

CONVENTION

Chapter I. General provisions regarding protection

As a result of the work of the Inter-Ministerial Committee set up by the government in 1962, the following measures were taken on general provisions regarding protection:

The Israel Defence Army published General Orders instructing its soldiers to adhere to the letter and spirit of the Convention as set out in Article 7. The army also published the full text of the Convention in Hebrew and disseminated it as an annex to the Orders, as requested in Article 25. In addition, the full text of the Convention, as well as the full text of the Geneva Convention, were published (in Hebrew) by the army in a booklet which appeared so far in two editions (1963 and 1965). Furthermore the army includes lectures on the Convention and its implications in various courses which it runs.

Chapter VII. Execution of the Convention

The Convention was published in Reshumot, Kitvey Amana (Official Gazette) No. 213 in Hebrew, English and French, in February 1957. In addition, the army took the special measures mentioned above.

Regulations for the execution of the ConventionChapter I. Control

The Inter-Ministerial Committee (at its meeting of July 1965) reiterated its decision to nominate Professor Y. Prawer, Head of the History Department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, to serve as Commissioner-General for Cultural Property (as defined in Article 1 of the Regulations for the Execution of the Convention) in addition to Mr. Justice Halm Cohen. Professor L.H. Mayer, who was nominated in 1958, is no longer alive. Professor Prawer was approached and accepted the nomination. His Curriculum Vitae is attached hereto⁽¹⁾.

Resolution II

As mentioned above, the Inter-Ministerial Committee was set up, by a government decision, in 1962. This Committee is chaired by Dr. A. Biran, Director of the Department of Antiquities and Museums of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Its membership is composed of representatives of the following Ministries:

1. Prime Minister's Office
2. Ministry for Foreign Affairs
3. Ministry of Education and Culture
4. Ministry of Defence
5. Ministry of Justice.

The administrative assistance to the Director of the Department of Antiquities and Museums of the Ministry of Education and Culture serves as the co-ordinator of the Committee, under the same government decision.

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