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COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT

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Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda: Electronic form for the submission of national reports

As follow-up to the Committee's Decision 9.COM 12, the Secretariat has prepared this present document with an electronic form for the submission of national reports in annex. The electronic form will be used for the submission of national reports covering the period 2013-16.

Draft Decision: paragraph 13

INTRODUCTION

1. During its Ninth Meeting (December 2014), the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (hereafter the "Committee") adopted Decision 9.COM 12 which requests, among other things: "the Secretariat to prepare an electronic form for the submission of national reports in order to collect thematic information on the implementation of the 1999 Second Protocol by the Parties, and, particularly, on the monitoring of cultural property under enhanced protection". By the same decision, the Committee invites: "the Parties to inform the Secretariat of their suggestions to improve the summary document, particularly concerning the monitoring of cultural property under enhanced protection".
2. As mentioned in document CLT-14/9.COM/CONF.203/12, the design of an electronic "Format for reporting" falls under the responsibility of the Secretariat. As part of the follow-up to Decision 9.COM 12, the Assistant Director-General for Culture sent out a letter dated 20 March 2015 with a copy of the revised format for national reports, including specific questions on enhanced protection in Section IV(2).
3. Pursuant to the letter, it was requested that the State Parties to the 1999 Second Protocol (hereafter the "Parties") submit proposals to improve the revised format for national reports, and particularly, the section concerning enhanced protection.
4. The Assistant Director-General also took the opportunity to provide them with a copy of the last summary document of national reports on the implementation of the Second Protocol in this letter, while requesting the Parties to submit their proposals to improve the latter, particularly concerning the monitoring of cultural property under enhanced protection. As a reminder, in document CLT-14/9.COM/CONF.203/12, the Secretariat indicated that, as the "Format for reporting" offers a range of more advanced questions, it does not seem necessary to move away from current practice concerning the summary document.
5. By 15 May 2015, the deadline for submission of comments, the Secretariat had received comments from nine States Parties (Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Palestine, Slovakia, and the Netherlands). The comments have been compiled and published on the website of the 1999 Second Protocol <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/culture/themes/armed-conflict-and-heritage/meetings-and-conferences/>.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PARTIES

6. The comments received from the Parties primarily concerned the revised format for national reports, and not the summary document of national reports.
7. Most of the comments from the Parties have been directly incorporated into the revised format. However, it is important to emphasise that this is not the case for all comments, the reasons for which are presented in the interest of transparency.
8. The comments that were not incorporated into the final version of the format for reporting are as follows:
 - a. Do not introduce questions in the revised format that relate to the intentions of the Parties to submit requests for the granting of enhanced protection, as well as a tentative list;
 - b. Remove the questions concerning the 1954 First Protocol and Resolution II adopted by the Diplomatic Conference of 1954;
 - c. Create two separate forms for the submission of national reports, one for the Hague Convention of 1954 and the other for the 1999 Second Protocol; and,
 - d. Introduce questions on the implementation of synergies with other cultural Conventions on the one hand, and on cooperation of the High Contracting Parties with the National Blue Shield Committees on the other hand.

9. For each of these proposals, the Secretariat respectfully considered that they should not be incorporated for the following reasons:
- a. Introducing questions concerning the intentions of the Parties to submit requests for the granting of enhanced protection is primarily relevant for the following reason: one of the functions of the Committee is to ensure the promotion of the List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection, as well as encouraging the identification of such property. The promotion of the List undeniably entails greater visibility of the latter, as well as a growing number of new cultural properties listed. Yet, to date, only 10 cultural properties are inscribed on the List. Consequently, it is important to encourage the Parties to submit requests for the granting of enhanced protection using all possible means: one of these means consists of calling the attention of national authorities to this subject when national reports are submitted via questions relating to their wish to submit either cultural property for the granting of enhanced protection or a national tentative list of cultural property for which they intend to request the granting of enhanced protection. Finally, paragraph 102 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol expressly requests that the intention of Parties to request enhanced protection be mentioned in the periodic report.
 - b. The Hague Convention of 1954, Resolution II adopted by the Diplomatic Conference of 1954, the 1954 Protocol and the 1999 Second Protocol constitute an intimately linked corpus of regulations. Legally speaking, it is undeniable that only the Hague Convention of 1954 and its 1999 Second Protocol establish an international obligation to submit national reports. However, in order to have an overview of the way in which the High Contracting Parties implement this legal regime, it is worthwhile to introduce questions concerning Resolution II of the Diplomatic Conference of 1954 and the 1954 Protocol. Indeed, maximising information and best practices sharing is a major challenge in light of the repeated attacks on cultural heritage. Even so, these questions are purely optional as the High Contracting Parties may choose not to respond.
 - c. Officially, the report submitted as part of the implementation of the Hague Convention of 1954 is addressed to the Director-General of UNESCO (Article 26(2) of the Hague Convention of 1954), whereas the report submitted as part of the implementation of the 1999 Second Protocol is addressed to the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Article 37(2) of the 1999 Second Protocol). In practice however, all national reports are handled by the UNESCO Secretariat, which prepares a summary of these reports. In order to facilitate the task of the High Contracting Parties which are requested to submit numerous reports within the framework of the international treaties and organizations to which they are party, it is best to avoid a multiplicity of forms, which could result in a decline in national reports, for example (during the last cycle, only 27 national reports were submitted by the High Contracting Parties). For these reasons, the Secretariat takes the view that the current practice should be maintained.
 - d. No questions have been introduced on the implementation of synergies with other UNESCO Cultural Conventions on the one hand, nor on cooperation between the High Contracting Parties and the National Blue Shield Committees on the other hand. This choice is justified by the fact that these aspects do not directly fall within the scope of the implementation of the Hague Convention of 1954 and its two Protocols, but are primarily a matter of political choices made at national level.

