



## UNESCO General Conference

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### Resolution 2 (2014)

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*The General Conference,*

*Noting* that the cultural heritage and the natural heritage are increasingly threatened with destruction not only by the traditional causes of decay, but also by changing social and economic conditions which aggravate the situation with even more formidable phenomena of damage or destruction,

*Considering* that deterioration or disappearance of any item of the cultural or natural heritage constitutes a harmful impoverishment of the heritage of all the nations of the world,

*Considering* that protection of this heritage at the national level often remains incomplete because of the scale of the resources which it requires and of the insufficient economic, scientific, and technological resources of the country where the property to be protected is situated,

*Recalling* that the Constitution of the Organization provides that it will maintain, increase, and diffuse knowledge, by assuring the conservation and protection of the world's heritage, and recommending to the nations concerned the necessary international conventions,

*Considering* that the existing international conventions, recommendations and resolutions concerning cultural and natural property demonstrate the importance, for all the peoples of the world, of safeguarding this unique and irreplaceable property, to whatever people it may belong,

*Considering* that parts of the cultural or natural heritage are of outstanding interest and therefore need to be preserved as part of the world heritage of mankind as a whole,

*Hopes* to develop and facilitate international cooperation among all those who is interested in preservation of cultural heritage;

*Suggests* organizing World Cultural Heritage events in all participating States so as to present the activities in the culture sector taken by UNESCO at the expense of its budget;

*Urges* to modify the organization of touristic facilities in world heritage sites in order to create the system of sustainable tourism;

*Strongly recommends*

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*Calls for extension of the existing list of the world heritage sites;*

*Suggests* imposing a limitation on freedom of assembly near objects of world cultural heritage;

*Urges*

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*Further invites* to develop means of protection of the world cultural heritage sites during armed conflicts, including:

- a. broadening the knowledge about such objects in the army,
- b. elaborating effective measures of removal of valuable objects in times of armed conflicts to the neutral zone,
- c. creating special military group in each Member State for defense of cultural heritage during armed conflicts;

*Encourages* the Member-States to start national programs of promotion and increasing the level of awareness, documentation, preservation of non-material cultural heritage;

*Further proclaims* to encourage volunteer movements which are aimed to protect and promote world cultural heritage;

*Further recommends* developing a link between science and culture concerning recognition of the monuments and sites connected with astronomical observations throughout all the geographical regions;

*Suggests* carrying out certain repair works only for maintaining aboriginal condition of the object;

*Urges* to strengthen precautionary measures in regions most affected by natural disasters (earthquakes, tsunamis etc.) so as to assure protection of the world cultural heritage sites situated there;

*Encourages* the nations to take into consideration more cultural landscapes as possible objects to be included in the World Heritage List.