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Results of the visit by Mr R. I. Baidavletov, Prime-Minister
of the Government of the Republic of Bashkortostan
of the Russian Federation
to UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France

On March 25-27, 2008 on the occasion of the international presentation “Bashkortostan: 450 years with Russia” at UNESCO HQ, Mr R. I. Baidavletov, Prime-Minister of the Government of the Republic of Bashkortostan, met with M.Barbosa, UNESCO Deputy Director-General.

During the meeting it was noted that the Republic of Bashkortostan, considering its geographical location in Eurasia, ethnically and religiously diverse population, numerous historical and cultural monuments, as well as vast network of educational, academic and cultural institutions, possesses useful experience and high potential of developing innovative education methods, scientific research and safeguarding of cultural heritage and language diversity for sustainable development.

Participation of the Republic of Bashkortostan in UNESCO program activities was discussed. Mr R. I. Baidavletov named the following priorities for possible cooperation:

Education:

1. Participation of the Republic of Bashkortostan of the Russian Federation in “Education for All” program, in particular, by implementing “National Emphasis in Education: from Infancy to College” project.

2. Promotion of information and communication technologies at all levels of the educational process targeted at assuring quality basic education/

3. Sharing of best practices within UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network.

4. Promotion of cultural diversity and facilitation of dialog between cultures by developing pilot projects “Multicultural Education in National School” with active participation of UNESCO/UNITWIN Chair “Education in Multinational and Multiconfessional Society” at the Bashkir State University.

5. Participation of UNESCO/UNITWIN Chair “Education in Multinational and Multiconfessional Society” at the Bashkir State University in UNESCO/UNITWIN projects within UNESCO program framework. Organization of All-Russian and international research events in line with the Chair profile with UNESCO participation (research projects, development of teaching guidelines, roundtables, conference, etc.).

6. Support of the initiatives aimed at the implementation of UNESCO strategy on civil education and education on democratic civicism, human rights and culture of peace throughout the lifetime.

Social and Human Sciences:

1. Promotion of culture of peace and non-violence, dialog between cultures, moral values, human rights and democracy by consolidation positions of human sciences and philosophy, as well as by profound studies of the history of the people living in the Republic of Bashkortostan of the Russian Federation, their culture and traditions, as well as history and archaeology of past civilizations at the territory of South Urals.

2. Development of programs on social integration and adaptation of ethnical and religious minorities, normalization of inter-ethnical relations and participation in UNESCO project “Coalition of Cities against Racism”.

Culture and Communication:

1. Participation in UNESCO programs of safeguarding tangible and intangible cultural heritage:
 - consultations with the World Heritage Centre on the feasibility of nominating Palaeolithic sanctuary in Shulgan-Tash Cave for UNESCO World Heritage List;
 - archaeological research and field works at the site of historical and archaeological monument “Ufa-II Ancient City Centre” referred to by Medieval written sources the “City of Bashkort”;
 - development of promotional campaign measures regarding the masterpiece of the Bashkir oral folklore heritage, the Ural-Batyr epic, and the art of playing Kuray, Bashkir traditional musical instrument;
 - development and implementation of projects within the framework of UNESCO cultural and ecological tourism.
2. Organization of R.Nureyev International Ballet Festivals in Ufa.
3. Organization of activities within the framework of International Year of Languages-2008.
4. Organization of activities within the framework of UNESCO “Education for All” program, in particular, by conducting a feasibility study on establishing a public centre of legal information in the Republic of Bashkortostan.
5. Assistance in spreading information about the Republic of Bashkortostan and promotion of the Bashkir language and culture by disseminating printed materials, including educational aids and literature in the Bashkir languages including donations to UNESCO Library.

UNESCO Deputy Director-General M.Barbosa expressed satisfaction over the importance and reach of the activities outlined by the Bashkir delegation that

are coordinated by the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO and assured of the Organization in the elaboration and implementation of relevant project proposals, as well as intersectoral strategies of the sustainable development of the region.

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