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I. Hague Convention of 1954

1. Article 3 - Safeguarding of cultural property

This article sets out the obligation for High Contracting Parties to adopt in time of peace the appropriate safeguarding measures against the foreseeable effects of an armed conflict.

*Have you adopted such measures?*

Yes. Detailed information to the Article 3 attached.

2. Article 7 - Military measures

This article sets out the obligations of High Contracting Parties to introduce into their military regulations or instructions such provisions as may ensure observance of the Convention. As well as the preparation or establishment, within their armed forces, of services or specialist personnel whose purpose will be to secure respect for cultural property and to co-operate with the civilian authorities responsible for safeguarding it. These obligations must be implemented in time of peace.

*Have you introduced into your military regulations or instructions such provisions as may ensure observance of the Convention?*

*If this information is available in a previously submitted report, you may refer to it.*

No.

Have you established within your armed forces, services whose purpose will be to secure respect for cultural property?

No.

3. Use of the distinctive emblem to indicate cultural property (Chapter V)

The Hague Convention of 1954 created a distinctive emblem for the exclusive marking of cultural property with the aim of ensuring its recognition, particularly in the event of armed conflict. The marking of cultural property constitutes one of the preparatory measures that may be taken in time of peace.

*Have you indicated cultural property through the use of the distinctive emblem of the Convention?*

No. Cultural values are not designated with the identification mark. Instead, according to the paragraph 3 of the Article 16 of the Law of Ukraine "On Protection of Cultural Heritage" informing on the objects of cultural heritage, included in the Register, is conducted by installing protective planch, signs, and other information inscriptions, markings on the monuments or within their territory regardless of the ownership. By the joint decree of the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine and the State Committee for Construction and Architecture of Ukraine dated 27.01.2004 № 30/10 the Procedure of establishing and maintaining of the security planch, and signs on immovable sites has been adopted.
4. Article 25 – Dissemination of the Convention

The regulations relating to the protection of cultural property in time of war must be incorporated into programmes for military, and where possible, civil training. The aim is to ensure that the principles of the Convention are made known to the whole population, and especially the armed forces and personnel engaged in the protection of cultural property.

Have you disseminated the provisions of the Convention within the armed forces as well as among target groups and the general public?

Yes. Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict is implemented into the educational process of the B. Khmelnytsky National Academy of Border Guard Service of Ukraine in the following disciplines: - "International Law" for the specialities "Law", "Law enforcement practice " (4th year) in the topics: "International humanitarian law", "Armed conflicts and international law" (10 hours); - "Contemporary issues of the international law" for the specialities "Law", "Law enforcement practice" (Master’s programme) and for the speciality "Law" (post graduate military course) in the topics: "Problems of International Humanitarian Law", "Problems of law of armed conflicts" (12 hours). In addition, starting from 2018-2019 academic year course unit "International Humanitarian Law" for the 2-nd year students of the Master’s programme "Law" in the topics "Definition and sources of international humanitarian law", "Means and methods of warfare", "Restrictions in the means and methods of warfare", "Problems of application of international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict" is introduced. Employees of museums and national reserves are familiar with the requirements of the Convention, the Convention principles are distributed among them.

Within this framework, what awareness-raising activities have you organized, and what awareness-raising activities do you plan to organize in the future? Please indicate the target groups for each activity.

National Research and Development Restoration Center of Ukraine together with the National Executive Committee of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) on 25-27 of April 2017 in Kharkiv held the regional workshop on the topic: “Museum in extreme situation. Priority actions”. In order to increase the awareness of museum staff and personnel responsible for the protection of the cultural property, workshop materials are issued in a form of a pamphlet. Advices and recommendations based on a synthesis of international and domestic experience are outlined in the digest. Such recommendations are based on generalized international and domestic experience in ensuring reliability of museum collections in extreme situations, rescue of the funds that have been suffered, recommendations for their preservation.

5. Article 26 (1) – Official translations

The Secretariat has received a certain number of official translations of the Convention and of the Regulations for its execution. For reference, please consult:


Does your country have its national translation(s) there?

No.
6. Article 28 – Sanctions

This article sets out the obligations of High Contracting Parties to take, within the framework of their ordinary criminal jurisdiction, all necessary steps to prosecute and impose penal or disciplinary sanctions upon those persons, of whatever nationality, who commit or order to be committed a breach of the Convention.

Have you established as criminal offences under your domestic law conduct contrary to the obligations set out by the Convention?

