

**17th General Assembly of ICOMOS  
Paris, France  
27 November to 2 December 2011**

**Resolutions of the General Assembly**

**17GA Agenda item 1 - Technical Opening of the General Assembly**

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**Resolution 17GA 2011/01**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS

Congratulates with gratitude ICOMOS France for the successful hosting of the 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly;

Thanks the French Ministry of Culture and Communication, the French Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing as well as UNESCO for their organizational and logistic support;

Acknowledges with gratitude the support of partners, in particular the Cité de l'architecture et du patrimoine, the Fondation pour la Sauvegarde et le Développement du Domaine de Chantilly, the Cité internationale universitaire de Paris, the Délégation générale à la Langue française et aux Langues de France, the École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-arts de Paris, the Office National des Forêts, the cities of Amiens, Besançon, Bordeaux, Dijon and Le Havre, the Conseil général of the Pas-de-Calais, the Fondation du Patrimoine, Moët & Chandon Champagne, the Centre national des Centres Commerciaux, the CIRMAD, the Centre des monuments nationaux, the Institut national de recherches archéologiques préventives, the Walloon Region, the Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art, van Ruysdael, the Getty Foundation, Bootschaft, Patryst, the Bureau interprofessionnel des Vins de Bourgogne, the Association des biens français du patrimoine mondial and the Ecole Avignon.

**Resolution 17GA 2011/02**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS

Recognizes the significant contribution to the work of ICOMOS of the following members who have passed away and expresses condolences to their families and National and International Scientific Committees:

Mr Masoud Azarnoosh (Iran), Mr Stef Binst (Belgium), Mrs Eliana Cardenas (Cuba), Ms Maria Adriana Castro (Brazil), Mr Moussa Cisse dit Papa (Mali), Ms Nanna Cnattingius (Sweden), Ms Beverley Joy Crouts-Knipe (South Africa), Mr Jacek Cydzik (Poland), Mr James Espie (New Zealand), Mr Tuyoshi Fujimoto (Japan), Mr Kuniharu Fukumoto, (Japan), Mr Sun Fuxi (China), Mr Eugenio Galdieri (Italy), Mr Carl Jacob Gardberg (Finland), Mr Donny George (Iraq), Mr Nándor Gilyén (Hungary), Mr Armen Haghazarian (Armenia), Mr Jean-Louis Haussaire (France), Mr Miklós Horler (Hungary), Mr Milan Ivanovski (Macedonia), Mr Jan Jessurun (Netherlands), Mr Robert de Jong (Netherlands), Mr Aram

Kalantaryan (Armenia), Ms Vera Kolarova (Bulgaria), Mr Garth Lampart (Jamaica), Mr Derek Linstrum (United Kingdom), Mr Emmanuel Lopez (France), Mr Jerko Marasovic (Croatia), Mr Mohammad-Amin Mirfendereski (Iran), Mr Kuniaki Oi (Japan), Mr Ismet Okyay (Turkey), Mr Lénin Ortiz Arciniegas (Ecuador), Mr Michel Parent (France), Mr Juan Manuel Posse (Honduras), Mr Léon Pressouyre (France), Mr Jean Prum (Luxembourg), Mr Victor Cruz Reyes (Honduras), H.E. Ms. María Jesús San Segundo (Spain), Mr Jaap Schipper (Netherlands), Mr István Schultz (Hungary), Mr Marc Simon (France), Ms Hristina Staneva (Bulgaria), Mr Felipe Solis (Mexico), Mr Attilio Stazio (Italy), Mr Akira Tamura (Japan), Mr Andrzej Tomaszewski (Poland), Mr Yoshiyuki Ushikawa (Japan), Mr Mohammad Hosein Vafi (Iran), Mrs Tytti Valto (Finland), Mr Mitsuo Yokoyama (Japan), Mrs Aleksandra Żaryn (Poland), Mr Gustavo Manrique Zermeño (Mexico).

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### 17GA Agenda item 3-2 - Attendance and quorum

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On 24 November 2011, 1076 participants were registered for the General Assembly. Some additional members have registered since then, for which final figures were not available at the Technical Opening. As to the number of voting members, the exact figures were to be determined by the Credentials Committee. At the Technical Opening of the General Assembly on 27 November 2011 at 9:00, the requisite quorum of one third of all voting members calculated in accordance with article 6-b and as indicated in article 9 was not reached. Following provisions in article 9, the deliberations of the General Assembly were therefore valid, irrespective of the number of voting members present, 24 hours after its opening, starting from 28 November 2011 at 9:00 am.

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### 17GA Agenda item 3-3 - Election of the Chairperson, 3 Vice-Chairpersons, the Secretary and the Rapporteur of the 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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#### Resolution 17GA 2011/03

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS elects as:

- Chairperson: Mr Pierre Antoine Gatier (France)
- Vice-Chairperson: Ms Anila Naeem (Pakistan), Mr Victor Salinas (Spain), Ms Kerstin Westerlund (Sweden)
- Secretary: Ms Bénédicte Selfslagh (Belgium)
- Rapporteur: Mr Axel Mykleby (Norway), and Ms Aylin Orbasli (UK).

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### 17GA Agenda item 3-4 - Adoption of the Agenda

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#### Resolution 17GA 2011/04

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS adopts its Agenda as proposed without amendments.

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### 17GA Agenda item 3-5 - Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly

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#### Resolution 17GA 2011/05

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS adopts the proposed amendments to articles 15-2, 23-3, 24-3, 24A-3, 44-1, 44-2, 44-4, 52-2, 53, 54-1, 54-3 and 55-2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly

as well as the proposed provision on gender equity. The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly further decides that the Revised Rules of Procedure will enter into force with immediate effect.

