

**RECOGNIZING** that states must maintain the ability to preserve, develop and implement their cultural policies for the purpose of strengthening cultural diversity, given the essential role that cultural goods and services play in the identity and diversity of societies and the lives of individuals; and

**AFFIRMING** their commitment to respect the values and principles of democracy and promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms as proclaimed in the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*;

**HAVE AGREED** as follows: