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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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Draft Operational Guidelines

Decision required : paragraph 3

1. In its first session and by its Resolution 7/MSP 1, the Meeting of States Parties requested the Secretariat to prepare, on the basis of a consultation with the States Parties, a preliminary draft of Operational Guidelines for the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, giving priority attention to, among others, points 3.b and 3.d of document CLT/CIH/MCO/2009/ME/90; and to submit at the second ordinary session of the Meeting of States Parties the results of its work for consideration and approval. It furthermore invited States Parties to suggest elements to the Secretariat to be developed in the Operational Guidelines.
2. A Questionnaire was duly sent by the Secretariat to all States Parties inviting them to suggest elements to be developed in the Operational Guidelines. A draft of Operational Guidelines has been prepared on the basis of the suggestions received and is attached to the present document (on request a summary of the answers to the Questionnaire is available from the Secretariat for the States Parties).
3. The Meeting might wish to consider adopting the following resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties, in its second session,

1. *Having examined document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/5 Rev.;*
2. *Adopts the Operational Guidelines for the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, as contained in the Annex to this document.*

ANNEX**DRAFT**

**OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL
HERITAGE (2001)**

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CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Convention

A.1. Application of the Convention

*Article 1 of the
Convention*

- a.) The Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (hereinafter referred to as "**the Convention**"), adopted by the UNESCO General Conference on 2 November 2001, applies, as regulated in its text and with the limitations contained therein, to all kind of waters, including inland waters not of maritime character (lakes and rivers), internal waters of maritime character (bays, gulfs), archipelagic waters, the territorial seas of States Parties, their exclusive economic zones (hereinafter referred to as "**EEZ**"), the continental shelves and the Area (the seabed and ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction)¹. The Convention also protects heritage that has been or is only periodically submerged by water, as for instance wrecks or remains of human dwellings on wetlands.

*Article 33 of the
Convention*

- b.) The Rules concerning activities directed at underwater cultural heritage, contained in the Annex of the Convention (hereinafter "**the Rules**"), are an integral part of it. They apply automatically on entry into force of the Convention for a ratifying State to all kind of waters with the exception of

¹ The Convention does not define most of the terms it uses to identify the various maritime zones (it does only define the term "Area"), as these zones and the sovereignty rights applying in them have been defined by international law, in particular by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("UNCLOS").

- a.) According to UNCLOS (which does not bind States not Party to UNCLOS), and in abbreviated form:
- Territorial Sea refers to the waters up to 12 nautical miles from the Baseline.
 - Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) refers to the area adjacent and beyond the Territorial Sea and up to 200 nautical miles.
 - Continental Shelf refers to the sea up to the fall of the continental shelf into the deep sea or at least up to the end of the EEZ.
- b.) According to the Convention "Area" means the seabed and ocean floor and subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction (Article 1.5 of the Convention).

The use of the terms used by UNCLOS does not mean that the definitions and regulations of sovereignty rights of UNCLOS apply to a State that joins the 2001 Convention – both treaties are independent of each other. They apply only to the States that are party to UNCLOS; for other States other international law applies. The Convention respects the existing regulations on these terms as given and does not change them (Article 3 of the Convention).

**Article 28 of the
Convention**

inland waters not of a maritime character. Any State Party or territory may, however, declare at any time that they shall also apply to its inland waters not of a maritime character.

**Article 29 of the
Convention**

c.) At the time of ratifying, accepting, approving (legal act open to Member States of UNESCO) or acceding (in case of States not members of UNESCO or territories as defined by Article 26.2 (b)) to the Convention, a State or territory may make a declaration to the Director-General of UNESCO, that the Convention shall not be applicable to specific parts of its territory. It needs to identify the reasons for such declaration and is required, to the extent practicable and as quickly as possible, to promote conditions under which the Convention will apply to the exempted areas. It needs to withdraw its declaration in whole or in part as soon as that has been achieved.

A.2. Content of the Convention

- a.) The Convention intends to enable States to better protect the underwater cultural heritage. It sets a high standard for the protection of such heritage, with a view to preventing its being looted or destroyed. Its standard is comparable to that granted by other UNESCO Conventions or national legislation on cultural heritage on land, and yet it is specific to the traces of human existence found under water.
- b.) The Convention contains minimum requirements. Each State Party, if it so wishes, may choose to develop even higher standards of protection (for example by protecting on a national level also remains younger than 100 years). Among others the Convention:
- sets out basic principles for protecting underwater cultural heritage;
 - contains provisions for an international cooperation scheme; and
 - provides practical guidelines for dealing with such heritage.

c.) The principal goals of the Convention are to:

- obtain comprehensive protection for underwater cultural heritage wherever it is located;
- harmonize the protection of such heritage with that of heritage on land; and
- provide archaeologists, State authorities and site management institutions with guidelines on how to treat underwater cultural heritage.

A.3. The State Cooperation Mechanism

*Article 2.2 of
the Convention*

States Parties shall cooperate in the protection of underwater cultural heritage.

*Article 7.1 of
the Convention*

a.) In their internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea, States Parties have the exclusive right to regulate activities. No specific cooperation scheme is provided by the Convention, however, as a general rule, States are expected to cooperate. In accordance, they do not need to transmit any report on discoveries of heritage made in these zones to UNESCO or other States or consult them with the following exception: if an identifiable State vessel or aircraft is found within these waters they should inform, in recognition of general practice among States, the flag State Party and if applicable, other States with a verifiable link, especially a cultural, historical or archaeological link, with a view to cooperating on the best methods of protecting them.