*(The updated Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly (2011) can be found in Annex 1)*

#### **17GA Agenda item 3-6 - Appointment of the members of the Credentials, Candidatures and Resolutions Committees, and of the Teller and at least two Assistant Tellers**

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##### **Resolution 17GA 2011/06**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS appoints to the:

- Credentials Committee: Mr Giora Solar (Israel) as Chairman, and Ms Jane Harrington (Australia), Ms Mona O'Rourke (Ireland), Ms Namiko Yamaouchi (Japan), Mr Jun Zheng (China), and ex-officio: Mr Philippe La Hausse de la Louvière, Treasurer General;
- Candidatures Committee: Mr Thomas Adlercreutz (Sweden) as Chairman, and Ms Patricia Green (Jamaica), Mr Alex Langini (Luxembourg), Mr Mario Santana (Belgium), Ms Olga Sevan (Russia);
  
- Resolutions Committee: Ms Britta Rudolff (Bahrain) as Chairperson, and Mr Stephen Demeter (Belgium), Mr Tamas Fejerdy (Hungary), Mr Patrice Morot-Sir (France), Mr Yukio Nishimura (Japan), Ms Louise Noel Gras (Mexico), Ms Angela Rojas (Cuba);
  
- Mr Kevin Jones (New Zealand) as Head Teller, as well as Ms Susan Barr (Norway), Mr Ricardo Beheran (Uruguay), Mr Merab Bochoidze (Georgia), Ms Fatima Fall (Senegal), Mr Ivan Henares (Philippines), Ms Rosina Parchen (Brasil), Mr Francisco Perez Gallego (Venezuela), Ms Suzie Yee Shaw (Pasifika), Mr Robert Treufeldt (Estonia), Ms Natalia Turekulova (Kazakhstan), and Mr Norov Urtnasan (Mongolia), as Assistant Tellers.

#### **17GA Agenda item 4-4 - Approval of the reports and accounts and discharge of the Executive Committee**

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##### **Resolution 17GA 2011/07**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS approves the reports by the President, Secretary General and Treasurer General; it further approves the accounts and discharges the Executive Committee.

#### **17GA Agenda item 4-5 - Adoption of new doctrinal texts**

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##### **Resolution 17GA 2011/08**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS adopts the joint ICOMOS – TICCIH Principles for the Conservation of Industrial Heritage Sites, Structures, Areas and Landscapes.

*(The joint ICOMOS – TICCIH Principles for the Conservation of Industrial Heritage Sites, Structures, Areas and Landscapes (2011) can be found in Annex 2)*

## Resolution 17GA 2011/09

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS adopts the Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas.

*(The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas (2011) can be found in Annex 3)*

## 17GA Agenda item 5-1 - Report on the Amendments to the ICOMOS Statutes

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### Resolution 17GA 2011/10

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Decides to establish a working group with a view to submit to the 18th General Assembly in 2014 amendments to the ICOMOS Statutes as well as Rules of Procedure for approval;

Also decides that this working group shall be composed of representative of all regions and cultural groupings, including some persons, who served on the Statutes Task Force, and shall consist of: Mr Andrew Hall (South Africa, member of the former Task Force), Mr Gideon Koren (ICLAFI, member of the former Task Force), Ms Anne Magnant (ICOMOS France, member of the former Task Force), Mr Peter Phillips (Australia), Ms Bénédicte Selfslagh (ICOMOS Belgium, Chair of the former Task Force) as well as a representative of the ICOMOS Executive Committee and a legal councillor to ICOMOS;

Requests the working group to build upon the analysis and work already carried out, and focus on the following topics:

- a. Membership categories and financial stability
- b. Governance
- c. Elections
- d. Interaction of the Eger-Xi'an and Dubrovnik-Valletta Principles with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure
- e. Compliance with legislation;

Also requests that the starting point for the deliberations shall be the text of the Statutes without the provisions that need to be transferred to the Rules of Procedure, and that the working group formulates proposals for the two documents (Statutes and Rules of Procedure, as appropriate);

Further requests the working group to present a report to the Advisory Committee in 2012, and that given the work already undertaken, the proposals shall be presented as text amendments in 'track changes' together with their rationale;

Encourages the Advisory Committee meeting in 2012, to stipulate a time (max. 6 weeks) to allow the National and International Scientific Committees and the membership to send further comments in order to allow those who did not attend the Advisory Committee to participate in the consultation process;

Also requests, based on the above, the working group to submit to the Advisory Committee a revised version well in advance of its 2013 meeting, to allow the National and International Scientific Committees and membership to have the possibility to comment prior to and during the Advisory Committee meeting, and that based on the comments received, and the discussions and decisions made at the 2013 Advisory Committee meeting, the working group shall prepare the final version of the proposal to amend the Statutes, as well as the final proposal for the Rules of Procedure; and that these

shall be sent to the membership four months before the opening of the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2014, in accordance with Article 19 of the Statutes;

Further requests the working group to submit a progress report to the Executive Committee between the meetings of the Advisory Committee.

#### **17GA Agenda item 5-2 - Report on the Amendments to the Ethical Commitment Statement**

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##### **Resolution 17GA 2011/11**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling that the Ethical Commitment Statement was adopted in 2002 along with an intention to review it after 6 years of implementation, and that in March 2010, the Executive Committee asked the newly founded ICOMOS Academy to verify with the National and International Scientific Committees the awareness, applicability and enforcement of the Ethical Commitment Statement;

Considering that the findings of the survey conducted by the ICOMOS Academy had been distributed to the Executive Committee, the Advisory Committee and the ICOMOS Academy members, and that as a result, the Advisory Committee at its meeting in October 2009 (Malta) appointed a working group to generate proposals to review the Statement;

Noting with gratitude the contribution of the Academy and the progress made but considering that this work must continue in order to submit proposals for revision to the Statement;

Resolves to:

- a. Integrate this matter in the mechanisms and processes established for the amendment of the ICOMOS Statutes, noting the importance of these issues being pursued in a coordinated manner;
- b. Request the National and International Scientific Committees to promote awareness of the Ethical Commitment Statement and integrate it in their activities;
- c. Invite its membership to implement sound professional practise in continuously and explicitly clarifying whether they speak in their own name or whether they have been mandated to represent the view of ICOMOS.

#### **17GA Agenda item 6-1 - Report of the Credentials Committee**

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##### **Resolution 17GA 2011/12**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS adopts the report of the Credentials Committee, according to which 66 National Committees present at the General Assembly carry voting rights, 365 voting members are present and, including the proxies, 960 ICOMOS members are expected to vote.

**Resolution 17GA 2011/13**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Adopts the report of the Candidatures Committee, according to which the following candidates shall be eligible by the General Assembly for the offices indicated:

For the position of President:

Mr Gustavo Araoz (USA)

For the position of Secretary General:

Mr Dinu Bumbaru (Canada)

Ms Kirsti Kovanen (Finland)

Mr Werner von Trützschler (Germany)

For the position of Treasurer General:

Ms Laura Robinson (South Africa)

For the positions of Vice-President:

Ms Kristal Buckley (Australia)

Mr Alfredo Conti (Argentina)

Mr Guo Zhan (China)

Mr Gideon Koren (Israel)

Mr Wilfried Lipp (Austria)

Mr Carlos Mesen (Costa Rica)

Mr Benjamin Mouton (France)

Mr Lazar Sumanov (Macedonia)

Mr Georges Zouain (Lebanon)

For the Executive Committee:

Ms Sofia Avgérinou-Kolonias (Greece)

Mr Stefan Belishki (Bulgaria)

Mr Hildebrand P.G. de Boer (Netherlands)

Mr Francesco Caruso (Italy)

Mr Rohit Jigyasu (India)

Mr Toshiyuki Kono (Japan)

Mr Philippe La Hausse de la Louvière (Mauritius)

Mr Christoph Machat (Germany)

Mr Alberto Martorell (Peru)

Mr José de Nordenflycht (Chile)

Ms Olga Orive (Mexico)

Mr Esteban Prieto (Dominican Republic)

Ms Hae-Un Rii (Korea)

Mr Grellan Rourke (Ireland)

Mr Abdoulrasool Vatandoust (Iran).

