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### ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE 1954 HAGUE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT

UNESCO, Paris, Room XI, 8 December 2015 (a.m.)

#### ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

The Eleventh Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict:

1. Recalling the recommendations adopted at its Tenth Meeting (16 December 2013),
2. Also recalling the resolution adopted by the General Conference at its 38th session concerning the strategy on the "Reinforcement of UNESCO's action for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict" (38 C/Res.48);
3. Congratulates the Chairperson H. Exc. Mr Anastas Mounir (Palestine), the Rapporteur H. Exc. Mr Kehinde Ayotunde Adewale (Nigeria) and the Vice-Chairpersons Argentina, Czech Republic, Japan and Turkey for their election;
4. Welcomes the Report of the Secretariat;
5. Congratulates the Director-General and the Secretariat for all of the actions taken by UNESCO in order to ensure the protection of cultural property during different situations of armed conflict, in particular in Iraq, Libya, Mali, Syria and Yemen;
6. Thanks the relevant French authorities for the preparation of the Memento for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and encourages other High Contracting Parties to prepare similar dissemination materials for their military and security forces;
7. Calls upon States not yet party to the Hague Convention of 1954 and/or its two Protocols to become party to them as soon as possible, and to adopt relevant implementing legislation and effectively apply it;
8. Encourages all High Contracting Parties to reiterate these recommendations during bilateral and multilateral contacts where appropriate;
9. Invites the High Contracting Parties to communicate to the Secretariat by 30 June 2016 proposals for the modification of its Rules of Procedure and requests the Secretariat to

prepare a working document reflecting the proposals received to present it at its Twelfth Meeting;

10. Recommends to include on the agenda of its next meeting an item on the follow-up on the resolution adopted by the UNESCO's General Conference at its 38th session concerning the "Governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO" (38 C/Res.101);
11. Calls upon all High Contracting Parties to provide voluntary financial support to the Secretariat and the implementation of activities of UNESCO related to the Convention and its 1954 (First) Protocol;
12. Invites the Director-General to convene in 2017 the Twelfth Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Hague Convention of 1954, in accordance with Article 27 of the Convention.