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63 Proclamation of World Radio Day¹

The General Conference,

Having considered document 36 C/63 and 187 EX/Decision 13,

Welcoming the results of the feasibility study presented by the Director-General on the proclamation of a world radio day,

Recognizing the contribution by the prominent scientists who laid the technological foundation for the long-distance transmission of sound messages by radio waves,

Mindful that the celebration of a world radio day will raise greater awareness among the public and the media of the importance of radio, and enhance networking and international cooperation among broadcasters,

Convinced that this event will encourage decision-makers and those who work on radio broadcasting in all its forms to establish and provide access to information through radio, including community radio, and to diversify the content in order that all may enjoy the benefit,

1. *Proclaims* World Radio Day, to be celebrated on 13 February, the day the United Nations established United Nations Radio in 1946;
2. *Calls upon* the Member States of UNESCO to celebrate the Day with activities at both the local and national levels, with the participation of National Commissions, NGOs, the general public and diverse institutions (schools, universities, municipalities, cities, broadcasters, the press, professional associations and unions, museums, cultural organizations and so forth);
3. *Invites* the national, regional and international broadcasting organizations and unions, as well as the media at large, to ensure the successful observance of World Radio Day by devoting it as appropriate to educational, cultural and public-awareness activities;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to encourage all national, regional and international initiatives taken in this respect;
5. *Requests* the Director-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations so that World Radio Day may be endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its 67th session (September 2012).

¹ Resolution adopted on the report of the CI Commission at the 16th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2011.