*Article 7.3 of
the Convention*

b.) Within the EEZ (including the contiguous zone), the continental shelf and the Area, the Convention establishes an international cooperation scheme allowing an effective protection of underwater cultural heritage. States Parties use in a common effort their respective power to prevent undesired interventions and regulate desired ones. The scheme stipulates how

*Articles 8 – 13
of the
Convention
Article 16 of the
Convention*

- States Parties are informed of discoveries and activities concerning underwater cultural heritage (reporting);

- States Parties declare their interest, if appropriate, to be consulted (declaration of interest);
- States Parties decide on the measures to be taken (consultation); and
- A State Party, chosen by all States Parties which have declared an interest, takes the actual measures decided (action of the Coordinating State).

c.) Depending on the location of the concerned heritage and with that on the applicable law of the sea, specific regulations of the State cooperation scheme apply. As a summary:

- Each State Party prohibits its nationals and vessels from engaging in activities harming underwater cultural heritage and requires them to report discoveries and activities concerning heritage located in the EEZ, the continental shelf and the Area, and informs the other States Parties;
- If no State has complete jurisdiction over the site (jurisdiction over its own nationals and vessels is for instance always preserved), a “Coordinating State” takes over the control, coordinating the cooperation among States Parties and implementing their decisions, while acting on their behalf and not in its own interest;
- States Parties take measures to prevent the traffic in underwater cultural heritage illicitly exported and/or recovered and seize it, if it is found in their territory.

*Articles 8 to 13
of the
Convention*

d.) In the framework of the implementation of the international cooperation mechanism, the Secretariat makes available to State Parties a web tool attached as external website to the page www.unesco.org and named UNESCO Reporting Database allowing them to submit and transfer reports, notifications, declarations of interest and results of preliminary researches as well as to access information or statements received from

other State Parties².

B. States Parties to the Convention

a.) States are encouraged to become party to the Convention. A list of States Parties to the Convention as well as of declarations made is available on the UNESCO Web site www.unesco.org/en/underwater-cultural-heritage.

b.) While fully respecting the sovereignty of the States or territories on the area of which the underwater cultural heritage is situated, States Parties to the Convention recognize the collective interest of the international community to cooperate in the protection of this heritage. States Parties to the Convention, have, among others, the responsibility to:

*Article 2.4 of
the Convention*

b.a.) individually or jointly as appropriate, take all suitable measures in conformity with the Convention and with international law that are necessary to protect underwater cultural heritage, using for this purpose the best practicable means at their disposal and in accordance with their capabilities;

*Article 2.2 of
the Convention*

b.b.) cooperate in the protection of underwater cultural heritage;

*Article 2.7 and
16 of the
Convention*

b.c.) prevent the commercial exploitation of the underwater cultural heritage.

c.) States Parties to the Convention are encouraged to ensure the participation of a wide variety of stakeholders, including site managers, local and regional governments, local communities, underwater archaeologists and conservation specialists, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other interested parties and partners in the protection of the underwater cultural heritage and the implementation of the Convention.

² **Note for the 2nd session of the Meeting of States Parties:** This Database has not yet been established and it lies in the decision of the States Parties if and in which way it should be elaborated.

**Article 22.1 of
the Convention**

- d.) States Parties establish competent authorities or reinforce the existing ones where appropriate, with the aim of providing for the establishment, maintenance and updating of an inventory of underwater cultural heritage, the effective protection, conservation, presentation and management of underwater cultural heritage, as well as research and education to ensure the proper implementation of the Convention.
- e.) States Parties are encouraged to bring together their underwater cultural heritage experts at regular intervals to discuss the implementation of the Convention.

C. Declarations, communications and reservations concerning the Convention

The Convention contains regulations on three declarations, one possible reservation and one communication to be made. Declarations and communications already made can be consulted on the website: www.unesco.org/en/underwater-cultural-heritage (below the text of the Convention).

C.1. Declarations

- a.) A declaration is a unilateral statement, made by a State when joining the Convention, whereby it may give a view on its interpretation of certain provisions, makes choices requested or gives necessary information. The Convention contains provisions regarding three declarations, as mentioned in its Article 9.2, Article 25.5, and Article 28. While the first is mandatory, the second and third are optional.

**Article 9.2 of
the Convention**

- b.) Article 9 of the Convention concerns reporting and notification in the EEZ or on the continental shelf. Among others and according to paragraph 1 (b) of this Article, States Parties requires that when its nationals or a vessels flying its flag, discover or intend to engage in activities directed at underwater cultural heritage located in the EEZ or on the continental shelf of another State Party they have to send a report. The State Party of their

origin has to make a choice, where the report should be sent to. One alternative is that it should be sent to the home State Party and the concerned coastal State Party, another alternative is that it should be sent only to the home State Party, which will then transmit this information to all other States Parties. To ensure a certain continuity and previsibility, each State Party has to fix the alternative chosen via the declaration requested by Article 9.2 of the Convention.

c.) Article 25 of the Convention concerns the peaceful settlement of disputes. According to Article 25 of the Convention and if mediation in case of a dispute is not undertaken or if there is no settlement by mediation, the provisions relating to the settlement of disputes set out in Part XV of UNCLOS apply *mutatis mutandis* to any dispute between States Parties to the Convention concerning its interpretation or application, regardless if they are also Parties to UNCLOS. A State Party to the Convention which is not a Party to UNCLOS, when ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the Convention or at any time thereafter is therefore free to choose, by means of a written declaration, one or more of the means set out in Article 287.1 of UNCLOS for the purpose of settlement of disputes arising out of the Convention.

**Article 28 of the
Convention**

d.) Article 28 of the Convention concerns the application of the Annex of the Convention to inland waters. Inland waters means insofar, in contrast to 'internal waters', which are of maritime character (see for instance Article 7 of the Convention), waters not of a maritime character, for instance lakes and rivers. States may declare that the Rules, which will otherwise not apply to this part of their territory, will be applicable to it.

e.) States or territories should make their declarations when ratifying the Convention or any time thereafter, as applicable according to the Convention, by submitting the separate signed declaration to the Director-General of UNESCO.

C.2. Communication

*Article 22.2 of
the Convention*

- a.) The Convention requests furthermore States Parties to communicate to the Director-General the names and addresses of their competent authorities relating to underwater cultural heritage, so that copies of reports received, all official correspondence and all further documents can be sent by the Secretariat to these national focal points, as appropriate, and so that other States Parties and their institutions can consult and cooperate through these focal points with the other States. A list of the addresses received is available at the UNESCO Web site: www.unesco.org/en/underwater-cultural-heritage.
- b.) Such communication may be made at any time, but should be made as soon as possible, to ensure a timely implementation of the Convention. It should be updated as soon as any change in the information on the responsible competent authority occurs.

