

CULTURE, DIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

PALERMO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – FINAL DECLARATION

Following the International Conference promoted by the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International cooperation, the City of Palermo and the Associazione per l'Economia della Cultura, on «Culture, cultural diversity and sustainable development: opportunities and challenges for the Mediterranean», which was held in Palermo on 9 and 10 November 2015;

Referring to:

- a) The Universal Declaration of human rights;
- b) the UNESCO Declaration on Cultural Diversity (2001), the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), the UNESCO Convention for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005);
- c) the Council of Europe's Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural heritage for Society (Faro Convention, 2005);
- d) the Namur Declaration and Call, an outcome of the Sixth Conference of Ministers of the Council of Europe responsible for the cultural heritage of the European Member States (Namur, Belgium, 23-24 April 2015);
- e) the Milan Declaration of the Ministers of Culture, meeting at EXPO, on 1 August 2015;
- f) the Carta di Palermo (2015) «From migration as suffering to mobility as an inalienable human right»;
- g) the Carta di Ravello (2014), aimed at the creation of an Euro-Mediterranean network for the promotion of cultural heritage;
- h) the adoption, by the United Nations, of the 2030 Agenda on sustainable development;
- i) the adoption, by the Council of Europe, of the 2014 Baku Cultural Routes Declaration;

Taking into account:

- the Decision of the Executive Council of UNESCO, on the protection of cultural heritage in areas of crisis, adopted, out of an Italian proposal, on October 2015;
- the European Parliament Resolution, of 8 September 2015, towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage for Europe;
- the priority given by the current Luxembourg Presidency of the Eu-