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**CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**SIXTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY BODY**

**30 April 2015**  
**Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room XIV (-1, Bonvin)**  
**10 am – 6 pm**

**Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Access to heritage**

The Meeting of States Parties, preceding the present meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB), has responded to recommendations of the STAB concerning public access. A follow up to the debate of the Meeting of States Parties is suggested by the present document.

**Action required:** paragraph 4

1. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB), at its fifth meeting, recommended to the Meeting of States Parties to consider as best practices all initiatives, undertaken in an exemplary manner and in conformity with the Convention, which provide the public at large with access to knowledge about underwater cultural heritage. It also recommended to the Meeting of States Parties to invite States Parties to the Convention to provide examples demonstrating such best practices by suggesting certain conditions, and to request the STAB to review the examples of best practices.
2. The STAB may wish to consider the debate of the Meeting of States Parties on this issue and to adopt the following:

#### **DRAFT RESOLUTION 6 / STAB 6**

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB) to the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage,

1. Referring to its Recommendation 2/STAB 5 and the discussion of the fifth session of the Meeting of States Parties in that regard,
2. Decides....
3. Recommends....