C.3. Reservations

*Article 29 and
30 of the
Convention*

In principle, no reservations may be made to the Convention, except in the following case: a State or territory, at the time of ratifying the Convention can limit the geographical scope of the application of the Convention by making a declaration to the Director-General that the Convention shall not be applicable to specific parts of its territory, internal waters, archipelagic waters or its territorial sea. If such a reservation is made, it must be done in writing, identify the reasons for such declaration and be communicated to the Director-General. The withdrawal of a reservation must also be made in writing. A reservation that is made by a State ratifying the Convention should be made in the instrument of ratification.

D. The Organs of the Convention

D.1. The Meeting of States Parties

- a.) The Meeting of States Parties to the Convention is its main organ. It is

convened in ordinary session by the Director-General at least once every two years.

- b.) At the request of a majority of States Parties, the Director-General convenes an extraordinary session. The provisional agenda for an extraordinary session includes only those questions for which the session has been convened.
- c.) The Meeting manages its sessions according to its Rules of Procedure, which are available in electronic format at the website: www.unesco.org/en/underwater-cultural-heritage or in paper version through the Secretariat.
- d.) The Meeting of States Parties has *inter alia* the following functions and responsibilities:
 - i) to elaborate, discuss and approve the Operational Guidelines (hereinafter referred to as “**the Operational Guidelines**”) for the Convention;
 - ii) to elect members to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (hereinafter referred to as “**the Advisory Body**”), nominated by States Parties;
 - iii) to adopt and amend the statutes of the Advisory Body;
 - iv) to receive and examine reports and requests for advice by the States Parties to the Convention, as well as their requests for advice;
 - v) to examine reports submitted to it by the Advisory Body;
 - vi) to examine, discuss and decide on recommendations submitted to it by the Advisory Body;
 - vii) to seek means for raising funds and to take the necessary measures to this end;
 - viii) to take all other measures it considers necessary to further the objectives of the Convention.

D.2. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Body

- a.) The first Meeting of States Parties to the Convention has established the Advisory Body to the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, in accordance with Article 23.4 of the Convention.
- b.) According to its Statutes the Advisory Body
- i) shall appropriately assist the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention in questions of a scientific or technical nature regarding the implementation of the Rules;
 - ii) may be consulted for the elaboration, in consultation with the Bureau of the Meeting of States Parties, of draft Operational Guidelines directly related to the Rules;
 - iii) shall give guidance in questions directly related to the Rules, in the framework of the practical application of the State cooperation mechanism contained in the Convention.
- c.) The Advisory Body shall propose to the Meeting of States Parties standards of and means to promote best practice in underwater cultural heritage sites protection and materials conservation by:
- i) making technical and scientific recommendations in relation to the Rules to the Meeting of States Parties for discussion and adoption;
 - ii) identifying and monitoring practical common and emerging issues in underwater cultural heritage sites protection and materials conservation;
 - iii) identifying means of improving/developing best practices with regard to material and site conservation;
 - iv) proposing the organization of workshops and seminars on specific technical issues.
- d.) Upon decision by the Meeting of States Parties, or by delegation by its Bureau, the Advisory Body may provide scientific and technical advice to States Parties on the implementation of the Rules through:

**Articles 8 to 13
of the
Convention**

- i) missions to the requesting States Parties;
- ii) presentations during the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention.

D.3. Other Subsidiary Bodies

*Rule 4 of the
Rules of
Procedure of
the Meeting of
States Parties*

- a.) Further subsidiary bodies may be established by the Meeting of States Parties as deemed necessary. They will be composed of States Parties. Their composition and their terms of reference, including their mandate and duration of office, are defined at the time of their establishment.
- b.) Each such subsidiary body elects its Chairperson and, if necessary, its Vice- Chairperson(s) and its Rapporteur.
- c.) In appointing members of subsidiary bodies, due regard is given to the need to ensure an equitable representation of the different regions of the world.

E. The Secretariat

- a.) The Secretariat for the Convention and its Advisory Body is ensured by UNESCO. It organizes the sessions of the Meeting of States Parties and its Advisory Body and assists States Parties in the implementation of the decisions taken.
- b.) The working languages of the Secretariat are English and French.

CHAPTER II – THE STATE COOPERATION MECHANISM

SUBCHAPTER II.1. - REPORTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Reporting under the Convention

*Article 8 – 13 of the
Convention*

- 1. Each State Party adopts the necessary measures to require its nationals or masters of vessels flying its flag to report to it discoveries

and intended activities directed at underwater cultural heritage, which is located in its own EEZ (including the contiguous zone), on its continental shelf and in the Area.

2. When the concerned heritage is located in the EEZ or on the continental shelf of another State Party the State Party requires such reports to be sent
 - a) either to it and to the other (Coastal) State Party; or
 - b) only to it. In this case it ensures the rapid and effective transmission of such reports to all other States Parties.

On depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, each State Party declares the choice it makes regarding the manner in which the reports will be transmitted.

3. As soon as a State Party receives such a report on a discovery or an activity, it notifies the Director-General of UNESCO. When the concerned underwater cultural heritage is located in the Area it notifies in addition the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority. The Director-General transmits the information received to all States Parties.

**Article 13 of the
Convention**

4. An exception applies to warships and other government ships or military aircraft with sovereign immunity, as long as they are operated for non-commercial purposes and undertake their normal mode of operations. When they are not as such engaged in activities directed at underwater cultural heritage they are not obliged to report discoveries. However, States Parties ensure that these ships and aircrafts comply, as far as is reasonable and practicable, with the reporting regulations for the EEZ, the continental shelf and the Area.

2. Declaration of Interest

1. Any State Party may declare its interest in being consulted on how to ensure the protection of a specific underwater cultural heritage. It sends its declaration

**Article 9.5 of the
Convention**

a.) to the Coastal State Party if the heritage is located in the EEZ or on the continental shelf of that State;

**Article 11.4 of the
Convention**

b.) to the Director-General if the heritage is located in the Area.