## 17GA Agenda item 6-4 – Election of President, Secretary-General, Treasurer General, Vice-Presidents and the Executive Committee of ICOMOS (Election results)

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### Resolution 17GA 2011/14

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Elects Mr Gustavo Araoz (USA) as ICOMOS President;

Elects Ms Kirsti Kovanen (Finland) as ICOMOS Secretary-General;

Elects Ms Laura Robinson (South Africa) as ICOMOS Treasurer General;

Elects Ms Kristal Buckley (Australia), Mr Alfredo Conti (Argentina), Mr Guo Zhan (China), Mr Gideon Koren (Israel), and Mr Benjamin Mouton (France) as ICOMOS Vice-Presidents; and

Elects Ms Sofia Avgérinou-Kolonias (Greece), Mr Stefan Belishki (Bulgaria), Mr Dinu Bumbaru (Canada), Mr Francesco Caruso (Italy), Mr Rohit Jigyasu (India), Mr Toshiyuki Kono (Japan), Mr Wilfried Lipp (Austria), Mr Philippe La Hausse de la Louvière (Mauritius), Mr Christoph Machat (Germany), Ms Olga Orive (Mexico), Ms Hae-Un Rii (Korea), Mr Grellan Rourke (Ireland), as Members of the Executive Committee.

## 17GA Agenda item 7 - Report on the Scientific Symposium

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### Resolution 17GA 2011/15

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Taking into account the scientific work of ICOMOS, notably its international charters and the declarations of Nara (1994), Sofia (1996), Xi'an (2005) and Québec (2008);

Acknowledging that tangible and intangible heritage is meaningful as a reflection of cultural diversity and civic values, as a key social component, and as a major element in the territorial identity, and that heritage is an integral part of the development process and that it must therefore be conserved in order to be transmitted, reclaimed, and serve as an educational resource for future generations;

Acknowledging that heritage plays an important role in balancing the mass development of a globalising world, by providing solutions to issues in terms of diversity and sustainable development, and by taking into account environmental and social challenges;

Requests that ICOMOS, and its national and international bodies:

- a. Promote, notably through education, the values of heritage to a wide audience such as local communities; whilst also raising awareness among those communities, public authorities and professionals of the role which heritage plays in relation to development; therefore engaging these communities to actively participate in looking for solutions designed to enhance heritage values without altering significance;
- b. Encourage balanced regional development, which, whilst respecting urban and rural landscapes, will help to disperse the density of built construction and transportation routes according to historical features and therefore facilitate the revitalization of economies and the

- stability of local populations whilst still saving non-built space, and the indigenous heritage that exists above and below ground;
- c. Restore the “rules of the art”, that is, the use of traditional materials and tools; to emphasise that built heritage is an endless source of inspiration for modern, ground-breaking architecture, playing a role in the establishment of high standards of living;
  - d. Recall that “The architectural and landscape heritage is a cultural exception, and it cannot conflict with rules and norms which are not applied to it [...] pending specific and appropriate responses, transitional measures need to be adopted” (ICOMOS-Paris,2000);
  - e. Raise awareness of the fragility of heritage values amongst cultural tourism stakeholders, the preservation of which is the basis for its attractiveness as a resource for tourism, the economy, and community development;
  - f. Recommend that heritage conservation and management and the preservation of cultural heritage values be considered in terms of a continuous dialogue with cultural tourism development;
  - g. Promote cooperation between stakeholders of heritage conservation and management, tourism professionals and local communities to create sustainable development which contributes to the preservation of heritage sites and destinations;
  - h. Ensure that heritage-related benefits are distributed fairly between heritage preservation and management, local communities and tourism companies;
  - i. Make better known the structural role of heritage as a factor within economic development, social cohesion, the appeal of certain regions, and as a means to stimulate growth and reduce poverty;
  - j. Stress that financial objectives have to respect those of conservation;
  - k. Gather, further develop and disseminate available research on these topics and to encourage the exchange of best practices;
  - l. Recommend that heritage enhancement be placed at the heart of regional development strategies; and
  - m. Reinforce cooperation between national and international institutions who conduct works on heritage and development, namely for the draft of the World Heritage Tourism Programme with UNESCO.

## 17GA Agenda item 8-2 – Honorary Membership

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### Resolution 17GA 2011/16

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS confers Honorary Membership on:

- Mr Joan Bassegoda Nonell (Spain)
- Mr Carlos Flores Marini (Mexico)
- Mr Álvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo (Spain)
- Mr Ove Hidemark (Sweden)
- Mr James Kerr (Australia)
- Mr Masaru Maeno (Japan)
- Mr Nikolaos Moutsopoulos (Greece)
- Mr Henrique Oswaldo de Andrade (Brazil)
- Mr Paul Philippot (Belgium)
- Mr Mario Federico Roggero (Italy)
- Mr Gábor Winkler (Hungary).



**Resolution 17GA 2011/17**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering the Statutory obligation of the General Assembly to approve the programme and budget of ICOMOS, and acknowledging that the General Assembly meets every three years but that the financial situation of ICOMOS is audited annually;

Recalling the Advisory Committee decision in October 2010 in Dublin to put forward a proposal to establish Programme and Budgetary Guidelines;

Adopts the draft work plan 2012-2014 and requests that the working group prepares a final draft to be submitted for approval at the first meeting of the Executive Committee in 2012;

Work plan objectives and strategies:

**1. ICOMOS: Active and wider membership links and connections**

*Objective:* Develop our membership base and link public authorities, institutions and individuals.

*Strategies:*

- Encourage students working towards conservation specialization;
- Develop a schools awareness raising programme for heritage conservation;
- Develop and promote ICOMOS' advisory role in government programmes at all levels (national, state, provincial, local and NGOs);
- Establish capacity building programmes for Public Authorities;
- Actively recruit a broader membership both geographically and in subject specialization;
- Develop formal mentoring partnerships to sustain a recruitment programme to share and build on expertise.

