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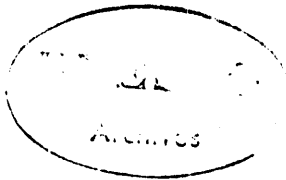
# GENERAL CONFERENCE - CONFÉRENCE GÉNÉRALE

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PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF HISTORIC MONUMENTS AND ART TREASURES  
SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO

CONCLUSION



In submitting the present proposal for examination by Unesco, the Mexican delegation considers that it is promoting the protection and preservation of historic monuments and art treasures, which, as we have said, constitute mankind's most precious heritage. Accordingly, the Mexican delegation has the honour to submit the following proposal:

The General Conference of Unesco recommends the adoption of an international convention whereby the Signatory States would introduce a tax to be paid by all tourists entering the country. The yield of such tax would be earmarked in toto for the protection of art treasures and historic monuments and the expansion of museums.

The Signatory States would pay a contribution proportionate to the yield of the tax so as to enable Unesco to give effect to the programme recommended by the meeting of experts.