



48th Meeting of the Directing Council

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RESOLUTION N° 12

TEACHING OF HISTORY

The 48th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan-American Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The fact that, in all societies, knowledge of History is fundamental for defining the identity of a society as a group, as a community that shares a past, which seeks to understand its present and which aspires to have a common future;

The fact that the outstanding philosopher Leopoldo Zea stated that “if something defines man it is history; it gives sense to what has been done, to that is being done and to that which may continue to be done. In the triple dimensions of history, past, present and future, the being of man is made manifest” (Zea, *The Latin-American Mind*);

The fact that History strengthens the identity of each people and contributes to transmitting values and experiences for the understanding of the present as a process under construction;

The fact that it is considered necessary to strengthen and update the methodology of teaching about History in education at basic, high-school and adult levels;

That recommended by the Scientific Policy Committee and by the Resolutions Coordination Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

Recommend, to the relevant authorities of the Member States, the strengthening of History teaching in schools at basic and middle levels, also in further education for adults, due to its importance for the national identity and the training of people to be citizens.

