

To the Permanent Delegations and
Observers to UNESCO

13 March 2025

**The Assistant Director-General
for Priority Africa and External Relations**

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**Subject: Invitation to the statutory meetings of the 1970 Convention on the Means
of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of
Ownership of Cultural Property**

Sir, Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the following meetings at UNESCO Headquarters:

- 1. Eighth Meeting of the States Parties to the 1970 Convention**, on 19 and 20 May 2025;
- 2. Thirteenth Session of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention**, on 21 and 22 May 2025.

Permanent Delegations are invited to attend the session in presential at UNESCO Headquarters in Room XI. Online attendance will also be made possible in order to enable the participation of experts and observers.

Please find attached the provisional agendas for the sessions. Simultaneous interpretation and working documents will be provided in the six official languages of UNESCO for the Eighth Meeting of States Parties, and in French and English for the Thirteenth session of the Subsidiary Committee, as per their respective Rules of Procedure. The working documents as well as general information about the sessions will be made available online by **18 April 2025**.

I should be grateful if you would confirm your participation by registering online at the following addresses:

https://indico.un.org/event/1016959/registrations/20186/?form_token=4d69342a-f8f5-4a1d-876b-aba4ba4f0cc6

and

https://indico.un.org/event/1016960/registrations/20188/?form_token=3c368953-4aaf-4ad9-b323-71779113d06c, as soon as possible and no later than **12 May 2025**.

The Secretariat (convention1970@unesco.org) is at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Enc.: Provisional agendas
cc: National Commissions for UNESCO