

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
PROTECTION OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE
PROVISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE

Rule 3 Convocation

- 3.4 The Director General shall, at the same time, notify to the States, organizations and individuals mentioned in Rules 6, 7 and 8, the date, place and provisional agenda of each session.

Rule 4 Date and Place

- 4.1 The Committee shall determine at each session, in consultation with the Director General, the date and the place of the next session. The date and/or the place may be modified, if necessary, by the Bureau, in consultation with the Director General.

Rule 5 Delegations

- 5.2 States members of the Committee shall choose as their representatives persons qualified in the field of the cultural or natural heritage.

Rule 6 Organizations attending in an advisory capacity

A representative of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (Rome Centre), a representative of the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and a representative of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), to whom may be added, at the request of States Parties to the Convention meeting in general assembly during the ordinary sessions of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, representatives of other intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, with similar objectives, may attend the meetings of the Committee in an advisory capacity. They shall not have the right to vote.

Convention
Article 9.3

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Article 8.3

Rule 9 Provisional Agenda

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Article
14.2

- 9.1 The provisional agenda of the sessions of the Committee shall be prepared by the Director General, utilizing to the fullest extent possible the services of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and the Restoration of Cultural Property, the International Council of Monuments and Sites and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in their respective areas of competence.

Rule 12 Elections

- 12.1 The Committee, at the beginning of each ordinary session, shall elect a Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, who shall remain in office until the beginning of the next ordinary session, provided that the States which they represent remain members of the Committee.
- 12.2 The Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur shall be eligible for immediate re-election for a second term of office.
- 12.3 In electing the Bureau, due regard shall be given to the need for a proper balance between the cultural and natural heritage as provided in the Convention.

Rule 13 Bureau

The Bureau of the Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the four Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur. The Bureau shall co-ordinate the work of the Committee, fix the dates, hours and order of business of meetings, The Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur shall assist the Chairman in carrying out his duties.

Rule 14 Replacement of Chairman

- 14.1 If the Chairman is unable to act at any session of the Committee, or part thereof, his functions shall be exercised by a Vice-Chairman, in the English alphabetical order of States members of the Committee.

Rule 17 Public Meetings

Meetings shall be held in public unless decided otherwise by the Committee or by the body concerned.

Rule 18 Private Meetings

When in exceptional circumstances, the Committee decides to hold a private meeting, it shall determine the persons who, in addition to the representatives of States members, shall be present.

Rule 25 Closure of debate

A State member of the Committee may at any time move the closure of the debate, whether or not any other speaker has signified his wish to take part in the discussion. If application is made for permission to speak against the closure, it may be accorded to not more than two speakers. The Chairman shall then put to the vote the motion for closure and, if the Committee is in favour of the motion, he shall declare the closure of the debate.

Rule 28 Voting

- 28.4 Decisions as to whether a particular matter is covered by the provisions of the Convention and decisions on any other matters not covered by the present Rules, shall be taken by a majority of the States members, present and voting.

Rule 32 Decisions and Records

- 32.2 Following the closure of each session, the Secretariat shall prepare a summary record thereof which it shall transmit to the States members of the Committee, to all States Parties to the Convention and to the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and the Restoration of Cultural Property, the International Council of Monuments and Sites and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, as well as to all other organizations invited to the session.