

UCH/16/7.STAB/6 16 January 2016 Original: English

Distribution limited

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY BODY

10 May 2016
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room VI, Fontenoy Building
10 am – 6 pm

Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda:

Pillaging

The present document contains guidance on the discussion point on pillaging of underwater cultural heritage sites for the seventh meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB).

Action required: paragraph 2

- Extensive pillaging of ancient shipwrecks by some members of the diving community has been observed during the last years and months. While the STAB has adopted already a Code of Ethics for Diving on Submerged Archaeological Sites, more awareness-raising seems indicated.
- 2. Several of the accredited NGOs are already publishing awareness-raising materials and are offering educative courses. A common collaborative approach might however be indicated. Also a communicative outreach might be discussed.

DRAFT RESOLUTION 6 / STAB 7

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/16/7.STAB/6;
- 2. <u>Decides</u> to...
- 3. Recommends to...