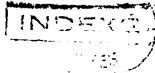


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convention and a draft recommendation to Member States  
concerning the protection of monuments, groups of buildings and sites

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DRAFT CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION  
OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL WORLD HERITAGE

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

Article 8

An Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the Cultural and Natural Heritage of Universal Value, hereinafter called "the Committee", and composed of 15 States Parties to the Convention, elected by the 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.

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 .... subsequent ordinary session.
2. The term of office of seven 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.
3. States members of the Committee shall choose as their representatives prominent persons qualified in the protection of the cultural and the natural heritage.

Article 10

1. The Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure which shall, in particular, permit observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations designated by the Committee to participate in its work, and shall lay down the conditions under which particularly well-qualified private individuals or corporate bodies may participate in the Committee's activities.

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2. The Committee may create such consultative bodies as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

#### Article 11

1. The Committee shall receive and consider requests for assistance for the protection of the cultural and natural heritage. It shall decide on the action to be taken on such requests; it shall determine, where necessary, the nature and scale of its assistance; and it shall make the necessary arrangements with the government concerned.
2. The Committee shall determine an order of priorities for its operation. It shall in so doing bear in mind the respective importance for the world cultural and natural heritage of the property requiring protection, the need to give international protection to the property most representative of a natural environment or of the genius and the history of the peoples of all continents, the urgency of the work to be done, and the resources available to the States on whose territory the threatened property is situated and the extent to which they are able to safeguard such property by their own means.
3. The Committee shall establish and bring up to date every two years a short list of the most important cultural and natural property whose conservation entails major operations and for which aid has been requested in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article. This list, which shall contain indications as to the importance of the cultural or natural property and an estimate of the cost of the operations required, shall be widely publicized.
4. The Committee shall draw up, keep up to date, and publicize a list of property saved as a result of its activity.
5. The Committee shall have at its disposal the resources of the World Fund the creation of which is provided for in Article 13. It shall adopt an annual budget for its expenditure.
6. The Committee shall seek ways of increasing the resources of the International Fund, and shall take all useful steps to this end.
7. The decisions referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this Article shall be taken by the Committee by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting.

#### Article 12

The Committee shall be assisted by a secretariat appointed by the Director-General of Unesco. The secretariat shall prepare the Committee's documentation and the agenda of its meetings. It shall see that its decisions are carried out.