No. The Criminal Code criminalizes the responsibility for violations in the sphere of cultural heritage and cultural values, including unlawful conduction of search operations on objects of archaeological heritage, destruction, damage or destruction of cultural heritage (Article 298), moving through customs border of Ukraine outside the customs control or with concealment from customs control cultural values (article 201), the looting of national property on the occupied territory (article 438). The Ministry of Culture of Ukraine currently is elaborating a draft law amending the Criminal Code of Ukraine, namely with regard to strengthening the responsibility for illegal archeological exploration, digging, excavation or underwater operations at the archaeological heritage site as well as foreseeing the responsibility for intentional unlawful destruction of World heritage sites or their parts.

II. Resolution II of the Conference of 1954

Have you established a National Advisory Committee in accordance with the hope expressed by the Conference in its Resolution II?

No.

III. 1954 First Protocol

[To be completed by the High Contracting Parties to the 1954 Protocol only]

The main objective of the 1954 Protocol is the protection of cultural property in occupied territory. As such, it organizes, among others, a system of:

- taking into custody;
- return of illegally exported cultural property; and
- finally indemnity to the holders in good faith.

Have you adopted measures to implement the 1954 First Protocol? In particular, have you adopted national legislation providing for the custody of cultural property imported either directly or indirectly from any occupied territory?

Yes. National legislation which applies to the cultural values that are being transferred directly or indirectly from any occupied territory is going to be normal. The Ministry of Culture of Ukraine on 13.05.2017 № 154/11/14-17 proposed the amendments in the annex part of the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on December 16, 2015 №1035 «On restricting supplies of certain goods (works, services) from temporarily occupied territory to another territory of Ukraine and / or the other territory of Ukraine at the temporarily occupied territory” by the new paragraph about prohibition on temporal occupation of the supplying of goods (works, services) does not apply to cultural values and items of modern art that are imported to another territory of Ukraine. As of the moment of completing this report specified changes to this resolution have not been adopted yet.
The return of cultural property is governed by the national and international laws, in particular the Law of Ukraine "On export, import and return of cultural values" (21 September 1999 № 1068-XIV), "On Museums and Museum Affairs" (June 29, 1995 № 249/95-VR), the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property on 1970 (ratified by the Decree of the Presidium of the Verkhovna Rada of the Ukrainian Soviet Social Republic on 10.02.1988 № 5396). The State Fiscal Service of Ukraine has provided all the subordinated customs offices with the information on the decision to refuse to issue certificates for the right to export (temporary export) the cultural property to the administrative units Ukraine - Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol. The decision is valid for the times of the temporary occupation of the above mentioned administrative units of Ukraine. The decision is taken due to the possibility of not-return loss, destruction or damage of the cultural property on the territory of the free economic zone "Crimea" because the territory of Autonomous Republic of Crimea is occupied by the Russian Federation.

Today there is a need for improvement of the legislation of Ukraine regarding the return of Ukrainian cultural property to Ukraine, as well as the return of the cultural property to the countries of its origin, including exported and lost during and because of the Second World War values, in order to implement the norms of international law and in order to establish a clear procedure for specific actions. In order to improve the national legislation the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine is developing mechanisms for the return and restitution of cultural property, which will take into account specific features of the protection of national heritage of Ukraine, international documents and the possibilities of return (restitution) of cultural values in specific situations, including such situations as occupation or armed conflict.

**Have you taken into custody cultural property imported into your territory from an occupied territory?**

No. There were no cases of the transfer of the cultural values to Ukraine from the occupied territories.

**IV. 1999 Second Protocol**

*[To be completed by the High Contracting Parties to the 1999 Protocol only]*

The 1999 Second Protocol complements the Hague Convention of 1954 in many aspects. If this information has already been presented within the framework of the questions regarding the Hague Convention of 1954, you may refer to it directly.

1. **General provisions (Chapter 2)**

**Article 5 - Safeguarding of cultural property**

Article 5 of the Second Protocol complements Article 3 of the Hague Convention by providing concrete examples of peacetime preparatory measures, such as the preparations of inventories of cultural property or the designation of competent authorities responsible for the safeguarding of cultural property.

**Have you adopted such measures?**

No answer.
Article 9 - Protection of cultural property in occupied territory

Article 9 of the Second Protocol complements the provisions in Article 5 of the Hague Convention by imposing a number of prohibitive measures on the Occupying Power. Paragraph 102 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol requests Parties that are an Occupying Power to provide information in their national reports on the way in which the provisions regarding the protection of cultural property in occupied territory are observed.

**Do you ensure compliance with the provisions regarding the protection of cultural heritage under military occupation?**

No answer.

2. Enhanced protection (Chapter 3)


**Do you intend to request the granting of enhanced protection for cultural property in the next four years or, where applicable, do you have a national tentative list within the framework of Article 11 (1) of the Second Protocol?**

No answer.

