

participation of Hungarian experts in UNESCO's advisory committees and consultative bodies;

*Considering* the growing role played by civil society and the need to reinforce cooperation, in particular with non-governmental organizations in Hungary;

Reconfirm their willingness to continue the efforts undertaken together and agree on the following:

## **I. Education**

1. As the emergence of genuine learning societies requires access to quality education for all, Hungary will closely cooperate with UNESCO within the "Promoting the Right to Quality Education for Roma People" initiative by participating in regional meetings, training and capacity-building programmes to foster regional networking. UNESCO will facilitate the acquisition and exchange of relevant knowledge in the region, in particular on issues related to intercultural education, teacher education and access to quality early childhood care and education.
2. Moreover, UNESCO's specialized institutions, such as the International Bureau of Education (IBE), the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), will continue to develop mutually rewarding cooperation with Hungarian partners.
3. In order to strengthen the use of the mother tongue as a basic condition for sustainable development, Hungary is firmly committed to fostering UNESCO's efforts aimed at encouraging broad international commitments towards the safeguard of the small and endangered languages while supporting multilingualism.
4. In line with its Position Paper - "Education in a Multilingual World" - UNESCO supports countries that promote bilingual or multilingual education based on the mother tongue while preserving linguistic diversity. Hungary affirms its willingness to encourage national strategies promoting multilingual education approaches to improving the overall quality of education.
5. Hungary fully supports the growing role played by the respected network of UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks, which provide a flexible framework for international cooperation between institutions of higher education and research, as well as educational programmes worldwide. Hungary confirms its readiness to maintain the 8 existing UNESCO Chairs providing young academics and thriving professionals with a diverse education with special focus on minority studies, environmental biology, cultural policy, cultural heritage management and sustainability, continuing engineering education, information