**2. ICOMOS: Sharing research and knowledge through exciting and solid partnerships**

*Objective:* Using the knowledge of our membership and partner institutions, develop cultural heritage-related knowledge and expertise through research and projects, and the creation of participatory structures that allow all members to contribute, and make it available to the full membership through publications, information systems and training.

*Strategies:*

- Establish Memoranda of Understanding with other leading organizations in conservation of cultural heritage e.g. ICCROM, ICOM, IUCN, ICA, 'Blue Shield', IFLA, UIA, Universities etc. to develop on-going research and other programmes;
- Provide support for an active ICOMOS Publishing programme to include inter alia; a broad methodology and funding;
- Ensure that all articles are anonymously peer reviewed in accordance with the methodology for the existing scientific programme;
- Encourage the establishment of translation groups to disseminate information to the widest possible readership;
- Develop a body of expertise to carry out the peer reviews;
- Seek publishing partnerships and sponsorships to support the publications programmes.

**3. ICOMOS: Leaders in Cultural Heritage Conservation**

*Objective:* Reaffirm the role of ICOMOS as the paramount advocate for the conservation of cultural heritage in the world.

*Strategies:*

- Continue and strengthen our role in providing impartial and objective advice in a timely manner to the World Heritage Committee;
- Be pro-active rather than reactive in the provision of expert advice;
- Encourage and strengthen ICOMOS' capacity to provide advice in relation to all cultural heritage sites affected by disasters, development proposals and the like;
- Streamline the ICOMOS procedures for the provision of advice related to World Heritage matters and ensure greater transparency.

#### **4. ICOMOS: a strong network of technical expertise to benefit society**

*Objective:* Enhance the ability of the full network of ICOMOS to provide assessments and technical assistance - identify heritage trends and provide technical assessments and cooperation - use cultural heritage knowledge and expertise for the benefit of society

*Strategies:*

- Encourage the development of National Scientific Committees to utilize and develop the full expertise of the ICOMOS membership in accordance with the Dubrovnik-Valletta Principles;
- Encourage the widest possible participation of the ICOMOS membership in all current ICOMOS work plans and programmes including those of the Scientific Council;
- Encourage an inter-disciplinary and collaborative approach;
- Drawing on the Gilles Nourissier (GN) Database, develop an active programme for technical assessments and missions, which draws upon ICOMOS' specialist expertise in the widest sense.

#### **5. ICOMOS: Realizing full organizational potential**

*Objective:* Develop a greater organizational and institutional capacity for ICOMOS.

*Strategies:*

- Need to embrace effective governance with definition of roles to provide clarity in the operation;
- Engage the membership to a much greater capacity to support ICOMOS' raison d' être;
- Need to have robust debate and review of statutes;
- National Committees should have a formal structure to help them work effectively and dovetail into the international organization.

Requests the Executive Committee to draw up and approve a balanced budget annually prior to every financial year and regularly monitor the finances and operations of ICOMOS and hence adjust activities where necessary, according to this budget;

Considers that revenues from past sources are maintained and where possible increased, and that new sources of funding are sought, so that services to our partners within the ICOMOS membership, and within the wider international heritage community are provided according to the programme guidelines provided by the General Assembly;

Resolves that an annual financial audit is performed by an external auditor and that the Executive Committee examines and approves the report if satisfied.

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#### **17GA Agenda item 8-4 - Membership dues for 2012-2014**

##### **Resolution 17GA 2011/18**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering the importance of the subscriptions of ICOMOS members to the financial health and stability of ICOMOS;

Accepting that membership fees are a major source of finance for ICOMOS;

Acknowledging that National Committees contribute an amount to ICOMOS International which is determined by the number of members and the membership category of their country;

Accepting that the category into which each country is placed is determined by a World Bank classification of Member States;

Acknowledging that institutional membership fees are paid by all institutions irrespective of their legal status;

Acknowledging that members under 31 years of age are permitted to contribute 50% of the individual membership rate;

Acknowledging that National Committees in the €40 category with more than 200 individual members are granted a reduced subscription rate and that this rate is further reduced in stages up to 400 members;

Recalling decisions 2011/03 7-1-4 taken by the Executive Committee after consultation with the Advisory Committee;

Recommends to the Executive Committee for detailed finalisation and implementation, that:

- a. The €10 (ten Euro) category be removed and countries presently in this category be included in the €20 (twenty Euro) category;
- b. Countries are ascribed their category according to the World Bank index with the low-income economies and lower-middle-income economies attributed to the ICOMOS €20 (twenty Euro) category;
- c. Those National Committees which comprise of more than 500 members are given financial incentives to favour increased membership.

#### **17GA Agenda item 8-5 – Delegation to the Executive Committee to implement the programme in the framework of annual budgets**

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##### **Resolution 17GA 2011/19**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS delegates to the Executive Committee the further development of the programme and budgetary guidelines for 2012-2014 into work programmes within the framework of annual budgets.

#### **17GA Agenda item 8-6 – Heritage Alerts (resolutions on site related matters)**

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##### **Resolution 17GA 2011/20 - Cathedral of Ani and Church of Amenaprkich**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling resolution n° 26 adopted by the 15<sup>th</sup> ICOMOS General Assembly (Xi'an, 2005) on heritage beyond borders and given the official partnership between UNESCO and the World Monuments Fund (WMF),

Considering the importance of the transmission of heritage in its full authenticity and integrity for future generations, and taking into account the fact that it has a diverse, multi-faceted identity, and that heritage needs to be recognized as a common value;

Recognizing the necessity of the conservation of historic cities and of their material expression of cultural diversity of different societies;

Taking into consideration the fact that the majority of these are threatened with degradation, and illustrate the often irreversible nature of destruction;

Also recognizing the great value of Ani, capital of the Armenian Kingdom of the Bagratides during the Middle Ages, due to its exceptional realization of Medieval Urbanism, and considering the multi-cultural nature of the city, which is celebrating its 1050<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year;

Taking into consideration the necessity and urgency of protection and conservation activities for the remarkable heritage of Ani, for the consolidation and the restoration of the Cathedral of Ani and the Church of Amenaprkich;

Noting that the implementation of these measures has been confirmed through an agreement between the Turkish authorities and the WMF;

Aiming to support the highest quality and efficacy of restorations, through the involvement of specialists in restoration, including international specialists of medieval Armenian architecture, in order to provide the opportunity for a best practice example in the conservation of this shared heritage;

