

2th Meeting of Portuguese-speaking Cities of
Forum UNESCO "University and Heritage"
Ouro Preto, Brasil, 21 - 26 October 1999

Declaration of Ouro Preto

Vice-rectors, Rectors, Professors and Representatives of the Federal University of Ouro Preto, the Federal University of São Paulo, the Federal University of Santa Catarina, the Federal University of Pernambuco, the Federal University of Minas Gerais, the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, the Federal University of Paraná, the Federal University of Pelotas, the State University of Rio de Janeiro, the State University of Ponta Grossa, the Catholic University of Campinas, the Catholic University of Minas Gerais, the IPHAN, the IEPHA, the Secretariat for Heritage, Museums and Plastic Arts of the MINC, and the Special Consultancy of the Spanish Ministry of Culture, meeting in Ouro Preto from October 21-26, decided to:

- **EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE** to the president of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage for the efforts carried out to promote and encourage the Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage Network.
- **PROMOTE** the candidacy of the Federal University of Ouro Preto as Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage Office in the city of Ouro Preto.
- **IMPLEMENT** the creation of the Brazilian Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage Network to support the Office of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage at the University Lusitana for Portuguese-speaking countries,
- **ENCOURAGE** the Student Center for the Defense of Heritage in Ouro Preto.

- **ACKNOWLEDGE** the support received from the Secretary of Heritage, Museums and Plastic Arts of the Ministry of Culture (MINC), the Ministry of Education, the Secretary of State for Culture of Minas Gerais, the Center of Studies for the 18th Century, and very especially, to the rectors of the Polytechnic University of Valencia and the University Lusiada of Lisbon,
- **REQUEST** from the development agencies in charge of financing projects of preservation, restoration and protection of movable and immovable property to take into consideration the experiences and actions successfully carried out by the Brazilian university,
- **MOTIVATE** through Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage the linking with the federal, state and municipal governments with the objective of promoting the conservation and defense of Heritage through technical cooperation programs, personnel training and exchange of expertise at national and international level.

Ouro Preto, October 26, 1999