2. The respective declaration needs to be based on a verifiable link, especially a cultural, historical or archaeological link, to the underwater cultural heritage concerned. For the Area, particular regard is paid to the preferential rights of States resulting from the cultural, historical or archaeological origin of the concerned heritage.
3. In declaring its interest to be consulted, a State Party informs accordingly on the verifiable link that connects its history or culture to the underwater cultural heritage concerned. It should do so in accompanying its declaration by
 - a.) the results of scientific expertises;
 - b.) historic documentation; or
 - c.) any other adequate documentation.
4. If a State Party gives only little information on an underwater cultural heritage site or artefact in a report, it may also only request a small amount of proof concerning the verifiable link from another State Party that declares its interest in being consulted concerning its protection.
5. The fact that a State Party or one of its nationals are not or have not been owner of a certain artefact does not exclude the existence of a verifiable link.

3. Mode of Transmission of Reports and Declarations of Interest

**Article 8 – 13 of the
Convention**

1. The submission and transfer of reports, notifications, and declarations of interest under Articles 8 to 13 of the Convention should be made through the database available under the web link _____ (“**UNESCO Reporting Database**”), except
 - a.) for the transmission of reports by nationals and masters of vessels of one State Party to another State Party in the case that a State Party

has chosen the transmission of reports to itself and also to the other State Party concerned (Article 9.1 (b) (i) of the Convention). In such cases reports should be transmitted in written form and in English or French language or another language, agreed upon with the other concerned State Party.

b.) for declarations of interest (Articles 9.5, and 11.4 of the Convention), which can also be transmitted directly from one State Party to another.

2. When a State Party cannot ensure the reliable electronic receipt or transmission of documents, it may notify the Secretariat, which will transmit information received in a printed version.

4. Formatting of Reports and Declarations of Interest

*Article 8 – 13 of the
Convention*

The following forms, annexed to the present Guidelines and contained in the UNESCO Reporting Database, shall be used in their electronic form:

a.) for notifications to be transmitted to and via UNESCO and for the transmission of reports on discoveries or intended activities directed at underwater cultural heritage from one State Party to all other States Parties: **Form 1.**

b.) for declarations of interest under Articles 9.5 and 11.4 of the Convention: **Form 2.**

5. Contact Point

*Article 22 of the
Convention*

1. States Parties communicate to the Director-General of UNESCO the names and addresses of their competent national authorities and designate a responsible contact person. They should immediately inform about any change in the details communicated.

2. All reports, notifications or information to be sent to States Parties should be addressed to their competent national authorities as communicated to the Director-General.

*Articles 10 and 12 of
the Convention*

SUBCHAPTER II.2. – SELECTION OF THE COORDINATING STATE AND STATE CONSULTATIONS

6. Appointment of a Coordinating State for Underwater Cultural Heritage located in the EEZ or on the Continental Shelf

*Article 8-10 of the
Convention*

*Article 9.5 of the
Convention*

1. When there is a discovery of underwater cultural heritage or it is intended that an activity is about to be directed at such heritage in a State Party's EEZ or on its continental shelf, that State Party coordinates, as a general rule, consultations among the States that declared their interest in being consulted as "Coordinating State".
2. In the case that the concerned State Party does not wish to act as Coordinating State, it should declare this to all States Parties that expressed an interest and to the Director-General of UNESCO within 1 month of learning of the discovery or activity. It should at the same time inform about the declarations of interest it has already received.
3. In the case mentioned under paragraph 2 above, the following criteria should be taken into consideration for the appointment of a Coordinating State by the States Parties that have declared an interest:
 - a.) the readiness and capacity of a State to act as Coordinating State;
 - b.) the capacity of the nominated State to achieve a consensus among the involved States Parties on the protection of the underwater cultural heritage in question; and
 - c.) the strength of the cultural or historical links of the State involved with the concerned heritage.
4. The appointment of the Coordinating State should be agreed upon in a spirit of consensus by direct consultation among the competent national authorities of the consulting States Parties, as communicated to the Director-General of UNESCO under Article 22.2 of the Convention.

7. Consultation Procedure concerning Underwater Cultural Heritage located in the EEZ or on the Continental Shelf

*Article 9.5 and 10.3 of
the Convention*

1. States Parties, which declared an interest in being consulted on how to best protect a specific underwater cultural heritage under Article 9.5 of the Convention, should be consulted by the Coordinating State within 2 month from receipt of their declaration in writing and if possible in electronic form.
2. The consulted States Parties should be informed by the Coordinating State of any other declarations of interest received by the State Party in the EEZ or on the continental shelf of which the site or artefact is located.
3. Consultations should be coordinated by the Coordinating State in English or French, or any other language agreed upon among the States Parties involved in the consultation process.
4. The decision on how to best protect the concerned underwater cultural heritage should be taken by consensus and in due consideration of the cultural, historical or archaeological origin of the concerned heritage and the links to the consulted States Parties.

8. Appointment of a Coordinating State in the Area and Consultation Procedure

*Article 11.4 and 12.2 of
the Convention*

1. The Director-General invites, as soon as reasonably possible, all States Parties which have declared an interest under Article 11.4 of the Convention, in writing and in English and French language, to consult on how to ensure the effective protection of underwater cultural heritage located in the Area, and to appoint among them a State Party to coordinate such consultations as Coordinating State.
2. The Director-General informs in his/her invitation about the States Parties that declared their interest in being consulted and also invite the International Seabed Authority to participate in the consultations.
3. States Parties should indicate in their response if they would be ready and capable to take over the function of Coordinating State or which other consulted State Party they would like to nominate for appointment. The following criteria should be taken into consideration by the States

Parties in making their decision:

- a.) the readiness and capacity of a State Party to act as Coordinating State; and
 - b.) the preferential rights of the consulted States Parties resulting from the cultural, historical or archaeological origin of the concerned underwater cultural heritage.
4. The appointment of the Coordinating State should take place by consensus and with the consent of the State Party appointed.
 5. The Director-General should inform all consulted parties about the State Party appointed as Coordinating State and the declarations made by the consulted parties on how to ensure the effective protection of the concerned underwater cultural heritage.
 6. From the date of its appointment, the Coordinating State is responsible for the further consultation of the consulting States Parties and the coordination of the implementation of the protection measures decided.

