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REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTIONS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CDCPP

DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION

Item 3.2 of the draft agenda

- The Bureau is invited to give instructions to the Secretariat in order to prepare a document on the review of the Council of Europe Conventions to be presented to the CDCPP.

Review of the Council of Europe Conventions under the responsibility of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)

The Terms of Reference of the CDCPP foresee that the Committee shall carry out, at regular intervals, an examination of the Conventions for which it has been given responsibility, namely:

1. *European Cultural Convention (Council of Europe European Treaty Series (CETS) 18)*
2. *European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (CETS 66)*
3. *Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (CETS 104)*
4. *European Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property (CETS 119)*
5. *Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (CETS 121)*
6. *European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Revised) (CETS 143)*
7. *European Convention on Cinematographic Co-Production (CETS 147)*
8. *European Landscape Convention (CETS 176)*
9. *European Convention for the Protection of the Audiovisual Heritage (CETS 183)*
10. *Protocol to the European Convention for the Protection of the Audiovisual Heritage, on the Protection of Television Productions (CETS 184)*
11. *Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (CETS 199)*

In accordance with the decision taken by the CDCPP Bureau at its sixth meeting (Strasbourg, 4-5 November 2014) and with a view to following up these Terms of Reference, the Secretariat of the CDCPP sent the following documents to member States on 28 November 2014:

- 1) Reference document for the review of the Council of Europe Conventions under the responsibility of the CDCPP (**CDCPP(2014)23**); and
- 2) Document for the completion of questionnaire replies for the review of the Council of Europe Conventions under the responsibility of the CDCPP (**CDCPP(2014) 23 Addendum**) (see Annex to this document).

The members of the CDCPP have thus been invited to complete the questionnaire in English or French for each of the texts mentioned, and to send it back to the CDCPP Secretariat (cdcphp@coe.int) by 31 March 2015.

Questionnaire:

1. Have you signed and/or ratified the Convention/Protocol?
- If yes, do you encounter any problems in its application?
2. If you have made declarations or reservations, do you intend to withdraw them?
3. If you have not ratified the Convention/Protocol, do you intend to ratify it?
- If you do not want to ratify the Convention/Protocol, what are the major reasons for not doing so?.....
4. Do you have any suggestions about the implementation of the Convention/Protocol?.....
5. Do you implement any actions or policies which correspond to the spirit and goals of the Convention/Protocol?.....

The Secretariat will orally report on the answers received referring to the following elements:

- State of signature and ratification;
- Declarations and reservations;
- Intention to ratify the Convention/Protocol;
- General suggestions;
- Actions or policies which correspond to the spirit and goals of the Convention/Protocol.