Decides to request the President of ICOMOS, to initiate with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey, the establishment of an international specialist group, in cooperation with the National Committees of ICOMOS Armenia and ICOMOS Turkey as well as the relevant ICOMOS International Scientific Committees concerned, the WMF and other international organizations, in order to:

- a. promote through this specialist group, the involvement of professionals in conservation and restoration from all concerned National and International Scientific Committees, including the National Committee of Armenia and the National Committee of Turkey, in the restoration of the Cathedral of Ani and the Church of Amenaprkich (Eastern Anatolia/Turkey);
- b. make the results and experiences of this international cooperation available as an example of the opportunities in promotion of mutual understanding through cooperation in heritage safeguarding and conservation and initiatives.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/21 - Vista of Mount Fuji**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering the importance of safeguarding historic urban landscapes and their heritage vistas as part of necessary support in the interpretation of urban heritage;

Recalling that the 36th UNESCO General Conference recently adopted the Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes;

Noting that an on-going high-rise development project (a 45 storey building for residential use measuring approximately 160 metres in height) in Shinjuku, Tokyo, is likely to block the crucial vista of Mount Fuji from one of the few remaining important viewing-points, called Fujimizaka (*Mount Fuji-viewing slope*) in Tokyo;

Requests that the President of ICOMOS, in cooperation with ICOMOS Japan and the International Scientific Committees concerned, contacts the developer and the requisite responsible authorities in

Tokyo to assist in re-evaluating the development in view of the importance of maintaining the vista of Mount Fuji and to support the development of guidelines to protect the last remaining vistas of Mount Fuji;

Also requests the ICOMOS National and International Scientific Committees to engage in awareness raising campaigns to protect heritage vistas and key views in heritage settings in line with the recent UNESCO Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes.

## **Resolution 17GA 2011/22 - Protection of cultural heritage in relation to mining exploration and operations: Roşia Montană**

### *I. Protection of cultural heritage in relation to mining exploration and operations*

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering the important archaeological, built, technological, landscape and intangible cultural heritage resulting from mining activities in the history of ancient or modern human societies and its recognition in inventories of industrial heritage or on the World Heritage List and its tentative list;

Considering the growing pressures from mining exploration and operations on cultural heritage and, consequently, the concerns of civil society and specialised institutions and organisations as well as authorities in charge of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention;

Acknowledging the efforts invested by UNESCO and the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) for the integration of cultural heritage, in particular that of indigenous and local people, and natural heritage in the planning and operation of mining activities;

Requests the Executive Committee to enter into cooperation with the ICMM to develop good practice guidelines, which will include a full range of cultural heritage considerations on mining exploration and operations, and to offer the collaboration of ICOMOS to that purpose.

### *II. Concerning a particular heritage site impacted by mining activity: Roşia Montană / Alburnus Maior (Romania),*

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling the resolution n° 20 of the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Madrid, 2002), resolution n° 1b of the 14<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary General Assembly (Victoria Falls, 2003), the resolution of the ICOMOS Conference, held in Pécs, Hungary, 22-27 May 2004, the ICAHM Statement on the mining concept at Roşia Montană, issued in Lyon, France, at the European Archaeological Association Conference on 9 September 2004, resolution n° 8 of the 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Xi'an, 2005), and resolution n° 4 of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Quebec, 2008); and all the actions undertaken by ICOMOS and its Romanian National Committee to bring a resolution to this conflict and an international recognition of this exceptional archaeological and cultural landscape associated to historical mining activities;

Taking into consideration all previously issued statements of official, scientific and professional institutions and bodies and thus of several NGOs and religious communities, and also new developments both in administrative measures and in the large scale on-site demolition activities of the mining company;

Noting the information received on recent similar situations in other mining sites of the area, which are threatening the archaeological, architectural and historical heritage of the cultural landscape of the Apuseni Mountains;

Affirming the significance of Roşia Montană – *Alburnus Maior*, a cultural landscape which evolved over two millennia, from the unique vestiges of the Roman underground mining system, to the Middle Ages, Renaissance and the Modern Times, together with the traditional mining town, inherited from the Habsburg times;

Reiterating its deepest concern about the planned mining operations that threaten Roşia Montană and its surroundings; and recognising the necessity to launch emergency measures for the salvaging, conservation and restoration of the heritage features of Roşia Montană;

Recalling that on 27 November 2011, the Advisory Committee of ICOMOS invited the President of ICOMOS, together with the Romanian National Committee, to continue their efforts to develop a process through which ICOMOS may use the wide range of expertise available amongst its members to deal with this extremely sensitive issue;

Calls upon all the authorities in charge of the management, protection and conservation of Romania's heritage to reinforce their commitment and ensure that precedence is given to the protection, conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage and to implement policies and best practices consequently.

#### **Resolution 17GA 2011/23 – La Halle Freysinnet**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering that “La Halle Freysinnet” is an exceptional Parisian building situated behind the French National Library (Bibliothèque Nationale de France, BNF) and is currently under threat and in danger of being partly demolished;

Taking into account that Eugène Freysinnet (1879-1962) was an innovative engineer who was a pioneer in pre-stressed and post tensioned concrete structures in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century;

Recognizing that the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for 20<sup>th</sup> Century Heritage and the Analysis and Restoration of Structures noted the importance of celebrating “La Halle Freysinnet” as a unique and significant concrete building structure, which set a precedent for the advent of 20<sup>th</sup> century building innovation internationally;

Strongly recommends to the French authorities to preserve the building with all of the 18,000 square meters of interior space and with its full integrity;

Requests the Executive Committee to seek contact with the responsible authorities to support its full protection now and in the future and to offer the collaboration of ICOMOS towards this goal.

#### **Resolution 17GA 2011/24 – Heritage of the Russian Architectural Avant-garde**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Taking into consideration the continuous degradation of globally known monuments of the Russian Architectural Avant-Garde;

Sustaining efforts of international organizations including ICOMOS, DOCOMOMO, UIA and WMF in previous years to prevent the on-going destruction of this valuable heritage resource;

Recalling the “Moscow Declaration on 20th Century Architecture and World Heritage”, signed by ICOMOS, DOCOMOMO and UIA in 2006;

Calls upon the Russian authorities to take urgent steps for the preservation and restoration of the world famous monuments of the Russian architectural Avant-Garde, including Melnikov’s House-Studio, Rusakov Club and Ginsburg’s Narkomfin House in order to prevent their degradation and destruction.

