

Statement of the Chairperson on behalf of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

The Chairperson of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (“the Committee”), acting in accordance with Decision 9.COM 3 adopted by the Committee at its 9th Meeting, as well as in agreement with the members of the Bureau of the Committee in the meeting of 21 May 2015, issued the following Statement on behalf of the Committee:

STATEMENT

Recalling the Statement of the 9th Meeting of the Committee, and in particular its paragraph 4 calling upon the Syrian Arab Republic and the Republic of Iraq to ratify the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention at their earliest convenience and submit their requests to the Committee for granting enhanced protection to cultural property on an emergency basis,

Referring to her Statement, dated 26 March 2015, issued on behalf of the Committee,

Also recalling Decision 9.COM 14 of the Committee, and in particular its paragraph 6 requesting the Secretariat, within available extra-budgetary resources, to provide technical assistance to States Parties, at their request, for the implementation of the measures stipulated in the Decision 9 COM 14,

Invites States Parties to the Second Protocol which are parties to an armed conflict, as well as States Parties to a conflict which are not Parties to the Second Protocol to request international assistance under Article 32 of the Second Protocol, at their earliest convenience.

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