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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 Ownership of Cultural Property (UNESCO, Paris, 1970)

First session
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room XII
2 and 3 July 2013

Decisions and Recommendations

DECISION 1.SC 1

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

1. Elects Mr Mauricio Escanero (Mexico) Chairperson of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties;
2. Elects Ms Artemis Papathanassiou (Greece) Rapporteur of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties;
3. Elects Bulgaria, China, Egypt and Nigeria Vice-Chairpersons of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties.

DECISION 1.SC 2

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

1. *Having considered* document C70/13/1.SC/2/REV;

Opening of Meeting

1. Election of the Bureau C70/13/1.SC/1
 2. Adoption of the agenda C70/13/1.SC/2/REV
 3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Subsidiary Committee C70/13/1.SC/3
 4. Consideration of the draft operational guidelines C70/13/1.SC/4
 5. Adoption of the Decisions and Recommendations
 6. Closure of the meeting
2. Adopts the agenda as outlined above.

DECISION 1.SC 3

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

1. *Having considered* the provisional Rules of Procedure contained in document C70/13/1.SC/3;
2. Adopts its Rules of Procedure, as amended.

DECISION 1.SC 4

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

1. *Thanking* the Secretariat for having prepared documents C70/13/1.SC/4 and C70/13/1.SC/INF.2;
2. *Having considered* them;
3. 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 work on the Draft Guidelines for the implementation of the 1970 Convention and on other relevant items in preparation of the next Subsidiary Committee session. The final results of this informal working group will be submitted to the next session of the Subsidiary Committee for possible adoption;
4. Invites all its Members and Observers to provide to the Chairperson written inputs by 15 October 2013 to be considered in the informal working group;
5. Requests the Secretariat to assist the informal working group as required.

DECISION 1.SC 5

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

Encourages all UNESCO Member States which are not yet parties to the 1970 Convention to consider the ratification of this instrument.

DECISION 1.SC 6

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

Expresses its gratitude to the States Parties (China, Greece, Switzerland and Turkey) who have contributed financially to the organisation of this Session.

DECISION 1.SC 7

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

1. Expresses its utmost concern about the current limited human resources of the 1970 Convention Secretariat composed of one single permanent UNESCO staff member, one associate expert (financed by Belgium), one expert (seconded by Italy) and one temporary staff member;
2. Expresses its recognition of all the efforts made by the Director-General to provide the Secretariat of the 1970 UNESCO Convention with financial resources and Invites her to continue with these efforts and strengthen the Secretariat with human resources;
3. Invites all States Parties to contribute to the functioning of the Secretariat by providing adequate human and financial resources.

DECISION 1.SC 8

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

1. Decides to consider, at its Second session, the possibility and the modalities of establishing a fund to support the implementation of the 1970 Convention;
2. Recommends to the Director-General to analyze the terms that would allow, according to the budget and the financial capacities of the Organization, to allocate an amount to cover the participation costs for the representation of developing countries.

DECISION 1.SC 9

The Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties,

Decides to hold its Second session from 30 June to 2 July 2014.