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SIXTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY BODY

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Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room XIV (Bonvin)
10 am – 6 pm

Item 8

Recommendations and Resolutions

The present document contains the Recommendations and Resolutions adopted at the sixth meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB) (Paris, 30 April 2015).

RESOLUTION 1 / STAB 6

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

1. Elects Mr Augustus Ajibola, Nigeria, Chairperson of its sixth meeting;
2. Elects Mr Ovidio Juan Ortega Pereyra, Cuba, Vice-Chairperson of its sixth meeting;
3. Elects Mr Michel L'Hour, France, Rapporteur of its sixth meeting.

RESOLUTION 2 / STAB 6

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

1. Having examined document UCH/15/6.STAB/2;
2. Adopts the agenda included in the above-mentioned document, as amended.

RESOLUTION 4 / 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. Having considered the modified Statutes of the STAB,
2. Decides to comply with the modified Statutes.

RESOLUTION 5 / 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. Having examined document UCH/15/5.MSP/7 and Resolution 7/5 MSP,
2. Decides to assist in implementing the recommendations contained in the STAB Evaluation Report of the Mission to Haiti subject to the availability of funds,
3. Also decides to nominate Mr Michel L'Hour as head of mission to Madagascar and to organize the mission as soon as funding becomes available;
4. Also decides to nominate Mr Xavier Nieto Prieto as head of mission to Panama and to organize the mission with financial support from Panama.

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. Considering Recommendation 2/STAB 5 and the discussions that took place at the fifth session of the Meeting of States Parties in that regard,
2. Decides to elaborate criteria for the identification of **best practices in protection and conservation** of underwater cultural heritage for review at its next meeting;
3. Considers that the Annex of the Convention does already set criteria for **best practices for activities** directed at underwater cultural heritage.

RESOLUTION 7 / 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. Decides to elaborate for its own use a list of international experts, available to assist the STAB in its work;
2. Requests the Secretariat to identify opportunities to involve the STAB members and the accredited NGOs in discussions on climate change, especially as it relates to underwater cultural heritage.

RESOLUTION 8 / 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. Having examined document UCH/15/6.STAB/7;
2. Invites the Director-General to convene the seventh meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body in spring 2016.