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**Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda**: Use of the 1970 Convention Fund

Pursuant to Resolution 3.MSP 10 of the Third Meeting of States Parties held in May 2015, this document presents a draft budget for the use of the Fund for the biennium 2018-2019.

**Draft Resolution**: Paragraph 11
I. INTRODUCTION

1. During the discussions at the first session of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention (hereinafter “the Subsidiary Committee”), held on 2 and 3 July 2013, the Subsidiary Committee decided “to consider, at its second session, the possibility and the modalities of establishing a Fund to support the implementation of the 1970 Convention” (Decision 1.SC 8).1

2. Due to the need to improve the financial situation impeding the effective implementation of the 1970 Convention, the Secretariat submitted a document during the Third Meeting of States Parties (May 2015) with a view to consider the creation of a Fund in the form of a Special Account.

3. Resolution 3.MSP 102 of the abovementioned session acknowledged the need to enhance the implementation of the 1970 Convention in order for it to better respond to the wishes and needs of States Parties. By the same resolution, the States Parties of the 1970 Convention invited the Director-General to establish a Fund, took note of the draft Financial Regulations of this Fund and approved the budget for the use of its resources. Furthermore, States Parties requested the Secretariat to prepare, for the ordinary session of Meeting of States Parties in 2017, a draft budget for the use of the Fund for the biennium 2018 – 2019.

4. Consequently, the Director-General authorized in July 2015 the establishment of the Fund.

II. PURPOSE OF THE FUND

5. The Fund is relates to the Expected Result 2 of Major Programme IV “Policy dialogue promoted to combat illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property through enhanced, strengthened and more efficient international cooperation, including the implementation of the 1970 Convention and enhanced capacities of museums” of the approved 38 C/5.

6. The purpose of the Fund is to receive voluntary contributions in order to support the Convention through the allocation of resources to reinforce its operational implementation (capacity-building, outreach and communication, inventorying and monitoring of sales) and contributing to the participation of representatives from developing countries in statutory meetings of the Convention.

III. STATUS OF THE FUND

7. Since the establishment of the Fund, the Secretariat has received one contribution of USD 65,000 from the People’s Republic of China in November 2016.

8. As of March 2017, the Fund enabled a representative from a Least Developed Country (Zambia) to participate in the 4th Meeting of States Parties and the 5th Session of the Subsidiary Committee. Discussions are underway with the UNESCO Field Office in Phnom Penh for using the Fund to produce a publication on the restitution of cultural objects.

IV. APPROVAL OF DRAFT BUDGET BY THE MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

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1 http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002220/222076E.pdf
9. The General Conference maintains a biennial cycle for the appropriation of the regular budget which was decided by 36 C/Resolution 105. Thus, the regular budget of the Organization will continue to be approved by the General Conference at the end of each odd-numbered year and will comprise two consecutive years starting on 1 January of an even year and ending on 31 December the following odd year.

10. The Meeting of States Parties to the Convention also meets for the ordinary session during each odd numbered year, the same year of the General Conference. Therefore, the Meeting is requested to approve the draft budget for the use of the resources of the Fund covering twenty-four months from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 (Annex A). The draft budget follows the same structure as the one adopted by the Third Meeting of States Parties.

11. The Meeting of States Parties may wish to adopt the following decision:

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 4.MSP 14**

*The Meeting of States Parties,*

1. *Having examined* document C70/17/4.MSP/14 and its Annex;

2. *Expresses* appreciation to States Parties who have provided funding or support to the Secretariat to enhance its resources;

3. *Underlines* the financial constraints regarding the effective implementation of the Convention, and invites States Parties to contribute to the Fund;

4. *Approves* the draft budget for the use of the Fund for the biennium 2018-2019;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare, for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Meeting of States Parties in 2019, a draft budget on the use of the Fund for the biennium 2020-2021.
### ANNEX A

**Draft budget for the Use of the Resources of the Fund**

For the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019, the resources of the 1970 Convention Fund may be used for the following purposes:

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<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Percentage of the resources under the Fund</th>
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<td><strong>Capacity-building</strong></td>
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<td>Projects that build national and regional capacities to fight against the illicit trafficking in cultural property of relevant stakeholders, as well as the development and implementation of activities and measures to promote and disseminate good practices and the work of the Committee;</td>
<td>Up to 30%</td>
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<td><strong>Public outreach and communication</strong></td>
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<td>Projects aimed at the sensitization the public</td>
<td>Up to 30%</td>
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<td><strong>Development of inventories</strong></td>
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<td>Projects aimed at the development of inventories of cultural objects according to international standards, including digitization processes and training</td>
<td>Up to 15%</td>
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<td><strong>Monitoring of internet sales</strong></td>
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<td>National or international initiatives aimed at monitoring on-line auctions of cultural objects</td>
<td>Up to 15%</td>
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<td><strong>Other uses of the Fund</strong></td>
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<td>Participation in the sessions of the Committee and the Meeting of States Parties of experts representing least developing countries</td>
<td>Up to 10%</td>
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