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

**Sixth Meeting  
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room XII  
14 – 16 December 2011**

**Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda:  
Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee**

Note of the Secretariat: This document contains an amended version of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee by the sixth Meeting of the Committee.

1. The experience of the five ordinary and one extraordinary meetings of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict held to date has revealed a need for amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee in the following aspects:
  - submission of items to the provisional agenda of the meeting;
  - formalization of the practice of organizing meetings of the Bureau of the Committee in-between Committee meetings; and
  - modalities of the dispatch of working documents.
2. For this reason, the following amendments are proposed to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee (the relevant changes are underlined).

## **I. Submission of items to the provisional agenda of the meeting**

### **Rule 12 – Provisional agenda**

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- 12.2** The provisional agenda of an ordinary session of the Committee shall include:
- all questions, the inclusion of which has been decided by the Committee at previous sessions;
  - all questions proposed by members of the Committee;
  - all questions proposed by the Bureau of the Committee;
  - all questions proposed by States Parties to the Second Protocol not members of the Committee;
  - all recommendations made under Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Second Protocol by the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS), and other international nongovernmental organizations with relevant expertise, for the inclusion of specific cultural property in the List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection;
  - all questions proposed by the Director-General.

Explanatory note: The proposed amendment will provide the Bureau with the possibility of proposing item(s) for the inclusion in the provisional agenda of the Committee meetings, thus formalizing its role in the preparation of the Committee meetings.

## **II. Formalization of the practice of organizing meetings of the Bureau of the Committee in-between Committee meetings**

### **Rule 15 – Bureau**

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- 15.2** The Bureau shall meet during the sessions of the Committee as frequently as deemed necessary. It may meet also in-between sessions of the Committee at the request of more than half of its Members.

Explanatory note: This proposal aims at formalizing the already established practice of informal meetings of the Bureau which has been tacitly approved by the Committee

(to date, the Bureau has held nine such meetings in-between the Committee meetings).

### III. Modalities of the dispatch of working documents

#### Rule 34 – Deadline for distribution of documents

The documents relating to the items on the provisional agenda of each session of the Committee shall be distributed in electronic format at the latest six weeks before the beginning of the session in the working languages to the members of the Committee, and to the organizations attending the meetings in an advisory capacity, as well as to States Parties not members of the Committee and to all other observers. ~~They shall also be made available to States parties non members of the Committee and to all other observers in electronic format.~~

Explanatory note: It is proposed to make the transmission of information more efficient by following the practice of the World Heritage Committee to only disseminate working documents for the Committee meetings by sending them via e-mail and making them available on-line. Paper distribution will be curtailed.

3. In view of the above, the Committee may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

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The Committee:

1. *Thanking* the Bureau and the Secretariat for preparing document CLT-11/CONF/211/5;
2. *Considering* this document;
3. *Amends* the Rules of Procedure in the following way:

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