

2nd UNESCO RESOLUTION ON AUROVILLE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT ITS  
GENERAL CONFERENCE HELD IN PARIS IN OCTOBER—NOVEMBER, 1968.

Resolution 4. 131: The General Conference,

*Recalling* that in connection with commemoration of the 20th anniversary of UNESCO, the Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry, India, had taken steps to establish an international cultural township known as Auroville where people of different countries will live together in one community and engage in cultural, educational and other pursuits, and that this project has been commended to all those interested in UNESCO's ideals in resolution 4.36 passed at the fourteenth session of the General Conference,

*Considering* that Member States, believing in the pursuit of truth and the free exchange of ideas and knowledge, have agreed and determined to develop and to increase the means of communication between their peoples,

*Considering also* that, despite the technical advance which facilitates the development and dissemination of knowledge and ideas, ignorance of the way of life and customs of peoples still presents an obstacle to friendship among the nations, to peaceful co-operation, and to the progress of mankind,

*Taking account* of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideas of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples and the Declaration of the Principles of International Cultural Co-operation,

*Noting* that the foundation-stone of Auroville has been laid on 28 February 1968 and that the youth of many nations participated in this solemn ceremony symbolizing the coming together of nations in a spirit of human unity,

*Confident* that Auroville with its many interrelated sub-projects will add a new dimension to UNESCO's activities for the promotion of international co-operation and understanding and appreciation of cultural and human values,

*Invites* Member States and international non-governmental organizations to participate in the development of Auroville as an international cultural township designed to bring together the values of different cultures and civilisations in a harmonious environment with integrated living standards which correspond to man's physical and spiritual needs.