SUBCHAPTER II.3. – THE OPERATIONAL PROTECTION OF UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

9. Immediate Danger to Underwater Cultural Heritage

*Article 10.4 and 12.3 of
the Convention*

1. When a specific underwater cultural heritage is in immediate danger to be damaged, destroyed or looted, safeguarding measures may be taken to prevent the danger.
 - a.) If the concerned heritage is located in the EEZ or on the continental shelf of a State Party the Coordinating State, which will in most cases be that (Coastal) State Party, may take these measures. This does not exclude the responsibility to intervene of the other States Parties and assistance can be requested from the other States Parties by the Coordinating State.
 - b.) When the concerned heritage is located in the Area, all States Parties may take practicable measures to prevent the danger.

2. Immediate danger means that convincing and controllable conditions exists, which can reasonably be expected to cause damage or destruction to a specific underwater cultural heritage within a short delay of time and which can be eliminated by taking safeguarding measures.
3. Safeguarding measures may be taken also before consultation with other States Parties or in the course of the consultation process, as long as the danger is imminent.

*Article 10.5 (c) and
12.5 of the Convention*

10. Preliminary Research

1. The Coordinating State has the right to conduct necessary preliminary research on underwater cultural heritage located in the EEZ, on the continental shelf and in the Area and may issue the necessary authorizations therefore. As soon as the results from a preliminary research have been obtained it informs the Director-General, who in turn makes such information promptly available to the other States Parties.
2. The submission and transfer of the results of preliminary researches under Article 10.5 (c) and 12.5 should take place by the use of **Form 3**, annexed to the present Guidelines, and contained in the UNESCO Reporting Database.

*Article 10 and 12 of the
Convention*

11. The Implementation of Measures and the Issuing of Authorizations

1. As a general principle, no authorization for any intervention directed at underwater cultural heritage should be granted by a State Party if it is located in the EEZ, on the continental shelf and in the Area except in conformity with the provisions of the related Articles of the Convention.
2. As States have, resulting from international law, among others the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (hereinafter “**UNCLOS**”), certain sovereignty and jurisdictional rights in the EEZ and on the continental shelf, and as the Convention does not affect these rights, State Parties may in these maritime zones prohibit or authorize activities directed at underwater cultural heritage as far as this serves to

prevent interference with their existing rights.

3. Furthermore, in the EEZ, on the continental shelf and in the Area, the Coordinating State implements the protection measures that have been agreed upon by the consulting States (included the Coordinating State) and issue the authorization for interventions, if no other State Party has been designated to do so. The Coordinating State does not gain new jurisdiction from its position, but acts for the whole of the group of States Parties.
4. No activity directed at State vessels and aircraft should be conducted without the agreement of the flag State.

CHAPTER III - FINANCING

12. The Underwater Cultural Heritage Fund

1. The Underwater Cultural Heritage Fund (“**the Fund**”)³ is managed as a Special Account pursuant to Article 1.1 of its Financial Regulations⁴. The resources of the Fund consist of voluntary contributions as regulated in Article 4 of the above Financial Regulations.
2. The Fund should be used as decided by the Meeting of States Parties and in conformity with the spirit and the provisions of the Convention and in complement of national efforts to finance in particular
 - a.) the functioning of the Convention and its State Cooperation Mechanism;
 - b.) international cooperation projects in relation to the scope of the Convention;
 - c.) the building of capacity in States Parties;
 - d.) the enhancement of the protection of the underwater cultural heritage.
3. States Parties, institutions and private parties are invited to provide support to the Convention by contributions paid to the Fund or direct

³ See Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda of the second session of the Meeting of States Parties.

⁴ **Remark for the 2nd session of the Meeting of States Parties:** A draft of such financial regulations is proposed in document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/8 for adoption by the Meeting

financial and technical contributions to projects implemented in State Parties intended to ensure the protection of the underwater cultural heritage.

13. Financial Assistance

1. The Meeting of States Parties may receive, evaluate and approve requests for financial assistance from the Fund depending on the available resources.
2. In its decision on the attribution of funds, priority is given to requests for assistance to developing States Parties and projects enhancing State cooperation involving more than two States Parties.
3. The Meeting should base its decisions on granting assistance on the following criteria:
 - a.) The amount of assistance requested is appropriate;
 - b.) The proposed activities are well conceived and feasible and fully in line with the objectives of the Convention;
 - c.) The project can be expected to have lasting results;
 - d.) The beneficiary State Part(y/ies) share(s) the cost of the activities for which international assistance is provided, within the limits of its/their resources;
 - e.) The assistance will build or reinforce capacities in the field of safeguarding underwater cultural heritage;
 - f.) The beneficiary State Part(y/ies) has/have implemented previously financed activities, if any, in line with all regulations and any conditions applied thereto.
4. Requests for international assistance should be submitted at the latest 3 months before the next ordinary session of the Meeting of States Parties to the Secretariat, which verifies the completeness of the information provided regarding the above criteria and requests in case of need additional information. Only complete requests should be presented for

consideration to the Meeting of States Parties.

14. Financing the Implementation of the State Cooperation Mechanism

*Article 10.5, 12.4 and
12.5 of the Convention*

*Rule 17 – 19 of the
Annex to the
Convention*

1. When a State Party implements measures of protection, issues authorizations or conducts necessary preliminary research agreed upon by a group of consulting States in the framework of Article 10.5 or Article 12.4 and 5 of the Convention, the group of consulting States Parties should decide on the common financing of such measures.
2. In deciding on the financing of measures, States Parties should take into consideration
 - a) the capacity of the respective States;
 - b) the strength of the link to the concerned heritage and the interest in its protection; and
 - c) the location, property and origin of the concerned heritage.
3. No measure should be decided to be implemented if no adequate funding base is ensured beforehand.

CHAPTER IV – PARTNERS

15. Partners in the Implementation Process of the Convention

Partners in the implementation process of the Convention may be

- a.) Governmental and government-related institutions established in the States Parties to the Convention working in activities related to the scope of the Convention;
- b.) Centres working in activities related to the scope of the Convention and under the auspices of UNESCO, granted by the General Conference;
- c.) non-governmental organizations consulted by and collaborating with the Advisory Body and having activities related to the scope of the Convention, as well as other competent NGOs, when they are accredited by the Meeting of States Parties;
- d.) private parties working in conformity with and in relation to the

scope of the Convention.

