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APPROVAL OF THE TEXT ON CULTURE FOR INCLUSION IN THE DECLARATION OF MAR DEL PLATA OF THE FOURTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

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THE SECOND MEETING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON CULTURE,

HAVING SEEN the Draft Declaration of Mar del Plata and the Plan of Action of the Fourth Summit of the Americas;

CONSIDERING that the Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities, at their Inter-American Meetings held under the aegis of CIDI, have repeatedly stated that cultural diversity is essential in fostering economic growth with equity, which is an indispensable prerequisite for social development and fighting poverty; and

CONSIDERING that the cultural and artistic expressions of our peoples are a source of creativity and innovation, as well as an economic driving force in job creation, and recognizing that culture is indispensable in human development and in attaining the objectives set by the Summit,

RESOLVES:

That the following text be submitted to the Summit Implementation Review Group with a request for its inclusion in the Declaration of Mar del Plata:

We recognize the important link between development and culture and agree that support for culture in its many dimensions contributes to, among other elements, the creation of jobs, the eradication of poverty, and the building of dignity and identity among our peoples.