



A Long-term Strategy of Dialogue and Partnership of Civilizations in Science, Education and Culture

Recommendations of the 5th Civilization Forum
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The 5th Civilization Forum organized by the Pitirim Sorokin — Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute (SKII) and other non-governmental organizations and supported by the RF Ministry of Foreign Affairs discussed the report of the international team of scientists to the UN Conference on sustainable development based on partnership of civilizations, draft UNESCO Universal declaration on the long-term strategy for dialogue and partnership of civilizations in science, culture and education, issues of synthesis of scientific, education and information revolutions, arranged the presentation of the International energy-ecological program “Arctic Energy”, monograph of S.V. Lavrov “Between the Past and the Future”. Russian Diplomacy in the Changing World”, project of the open Internet University of dialogue and partnership of civilizations, textbook “Dialogue and Partnership of Civilizations” and the monograph “Analysis of Factors of Scientific-Technological Development in the Context of Civilizational Cycles”.

Messages of Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova, Permanent Representative of Russia to UNESCO Eleonora Mitrofanova, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to UNESCO Olzhas Suleimenov, Director of the Russian Center for Science

and Culture in Paris Igor Shpynov were announced. There were heard the reports of Professors Yuri Yakovets, Maurice Aymard, Souhail Farah, Alexander Ageev, Abdo Kahy, Mahmoud al Gabshi (Syria), RAS corresponding member Timour Timofeev, Head of Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme Michel Wieviorka, Professor Victoria Perskaya, post-graduate of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration Anastasia Lebedeva. The Pitirim Sorokin golden medals were conferred on Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova, Head of Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme Michel Wieviorka, General Director of the Institute for Economic Strategies Alexander Ageev.

As a result of discussions, the Forum participants came to the following conclusions and recommendations.

1. The depth and duration of the global crises (energy-ecological, economic, technological, demographic, geopolitical, social and cultural) shaking the world at the beginning of the 21st century will require a long-term science-based global strategy for overcoming the crises and entering the path of global sustainable development. The Forum participants endorse the main points of the report of the International team of scientists, "Foundations of the Long-term Strategy for Global Sustainable Development Based on Partnership of Civilizations", recommend to convene the roundtable on this issue within the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio +20 (Rio de Janeiro, June 2012 .)

2. Highly commending the activities of UNESCO as the leading UN organization in science, education and culture, the Forum participants support the idea of drafting the UNESCO Universal Declaration on the

long-term strategy for dialogue and partnership of civilizations in science, education and culture, largely approve the initial draft of this Declaration and recommend that the Director-General of UNESCO to establish an expert group to finalize the draft of the Declaration for its submission to the General Conference of UNESCO.

3 Noting the outstanding contribution of Vladimir Vernadsky to the formation of the doctrine of noosphere, the theory of dynamics of scientific knowledge and development of natural sciences, the Forum participants support the proposal to hold the World Congress "Society and Nature: the Path to the Noospheric Civilization" dedicated to the 150th birth anniversary of V.I. Vernadsky in St. Petersburg in September 2013.

4. Considering it necessary to strengthen the activities of the UN and UNESCO in the field of long-term forecasting and strategic planning, the Forum participants support the establishment of the UNESCO Institute for global forecasting and strategic planning, and recommend to the Director-General of UNESCO and the Government of Russia to conclude an agreement on the establishment of the Institute as a non-governmental non-profit organization with its basing in Moscow, to determine the main areas of the Institute's activities and terms of financing.

5. Supporting the decision of the 4th Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations on the crucial role of education in ensuring the future of civilizations, the Forum participants consider it expedient to form a long-term program "The Revolution in Education as the Key to Sustainable Future of Civilizations" and the establishment of the World Education Foundation to finance the program projects and recom-

ment to the leadership of the Alliance of Civilizations and UNESCO to take practical steps to implement these proposals, as well as support the proposal to hold the roundtable meeting on this issue within the 5th Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations (Vienna, February 2013)

6. The Forum participants believe that the global strategy of dialogue and partnership among civilizations should find expression in the implementation of specific programs and projects and support in this regard:

- the international energy-ecological program «Arctic Energy» aimed at environmentally sound development of the Arctic energy resources and improvement of living conditions of the people in the region and first of all the indigenous peoples of the North, the preservation of the unique Arctic civilization;

- the project of a multilingual Internet portal “World Scientific Heritage” under the aegis of UNESCO revealing the contribution of eminent scientists from different countries and civilizations to the world of science;

- establishment of the multilingual open Internet university of dialogue and partnership of civilizations;

- Publication and posting on the Internet of the international scientific practical magazine «Partnership of Civilizations» in several languages; and

- Development of civilizational tourism as a mass of form of dialogue among civilizations;

7. Considering the need to strengthen the role of TV in the dialogue of civilizations and cultures, the Forum participants recommend to the Government of Russia and UNESCO, to consider the possibility of transforming the Russian TV channel “Culture” into the international multilingual TV channel by providing educational programs and civilizational dialogue in it.

8. The Forum participants express their appreciation to the organizers, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to UNESCO, Fondation Maison des sciences de l’homme and the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Paris for the creation of an enabling environment for the Forum.