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## V.2.1: Research for the promotion of peace, human rights and democracy

◆ Regular budget: \$1,266,400

1. *To promote the development of a culture of peace and devise innovative methods for the early prevention and peaceful management of conflicts*

'Culture of peace' activities will focus on the identification of common values upon which such a culture may be based, the analysis of the behavioural patterns leading to non-violence, and the study of existing 'enemy images' in different regions as well as the measures for eliminating them. An international workshop will explore ways and means of reinforcing the contribution of religious leaders, mass media, non-governmental organizations, 'youth peace-builders' and other partners to a culture of peace; its results will be broadly disseminated through specialized networks. An effort will also be made to encourage action aimed at strengthening women's contribution to peace.

Studies on conflict settlement will be centred, in particular, on the analysis of the sources of conflict and violence (ethnic, cultural, social, religious, linguistic), the search for effective methods of prevention of social conflict, including appropriate early warning indicators, and the study of non-military aspects of international security. A report will be prepared by a group of specialists and published in the series *UNESCO Studies on Peace and Conflict*. Efforts to develop a systematic exchange of information between institutions and centres involved in peace and conflict research will be pursued, with a view to creating a network of reliable partners acting in favour of a culture of peace (cf. 26 C/5 Approved, para. 07106).

Two to three pilot projects will aim at creating a climate conducive to reconciliation in countries which have been torn by war or civil strife or where conflicts may arise and where United Nations peace-keeping operations have been or are being conducted. Cross conflict teams, composed of members from all sides of the conflict, will work on local rehabilitation projects, mainly in education, with a view to facilitating the transition from conflict to peace. Efforts will be made to involve in these projects demilitarized soldiers, as well as young men and women. These projects will be mainly funded from extra-budgetary sources and will be carried out in close co-operation with the United Nations and other United Nations Specialized Agencies.

2. *To contribute to the ongoing reflection on new prospects in international law concerning human rights and to the promotion of academic freedom and cultural rights, including those of persons belonging to minorities*

Reflection on the increasing role of human rights in international relations, as well as on new perspectives in the field of human rights, international law and humanitarian law (such as the 'right to be assisted'), will be promoted through a series of studies and an international workshop organized in co-operation with the United Nations as a contribution to the United Nations Decade of International Law. Studies on the content of cultural rights - with special emphasis on the protection and enhancement of cultural identity and linguistic rights - will be undertaken, and a system of indicators to assess the extent to which these rights are respected will be elaborated. These indicators will be tested in different regions, paying particular attention to the situation of children, women and minorities. A compilation of measures taken in different countries and regions concerning cultural rights of persons belonging to minorities will be undertaken, and the possibility of drafting a standard-setting instrument on this matter will be explored, in close co-operation with competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. On the basis of the work carried out during the previous biennium, a comparative monograph on academic freedom will be prepared and an expert consultation will be convened with a view to preparing a draft declaration on this subject (cf. 26 C/5 Approved, paras. 07205-07208).