Second Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property

Comments by the Permanent Delegation of Peru to UNESCO to the provisional agenda point 1: Election of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur for the Meeting of States Parties (Document C70/12/2.MSP/1)

The Chair of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention has as its main task to ensure that the work and discussions of the meeting are conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure and the principles and purposes of the Convention.

In order to properly fulfill its duties, the Chair must maintain a position of neutrality, balance and openness to dialogue with all States Parties represented at the meeting. The realization of such conditions will allow the Chair to play its role as the pivotal figure in decisions to be taken, as well as to encourage productive dialogue among all parties involved.

Given the above, it is desirable that the Bureau of the meeting is composed by a Vice President for each regional group, so that each group has a formal channel through which can deliver ideas and concerns to the Bureau.

In this regard, we bring to your kind consideration the following proposal:

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THE Meeting of States Parties,

1. Elects (name/State Party) Chairperson of the meeting;

2. Elects (name/State Party) Rapporteur of the meeting;

3. Elects (name/State Party), (name/State Party), (name/State Party), (name/State Party), (name/State Party), (name/State Party) Vice-Chairpersons of the meeting.