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

## FIFTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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Item 8 of the provisional agenda:
Fundraising strategy for the Fund for the Protection
of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

- 1. At its fourth meeting, in December 2011, the Meeting of the Parties adopted a resolution whose paragraph 8 requested the Director-General to prepare a fundraising strategy for increasing the resources of the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (hereinafter "the Fund").<sup>1</sup>
- 2. In parallel to that resolution of the Meeting of the Parties, the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (hereinafter "the Committee") adopted at its sixth meeting, in December 2011, Decision 6.COM 7 in which the Secretariat was requested to prepare a comprehensive fundraising strategy to increase the resources of the Fund.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. In accordance with Decision 6.COM 7 of the Committee, the Secretariat submitted to the Committee, at its seventh meeting, in December 2012, a document entitled "Fundraising strategy for the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict" (CLT-12/7.COM/CONF.201/4).<sup>3</sup> The main lines of the document advocated the promotion of UNESCO's role in the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict in order to encourage potential donors to cooperate with the Organization in that field. To that end, the Secretariat proposed profiling the Fund within the wider context of UNESCO's response in conflict, post-conflict and post-disaster situations, while establishing clear messages about UNESCO's role in the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict, and encouraging the Parties to make annual contributions of an amount equalling up to one per cent of their contribution to the regular budget of UNESCO.
- 4. As reflected in the final report of the seventh meeting of the Committee (CLT-12/7.COM/CONF.201/Report),<sup>4</sup> the majority of the members of the Committee desired both the operational implementation and the updating of the fundraising strategy proposed by the Secretariat. On the basis of those discussions, at its seventh meeting, the Committee adopted Decision 7.COM 4, whereby it mandated the Secretariat to carry out two tasks.<sup>5</sup> On the one hand, it requested the Secretariat to start implementing the resource mobilization strategy to increase the resources of the Fund and report to it on the status of that implementation at its eighth meeting, in 2013. On the other hand, the Committee requested the Secretariat to present to it at its ninth meeting, in 2014, an update on the fundraising strategy.
- 5. Further to Decision 7.COM 4 of the Committee, the Secretariat will present to it at its eighth meeting (18-19 December 2013), alongside the Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Second Protocol, a report on the implementation of the fundraising strategy for the Fund.
- 6. As a result, it is apparent from the resolution adopted by the Meeting of the Parties in December 2011 and from Decision 7.COM 4 of the Committee that both the Meeting of the Parties and the Committee have mandated the Secretariat to carry out the same task, namely the implementation of a fundraising strategy in order to implement fully Article 29 of the Second Protocol. Accordingly, and in an effort to simplify and clarify the matter, the Meeting of the Parties may wish to mandate the Committee to continue to implement the fundraising strategy and to report back to it thereon at its sixth meeting in 2015.

The document can be viewed at: <a href="http://www.unesco.org/new/en/culture/themes/armed-conflict-and-heritage/meetings-and-conferences/">http://www.unesco.org/new/en/culture/themes/armed-conflict-and-heritage/meetings-and-conferences/</a> (consulted on 30 September 2013).

<sup>2</sup> Ihid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* 

7. The Meeting of the Parties may wish to adopt the following decision:

## **DRAFT DECISION 5.SP 3**

The Meeting of the Parties,

- 1. Recalling Article 29 of the 1999 Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict,
- Further recalling the resolution that it adopted at its fourth meeting, in December 2011, in which it requested the Director-General to prepare a fundraising strategy for increasing the resources of the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict,
- 3. <u>Having taken into consideration</u> Decision 6.COM 7 and Decision 7.COM 4 of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict,
- 4. Having examined document CLT-12/5.SP/CONF.202/3,
- 5. Requests the Committee to continue the implementation of an effective fundraising strategy for the Fund,
- 6. Also requests the Committee to report to it thereon at its sixth meeting.