**MONITORING OF CULTURAL PROPERTY UNDER ENHANCED PROTECTION**

*If certain cultural property(ies) in your State benefit from enhanced protection, please also complete this section of the questionnaire.*

The benefit of enhanced protection implies continued compliance with the conditions set out in Article 10 of the Second Protocol.

**Is there a specific mechanism in place to monitor cultural property under enhanced protection?** As an example, are the measures adopted to ensure the highest level of protection periodically reviewed so as to ensure they are fully effective in all circumstances?

No answer.

Pursuant to paragraph 102 of the Guidelines, the Parties must inform on the use of the distinctive emblem for cultural property under enhanced protection.

**Have you used the new distinctive emblem adopted by the 2015 Meeting of Parties to mark cultural property under enhanced protection?**

No answer.

Pursuant to paragraph 65 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the 1999 Second Protocol, the Parties must notify the Committee of any change affecting the cultural property concerned to meet the criteria set out in Article 10 of the Second Protocol.
Does the Committee need to be notified of a change regarding cultural property in your territory benefiting from enhanced protection?

No answer.

3. Criminal responsibility and jurisdiction (Chapter 4)

Article 15 – Serious violations of the Second Protocol

Article 15 requires the Parties to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law a series of behaviours constituting serious violations of the Second Protocol, by punishing them by appropriate penalties.

What measures have been taken to ensure the implementation of this obligation?

No answer.

Article 16 – Jurisdiction

Article 16 requires the Parties to establish the jurisdiction of their courts over serious violations of the 1999 Second Protocol.

What measures have been taken to confer jurisdiction on your courts over serious violations of the Second Protocol?

No answer.

Article 21 – Measures regarding other violations

The Second Protocol also requires the Parties to adopt legislative, administrative or disciplinary measures to prevent the occurrence of behaviours that adversely affect the integrity of cultural heritage.

Have you adopted such measures?

No answer.

4. Dissemination of information and international assistance

Article 30 – Dissemination

Article 30 complements Articles 7 and 25 of the Hague Convention of 1954. In this regard, it requests the Parties to, among other things, strengthen appreciation and respect for cultural property by their entire population, ensure the dissemination of the Protocol, and incorporate guidelines and instructions on the protection of cultural property in their military regulations.

Have you disseminated the provisions of the 1999 Second Protocol within the armed forces as well as among target groups and the general public?
Within this framework, what awareness-raising activities have you organized, and what awareness-raising activities do you plan to organize in the future? Please indicate the target groups for each activity.

No answer.

Articles 32 – International assistance

Pursuant to paragraph 102 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol, the Parties are invited to present their activities at bi- or multilateral level, within the framework of technical assistance in order to share their experiences or best practices.

Have you shared, particularly via the Secretariat of UNESCO, your experiences in the implementation and best practices?

No.


Pursuant to Article 37 of the Second Protocol, the Parties shall translate this standard-setting instrument into their official languages and shall communicate these official translations to the Director-General. To date, the Secretariat has received a certain number of official translations of the Second Protocol. For reference, please consult:

Language versions of the 1999 Second Protocol

Does your country have its national translation(s) there?

No answer.

V. Miscellaneous questions regarding the Hague Convention of 1954 and its two Protocols

1. National focal point

According to paragraph 103 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol: "Unless a Party requests otherwise, the presumed focal point would be its Permanent Delegation to UNESCO". If you do not wish to consider the Permanent Delegation as the focal point, please provide the Secretariat with the name and address of a national focal point that will receive all official documents and correspondence relating to the implementation of the Second Protocol.
2. National practice regarding the implementation of the Hague Convention and its Two Protocols

The Secretariat would be grateful if you would provide it with a copy of the following documents in French and/or English:

- the relevant administrative civil and military regulations:
  PDF Document  [link]  Website [link]

- the national laws on the protection of cultural property, as well as the criminal provisions made within the framework of the implementation of Article 28 of the Hague Convention and Articles 15, 16 and 21 of the Second Protocol, and any case-law on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict.
  PDF Document  [link]  Website [link]

- Documents regarding awareness-raising activities (seminar schedule, brochures, etc.), as well as any other relevant documents (legislative, legal, or administrative) within the framework of the implementation of the Hague Convention of 1954 and its 1999 Second Protocol.
  PDF Document  [link]  Website [link]

*Have you contributed to the Fund?*

No.

