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SECOND PROTOCOL TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION OF 1954 FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT

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

Ninth meeting UNESCO Headquarters 18 to 19 December 2014

Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda: Fundraising strategy

The current document provides an update on the implementation of the fundraising strategy and contributions made to the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict since the eighth meeting of the Committee.

Draft decision: paragraph 9.

- 1. At its eighth meeting, held on 18 and 19 December 2013, the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict ("the Committee") having examined the document CLT-13/8.COM/CONF.203/10¹ which requested by Decision 8. COM 10 the Secretariat "to continue implementing the fundraising strategy in accordance with Decision 7.COM 4 and to develop it following the main lines presented in the aforementioned document".
- 2. Moreover, the Committee expressed its deep concern at the modest financial contributions made to the Fund and encouraged the Parties and other potential donors to make financial contributions.
- 3. Pursuant to that Decision, on numerous occasions the Secretariat encouraged financial support from the Parties to the Second Protocol and from the High Contracting Parties to the Hague Convention as well as other UNESCO Member States.
- 4. During his meetings with delegations, the Chairperson of the Committee has also raised the issue of contributions to the Fund.
- 5. However, to date only the Kingdom of the Netherlands and New Zealand have contributed 25,000 Euro and 10,000 NZD, respectively, to the Fund. As of 15 October 2014, the assets of the Fund amount to 334,576 USD.
- 6. In addition, the Committee invited the Parties to submit requests for financial or other international assistance from the Fund. As of today, the Secretariat has not received any such requests.
- 7. Furthermore, at the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat "to present to it at its ninth Meeting an update on the fundraising strategy for the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict".
- 8. To this end, the Secretariat is preparing a document on the creation of a Special Account to receive voluntary contributions to be used exclusively for the purpose of enhancing the human resources of the Secretariat. Similar arrangements have already been established by the intergovernmental committees of the 1972 World Heritage Convention and the 2003 Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention
- 9. The Committee may wish to adopt the following Decision:

DRAFT DECISION 9.COM 8

The Committee,

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- 1. Having examined document CLT-14/9.COM/CONF.203/8,
- 2. Recalling Decisions 7.COM 4 and 8. COM 10,
- 3. <u>Expresses</u> its gratitude to The Netherlands and New Zealand for their generous contributions to the Fund and strongly encourages other Parties to contribute to the Fund to ensure its long term viability;
- 4. <u>Invites</u> the Parties to submit requests for international or other assistance from the Fund;
- 5. Requests the Secretariat to present to it at its tenth meeting an update on the fundraising strategy for the Fund.

¹ Text of the document: http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/CLT/pdf/10-DOC-8COM-strategy-fund-ENG_20131028.pdf