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- 1 light, rejoicing in our status as sons and daughters of God, and praising our Lord Jesus Christ—
- 2 our Creator and Redeemer.

1 PRE/Adhoc/ADCOM/04AC to LCC

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5 VOTED, To approve the following statement in response to the International Faith and
6 Science Conference Organizing Committee's report, An Affirmation of Creation, subject to the
7 changes that were voted in the previous action, to read as follows:

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9 Whereas belief in a literal, six-day creation is indissolubly linked with the authority of
10 Scripture, and;

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12 Whereas such belief interlocks with other doctrines of Scripture, including the Sabbath
13 and the Atonement, and;

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15 Whereas Seventh-day Adventists understand our mission, as specified in Revelation 14:6,
16 7, to include a call to the world to worship God as Creator,

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18 We, the members of the General Conference Executive Committee at the 2004 Annual
19 Council, state the following as our response to the document, An Affirmation of Creation,
20 submitted by the International Faith and Science Conferences:

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22 1. We strongly endorse the document's affirmation of our historic, biblical position
23 of belief in a literal, recent, six-day Creation.

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25 2. We urge that the document, accompanied by this response, be disseminated
26 widely throughout the world Seventh-day Adventist Church, using all available communication
27 channels and in the major languages of world membership.

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29 3. We reaffirm the Seventh-day Adventist understanding of the historicity of
30 Genesis 1-11: that the seven days of the Creation account were literal 24-hour days forming a
31 week identical in time to what we now experience as a week; and that the Flood was global in
32 nature.

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34 4. We call on all boards and educators at Seventh-day Adventist institutions at all
35 levels to continue upholding and advocating the Church's position on origins. We, along with
36 Seventh-day Adventist parents, expect students to receive a thorough, balanced, and
37 scientifically rigorous exposure to and affirmation of our historic belief in a literal, recent, six-
38 day creation, even as they are educated to understand and assess competing philosophies of
39 origins that dominate scientific discussion in the contemporary world.

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41 5. We urge church leaders throughout the world to seek ways to educate members,
42 especially young people attending non-Seventh-day Adventist schools, in the issues involved in
43 the doctrine of creation.

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45 6. We call on all members of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist family to
46 proclaim and teach the Church's understanding of the biblical doctrine of Creation, living in its