



# General Assembly

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Committee: The Destruction of Cultural Heritage Sites

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## 8/001. The destruction of cultural heritage sites

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the destruction of cultural heritage sites from around the world due to terrorist organizations, such as, Da'ish,

*Preserving* important artifacts with protection,

*Ensuring* stolen artifacts of cultural heritage are preserved and returned to their country of origin,

*Acknowledging* the immense toll that conflict with Da'ish takes on human lives and societies,

*Accepting* that the death of people and the destruction of items of cultural heritage must be dealt with separately in order to accurately address both,

*Recognizing* the immense importance of antiquities and other vestiges of our shared world heritage,

*Ensuring* the safety of national heritage sites and artifacts in times of war by deploying more resources, if necessary,

1. *Aims to weaken* military strength of Da'ish by cutting off major sources of income, such as, oil revenues and antiquity smuggling;

2. *Suggests* to put voluntary UN peacekeepers around endangered sites to protect them;

3. *Ensures* that looted artifacts are returned to their country of origin if they can be reasonably protected and preserved in their country of origin;

(a) *Also decides* that looted artifacts shall only be held by U.N. member states allied with the country of origin until the country of origin become stable;

4. *Works* to secure destroyed sites and rebuild them through both local and international efforts;

(a) *Asks* member states to provide expertise, assistance, and monetary support in order to rebuild and properly restore sites and artifacts;

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(b) Establishes protections for domestic and international experts and workers tasked with restoring sites of cultural heritage;

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5. Protects artifacts that are at sites in danger of being looted and/or destroyed by Da'ish in museums and other safekeeping facilities;

(a) Enlists experts from volunteer member states to assist in the removal of any transportable artifacts in order to temporarily house them in public museums in member states;

6. Calls upon other international organizations and their members to assist in all U.N. efforts to preserve cultural heritage by promoting the defense of these sites by a UN coalition;

7. Also notes that the protection of these important artifacts will be by said coalition;

8. Establishes a permanent commission of three member states with six rotating openings in order to address the illegal antiquities trade and the destruction of cultural heritage;

(a) Suggests the selections of the temporary member states will be done by vote on the general assembly, every three years;

(b) Reaffirms all permanent and temporary members can be removed if there is probable cause that said country hasn't upheld their duties to protecting said antiquities or abusing powers;

9. Requests that the world heritage committee supply the UN with a portion from their annual \$3,000,000 US dollar world heritage fund;

10. Guarantees protection of antiquities by utilizing private sector funding to provide manpower or other means to protect said artifacts;

11. Decides to remain seized of the matter.