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DRAFT CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION
OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL WORLD HERITAGE

ARTICLE 5

The States Parties to this Convention will make every effort to ensure that the most efficient and active measures possible are taken for the protection and effective presentation of the cultural and natural heritage on their territory, as appropriate for each country and in conformity with the relevant provisions of international conventions and recommendations.

ARTICLE 6

1. The States Parties to this Convention further recognize that the cultural and natural heritage enjoying international protection under this Convention constitutes a universal heritage and that it is the duty of the international community as a whole to co-operate in protecting it.
2. Accordingly, they undertake, in conformity with the following provisions, to give their scientific, technical, artistic and financial help in the international protection of such property, whilst fully respecting the sovereignty of the States on whose territory such property is situated.
3. The States Parties to this Convention undertake to respect the cultural and natural heritage enjoying international protection under this Convention by refraining so far as possible from acts which might damage them.

ARTICLE 7

International preservation and protection shall be ensured by the application of a permanent system of international co-operation with a view to identifying, protecting and preserving this cultural and natural heritage.

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