ELECTRONIC FORM FOR THE SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL REPORTS

10. Following the consultation phase with the Parties, the Secretariat has drawn up a new revised format for national reports which will be used for the 2013-2016 cycle. The latter is given in Annex 1 of this document.

11. In order to respond to the request expressed in certain comments from the Parties for the production of a form that allows the areas of ease, the challenges and the difficulties encountered within the framework of the implementation of the Hague Convention of 1954 and its two Protocols to be understood, the Secretariat has added two self-assessment tables to the revised format for national reports.
12. The Secretariat will send the revised format for national reports to the High Contracting Parties in early 2016. In this respect, it is worth reiterating once again the key role of the national reports, and encouraging participation in this exercise. Although their preparation and submission incur a certain cost in terms of resources - particularly human - for the various national stakeholders involved, the national reports greatly promote the exchange of best practices among the High Contracting Parties, and encourage the latter to effectively implement the Hague Convention of 1954 and its Two Protocols. Consequently, to ensure the relevance of this exercise, it is important that the Secretariat have access to a significant number of national reports.
13. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 10.COM 7

The Committee,

1. Having examined document CLT-15/10.COM/CONF.203/7,
2. Taking note of the revised format for national reports which will be used during the 2016 reporting cycle;
3. Reminds the Parties of the importance of submitting national reports, particularly as a means of facilitating the exchange of best practices regarding the implementation of the Hague Convention of 1954 and its two Protocols;
4. Requests the Parties to use the newly revised format for the submission of national reports in the 2016 cycle.

Annex 1 – Revised format for national reports



**2016
National report on the implementation
of the Hague Convention of 1954 and its two Protocols (1954 and 1999)**

This form must be returned to the Secretariat through the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO

Region: [Drop-down list]

High Contracting Party:

I. Hague Convention of 1954

1. Article 3 - Safeguarding of cultural property

This article sets out the obligation for High Contracting Parties to adopt in time of peace the appropriate safeguarding measures against the foreseeable effects of an armed conflict.

- *Have you adopted such measures?*

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,000.

2. Article 7 - Military measures

This article sets out the obligations of High Contracting Parties to introduce into their military regulations or instructions such provisions as may ensure observance of the Convention, as well as the preparation or establishment, within their armed forces, of services or specialist personnel whose purpose will be to secure respect for cultural property and to co-operate with the civilian authorities responsible for safeguarding it. These obligations must be implemented in time of peace.

- *Have you introduced into your **military regulations or instructions** such provisions as may ensure observance of the Convention?*

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 500. You may refer to Internet links or attach relevant documents (English and/or French).

- *Have you established within your armed forces, **services** whose purpose will be to secure respect for cultural property?*

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 500.

3. Use of the distinctive emblem to indicate cultural property (Chapter V)

The Hague Convention of 1954 created a distinctive emblem for the exclusive indication of cultural property with the aim of ensuring their recognition, particularly in the event of armed conflict. The indication of cultural property constitutes one of the preparatory measures that may be taken in time of peace.

- *Have you **indicated cultural property** through the use of the distinctive emblem of the Convention?*

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered, and give information on the means recommended by your authorities to ensure the visibility of the distinctive emblem while preserving the aesthetics of the cultural property.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 500. You may attach any photos you may have.

