

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

UNESCO, Paris, Room XII, 14-15 December 2011

ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (hereafter "the Committee"):

Thanking the members of the Bureau in its previous and current composition and the Secretariat for having prepared the sixth Meeting of the Committee and the following working documents: Enhanced Protection [CLT-11/CONF/211/2]; Report on the Obligations of the Parties to Implement Chapter 4 (Criminal Responsibility and Jurisdiction) of the Second Protocol [CLT-11/CONF/211/3]; Information Analysis and Feasibility Study Regarding the Voluntary Information Exchange of Measures for Implementing the Second Protocol [CLT-11/CONF/211/4]; Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee [CLT-11/CONF/211/5]; and El Salvador – Request for Financial Assistance from the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict [CLT-11/CONF/211/6],

Recalling the Recommendations of the fifth Meeting of the Committee,

Having granted enhanced protection to the request of Lithuania for Kernavé Archaeological Site (Cultural Reserve of Kernavé); and *having informed* the Director-General of this inclusion of the cultural property on the list of sites granted enhanced protection in order to facilitate the Director-General's response to this decision in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 11, of the Second Protocol,

Having referred back to Azerbaijan the requests for enhanced protection for the following cultural properties: the Walled City of Baku, including Shirvanshahs' Palace and Maiden Tower and Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape; *encouraging* Azerbaijan to resubmit these requests as soon as it considers them complete,

Having taken note of the proposal to make formal modifications to the 'Enhanced Protection Request Form' in order to render it more user-friendly; *having transmitted* this proposal to the Bureau for the elaboration of a document to be presented to the seventh Meeting of the Committee; and *having requested* the Secretariat to approach those Parties who applied for the granting of enhanced protection asking them to share their experiences,

Having also granted the request for financial assistance in the amount of 23,500 USD; *noting* with gratitude El Salvador's commitment to implementing safeguarding measures during times of peace,

Encouraging Parties to submit tentative lists, as foreseen in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the Guidelines, as well as requests for the granting of enhanced protection,

Having adopted the annexed decisions,

Adopts the following Recommendations:

1. *Reports* to the fifth Meeting of the Parties on the annexed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee made during this sixth Meeting of the Committee;
2. *Recommends* to the fifth Meeting of the Parties to encourage those High Contracting Parties that have not yet become party to the Second Protocol to do so, in particular

those High Contracting Parties which fall within the target groups identified during the fourth Meeting of the Parties as indicated in the Secretariat's proposed Action Plan;

3. *Recommends* to the fifth Meeting of the Parties to invite Parties and other potential donors to provide voluntary contributions with a view to assisting the Secretariat in reinforcing its financial and human resources;
4. *Recommends* to the fifth Meeting of the Parties to encourage Parties, potential Parties and other potential donors to contribute to the Fund to ensure the granting of financial and other forms of assistance.

The Committee also:

Decides to have its next (seventh) ordinary meeting in the second half of November or first half of December 2012;

Invites the Bureau to prepare the seventh ordinary Meeting of the Committee taking into account the need for time effectiveness.