

To the States Parties  
of the 1970 Convention

4 December 2024

**Culture Sector**  
**The Assistant Director-General**

Ref.: CLT/CEM/MHM/24/9653

Subject: **Voluntary contributions to the 1970 Convention Fund**

Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Director-General, I would like to invite your country to make an annual voluntary contribution to the 1970 Convention Fund. This call for contributions is in accordance with the resolution of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention in 2015 ([Resolution 3.MSP 10](#)), where the States Parties declared themselves in favour of the creation of a specific Fund for the 1970 Convention to support the Secretariat with additional financial resources, which would enable it to respond favourably to the actions linked to the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property, such as capacity-building, awareness-raising, inventory and database work and the monitoring of auctions.

Furthermore, the Meeting of States Parties, through [Resolution 7.MSP 14](#) adopted at its Seventh Meeting in 2023, “call[ed] upon the States Parties to make annual voluntary contributions, equivalent to at least 1% of their contribution to the UNESCO Regular Programme, so that the fund is adequately and sustainably resourced to ensure the implementation of the 1970 Convention”.

Following these decisions, I encourage all States Parties to consider making voluntary contributions to the Fund of the 1970 Convention. Your contributions will be vital to ensure the continued effectiveness and sustainability of UNESCO’s action under the 1970 Convention and allow us to provide further support to States Parties. Attached to this letter you will find an overview of what a voluntary contribution of 1% represents per State Party.

Kindly note that payments should be made only by bank transfer to the following account, specifying the reference “Fund of 1970 Convention”:

**For payments in US dollars to this bank account:**

Account Holder:	UNESCO
Bank:	Citibank, N.A.
Branch:	940-New York
Bank’s address:	111 Wall Street, New York, NY, 10043, USA
Account number:	36378785
SWIFT:	CITIUS33
ABA:	021000089

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**For payments in Euros to this bank account:**

Account Holder: UNESCO  
Bank: Société Générale, Paris, France  
Account number (IBAN) n°: FR76 3000 3033 0100 0372 9190 997  
SWIFT: SOGEFRPP

The Secretariat of the 1970 Convention (tel: +33 1 4568 1693; e-mail: [convention1970@unesco.org](mailto:convention1970@unesco.org)) is at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Thanking you for your support to the 1970 Convention, please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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