

To Members of the Committee for  
the Protection of Cultural Property in  
the Event of Armed Conflict

28 July 2025

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

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Subject: **20th meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property  
in the Event of Armed Conflict**

Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite one or more representatives of your government to participate in the 20th meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, scheduled in conformity with Decision [19.COM 16](#), for **4 and 5 December 2025**, in Room XI at UNESCO Headquarters (Paris, Fontenoy building).

In accordance with Rule 8.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, Parties to the Second Protocol of 1999 that are not members of the Committee, States non-Parties to the Second Protocol that are High Contracting Parties to the 1954 Hague Convention, and other States that are Members of UNESCO or the United Nations may attend the sessions of the Committee as observers, without the right to vote.

The provisional agenda is enclosed for your information. The meeting's working documents will be available on our website at the following address:  
<https://www.unesco.org/en/heritage-armed-conflicts/second-protocol-committee>.

In this context, please be advised that, in accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, members of the Committee, as well as other Parties to the Second Protocol, may propose items to the provisional agenda. These proposals should be submitted to the Secretariat in writing eight weeks before the meeting, by **9 October 2025**, with an explanatory note on the issue and the purpose of the proposal.

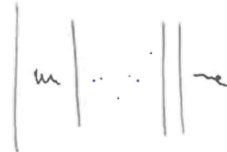
Simultaneous interpretation, of the debates will be provided in English and French in conformity with Decision [17.COM 4](#) of the Committee.

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I would be grateful if you could kindly confirm your participation in this meeting by registering online your representatives at your earliest convenience, by **21 November 2025** through the following link: [Registration link](#). In the event you encounter technical difficulties, and for any additional information, kindly send an email to the Secretariat at the following e-mail address: [99sp@unesco.org](mailto:99sp@unesco.org).

In accordance with the established rules, the travel and subsistence expenses of participants in this meeting will be borne by the government they represent.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ernesto Ottone R.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ernesto Ottone R.

Enc.: Provisional agenda

cc: Parties to the Second Protocol  
High Contracting Parties to the 1954 Hague Convention  
UNESCO Member States and Permanent Observer Missions to UNESCO