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**CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE  
CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Third session**  
**Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room IV**  
**13 – 14 April 2011**

**Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda:**  
**Modification to the Rules of Procedure**

**Decision required : paragraph 3**

1. In accordance with Rule 18.1 of its Rules of Procedure, the official languages of the Meeting of State Parties are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
2. In view of the serious budget shortage for the 2001 Convention, the high cost of interpretation and translation of working documents in six languages, and considering lower number of the working languages of other UNESCO Convention's organs (for instance the Committee of the World Heritage Convention), the Meeting may wish to consider reducing the number of working languages of the Meeting of State Parties and to modify Rule 18.1 of the Rules of Procedure accordingly.
3. The Meeting of States Parties may wish to adopt the following resolution:

#### **DRAFT RESOLUTION 9 / MSP 3**

The Meeting of States Parties, in its third session,

1. Having examined document UCH/11/3.MSP/220/9;
2. Acknowledging the excessive burden on the budget available for the administration of the 2001 Convention due to the required six language interpretation and translation;
3. Decides to reduce the number of working languages of the Meeting State Parties to English, French and Spanish;
4. Modifies Rule 18.1 of the Rules of Procedure as follows: "The official languages of the Meeting shall be English, French and Spanish."