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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 8 of the Provisional Agenda:
**Studies on the evaluation of the criteria of Article 10, subparagraphs (a) and
(b) of the Second Protocol**

This document provides an update on the status of the development of studies undertaken by ICOMOS to clarify the assessment of criteria of Article 10 (a) and (b) of the Second Protocol.

Draft decision: Paragraph 6.

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.203/2 took note of the relevance of developing methodologies to analyse criteria of Article 10 subparagraphs (a) and (b) of the 1999 Second Protocol in order to facilitate the submission of requests for enhanced protection, as well as their evaluation, and invited the Secretariat to present the conclusions of the completed studies as well as any potential follow-up at its ninth Meeting.
2. Analysing different aspects of the criterion of Article 10 (a) of the 1999 Second Protocol, the study details the similarities and differences between the 1999 Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention and the 1972 World Heritage Convention with respect to the concept of “greatest importance for humanity” under the 1999 Second Protocol and the concept of “Outstanding Universal Value” under the 1972 World Heritage Convention. It also attempts to clarify the concept of “greatest importance for humanity” under the Second Protocol applicable to immovable cultural property and also to movable cultural property (subject to subsequent further refinement by appropriate organisations specialised in movable cultural property) so as to achieve a common approach, to define the criteria for assessing this concept with regard to immovable cultural heritage and to provide guidance on the application of the criteria.
3. Focusing on the analysis of the criterion of Article 10 (b) of the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention, the study proposes improvements to the Enhanced Protection Request Form for immovable cultural property to be used by the Parties to allow a clearer understanding of the property put forward for Enhanced Protection, associated planning (e.g. Management, Conservation and Risk Preparedness Plans) and the commitments made to ensure its protection. It also proposes a methodology to guide the assessment of applications for enhanced protection, including an evaluation grid to support the qualitative assessment of dossiers submitted by State Parties.
4. The Secretariat continues its work on the studies and is also consulting colleagues from the World Heritage Centre with a view to ensuring consistency with the established policies of the Committee. The result of the Secretariat’s evaluation will be presented at the tenth meeting of the Committee.
5. Both studies are available on-line at <http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/CLT/images/ICOMOS-studies.pdf>
6. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. Having examined document CLT/14/9.COM/CONF.203/6,
2. Recalling its Decision 8.COM 2,
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat and the ICOMOS for their work;
4. Thanks the Kingdom of Belgium for its generous financial contribution for the execution of the studies;
5. Encourages the Secretariat to further continue its work on developing methodologies to analyse criteria of Article 10 (a) and (b) of the 1999 Second Protocol and to report back at its tenth meeting;
6. Invites the Secretariat to submit the results of its evaluation to the tenth meeting of the Committee.