

Subject

Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two Protocols of 1954 and 1999 – periodic reports

**1. Article 3 – Safeguarding of cultural property**

The Slovak Republic understands the importance of measures taken to protect cultural property in the event of armed conflict. Slovakia has accepted appropriate measures to safeguard cultural property against the foreseeable effects of an armed conflict.

**2. Article 7 – Military measures**

Provisions have been introduced into the Slovak military regulations to ensure observance of the Convention, especially the measure entitled “Instruction of the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic in the event of armed conflict” (2005). Furthermore, training is provided for staff with a view to the protection of cultural property. For the time being, no unit in the armed forces is dedicated to securing respect for cultural property.

**3. Chapter V – The distinctive emblem**

Slovakia does not use the distinctive emblem of the Convention to identify all Slovak cultural property.

**4. Article 25 – Dissemination of the Convention**

The Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic guarantees dissemination of the Convention in Slovak territory. The text of the Convention and of the Second Protocol is available in Slovak on the website of the Slovak Government ([www.government.gov.sk](http://www.government.gov.sk)) and also on the public site of the Slovak search engine ([www.google.sk](http://www.google.sk)).

**5. Article 26 (1) – Official translations**

The official Slovak translation of the Convention and of the Regulations for its execution have already been communicated to the Secretariat.

**6. Article 28 – Sanctions**

The Slovak ordinary criminal jurisdiction provides for all necessary steps to impose penal sanctions in the event of a breach of the Convention. In Slovakia the extant legislation comprises: Law 115/1998; Law 183/2000; Law 49/2002 as amended by Law 479/2005; Law 395/2002 as amended by Law 515/2003; Law 416/2002; and, above all, the Constitution of the Slovak Republic and the Criminal Code as enacted in Law 300/2005.

The Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic is sending to you the official English translation of Law 49/2002 as amended by Law 479/2005.

**7. (First) Protocol of 1954**

Slovakia has enacted Law 416/2002 to prevent the export of cultural property from its territory.

**8. Resolution II of the Hague Conference of 1954 – national advisory committee**

Slovakia has not yet established a national advisory committee.

## **II. National reports on the implementation of the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention**

### **1. Article 5 – Safeguarding of cultural property**

The Historic Monuments Office of the Slovak Republic, which is part of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic, holds the list of Slovak historical monuments. There is a list of immovable cultural property on the website of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic. Slovak districts are required to draw up a list of cultural property in their territory.

Throughout Slovakia, a total of 56 district security committees shall be operational in peacetime and in the event of armed conflict.

### **2. Chapter 3 – Enhanced protection**

Cultural property on the World Heritage List is not under enhanced protection in Slovakia. Cultural property has the status of national cultural property, or territory with cultural property.

Registration of cultural property included in the World Heritage List is published under our ordinary criminal jurisdiction.

### **3. Article 15 – Serious violations of this Protocol**

This article is related to Article 28 of the Convention.

### **4. Article 16 – Jurisdiction**

This article is related to Article 28 of the Convention.

### **5. Article 21 – Measures regarding other violations**

This article is related to Article 28 of the Convention.

### **6. Article 30 – Dissemination**

This article is related to Article 25 of the Convention.

### **7. Article 37 – Translations and reports**

The Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic is sending to you the official Slovak translation of the Second Protocol.