

## **APPENDIX 13-B**

### **UIA Charter for a Fair Practice of Architecture**

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There is point I would like to share with the Commission. It is related to the proposal by Gaetan for a UIA CHARTER FOR FAIR PRACTICE ON ARCHITECTURE and the Background Paper.

Nikos Findikakis informed me about these proposed documents in my role as the President of UIA Greek National Section. In spite of my absence on PPC next meeting in Korea, I would like to express my cautiousness on producing another Charter, especially when there is already a UIA Charter on Education and the Accord on Practice of Architecture and the related Recommended Guidelines. I am afraid that will provoke confusion to our interlocutors. The UIA already has a body of existing documents which describe the UIA proposed best way of for the practice of architecture, in a changing world, in respect of human and society interest, notions that already include protection of the environment, cultural diversity, mutual respect etc.

Some of the issues on this proposed UIA CHARTER FOR A FAIR PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE refer to new problems as the global warming or the need of a code for a larger group of stakeholders, architects being one of them, as it is mentioned. I have the opinion that these issues, among others of the document, are very important and of present interest. So I would like to propose that the PPC elaborates and presents to the next General Assembly a Resolution about the architects' commitment on sustainability and social justice, as for instance was the Resolution of UNESCO-UIA Validation Council for Architectural Education adopted by the Istanbul General Assembly, concerning the duration of the architectural education, in liaison with the UIA Documents as The Charter of Education and The Accord.

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