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**Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the  
Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of  
Cultural Property (UNESCO, Paris, 1970)**

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## **DECISION 2.SC 1**

*The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,*

1. Having considered document C70/14/2.SC/1/Rev.;
2. Adopts the agenda contained in the aforementioned document.

## **DECISION 2.SC 2**

*The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,*

1. Having examined document C70/14/2.SC/2;
2. Approves the summary records of the Subsidiary Committee's first session contained in the aforementioned document.

## **DECISION 2.SC 3**

*The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,*

1. Having examined document C70/14/2.SC/3,
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the secretariat's report on its activities in 2012-2014;
3. Welcomes the many training activities carried out by the secretariat and field offices, their growing scope and the continued effectiveness of the global capacity-building strategy;
4. Also welcomes action taken to raise awareness of the fight against trafficking in cultural property;
5. Thanks those States Parties (Bulgaria, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland) which have generously contributed extrabudgetary support for the training and awareness-raising activities conducted by the Secretariat;
6. Invites States Parties to strengthen their support for activities carried out to ensure effective implementation of the Convention;
7. Takes note of the increase in tasks assigned to the secretariat and of the need to strengthen it in human and financial terms;
8. Encourages the Director-General to ensure the provision of the necessary financial and human resources to the Secretariat for the adequate fulfilment of its tasks;
8. Encourages the secretariat to continue its efforts to implement the Convention and invites it to submit a report on its activities at the Committee's third session.

## DECISION 2.SC 4

*The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,*

1. Having examined Document C70/14/2.SC/4 and its annex, as well as the 'Evaluation of UNESCO's Standard-setting Work of the Culture Sector: Part II – 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property' (Document IOS/EVS/PI/133 REV.);
2. Takes note of the recommendations proposed in the aforementioned evaluation and decides to consider them in its further work;
3. Calls upon the States Parties to:
  - a. Strengthen the Secretariat with the level of expertise, stability and resources required to respond to the ever-increasing demand for its services (recommendation 21);
4. Requests the Secretariat to:
  - a. Integrate more effectively Global Priority Africa into planning and programmes in support of the 1970 Convention (recommendation 19);
  - b. Prioritize the use of all the awareness-raising tools (videos, website, events) in light of their specific quality and effectiveness (recommendation 17) and in particular to continue to expand the UNESCO Database of National Cultural Heritage Laws by increasing the coverage of legislation and the availability of translations (recommendation 16);
5. Further requests the Secretariat, within the human and financial resources, to:
  - a. Develop a comprehensive capacity building strategy – with a focus on those regions that have low ratification rates – that foresees a longer-term engagement with States Parties, enhanced follow-up, and the use of a variety of different capacity building modalities (recommendations 14 and 15). This strategy should follow a more comprehensive approach to awareness raising at the national level based on a systematic identification of the target audience, of the most appropriate mechanisms to be used and of clear objectives to be achieved (recommendation 10);
  - b. Improve the Convention website in order to increase its user-friendliness, and introduce more frequent alerts about issues related to the 1970 Convention in order to direct visitors of the UNESCO's general website to the Convention website (recommendation 18); and familiarize State Parties, especially in those regions that only make limited use of it, with the 1970 Convention website as a tool for information sharing and knowledge management (recommendation 24);

## **DECISION 2.SC 5**

*The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,*

1. Having examined Document C70/14/2.SC/5;
2. Appreciates the efforts undertaken by the Informal Working Group in providing a consensus draft of Operational Guidelines,
3. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Bulgaria for its financial support,
4. Decides to approve by consensus the draft Operational Guidelines presented in document C70/14/2.SC/5/Rev for the implementation of the 1970 Convention and to submit them to the Third Ordinary Meeting of States Parties of the 1970 Convention (scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015) for possible adoption.

## **DECISION 2.SC 6**

*The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,*

1. Thanking the Informal Working Group, established by Decision 1.SC 4 of the Subsidiary Committee during its first session, for the good results of its work in the fulfilment of its mandate;
2. Decides to establish an Informal Working Group composed of all 18 Members of the Subsidiary Committee under the coordination of the Chairperson of this Committee to contribute to the better preparation of the next Subsidiary Committee session. The results of this Informal Working Group will be submitted to the next session of the Subsidiary Committee;
3. Decides to hold an Extraordinary Session of the Subsidiary Committee, pending on the availability of extrabudgetary resources to cover the organizational costs in a place and date to be defined, in accordance to Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Subsidiary Committee, in order to address the urgent matter of providing further momentum to the good preparation of the 3rd Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention;
4. Requests the Secretariat to assist the informal working group as required.