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MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE (MAB) PROGRAMME STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2025

After examining document 38 C/55, the General Conference may wish to adopt the following resolution:

The General Conference,

Recalling 36 C/Resolution 33,

Having examined document 38 C/55,

Recognizing the crucial role of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme in leveraging the contribution of science and education towards thriving societies in harmony with the biosphere,

Emphasizing the importance of the MAB Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves in addressing global sustainability challenges in order to meet the goals of Agenda 2030,

Welcoming the success of the International Coordinating Council of the MAB Programme in developing the MAB Strategy 2015-2025,

Welcoming the increased implementation of biosphere reserve periodic reviews in order to ensure the high quality of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves,

Expressing its gratitude to the Government of Peru for hosting the 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves in March 2016 in Lima,

1. Calls upon Member States to use biosphere reserves as pertinent sites for integrated approaches to implementation and monitoring of Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals, particularly by developing policies, technologies and social innovations for the sustainable management of biodiversity and natural resources as well as climate change mitigation and adaptation;
2. Calls upon Member States to facilitate the global diffusion and implementation, within and outside biosphere reserves, of the experiences and lessons learned from the MAB Programme with the aim of contributing to the implementation and monitoring of the conclusions of the 20th, 21st and 22nd Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 20, 21 and 22), of sustainable development and of Agenda 2030;
3. Endorses the MAB Strategy 2015-2025 as presented in the Annex to document 38 C/55;
4. Calls upon Member States to fulfil their responsibilities and the statutory requirements of the Seville Strategy and the Statutory Framework of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves and to implement the MAB Strategy 2015-2025;
5. Encourages the MAB International Coordinating Council to continue implementing the “exit strategy” (SC-13/CONF.225/11.X.B);
6. Invites Member States and other partners to support the establishment, functioning and strengthening of biosphere reserves globally, including through extrabudgetary contributions, capacity-building and bilateral and multilateral cooperation;
7. Invites the Director-General to strengthen intersectoral synergies of the MAB Programme with relevant activities under all major programmes, in particular the Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development;
8. Invites the Director-General to strengthen synergies of the MAB Programme with relevant organizations, institutions and conventions, in particular to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals;
9. Invites Member States to protect and strengthen the brand recognition of biosphere reserves;
10. Invites Member States and their biosphere reserves to participate in the 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves (Lima, Peru, March 2016);
11. Encourages the International Coordinating Council of the MAB Programme, in cooperation with the MAB Secretariat, to finalize the development of the MAB Action Plan in support of the MAB Strategy 2015-2025;
12. Requests the Director-General to present to the Executive Board, at its 200th session, a progress report on the implementation of the MAB Strategy 2015-2025 and its associated MAB Action Plan (2016-2025), including their contribution to the implementation and follow-up of Agenda 2030.