4. Article 25 – Dissemination of the Convention

The regulations relating to the protection of cultural heritage in time of war must be incorporated into programmes for military, and where possible, civil training. The aim is to ensure that the principles of the Convention are made known to the whole population, and especially the armed forces and personnel engaged in the protection of cultural property.

- *Have you **disseminated the provisions of the Convention** within the armed forces as well as among target groups and the general public?*

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,000.

- *Within this framework, what **awareness-raising activities** have you organized, and what awareness-raising activities do you plan to organize in the future? Please indicate the target groups for each activity.*

Maximum number of words: 1,000. You may refer to Internet links or attach relevant documents (English and/or French).

5. Article 26 (1) – Official translations

The Secretariat has received a certain number of official translations of the Convention and of the Regulations for its execution. For reference, please consult:

Linguistic versions of the Hague Convention and its 1954 Protocol

- *Are you on these lists of official translations for your country?*

YES: NO:

If no, it is worth submitting an electronic copy of your translation(s) to the Secretariat.

6. Article 28 – Sanctions

This article sets out the obligations of High Contracting Parties to take, within the framework of their ordinary criminal jurisdiction, all necessary steps to prosecute and impose penal or disciplinary sanctions upon those persons, of whatever nationality, who commit or order to be committed a breach of the Convention.

- *Have you **established as criminal offences under your domestic law** behaviour contrary to the obligations set out by the Convention?*

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

<i>Maximum number of words: 1,000.</i>
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If yes, the Secretariat requests a copy of the relevant provision(s) in French or English (see Section V – Miscellaneous questions).

II. Resolution II of the Conference of 1954

- *Have you established a **National Advisory Committee** in accordance with the hope expressed by the Conference in its Resolution II?*

YES: NO:

*Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please specify if this Committee is part of the **National Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law**?*

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 500.

III. 1954 First Protocol

[To be completed by the High Contracting Parties to the 1954 Protocol only]

The main objective of the 1954 Protocol is the protection of cultural property in occupied territory. As such, it organizes, among others, a system of:

- ✓ taking into custody;
- ✓ return of illegally exported cultural property; and
- ✓ finally indemnity to the holders in good faith.

- Have you adopted **measures to implement** these international obligations, including the adoption of relevant legislation on the matter?

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,000.

- Have you **taken into custody** cultural property imported into your territory from an occupied territory?

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, the Secretariat is interested in any examples of practical application between High Contracting Parties.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,000.

IV. 1999 Second Protocol

[To be completed by the High Contracting Parties to the 1999 Protocol only]

The 1999 Second Protocol complements the Hague Convention of 1954 in many aspects. If this information has already been presented within the framework of the questions regarding the Hague Convention of 1954, you may refer to it directly.

1. General provisions (Chapter 2)

Article 5 - Safeguarding of cultural property

Article 5 of the Second Protocol complements Article 3 of the Hague Convention by providing concrete examples of peacetime preparatory measures, such as the preparations of inventories of cultural property or the designation of competent authorities responsible for the safeguarding of cultural property.

- *Have you adopted such measures?*

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If the responses entirely overlap with those regarding the implementation of Article 3 of the Hague Convention of 1954, you may refer to the previous responses. Likewise, if this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

<i>Maximum number of words: 1,000.</i>
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Article 9 - Protection of cultural property in occupied territory

Article 9 of the Second Protocol complements the provisions in Article 5 of the Hague Convention by imposing a number of prohibitive measures on the Occupying power. Paragraph 102 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol requests Parties that are an occupying power to provide information in their national reports on the way in which the provisions regarding the protection of cultural property in occupied territory are observed.

- *Do you ensure compliance with the provisions regarding the **protection of cultural heritage under military occupation**?*

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,000.

2. Enhanced protection (Chapter 3)

The Second Protocol establishes an enhanced protection regime. Enhanced protection is granted by the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (composed of 12 Parties). Paragraph 102 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol requests that Parties express their intention to request the inscription of cultural property on the List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection.

- Do you **intend to request** the granting of enhanced protection for cultural property in the next four years or, where applicable, do you have a **national tentative list** within the framework of Article 11 (1) of the Second Protocol?

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. If yes, please also indicate the name of the cultural property(ies) concerned, along with a brief description.

Maximum number of words: 500.

MONITORING OF CULTURAL PROPERTY UNDER ENHANCED PROTECTION

[If certain cultural properties in your State benefit from enhanced protection, please also complete this section of the questionnaire].

