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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

Second session
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room IV
1 to 2 December 2009

Resolutions of the Meeting

RESOLUTION 2 / MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties,

1. Elects Jasen Mesic (Croatia) Chairperson of the second session of the Meeting of States Parties;
2. Elects the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lebanon and Spain Vice-Chairpersons of the second session of the Meeting of States Parties;
3. Elects Beatriz Hernández Narváez (Mexico) Rapporteur of the second session of the Meeting of States Parties.

RESOLUTION 3 / MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties, in its second session,

1. Having examined document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/3;
2. Adopts the Agenda included in the above-mentioned document.

RESOLUTION 4 / MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties, in its second session,

1. Having examined the draft summary record of the first session of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage set out in the Annex of document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/4 ;
2. Adopts the record, as contained therein.

RESOLUTION 5 / MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties, in its second session,

1. Having examined document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/5 and the draft of Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, as prepared by the Secretariat and as contained in the Annex to this document;
2. Decides to establish a working group, consisting of representatives of the following States Parties: Bulgaria, Cambodia, Croatia, Ecuador, Grenada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Portugal, Romania, Saint Lucia, Spain, and Ukraine;
3. Invites this working group to revise the draft of the Operational Guidelines, taking into account the observations made during its first and second sessions;
4. Decides that this working group will work in English and French;
5. Requests the working group to first proceed in its work by means of electronic exchange and then to meet in a first session in 2010 at UNESCO Headquarters;
6. Decides that the meetings of the working group will be open to observers;
7. Requests the working group to submit the results of its initial work for consultation to the States Parties through the Secretariat four months before the third Meeting of States Parties;
8. Requests the working group to submit a consolidated draft two months before the third Meeting of States Parties.

RESOLUTION 6 / MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties, in its second session,

1. Having examined the applications for accreditation by the Meeting of States Parties under Article 1 (e) of the Statutes of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body, as received by the Secretariat from the non-governmental organizations (NGO) set out in the Annex of document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/6;
2. Decides not to accredit any organization under Article 1 (e) of the above Statutes, until the criteria for accreditation have been adopted in the Operational Guidelines of the Convention;
3. Invites the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to provide its opinion to the Meeting of States Parties regarding the background of the NGOs which applied for accreditation.

RESOLUTION 7/MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties,

1. Having examined document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/7;
2. Decides to suspend exceptionally Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties;
3. Elects the following 11 candidates to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage for a two-year term:
 - Francisco Alves (Portugal)
 - Milton Eric Branford (Saint Lucia)
 - Pilar Luna Erreguerena (Mexico)
 - Andrej Gaspari (Slovenia)
 - Hugo Eliecer Bonilla Mendoza (Panama)
 - Jasen Mesic (Croatia)
 - Kalin Stoynev Porozhnov (Bulgaria)
 - Carmen García Rivera (Spain)
 - Hossein Tofighian (Islamic Republic of Iran)
 - Serhiy Oleksandrovych Voronov (Ukraine)
 - Vladas Zulkus (Lithuania)

RESOLUTION 8 / MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties:

1. Considering its responsibility to raise funds;
2. Considering also that the establishment of a Special Account, due to its multi-donor nature, can facilitate the collection of funds for activities related to the protection of the underwater heritage;
3. Requests the Director-General of UNESCO to establish the “Underwater Cultural Heritage Fund” to be managed as a Special Account in accordance with Article 6.6 of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, which’s resources will be used on the basis of the Operational Guidelines to be adopted by the Meeting of States Parties;
4. Invites the Director-General to call upon the Parties to contribute to the Fund on voluntary basis and to seek extra-budgetary funds;
5. Approves the Financial Regulations for this Fund, as annexed to the document UCH/09/2.MSP/8.

RESOLUTION 9 / MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties, in its second session,

1. Having examined document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/9;
2. Requests the Director-General to convene the first session of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the Meeting of States Parties in Cartagena, Spain, in the second quarter of 2010.

RESOLUTION 10 / MSP 2

The Meeting of States Parties, in its second session

1. Having examined document UCH/09/MSP2/220/10;
2. Decides to convene the third session of the Meeting of States Parties in the first quarter of 2011 at UNESCO Headquarters.