*If no, do you plan to contribute to the Fund in the Future?*

No.
### VI. Self-assessment forms

In order to reflect the status of implementation of the Hague Convention of 1954 and its 1999 Second Protocol in key areas within the summary document of national reports, please complete the two tables below.

#### 1. Assessment of the level of implementation

[Please use the following assessment scale]

- 1: not implemented;
- 2: partially implemented, the process has come to a standstill;
- 3: partially implemented, the process is ongoing; and,
- 4: fully implemented.

| Implementation of the safeguarding obligation through the adoption of preparatory measures | 3 |
| Training of military personnel on the regulations relating to the protection of cultural heritage | 3 |
| Use of the distinctive emblem to mark cultural property | 1 |
| Implementation of the dissemination obligation, through the establishment of awareness-raising activities for target audiences | 3 |
| Adoption of relevant criminal legislation | 3 |

#### 2. Assessment of difficulties encountered

[Please use the following assessment scale]

1: difficulties have been encountered, but there are no plans to request technical assistance from the Secretariat of UNESCO;
2: difficulties have been encountered, however there are plans to request technical assistance from the Secretariat of UNESCO;
3: difficulties had been encountered, but thanks to the technical assistance of the Secretariat they have been resolved;
4: difficulties had initially been encountered, but they turned into challenges that we have overcome; and,
5: No difficulties have been encountered.

| Implementation of the safeguarding obligation through the adoption of preparatory measures | 3 |
| Training of military personnel on the regulations relating to the protection of cultural heritage | 5 |
| Use of the distinctive emblem to mark cultural property | 1 |
| Implementation of the dissemination obligation, through the establishment of awareness-raising activities for target audiences | 5 |
| Adoption of relevant criminal legislation | 4 |

**For Parties with cultural property under enhanced protection only.**

Establishment of a system to monitor cultural property under enhanced protection at national level
VII. Granting of enhanced protection – Opinion Survey

Pursuant to Chapter 3 of the 1999 Second Protocol, enhanced protection is granted by the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict if three conditions are cumulatively met:

- The cultural property is of the greatest importance for humanity;
- The cultural property is protected by adequate domestic legal and administrative measures recognizing its exceptional cultural and historic value and ensuring the highest level of protection; and,
- The cultural property is not used for military purposes or to shield military sites, and the Party which has control over it has made a declaration that it will not be used for such purposes.

As these conditions are set out within the framework of an international treaty, their full understanding cannot be separated from state practice, which is of fundamental importance with regard to the International Law of treaties. As such, this national report is an opportunity for the national authorities of the Parties to express their views on the conditions under which enhanced protection is granted.

For each of the conditions set out in Article 10 of the Second Protocol, please answer the following questions, taking into account the relevant paragraphs of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol.

- **Article 10, paragraph (a) – "Greatest importance for humanity"**

  No answer.

- **Article 10, paragraph (b) – "Highest level of protection"**

  No answer.

- **Article 10, paragraph (c) – "Non-use for military purposes"**

  Please indicate the national authorities to be consulted with a view to taking the decision not to use the cultural property submitted for the granting of enhanced protection for military purposes or to shield military sites.

  No answer.
Appendix 1: Article 3 - Safeguarding of cultural property

According to the Article 54 of the Constitution of Ukraine (June, 28, 1996 № 254к/96-ВР) Cultural heritage shall be protected by law and the State shall ensure the preservation of historical monuments and other objects of cultural value, and take measures to return to Ukraine the cultural treasures of the nation located beyond its borders.


The Law of Ukraine “On Export, Import and Return of Cultural Values” (September, 21, 1999 № 1068-XIV) provides the return of cultural values, in particular the Article 4 determines that cultural values which were illicitly exported, evacuated from the territory of Ukraine during wars and armed conflicts and have not been brought back, temporary exported from the territory of Ukraine and have not been brought back to Ukraine, are subjected to be returned to Ukraine. According to the part 7 of the Article 5 “On Securing the Rights and Freedoms of Citizens and the Legal Regime on the Temporarily Occupied Territory of Ukraine” the responsibility for protection of cultural heritage in the temporarily occupied territory shall be placed on the Russian Federation as the occupying power in accordance with the norms and principles of the international law.

The Ministry of Culture of Ukraine continues its work with the draft Law “On Alteration of the Law of Ukraine “On Securing the Rights and Freedoms of Citizens and the Legal Regime on the Temporarily Occupied Territory of Ukraine” (proposals to the content are approved by the Scientific Methodical Council of the Ministry of Ukraine) with a purpose of emendation of regulatory and legal provisions of the Law of Ukraine “On Securing the Rights and Freedoms of Citizens and the Legal Regime on the Temporarily Occupied Territory of Ukraine” with regard to the confirmation of responsibilities of Ukrainian State concerning immovable cultural heritage properties and cultural values as well as fixation of requirements of observance of the key statements of Ukrainian legislation and norms of international law concerning the protection of immovable cultural heritage properties and cultural values and strengthening the protection of cultural values and cultural heritage in the occupied territories.

