

CIPEG Resolution 2013 for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Revolution and Civil War

This important Resolution was implemented by us, among other proposals. It was adopted by the 28th General Assembly of ICOM on 17 August, 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

« Protection of Cultural Heritage in Revolution and Civil War Following the current historical events in Arabic world, like in Syria, Egypt and other countries ICOM expresses its deepest concern about the loss of unique cultural heritage due to violent actions, vandalism and ongoing looting of archaeological sites and museums. It condemns the plunder and vandalism suffered by museums, historical buildings and sites and in its consequence the destruction of cultural heritage and the illicit traffic of artefacts. ICOM alerts the worldwide community to the irretrievable loss to human history and culture and calls upon the worldwide museums community to raise awareness about the ongoing destruction of cultural heritage and within it of cultural identity. ICOM resolves to explore ways in which the crucial impact on museums, monuments and archaeological sites may be mitigated and supports any action which can be taken to protect the tangible and intangible heritage in museums and sites. Further it appeals to its members and network partners to intensify the efforts and cooperation with partners in the endangered countries in protecting their heritage in museums and archaeological sites. The 21st General Assembly of ICOM, in Seoul, Korea (8 October) 2004, had already emphasized the necessity of the Hague Convention of 1954. ICOM renews this appeal to all governments to ratify the Hague Convention of 1954 and its subsequent Protocols on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflicts. »