCO remains the privileged partner of African States in matters pertaining to education, science, culture and technology development strategies in Africa:

1. **EXHORTS** the UNESCO Director-General to pursue his action aimed at the strengthening and enhancing the influence of the Organization;
2. **COMMENDS** the UNESCO Director-General for the initiative taken by UNESCO to establish the Felix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY Peace Prize of which the first two laureates, Messrs Nelson MANDELA, President of the ANC and Frederik W. de Klerk, President of the Republic of South Africa, were, during the presentation of the award, jointly honoured by the international community in the presence of President Abdou DIOUF at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris in February, 1992;

- 3. UNDERSCORES the importance of the international community of work for the strengthening of the universality of UNESCO through the participation of all States in the activities of the Organization and, in this regard, APPEALS to States which are not yet members of UNESCO to join the Organization, and to the governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and Singapore to resume their membership of UNESCO within the context of the principle of universality that should govern this Specialized Agency of the United Nations System.**

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