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## NINTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, Room XI, 18-19 December 2014

### ADOPTED STATEMENT

The Committee has decided to issue the following statement:

1. Strongly urges the States Parties to the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 to submit their requests to the Committee for the granting of enhanced protection to cultural property, and first and foremost, cultural properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, and to provide to the Committee tentative lists of cultural property for which the Parties intend to request the granting of enhanced protection;
2. Urges the States and the international community to implement the necessary means to prevent new tensions resulting in threats to cultural property and to explicitly include the issue of protection of cultural property in the mandates of armed forces;
3. Condemns the repeated deliberate attacks against cultural property throughout the world, in particular in the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq;
4. Calls upon the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq to ratify the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention at the earliest opportunity and submit their requests to the Committee for granting enhanced protection to cultural property, on an emergency basis.