

<p>Amendments proposed by the Russian Federation and Saudi Arabia to the 0-DRAFT introductory part</p>
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Introduction to [Code of Conduct, Ethical principles or similar text. Hereinafter: [TEXT]]

The Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972)

The Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) (hereinafter: the *Convention*) establishes [Russian Federation] a solid framework for all States Parties for ~~an international community~~ working together to recognise [Saudi Arabia], sustain, and protect the world's universally significant and outstanding ~~examples~~ value of cultural diversity and natural wealth. The States Parties to the Convention [Saudi Arabia] the Advisory Bodies, and the World Heritage Centre (hereinafter: the Secretariat) have a shared commitment to preserving and safeguarding [Saudi Arabia] ~~our~~ the world's shared legacy [Russian Federation] of all the nations of the world for future generations. The *Convention* plays a vital role in [Saudi Arabia] generating fruitful dialogue between its constituents and different cultural communities, promoting respect for common heritage and cultural diversity ~~promoting peace through mutual understanding and dialogue and celebrating cultural diversity~~, and is recognised as an important instrument contributing to international peace, sustainable development and the advancement of humanity.

Purpose and scope

This [TEXT] is a means to [Russian Federation] promote ~~safeguard~~ the international solidarity [Saudi Arabia] and, cooperation ~~and concern for~~ to preserve the world's natural and cultural heritage, the shared commitment [Russian Federation] of all the stakeholders of the 1972 Convention solidarity ~~to preserve our legacy of all the nations of the world, the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage properties and~~ to uphold the integrity and credibility of the Convention [Saudi Arabia] and the World Heritage List [Russian Federation] ~~and the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage properties~~.

The World Heritage Committee, the [Saudi Arabia] ~~World Heritage Centre Secretariat~~ (hereinafter: ~~the Secretariat~~), the Advisory Bodies and the States Parties to the Convention have a collective responsibility to uphold credibility, integrity and high professional standards of [Russian Federation] ~~the Convention and it's~~ the implementation of the Convention. The [TEXT] expresses a commitment to impartial decision making [Russian Federation] based on objective and scientific considerations, verifiable technical evidence and elaborated by qualified experts in the fields of natural and cultural heritage ~~based on objective,~~ [Saudi Arabia], cultural [Russian Federation] ~~—and— scientific considerations—~~ conducting themselves according to the highest ethical standards of professionalism, equity and transparency.

The provisions of the World Heritage Convention, its Operational Guidelines and Rules of Procedure [Russian Federation] of the World Heritage Committee, UNESCO Constitution, UNESCO Staff Regulations and Rules, the Standards of Conduct for International Civil Service, ICOMOS Ethical Principles, Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for the Secretariat of IUCN and Terms of

reference for the IUCN World Heritage panel, govern the work of all **respective** stakeholders. The [TEXT] complements these documents providing an **legally non-binding** ethical guideline and statement of good practice principles and commitments for pursuing the highest standards of integrity and conduct. Importantly, the [TEXT] does not **[Russian Federation]and would not in any case** impact the sovereignty of the States Parties, the terms of the World Heritage Convention, its Operational Guidelines or Rules of Procedure **[Russian Federation] of the World Heritage Committee or the General Assembly of the States Parties [Saudi Arabia]**, and shall not deprive the **World Heritage Committee from its decision rights as a governing body**.

The [TEXT] ~~is enacted~~ **[Saudi Arabia] serves as a recommendation** when agreed and adopted by the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention. **[Russian Federation and Saudi Arabia]** ~~New States Members of the World Heritage Committee commit to the [TEXT] when elected at the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention.~~