## **17GA Agenda item 8-7 - Other resolutions on heritage related issues**

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### **Resolution 17GA 2011/25 – Development of an ICOMOS protocol for interventions towards the protection of endangered heritage**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Noting that in face of serious pressures caused by industrial and commercial development throughout the world, ICOMOS reaffirms its responsibility to protect the cultural heritage of all cultures, and recognizing that ICOMOS plays a key role in the assessment and evaluation of the significance and state of conservation of monuments, as well as in proposing effective strategies for their preservation and management;

Emphasizing the importance for ICOMOS to publicly speak with a united voice in order to maintain the overall authority and credibility of the organization;

Acknowledging that the ICOMOS National Committees often have more detailed and updated information on local developments and therefore have important perspectives that must be taken into account in the proposed process;

#### Resolves to

- a. Develop a permanent protocol for ICOMOS, learning from past experiences, which can be applied to serious development concerns that are likely to arise in the future on a global scale;
- b. Utilize widely the available experience on development and heritage impacts and the extensive global multi-disciplinary expertise of ICOMOS to develop a basis for responding to the development issues which may impact cultural heritage;
- c. Take into account all levels of ICOMOS expertise, including the Executive Bodies, National Committees, and International Scientific Committees, but also local professional and other stakeholder concerns; and
- d. Cooperate closely in such cases with the relevant National Committees, and on the basis of consensus, considering that they are the key elements in initiating, programming, organizing, implementing and follow-up with regard to the local challenges;
- e. Formulate an ICOMOS recommendation on appropriate and feasible courses of action that will provide the best possible protection and conservation for the cultural heritage resources in question under the prevailing circumstances.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/26 - Protection of institutions and management systems for cultural heritage in the context of the contemporary economic crisis**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Conscious of the major pressures on governments and societies in the context of the current global economic crisis, and the investments made by many governments in the conservation and enhancement of heritage sites as part of their recovery strategies;

Requests governments, in particular those participating in and contributing to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, to sustain their commitment, and to preserve the integrity of their institutions and professional teams as well as major heritage conservation projects and programmes when defining strategies to resolve the financial crisis on their territory;

Also Requests all bodies responsible for or involved in making the relevant decisions, to maintain international co-operation or assistance programmes for the conservation of heritage sites, buildings or landscapes;

Considers the importance of adequate staffing for all projects aimed at strengthening the role of cultural heritage to contribute to economic and tourism development, and regrets that with the implementation of the legislation these projects would be threatened to be delayed, disrupted or even terminated;

Further Requests that governments affected by financial difficulties (such as Greece) explore the opportunity of utilizing cultural heritage as a driving force in mitigating the economic crisis, and offers the cooperation of ICOMOS National and International Scientific Committees to assist with such explorations.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/27 – Ensuring that culture and cultural heritage are acknowledged in sustainable development**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering that the integration of the principles of sustainable development and its three «pillars» – Environment, Economy and Society – in policies, comprehensive planning programmes and legislation of a growing number of countries, regions and cities gives hope for a better balance between conservation and development as well as for the reduction or prevention of risks associated with unsustainable forms of land use or exploitation of resources;

Noting that, by nature, cultural heritage and its conservation are illustrations of these principles along with traditional knowledge which give proof of the capacity of human societies to develop in harmony with their environment, and that despite the terms of Article 5 of the World Heritage Convention, culture and cultural heritage are rarely acknowledged and considered as part of sustainable development;

Considering that this regrettable indifference has often lead to damage or loss of cultural heritage, historic buildings or landscapes resulting from the insensitive application of regulations to control energy consumption or the implementation of other policies in the name of sustainable development, without adequate expertise in cultural heritage and its conservation;



Acknowledging the valuable initiatives at the local, regional, national and international level to link biodiversity, cultural diversity, cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and sustainable development in particular in the context of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and the worthy exchanges on the occasion of its Scientific Symposium on Heritage as a driver for development;

Considers that culture and cultural heritage, its conservation and enrichment, should be declared a major vehicle (the “fourth pillar”) for sustainable development at the next Earth Summit planned in Rio de Janeiro in 2012;

Requests the Executive Committee to offer the full co-operation of ICOMOS to UNESCO and other intergovernmental, international and national organisations in order to implement this recognition effectively in policies, laws, standards and programmes related to heritage and its cultural values.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/28 - 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering the 40th anniversary in 2012 of the World Heritage Convention, which is an outstanding instrument for national and international cooperation in support of the protection and enhancement of heritage around the world;

Considering the specific role entrusted to ICOMOS in the Convention as an Advisory Body and the exceptional opportunity it provides to accomplish our scientific and professional engagements with the contribution of the entire network of the National and International Scientific Committees as well as the members of ICOMOS;

Acknowledging the value of past and current efforts made by National Committees to assist ICOMOS in its role and contribute to the implementation of the Convention at the national level, for example through mechanisms for preventive monitoring as mentioned in Resolution n° 27 of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Quebec, 2008);

Addresses to State Parties, the World Heritage Committee and UNESCO on this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary its warmest congratulations for the progress accomplished and its entire collaboration for the accomplishment of the goals of the Convention in face of future challenges;

Requests the Executive Committee, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, to give World Heritage a special status in the Triennial Action Plan and to include a discussion on current and future issues related to ICOMOS World Heritage activities in the agenda of the Advisory Committee in 2012.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/29 - on an ICOMOS programme “World Heritage for Peace”**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Noting that the “World Heritage International Exchange Symposium” held jointly by ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Cultural Routes (CIIC) and ICOMOS Japan on 1 November 2009, in Ise City, Japan, studied and discussed the future contributions of World Heritage to building and maintaining world peace, and concluded that the transmission of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage to future generations is essential to the spiritual progress and well-being of humankind;

Understanding that initiatives in the context of World Heritage provide opportunities to encourage trans-boundary cooperation and understanding among different nations and peoples, and thereby contribute to the maintaining of world peace, and that specific types of heritage, such as cultural routes,

and trans-national and trans-boundary heritage sites have the potential to contribute greatly to cultural exchanges and to the mutual building of heritage expertise;

Encourages the development of mechanisms for good practice in participation of ICOMOS National Committees and relevant government authorities to share and exchange heritage conservation and transmission initiatives in order to ensure the integrated and comprehensive management and monitoring of trans-national heritage;

Also encourages ICOMOS National and International Scientific Committees to further explore the opportunities of cultural heritage in peace-building processes and to encourage initiatives utilizing this potential;

Requests that the Executive Committee, in cooperation with the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Shared Built Heritage, establishes an international working group to explore the potential of trans-national cooperation for shared heritage preservation, which can contribute to the furthering of world peace;

