

## Appendix

### Baroda and Hyderabad resolution on the development of Bhashiki: a new linguistics for the 21<sup>st</sup> century

“The meetings of Indian linguists from more than twenty universities and institutions, convened in association with the Bhasha Research Centre Baroda by the Department of Linguistics at MS University Baroda on 10th-12th December 1997 and by the Department of Linguistics at the Telugu University Hyderabad on 22nd-24th December 1997, on the occasion of the visit to India of the Director of the Linguasphere Observatory, wish to thank the Vice-Chancellors of both universities for having provided this opportunity for a strategic discussion on the diversity of languages in South Asia and the world, and for having personally inaugurated our discussion at Baroda and at Hyderabad.

“We have observed:

- that the time has come for the launching of a new action-oriented linguistics or **bhashiki**, designed for the needs of South Asia and other regions of the world in the 21st century.

“We have therefore resolved:

- that **bhashiki** draw on the ancient traditions and modern resources of South Asia in the field of linguistics, as well as profiting from the sometimes differing priorities of linguists in other societies;
- that the maintenance of professional excellence in **bhashiki** be linked in particular to the goals of universal education and literacy, including the development of teacher training towards a greater awareness of linguistic problems and their solutions;
- that **bhashiki** be concerned with respect for the heritage of each linguistic community and with the satisfaction of the educational and cultural needs of its speakers, irrespective of their number, within the context of a multilingual world;
- that India’s duty to take a leading role in the future development of the English language as a global contact language be fully recognized, given the fact that this country already has the second highest total of English-speakers in the world and may become the first such country early in the new millennium;
- that the role of global contact languages, such as English and French, be developed *in the service of a multilingual world*;
- that there be wider communication and exchange of experience among institutions involved in bilingual or multilingual education in different parts of the world, such as India, South Africa, Wales or Canada;
- that linguists, geographers, computer scientists and other colleagues in India and elsewhere be encouraged to respond to the call made by the Director General of Unesco for the creation of a new map of the world’s languages, to participate in the preparation by Unesco of regular reports on the state of languages in the world, and to endorse Unesco’s concern for the protection of endangered languages;

- that Indian institutions be invited to take up the opportunity provided by the Linguasphere programme for the preparation in India of the first computerized mapbase of the world's languages and speech-communities, including the development of Indian expertise in geographical information systems (computerized "GIS") and of Indian contributions to their further development;
- that the readiness of the national Centre for the Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) at Pune to participate in the realization of the Linguasphere mapbase of the languages and speech-communities of the world be warmly welcomed;
- that the Government of India and the University Grants Commission, business leaders at home and abroad, UNESCO and UNDP, the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Agence de la Francophonie, the Ford Foundation and other foundations, governments and interested partners be invited to support the attainment of the above objectives;
- that an international meeting be held at Baroda on 2nd-4th October 1998, devoted to the subject: *The Philosophy and Applications of Bhashiki*.

NOTE- In adopting the first version of the above resolutions, the meeting at Baroda on 10th-12th December 1997 agreed that their finalization be entrusted to the meeting of linguists convened at the Telegu University Hyderabad on 22nd-24th December 1997, and that the resulting consolidated resolution of the two meetings be given the widest possible circulation."