

To the States Parties to the 2001 Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage

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Culture Sector The Assistant Director-General

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Subject: Consultations on the revised draft Results Framework under the 2001 Convention

Madam, Sir,

As you know, a first draft of the Results Framework of the 2001 Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage was presented to the States Parties at their ninth Meeting (June 2023) in document UCH/23/9.MSP/8 INF.1. By its Resolution 8/MSP9, the States Parties took note of the draft Results Framework and requested that it serve as a basis for further consultations with Member States, the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB) to the 2001 Convention and the concerned stakeholders, in order to submit a revised proposal to the next Meeting of States Parties, in June 2025.

In accordance, the Secretariat launched consultations on this draft Results Framework with the STAB and concerned expert stakeholders, notably by organizing a series of online meetings throughout the month of April 2024. A summary of these consultations can be found in document UCH/24/15.STAB/4, presented at the fifteenth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (June 2024).

At its fifteenth meeting, the STAB welcomed the Internal Oversight Services' Evaluation of UNESCO's Periodic Reporting on the Culture Sector's Conventions and Recommendations, took note of its findings and recommendations, and endorsed the draft Results Framework (Recommendation 4 / STAB 15). Furthermore, it expressed support for the adoption of a periodic reporting mechanism on the implementation of the 2001 Convention, to be presented for adoption at the tenth session of the Meeting of States Parties to the 2001 Convention (June 2025).

In line with this Recommendation, the Secretariat is now launching consultations on the revised draft Results Framework with Member States of UNESCO and States Parties to the 2001 Convention. In this context, I wish to invite you to share your comments on the revised draft in writing by 13 September 2024, at the following e-mail address: convention 2001 @unesco.org.

The Secretariat of the 2001 Convention remains at your disposal for any additional information you may require (Edouard Planche, e.planche@unesco.org; Verónica Mateus Pereira, v.pereira@unesco.org).

Please accept, Madam, Sir, the expression of my highest consideration.

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