

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

**UNESCO, Paris, Room XII, 12 December 2011, p.m.**

**RESOLUTION**

The Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict:

*Thanking* the UNESCO Secretariat, Member States of UNESCO, and participating governmental and non-governmental organizations for their active contribution to the promotion and dissemination of the Convention and its two Protocols,

*Welcoming* the efforts by the Secretariat to provide advice to States in order to facilitate the ratification process and the implementation of the Second Protocol,

1. **ENCOURAGES** High Contracting Parties to the Hague Convention not yet party to the Second Protocol to promptly become party to it and to adopt and effectively implement relevant national legislation;
2. **INVITES** the Director-General to promote ratification of the Second Protocol by High Contracting Parties, in particular with a view to a more balanced geographical representation; **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the Secretariat's action aimed at encouraging those High Contracting Parties not yet party to the Second Protocol to join this agreement; and **INVITES** all Parties to reiterate these encouragements during bilateral contacts where appropriate;
3. **TAKES NOTE OF** the Strategy for encouraging ratification of the Second Protocol and asks the Director-General to report on the implementation of this Strategy at the fifth Meeting of the Parties;
4. **THANKS** those Parties who have provided the Secretariat with the national reports on the implementation of the Second Protocol; and **CALLS** the attention of the Parties to the fact that the next periodic reports will be due in 2012;
5. **THANKS** the Chairperson of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Mr van Woudenberg, for the report by the Committee on the implementation of the Second Protocol;
6. **THANKS** the Bureau of the Committee and the Secretariat for their work on the amendments to the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention;
7. **ELECTS** the following six Parties to the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict for a term of four years: Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, El Salvador, Japan, and the Netherlands;
8. **ENCOURAGES** Parties and other potential donors to consider contributing to the Fund; and **REQUESTS** the Director-General to prepare a fundraising strategy for increasing the resources of the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict;

9. **INVITES** Parties and other potential donors to provide extra-budgetary resources to assist the Secretariat in reinforcing its financial and human resources;
10. **INVITES** Parties to submit to the Committee requests for the granting of enhanced protection;
11. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to (i) distribute the report of the present meeting, including this Resolution, to all UNESCO Member States and to international organizations concerned; and (ii) convene the fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention in 2013.