The benefit of enhanced protection implies continued compliance with the conditions set out in Article 10 of the Second Protocol.

- Is there a **specific mechanism in place to monitor cultural property under enhanced protection**? As an example, are the measures adopted to ensure the highest level of protection periodically reviewed so as to ensure they are fully effective in all circumstances?

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 3,000.

Pursuant to paragraph 102 of the Guidelines, the Parties must inform on the use of the distinctive emblem for cultural property under enhanced protection.

- Have you used the **distinctive emblem to indicate** cultural property under enhanced protection?

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered, and give information on the means recommended by your authorities to ensure the visibility of the distinctive emblem while preserving the aesthetics of the cultural property.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 500. You may attach any photos you may have.

Pursuant to paragraph 65 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the 1999 Second Protocol, the Parties must notify the Committee of any change affecting the cultural property concerned to meet the criteria set out in Article 10 of the Second Protocol.

- Does the Committee need to be **notified of a change** regarding cultural property benefiting from enhanced protection in your territory?

YES: NO:

Please indicate, where appropriate, any change affecting cultural property under enhanced protection. In particular, please indicate its use at the time of submission of this report.

Maximum number of words: 750.

3. Criminal responsibility and jurisdiction (Chapter 4)

Article 15 – Serious violations of the Second Protocol

Article 15 requires the Parties to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law a series of behaviours constituting serious violations of the Second Protocol, by punishing them by appropriate penalties.

- What measures have been taken to ensure the **implementation of this obligation**?

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,500.

If possible, the Secretariat requests a copy of the relevant provision(s) in French or English (see Section V – Miscellaneous questions).

Article 16 – Jurisdiction

Article 16 requires the Parties to establish the jurisdiction of their courts over serious violations of the 1999 Second Protocol.

- What measures have been taken to **confer jurisdiction on your courts** over serious violations of the Second Protocol?

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,500.

If possible, the Secretariat requests a copy of the relevant provision(s) in French or English (see Section V – Miscellaneous questions).

Article 21 – Measures regarding other violations

The Second Protocol also requires the Parties to adopt legislative, administrative or disciplinary measures to prevent the occurrence of behaviours that adversely affect the integrity of cultural heritage.

- Have you implemented such measures?

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,000.

If yes, the Secretariat requests a copy of the relevant provision(s) in French or English (see Section V – Miscellaneous questions).

4. Dissemination of information and international assistance

Article 30 – Dissemination

Article 30 complements Articles 7 and 25 of the Hague Convention of 1954. In this regard, it requests the Parties to, among other things, strengthen appreciation and respect for cultural

property by their entire population, ensure the dissemination of the Protocol, and incorporate guidelines and instructions on the protection of cultural property in their military regulations.

- Have you **disseminated the provisions of the Convention** within the armed forces as well as among target groups and the general public?

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,000.

- Within this framework, what **awareness-raising activities** have you organized, and what awareness-raising activities do you plan to organize in the future? Please indicate the target groups for each activity.

Maximum number of words: 1,000. You may refer to Internet links or attach relevant documents (English and/or French).

If the responses entirely overlap with those regarding the implementation of Articles 7 and 25 of the Hague Convention of 1954, you may refer to the previous responses. Likewise, if this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Articles 32 – International assistance

Pursuant to paragraph 102 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol, the Parties are invited to present their activities at bi- or multilateral level, within the framework of technical assistance in order to share their experiences or best practices.

- Have you shared, particularly via the Secretariat of UNESCO, your **experiences in implementation and best practices**?

YES: NO:

Please explain your response, providing detailed information where possible. In particular, please explain the measures taken, as well as the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation process where applicable. Please also present the solutions found to the difficulties encountered.

If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.

Maximum number of words: 1,000.

5. Official translation of the 1999 Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954

Pursuant to Article 37 of the Second Protocol, the Parties shall translate this standard-setting instrument into their official languages and shall communicate these official translations to the Director-General. To date, the Secretariat has received a certain number of official translations of the Second Protocol. For reference, please consult:

Linguistic versions of the 1999 2nd Protocol

- *Are you on these lists of official translations for your country?*

YES: NO:

If no, it is worth submitting an electronic copy of your translation(s) to the Secretariat.

V. Miscellaneous questions regarding the Hague Convention of 1954 and its two Protocols

1. National focal point

According to Article 103 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol: *"Unless a Party requests otherwise, the presumed focal point would be its Permanent Delegation to UNESCO"*. If you do not wish to consider the Permanent Delegation as the focal point, please provide the Secretariat with the name and address of a national focal point that will receive all official documents and correspondence relating to the implementation of the Second Protocol.