Also requests the international working group to explore opportunities for utilizing responsible tourism to strengthen understanding of trans-national and trans-boundary heritage and to develop means to disseminate good practice model projects that would benefit the local communities by reducing sources of conflicts.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/30 - Our Common Dignity: Rights-based Approaches to heritage management**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling that human rights have already been expressed as a vital dimension in all UNESCO activities (UNESCO Constitution) and also by ICOMOS in the 1998 Stockholm Declaration celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Noting the strong cooperation between ICOMOS and organisations such as the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, and reaffirming ICOMOS members' common commitment to the cause of human rights;

Reflecting that neglect of human rights might negatively affect national and international commitments to universally accepted goals of human development, and believing that increased knowledge about and use of rights-based approaches to heritage management may contribute to a calmer and more constructive resolution of potential disputes;

Acknowledging the positive contributions of the World Heritage Convention in building international understanding of cultural and natural diversity, ICOMOS is aware of cases where the human rights of individuals and communities associated with or living within World Heritage properties have been overlooked;

Recognizes that an integration of human rights concerns is essential to heritage identification and conservation, and considers that the implementation of heritage conservation initiatives needs to be supported by human rights based approaches introduced as a 'sustainability check' to all phases of these activities; and

Requests the Executive Committee to develop an 'Our Common Dignity' initiative as a key activity in the ICOMOS 2012-14 Triennial Action Plan.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/31 - Actions against illicit traffic of cultural goods**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954), including its first (1956) and second (1999) protocols, the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects (1995), and the INTERPOL, UNESCO and ICOM list of Basic Actions to counter the Increasing Illicit Sale of Cultural Objects through the Internet, 7 and 8 March 2006,

Considering that the illicit trafficking of cultural goods is increasing and acknowledging that it is now considered the third most frequent crime following the drugs and arms trade, and is part of organized crime,

Expresses its deep concern that illegal excavations, thefts of artefacts and illicit trafficking of cultural goods often occurs after natural or man-made disasters;

Reiterates its strong concern about the growing number of looted sites and that stolen objects are increasingly being sold through the e-market;

Calls upon the Executive Committee to ensure ICOMOS' availability to cooperate with all partners involved and to exchange information for a joint approach to this serious problem, which is growing due to the economic crisis.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/32 - Fundamental Values of Monuments and Sites**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Decided to refer the draft resolution on the fundamental values of monuments and sites, proposed by ICOMOS Austria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Switzerland, to the Executive Committee for further deliberations and adoption;

Requests the Executive Committee to make the resolution adopted on this matter available to all ICOMOS members.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/33 - Protection of heritage buildings, places and sites under diplomatic status or international administration**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering that around the world, heritage buildings or sites are administered within the framework of international conventions or mandates and that, in view of their extraterritorial status they may not be covered by the national legislation valid for their surrounding territory;

Noting that in particular, this is the case for diplomatic missions and embassies or for territories managed under the mandate of the United Nations or other intergovernmental organisations, and includes iconic buildings such as the UN Secretariat in New York or the headquarters of UNESCO in Paris;

Considering the mission and statutory goals of ICOMOS, and that this 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS convened at the UNESCO headquarters, an iconic building and site of the 20th Century heritage;

Encourages ICOMOS National Committees and International Scientific Committees to launch discussions and initiatives towards the protection of embassies, diplomatic missions and other extra-territorial complexes, which should be safeguarded for their iconic importance;

Affirms ICOMOS' availability to collaborate with the relevant agencies of the United Nations Organisation and other concerned partners to assist in the planning and implementation of renovation and conservation programmes for their premises, headquarters, embassies, diplomatic missions and other extra-territorial complexes.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/34 - Good practice for cultural routes**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling the resolution of the 16th General Assembly (Quebec, 2008), approving the ICOMOS Charter on Cultural Routes, which presents very clearly all the different concepts with regard to definitions, indicators, types, identification, integrity, authenticity, methodology, research, protection, assessment, preservation, conservation, management, participation and international cooperation on cultural routes;

Considering that practices in several countries mainly with regard to identification, protection and management of cultural routes or their segments and branches would benefit from further capacity-building activities and communication of established international standards;

Considering that shortcomings can also be recognized in the context of some internationally designated cultural routes, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites;

Resolves to disseminate and reinforce the awareness and use of the ICOMOS Charter on Cultural Routes as a guiding text at all levels, including training activities, and requests the Scientific Council and the Advisory Committee to consider strategies to improve its dissemination and application.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/35 - Protection and enhancement of sacred heritage sites, buildings and landscapes**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering the major presence of sacred sites, structures and landscapes including pilgrimage routes, and the associated objects and archives as well as traditions or rituals in the cultural, historical and artistic heritage at the local, national and international levels;

Acknowledging the particular diversity and complexity of the socio-cultural, technical, legal or financial issues in relation to the protection, conservation and enhancement of this cultural heritage and the specific threats affecting it in the contemporary world, and the efforts by many governments or international organisations (UNESCO, ICCROM, WTO, Council of Europe) to address these;

Recalling the work of many National Committees and the resolutions on religious heritage submitted to and adopted by the 14th, 15th and 16th General Assemblies of ICOMOS;

Welcomes the establishment of an ICOMOS working group towards the foundation of an International Scientific Committee to address religious/sacred/spiritual heritage, and the decision by the Scientific Council in this regard;

Encourages the working group to seek cooperation with the International Scientific Committees on Cultural Routes (CIIC), Cultural Landscapes (ISCCCL) and Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICIH).

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/36 - Conservation of commemorative monuments and heritage sites of armed conflict**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering the impact of the widespread world conflicts on society, in particular those of the 20th century, which have also led to the creation of a modern system of international organizations and institutions that form the basis of international cooperation on the preservation of cultural heritage in times of war, as much as in times of peace;

Considering the numerous monuments, cemeteries, landscapes and other commemorative sites of major international conflicts in every region of the world, the efforts to conserve this heritage and in general the commemorative sites of conflicts and that of their military and civilian victims;

Confirms the importance of this heritage of commemorative sites and the offer of ICOMOS to assist the responsible authorities in their conservation of monuments and their contributions to the education and awareness of current and future generations;

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/37 - Resolution on Twentieth Century Heritage Guidelines**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling that the identification, conservation and presentation of the heritage sites of the modern and postmodern era have long been a matter of concern and commitment by ICOMOS;

Noting with satisfaction the development of the draft text *Approaches for the Conservation of Twentieth Century Architectural Heritage (The Madrid Document)* by the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Twentieth Century Heritage, and its distribution for comment and discussion, and considering the full breadth of 20<sup>th</sup> century heritage;

