



The Protection of the
Underwater Cultural Heritage

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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

FOURTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY BODY

30 May 2013, UNESCO Headquarters, Room VI
7, place de Fontenoy, Paris
10 am – 6 pm

Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda:

Discussion on NGO cooperation

Decision required : paragraph 2

1. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Body consults and collaborates with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) having activities related to the scope of the Convention, when these are accredited by the Meeting of States Parties (Article 1 (e) of the Statutes).
2. During the Third Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the 2001 Convention (April 2012, Paris), the Advisory Body members stressed the importance of the NGO accreditations. The NGOs are working directly in the field and with national authorities worldwide. Therefore, they are of great importance in the dissemination of ethical principles and guidelines of the Convention. NGOs are recognized as having a very useful insight in the practice of underwater archaeology in the field, especially concerning issues that need to be considered in what constitutes best practice and the fostering of the development of underwater archaeology on a national, regional and international level.
3. The Bureau of the Meeting of States Parties to the 2001 Convention, in reference to Resolution 9 / MSP 3, decided to temporarily accredit a number of NGOs for consultation and collaboration with the Advisory Body pending a final decision on this issue by the Meeting of States Parties.
4. In its Resolution 3 / STAB 3 the Advisory Body, invited the accredited NGOs to submit proposals on the contributions they may wish to provide to its work. A number of such proposals were received and are annexed to the present document.
5. The Advisory Body may wish to discuss the proposals received and adopt a recommendation (or decision) as following:

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION 3 / STAB 3

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/13/4.STAB/220/3;

2. Recommends ...

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