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Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda:

Evaluation and Accreditation of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

The document contains guidance on the review of the accreditation of the NGOs, accredited in 2015 by the fifth session of the Meeting of States Parties. Additional information is available in document *UCH/19/7.MSP/INF.11*.

Resolution required: Paragraph 4.

1. In accordance with [Chapter VI C of the Operational Guidelines](#) of the Convention, “*The Meeting of State Parties shall review already accredited NGOs every four years as to maintaining or terminating relations with the organization in question*”. Exact criteria are given for this exercise (please click on the link to consult them, available in 6 languages).
2. The Meeting of States Parties, in its fifth session in 2015 and in non-public plenary, accredited the following NGOs in addition to other eleven already accredited eleven NGOs (renewed in 2017):
 - a) MAT – Maritime Archaeology Trust
 - b) CMAS – Confédération mondiale des activités subaquatiques
 - c) MAST – Maritime Archaeology Sea Trust
 - d) GRAN - Groupe de recherche en archéologie navale
3. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB), in accordance with the Operational Guidelines, has now made recommendations to the Meeting of States Parties on what regards the maintenance of the accreditation status.
4. In the absence of new accreditation requests, the Meeting of States Parties might wish to consult the recommendations made and adopt the following resolution on the renewal of the NGOs, which were accredited at its fifth session in 2015:

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The Meeting of States Parties, in its seventh session,

1. *Having examined* document UCH/19/7.MSP/11 and UCH/19/7.MSP/INF.11 including the report of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body on the collaboration with accredited NGOs;
2. *Thanks* the accredited non-governmental organizations for the support provided in the promotion of the ratification and implementation of the 2001 Convention; and
3. *Decides* to [maintain their accreditation for another four years, to be reviewed at the Meeting of States Parties in 2023 or before, if the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body so deems necessary, in accordance with Chapter VI C of the Operational Guidelines of the Convention] / [not maintain their accreditation].