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**SECOND PROTOCOL TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION OF 1954  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY  
IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT**

**COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY  
IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT**

**Ninth meeting**  
**UNESCO Headquarters**  
**18 to 19 December 2014**

**Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda:**  
**Development of synergies with other relevant UNESCO normative instruments  
and programmes and strengthening partnerships**

The current document provides an update on the development of synergies with other UNESCO's normative instruments and programmes and strengthening partnerships since the eighth meeting of the Committee. In particular, it focuses on the development of synergies between the 1999 Second Protocol and the 1972 and 1970 Conventions.

**Draft decision:** paragraph 10.

## Introduction

1. At its eighth meeting, held on 18 and 19 December 2013, the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (“the Committee”) having examined document CLT-12/8.COM/CONF.203/3 requested the Secretariat, by its Decision 8.COM 3, “to pursue its efforts to develop synergies and complementarity with the World Heritage Convention” and invited “its Bureau and the Secretariat to continue to explore synergies with other relevant UNESCO standard-setting instruments and programmes”.
2. Furthermore, at the same meeting the Committee requested the Secretariat to report back to it at its ninth meeting in 2014.
3. This document presents the report on work accomplished since the adoption of the above-mentioned decision.
  - a. Synergies with the World Heritage Convention
4. To develop synergies between the World Heritage Convention and the Second Protocol, the Secretariat of the 1954 Hague Convention and its two (1954 and 1999) Protocols and the Chairperson met with the World Heritage Centre on potential modifications to the nomination format for the World Heritage List in order to allow States that are party to both the World Heritage Convention and the Second Protocol to apply simultaneously, at their convenience, for inscription on the World Heritage List and on the List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection. It was, however, considered that an integrated approach to periodic reporting would be more appropriate.
5. It should be also stressed that the Section for Cultural Heritage Protection Treaties (CLT/HER/CHP) which is responsible for the implementation of activities related to the 1999 Second Protocol, the 1954 Hague Convention and the 1954 (First) Protocol is now part of the Division for Heritage created during the recent restructuring of the Culture Sector. As the Division for Heritage is also responsible for activities related to the implementation of the 1972 Convention, this new structure will facilitate the development of the necessary synergies.
6. Finally, the Secretariat is working closely with the Chairperson of the Committee to send letters to States with properties on the World Heritage List encouraging them to apply for enhanced protection for their cultural heritage. It is hoped that this action will increase the number of cultural properties under enhanced protection.
  - b. Synergies with other relevant UNESCO standard-setting instruments and programmes
7. In May 2014 the Chairperson of the Committee met with the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Committee to the meeting of States Parties to the 1970 UNESCO Convention to discuss the possible improvement of the protection of cultural property through the synergies existing between the 1954 Hague Convention and its two Protocols and the 1970 UNESCO Convention on issues of illicit trafficking of cultural property.
  - c. Strengthening of Partnerships with all Stakeholders Concerned with the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
8. In March and June 2014, the Chairperson of the Committee convened representatives of UNESCO, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the Blue Shield in order to form an international discussion platform on all matters related to the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict, including communication in case of emergency. The main objective of the international platform is to ensure the dissemination of information on cultural heritage to all actors concerned and to strengthen efforts in the event of a crisis. It was decided that would have the following objectives:
  - disseminate information to all stakeholders involved in protection of cultural heritage regardless of their participation in the Platform;
  - strengthen cooperation for joint actions, including in times of conflict;

- enhance the work of National Committees of the Blue Shield, UNESCO National Commissions and National Committees established under Resolution II adopted by the Hague Conference of 1954.
9. Following the establishment of the Platform in March 2014, it held two meetings (14 March and 26 June) and discussed the issues such as the incidence of an armed conflict on cultural property or the possibility to provide technical assistance.
10. The Committee may wish to adopt the following Decision:

**DRAFT DECISION 9.COM 7**

The Committee,

1. Having examined document CLT-14/9.COM/CONF.203/7,
2. Welcomes further development of synergies with other UNESCO's normative instruments in the field of culture, programmes and strengthening partnerships;
3. Notes the establishment of the International Discussion Platform on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its work;
4. Invites the Secretariat to continue the development of synergies with other UNESCO's normative instruments and programmes and strengthening partnerships and inform its tenth meeting of progress achieved.