Institution: _____	Email: _____
Name: _____	Tel.: _____
Address: _____	Fax: _____

2. National practice regarding the implementation of the Hague Convention and its Two Protocols

The Secretariat would be grateful if you would provide it with a copy of the following documents in French and/or English:

- the relevant **administrative civil and military regulations**:

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- the **national laws** on the protection of cultural property, as well as the criminal provisions made within the framework of the implementation of Article 28 of the Hague Convention and Articles 15, 16 and 21 of the Second Protocol, and case law on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict.

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- Documents regarding **awareness-raising activities** (seminar schedule, brochures, etc.), as well as **any other relevant documents** (legislative, legal, or administrative) within the framework of the implementation of the Hague Convention of 1954 and its 1999 Second Protocol.

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3. The Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Article 29 of the Second Protocol)

Have you **contributed to the Fund**?

YES: NO:

If no, do you plan to **contribute** to the Fund in the future?

YES: NO:

VI. Self-assessment forms

In order to reflect the status of implementation of the Hague Convention of 1954 and its 1999 Second Protocol in key areas within the summary document of national reports, please complete the two tables below.

1. Assessment of the level of implementation

[Please use the following assessment scale]

- 1: not implemented;
 2: partially implemented, the process has come to a standstill;
 3: partially implemented, the process is ongoing; and,
 4: fully implemented.

Implementation of the safeguarding obligation through the adoption of preparatory measures	
Training of military personnel on the regulations relating to the protection of cultural heritage	
Use of the distinctive emblem to indicate cultural property	
Implementation of the dissemination obligation, through the establishment of awareness-raising activities for target audiences	
Adoption of relevant criminal legislation	
<i>For Parties with cultural property under enhanced protection only.</i> Establishment of a system to monitor cultural property under enhanced protection at national level	

2. Assessment of difficulties encountered

[Please use the following assessment scale]

- 1: difficulties have been encountered, but there are no plans to request technical assistance from the Secretariat of UNESCO;
 2: difficulties have been encountered, however there are plans to request technical assistance from the Secretariat of UNESCO;
 3: difficulties had been encountered, but thanks to the technical assistance of the Secretariat they have been resolved;
 4: difficulties had initially been encountered, but they turned into challenges that we have overcome; and,
 5: No difficulties have been encountered.

Implementation of the safeguarding obligation through the adoption of preparatory measures	
Training of military personnel on the regulations relating to the protection of cultural heritage	
Use of the distinctive emblem to indicate cultural property	
Implementation of the dissemination obligation, through the establishment of awareness-raising activities for target audiences	
Adoption of relevant criminal legislation	
<i>For Parties with cultural property under enhanced protection only.</i> Establishment of a system to monitor cultural property under enhanced protection at national level	

VII. Granting of enhanced protection – Opinion Survey

Pursuant to Chapter 3 of the 1999 Second Protocol, enhanced protection is granted by the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict if three conditions are cumulatively met:

- ✓ The cultural property is of the greatest importance for humanity;
- ✓ The cultural property is protected by adequate domestic legal and administrative measures recognizing its exceptional cultural and historic value and ensuring the highest level of protection; and,
- ✓ The cultural property is not used for military purposes or to shield military sites, and the Party which has control over it has made a declaration that it will not be used for such purposes.

As these conditions are set out within the framework of an international treaty, their full understanding cannot be separated from state practice, which is of fundamental importance with regard to the International Law of treaties. As such, this national report is an opportunity for the national authorities of the Parties to express their views on the conditions under which enhanced protection is granted.

For each of the conditions set out in Article 10 of the Second Protocol, please answer the following questions, taking into account the relevant paragraphs of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol.

- Article 10, paragraph (a) – "Greatest importance for humanity"

Please list the main factors to be taken into consideration to determine whether cultural property is of the greatest importance for humanity.

Maximum number of words: 500

- Article 10, paragraph (b) – "Highest level of protection"

Please indicate the national authorities to be consulted to determine which measures to adopt in order to ensure the highest level of protection for cultural property for which enhanced protection has been requested. What measures are necessary to ensure the highest level of protection?

Maximum number of words: 1,000

- Article 10, paragraph (c) – "Non-use for military purposes"

Please indicate the national authorities to be consulted with a view to taking the decision not to use the cultural property submitted for the granting of enhanced protection for military purposes or to shield military sites.

Maximum number of words: 250