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Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda:

Report on the evaluation of the 2001 Convention

The Internal Oversight Service Evaluation Office (IOS) has recently completed an evaluation of UNESCO's standard-setting work of the Culture Sector Part VI - 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. The Evaluation Report is presented in UCH/19/7.MSP/INF.9.

Resolution required: Paragraph 4.

1. In line with its biennial plan 2018-2019, UNESCO's Internal Oversight Service (hereafter "IOS") conducted an evaluation of the 2001 Convention for the protection of underwater cultural heritage. This evaluation forms part VI of the evaluation of UNESCO's standard setting work of the culture sector.
2. The main purpose of the evaluation was to generate findings, lessons learned and recommendations regarding the relevance and the effectiveness of the work undertaken under the 2001 Convention. The evaluation includes elements showing what functioned well so far, why and under which circumstances. The document also examines the challenges encountered to extract lessons and identify possible improvements for an effective support to Member States in the implementation of the 2001 Convention. The evaluation also focuses on the alignment and complementarity of the standard-setting work of the Culture Sector with UNESCO's global priorities, Africa and Gender Equality, and its continued relevance, notably in the framework of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Agenda 2063 of the African Union.
3. The evaluation will feed into the next Strategic Results Report (due in 2020) and aims to inform the next quadrennial programme and budget (2022-2025). It is also intended to serve as a learning exercise for managers and staff working in the protection of underwater heritage across the Organization, as well as for Member States and UNESCO's extensive networks of partners that work in this field.
4. The evaluation report is provided in document UCH/19/7.MSP/INF.9, which presents the findings and concludes with recommendations.

The Meeting may wish to adopt the following resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties, in its seventh session,

1. *Having examined Document UCH/19/7.MSP/9 and UCH/19/7.MSP/INF.9;*
2. *Emphasizing that the present evaluation constitutes the first such evaluation of the relevance, impact and effectiveness of the 2001 Convention;*
3. *Takes note of the findings of the evaluation and the recommendations provided therein;*
4. *Also takes note of the responses provided to the recommendations by the Secretariat through the management response;*
5. *Decides to:*
 - a) *revise the discourse around the 2001 Convention in view of broadening the outreach of the instrument;*
 - b) *initiate work on establishing mechanisms to monitor the implementation of the 2001 Convention such as the development of a comprehensive results framework, and also drawing on the lessons learnt from the 2003 and 2005 Conventions, and calls upon States Parties to provide the necessary financial support in that regard;*

- c) ensure follow-up to STAB missions and recommendations in view of strengthening their effectiveness;*
- 6. Encourage the development of synergies with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), other UNESCO culture conventions (1954, 1970, 1972 and 2003), DOALOS, NGOs working on oceans and the environment, law enforcement agencies;*
- 7. Request the Secretariat to present to the eighth session of the Meeting of States Parties, a progress report on the implementation the above-mentioned recommendations taking into account the management response and the discussions of the seventh meeting of States Parties;*