

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Special committee of government experts to prepare a draft convention and a draft recommendation to Member States concerning the protection of monuments, groups of buildings and sites

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IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF UNIVERSAL EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

Article 8

1. An Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the Cultural and Natural Heritage of Universal EXCEPTIONAL Value, hereinafter called "the Committee", and composed of 15 States Parties to the Convention, elected by States Party to the Convention meeting in General Assembly during the ordinary sessions of Unesco's General Conference, is hereby established within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The number of States members of the Committee shall be increased to 21 once the number of States Parties to the Convention is over 40.
2. Members of the Committee should be so elected that as far as possible all regions and cultures throughout the world are equitably represented.
3. A representative of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, a representative of the International Council of Monuments and Sites and a representative of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, to whom may be added, at the request of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention, representatives of other intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations with similar objectives, shall attend the meetings of the Committee in an advisory capacity.

Article 9

1. The term of office of States members of the Committee shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its third subsequent ordinary session.
2. The term of office of one third of the members designated at the time of the first election shall, however, cease at the end of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following that at which they were elected; and the term of office of a further third of the members designated at the same time shall cease at the end of the second ordinary session of the General Conference following that at which they were elected.

3. States members of the Committee shall choose as their representatives prominent persons qualified in the protection, study and presentation of the cultural and/or natural heritage.

Article 10

1. The Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure. It may, for the implementation of its programme, entrust missions to intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, in particular the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, the International Council of Monuments and Sites and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, for questions falling within their competence.
2. In carrying out its task, the Committee shall co-operate with the International Council of Monuments and Sites, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, Rome, and similar centres.
3. The Committee may create such consultative bodies as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.