16. Partners in the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage at the National Level

States Parties are encouraged to establish cooperation with and among non-governmental organizations, communities, groups and, individuals to enhance the protection of the underwater cultural heritage, as well as experts, centres of expertise and research institutes. States Parties are encouraged to facilitate their participation in particular in:

- a.) the identification, documentation and protection of underwater cultural heritage present on their territories;
- b.) the establishment of inventories;
- c.) the elaboration and implementation of programmes, projects and activities aiming at raising the awareness of the importance of underwater cultural heritage and ensuring its protection.

CHAPTER V - ACCREDITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY BODY BY THE MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

17. Criteria for the Accreditation of Non-Governmental Organizations

To be considered for accreditation by the Meeting of States Parties to be consulted by and to collaborate with the Advisory Body according to Article 1 (e) of the Statutes of this body, non-governmental organizations must:

*Article 1 (e) of the
Statutes of the
Scientific and
Technical Advisory
Body*

- c.) have proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding underwater cultural heritage;
- d.) have a local, national, regional or international nature, as appropriate;
- e.) have objectives that are in conformity with the principles of the Convention and, preferably, statutes or bylaws that are conform with those objectives;
- f.) possess operational capacities, including:
 - i. a regular active membership, which forms a community linked by the desire to pursue the objectives for which it was established;
 - ii. an established domicile and a recognized legal personality as compatible with domestic law;
 - iii. having existed and having carried out appropriate activities for at least four years when being considered for accreditation.

18. Modalities and Review of Accreditation

1. The Secretariat receives the requests from non-governmental organizations, checks their completeness and presents them for decision by the Meeting of States Parties at each ordinary session of the Meeting.
2. In evaluating requests, the Meeting should pay due attention to the principle of equitable geographical representation based on information provided to it by the Secretariat.
3. The Meeting reviews accreditations made every four years following accreditation, taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Body as to maintaining or terminating relations with it as well as the perspective of the organization concerned.
4. Termination of relations may be decided at the time of the review if the Meeting deems it necessary.

5. In exceptional cases or if circumstances require, relations with an organization may be suspended, until a decision regarding termination of relations is taken, or be terminated with immediate effect.

19. Procedure for Accreditation

1. A non-governmental organization, requesting to be accredited by the Meeting of States Parties to be consulted by and to collaborate with the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body, shall submit to the Secretariat the following information:
 - a.) a description of the organization, including its full official name;
 - b.) its main objectives;
 - c.) its full address;
 - d.) its date of founding or approximate duration of its existence;
 - e.) the name of the country or countries in which it is active;
 - f.) documentation showing that it possesses operational capacities, including proof of:
 - i. a regular active membership, which forms a community linked by the desire to pursue the objectives for which it was established;
 - ii. an established domicile and a recognized legal personality as compatible with domestic law;
 - iii. having existed and having carried out appropriate activities for at least four years when being considered for accreditation;
 - g.) its activities in the field of safeguarding underwater cultural heritage;
 - h.) a description of its experiences in cooperating with the scientific community, the public at large or governmental institutions.
2. Requests for accreditation should be sent to the Secretariat of the Convention, using the format provided by the Secretariat, at least three months before an ordinary session of the Meeting of States Parties,

preferably by Email.

3. The Secretariat shall register the proposals, present them to the Meeting of States Parties for decision and keep up to date and accessible a list of the organizations accredited by the Meeting.

CHAPTER VI - COOPERATION, INFORMATION-SHARING, PUBLIC AWARENESS, TRAINING

20. Cooperation and Information-Sharing

**Article 19 of the
Convention**

1. States Parties should cooperate and assist each other in the protection and management of underwater cultural heritage by
 - a.) collaborating in the investigation, excavation, documentation, conservation, study and presentation of heritage in specific cases as well as in general cooperation projects, holding of workshops;
 - b.) making available expertise and expert advice, if possible through missions, in the framework of research projects;
 - c.) facilitating the setting up of capacity-building programmes and creating specialized museums, exchanging exhibitions;
 - d.) putting in place mechanisms and measures facilitating and enhancing the sharing of expertise and best practices.
2. Without prejudice to Article 19.3 of the Convention, State Parties should share information with other States Parties concerning underwater cultural heritage, including its discovery and location, heritage excavated or recovered contrary to this Convention or otherwise in violation of international law, pertinent scientific methodology and technology, and legal developments relating to such heritage by
 - a.) sharing access to inventories and databases;
 - b.) publishing, via the UNESCO Reporting Database, if appropriate,

- the reports or notifications concerning underwater cultural heritage;
- c.) making available to all other States Parties and UNESCO statistics on actions concerning underwater cultural heritage.
3. Each State Party takes all practicable measures to disseminate information, including where feasible through appropriate international databases, about underwater cultural heritage excavated or recovered contrary to this Convention or otherwise in violation of international law and cooperate to this goal with UNESCO and other intergovernmental and governmental organizations, for example Interpol.

21. Public Awareness

Article 20 of the Convention

State Parties should take all practical measures to raise public awareness regarding the value and significance of underwater cultural heritage and the importance of protecting it under the Convention by

- a.) cooperating in regional or international awareness raising campaigns;
- b.) fostering the publication of information on the protection and the value of underwater cultural heritage via the media and the Internet;
- c.) facilitating community, group or public events focusing on the enhancement or protection of the underwater cultural heritage;
- d.) making available of information on underwater cultural heritage located on their territory;
- e.) any other appropriate means.

22. Training

Article 21 of the Convention

1. States Parties cooperate in the provision of training in underwater archaeology, in techniques for the conservation of underwater cultural heritage and, on agreed terms, in the transfer of technology relating to underwater cultural heritage.

2. They should furthermore endeavour to
 - a.) organize and participate in regional and international training programmes;
 - b.) train specialists to work in the research and protection of underwater cultural heritage; and
 - c.) create specialized national institutions for the training in underwater archaeology and research in underwater cultural heritage.

23. Mobilization of national and international support in favour of the Convention

States Parties should endeavour and cooperate to mobilize international support in favour of the Convention and its principles by facilitating

- a.) the elaboration of publications on the underwater cultural heritage, including the publication of the results of related research work;
- b.) the expositions of or on underwater cultural heritage;
- c.) the making available of information to the media;
- d.) any other appropriate means.