In particular, the abovementioned draft Law forsees the following:

All cultural values that were in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine at the moment of illegal military intervention and military occupation by the foreign state are cultural values of Ukraine according to the provisions of the Constitution of Ukraine, norms of Ukrainian legislation and international legal obligations of Ukraine.
Ukrainian state takes all possible measures for protection, maintenance and conservation of immovable cultural heritage properties and movable cultural values which are located in the occupied territory, including:

a) any actions concerning ownership’s change and transfer, conducting illegal repair-restoration and construction works on the cultural heritage properties, conducting illegal archaeological research, ethnological and other expedition scientifically research concerning removal of cultural values from its previous place of stay without appropriate approvals and permissions of the authorized state bodies of Ukraine are forbidden and in the case of the conducting are considered as illegal with all administrative and criminal consequence that occur in such case;

b) any importation of cultural values to the temporary occupied territory without appropriate approvals and permissions of the authorized state bodies of Ukraine are forbidden and considered as illegal importation of cultural values to the territory Ukraine, subject to the administrative and criminal sanctions foreseen by the legislation of Ukraine and international legal norms;

c) Export of cultural values from the temporary occupied territories with any reasons without approvals of the authorized state bodies of Ukraine is forbidden and considered as illegal export of cultural values (illegal movement across the customs border of Ukraine). In the case of taking this actions, exported cultural values are subject to be in search and return back to Ukraine and all administration and criminal measures foreseen in accordance with the Ukrainian legislation and norms of international law are applied to the persons involved in this actions;

d) Cultural values, taken temporary out from Ukraine before providing illegal occupation from temporary occupied territories outward the internationally recognized borders and customs territory of Ukraine in accordance with national legislation and international legislative obligations of Ukraine are subject to return back to Ukraine (out of the temporary occupied territory) and transfer for storage (depositing) in the authorized organizations, identified by the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine.

After finishing the occupation of temporary occupied territories and full renewal of constitutional order there which is foreseen by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, on the base of Decrees of the authorized bodies of Ukraine, mentioned cultural values will be transferred to the appropriate institutions and organizations in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol.

Also the Law of Ukraine “On the Legal Status of the Military Regime”, part 19 of the Article 8 (The measures of the legal status of the military regime) provides the following:

- To carry out an evacuation of citizens, if there is a threat to their life, and also tangible and cultural values, if there is a threat of its damage or destruction in accordance with the List adopted by the Cabinet of the Ministers of Ukraine.

The Typical Plan of introduction and implementation of the legal status of the military regime in Ukraine or in other territories was adopted by the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on July 22, 2015 № 544. The Article 19 foresees an evacuation of citizens, if there is a
threat to their life, and also tangible and cultural values, if there is a threat of its damage or
destruction in accordance with the List adopted by the Cabinet of the Ministers of Ukraine.

On October 30, 2013 the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine “On the Adoption of
the Order for Carrying Out the Evacuation in the Case of Threat of Existing or the Existing of
Emergency Situation of Men-Caused or Natural Characters” was adopted.

The alterations to the resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine “On the Adoption of the
Order for Carrying Out the Evacuation in the Case of Threat of Existing or the Existing of
Emergency Situation of Men-Caused or Natural Characters” (October 30, 2013) made by the
resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 30.11.2016 № 905.

The part 2 of the Article 10 of the mentioned Order was adopted in the following content:

“The extent and the order of the tangible and cultural values evacuation and its detailed list
identified by the state authorities, individuals, public associations or/and citizens who are the
owner of the mentioned values and also it takes into account during planning the measures of evacuation.”;

The Article 36 of the Order was supplemented with a paragraph of the following content:

“The planning of evacuating measures in the event of armed conflict is developing in the plan of
civil protection for special period by the separate part where identified the specialty of carrying
out the mandatory citizens’ evacuation, tangible and cultural values in the event of armed
conflict (from the regions of possible operations to the safety regions). Hereby planning of the
evacuation of tangible and cultural values which are in the state ownership is conducting on the
base of the list in accordance with encloses.

The order of evacuation in the case of threat or occurrence of man-made emergencies and
natural disasters was supplemented by the addition of the following content:

\[LIST\]

of the tangibles and cultural property owned by the State, which require evacuation in the event
of armed conflict

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