Encourages the wide participation of National and International Scientific Committees in the on-going development of these draft concepts.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/38 - Energy Conservation and sustainable development**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling resolution n° 29 of the 16th General Assembly (Quebec, 2008) pertaining to energy saving and sustainable development;

Noting the decision of the Advisory Committee, which convened in Dublin in October 2010, to create a working group in order to establish an International Scientific Committee dedicated to this issue and following the first report of this working group that was presented at the Scientific Council in Paris in November 2011;

Considering that the recently passed legislation, as well as government and industry standards calling for energy saving in buildings, fails to acknowledge the intrinsic energy efficiency qualities of existing buildings or their potential for energy upgrading and also fails to acknowledge the lifecycle costs of demolitions and replacements, and is therefore particularly unsuitable to the specifics of existing buildings;

Noting that the enforcement of these unsuitable laws and standards results in disastrous damage, especially from an aesthetic and technical standpoint, to the architectural qualities of many buildings and resulting sometimes even in complete demolition and rebuilding with contemporary materials and techniques;

Welcomes the working group to expand and aim towards the formation of an International Scientific Committee on the subject as soon as possible.

#### **Resolution 17GA 2011/39 – Reconstruction**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling the Venice Charter (1964), the Dresden Declaration on Reconstruction (1982), the Nara Document on Authenticity (1994), the Krakow Charter (2000), and other recommendations addressing the theory and practice of reconstructions;

Taking into consideration the significant growth on a global scale of reconstructions of monuments and ensembles, including World Heritage Sites;

Noting the increasing disregard of existing theoretical principles for the justification of reconstruction, and a new tendency towards significant commercialization of reconstruction activities;

Encourages ICOMOS, as a matter of urgency, to launch a debate on this new and growing phenomenon of reconstruction.

#### **Resolution 17GA 2011/40**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Decided to not examine the draft resolution on inventories and registers of sites, structures, ensembles, landscapes and other heritage places; the draft resolution on the conservation of cultural heritage of agriculture and fisheries; the draft resolution on the visual pollution by advertisements and billboards, and the draft resolution on the safeguarding and promotion of traditional trades and know-how for conservation, all proposed by ICOMOS Canada, as well as the draft resolution on the protection and safeguarding of the Romanian heritage proposed by the Association Pro Patrimoine France, Protection and safeguarding of Romanian Heritage and the Association Rencontres Patrimoine Europe Roumanie (RPER).

### **17GA Agenda item 8-8 - Resolutions on organisational matters**

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#### **Resolution GA 2011/41 - Raymond Lemaire International Fund**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Considering that Resolution n° 29, adopted by the 12th General Assembly (Mexico, 1999) aiming at the establishment of the *Raymond Lemaire International Fund*, was designed to raise funds for training of young heritage professionals and considering Resolution n° 19 adopted by the 16th General Assembly (Quebec, 2008);

Recognizing that the funds collected will serve to provide scholarships for young heritage professionals, enabling them to take part in post-graduate courses or traineeships in conservation and restoration throughout the world, thus ensuring highly qualified membership;

Acknowledging with gratitude that the Fund has received support from eminent ICOMOS members and that the sum of 8000 Euros has been raised;

Noting that the Fund, endorsed by the Executive Committee in March 2008, was presented on 27 September 2008 at the Youth Forum organized within the framework of the 16th General Assembly in Quebec, and that the General Assembly entrusted the management of the fund to the International Secretariat;

Urges the Executive Committee to:

- a. Disseminate information concerning the *Raymond Lemaire Fund for next generation skills* to all ICOMOS members and invite them to contribute to the Fund;
- b. Conclude cooperation agreements with training centres in conservation and restoration in the world,
- c. Develop criteria for attributing scholarships and present a report on the use of the Fund to the 18th General Assembly.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/42 - Spanish as a working language**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling the Sofia Declaration, pronounced at the closing of the 11th General Assembly (Sofia, 1996), Resolution n° 18 on “Integrating Spanish in General Assemblies and Committee meetings” adopted by the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Quebec, 2008), and the output from Task Force 3 of the Advisory Committee meeting in Malta (2009);

Noting the increasing number of National Committees as well as the amount of members from Spanish speaking countries, corresponding to trends in the world’s social and demographic evolution;

Recognizing that the above mentioned situation has made Spanish one of the three most spoken languages in ICOMOS;

Acknowledging the importance of the scientific texts as well as the very large amount of expertise in heritage emanating from Ibero-American countries;

Considering that all possible ways should be explored to solve perceived or factual financial problems in each particular case;

Resolves to:

- a. Request the working group on the ICOMOS Statutes to study the feasibility of integrating a proposal towards the amendment of the ICOMOS Statutes to include Spanish as a working language;
- b. Thank the National Committee of Ireland for providing interpretation into Spanish at the Advisory Committee meeting in 2010, as well as the efforts made by Canada and France in trying to guarantee Spanish interpretation at the 16th and 17th General Assemblies;
- c. Recognize in particular the improvements in the use of the Spanish language made by the ICOMOS staff at the International Secretariat in Paris;

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/43 - New ICOMOS Headquarters at Charenton**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Expresses its gratitude to the French authorities and in particular the Minister of Culture and Communication for their continuous support to ICOMOS since the invitation by André Malraux to provide for ICOMOS' headquarters in Paris;

Warmly welcomes the new opportunities that will be created by the offer to provide for new ICOMOS headquarters in Charenton in a historic building shared with the Médiathèque de l'architecture et du patrimoine;

Requests the Executive Committee to set up a working group in cooperation with the Advisory Committee and the Scientific Council, to make the best possible use of the facilities in the new premises, to create synergies with the Médiathèque and similar institutions in the world and to reflect on programming of activities.

### **Resolution 17GA 2011/44 - Developing the ICOMOS Network**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Decided to refer the draft resolution on the development of the ICOMOS network, which contained the combined proposals by ICOMOS Austria, Germany, Luxemburg and Switzerland as well as ICOMOS Canada to the Executive Committee for further deliberations and adoption;

Requests the Executive Committee to make the resolution adopted on this matter available to all ICOMOS members.

### **Resolution GA 2011/45**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Decided to not examine the draft resolution on the protection of the name of ICOMOS proposed by ICOMOS Canada.

## **17GA Agenda item 9-1 – Invitation to the 18th General Assembly in 2014**

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### **Resolution 17GA 2011/46**

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Accepts with pleasure the invitation by the Italian National Committee to hold the 18th Session of the General Assembly in Florence in 2014.