Item 7. UNESCO Action in Conflict Zones

Recent developments at global policy and program levels
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Welcomed the Action Plan for the Implementation of the *Strategy for the Reinforcement of UNESCO's Actions for the Protection of Culture and the Promotion of Cultural Pluralism in the event of armed conflict*;

Action Plan also covers disaster situations;

General Conference to include disasters in Strategy
Art. 8: “Requests Member States to take appropriate steps to prevent and counter the illicit trade and trafficking in cultural property and other items of archaeological, historical, cultural, rare scientific, and religious importance originating from a context of armed conflict, notably from terrorist groups, including by prohibiting cross-border trade in such illicit items where States have a reasonable suspicion that the items originate from a context of armed conflict, notably from terrorist groups, and which lack clearly documented and certified provenance [...]”

Art. 17: “Calls upon Member States, in order to prevent and counter trafficking of cultural property illegally appropriated and exported in the context of armed conflicts, notably by terrorist groups, to consider adopting the following measures, in relation to such cultural property: [...] “
Activity 1: Development of training tools and piloting of trainings for national law enforcement, armed forces and legal sectors on cultural property protection and illicit trafficking of cultural objects

Activity 25: Integration of the protection of cultural heritage into UN peace-keeping operations (including their police and civilian components) and UN special political missions, where they include the protection of cultural heritage in their mandate;

Activity 22: Strengthened cooperation in the fight against illicit trafficking

Activity 9: Establishment and maintenance of a Rapid Response Mechanism
Activity 3: Development of Inventorying, Monitoring and Assessment tools using information and communications technology (ICT) and social media for recording, reporting, and documenting events affecting heritage in all its forms

Activity 15: Establishment of a Global Observatory of Cultural Heritage to monitor and document looting or damage to cultural heritage sites
Action Plan: activities relevant to 1970 Convention/3

**Activity 5:** Campaign for the global ratification of UNESCO Conventions

**Activity 20:** Strengthening synergies among Conventions

**Activity 7:** Comprehensive review of legal and policy frameworks on safe havens for cultural property

**Activity 16:** Facilitate the creation of safe havens for cultural property
Action Plan: activities relevant to 1970 Convention/3

**Activity 6:** Reinforcement of the #Unite4Heritage Campaign using international, regional and national media as well as social networks

**Activity 2:** Training on First Aid

**Activity 8:** Implementation of first aid and mitigation measures on the ground

**Activity 10:** Formulation and coordination of international efforts for country-based emergency response

**Activity 13:** Preparatory documentation, risk assessment and emergency plans for heritage
Proposal for a New Expected Result n. 5:

Culture protected and cultural pluralism promoted in emergencies through better preparedness and response, in particular through the effective implementation of UNESCO’s cultural standard setting instruments.
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Authorizes the DG to appoint a representative of UNESCO to sit in the governing board of the newly established ALIPH Foundation, as a non-voting member.
Heritage Emergency Fund

• Ca. USD 2,3 million mobilized so far;
• USD 700,000 uncommitted and unplanned
→ Need to be kept aside for emergency response
• USD 5,640,000 worth of activities in Action Plan related to 1970 Convention, of which only USD 75,000 fully funded
THANK YOU