National report of Bahrain on the implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention

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Since the Kingdom of Bahrain has recently ratified the 1954 Hague Convention and its second protocol, in 2008, the main concerns of the Bahraini Government at this stage are:

- Dissemination of the Convention and the 1999 protocol:

The first step that the Bahraini authorities are planning to start with is to disseminate and promote the convention and its second protocol within the military to introduce to the military officers with the provisions of the convention and its second protocol in order to apply them by the military during the armed conflict.

- Revision of the national law of antiquities:

While Bahrain is currently revising and modifying the law of antiquities, it will take, within this law, all necessary penal provisions which sanctioning the destruction of cultural property and take the necessary steps upon those who commit or order to be committed a breach of the convention.