24. Promotion of Best Practice

1. States Parties are encouraged to propose national, sub regional or regional programmes, projects and activities for safeguarding underwater cultural heritage to the Meeting of States Parties for selection and promotion by publication and designation as best practice and as best reflecting the principles and objectives of the Convention.
2. In its selection and promotion of safeguarding programmes, projects and activities, the Meeting of States Parties should pay special attention to the needs of developing countries and to the principle of equitable geographic distribution.

3. Such programmes, projects and activities may be completed, in progress, or planned at the time they are proposed for selection and promotion.

ANNEX 2 – FORMS FOR THE UNESCO REPORTING DATABASE

PRELIMINARY DOCUMENT - FOR INFORMATION



The Protection of the
Underwater Cultural Heritage

FORMS FOR NOTIFICATIONS, REPORTS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

UNESCO REPORTING DATABASE

(These Pages will be shown in electronic form on the Database. A multiple choice of answers to the questions expressed will be possible, if appropriate. As soon as a choice has been made by the user, only those further pages will be shown by the database that are appropriate to the choice made.)

Page 1 - Language

Choose your language:

Arabic
Chinese
English
French
Russian
Spanish

Page 2 – Log In

State Party:

Choose from scroll down list

Name:

Password:

Page 3 - Action

You wish to

- Report or notify on a discovery or intended activity (FORM 1)**
- Declare your interest in being consulted (FORM 2)**
- Inform on results of a preliminary research (FORM 3)**

FORM 1
REPORT OR NOTIFICATION ON DISCOVERY OR INTENDED ACTIVITY

Please fill in the information requested by clicking on the choices offered and save before going to the next page.

Page 1 – Maritime Zone

1. Chose the maritime zone of the location where the underwater cultural heritage concerned by the discovery or the intended activity is located:

i. Own Contiguous Zone	
ii. Contiguous Zone of other State Party	<i>[specify which in scroll down list]</i>
iii. Exclusive Economic Zone of own State	
iv. Exclusive Economic Zone of other State Party	<i>[specify which in scroll down list]</i>
v. Own continental shelf	
vi. Continental shelf of other State	<i>[specify which in scroll down list]</i>
vii. Area	<i>[if close to any State please specify which in scroll down list]</i>

2. Is the attribution of the Maritime Zone undisputed?

Page 2 - General Site Information

Please choose:

a. Type of Site :

i.

ii.	Aircraft wreck
iii.	Wreck of other vehicle
iv.	Ruin
v.	Remains of human dwelling
vi.	Fish trap
vii.	Port structure
viii.	Remains of bridge
ix.	Single Artefact
x.	Cave/Cenote with traces of human existence
xi.	Other

b. Identification (name of city, wrecked ship, cave): _____

c. Identification certain? Yes/ no

Page 3 - Location

Give information on the location of the site:

a. GPS location: _____

b. Description of location:

i.	In wetland
ii.	In river
iii.	In lake
iv.	On coast of ocean
v.	Close to coast
vi.	Far from coast
vii.	In port
viii.	In bay
ix.	In open sea

i.	Calm water
ii.	Relatively calm water
iii.	Stormy water

c. Location verified and reliable?: yes/ no

d. Depth of water (indicate in metres): _____

e. General setting in written text (please use English or French, if possible):

Page 4 - Discovery or Activity**1. Discovery (if applicable):**

a. Date of discovery: _____

b. Discovered by: _____

c. Have any reports been sent? yes/no

If yes, to:

i.	Other State Party [<i>specify in scroll down list</i>]
ii.	All other State Parties
iii.	International Seabed Authority
iv.	UNESCO

By whom?

i.	Competent National Authority
ii.	Vessel
iii.	State national
iv.	Other _____

1. Intended Activity (if applicable):

a. Type of intended activity:

i.	Archaeological intervention
ii.	Film shooting
iii.	Documentation/inventarization
iv.	Salvage Operation
v.	Tourism
vi.	Other _____

b. State permission (if appropriate) for intervention obtained?: yes/noc. Professional qualification of team leader (*please join documentation*):
[*specify in scroll down list*]

i.	Archaeologist
ii.	Entrepreneur
iii.	Film producer
iv.	Salvage Enterprise

v. Other _____

d. Have any reports been sent? yes/no

If yes, to:

i. Other State Party <i>[specify in scroll down list]</i>
ii. All other State Parties
iii. International Seabed Authority
iv. UNESCO

By whom?

i. Competent National Authority
ii. Vessel
iii. State national
iv. Other _____

Page 5 - Site characteristics

Please give the following information:
(the information given may be an estimate)

a. Extent of site in metres:

• Width: <i>[scroll down list]</i>
• Length: <i>[scroll down list]</i>
• Height: <i>[scroll down list]</i>

b. Water depth in metres: *[scroll down list]*

c. Type of ground *[scroll down list]*

• Sand
• Rock
• Hill
• Reef
• other

d. Time of creation/building (year): _____

e. Time of submersion (year): _____

f. Type of submersion: *[scroll down list]*

• Continuously immersed in water
• Periodically immersed in water

g. Parts outside of water?:

h. Visible parts:

• Large parts of the site visible
• Small parts of the sites visible
• Artefacts scattered
• No visible parts

i. Invisible parts (as far as known):

• Site observable as mount
• Indication of site through echo

j. Conservation status [*scroll down list*]:

• excellent
• fine
• good
• damaged
• largely damaged
• almost destroyed
• destroyed

k. Other Remarks (please use English or French, if possible): _____

Page 6 – Cultural Origins

a. Supposed origin of the remains: [*specify in scroll down list*]

• African
• Asian
• European
• Arab
• American
• Australian

b. Special interest [*specify in scroll down list*]:

• historical
• cultural
• artistic
• archaeological

c. Supposed links to other States:

d. Historic Documentation available:

e. References: _____

Page 7 – Interventions

a. Are or have interventions been undertaken?:

i.	Preliminary research
ii.	Site research
iii.	Site documentation
iv.	Recovery of artefacts
v.	Industrial activities affecting the site
vi.	Other _____

b. Need for Intervention:

Page 8 - Dangers

Please inform about threats to the concerned site:

a. Are there currently any potentially damaging activities directed at the site?:

i.	Pillaging
ii.	Cargo recovery
iii.	Other

b. Are there currently any activities ongoing that might incidentally affect the site?:

i.	Port work
ii.	Mineral extraction
iii.	Pollution
iv.	Deep Sea Trawling
v.	Fishing
vi.	Dredging
vii.	Construction works
viii.	Artificial change of currents
ix.	Dam construction
x.	other

c. Which natural factors might damage or do actually damage the site?:

i.	Erosion
ii.	Oxygen influence
iii.	Seismic activity
iv.	Waves
v.	other

d. Is there any valuable cargo or content of the site?

i.	Valuable cargo
ii.	Artistic artefacts
iii.	other

Page 9 - Inventory and Designation

a. Is the site noted in a national inventory? yes/no

b. Is there any special designation of the site? yes/no If yes, specify:

c. Does the site form part of a protected zone? yes/no

Page 10 - Authority

Please fill in the pertinent information:

a. Responsible authority: _____

b. Notifying authority: _____

c. Contact: _____

Page 11 - Photos, documents or other images:

Upload Photos

Upload documents

(You may add a long-term description and additional information to this sheet. No translation, verification or text treatment will however be provided by the Secretariat.)

Page 12 – Send-out

Preview your report/notification

Modify your report/notification

Send your report/notification to:

(A multiple choice is possible, however only the choices applicable to the maritime zone selected before will be shown.)

All other States Parties to the 2001 Convention

One other State Party *(choose from scroll down list)*

UNESCO

The International Seabed Authority

Do you wish to publish your transmitted information on the UNESCO website accessible for the general public?

Yes/no

(Your reported information will be shown in a shortened form, not containing any GPS location or indication on the value of a site) preview

Page 13 - Confirmation

A confirmation of transmission will be shown and a report number will be attributed.

FORM 2
DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Please fill in the information requested by clicking on the choices offered and save before going to the next page.

Page 1 – Concerned site

Choose the underwater cultural heritage site or artefact you wish to declare your interest in being consulted in:

1. Discovery or intended activity reported via the UNESCO Reporting Database. Please choose from list:

Report No. (*scroll down list of previously transmitted reports*)

2. Discovery or intended activity reported directly by a vessel or a national of a State Party. Please give the necessary information:

State Party concerned:

Site type:

i. Shipwreck
ii. Aircraft wreck
iii. Other vehicle
iv. Ruin
v. Human dwelling
vi. Fish trap
vii. Port structure
viii. Bridge
ix. Single Artefact
x. Cave/Cenote
xi. Other

Reporting date (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Reported by: _____

Concerned Maritime Zone

- | |
|--|
| i. Exclusive Economic Zone or continental shelf of another State |
| ii. Area |

Page 2 – Information on verifiable link

Which link connects the history or culture of your State to the site or artefact concerned?:

- | |
|--|
| i. Cultural origin of the artefact(s) |
| ii. Connection to related historic event (war, discovery, trade) |
| ii. Property |
| v. Cultural influence on State history |
| v. Other |

Please explain (in French or English language): _____

Page 3 - Authority

Please fill in the pertinent information:

- a. Responsible authority: _____
- b. Contact: _____

Page 4 - Photos, documents or other pertinent information

Please attach information on the link between the culture or history of your State and the concerned underwater cultural heritage:

Upload Photos

Upload documents

(You may add a long-term description to this sheet. No translation, verification or text treatment will however be provided by the Secretariat.)

Page 5 – Send-out

Preview your declaration

Modify your declaration

Send your declaration to:

(Only the appropriate addressee for the declaration, UNESCO or the other concerned State Party, will be shown.)

Concerned State Party *(shown automatically or to be chosen from scroll down list)*

UNESCO

Do you wish to publish your transmitted information on the UNESCO website accessible for the general public?

Yes/no

Page 6 - Confirmation

A confirmation of transmission will be shown and a declaration number will be attributed.

FORM 3
INFORMATION ON THE RESULT OF A PRELIMINARY RESEARCH

Please fill in the information requested by clicking on the choices offered and save before going to the next page.

Page 1 – Concerned site

Choose the underwater cultural heritage site or artefact you wish to report the results of the preliminary research on:

1. Site reported in UNESCO Reporting Database. Please choose from list:

Report No. (scroll down list of previously transmitted reports)

2. Site reported directly by a vessel or a national of a State Party. Please give the necessary information:

State Party concerned: scroll down list

Site type:

i. Shipwreck
ii. Aircraft wreck
iii. Other vehicle
iv. Ruin
v. Human dwelling
vi. Fish trap
vii. Port structure
viii. Bridge
ix. Single Artefact
x. Cave/Cenote
xi. Other

Reporting date (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Reported by: _____

Concerned Maritime Zone

i. Exclusive Economic

Zone or continental shelf of another State
ii. Area

Page 2 – Research Results

Site structure confirmed to be:

i. Shipwreck
ii. Aircraft wreck
iii. Other vehicle
iv. Ruin
v. Human dwelling
vi. Fish trap
vii. Port structure
viii. Bridge
ix. Single Artefact
x. Cave/Cenote
xi. Other

Site confirmed to be:

i. in danger
ii. in no danger
iii. in good state of conservation
iv. damaged
v. destroyed

Intervention needed:

i. none
ii. scientific research
iii. site consolidation
iv. monitoring
v. physical protection
vi. other

Page 3 - Authority

Please fill in the pertinent information:

a. Responsible authority: _____

b. Contact: _____

Page 4 - Photos, documents or other pertinent information

Please give further information and research results:

**Upload
Photos**

**Upload
documents**

(You may add a long-term description to this sheet. No translation, verification or text treatment will however be provided by the Secretariat.)

Page 5 – Send-out

Preview your report

Modify your report

Send your report to:

(Your reported results will be made available to other States Parties by the Director-General of UNESCO)

UNESCO

Do you wish to publish your transmitted information on the UNESCO website accessible for the general public?

Yes/no

Page 6 - Confirmation

A confirmation of transmission will be shown and a report number will be attributed.